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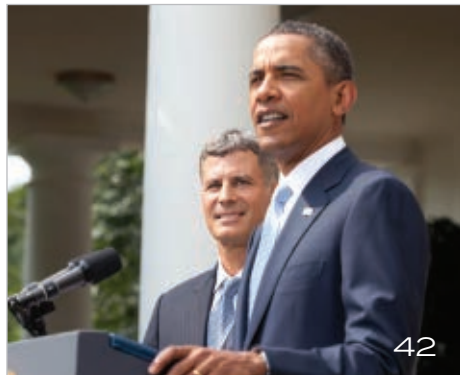
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FRANK H. T. RHODES

The Cornell president emeritus and geologist admits that the subject of his new book is "ridiculously comprehensive." In *Earth: A Tenant's Manual*, published in June by Cornell University Press, Rhodes offers a primer on the planet's natural history, contemplates the challenges facing it—both man-made and otherwise—and suggests possible "policies for sustenance." As Rhodes writes: "It is not Earth's sustainability that is in question. It is ours."

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BILL STERNBERG '78

First at the Treasury Department and now the White House, ILR grad Alan Krueger '83 has been at the center of the Obama Administration's response to the biggest financial crisis since the Great Depression. CAM sat down with the head of the Council of Economic Advisers to talk about such issues as job growth, "rockonomics," the fallacy of comparing governmental borrowing to household debt, and why President Obama may have it worse than FDR did.

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BRAD HERZOG '90

As you enjoy the spectacle of the London Olympics on your wide-screen TV, spare a thought for Bucky Gunts '72. The veteran NBC director will be hard at work behind the scenes at his tenth Olympics, overseeing more than 2,000 hours of coverage across multiple networks. But he tries not to think about how many people—some 215 million Americans—will be watching. "I think," he says, "it might freak me out."

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# Charles F. Feeney: 'Giving While Living'

**A**s our newest graduates and their families and friends gathered in Schoellkopf Stadium for Cornell's 144th Commencement, a special guest—Charles F. Feeney '56—was watching the ceremony from the Tanner Terrace. Unbeknownst to most of the graduates until I recognized him during my address, Chuck had profoundly influenced their Cornell experiences through his extraordinary philanthropy.

Over the last three decades, through the Atlantic Philanthropies, the foundation he created to put his wealth to use during his lifetime, Chuck has provided massive and mind-boggling support to Cornell. Among other initiatives, Chuck and Atlantic contributed to the support of almost 5,000 students while fostering their commitment to work and service through the Cornell Tradition Program. They also provided critical faculty support that has allowed the University to move into important new academic fields and build on strengths in such areas as the life sciences, social sciences, and humanities. And their gifts have changed the student experience at Cornell: through the Residential Initiative, which has resulted in new residence halls and programs that bring together living and learning on West and North campuses; in athletics, greatly improving our facilities and the competitiveness of our teams; and in the School of Hotel Administration, which has meant so much to Chuck.

Chuck has given more to his alma mater than any individual in Cornell's history—nearly \$1 billion to date—including, most recently, a transformational gift of \$350 million for CornellNYC Tech, the applied sciences campus that we are building, in partnership with Technion-Israel Institute of Technology, on Roosevelt Island in New York City.

Chuck was a first-generation college student of modest means, but he had fresh ideas and a knack for thinking big. While at the Hotel school, he made sandwiches and sold them to students late at night to augment his \$110-a-month GI Bill scholarship. He went on to make his fortune by pioneering the concept of duty-free shopping. Then, while still a relatively young man, he began to give his fortune away. To date, his foundation has given away more than \$6 billion and plans to distribute its remaining endowment by 2016 and close its doors by 2020.

Because of Chuck's deep concern for disadvantaged children, the elderly, and the marginalized, Atlantic has funded schools and hospitals in Vietnam, ameliorated poverty in South Africa, and built capacity for biomedical research in Australia. Using his own funds, he played a significant role in the peace process in Northern Ireland during the Nineties, and, through Atlantic, provided significant support to expand higher education in both Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland.

Chuck's philanthropy has had a transformative impact not only on individuals and institutions, but on entire regions. And time and again—from Australia to Ireland and within the U.S.—Atlantic's funding has leveraged additional support to accomplish multiple goals. For example, believing that Ireland's prosperity depended upon its ability to generate new knowledge, Chuck convinced the Irish government to partner with Atlantic to fund high-quality basic research. Atlantic's investment of \$247.5 million was the catalyst for more than \$1.5 billion in government funding that resulted in significant economic benefits across the length and breadth of Ireland.

More recently, Chuck encouraged Atlantic's board to give \$270



President Skorton with  
Chuck Feeney at the Olin  
Lecture in June 2011

JASON KOSKI / UP

million toward the new Mission Bay medical campus of the University of California, San Francisco—helping combat cancer and cardiovascular disease through research and clinical care, inspiring other donors to invest in the project, and bringing jobs and economic development to revitalize the Mission Bay neighborhood.

Atlantic's gift for CornellNYC Tech promises to be equally transformative for Cornell and the Technion. It will extend our capabilities for graduate education, applied research, and entrepreneurship. It has already attracted support from many of New York's and the nation's leading technology companies—such as Google Inc., which is donating space for CornellNYC Tech in its building in Chelsea for the next five years. And it will help make the city an even more effective environment for technological innovation and a magnet for world-class researchers, young entrepreneurs, and business incubators.

Chuck is known for saying, "I had one idea that never changed in my mind—that you should use your wealth to help people." With the worldwide scope of his philanthropy and his commitment to "giving while living," he is a model for our graduates, who gave him an emotional standing ovation during this year's Commencement ceremony, and for us all. Thank you, Chuck!

— President David Skorton  
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This column, like most of my speeches and essays, owes an enormous amount to someone who has been crafting the communications of Cornell presidents for more than thirty years. Connie Kintner would much prefer to go unrecognized, but I want to let Cornell alumni know of this superb colleague.

Connie came to work at Cornell in 1974 as a writer with the News Bureau, and in the late Seventies began developing speeches for President Frank Rhodes, who had been at Cornell only a year or two. She did the job so brilliantly that soon she was helping with all his speeches and continued to do so for the rest of his eighteen-year presidency.

Along with superb writing skills, she brings to her job a vast knowledge of Cornell, resourceful creativity, and exquisite tact. Like others before me, I trust her good judgment on the right content and tone for countless speeches, essays, and other communications. Her contributions to Cornell are no less essential for being largely behind the scenes. It's a pleasure to say it in the pages of *Cornell Alumni Magazine* for everyone to read: Thank you, Connie!



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# The Big Picture







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Imagine that: Jay Walker '77 (left) kicks off Reunion 2012 with a Thursday evening talk in Milstein Hall; Kroch Library is hosting an exhibit drawn from his Library of the History of Human Imagination. From top: In Barton Hall, perusing the '42 yearbook; celebrating the Class of '87; and enjoying the unbeatable combo of balloon art and the Big Red Bear. Look for a full Reunion report in the next issue.

# Tech Talk

## Assessing the pluses and minuses of NYC Tech—and the Technion agreement

“Getting Technical” (May/June 2012) was a fine account of the University’s planned tech campus. While it’s not hard to understand why Cornell found New York City’s offer irresistible, the action is certainly no vote of confidence in Ithaca. One wonders about the beneficial impact on the lagging Central New York economy had the University chosen to make its investment in its traditional hometown rather than in an already job-rich city.

That Cornell would cite Ithaca’s remote location as an impediment to attracting “the best and the brightest” students and faculty rings a bit hollow, besides being no compliment to current and past Cornellians. And wouldn’t investment by Cornell in Ithaca have created those needed jobs for spouses by spinning off benefits to the local economy?

*John L. Gann Jr.  
Glen Ellyn, Illinois*

*Ed. Note: The writer, formerly a Cooperative Extension associate with the College of Human Ecology, is the author of The Third Lifetime Place: A New Economic Opportunity for College Towns.*

Beth Saulnier’s story of the partnership between Cornell and Technion-Israel Institute of Technology is not complete without examination of a background thread hidden from public view. This secret thread is the story of how the Board of Trustees was blindsided by the Skorton Administration, having first approved the NYC Tech venture in principle in late 2010, long before the Technion relationship was disclosed in October 2011. By then, the Board had no choice but to endorse the administration’s proposal.

This was done without any debate over the kinds of Israeli defense-related research that would inevitably be conducted at this new campus, most particularly how information and sensor technology would be used to surveil Palestinians trapped in the Occupied Territories or how weapon-effects modeling would be used to enhance Israel’s offensive strike systems.

*H. William Fogle ’70  
Mesa, Arizona*

*On behalf of the Board of Trustees, University Counsel James Mingle responds: I can confirm that at the same October 2010 meeting at which the Board approved the University’s submission of its proposal in response to the City of New York’s Request for Proposals, the Board also approved the proposed alliance between Cornell University and the Technion, which would be a critical component of the CornellNYC Tech campus.*

I read with interest your article about the NYC Tech campus, but I was dismayed to see that some alumni, who supposedly learned critical thinking skills at Cornell, are so easily duped by misinformation and half-truths promulgated about Israel. These people don’t seem to object to our University’s association with an institute in Saudi Arabia—a country with unbelievable repression of women and one that is hardly a true friend of the United States.

When recent natural disasters struck Haiti, Japan, and Turkey, Israel was one of the first nations to send medical and humanitarian relief. Israel is a world leader in alternative energy technology and in providing assistance to African



agricultural societies. To object to an association with an institution from Israel—the only Middle Eastern democracy—is ludicrous. I am pleased that President Skorton has not backed down in the face of these complaints about the Technion.

*Howard Schenker ’71, MD ’75  
Newfield, New York*

The letter from Professor Abby Lippman ’60 (“A Dissenting Voice,” Correspondence, May/June 2012) is not one but many voices. Not only do they demonize Israel, they attack academic freedom. In this case, the attack is uncertain at its core; Lippman writes: “[Technion] practices seem to violate basic academic principles and human rights.” But close ties to the military do not violate academic principles. In fact, research institutions have a long history of supporting their militaries. The Association of American Universities clearly backs such support, and AAU counts both McGill and Cornell as long-standing members.

The academy must remain a place for (and even encourage) open thought, constructive dialogue, and cooperative research. This includes participation by scholars of all backgrounds at Israeli universities. Anything less patently violates basic academic principles.

*David Levine ’78  
St. Louis, Missouri*

With respect to the objections voiced by Professor Lippman, my opinion is that the

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protest is not so much an effort to keep Cornell “Technion-free” as it is just another attempt to delegitimize Israel as a nation. The real issue being raised is not whether Cornell somehow contributes to the oppression of Palestinians by partnering with the Technion, but whether Israel, its people, and its institutions have the right to participate in global activities.

Lippman and I probably agree on the need for Israel to end the occupation; for both sides to end discrimination based on race, religion, gender, or sexual orientation; and for Israelis and Palestinians to live together in peace. However, boycotting Israel and Israeli activities will not end the occupation or bring peace to the region. All it will do is help silence the Israeli voices for peace and social justice that emanate from its campuses, including the Technion, and strengthen a right-wing coalition whose overarching goal is just to stay in power.

Where Lippman and I appear to part company is on the question of Israel’s right to defend her people. Israel is a small nation of about 7 million surrounded by countries with hundreds of millions of people who would prefer that Israel simply not exist. Lippman’s unnamed sources conveniently leave out of their narrative the Palestinian practice of firing missiles and staging armed raids that have no purpose other than to kill, maim, or terrorize civilians. These so-called “acts of resistance” are violations of international law according to Human Rights Watch and the Goldstone Commission. So the question that ought to be asked of Professor Lippman and the other protestors is: how many Israelis have to be killed, maimed, or terrorized before they are allowed to defend themselves?

*David Stolow '71  
Millburn, New Jersey*

Professor Lippman shows her true politically biased colors by criticizing Cornell for collaborating with Technion-Israel Institute of Technology on the new NYC Tech campus for some perceived injustices that the Technion has allegedly committed against Palestinian Arabs as Israel defends itself against terror. These are serious charges for which she provides no direct proof—because there is none.

Cornell has a tradition of being an open-minded, diverse, nondiscriminatory institution that stands for academic freedom and the pursuit of greater good. Perhaps at McGill and Concordia universities, where Lippman has appointments, that is not the case. These boycotts have never been successful and actually have the unintended consequence of pun-

ishing those they think they are aiding; in this case, the very Palestinians Arabs who work at, study in, and directly benefit from the interconnected Israeli economy. Let’s review some basic facts that were ignored by the writer: Israel is a vibrant pluralistic democracy under siege. It has the absolute right to defend itself against Hamas, the hostile government in Gaza, whose charter calls for the destruction of Israel and all Jews. Israel also has the right to defend itself against the hatred and incitement from Fatah and the Palestinian Authority, which control the Arab-populated areas of Judea and Samaria (the West Bank) and refuse to recognize Israel’s very right to exist. Israel is in favor of a negotiated two-state solution, but has been rebuffed repeatedly by the Arabs for many years. Palestinian Arabs in Israel enjoy more rights than in any Arab or Muslim country, including access to education, health care, voting, government, and civil and gay rights.

I could possibly respect Lippman and her institutions’ positions if they were consistent. She fails to state if they are boycotting China, one of the world’s worst human rights offenders. How about Saudi Arabia or Iran? Are they protesting the complete lack of women’s, minority, and gay rights in these countries? How about European or U.S. companies engaged in the defense industries? Surely, they must be engaged in some activities that these boycotters believe are “oppressing” others, even as they are defending their own freedoms. But if they want to boycott, then they must go all the way and not cherry-pick: boycott all products and services that Israel and its high-tech institutions and companies have produced and shared with entire world—Palestinian Arabs included. So go ahead and stop using the computer, cell phone, and countless health-care technologies and medications.

We should applaud Cornell for its grand vision of connecting with one of the world’s most innovative technological institutions to live up to Ezra Cornell’s dictates: be genuinely useful for the betterment of humanity. Politics of the kind advocated by Professor Lippman are not and never will be part of this vision.

*Lee Bender '84  
Ardmore, Pennsylvania*

## Further Objections

I was distressed by the letters from Abby Lippman '60 and Diana Christopulos '70 in the May/June 2012 issue. Lippman essentially demands that Cornell boycott Israeli organizations that help Israel defend itself. And Christopulos claims that the



American all-volunteer Army attracts people who are fond of war and killing. The first is opinion; the second, I think, is not something that should be published.

Lippman seems unaware that at least a few Palestinians are terrorists who launch rockets into Israeli schoolyards and hospitals. Perhaps no one on either side is without blame, but Israel is entitled to defend itself. And how does Christopulos know what she claims? Has she been on the front lines in Iraq and Afghanistan?

*Gordon White '55  
Hardyville, Virginia*

I disagree with the characterization by Diana Christopulos that the volunteers in the Armed Forces are those who “enjoy killing” and “prefer war.” This is insulting and demeaning to the 1.5 million men and women in the service. People who enjoy killing other people are psychopaths and serial killers, not members of our military. In the Danfung Dennis '04, BS Ag '05, movie *Hell and Back Again* [see “Home Front,” March/April 2012], the one scene where Sgt. Harris describes his reasons for joining the Marine Corps I took as bravado and exaggeration. He goes on to say that he believed in the mission and felt he was doing his part to keep America safe. That sounds patriotic to me. None of the Marines in the film ever exhibit any sign of enjoying killing. I saw fear, exhaustion, frustration, anger, sadness, and confusion—no joy. We should all be thankful that when our country’s civilian leadership asks for volunteers to go to war, dedicated men and women continue to sign up. My experience as a member of our military is that the reasons for joining the service are many, but I believe the American people can be confident that enjoying killing is not one of them.

*Justin Bates '93  
Meridian, Mississippi*

## And a Word About Food

Thank you for the interview of Dominic Alcocer '00 (“Against the Grain,” Currents, March/April 2012). As the mother of a six-year-old with celiac disease, and on behalf of all who must eat gluten-free in order to live healthy lives, I’m glad that articles such as this bring much-needed awareness to those who do not know about the autoimmune disease and the vital importance of a gluten-free diet. And I’m pleased that food companies like General Mills have recognized the need for gluten-free food products. While eating wheat/barley/rye-free may be trendy for many, it is a way of life for us!

*Erin Leitman Scott '93  
Manhasset, New York*

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## From the Hill

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### University Celebrates 144th Commencement

Some 5,000 Cornellians received their degrees on Memorial Day weekend, as President David Skorton urged them to “give us all good reason to believe that the future will be better than today.” More than 37,000 people viewed the Commencement ceremonies in Schoellkopf Stadium, enjoying mostly sunny skies. “Go out there and do something remarkable,” Skorton said. “Help others realize their dreams. We believe in you. I believe in you. I am counting on you.”

The previous day, New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg gave the Senior Convocation address in Schoellkopf. His talk included praise for the CornellNYC Tech campus on the city’s Roosevelt Island and thoughts on the Morrill Act, the legislation creating land-grant universities that President Abraham Lincoln signed 150 years ago this summer. The day before, he noted, Lincoln had signed the Pacific Railroad Act, which provided land and financing to build rail lines from the Missouri River to the Pacific Ocean. “In fact,” Bloomberg observed, “one could argue that in the span of forty-eight hours, Lincoln did more to advance American economic growth than any president before or since.”



Robed and ready: The grads in Schoellkopf (top). Above: As the marchers line up, a future Cornellian travels on two wheels.



## NYC Tech Names Architect; Google Donates Space

Cornell NYC Tech took some major steps forward in May, with the hiring of its inaugural architect and entrepreneurial officer and the acquisition of temporary classroom and administrative space. Pritzker Prize-winner Thom Mayne and his firm, Morphosis—architects of Gates Hall, currently under construction on the Ithaca campus—have been tapped to design the flagship building at NYC Tech, to be constructed on Roosevelt Island. The building, set to open in fall 2017, is envisioned as a net-zero energy consumer with geothermal and solar power. “Our goal is to design an iconic, landmark building that will resonate with the mission and spirit of the new campus,” says University Architect Gilbert Delgado. NYC Tech will begin classes this fall with a small group of current and previously admitted graduate students; those recruited specifically into NYC Tech will matriculate the following year.

A major goal of NYC Tech is to connect academia and industry, and the project’s initial locale will put students and faculty under the same roof as a tech behemoth: Google has donated 22,000 square feet of its New York City headquarters, located on Eighth Avenue in Chelsea, to serve as the campus’s temporary home. Tech veteran Greg Pass ’97, former CTO of Twitter and a former system architect and software engineer at AOL, has been named the campus’s founding entrepreneurial officer, charged with establishing its culture of collaboration with industry.



Greg Pass '97

## Fraternity Suspended After Alleged Bias Incident

A racial incident at Sigma Pi in early May put the fraternity on interim suspension, triggered an investigation by Ithaca police, and prompted protests and anti-bias events on campus. In early May, a group of black men and women reported that people on the roof of the fraternity house pelted them with bottles and cans and shouted racial insults—including references to Trayvon Martin, the African American teenager whose shooting by a neighborhood watch member in Florida sparked national outrage. In the wake of the alleged incident, the University held a series of campus events including a community forum and discussions of diversity issues; in mid-May, a group of students, faculty, and local residents marched from Sigma Pi to Day Hall to voice their demands that Cornell increase efforts to curb racism.

In early June, an out-of-town visitor to the fraternity house pleaded guilty to disorderly conduct in Ithaca City Court, admitting to throwing beer cans and making racial comments; he stated that none of the fraternity members participated or encouraged his actions. The man, a twenty-three-year-old from Florida, was fined \$250 and permanently banned from campus.

## Arts Dean to Step Down

Arts college dean Peter Lepage will leave his post at the end of the 2012–13 academic year. By that time, he will be the second-longest-serving Arts dean in University history, with ten years in office. A physics professor, Lepage will remain on the faculty. A search for his successor will be conducted during the upcoming year with the aim of a new dean taking office in July 2013.

## Senate Approves Calendar; Students Object

Over the opposition of some students, the Faculty Senate has approved a new academic calendar. Its changes include inserting a daylong break near the midpoint of final exams; reducing study days to four from the current 4.66; establishing a new scheduling method to lower the chances of having multiple finals close together; shortening senior week by three days; making the Wednesday before Thanksgiving a full day off; creating a two-day break in February; and designating Martin Luther King Jr. Day a University holiday. According to hospitality professor Kate Walsh, MPS '90, vice chair of the Academic Calendar Committee, “The resolution passed because faculty saw an opportunity to truly innovate how we educate in ways that could address student stress due to prolonged periods of instruction.”

However, a substantial number of undergrads have countered that the shortened senior week and lost two-thirds of a study day would have the opposite effect, and an online petition opposing the new calendar garnered more than 1,600 signatures. “While we have serious concerns about the negative impacts on mental health,” said an editorial in the *Daily Sun*, “the main problem that we have with the current proposal is that students were not consulted to the extent that they should have been.” The new calendar, which would likely be phased in over four years, will not be made official until it has been accepted by President David Skorton and Provost Kent Fuchs. Their decision is expected to come this summer.

## Scholar of Caribbean Lit Named Africana Director

A professor of Spanish and French literature has been named director of the Africana Studies and Research Center. Gerard Aching, PhD '92, is also a member of the graduate fields of African, African American, and Latin American studies; his area of expertise includes nineteenth- and twentieth-century Caribbean literature and intellectual history, with a focus on the relations among slavery, literary sensibility, and philosophy. He began a three-year term on July 1. In late May the center



Gerard Aching, PhD '92

announced that its faculty will grow by 25 percent, with the hiring of two additional professors and a Swahili instructor.

## Ithaca Campus Boasts Balanced Budget

Four years after posting a structural deficit of \$148 million, the Ithaca campus ended the fiscal year with a balanced consolidated operating budget, University officials announced. “The achievement of a balanced consolidated budget could not have happened without the contributions from strategic, campuswide initiatives to reduce administrative cost and budget reductions shared by all units across campus,” says Elmira Mangum, vice president for planning and budget. According to the University, the budget was balanced by such factors as a staff retirement incentive program, workforce reductions, a commitment to avoiding new debt, reduced central administration, hiring and construction “pauses,” increased alumni support, and hikes in tuition and fees. Cornell had projected that if no changes were made, the deficit would balloon to more than \$215 million by 2015.



FRANCE / UP

Bugging Out: On Slope Day, the shell of a VW Beetle mysteriously appeared on the roof of Risley Hall—bringing to mind other classic Cornell pranks like the 1997 clocktower pumpkin.

## Give My Regards To...

### These Cornellians in the News

Novelist **Toni Morrison**, MA '55, awarded a Presidential Medal of Freedom by President Barack Obama.

Professors **Joseph Fins**, MD '86 (medicine), **Thomas Gilovich** (psychology), and **Steven Strogatz** (mathematics and mechanical and aerospace engineering), and Medical college Board of Overseers chair **Sanford Weill** '55, elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

**Mary Jo Dudley**, MRP '96, director of the Cornell Farmworker Program, named a Cesar Chavez Champion of Change by the White House's Office of Public Engagement.

Biology major **Julian Homburger** '13 and electrical and computer engineering major **Adam Izraelevitz** '13, winners of Goldwater scholarships.

Sociology and American studies major **Joanna Smith** '13 and ILR student **Alexander Bores** '13, named Truman scholars.

Law professor **John Barceló III**, recipient of the Legion of Honor from the French government for creating a partnership with the Sorbonne Law School.

Africana studies major **Christopher Dobyns** '13, winner of a Udall Scholarship.

The **Cornell DREAM Team**, which works to support and raise awareness of undocumented students, winner of the Perkins Prize for Interracial Understanding and Harmony. The proposed federal DREAM (Development, Relief, and Education for Alien Minors) Act would protect some residents who immigrated to the U.S. as small children.

**Adam Siepel** '94, a professor of biological sciences and computational biology, winner of a Guggenheim fellowship.

Former Cornell President **Jeffrey Lehman** '77, named vice chancellor (chief executive for academic affairs) of NYU Shanghai, which will open in 2013.

**Theodore Christoph** '12, **Daniel Durfee** '12, **Jordan Fisher** '12, and **Ariel Garland** '12, who won first place at the North American Intercollegiate Dairy Challenge, held in Virginia in April.

**Andrew Clark**, the Jacob Gould Schurman Professor of Population Genetics, elected to the National Academy of Sciences.

College Scholar and philosophy major **Daniel Young** '13, winner of a Beinecke Brothers Memorial Scholarship.

Archaeology and German studies double major **Mallory Matsumoto** '12, the sole winner of the Keasbey Memorial Foundation Scholarship. She'll pursue two master's degrees at Oxford.



## CU Mourns Two Undergrads

A rising sophomore died of meningococcal meningitis just days after returning home for the summer. Nineteen-year-old Krista Depew '15, an applied economics and management major and a member of Alpha Phi sorority, passed away in May at a hospital in Albany, New York. The University has said that according to state and local health departments, members of the Cornell community are not at increased risk due to Depew's illness.

In early June, the University announced the death of thirty-three-year-old Michael Augustin, an earth and atmospheric sciences major. Augustin, who was expected to graduate in December, died of as-yet-undetermined causes at a hospital in Palo Alto, California, where he was studying on a research fellowship.

## Big Red Cheddar to Debut

The University of Wisconsin has its Cheeseheads; soon, Cornellians can show their Big Red spirit through the consumption of cheesy comestibles. This fall, Cornell Big Red Cheddar will go on sale online and in campus retail outlets such as the Orchards and the campus store. The mild white cheddar, aged for six months, will be packaged in bright red one- and two-pound wheels.

In addition to being sold to the public, the cheese will be served by Cornell Dining and Cornell Catering—which go through a cumulative 2,400 pounds of mild cheddar annually.



## Alum Wins Pulitzer Prize

Jeffrey Gettleman '94, the *New York Times*' East Africa bureau chief, has won a Pulitzer Prize for international reporting. According to the award citation, he was honored for his "vivid reports, often at personal peril, on famine and conflict in East Africa, a neglected but increasingly strategic part of the world." In the spring of 2011, Gettleman came to campus to speak about being kidnapped—along with his wife, *Times* online producer Courtenay Morris '94, and another colleague—while reporting on Somali rebels in Ethiopia. They were released after a week in prison.

## Major Gifts for Engineering and Real Estate Program

The Engineering college has received a \$10 million gift in support of undergraduate education. It comes from John Swanson '61, MEng '63, founder of ANSYS, a firm that makes software for engineers and designers. Half of the gift is earmarked for student project teams that design and build such things as race cars and autonomous submarines, with the rest for scholarships and other initiatives. The Program in Real Estate also received a major gift: \$11 million from Richard Baker '88 and his wife, Lisa. It more than triples the endowment of the program, which will be renamed in their honor. The Bakers are owners of the Hudson's Bay Company, the world's oldest continuously operated retail firm.

## Edwards Appointed CIO

A. J. Edwards, the University's interim chief investment officer since May 2011, has been appointed to the position on a permanent basis. His job entails leading a team of investment officers and analysts responsible for management of Cornell's \$5.3 billion endowment, in collaboration with the investment committee of the Board of Trustees. He has been with the University since 2008.

# R&D

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**Ingesting engineered nanoparticles** in food and pharmaceuticals may be damaging. In studying chickens, chemical engineering professor Michael Shuler has found that short-term, high-intensity exposure blocks iron absorption—though, over the longer term, changes in intestinal cell structures compensate by allowing increased absorption of the nutrient.

**Campus plant breeders** are working to make green beans, cultivated at high altitudes in Kenya, grow at lower altitudes. The beans are a profitable crop for Kenya and could benefit its neighbors in sub-Saharan Africa.

**The University has released** two new disease-resistant raspberry varieties. Horticulture professor Courtney Weber praises Crimson Night and Double Gold for their flavor, abundant fruit, and appealing color.

**An iPhone and iPad app** designed by the Lab of Ornithology's Bioacoustic Research Program aims to reduce the risk of ships hitting endangered right whales. The free app warns mariners when the whales are swimming through shipping lanes.

**Combining electrical engineering and exercise**, students have developed a device to guide users through a proper bicep curl. It tracks movement using accelerometers attached to the wrist and upper arm; vibrations indicate when the user's form needs correction.

**Using data from NASA's Kepler mission**, Cornell astronomers have identified three Earth-like planets orbiting their own suns. Located in the sky between the constellations Cygnus and Lyra, the planets are between a few hundred and a few thousand light years from Earth.

**Thanks in part to the decade-long efforts** of the Cornell Death Penalty Project, Edward Lee Elmore—who spent nearly thirty years on death row in South Carolina—has been released on the grounds that he didn't have effective counsel during his trial. Under an agreement with prosecutors, he maintained his innocence and his sentence was commuted to time served. Says law professor John Blume: "I am 100 percent convinced he is not guilty and that a jury would have acquitted him."

**Two Cornellians from Africa**—fiber science postdoc Frederick Ochanda and apparel design major Matilda Ceesay '13—have designed a hooded bodysuit embedded with insecticides to repel malaria-infected mosquitoes.

**A 2008 research trip** by Michael Grundler '10, Eric Rittmeyer '08, and Derrick Thompson '09 has led to a world record. While in Papua New Guinea, the three helped discover a type of frog, *Paedophryne amauensis*, that has been declared the world's smallest vertebrate species by the *Guinness Book*. Several of the tiny creatures could fit on a dime.

# Baseball Wins Ivy Title



PATRICK SHAWHAN

For the first time since the Ivy League added baseball 20 years ago, Cornell won the championship. But it wasn't easy. The team went into the last weekend of the regular season needing one win in four games against Princeton to claim the Lou Gehrig Division. They dropped a doubleheader on Saturday and lost the first game on Sunday. The second contest went into extra innings—and then a dramatic home run by Ben Swinford '14, with two out in the 12th, nailed down the divisional title. In the best-of-three league championship series against Dartmouth, Cornell won the first game 11-3 but lost the second 7-1—and the tiebreaker once again went into extra innings. Then, in the bottom of the 11th, sophomore Chris Cruz belted a walk-off home run to secure the championship. Cornell advanced to the NCAA tournament, where it had to face perennial powerhouse North Carolina. The Tar Heels, ranked number six in the country, won a hard-fought game 7-4. The next day, the Big Red's season ended with a loss to East Carolina—but it could not diminish the luster of a truly exceptional season that saw Cornell win 31 games, setting a program record.

## Sports Shorts

**ALL-AMERICANS** Capping off an outstanding freshman season, **Danielle Letourneau '15** was named a first-team All-American by the College Squash Association. Letourneau went 12-6 atop the Big Red lineup and finished the season ranked ninth in the nation. Teammate **Jaime Laird '13** earned second-team All-American honors for the second straight season after

going 11-7 at No. 2. Three players on the men's team earned second-team All-American honors: **Nick Sachvie '13**, **Alexander Domenick '12**, and **Thomas Spettigue '12**.

**NEW LEADERS** Cornell recently welcomed two head coaches to the Hill. Patrick Farmer, who had spent the last three seasons as an assistant women's soccer coach at Wisconsin, was named head coach of women's soccer. He has a record of 261-97-40 in 19 seasons as head coach at Ithaca

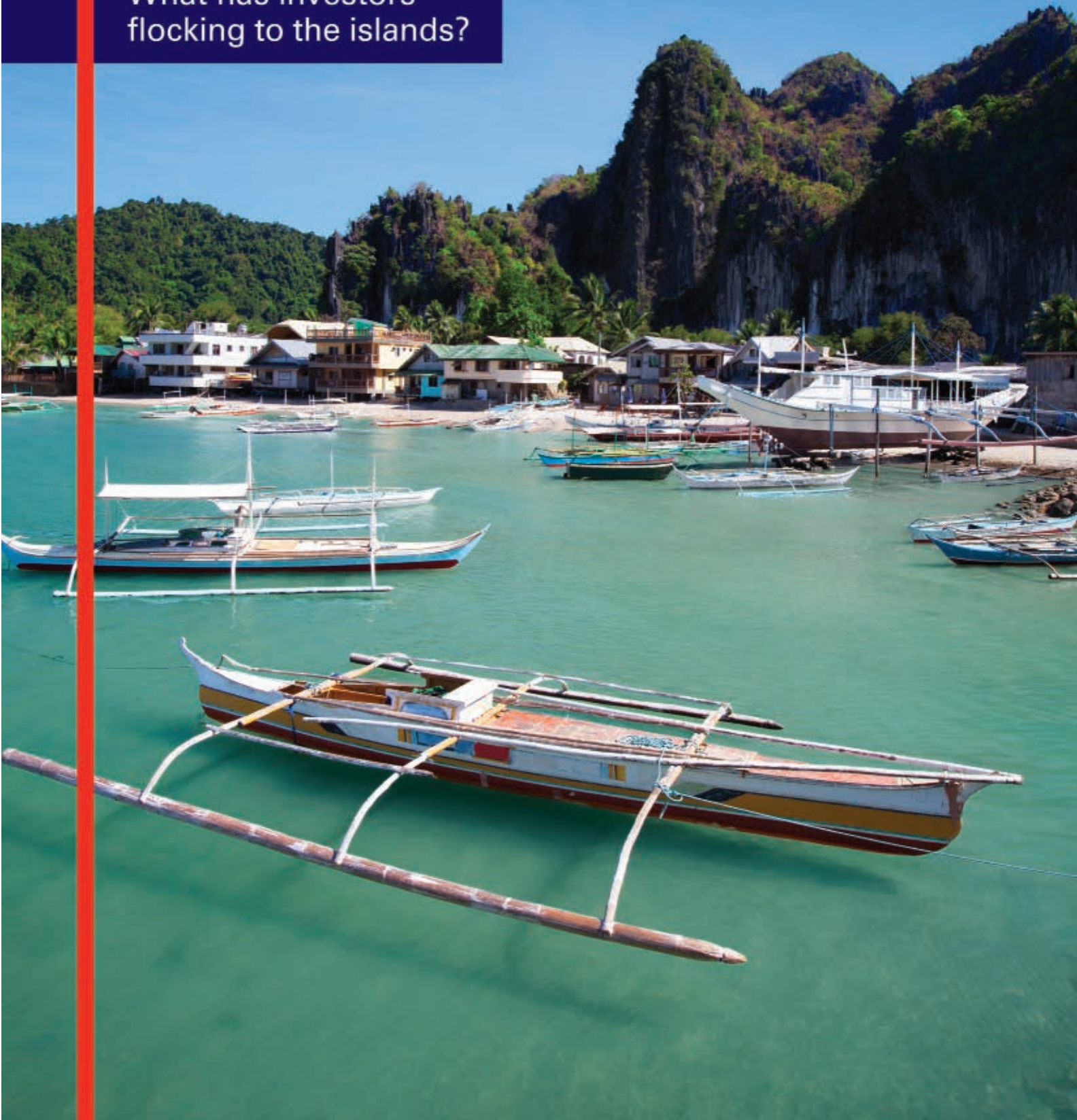


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College, Penn State, Tennessee Tech, and Syracuse, and ranks 13th in victories among active Division I women's soccer coaches. Melissa Batie-Smoose will guide the volleyball program after four seasons at Savannah College of Art & Design. In addition to one year as head coach at Nova Southeastern, Batie-Smoose also served as an assistant at Florida State, Wake Forest, Creighton, and UNC-Charlotte.



What has investors  
flocking to the islands?



**TOPS IN TRACK** The women's track and field team returned to familiar turf, winning the 2012 Outdoor Heptagonal Championships in May. The Big Red reclaimed the crown from defending champion Princeton, beating the runner-up Tigers by 24 points for its ninth title in 11 seasons. Cornell scored points in 20 of the 23 events, including first-place finishes by **Katie Kellner '13** in the 10,000 meters, **Molly Glantz '12** in the 400 meter hurdles, **Ailish Hanly '13** in the high jump, **Victoria Imbesi '13** in the shot put, and the 4x400 relay team. The men's team won eight events and finished second in a close battle with Princeton.

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Katie Kellner

**WORLD CHAMPS** Helped by the efforts of four Big Red players and their coach, Canada won its first Women's World Hockey Championship since 2007, scoring a 5-4 overtime win against the U.S. team in the title game. **Laura Fortino '13**, **Rebecca Johnston '11**, **Brianne Jenner '13**, and **Lauriane Rougeau '13** played in all five tournament games for Canada, which had Cornell head coach **Doug Derraugh '91** behind the bench as an assistant coach.

**LAX HONOR** Longtime men's lacrosse coach Richie Moran was honored with the 2012 Spirit of Tewaaron Award, given to an individual involved with lacrosse who reflects the spirit of the Tewaaron Award and has made a significant contribution to society and the lives of others. During his 29 seasons as head coach at Cornell, Moran led the Big Red to three NCAA champion- ships and 15 Ivy League titles. He was named the national coach of the year three

## Spring Teams

### Final Records

Baseball	31-17-1; 14-6 Ivy (1st, Gehrig Div.)
Men's Lacrosse	9-4; 4-2 Ivy (T-2nd)
Women's Lacrosse	11-5; 5-2 Ivy (T-2nd)
Men's Polo	11-8
Women's Polo	13-6
Varsity Hvywt. Rowing	6-1
J.V. Hvywt. Rowing	7-0
Fr. Hvywt. Rowing	7-1
Varsity Ltwt. Rowing	4-3
J.V. Ltwt. Rowing	4-2
Fr. Ltwt. Rowing	4-3
Women's Varsity Rowing	6-5
Women's J.V. Rowing	3-8
Softball	25-23; 15-5 Ivy (2nd, South Div.)
Men's Tennis	10-15; 3-4 Ivy (T-4th)
Women's Tennis	9-10; 1-6 Ivy (8th)

CORNELL ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS



Richie Moran

times and was head coach of Team USA at the 1978 World Lacrosse Championships.

**BEST MARKS** As part of its Elite 89 program, the NCAA is honoring the student-athlete with the top GPA at each of its 89 national championship events. Cornell's **Shelly Tremaglio '13** was named the Elite 89 winner at the Division I Women's Rowing Championships. Tremaglio carried a GPA of 4.062 into the championships, with a double major in history and French.

**CYCLONE COACH** Four-time All-American wrestler **Troy Nickerson '10** will begin his

collegiate coaching career at Iowa State as an assistant. Nickerson spent the last two seasons training in an unsuccessful attempt to qualify for the 2012 Olympic Trials and also served as a coach for the Finger Lakes Wrestling Club.

**CLOSE CALL** The women's polo team came within one match of defending its national championship, losing to Virginia 17-13 in a rematch of the 2011 title tilt. Cornell trailed by one at halftime before UVA scored three straight goals to pull away in the third chukker. **Kailey Eldredge '14** led all scorers with 10 points. The men's team also saw its season ended by UVA, losing 28-10 in the national semifinals.

**NEWSMAKER** Looking for a way to track all your sports news in one place? **David Chen '06**, **MBA '10**, has an app for that. Chen is founder of RECAPP, a free app that organizes content from the Web to make it easier to get news about your favorite teams—including the Big Red. The app is currently available only on iTunes, but an Android version is planned.

**MIXED BLESSING** A wrestler during his time at Cornell, **John Cholish '06** is making a name for himself in the mixed martial arts (MMA) world. After losing his May 5 fight with Danny Castillo, Cholish had an MMA record of 8-2. He also has a day job with Beacon OTC Group, an energy commodities trader on Wall Street.

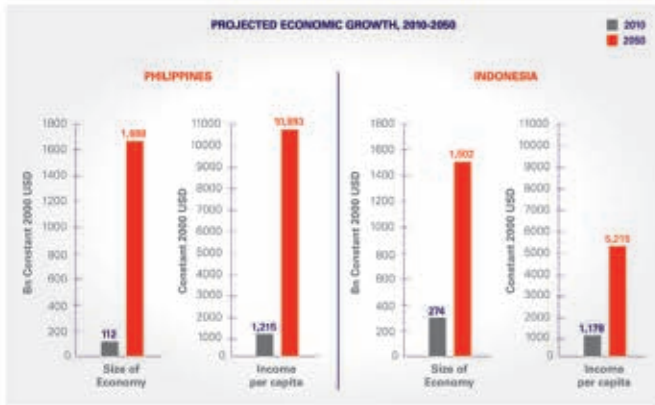




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### Indonesia steams ahead

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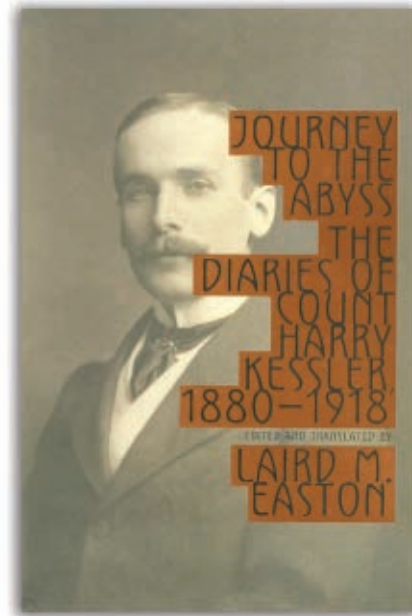
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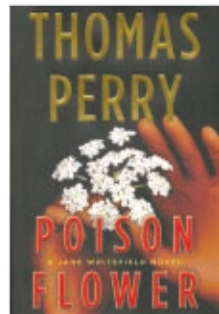
# The Shock of the New

*Journey to the Abyss* edited and translated by Laird M. Easton '78 (Knopf)

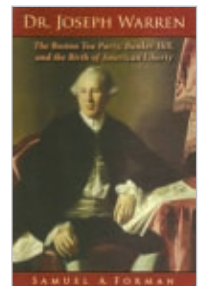
**C**ount Harry Kessler, a German diplomat who seems to have known everyone connected with the arts and politics of early twentieth-century Europe, left for Mallorca when the Nazis came to power. His diaries, which cover the period from the Belle Époque to the end of World War I, record the shock of the new, the violence of modern war, and the erasure of the old world. Easton, a professor at California State University, Chico, and Kessler's biographer, translates this selection of Kessler's diaries and provides historical background.



*Poison Flower* by Thomas Perry '69 (Mysterious Press). In Perry's seventh novel featuring Jane Whitefield, a Seneca guide who helps people escape their enemies and establish new identities, Jane breaks James Shelby out of a Los Angeles courtroom. Shelby, wrongly convicted of his wife's murder, gets away, but criminals posing as police capture Jane and try to force her to give up the innocent man's whereabouts. When she refuses, her captors put her up for auction to the enemies of her previous clients. She draws upon the strength of her warrior ancestors to resist her foes and bring about rough justice.



*Dr. Joseph Warren* by Samuel A. Forman, MD '77 (Pelican). Dr. Joseph Warren, one of the leaders of the American Revolution, helped organize the Boston Tea Party, sent Paul Revere on his midnight ride, and died a hero at the Battle of Bunker Hill. In this new biography, a physician and president of Oak and Ivy Health Systems investigates Warren's commitment to improving American medical education, the anti-British spy ring he ran out of his medical practice, his contributions to the Suffolk Resolves, and his alleged relationship with the wife of an enemy general as his source of military intelligence.



*College at 13* by Razel Solow, MAT '78, and Celeste Rhodes (Great Potential). College is challenging enough for high school graduates, but matriculating at an early age presents a unique set of problems. What are the effects of accelerating past your peers? How will you fit in socially? Solow, the director of the Center for Gifted Students and Education at Hunter College, traced the progress of fourteen young women through their college years and followed up on their lives ten years later. She found that gifted students have a greater sense of purpose and are happier in a place where they are challenged.



*Old Lives and New* by Edith Rogovin Frankel '60 (Hamilton). In the Seventies, more than 200,000 Jews were allowed to leave the Soviet Union. Frankel, a political scientist at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, interviewed people just after they had settled in the United States or Israel. "Some were motivated by a Zionism that had been nurtured during their childhoods in eastern Poland and the independent Baltic states," she writes. "Others feared an economic downturn for themselves or their children." Twenty-five years later, she re-interviewed the émigrés, now established in their adopted countries and looking back on their lives.





## Fiction

**Wildcat Play** by Helen Knode, MA '84 (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt). A year after a murder investigation that nearly cost her her life, Ann Whitehead leaves Los Angeles for a job on a wildcat oil rig in the San Joaquin Valley. When the accidental death of a crewmember turns out to be murder, Ann searches for the killer.

## Poetry

**The Poetry of India** edited by Bisham Bherwani '90, BS '92 (Atlanta Review). The author of *The Second Night of the Spirit* brings together an anthology of modern Indian poetry written in English, representing both the old guard and younger, emerging voices.

## Non-Fiction

**The Business of Empire** by Jason M. Colby, PhD '05 (Cornell). In the heyday of its power in the first half of the twentieth century, the United Fruit Company controlled much of Central America's infrastructure and trade. By the time of the 1954 coup in Guatemala, the company was already a shadow of its imperial incarnation, yet the legacy of abandoned banana towns, unhealed racial wounds, and U.S. corporate power remains.

**52 Small Changes** by Brett Blumenthal '95, BArch '96, MBA '04 (Amazon Encore). Blumenthal, the co-founder and CEO of Be Healthy Inc. and author of *Get Real and STOP Dieting!*, designs a program that encourages small yet meaningful changes—one per week for fifty-two weeks—that will lead to a healthier, more rewarding life.

**Essayists on the Essay** edited by Carl H. Klaus, PhD '66, and Ned Stuckey-French (Iowa). Beginning with Montaigne and reaching to the present day, this anthology explores four centuries of writers' meditations on the nature of the essay, a form variously described as heretical, methodically unmethodical, and the movement of a free mind at play.

**The Nature and Culture of Rattan** by Stephen F. Siebert, PhD '90 (Hawaii). Used for house construction, furniture, basketry, and handicrafts, rattan canes are a valuable forest product in tropical Asia and Africa. A professor of international conservation and development at the University of Montana examines rattan biology and the lives of cane gatherers in three Southeast Asian villages.

**Party Like a Culinista** by Jill Donenfeld and Joseph Gordon '03 (Lake Isle Press). A chef and a food writer team up to provide

menus, recipes, and planning guides for perfect parties.

**Brain Trust** by Garth Sundem '98 (Three Rivers). The author of *The Geeks' Guide to World Domination* interviewed more than a hundred scientists—including Nobel, MacArthur, and National Medal of Science winners—to learn tips for solving real-world problems. "It turns out that the root of today's best science is the passenger seat of scientists' messy cars," he writes. "In other words, the science in this book comes from the very real experiences and problems of scientists' own lives."

**The Synthesis Effect** by John McGrail '74 (Career). A clinical hypnotherapist outlines a step-by-step process for creating a life of health, happiness, peace, and security and reaching a state of practical enlightenment.

**Image Matters** by Tina M. Campt, PhD '96 (Duke). Using photographs of black German families taken between 1900 and 1945 and studio portraits of West Indian immigrants to Birmingham, England, taken between 1948 and 1960, the director of the Africana Studies Program at Barnard College, Columbia University, examines how photography plays a critical role in black people's complex relationship to cultural identity and national belonging.

**Candlestick Profits** by Stephen W. Bigalow '75 (Profit Publishing). Most investors have developed preconceived habits and expectations. The author of *High Profit Candlestick Patterns* explains how to use candlestick analysis—a technical trading program that originated in eighteenth-century Japan—to improve investment discipline.

**Ask Your Inner Voice** by James Wawro, JD '69 (Ozark Mountain). A former international trial lawyer provides advice on how to call upon the voice within to obtain creative insights and wisdom.

**Insights for Managers from Confucius to Gandhi** by Harold Bierman Jr. and Donald Schnedeker, MBA '84 (World Scientific). Bierman, the Noyes Professor of Business Administration, and Schnedeker, head of the Hotel school's Nestlé Library, gather ideas of influential thinkers that are of special interest to managers.

**Hard Interests, Soft Illusions** by Natasha Hamilton-Hart, PhD '99 (Cornell). "There is little sentimentality about the United States among foreign policy elites in Southeast Asia," writes a professor of international business at the University of Auckland. She argues that their belief in America as a benign power is driven by political and economic interests.

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# Teachable Moments

**City Year**, a nonprofit that mentors at-risk kids, is a draw for many civic-minded young alums

**W**hen Jonathan Pomboza '11 dons the tomato-red zip-neck pullover with CITY YEAR emblazoned across the chest in bold black letters, he's expected to follow some basic rules. No smoking or drinking. Hold the profanity. No jaywalking. Don't even chew gum. "The guiding principle is that you are a role model at all times you wear the uniform," says Itai Dinour '01, who heads the inner-city educational nonprofit that Pomboza joined after graduation. "You remember your first day at Cornell when they told you, 'Don't e-mail anything that you wouldn't want on the front page of the *New York Times*'? Well, when you put on the City Year uniform, what would you not want one of your students to see you doing?"

Last fall, Pomboza began a ten-month stint at Newtown High School in Elmhurst, Queens, whose high dropout rate had put it on a list of "persistently lowest achieving" institutions. (In fact, the state Education Department ultimately closed the school, with plans to reopen it in the fall under a new name after a staff overhaul.) The former policy analysis and management major was outside the school at 7:30 every morning to greet the eight or so at-risk ninth graders he'd been assigned to mentor. During the day he was in class with them, helping them with coursework or just providing support and encouragement. Those who didn't show up for school might well get a phone call asking them where they were. "It makes a huge difference when you know a student by name and say, 'Joseph, you weren't in math or English, but I know you were in science. What's going on? Why didn't you make it to class?'" says Pomboza, a Queens native who has signed on for a second year as a corps member. "And they're like, 'Oh my gosh—someone noticed.'"

Founded by two Harvard law students in 1988, City Year aims to battle the dropout crisis by tapping young adults—most of them recent college graduates—to work with at-risk students in underperforming urban schools. Its staff cites research at Johns



Hopkins that found that kids who are off track—having chronic problems with academics, attendance, or behavior—by the sixth grade have just a 25 percent chance of graduating high school.

The nonprofit's pullover-clad staffers aim to buck those odds by working with students in the third to ninth grades, putting in hours that can stretch from the morning attendance bell to well into the evening. Its corps members, who receive a stipend and an educational grant, are aged seventeen to twenty-four—providing "near-peer" mentorship distinct from that of teachers or parents. Funded by the federal Americorps program as well as by corporate and private donations, City Year has sites in two dozen American cities, as well as in London and Johannesburg, South Africa. "There is amazing untapped potential in human



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Near-peer: Jonathan Pomboza '11  
tutors a student in math at Newtown  
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capital,” says Dinour, an ILR alum who signed on after hearing one of City Year’s founders speak on the Hill and went on to help start the New York office, eventually becoming its executive director. “Imagine how different this country would be if every young person did a year of service.”

Cornell has been a major feeder school for City Year. Last year, eighty-five alumni applied to the program, with twenty joining it—making Cornell the number one feeder among private institutions and the fifth overall. Other Cornellians have served as City Year board members or been major donors. “I think it’s embedded in the ethos of the University, going way back to being a land-grant institution—this ethic of service,” says Dinour. “It’s a reason why Teach For America and the Peace Corps have an

easy time recruiting on campus. I think that’s representative of who we are as Cornellians, as cheesy as that sounds.”

Carlos Mendoza '08 joined City Year after earning an economics degree from the Arts college, working in a middle school in Long Island City, Queens. He stayed on for a second year and now serves as a program manager with the New York City office. “The reality is that some of our students don’t have parents who are pushing them or teachers who are investing in them,” says Mendoza, who emigrated from Nicaragua as a child and grew up in Florida and Georgia. “So when someone shows investment in them, it’s what they’ve been looking for—and waiting for—for years.”

— Beth Saulnier

# Flesh Is Weak

Cabbagetown Café chef **Julie Jordan '71** is still concocting meatless delights—now for supermarket customers all over the Northeast

**A**bove the *Wings of Life* salad bar at Ithaca's Wegmans supermarket is a sign that's instantly recognizable to Cornellians of a certain vintage; it hung in the Eddy Street window of Cabbagetown Café, the venerable restaurant that Julie Jordan '71 owned from 1977 to 1991. The café, which closed in 1993, was much beloved as an affordable outpost of "vegetarian comfort food," including the signature salad that Wegmans now sells—a hearty combination of greens, chickpeas, broccoli, brown rice, herbed tofu, olives, nuts, and cheeses.

For the past decade, the former College Scholar—who still lives in her childhood home in the nearby village of Trumansburg—has been working for Wegmans, developing vegetarian offerings for the supermarket chain's vast and varied prepared foods department. Customers in Ithaca, as well as in the newer and more upscale Wegmans stores throughout the Northeast, can feast on such Jordan-influenced delectables as artichoke flan, Japanese-style grilled eggplant, shredded Brussels sprouts, and—the chef's personal favorite—coconut cream kale. Jordan has published three cookbooks: *Wings of Life*, *Cabbagetown Café Cookbook*, and *A Taste of Julie Jordan*.

**Cornell Alumni Magazine:** Has a love of good food always been part of your life?

**Julie Jordan:** Dad was a dairy science professor at Cornell; Mom was a nutritionist who ran the school lunch program in Trumansburg. So I got it from both ends. My mother made sure we had tons of fresh fruits and vegetables. All our food was home-cooked. We weren't allowed to drink soda. We really grew up eating beautifully. But we did eat huge amounts of ice cream.

**CAM:** Was that one of the perks of having a dad in dairy science?

**JJ:** My father would bring me along to tasting panels, because I had a good sense of taste and he'd educated me. One of the main things you taste for in ice cream is mouth-feel, and I was good at that. My dad and I shared a great love for vanilla ice cream, and people would send him premium vanillas from all over the world.

**CAM:** At Cornell, you concentrated on creative writing. How did you wind up a chef?

**JJ:** I realized that one does not get out of college and become a writer; you'd need another job to support you, and the jobs that came to me were all in food. My mother taught me how to cook, and I was quite good. I just found myself in restaurants. Around then I became a vegetarian.

**CAM:** Why did you stop eating meat?

**JJ:** I was living with vegetarians and eating vegetarian. At some point, I picked up a piece of meat and said, "Nope, I'm not gonna eat this anymore," and that was it. It made so much sense to me, but it was never about nutrition. It was about eating animals, which is a horrific thing.

**CAM:** You spent time as the chef for the MacDowell Colony in New Hampshire. Were



you already cooking vegetarian?

**JJ:** As soon as I became a vegetarian I wouldn't cook meat anymore. I cooked there for a while, until enough of the colonists who wanted meat had a rebellion. So I cooked part-time, and they gave me a studio, where I started writing *Wings of Life*. Back then I felt like I needed to know if vegetarian food was good for you; now it's the opposite, but at the time there was all this stuff about how you had to eat meat. So I started grad school in nutrition at Cornell.

**CAM:** So how did you end up at Cabbagetown?

**JJ:** When I was judging the Great Bean Bake-Off, I felt this hand on my shoulder; it was one of the founders of Cabbage-



town, which had been started by a group of idealistic people as a place to get good, nutritious food at low cost near campus. He said, “We want you to come cook at our restaurant,” and I thought, I’d much rather do it than study it. So I decided to take the leap.

**CAM: What was Cabbagetown like in its heyday?**

**JJ:** It was the most fun on Earth. Everyone had a blast. We put out the best food you can imagine. It was all from local farmers. People who worked there were mostly Cornell and Ithaca College grads—bright, happy, upbeat people. We didn’t proselytize or anything; we just put out really good food that made people happy. People loved it there.

**CAM: What were the most popular dishes?**

**JJ:** Cashew chili. The *enchilada del dia* was a big one. “Mom’s Mac and Cheese.” The big salad bowls. We made our own whole-wheat bread every day, by hand. Soup, salad, and bread was always the biggest seller. When we started in 1977, it cost \$1.65, and we always kept it cheap. Cabbagetown was always really down to earth—barn boards on the wall, wooden tables. A lot of my employees wore basically nothing; men would come to see the women because they were so beautiful and scantily clad. We always kept the kitchen open so people in the dining room could be part of the experience. We felt that college students were kind of divorced from reality and needed to get grounded, and a happy, bustling kitchen was a great thing to participate in. We also had a big, communal table—two picnic tables together—so people could sit down and meet each other, which seemed really important.

**CAM: At Wegmans, you can affect the dietary habits of thousands of customers every day—far more than could have eaten at Cabbagetown. Is that one of the appeals of the job?**

**JJ:** Actually, I felt that with Cabbagetown I had a huge influence on the whole country—the cookbooks, the employees, people coming and going. I wouldn’t say this is more influential than having one little restaurant. I think if you catch people’s attention, it spreads like wildfire.

**CAM: You were a vegetarian long before it was fashionable. How have you observed dietary trends changing?**

**JJ:** There’s been a paradigm shift in the last two to three years. Instead of being an outsider’s way of eating, vegan/vegetarian

has become mainstream. People are trying to eat more that way, to have one or two vegetarian days a week. It just happened like that—*bam*.

**CAM: Are you heartened by the fact that nowadays people can buy many meat-replacement products that didn’t exist twenty years ago?**

**JJ:** There’s a whole industry in getting people to eat vegetarian by having stuff that tastes and looks like meat. Well, go ahead, but that’s not my thing. I think if you’re not going to eat meat, stop eating meat. Vegetarian food is glorious. Why do you need to imitate meat? Meat is second-rate.

**CAM: What vegetarian food do you think meat eaters should try?**

**JJ:** I think tempeh’s wonderful. It’s got all kinds of nutrients from the bacterial fermentation. It’s digestible and delicious. You can keep it frozen and cut it up and use it. I think it’s a food whose time is coming.

**CAM: At Wegmans, you wear chef’s whites embroidered with your name. Do you get recognized?**

**JJ:** Constantly. I’m kind of shy, and at Cabbagetown I could hang out in the kitchen and just go out when I wanted to. But working at Wegmans I’ve had to learn to be open with people, to accept their enthusiasm and enjoy it.

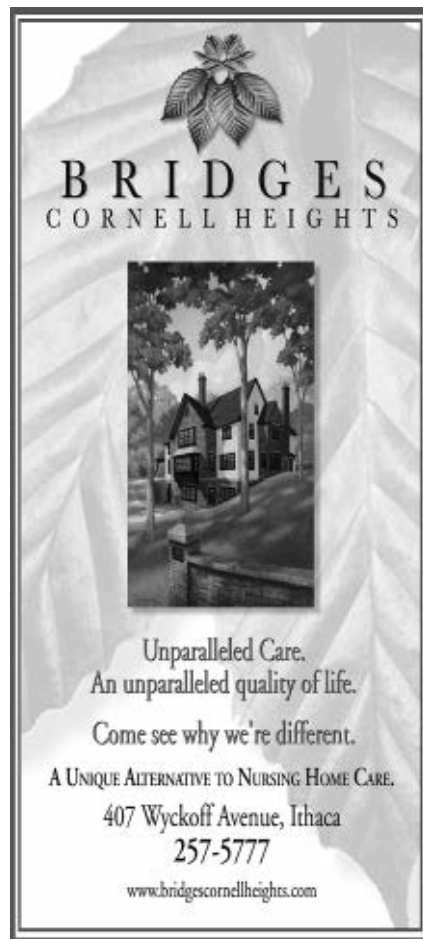
**CAM: Do you miss running your own restaurant?**

**JJ:** I loved it, because it was a direct, creative effort and I was in charge. I was the inspiration and the boss. The downside is that you’re responsible for everything. Money was always a big thing. If anything goes wrong, it’s your problem. There’s always equipment to be fixed. At Wegmans, the nice part is that I can go home and forget about it. When a machine breaks down, I call maintenance. If somebody doesn’t show up, it’s not all on me. There’s a lot to be said for that.

**CAM: Have a lot of wistful Cabbagetown fans descended on the Wings of Life salad bar?**

**JJ:** People recognized it, and then all the Cabbagetown customers started coming in. But it has also gained its own following. You wouldn’t believe that one little bar does as much business as it does. People say they just got into town on an airplane and the first thing they did was come here. It’s got a very nice vibe around it. It’s generous, it’s fun, it’s fresh—that’s the spirit of Cabbagetown.

— Beth Saulnier



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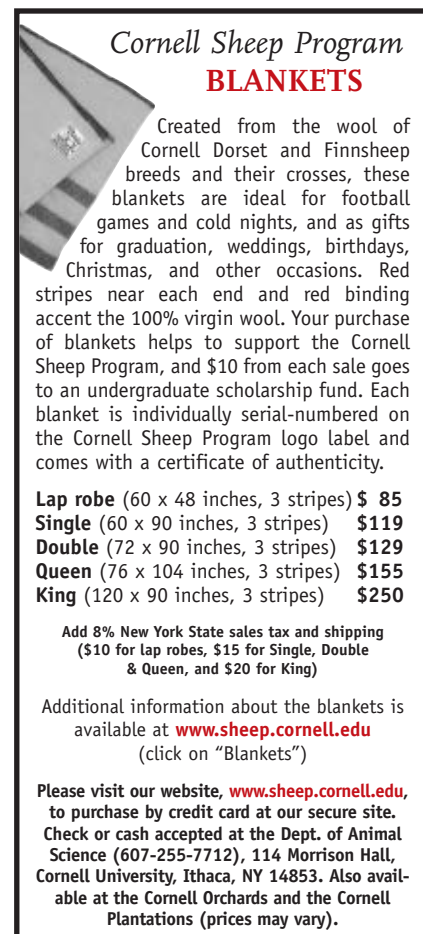
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Julian Aroesty '53

## Taking the Stand

In his eighties, retired cardiologist Julian Aroesty '53 has a thriving second career as an expert witness

**T**he attorney was defending a cardiologist in a medical malpractice case, and he needed an expert witness with impressive credentials. That's why he cold-called Julian Aroesty '53, director of clinical cardiac catheterization at Boston's Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital, an associate professor at Harvard Medical School, and a fixture on best-cardiologist lists in *Boston Magazine* and the *Consumer's Guide to Top Doctors*.

Aroesty had never been an expert witness before. But after reviewing the medical chart and concurring that the doctor on trial was not at fault, he agreed. The cross-examination went on for a day and a half, as an experienced plaintiff's attorney tried to discredit his testimony. But Aroesty was unflappable. "You are spectacular," he recalls the defense attorney telling him. "I've never seen anyone keep her tied up in knots like this. You should think about doing this more often."

That was fifteen years ago. As word of his prowess on the stand spread through the legal community, Aroesty found increasing demand for his medical expertise in the courtroom. He has since testified in more than fifty cases, mostly in Boston

or New York, but as far away as Missouri. Since retiring from medical practice in December at age eighty, it's become his second career.

Most of his work is for the defense. Of Aroesty's forty-five or so defense cases, he's lost only one, a success rate he partly attributes to the fact that he chooses his cases carefully. "When I'm sent a case, if I can't support it firmly, I say so—'settle it or send it to someone else,'" he says. "I don't want to squirm on the stand. If I recommend settling, they usually do."

Although he prefers defending doctors, Aroesty believes it's unethical to say he won't take a plaintiff's case and has testified in a handful. "When plaintiff attorneys call me, I tell them I will review their case, but will go to court only if there's something really egregious, i.e., this is someone I want to get out of the cath lab." Aroesty cites the case of a drug-addicted physician who lost a patient while conducting a procedure under the influence. "The hospital had been trying to get rid of him for years," says Aroesty. "We lost because we weren't allowed to bring up his drug use, which the judge determined was unrelated to the matter. A year later he got caught trying to buy drugs from an under-



cover agent and went to prison.”

Aroesty prepares for a case by studying the medical chart and memorizing as much of it as possible, so it's clear to the jury that he knows the facts inside and out. He reviews the medicine involved, reading all the latest related articles. “The expert for the opposing side is going to get the articles that support their case,” he says, “so you’ve got to know which ones they are and how you’re going to counter those facts,” he says. Although he understands why many physicians don’t enjoy the stress of being picked apart by opposing counsel, Aroesty views it as a challenge. “I love having this verbal war with the plaintiff’s attorneys, many of whom are very bright and have learned a fair amount of medicine in the course of their work,” he says. And because he loves to teach—having taught interventional cardiology to generations of medical students, residents, and fellows—he enjoys “educating” the jury. “I’m good at taking complicated material and simplifying it,” he says. “I make my own charts—I draw the heart within the chest and the coronary arteries, and show where the lesions are. I will often write out a table—all the things that support this doctor’s decision—on a

‘The lawyer is going to throw questions at you and hope that you stumble and say things you shouldn’t have said.’

large tablet. Then I advise the attorney to refer to that chart again during the summary so it’s firmly affixed in the jurors’ minds as they go to deliberate.”

It helps that Aroesty has no skeletons in his own closet. (“If you do,” he notes, “the opposing counsel is going to find them.”) During his fifty-year career, he established a reputation as one of the nation’s foremost interventional cardiologists, conducting 20,000 diagnostic cardiac catheterizations with only one death (the usual death rate is one per 1,000) and 2,000 angioplasties with no deaths, and producing dozens of publications on his clinical medical research. He was never sued. “I was extremely careful, and I trained people throughout all these procedures about the safest and most cautious way to do them,” says Aroesty.

He now shares the ins and outs of

medical malpractice defense that he’s picked up as an expert witness. When he recently lectured on the topic as part of a Harvard Medical School continuing education course, it attracted 500 physicians from all over the country. “I share the tricks lawyers use, the things you have to do to defend yourself,” says Aroesty. “The lawyer is going to throw questions at you one after another and hope that you stumble and say something you shouldn’t have said. He’s going to try to speed you up; you try to slow him down. That throws off his pattern. When asked a question, deliberately think about it. Repeat the question: ‘Let me make sure I fully understand what you’re asking. Are you asking this?’ And then answer ‘yes,’ ‘no,’ or ‘I do not recall.’ If you give extra information, it will be used against you.”

—Renée Gearhart Levy

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# The Cocktail Hour

Bartender Kevin Denton '01, MRP '04, is in the vanguard of a mixology revolution

**K**evin Denton isn't in Kansas anymore. The 2001 alum had a bucolic childhood in a small town on the Missouri River. (Ask him about it, and he'll open with, "My old man's a bricklayer.") Now he's standing behind the marble-topped bar at WD-50, celebrity chef Wylie Dufresne's hip, pricey outpost of molecular gastronomy on Manhattan's Lower East Side. As the restaurant's beverage director, Denton has designed all manner of exotic libations, from the Kentucky Cardigan (brown butter bourbon and bitters in a glass rimmed with crushed butterscotch candies) to the Fountain of Youth (Venezuelan rum, fino sherry, and cream soda made of vanilla bean, cane syrup, and a "tea" of oak chips). "With drinks, you're either helping someone celebrate something, helping them forget something, or lubricating a social situation," says Denton, clad in a brown oxford shirt, a black apron, and a pair of Levi's as he lays out the baskets of paper-thin lavash crackers that serve as the restaurant's bar snacks. "You can set the mood and the tone."

In the dead of winter, as Denton explains on this freezing February night, New Yorkers crave dark spirits like whisky—but they also gravitate toward the bright flavors of the southern citrus season, like the "Tommy-O 2.0" he's concocting from the French aperitif Lillet, gin infused with orange peel, and blood orange juice that has been clarified in a centrifuge and carbonated. Other drinks currently on the ever-changing menu include the ¿Qué Pasa Calabaza? (tequila, squash essence, and the juice of an Asian citrus fruit called yuzu, served in a glass rimmed with black salt), the New School (peanut butter sake, white vermouth, raspberry), and the Persephone's Folly (pomegranate and gin with pine essence). "There's an alchemy to making something complicated in front of someone," says Denton, whose mane of shoulder-



Mix master: Kevin Denton '01, MRP '04, at work in New York City

length hair and heavy-framed glasses give him the inevitable air of the urban hipster. "I try to strike a balance between showmanship and practicality."

The WD-50 gig is the latest stop in a circuitous path that has taken Denton from the small town of Atchison, some sixty miles north of Kansas City, where he often spent weekends laying brick with his dad. "I was brainy and introverted, but I always had friends and I lived on ten acres, so I had a lot of space to run around and dogs to chase," he recalls. "It was a great place to be a boy, and very formative of my later life, but it was also confining; I saw the limits of it." He was a day student at an all-male Catholic boarding school—"I ran around with the boarders, because they were from somewhere else"—before coming to Cornell to study city and regional planning. Always passionately interested in music, he lived in the Just About Music (JAM) program house and formed a rockabilly band called the Swinging Mutts within days of matriculating.

After graduation he went home for a while, decided Kansas wasn't for him, and returned to the Hill for a master's in urban planning. During grad school, he and a few Cornellians formed a band called the Crooners, which still plays regular gigs.

(Their website describes them as "mixing high-octane bluegrass with a rock 'n' roll sensibility of blues and swing.") Planning jobs in Ithaca and Philadelphia followed, but "the allure of New York was too strong" and a Cornell friend got him a job with famed restaurateur Danny Meyer. "Then," he notes, "the career path gets extremely nonlinear."

A stint as the American liaison for an art and language school in Tuscany. More touring with the Crooners. Work at a chic cocktail bar in Williamsburg, Brooklyn. The recording of a solo album. The management of the bar at the Gramercy Park Hotel, where he cultivated a lush rooftop garden that drew attention from *Esquire*, *GQ*, and Martha Stewart. A break to learn surfing in Nicaragua. Eventually, Denton made his way to WD-50, where in addition to designing cocktails and managing the beverage business, he works behind the bar five nights a week. "Beverage is exciting because it's seeing a renaissance," he says. "People are interested in drinking better, the same way that they were interested in eating better ten years ago."

The visionary Dufresne, an occasional judge and contestant on shows like "Top Chef," is a leading practitioner of molecular gastronomy, in which dishes are



reimagined by exploring the chemistry and physics of cooking. His eggs Benedict, for example, consist of yolks poached into small columns, tiny cubes of deep-fried hollandaise coated in English muffin crumbs, and a thin chip of Canadian bacon. “At once concise and comprehensive, it’s perhaps the tidiest Benedict the egg-loving world has ever known,” Frank Bruni wrote in his *New York Times* review, giving WD-50 a coveted three stars. “It’s quite possibly the best, yielding more yolk, more hollandaise, and a more pronounced juxtaposition of textures in each bite. And it’s a window into what makes WD-50 and Mr. Dufresne, its chef, so amusing, important, and rewarding. He pushes hard against the envelope of possibility and the bounds of conformity to produce food that’s not only playful but also joyful and even exhilarating, at least when the mad science pays off.”

Denton embraced the challenge of taking a similarly avant garde approach to the restaurant’s libations. As he puts it: “Anyone can make a drink; anyone with a certain level of understanding can put ingredients together and get a fairly decent result. But at a place driven largely by technique, how do you incorporate a centrifuge or carbonation?” Take the “fat washed” bourbon in the Kentucky Cardigan, a twist on the classic Old Fashioned. The liquor is combined with brown butter and the mixture put into the freezer, so the fat rises to the top and is skimmed off. “You have the essence of brown butter,” he says, “but you don’t have an oil slick in your drink.”

Denton quotes a friend, a sommelier who calls himself a “wine D.J.” Like him, Denton says, he takes a product that someone else has created and uses his expertise to figure out what’s best for a particular audience or occasion. “The barman has always been the Internet of his place and his era,” Denton observes. “You’re a bulletin board of information about people’s comings and goings. You’re a consoler, a celebrator, the life of the party, a shoulder to cry on.” And for the longtime singer and guitarist, being behind the bar isn’t all that different from being onstage. “Mixology is the coming together of culinary acumen and a certain level of showmanship,” he says. “I’m a huge showoff, but I’m also very interested in combining the best ingredients to make something delicious. Early on at Cornell, I was introduced to what the good life was about: eating and drinking, good music, being among friends. No matter what people do, that’s the common ground.”

— Beth Saulnier



Art therapy: Auster-Rosen onstage with an actor as her father

## Speak, Memory

For performer and playwright Megan Auster-Rosen '02, BA '03, theatre offers a way to heal

In April, in an Off-Off-Broadway theater near Times Square, in front of a live audience, Megan Auster-Rosen '02, BA '03, relived the worst moment of her life. For eleven performances on the tiny stage, she went back to her sophomore spring, when she'd taken a semester off from Cornell to live in Ghana. The theatre major had been hearing about the wonders of West Africa her whole life; her father, psychiatrist Ken Rosen, had served in the Peace Corps in Sierra Leone in the early Seventies. She'd gone to Ghana in search of a similarly life-altering experience.

Her wish came true—but in tragic fashion. Rosen had come to visit his daughter, taking his first trip to Africa in three decades. Traveling back from a game park in a thunderstorm, their plane smashed onto the runway with the landing gear partly extended, cracking the aircraft in half at their row. Auster-Rosen found herself underneath the plane, gravely injured; her father was dead.

“I was paralyzed in my left leg. I had third-degree burns. I broke a ton of bones—ribs, my clavicle, my nose. I wasn’t able to use my right hand,” recalls Auster-Rosen, who returned to the Hill the following fall, getting around campus in a handicap-accessible bus. “They weren’t sure if I was going to be able to walk again. Just getting back my faculties was a huge part of my recovery. I had to go in for knee surgery. A lot of my cuts got infected, and there were pieces of gravel that would come to the top of my skin and need to be drained. We found a full piece of green grass several months later, perfectly preserved.”

Auster-Rosen has channeled that horrific experience into *From the Same Cloth*, a two-person play that debuted to sellout crowds at the 2009 New York International Fringe Festival. This spring, the show—with Auster-Rosen playing herself and an Equity actor as her father—had a limited run at New York’s Fault Line Theatre.

*From the Same Cloth* melds Ken Rosen’s unpublished memoir of his days in Sierra Leone with Auster-Rosen’s original work; she plays not only herself but others she met in Ghana, from her trio of flighty British roommates to a fortuneteller who eerily predicted the fateful plane trip. “The triumphant and exciting thing about this play was that I got an extra month with my dad,” Auster-Rosen says. “After he died, I thought I wouldn’t see him again. But then I got to spend this time with him and his words, and with an actor who looks kind of like him, interacting in a way that was honoring him.”

At Cornell, Auster-Rosen melded her theatre studies with work in psychology and anthropology; she went on to earn a master’s in performance studies from NYU. Now she’s working on a doctorate in clinical psychology at Yeshiva University, studying the potential role of theatre in treating trauma victims. “I found that therapy wasn’t that helpful for me,” she observes. “But standing in front of a group of people, telling my story, and having them connect in some way—for some reason, that was.”

# Laugh Riot

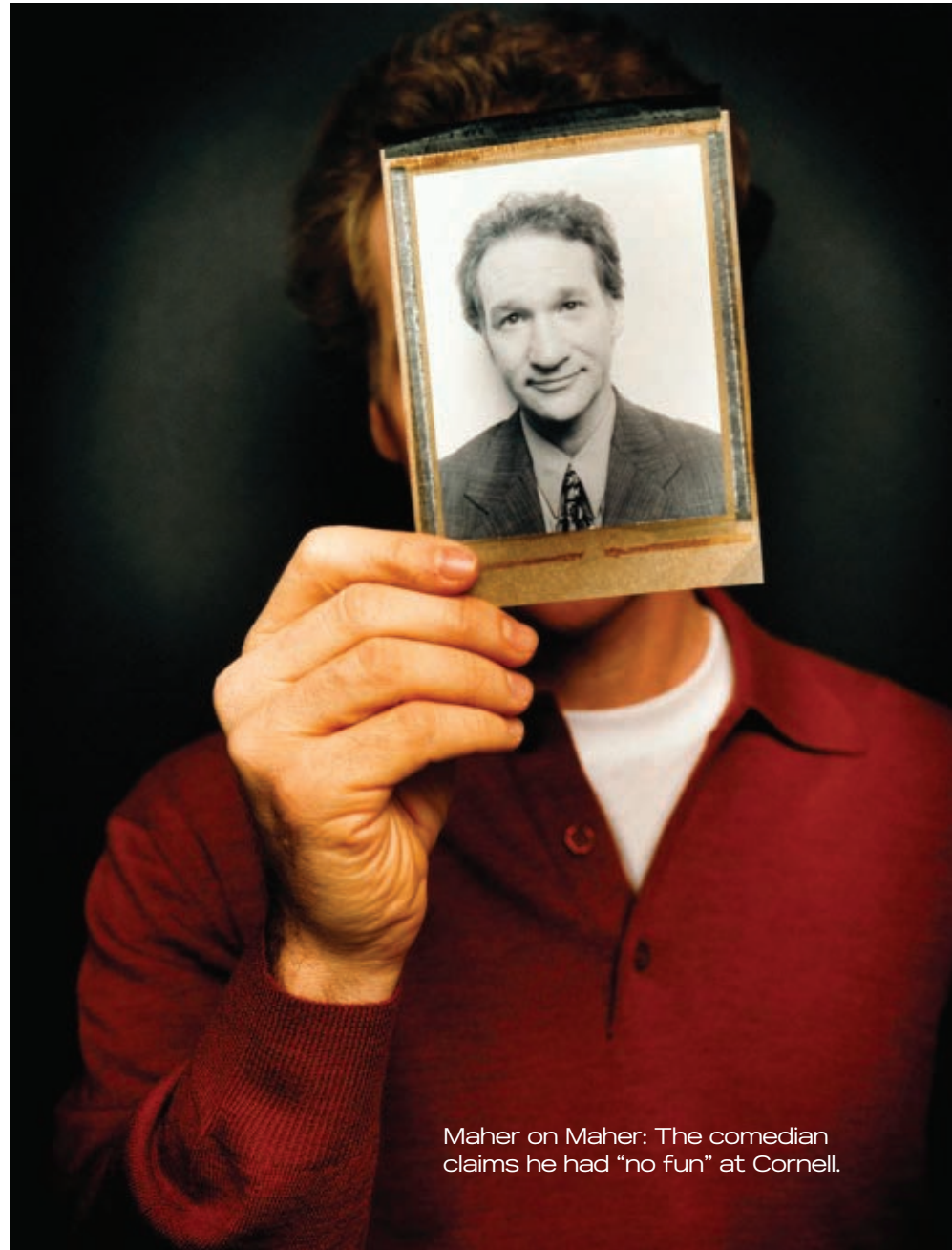
After three decades on the political scene, comic provocateur Bill Maher '78 is still riling the right

**'H**ow come in the information age," Bill Maher '78 asked a Silicon Valley crowd of some 3,000 fans at the San Jose Center for the Performing Arts in February, "it's harder than ever to get information into people's craniums?"

Maher, who recently marked his tenth anniversary as host of HBO's "Real Time with Bill Maher," sure keeps trying. He has had politicians in his sights and audiences in stitches for three decades. Whereas once his career could have been characterized as stand-up comedy infused with political observation, it has morphed into unflinching political satire. Maher aims for hilarity by exploring what he considers to be hypocrisy, duplicity, and imbecility; he's so fearless, it's funny.

One of his recent ventures, a one-hour stand-up show entitled *CrazyStupidPolitics: Bill Maher Live from Silicon Valley*, was touted as the first-ever live, uncensored Internet stand-up special, offered free to online viewers. It was the opening act to launch the new Yahoo! comedy channel, which will feature a slate of original video content. Maher sees it as a way to reach people who might not subscribe to HBO or be able to snag tickets to the dozens of stand-up performances he gives each year. As he told the *New York Times*: "I want to do my act so that millions of people, not just thousands at a time, can see it."

In San Jose, as usual, he didn't pull any punches. The backlash against Obamacare? "I learned something from the health-care debate: stupidity is a pre-existing condition." Bumbling underwear bombers? "You know that terrorist train-



Maher on Maher: The comedian claims he had "no fun" at Cornell.

ing camp with the monkey bars? I think it's a party school." Oft-teary Representative John Boehner? "What's with the crying all the time? Is he the Speaker of the House or the mother of the bride?" After skewering a series of Republican presidential hopefuls, Maher made the crowd erupt in laughter by saying, "I hope I'm

not coming across as partisan." Following his performance, he made a surprise announcement that he was donating \$1 million to a Super PAC supporting President Obama, an organization with the unfortunate name of Priorities USA Action. "I know," he shook his head. "It was named by Borat."



Regarding his foray into free online viewership, Maher's perspective is comically simple: "It is my goal to make people say, 'Oh no he di-n't' in every medium on earth." The fifty-six-year-old New Jersey native has already conquered television, garnering more than two dozen Emmy nominations (though not a single win) for his original roundtable gabfest "Politically Incorrect" and for "Real Time." He has succeeded on the big screen (*Religulous*, his spoof of religious extremism, was the highest-grossing documentary in the U.S. in 2008) and the Off-Broadway stage (he received a Tony nomination for the three-week run of his one-man show, *Victory Begins at Home*).

Maher long ago mastered the stand-up stage, evolving from a college kid who told a few jokes in Goldwin Smith's Temple of Zeus to a comic who, in 2005, was ranked thirty-eighth among Comedy Central's 100 greatest stand-up artists of all time. He's the bestselling author of seven books, including three inspired by the "New Rules" segment of his HBO show. And he has recently surpassed one million Twitter followers. The medium played host to a classic Maher dust-up in December when he tweeted about a loss by the NFL's Denver Broncos, whose star quarterback is famously devout. "Wow, Jesus just [expletive] #Tim Tebow bad! And on Xmas Eve!" The remark drew criticism from many quarters; there was talk of a boycott of "Real Time," but it never materialized.

It certainly wouldn't have muzzled Maher. This is a comedian who likes to, as he puts it, "confront conformity." In 1997, he began his five-year run with "Politically Incorrect" on ABC by using his first monologue joke to mock . . . ABC. A few years ago, he directed his venom at Yahoo! (along with Google, Friendster, and Bebo): "If I want to see uncaring, money-making machines with cutesy names, I go to a strip club." And his alma mater? "I got an excellent education," he said in a recent interview, "and that's all I got from it—an excellent education. No fun."

Many Cornellians would strenuously disagree—but as always, Maher welcomes his critics. Free speech goes both ways, and he has shown throughout the years that it takes many forms. Last December, after he received a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame, Maher quipped to a reporter: "I could have been deemed too controversial, even for the sidewalk. But then, it is just a sidewalk. If people don't like me, they can take it out on me with vomit or spit."

— Brad Herzog '90

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It's everywhere—in your couches, tables, desks, cabinets, bookshelves, and cubicles. For decades, particle board or fiberboard made from wood composites has been a staple of residential and office furniture. Although the veneer-covered boards reduce the cost of wood products, they are environmentally problematic because they contain formaldehyde—a classified carcinogen.

But the composites found in furniture and other products may soon go green, thanks to research by fiber science professor Anil Netravali. With Patrick Govang, a former director of the Cornell Center for Materials Research, Netravali co-founded e2e Materials Inc., which produces sustainable desktops—made from a composite of soy flour and natural fibers—at a factory in Geneva, New York.

Relocated from a smaller plant in Ithaca with the help of a \$1.25 million state grant, the production facility opened in January and is already supplying desktops to a technology company in Silicon Valley. With its headquarters based in Ithaca, e2e (which stands for “earth to earth”) is expected to create about 200 jobs over the next four years as it diversifies its products and expands its customer base. “The key to e2e is that the products are not made out of particle board, and there’s zero formaldehyde or other noxious or poisonous chemicals,” says Zach Shulman ’87, JD ’90, a senior lecturer at the Johnson School and managing partner of the Cayuga Venture Fund, which has invested more than \$1 million in e2e. “It’s green technology.”

Since it was established in 2006, e2e has earned kudos from regional and national business and trade organizations. In February, its Transform Worksurface product received the Award for Composites Excellence from the American Composites Manufacturers Association. The company also won the 2007 Upstate New York Emerging Business Competition—including a \$100,000 prize—from the New York Business Development Corporation and M&T Bank.

A co-founder of three companies spun off from his research, Netravali began experimenting with biodegradable composites in 1993, aiming to develop a sustainable product that did not rely on petroleum-based resins. He notes that



E2E MATERIALS INC.

## Clean & Green

A new Cornell-based company offers a better building material

about 6 to 8 percent of petroleum production goes to make chemicals, fibers, and polymers. “If we don’t have petroleum, what will we do then?” he asks. “We will have hybrid and electric cars, but not many people think, If we don’t

have petroleum, how will I get my polyester and plastics?”

For Netravali, there was one clear answer: plants. His first petroleum-free, sustainable composite derived from a material called polyhydroxybutyrate-

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Office max: This desk from e2e Materials is made of a composite containing soy flour and natural fibers.



co-valerate (PHBV), a sustainable polymer formed by microbial fermentation. But when the company that supplied PHBV stopped manufacturing it—claiming that competing with petroleum-based polymers had become too expensive—Netravali turned to soybeans, which are widely grown around the world.

In his lab at the College of Human Ecology, Netravali and his students extracted the protein from soybeans and removed the oil from the remaining solids; this yielded defatted soy flour, which became the resin that is reinforced to form composites. The combination of the powdery soy flour and a mesh of natural fibers (such as jute, hemp, and flax) produced a composite that is five to six times as strong as particle board. Because of its stiffness and strength, the green composites can be manufactured using one-third of the material by weight, compared to standard particle board. The use of soy protein as a resin also eliminated the need for formaldehyde, a volatile organic compound that can cause lung problems as it outgases into the environment, especially in airtight buildings. “The formaldehyde issue is something that we have an elegant solution for that no one else can offer,” says Govang, the company’s president and CEO.

After e2e was launched, its first client was Comet Skateboards, a company that Jason Salfi '92 founded in San Francisco in 1997. While researching how he could make his boards more environmentally friendly, Salfi came across one of Netravali’s papers. After visiting the professor, Salfi moved his manufacturing operation to Ithaca in 2007. “We did that to be as close to the source of the raw materials as possible,” says Salfi, who majored in natural resources management.

Another potential benefit of e2e’s production could be a resurgence of the flax crop in the Finger Lakes. Govang is working with the Cornell Agricultural Experiment Station to develop regionally grown flax as the composites’ fiber source and estimates that a supply from 200 farms would meet the demand. Locally sourcing the raw material would transform the production of typical furniture, most of whose components now travel more than 20,000 miles because they are produced in China with petroleum products from the Middle East and wood chips shipped from the northwestern U.S. or Canada. “Our vision,” Govang says, “is to take that 20,000 miles and reduce it to less than 200.”

— Sherrie Negrea

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# Leading Las Vegas

Hotel exec Paul Berry '89 gambles on Sin City's largest-ever development



JUSTIN HAMMOND

Sky's the limit: Paul Berry '89 in one of the Aria's "sky villas," which cost up to \$7,500 per night

**A**t Aria Resort & Casino, the centerpiece of a sixty-seven-acre urban complex that has altered the skyline of Las Vegas Boulevard, vice president of hotel operations Paul Berry '89 sits in his spacious office and reflects on his big gamble. When he arrived in this swath of neon in Nevada, fresh out of the Hotel school, most of his peers were opting for positions in traditional hospitality management. "I chose the gaming resorts side of it," says Berry, a Baltimore native who had never been west of the Mississippi. "I thought it was worth taking a chance."

At the time, Vegas still resembled its original incarnation—an adult playground of \$1.99 buffets and cheap rooms, where hotels made most of their money from casino gambling. But Berry arrived on the cusp of a sea change in the desert. He was recruited by what was then known as Golden Nugget Companies for its management associate program, his training focusing on the opening of a 3,044-room hotel. The Mirage, then the most expensive hotel-casino in history, ushered in the era of the mega-resort on the Las Vegas Strip. In 1994,



when the company (now known as MGM Resorts International) opened the pirate-themed Treasure Island, Berry oversaw reservations, the front desk, and valet.

Five years later, he was director of guest services (and eventually VP of hotel operations) at the brand-new Bellagio. The 3,950-room resort, says Berry, “took luxury in Las Vegas to a whole new level,” proving that a hotel-casino could be a AAA Five Diamond resort in which more revenue comes from non-gaming ventures like high-end retail, elegant rooms, and fine dining. “Las Vegas always reinvents itself and continues to push us as operators,” says Berry, who lives with his wife, Christina DePiero Berry ’90, and their two daughters thirteen miles west of the Strip.

But while MGM Resorts has been the major player in the reinvention of the Strip, it has also experienced a remarkable run of bad luck. Among the mishaps and tragedies: the onstage tiger attack at the Mirage in 2003 that nearly killed Vegas icon Roy Horn, the Easter 2004 power failure that shut down the Bellagio for four days, the fire that charred the upper floors of the Monte Carlo in 2008, and the gunman who escaped with \$1.5 million in chips from the Bellagio on Christmas Eve 2010. Calling it a “star-crossed corporation,” one *Las Vegas Weekly* columnist wondered, “What else could possibly happen?”

How about pumping an unprecedented amount of money into an endeavor based on high volume and luxury, only to run smack into a recession? Nearly a decade ago Berry and his colleagues began developing a behemoth called CityCenter—an 18 million-square-foot campus with high-end retail and dining, a pair of condo towers, and three hotels: the Mandarin Oriental Las Vegas, the Vdara Hotel & Spa, and the 4,004-room Aria. Construction began when the economy was booming, but by the time Aria opened in December 2009 the project’s price tag had more than doubled to \$8.5 billion. As the credit market collapsed, it had to be rescued by Infinity World Development, a subsidiary of Dubai World, which invested some \$2.7 billion to become a joint partner. The *New York Times* described the whole venture as a “symbol of precession hubris.”

The run of misfortune continued. Six workers died in five separate construction accidents. Poolside sunbathers reported being burned by the rays reflecting off one of CityCenter’s towers. And after six Aria patrons came down with Legionnaires’ disease, Berry wrote to every guest who stayed there over a two-week period in July 2011,

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Desert menu: The Aria Resort & Casino is one of several luxury hotels in CityCenter.

informing them they may have been exposed to the potentially fatal infectious disease. “Opening a hotel,” Berry notes, “is not for the faint of heart.” But there have

Vegas. Aria’s exterior consists of two curvilinear glass towers that resemble futuristic office buildings; its interior features natural light and earth tones. Berry

also been some accolades. Both Aria and its Sky Suites—a hotel within a hotel, with a separate lobby and three-story “sky villas” that cost up to \$7,500 per night—are among the handful of Vegas properties to have received AAA Five Diamond certification. And Aria is the largest hotel in the world to receive the U.S. Green Building Council’s LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) gold award.

Aiming for a unique take on modern luxury, CityCenter’s developers hired architects and designers who had never worked in Las

was involved in countless decisions. How many cubic feet of water should Aria’s swimming pools (including one reserved for adults) contain? How many salon stations should the spa have? Which chefs should helm its more than a dozen restaurants?

Although Aria’s *Viva Elvis* Cirque de Soleil show is a nod to old-school Vegas, one element that defines the major hotel-casinos on the Strip—a catchy theme—is noticeably missing. There is no Luxor pyramid or Excalibur castle, but Aria has a de facto theme: sustainability. In-room touch-screen technology is aimed to reduce energy consumption (leading *Popular Mechanics* to describe Aria as perhaps “the most technologically advanced hotel ever built”). Aria’s limousine fleet runs on compressed natural gas; the Maya Lin-designed sculpture of the Colorado River that hangs in the lobby is made of reclaimed silver from photo processing plants.

Whether the diamond ratings and the sustainability focus will translate to financial success in a difficult economy remains to be seen. But Berry is betting on it.

— Brad Herzog '90

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## Birds of a Feather

### Raptor fans flock to campus conservation group

At the annual Vet college open house in April, visitors learned how to milk a cow, took ailing stuffed animals to the teddy bear ER, and petted future seeing-eye dogs. Down the hall from the reptile room, next door to a classroom where kids could listen to a dog's heartbeat, was one of the more exotic and popular exhibits: live owls, falcons, and other birds being rehabilitated by the Cornell Raptor Program. Dozens of visitors looked on as a Eurasian eagle owl—the world's largest owl species—perched on the arm of a student volunteer; across the room, another program member fielded a barrage of questions about the nervous (and loud) screech owl she was holding.

Established in 1993 under the aegis of the animal science department, the program works with injured birds of prey and promotes conservation of species and their habitats. Its facility, located on Game Farm Road, currently houses some forty-five birds, ranging from a tropical owl called Zorro to a golden eagle named Esther. (The latter was dubbed in honor of University foremost benefactor Esther Schiff Bondareff '37; the raptor facility is named for Bondareff and her late husband, Daniel Bondareff '35.) "They are birds that have to be in captivity for one reason or another, usually because of some debilitating injury," says program director John Parks, an animal science professor. "But they are also tame enough and calm enough that they can be handled."

The Raptor Program traces its roots to the Seventies, when ornithologist Tom Cade (now a professor emeritus) began a restoration effort for the American peregrine falcon. That operation moved out West in the mid-Eighties, but students and faculty kept up efforts to rescue and rehabilitate birds of prey. The program's original home, in the Sapsucker

Woods Hawk Barn, was razed in 2001 for the Lab of Ornithology expansion; the current facility, dedicated in fall 2005, has 4,000 square feet of space and more than a dozen fiberglass aviaries. A two-story barn houses the majority of the birds in separate enclosures, providing space to fly and recover from injuries. A smaller adjacent barn has facilities for the captive breeding of such species as the northern goshawk.

Each Saturday morning, students weigh the birds, clean their aviaries, and bring them outside for fresh air and exercise; if needed, they even bathe the animals with soap and antibacterial wipes to prevent infection. Student supervisor Erin McCourt '12, a double major in animal science and entomology, says she's particularly fond of Ed, a turkey vulture who was found with an injured wing and two broken legs that did not heal properly. As a result, he has trouble soaring for long periods of time, making him unable to hunt well. "When they found him, he was in such bad shape," she says. "It took a lot of work to get him back."

The program holds regular education sessions—including behavioral demonstrations and lectures on raptor history and biology—for elementary schools, scouting groups, senior centers, and other organizations. Education director Sarah Cudney '12, a double major in animal science and biology, notes that the program attracts a particular subset of students—those who are wildly passionate about their charges. "We realize," she says, "that you have to be insane to get up at nine a.m. every Saturday and clean birds."

— Timothy Weisberg '12



Winged victory: The program's charges include Ike, a Harris hawk

# Wines of the Finger Lakes



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It would seem that Wiemer's trust in Merwarth was more than warranted, as he has taken his mentor's name to even greater heights of public recognition and respect. *Wine Spectator*, for example, has rated sixteen Hermann J. Wiemer wines 90 or higher since Wiemer's retirement—and for the 2010 vintage Hermann J. Wiemer products dominate the magazine's list of the highest-rated Finger Lakes wines.

The Hermann J. Wiemer 2010 Dry Riesling Reserve may be Merwarth's greatest achievement. New York Cork Report, a website that offers the most comprehensive coverage of New York State wines online, named the Reserve its 2011 Finger Lakes



White Wine of the Year, and Merwarth himself believes that "it is possibly the best wine I've ever made."

He accomplished this even though, as Merwarth himself has said, "2010 was a tricky year for Riesling." In a growing season as consistently warm as 2010, there is the danger of insufficient grape acidity as harvest approaches. Merwarth, aware of this, picked many of the grapes from the vineyard adjacent to the winery on September 21 while they were still high in acidity. He used the juice from these grapes to balance the flavor of ones picked as late as October 31 from Wiemer's Josef and Magdalena vineyards.

The resulting wine is gorgeous, with a distinctive aroma featuring orange notes and a hint of ginger. In the mouth, it has a supple texture and citrusy flavors that culminate in a long, mouthwatering finish. This beauty is available at retail outlets and may also be purchased for \$29 at the winery's website, [www.wiemer.com](http://www.wiemer.com).

— Dave Pohl

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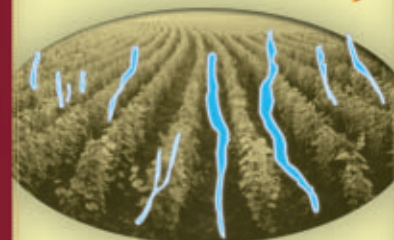
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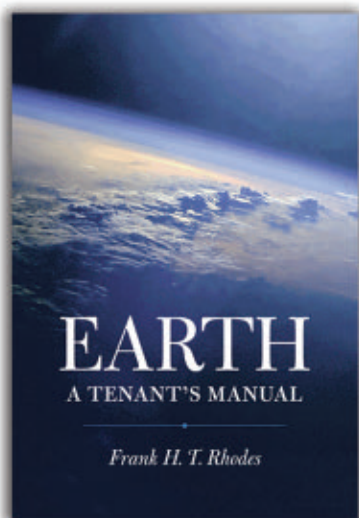
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President Emeritus Frank Rhodes explores man's effect on the ecosystem



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**F**or a brief time, St. Matthew Island, Alaska, was a reindeers' paradise—boasting ample carpets of tasty lichen and no predators. In 1944, twenty-nine of the animals were released on the island to serve as an emergency food source for U.S. Coast Guard personnel stationed there.

*Thirteen years later, there were 1,350 of them, most seeming fat and happy. By 1963, there were 6,000, though less healthy and with fewer young. Three years later, there were only forty-two, all adults. By the Eighties, they were all dead.*

*"The island just consisted of bleached bones," says President Emeritus Frank H. T. Rhodes. "They had simply overgrazed it. They were in a place that was wonderfully suited to them, but they exploded in numbers and ate themselves into extinction."*

*For Rhodes, the St. Matthew reindeer offer a cautionary tale of the dire costs of over-exploiting an ecosystem. The eminent geologist cites their example in *Earth: A Tenant's Manual*—a comprehensive look at the structure of the planet, an analysis of how humans have depleted it, and a road map for how our species can live more sustainably. "Nothing lives forever," Rhodes says. "There are all kinds of reasons that different species, including dinosaurs, became extinct. And as you look at our own species, we've been around just a short time, but we have an impact on the planet that is out of all proportion to our numbers. We have an impact on every other species, too—and I've become increasingly concerned about the effect we're having on the planet on which we depend."*

*In the 350-page, general-audience book, published in June by Cornell University Press, Rhodes offers a primer on the planet's natural history and goes on to contemplate the challenges facing it, both man-made and otherwise—from earthquakes and asteroids to chemical pollution and soil depletion. He gives an overview of global warming and its causes and contemplates the costs of such ills as hunger and disease. In the final chapter, he suggests "policies for sustenance," including expanded recycling and reuse, increased energy efficiency, the restoration of damaged ecosystems, the implementation of pro-sustainability taxes and subsidies, the development of new technologies, and the leveraging of local environmental concerns into a national consensus. "We are just a tiny, tiny part of this great cavalcade of living things," Rhodes says. "But it's easy to forget that we share the planet*







*with two million other named species, and the effect we're having on them is huge. We just assume that every other species gets out of the way while we take what we want. But there's a limit to how long we can go on doing that, because like it or not we depend to varying degrees on many of these other species. We injure not just them, but ourselves, by the casual way in which we plunder the planet."*

Rhodes, who took office in 1977, was the longest serving president in the Ivy League when he retired in 1995. He and his wife, Rosa, spend the winter months on the west coast of Florida; when in Ithaca, the eighty-five-year-old Rhodes puts in full days in his Snee Hall office. He's enjoying fine health—for his mobility, he thanks a knee replacement at the Mayo Clinic a couple of years ago—and still leads the occasional Cornell's Adult University trip, such as a winter 2011 foray to the Galápagos Islands. He's been working on *Earth*, which he laughingly describes as "ridiculously comprehensive," for the past several years. "I write slowly and in longhand," he says. "I tend to think before I write, I revise endlessly, and I'm never quite satisfied with what

*comes out of it."*

*Earth was written with guidance from some two dozen Cornell faculty—who, as Rhodes puts it, "checked what I was doing and helped me with crazy questions." He deems himself "reasonably satisfied" with the outcome, and now plans to tackle another book project, a follow-up to his 1976 volume *The Evolution of Life*. In the meantime, he hopes that *Earth* will generate discussion on how human habits are harming the planet—and, most important, what can be done to ameliorate the damage and preserve the Earth for future generations of all species. "It's an issue that isn't going to go away," he says. "And whether you agree with the broad conclusions I come to or not, it's an issue we have to tackle, because our population is going to go up another 50 percent before it stabilizes—and we've got to face the fact that if we've got problems now, we'll have far more as population rises. The trouble is that on these big policy issues, you can't have a kind of United Nations ordinance that says, 'This is what we're going to do.' The world doesn't work that way."*

— Beth Saulnier

# Global View

In an excerpt from his new book, the eminent geologist contemplates the meaning of sustainability

By Frank H. T. Rhodes

**F**or the last 3.5 billion years the Earth and its systems have shaped the lives and influenced the behavior of all its inhabitants. And the inhabitants, in turn, have had a significant impact on the surface of the planet that gave them birth. Think, for example, of the huge influence of early bacteria in providing the initial oxygen of the atmosphere. Or consider the continuing role of plants in the carbon cycle.

But for most animals, this interchange has been more one-sided. Earlier generations of humans were, like most of their fellow creatures, far more dependent on Earth's bounty and far more influenced by its forces than Earth was by them. For most of our ancestors, every dimension of life and every aspect of day-to-day existence was constrained by the planet. Human life exists by courtesy of the planet: it came into existence in adaptation to Earth's conditions and it has survived only as it was able to adapt its behavior and accommodate its activities to the continuing and changing constraints the Earth imposes.

A little over 250 years ago that simple pattern of indenture began to change. Until then, food supplies were largely local, their character and even their availability heavily dependent on local climate, soils, and crops, and on a handful of easily hunted or domesticated local animals. Implements were manufactured largely from local materials, whether stone for early weapons and implements, iron for tools, or clay for pottery. Building styles and architectural forms were also local or regional in character, reflecting the availability of freestone for construction, clay for bricks and tiles, timber for framing and shingles, slate or thatch for roofing. Patterns of settlement and trading were no less influenced by local geography and convenient water supply. Wider migration and trade, such as they were, depended on navigable rivers, protective harbors, and favorable winds.

With the coming of the Industrial Revolution, the age-old influence of these physical constraints rapidly declined. To the energy long supplied by human effort, wind, water, wood, and animals was now added fossil fuel—first coal, then oil and natural gas—and later nuclear power. And this brought a revolutionary increase in human empowerment, and with it not only dramatic changes in individual lifestyles, but also a growing human impact on both the planet and its other inhabitants. Mining and quarrying, drilling and blasting every corner of the Earth, humans now began to exploit it on a scale scarcely imaginable in earlier times. Burning fossil fuels in a growing array of new devices—from domestic stoves to industrial smelters, from steam

locomotives to jet airplanes—manufacturing, agriculture, travel, communications, and human society itself were transformed. Nor was this all, for with this transformation in human power went explosive growth in human numbers, and, with both, an enormous increase in human impact on the planet itself. Rivers were dammed, drainage patterns were modified, forests were felled, coastlines were reconfigured, prairies were farmed, estuaries were drained, and the surface of the planet shaped and sculpted to suit a world of human needs. Above the Earth, the atmosphere, too, was changed and the global climate modified to an extent and with a rapidity that were unprecedented in recorded human history. It is as though, one reflected, we were absentmindedly conducting a whole-Earth experiment in real time.

All these changes our ancient planet will survive. It has repeatedly shown its resilience throughout its long history. So, too, will life. It has survived waves of global extinction long before we appeared on the scene. It is not Earth's sustainability that is in question. It is ours. And our sustainability requires the planet to remain habitable, able to sustain not only our own species but the countless others on which the intricately balanced economy of our present existence depends. It is that sustainability that we now examine.

Sustainability involves Earth's ability to continue to supply our basic needs. But what's our most basic need? What resource is most critical to our survival? Food perhaps? Certainly, food is essential. We can't long survive without it. But food—whether vegetable or animal—requires soil, and soil requires water. Each of us needs about two and a half liters a day just to keep our bodies functioning. Maybe water's equally basic. So, of course, is air—clean air. And so is energy. No energy, no food production. No energy—no heat, no light, no fuel. And minerals—stone, metals, materials. No minerals, no tools, no shelter. So it's not just one basic resource: it's all the above. Put all these together—food, soil, water, air, energy, minerals—and you have Earth and its components. We need them all. They're all connected. It's in the interplay of Earth's endless cycles of interacting systems that these resources on which we depend—Earth's bounty—are produced and sustained.

Now the definition of sustainability requires refinement and clarification. Suppose we say that sustainability is, "Meeting the needs of the present generation without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their needs." That definition—often called the Brundtland definition, after the former prime minister of Norway, Gro Harlem Brundtland, whose commission coined it—is broadly ethical. Other, more precise, definitions



involve a social equality component, requiring the elimination of hunger as a necessary definition or a certain level of income or food supply, for example. Still other definitions are economic. Thus Herman E. Daly of the University of Maryland gives an operational requirement that the rate of use of renewable resources must not exceed their rate of generation, that the rate of use of nonrenewable resources should not exceed the development and supply of alternatives, and that pollution rates should not exceed Earth's natural restorative capacity.

My colleague at Cornell, Norman Scott, PhD '62, suggests a more comprehensive definition: "Sustainable development is a process of change in which the direction of investment, the orientation of technology, the allocation of resources, and the development and functioning of institutions meet present needs and aspirations without endangering the capacity of natural systems to absorb the effects of human activities, and without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs and aspirations."

**A**ny workable definition will require some combination of these ethical, social, economic, environmental, and operational components. Two questions arise: one of equity, the other of costs, and the two are closely related. The equity issues loom large in any discussion of responsibility and costs. The average environmental footprint created by a U.S. resident, for example, is twice that of a European, twelve times that of an Indian, and twenty-four times that of a Somali. The United States and Europe are prosperous, developed countries, India a growing, strongly developing country, and Somalia a poverty-stricken, war-torn, famine-ravaged country. Each is a polluter. Who pays, and what should be the relative contributions? The U.K.'s Stern Commission calculated that a restorative national investment now of 1 percent national GDP could avoid a potential 20 percent cost in subsequent liabilities for environmental restoration.

Nor can we isolate these sustainability questions from the broader question of how many humans Earth can sustain.

The most basic requirements for human survival have been estimated as follows, expressed as per person, per year:

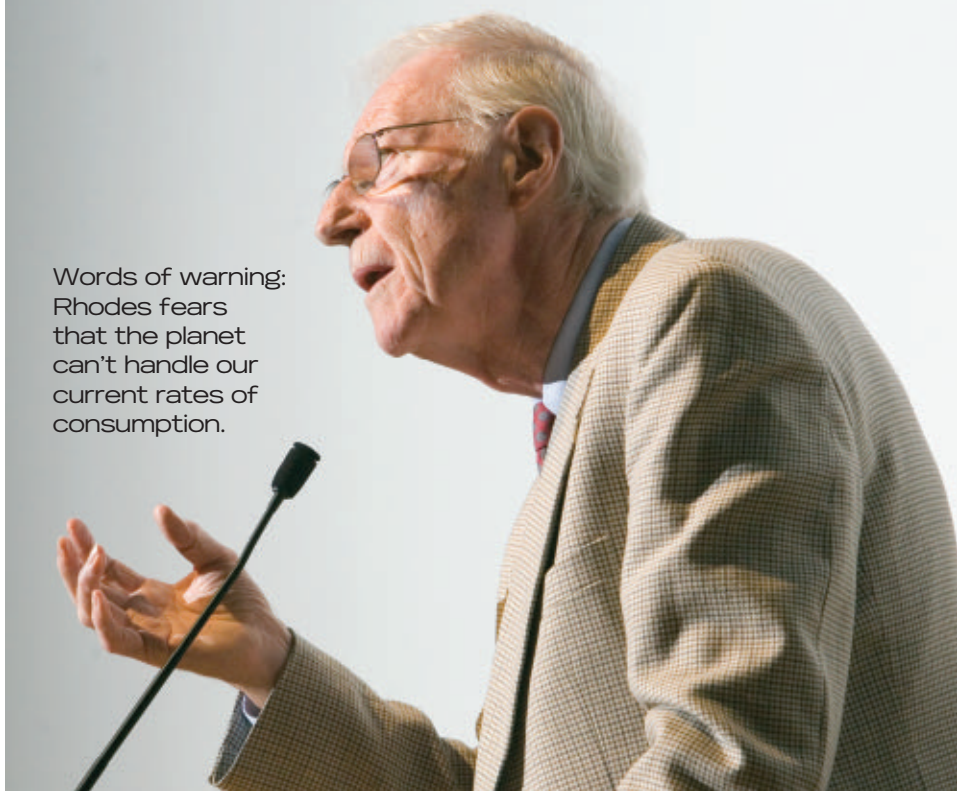
- Nine hundred liters of relatively clean water;
- Three hundred kilograms of food, mostly from grain; and
- Adequate clothing and shelter from freezing temperatures.

Now these are basic, survival requirements. In contrast, the average U.S. resident in a typical state, Rhode Island, consumes each year:

- One hundred thousand liters of clean water;
- One thousand kilograms of food, including significant amounts of meat and imported fruits;
- Between five hundred and one thousand liters of gasoline for transportation;
- One to two thousand equivalent liters of gasoline for power; and
- Tons of metals, plastics, fabrics, chemicals, and construction materials.

Clearly, therefore, estimates of Earth's carrying capacity involve social, ethical, and economic as well as physical and biological considerations—and, because there is no agreement on

Words of warning: Rhodes fears that the planet can't handle our current rates of consumption.



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the relative priority of each, it is scarcely surprising that there is little agreement on Earth's carrying capacity. Add to this uncertainty the speculative nature of cost estimates and prospects for improvements in technological efficiency (alternative fuels, more-efficient energy use, synthetic materials, new crops, and improved water safety, for example) and the problem of social sustainability becomes still more complex. Profoundly personal views and values thus have to be incorporated in any estimate of Earth's carrying capacity. For example, is it better to have a smaller, prosperous, well-fed population, or a larger, poorer, less well-fed population? How does one decide? How do Earth's people decide? What is the balance of personal reproductive choice and social responsibility?

These and other issues influence the widely varying estimates of Earth's carrying capacity, but if one includes social sustainability as a requirement, estimates range from 0.5 billion to 14 billion, depending on the standard of living, the longevity of nonrenewable resources and the adequacy of renewable ones, and the likelihood of technological improvements. The medians of high and low estimates, however, range from 2.1 to 5.0 billion. That means our present population level of 7.0 billion is already unsustainable. That we are able to maintain this imbalance reflects our dependence on nonrenewable energy sources—especially petroleum and natural gas—and the huge social inequalities that our present global population represents.

Sustainability projections such as these inevitably involve assumptions about the global framework within which they will apply. Prolonged global conflict, for example, would clearly involve greater stress than a peaceful global society in which creativity and technology were nurtured and encouraged, free trade was embraced, a sense of global responsibility was fostered, and human population leveled off and stabilized. Given such perhaps utopian conditions, sustainability—though difficult—does not seem unattainable. The alternative—human population growth that exceeds a sustainable number, with the loss of the most vulnerable in large numbers, whatever is done—is simply unacceptable to all our deepest instincts and all our finest values. ■

# Money

By Bill Sternberg

## ILR Grad Alan Krueger '83 heads the Council of Economic Advisers

**F**irst at the Treasury Department and now the White House, Alan Krueger '83 has been at the center of the Obama Administration's response to the biggest financial crisis since the Great Depression. In 2009 and 2010, as the administration scrambled to avert a meltdown and engineer a recovery, Krueger served as Treasury's chief economist and assistant secretary for economic policy. Since last November, he has been chairman of the president's Council of Economic Advisers.

Though Krueger is best known for his work on labor markets, his eclectic research interests range from the roots of terrorism to the economics of rock-and-roll. His résumé features an Ivy League trifecta: a bachelor's degree from Cornell's School of Industrial and Labor Relations, a doctorate from Harvard, and a professorship in economics and public affairs at Princeton.

A native of Livingston, New Jersey, Krueger is married to Lisa Simon Krueger '83; they met at Willard Straight Hall and have two children. He sat down recently with *Cornell Alumni Magazine* in his high-ceilinged office on the third floor of the Eisenhower Executive Office Building, next door to the White House.

**Cornell Alumni Magazine:** In early 2010 and 2011, the economy seemed to be improving, only to lose steam later in the year. Is the recovery for real this time?

**Alan Krueger:** I'm cautiously optimistic. I think that the improvement, particularly in the labor market, is a little bit different this time than when we had some upturns in the past. And I think that the nature of financial crises is that they lead to recoveries that have more fits and starts.

**CAM:** You're President Obama's chief economic adviser. How often do you meet or talk with him?

**AK:** Often. I have to say I've been very pleased with the way the president relies on the Council of Economic Advisers.

**CAM:** Once a week? Twice a week?

**AK:** It varies, and it depends upon the issues that are on his plate. But I would describe it as more frequent than I had expected coming in. I would say hardly a





# Matters

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Finance chief:  
Alan Krueger '83  
with President  
Barack Obama

In the Oval Office: President Obama meets with (from left) Chief of Staff Jack Lew, National Economic Council Director Gene Sperling, and Krueger.



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week goes by when I'm not involved in a meeting with him one, two, three times.

**CAM: The president's re-election could well be riding on the state of the economy this year. Are you feeling the pressure?**

**AK:** I try to keep politics out of my job. The president hired me to give him, as he said when he announced my nomination, "unvarnished" advice about how the economy is doing and how to make the recovery stronger and faster. There are plenty of people around here who handle the politics. I'm much more comfortable in the role of being the policy guy. I try not to focus on the implications for the election.

**CAM: Maybe not, but no modern president has been re-elected with an unemployment rate above 7.2 percent. Where do you think the rate will be on Friday, November 2, when the last jobs report before the election comes out?**

**AK:** I have to give you the answer I always give to questions like that, which is: We do forecasts twice a year. And we're smart enough not to forecast more than we're required to. Private forecasters are expecting a gradual reduction in the unemployment rate, but there's a lot of uncertainty around that. I also think it's important that people focus on job numbers in addition to the unemployment rate.

**CAM: Job creation numbers?**

**AK:** Job creation. Focusing on job growth, I think, is really key because we have a lot of jobs to make up that were lost from the recession. And even before the recession, the U.S. economy was not producing enough jobs.

**CAM: Have technology and globalization permanently changed**

**the nature of the labor force?**

**AK:** We have a lot of challenges in the job market. One of the problems is that we had not invested enough in educating our workforce for the jobs of the future. Countries that have expanded education met these challenges more forcefully and were more successful in terms of providing jobs. I do think there's an encouraging trend starting of "in-shoring"—of bringing jobs from overseas back to the U.S. because we have a productive workforce and because it's cost-effective to do that.

**CAM: Do presidents typically get more credit than they deserve when the economy is doing well, and more blame than they deserve when the economy is doing badly?**

**AK:** I think the American public recognizes that when President Obama walked into the Oval Office in January 2009, he was facing more problems than any president since Franklin D. Roosevelt. And I would argue that he was facing even more economic problems than Roosevelt faced, because the American economy is much, much more complex now than it was then. Our financial system is a much larger share of the economy, and the financial system was melting down.

**CAM: What was it like working at the Treasury Department during that time?**

**AK:** It was all hands on deck. So I moved beyond my comfort area, which is mostly in the job market, and worked on issues about banking, housing, and state and local finance. It was a fascinating time. The issues that we were confronted with were a tremendous challenge. There were times when things felt very dark. There were times when it felt as if large segments of the American economy were dependent on the U.S. Treasury for support. And all throughout, it felt as if we were being confronted



with a lot of difficult choices that one would never choose to make unless it was an emergency. But when I look back over that period, I think that a lot of courageous choices were made, and that the economy is a lot stronger as a result.

**CAM: Many Republicans would argue that the stimulus program [the Recovery Act] and TARP [the Troubled Asset Relief Program] did more harm than good.**

**AK:** The Recovery Act was absolutely essential in terms of putting the brakes on the recession. In the bigger scheme of things, it is a very small part of the federal debt. And I think the management of the TARP program was done about as well as the government could do it.

**CAM: Including the rescues of General Motors and Chrysler?**

**AK:** Including the auto rescues, which I would also say have worked out better than I expected at the time. I'm pleased to be proved wrong. And one of the prescient decisions that I don't think has gotten enough attention is the rescue of the auto suppliers. We were facing a situation in the spring of 2009 when the whole supply network could have collapsed. Had that happened, I think it would have taken much, much longer to rebuild that critical supply chain when conditions improved.

**CAM: Your critics also point out that in a household you can't keep borrowing forty cents for every dollar you spend. How long can the government run trillion-dollar deficits without going off a financial cliff?**

**AK:** Well, I learned at Cornell that households and governments are different. If one wants to say that the government is like a household, then the government is like a household that lives forever, that has the power to tax, and that can print its own money. So the government is different from a household. The analogy is helpful at times, but it only goes so far. I think what the markets are telling us is that investors have a lot of confidence in the U.S. and that confidence is likely to continue for a time. But I think they would also like to see us make credible commitments that we're moving to a sustainable fiscal path.

**CAM: Something like the "grand bargain" that fell apart last summer?**

**AK:** The president has repeatedly made it clear that he wants a balanced approach. I think he recognizes the importance of addressing the imbalance between our spending and our revenues while we have the window to make these adjustments.

**CAM: How long before that window slams shut?**

**AK:** You know, it's really hard to put a precise time on it. I would say it's sufficiently long for Congress to act in a deliberate fashion. And I also think it's important for people to recognize that this is another one of those problems that didn't start overnight. In the previous administration, taxes were cut without revenues to pay for them, without spending cuts to offset those tax cuts. Prescription drugs were added to Medicare without the revenue to pay for them, and two wars were prosecuted without funding. And those forces are the main reasons why the deficit is as large as it is today, combined with the fact that the recession that began at the end of 2007 was very deep and cut into revenues.

**CAM: You gave a notable speech in January about income inequality and how it might be hurting economic growth.**

**AK:** I have increasingly begun to believe that the rise in inequality is actually affecting our prospects for growth. For example, we've shifted more and more income to the highest income-

earners, who have a much lower propensity to spend that money, and that has reduced aggregate demand. On top of that, I fear that the rise in income inequality is going to reduce social mobility. If you think about all of the benefits that a family with a high income can buy for their children—a neighborhood with a better school, private tutors, help studying for the SAT exam, help writing college essays, advice about which colleges to apply to, networks in the job market, and so on—the rewards for all of those things have increased. That's going to make it harder for children born to lower-income families to move up the income ladder.

**CAM: Was the Occupy Wall Street movement a fleeting thing, or will the protestors have some lasting impact?**

**AK:** That's hard for me to say. I think that the frustrations that motivated them are frustrations that I share, that a number of policymakers share. And I think it's important that we build an economy that addresses the problems that motivated that group. I think that the president's commitment to changing the tax code so it's more fair is an important step in that direction.

**CAM: Earlier in your career, you did some work on what you call "rockonomics"—the economics of rock-and-roll. What was your most interesting finding?**

**AK:** Concert tickets have soared in price, faster than health-care inflation, faster than college tuition. The best theory I have is that the performers used to make money from selling albums—you know, those round discs that you and I would buy when we were at Cornell—and then the technology changed. Bands make much less of their income from selling recordings, so now they turn to concerts as a profit center. Before, concerts were something of a loss leader to sell more albums. And they could have charged a higher price back then if they had wanted to, but they kept the price low because they wanted to be more popular and sell more albums. Now they rely on concerts much more as a source of income, and they're charging the kind of monopoly price that the market will bear.

**CAM: When did you decide you wanted to be an economist?**

**AK:** Around my sophomore year at Cornell. When I started college, I was interested in going to law school. ILR required taking micro and macro from the economics department for freshmen. And I really liked those courses; I did well in them. I've always felt a little bit screwed up because I took macroeconomics before microeconomics, which I don't think is the appropriate way to teach economics, even though we do it that way at Princeton. So there are different views about that. Then I had a lot of labor economics while I was at Cornell, and I particularly enjoyed a course I had on social insurance from Robert Hutchens, who is still teaching.

**CAM: You stopped paying your class dues in 2009. Was it the recession? And if you start paying your dues again, is that a leading economic indicator?**

**AK:** Actually, my wife is also a Cornellian, so I'm going to finger her for not paying dues. I could also point out that in 2009 I took a pretty big pay cut! But we've been generous to Cornell over the years, and both of us are really proud to be Cornellians. I think a lot of my understanding of economics, a lot of my values, were developed while I was at Cornell. ■

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# Let the Games Begin

By Brad Herzog

**R**icky Gervais could barely contain himself. At the 2010 Emmy Awards, the creator of “The Office” (and award-show provocateur) was about to deliver the prize for Outstanding Directing for a Variety, Music, or Comedy Special. Among the nominees—for shows like the Oscars and the Tonys—was a fellow named Bucky Gunts, who directed NBC’s coverage of the opening ceremony at the Winter Olympics in Vancouver. “I hope it’s Bucky Gunts,” Gervais said as he prepared to open the envelope containing the winner’s name, “because I didn’t know you could say that on television.” Then he grinned. “Let’s face it,” he added, “we’re all Bucky Gunts here.” Soon the name—which was indeed inside the envelope—became the number-one trending topic on Twitter.

Man behind the curtain: Bucky Gunts '72 in the NBC Sports control room during a football game



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While you watch the London Olympics on TV, veteran NBC director Bucky Gunts '72 will be running his own marathon behind the scenes





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The Emmy was the fourth that Bucky Gunts '72 has won for directing an Olympic opener. The basement of his white Colonial in Wilton, Connecticut, contains eighteen more, the spoils of a career directing studio shows like “NFL Live” and sporting spectacles ranging from golf’s Ryder Cup to the Super Bowl pregame; the walls are adorned with banners from various Olympic venues. Gunts’s globetrotting has taken him to Salt Lake City and Sydney, Atlanta and Athens, Barcelona and Beijing.

Beginning in 1964, Australian sailor Hubert Raudaschl competed in a record nine straight Summer Olympics. This month in London, Gunts will make his tenth appearance. He isn’t an Olympian, but his task is Herculean: as head of production for NBC’s Olympics coverage, he is ultimately responsible for the presentation of some of the most viewed events in U.S. television history.

NBCUniversal plans to telecast more than 2,000 total hours of the London games, including 272.5 hours on flagship NBC (about fifty more than four years ago in Beijing) and extensive coverage on its ever-growing collection of cable channels (among them CNBC, MSNBC, Bravo, Telemundo, and the newly acquired NBC Sports Network). “We’re on more networks for more hours than ever—again,” says Gunts, who supervises all broadcast and cable television production units for the Games. “Every Olympics, it’s more and more and more.” The breadth of coverage should translate to more than 215 million American viewers. That would break the record set during the Beijing Olympics, which surpassed the total set in Atlanta in 1996. But Gunts tries not to dwell on the number of people watching. As he puts it: “I think it might freak me out.”

What’s in a name?: Gunts (left) accepting an Emmy from comedian Ricky Gervais, whose quips made his name go viral

**N**early 3,000 NBC employees are involved in the Olympics coverage. Gunts oversees an enormous team of researchers, sound engineers, lighting specialists, and producers, as well as a cadre of eighteen directors—half of them doing studio work and the rest located at venues focusing on specific sports like gymnastics, tennis, and beach volleyball. “It’s a massive undertaking,” says Rob Landau ’91, JD ’94, senior vice president at



NBC Sports Group, who oversees all human resources, labor, and employment matters, including much of the planning for each Olympics. “The Games are a huge financial and time commitment for NBC and Comcast, and Bucky has been one of the key people responsible for turning it all into a production that we can be proud of.”

And by all accounts, Gunts isn’t just good at his job; he’s also pleasant to work with. In a high-pressure environment in which strong personalities work at a frenetic pace, he has a reputation for staying calm amid the storm. “He has a personality that I don’t think I’ve ever seen in the control room, in that he has a wonderful sense of humor that endears him to people,” his longtime boss, former NBC Sports chairman Dick Ebersol, once told the *Baltimore Sun*. “He gets more out of a crew than almost any director I’ve ever seen.” Gunts simply shrugs. “Everybody knows it’s serious, but it helps if you can keep it fun during those long days,” he says. “It’s not everyone’s approach, but it works for me.”

Gervais might be disappointed to discover that Bucky Gunts wasn’t always Bucky Gunts; he was Brent Gunts Jr. (He was given his nickname as a child to distinguish him from his father.) His mother, Eleanor, was a fashion editor. His father was involved in the production of some fifty television shows in their native Baltimore over the course of several decades. As general manager at WBAL-TV for fourteen years, Brent Sr. made racial harmony a cornerstone of his tenure, scheduling numerous programs and interviews about the subject and pioneering the hiring of minorities. But one hire was nepotistic. Newly graduated from Cornell, Bucky Gunts earned \$90 a week as WBAL’s overnight operational director. By 1979 he was working at WNBC in New York City. One of his colleagues there was Hall of Fame sportscaster Marv Albert, whose recommendation in 1983 earned Gunts a job as a director for NBC Sports. Except for a four-year stint directing the “Today” show (Gunts enjoyed the high-profile job, but not the hours), he has been there ever since.

Gunts describes directing TV coverage of a sporting event—and he has done it for Major League Baseball, the NFL, the NBA, and the PGA Tour—as a combination of extensive preparation and instinctive reaction. “I’ve always thought that being a Division I goalie was very good training for being a director,” says Gunts, who played on Cornell’s 1971 NCAA champion lacrosse team. “You have to see what’s going on in front of you, direct your team, tell them where to go. There’s the reaction time. All of these things come into play.”

It may seem counterintuitive, but Gunts says that a fast-paced sport like football or basketball can be easier to direct because it is essentially a matter of following the ball up and down the field or court. But baseball, for instance, can be difficult because it is less linear (hitters hitting, fielders fielding, runners running) and more unpredictable (as when a pitcher suddenly attempts a pickoff throw). And golf, languid as it may seem, is a challenge because the director has to be aware of eighteen holes’ worth of competitors and various on-course announcers. In fact, one simple golf swing (among hundreds shown in each round) requires a complex sequence of images: Start on a hand-held camera from behind the golfer, so the viewer can see the task ahead. Wait a beat after the swing, then cut to a shot of the ball in the air. Show it landing, then widen the shot to reveal its location relative to the hole. Finally, cut quickly back to the golfer’s reaction.

“Timing is everything in directing—timing and paying attention,” Gunts says. It’s more than just matching visuals to the announcers’ words. It begins with production meetings, where producers and analysts discuss plot points that may arise. “Storylines have become more and more involved,” he says, “so you have to be a lot more prepared going into the game.” Consider, for instance, a simple football scenario: an incomplete pass that just misses the fingertips of an intended receiver. The director may be aware that the receiver is recovering from a minor injury, which might lead to an instant replay showing him jumping gingerly. Or the director might instruct one of twenty camera operators to focus on the player’s injured knee. Or he could cut to a sideline shot of an athletic trainer. And all of that occurs in the few seconds before play resumes.

So within an event, the director is tasked with attending to every nuance. But ironically, sweating the small stuff occasionally means losing track of the big picture. “Actually, there have been games where I wasn’t sure who won afterward,” says Gunts, laughing. “You get so caught up in what you’re doing that you certainly might not know the final score.”

If directing a football game is a metaphorical sprint, then coordinating the broadcast of

‘There have been games where I wasn’t sure who won afterward. You get so caught up in what you’re doing that you might not know the final score.’



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Ring it in: A barge carries the Olympic rings past London's Tower Bridge.

the Olympic Games constitutes marathon television. Gunts's Olympic journey began in Seoul, South Korea, when he directed NBC's late-night coverage of the 1988 Summer Games. He has directed the network's primetime coverage since Barcelona in 1992 and every opening ceremony since the Salt Lake City Winter Games in 2002. Aside from overseeing last February's Super Bowl pregame show, his focus for the past several years has been solely on Olympic preparation.

Gunts has already been to London a dozen times. He has taken his team of directors and producers to each Olympic venue, scouting everything from commentary locales for on-camera talent to camera positions (there may be twenty NBC cameras at the track and field stadium, for example, and more than a dozen covering gymnastics). They're on the lookout for potential pitfalls, like the light that poured in from the open sides of the Georgia Tech Aquatic Center in 1996. It allowed a welcome breeze and offered a pretty view, but it was bad for TV. Gunts had to convince organizers to allow NBC to set up huge light-blocking scrims for the benefit of the television audience. "We have a lot of cumulative knowledge, but each of these Olympic committees gets the Games one time," he says. "They're all very aggressive. They want to do a good job, and they all do in the end—but they don't have the basis for knowing what affects TV."

Gunts has scouted locations for NBCUniversal's four studios in London's Olympic Park and has been intimately involved in the design of the parent network's two primary London-based studios—one for NBC's afternoon show and another for primetime and late night. He has consulted with designers on decisions both big (Which London icons will be projected behind Bob Costas?) and small (What books should be placed on background shelves?). But occasionally, the look of the studios is a product of happenstance. In 1996, Costas made use of a nifty desk that could rotate 360 degrees, providing different backgrounds. That necessitated a rotating ring of overhead lights, which were covered by a large cylinder—a practical afterthought. But over the years, Gunts has used the cylinder as a projection screen for graphics, and it is now an integral part of the design.



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Goal oriented: Gunts playing lacrosse against Army in 1971

**A**s Gunts strode to the stage to receive his 2010 Emmy, announcer John Hodgman of "Daily Show" fame quipped to the studio audience, "Bucky Gunts majored in hotel management at Cornell, but changed to television after his thesis on icemaking machines was deemed wildly speculative and probably dangerous." Although he actually graduated with an economics degree, the quest for new technology is legit. But, he says, "I'm a big believer that we should use it only if it enhances the broadcast rather than using it just because it's available." (He points to CNN's awkward 2008 election-night holograms as an



example of the latter.) One techno-toy that NBC plans to unveil during the Olympic diving competition is a “Splashometer” to measure each athlete’s impact. And those handy national-flag graphics that adorn each lane during swimming heats? They were Gunts’s idea.

During the seventeen days of the Games, Gunts’s responsibilities will include directing sixteen nights of primetime coverage as well as the opening ceremony; he cites Beijing’s opener four years ago as the highlight of his Olympic tenure so far. “It’s very important for us to get off on the right foot,” says Gunts. (Five days before the cauldron is lit, Gunts will even run in the torch relay, carrying the Olympic flame through the London borough of Haverford.) The details of the July 27 opening ceremony, designed by Danny Boyle (Oscar-winning director of *Slumdog Millionaire*), remain a closely guarded secret—but not to Gunts, who has long been familiar with its theme and choreography. “There’s some cool stuff in it, I can tell you that,” he says. “There will be some surprises.” One item of information that has been released: the production will include a twenty-seven-ton bell inscribed with the words of Shakespeare’s Caliban: “Be not afeard; the isle is full of noises.”

The remainder of Gunts’s job in London—besides overseeing coordination of taped segments, graphics, live shots from the scores of cameras in myriad locations, and in-studio interviews and reports—is to wade through the noise and tumult as a sort of troubleshooter. This could mean making his way to Wembley Stadium if camera placement becomes an issue during the soccer competition. Or it might require directing breaking news—as happened in Vancouver in 2010, when a Georgian luger died on the course just hours before the Opening Ceremony. In 1996, when one woman was killed and 111 others were injured by a pipe bomb at Atlanta’s Centennial Olympic Park, Gunts had just returned to his hotel after directing primetime coverage. He rushed back to the studio and worked into the morning. “It was back into news mode for me,” he says, adding, “There’s going to be news in London. We’re going to have to see what affects the Olympics and what doesn’t. For instance, are security and traffic going to be issues? Absolutely. Are they going to affect the Olympics? Maybe. And if they do, then we’re going to cover them.”

By the end, after roughly six straight 100-hour work weeks, Gunts will have earned a vacation. The Games have long been holiday opportunities for his wife, Dennyse, and their children, twenty-five-year-old B.J. (a production assistant on “The Daily Show”) and twenty-two-year-old Kate (a recent University of New Hampshire graduate); they have roamed the Olympic venues, soaking in the culture and the competition. But, says Dennyse, “it has always been the three of us because Bucky was working around the clock.”

In fact, Gunts can count only a handful of Olympic events that he has viewed as a spectator rather than as a director. There was a volleyball game in Seoul, a hockey game in Torino, a track competition in Sydney. And there was the day in Barcelona when he strolled to the swimming and diving venue. When he arrived, he wasn’t allowed in; the man responsible for bringing the Olympic Games into tens of millions of homes didn’t bring his credentials. So he watched through a hole in the fence. ■

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## Big Red Homecoming Bigger Than Ever

Last year's Homecoming festivities brought a record number of Cornellians back to the Hill, and this year's festivities seem guaranteed to top that number. With more activities for both current students and alumni, Homecoming 2012 (to be held September 21 and 22) will be more exciting than ever.

The event-packed schedule starts on Friday with the Hatfield Lecture, which brings distinguished businesspeople to campus to talk about key economic issues; the speaker will be announced shortly. On Friday evening, in addition to various activities for clubs and organizations, the annual Frank H. T. Rhodes Awards for Exemplary Alumni Service will be presented at a dinner in the Statler Ballroom. That night also brings a spectacular laser light show and fireworks to campus.

Did you participate in Cornell Outdoor Education? Then you'll want to be up early on Saturday, as COE marks its fortieth anniversary with a special celebration at Homecoming. Various breakfasts for Greeks and Cornell's MOSAIC initiative will also be held that morning.

In the afternoon, the festivities move to the area around Schoellkopf. You can head to the Fan Festival, which will feature entertainment for current students, alumni, and their families—games, inflatable “bounce houses,” balloon art, face painting, and more. You'll

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Back to the Hill: Images from past Homecomings hint at this year's fun (see more on following page).



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be able to get your Pinesburger fix in the tailgate area, courtesy of the Glenwood Pines' catering arm. The groundbreaking for the new Big Red Band facility will be held on Kite Hill at noon.

Have enough energy left over for a football game? Kickoff is at 3 p.m., with the Big Red taking on Yale.

Following the game there will be a reception at Willard Straight Hall highlighting the Bear's Den, the new campus pub. Alumni can also attend the annual Glee Club concert, followed by a concert by a soon-to-be-announced artist.

For more information on this year's Homecoming festivities, go to [alumni.cornell.edu/homecoming](http://alumni.cornell.edu/homecoming).



## CALS, ILR Recognize Alumni Achievement

**D**uring the last academic year, the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences and the School of Industrial and Labor Relations each honored alumni for their professional achievements and support of their schools.

In November, CALS presented six people with Outstanding Alumni Awards: David Atkinson '60, Yongke-un Joh, MS '78, Sun Paik Joh, MS '77, Thomas Marino '78, Laurey Mogil '76, and Kenneth Pollard '58. Andrew Ross Sorkin '99 received the Young Alumni Achievement Award. In addition, professors Dennis Miller, PhD '78 (food sciences), and Norman Scott, PhD '62 (biological and agricultural engineering), received Outstanding Faculty Awards.

At a dinner in New York City in March, ILR recognized two graduates with the Jerome Alpern '49 Award and the Judge William B. Groat Award. The Alpern Award honors an ILR

alum who has demonstrated outstanding service and support to the school, and whose career accomplishments have been primarily outside the field of industrial and labor relations. This year's recipient was Tracy Dolgin '81, president and CEO of the YES Network. The Groat Award is given to an ILR alum working in the field of industrial relations. It was presented to Eva Sage-Gavin '80, executive vice president for global human resources and corporate affairs at Gap Inc.

**Honorees: ILR alums (top) Eva Sage-Gavin '80 (center) and Tracy Dolgin '81 (right) with Dean Harry Katz. Bottom: Andrew Ross Sorkin '99 (center) at the CALS award celebration.**





# From the CAA President

By Stephanie Keene Fox '89

**G**reetings from the Windy City! I can't believe that it's been a year since the current members of the Cornell Alumni Association (CAA) board began their terms. With this anniversary, I think it's a perfect time to update our alumni on what the CAA has been doing.

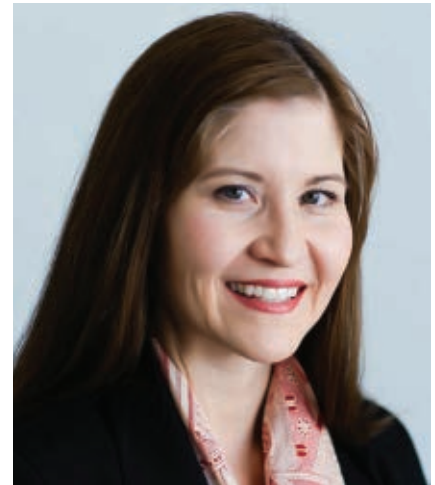
CAA represents all alumni. Our board members are volunteer leaders, representing a cross-section of all colleges, graduate programs, regional clubs, affinity groups, and volunteer programs. Two years ago, we changed our name from the Cornell Alumni Federation back to the name the group once had, as it best represents who we are: your ambassadors, liaisons, and advocates. For the past year, board members have been working hard to meet the needs of alumni groups around the world, and also to better define the mission and goals of CAA itself.

Perhaps the most critical accomplishment of the past year is a complete overhaul of our bylaws and operating guidelines. Organizations usually dread such projects, but this process—overseen by board member Jaelyn Spear '74—is essential for CAA's future success. The new bylaws allow us to be more nimble and responsive to the needs of the University. Our organization has been in existence for more than a century and is now in a better position to support today's Cornell.

Because the new bylaws are more flexible, we are also able to better aid our Office of Alumni Affairs in meeting its goals. For example, due to Cornell's increased focus on the Far East, we added a second international director in Asia to our board, in addition to having another member representing Europe. We also realigned the structure of our directors-from-the-region (those board members who work with regional clubs) so they can work more effectively with Alumni Affairs staff.

Speaking of regional clubs: under the leadership of CAA vice president Shana Chacko Mueller '95, we have partnered with Alumni Affairs to develop a comprehensive club guide. This guide will be the standard for regional club operations and will allow us to provide better support for volunteer leaders. I am thrilled to report that we have been able to make it happen.

In addition to making our board structure more flexible, we are looking to find better ways to groom new leadership. Under the guidance of CAA past president Nancy Abrams Dreier '86, we have streamlined our board member nomination process and, working with the Office of Volunteer Programs in Alumni Affairs, have found innovative ways to identify potential leaders. And to better acclimate these new board members, CAA vice president Tom Cummings '75 led a team that created our



first-ever orientation module for CAA. This invaluable tool truly sets the standard in flexibility and design. We are also working on a mentoring program for our board members, so there is constant improvement of board functions.

While most of these changes are internal, there are other areas in which you will notice our work. These pages in *Cornell Alumni Magazine* are just one example. Homecoming activities continue to expand, as you'll see in this issue; CAA vice president Laura Fratt '81 is leading the effort in this area. The Alma Matters section of the magazine has always been meant to feature news and information about alumni organizations—the membership of the CAA. With the deletion of the calendar (which was often outdated once it was printed) and the guidance of CAA vice president Scott Pesner '87, we have been able to present more pertinent news about CAA and its member organizations, shine a spotlight on unique events or outstanding volunteers, and remember special leaders when they pass away, so their impact is not forgotten.

Recognition of our volunteers has become a renewed focus of CAA. We already present the Frank H. T. Rhodes Awards for Exemplary Alumni Service, but how else can we honor those who donate their time to Cornell? What about the clubs and organizations that work hard to bring Cornellians together? Both Laura and Scott are on the trustee task force for volunteer recognition, and we will work to find ways to create new programs—even enhancing the hugely successful Rhodes Awards.

By the time you read this, our board will be gearing up for more changes in the year ahead. I can't wait to start this leg of the journey together and will keep you posted on our progress. Go Big Red!

## Alumni Association Elects New Board Members

**A**t its meeting in January, the board of the Cornell Alumni Association elected, or re-elected, several board members.

Four directors-from-the-region were re-elected to a second two-year term: Judy Prutzman Osgood '89 (Midwest); Randy Rosenberg '74 (Metro New York); Diane Shakin '83 (West); and Bobby Tsai '83 (International). New to the board are Kevin Yost '71, PhD '77 (Midwest), Alex Miranda '03 (Southeast), and Wolfgang Fritzemeyer, LLM '84. In addition, to mirror the emphasis Cornell has placed on international

activities, another international director—Mark Hansen '79—has been added to the CAA board.

Three directors-at-large were appointed to two-year terms: Joy Higa '89, Diane Irwin '94, and Jeff Lee '89, ME '90. Two new directors-at-large were also appointed: Jim Alves '01 and Mary Bowler Jones '78.

Three board members are stepping down, as their terms have expired, and are thanked for their service to Cornell. They are Tanis MacKay-Bell '81, Betty Eng '92, and Larry Taylor '73.

**33** Members of the Class of 1933 are turning 100 this year! Our thanks to Virginia Fox, daughter of **Eugenia Gould Huntoon**, for writing the following and sharing it with us:

"I've made it to 100, and Cornell is an important part of my life," says Eugenia Huntoon, a proud member of the Class of 1933 and regular participant at reunions. Celebrating her milestone birthday on April 24, "Gene" has always put her undergrad years at Cornell high on her list of accomplishments and favorite memories. She is part of a three-generation Cornell family that includes her father, **C. Sumner Gould, MD 1903**, and daughter **Carolyn Huntoon Russell '60**. Gene met her husband, **Charles '33** (Engineering), at a freshman church social and they enjoyed a passionate and enduring marriage for 52 years.

A classically trained pianist, she accompanied the Women's Chorus and was active in her sorority, as well as many other campus activities. Her independent spirit helped her achieve success in her first job as a producer of *Henry's Wedding*, a musical show that required her to travel by herself to small towns in New York State. In this non-traditional job, Gene was responsible for all phases of the production—from casting to costuming, directing to selling ads—with proceeds raised for local nonprofit clubs like Kiwanis and Rotary.

Continuing her desire for a creative and independent lifestyle, Gene has developed a wide circle of friends and a reputation for musical talent, entertaining, a great sense of humor, and telling crowd-pleasing jokes. A popular resident of Bloomfield Village, MI, Gene has performed two piano concerts and now accompanies two men's and women's choral groups performing at nearby senior communities. She's an active member of the Birmingham Musicale. "I belong to the 'still' generation," she says in response to questions about her life. "I still live in my house, am still upright and breathing, still have many friends, and still love Cornell reunions!" Daughter Carolyn hopes to accompany her mother to her 80th Reunion in 2013. Says Gene: "I loved the reunion in 2008, but was disappointed only three of us were there. I'm hoping for a bigger turnout at the next one!"

"I encourage everyone and anyone who is college bound and eligible to consider going to Cornell," she adds. "I'm absolutely hooked on Cornell. My years there were among the best in my life. With a beautiful campus, excellent teachers, and a great social life, what more could you want?" Congratulations, Gene! See you 2013! **Class of 1933**, 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).

**41** Thanks to everyone for sending in your news! Former class correspondent **Shirley Richards** Sargent Darmer (Delmar, NY) starts us off: "My greatest talent seems to be 'falling' with painful but non-serious results, so major time is now spent with an excellent physical therapist—maybe I'll graduate from a walker to a cane. I was truly sorry to hear of **Bill Webber's** death—a great loss to our

class—but really delighted to read of our list of officers. My best to **Bob Mueller**, BArch '42, and classmates **Eleanor Slack** Randles, MS '78, **Eddie Burgess** Bartholomew, and **Allene Cushing** Knibloe. May we all meet at our 75th!" **Mary Louise Garmong** Overman writes, "We moved to Las Vegas, NV, after 30 years in Delaware (Joe worked for DuPont). Two of our 'children' live here, as well as one grandson. Joe and I are as well as can be expected with our ages (92 and 94) and both with macular degeneration. Would love to see Cornell again!" Mary Louise and Joe have two other children also, one in Rochester, NY, and the other in New Jersey but working in Philadelphia. Three other grandsons are scattered around the country: one doing research on an island in the Pacific Ocean; one in Phoenix, AZ; and the other at IBM in Raleigh, NC.

**Malcolm Vail** (Geneva, IL) sent news some time ago that he would probably be moving to Ephraim, WI: "Probably a permanent move; will keep you informed." **William Turin** writes, "Still in good health in Indian Wells, CA. My daughter lives in Los Angeles and my son lives in Switzerland. Unfortunately, I can no longer make the trip over there as I did every summer. I spend my time reading and trying to stay well." From **Herbert Cogan**: "I remain occupied writing, presenting analytic papers, supervising, writing poems, reading for Book Club, and listening to 16th- and 17th-century music. Had to give up swimming and tennis due to multiple spinal nerve impingements. Travel is out—except for the 75th!"

**Sylvia Jaffe** Abrams (Washington, DC) sent this update: "Still running around town and managing my house and grounds. My house is even older than I am, having been built in 1906! I still have a picture of the 10th Reunion of the Great Class of 1941 (women only, as we did it then). I showed it to Dean Lepage at a reception last October, and he was enchanted—I think that's the right word—and wanted it for the class archives. So at some point I will have a copy made, and our 10th Reunion picture will be duly preserved! Bless us all." "No new news," writes **Dolores Dirlam** Daudt. "And I guess at 92 that's good. Still in the house we built in 1957, and driving, but not long distances. Interesting travel this year with children and grandchildren who are scattered across the US, Canada, and Germany. I was saddened to learn of the death of classmate **Helen Hilbert** Peterson in March 2012."

A recitation from **Jack Weintraub** (Sarasota, FL): *I grow old . . . / I grow old . . . / I shall wear the bottoms of my trousers rolled.* "T. S. Eliot got it right. We shrink so much we need to shorten our pants legs. My wife, Frances, and I have truly become the 'little old man and little old woman.' But we are still here!" **Lou Conti** (Inverness, IL) writes, "While talking to John Webster of the Dept. of Athletics, he told me of **Bob Brunet's** passing. Our class lost a 'giant,' and along with Bill Webber, a lot of the 'glue' that kept our class as a 'Great Class.' They were good friends and I'll miss them and talking to them as I have in the past. **Dorothy (Kellogg) '43** and I continue to keep the MDs funded, and for a couple of 'old folks,' we're still upright! I stay in

phone touch with my roommates at Sigma Pi: **Pete Mathers** and **Fred Haverly '42**. All's well here—we didn't have the usual 'Ithaca' winter in Chicago this year." **John Matthews** (Albany, TX) is still ranching, but has stopped riding horses—"Switched to four-wheelers. In good health, but some joints are talking to me." **John Weikart** (Hockessin, DE) says that "much doesn't get done" when you're moving more slowly. John, that is surely true.

**Mary Munson** Benson (Lansing, NY) lives in an apartment complex for seniors and enjoys regular walks around the building. "Sometimes I stroll down to my raised bed garden to check on the progress of my plants and to harvest my tomatoes, peppers, broccoli, and onions." Mary counts ten children and grandchildren who also have Cornell degrees. **Audrey Bernichon** Glacken (Boynton Beach, FL) says she's leading a very quiet life at age 92. "Enjoying four grown children, five grands, and three greats. Very attentive and fun." **Jane Frier** Bertrand (East Syracuse, NY) is the third classmate (so far) to mention the 75th Reunion: "Thoroughly enjoyed Reunion last year and am looking forward to number 75! Had a wonderful month-long cruise this past March from Lauderdale through the Panama Canal to San Diego—14 days, then 14 days back to Lauderdale."

News from **Julian Smith** (Ithaca, NY) and **Gretchen Fonda** Gagnon (Cohoes, NY) start us off next time! Do send in your News Form if you haven't done so yet. **Class of 1941**, c/o *Cornell Alumni Magazine*, 401 East State St., Suite 301, Ithaca, NY 14850. Class Notes Editor e-mail, [adr4@cornell.edu](mailto:adr4@cornell.edu).

**42** **Murray Kaplan** (Syracuse, NY), who passed away in 2011, was an acclaimed scientist at Bristol-Myers Squibb Pharmaceutical Research Inst. for more than 50 years. He holds 72 patents, authored 36 papers, and worked in many departments—all before settling into pharmacy product development more than 30 years ago. He signed on with the company in 1943 right out of the Army and worked on the then-new drug penicillin, working 70 hours a week to make it available for the urgent demands of WWII. Through an accident, Murray spilled the drug and they discovered how to develop dosage forms that could be mass-produced. He later developed dosage forms for other critical antibiotics. He was a firm believer that theorizing was no substitute for plain hard work in the lab. He also found time to return to school to get advanced degrees. Murray's career was outstanding. His grandson Mike was pleased to give us this enlightening info on his grandfather, who told him that some of the best times of his life were the times at Cornell. Luckily, Mike's boss sends him the alumni magazine, and that's how he contacted us.

And here's some more enthusiasm for you: **R. Allen Shotwell**, MS '54 (Leesburg, FL; [RA\\_Shotwell@aol.com](mailto:RA_Shotwell@aol.com)) writes: "I didn't receive any info about the 70th Reunion (since I'm a snowbird, I find that mail is sometimes lost), but have made reservations at the Statler." Allen says



he also learned that **Herman Jones** lives in his town. Although Allen didn't know him in college, he will contact him. He occasionally gets together with Cornellians who live in his park. We hope Allen and all of you received plenty of information in time for the 70th. If you attended, please write me with your impressions and what interested you the most. We who couldn't make it would love firsthand knowledge. A full reunion report will appear in the Sept/Oct issue. Allen adds that he and wife Edna purchased their Florida home last January, and otherwise are in Glen Cove, NY. They've visited their daughter and grands in Auburn and enjoyed attending reunions of classes he advised back in his teaching days. English cousins visited them and they toured the Everglades last fall. Richard would like to hear from **Charles Stansbury '44**.

**Ed Markham** (Bainbridge Island, WA), always enthusiastic, was glad to be reminded about the '42 class scholarship. He recalls **Al Lotz '40**, who often gave him rides to western New York at vacation time. And always a quick beer at Zinck's. His garden still produces like mad. **Virginia Stockamore** Henry (Albany, NY; gingerhenry@mailstation.com) continues traveling within the US and enjoys doing volunteer work with the Red Cross and the Vanguard Albany Symphony workers. She'd love to hear from any and all of her college friends. **Hawley Scott** (Syracuse, NY) visited with **Henry "Skip" Jones** after he and his new wife attended Delta Phi's BIG anniversary party. His fraternity classmates have been lasting friends. He enjoys working with Meals on Wheels and judging science fairs.

There are two university projects that are of interest to us. One is CornellNYC Tech—home of the new applied sciences campus in NYC in partnership with the Technion-Israel Inst. of Technology. The purpose is to increase the city's science and technology capacity. The city pledged \$100 million, plus an 11-acre land grant on Roosevelt Island. We'll all be interested in having our college in the city. Second, a film made in Ithaca by physicist **Robert Lieberman '62**, MS '65, has played in Seattle and around the country. The film is important because it provides us images of Myanmar (or Burma, the second largest country in Southeast Asia) that are largely unknown. The film was made secretly by Prof. Lieberman and shows a land with crushing problems, although its population seems radiant. Since all advances of our college intrigue us, the university never ceases to amaze us.

I've always been fascinated by **Kurt Vonnegut '44**. I think I might have met him, as I was a temporary editor at the *Daily Sun* with an office in Willard Straight during my last semester. This was during WWII, when the men had left their posts on the paper. He wrote 14 novels and numerous short stories and, 'tis said, "He'll never die." *Slaughterhouse Five* was released in 1969 during the Vietnam War and reached number one on the *New York Times* Best Seller list and is on both *Time* magazine's and *Modern Library's* list of the 100 best novels of the 20th century. There's a nonprofit Kurt Vonnegut Memorial Library in his hometown of Indianapolis, IN.

Thanks to all for sending me such interesting accounts of your past and present. Just keep it coming. Do contact friends also. If you're not included here, there's more news to come next issue. ☐ **Carolyn Evans** Finneran, 8815 46th St. NW, Gig Harbor, WA 98335; tel., (253) 326-4806; e-mail, carolynfinn@comcast.net.

**43** St. George's U. of Grenada, West Indies, cops Ezra's creed in a full-page ad in the *New York Times Magazine*: "Any patient from any place with any condition could arrive at any time." Seems to be directed at the Class of '43 and its sorry current conditions. But surely we have sawbones closer than Grenada to our retirement villages.

**Leon Schwarzbaum** (N. Woodmere, NY; man847@gmail.com) feels that we have neglected him of late: "Herem is the highest ecclesiastical censure in the Jewish religion. It is the total exclusion of a person from the community. It is a form of shunning and is similar to excommunication in the Catholic Church. Nevertheless, I enjoyed the excerpts from your memoir, having been at Arrow Shirts for a portion of my varied career, fully aware of the nuances in dealing with sources in the rag game." Leon sent fresh news just under the deadline wire, and to prove he never left our good graces, we share it here: "I'm still working, freelance writing for Japanese publishers (of books in English, of course), and finally accumulating the chapters of my semi-fictional memoir. I have a new agent, having out-lived the first one. As to what I've been doing recently: grumbling, changing hearing aid batteries, waiting for the mail and throwing most of it away, and getting 'senior discounts' without having to ask for them." Leon has a list of things he'd rather be doing: "Back in line, too young for a driver's license. Waking up in the morning and having nothing hurting. Climbing stairs. Putting on a size 40 suit and having it fit."

From Fairview Park, OH, **Jarman Kennard**, BME '47, reports that he recently attended the wedding of a grandson and is a member of a "Faith at Work" discussion group. **Walter Stern** (Arlington, VA) has been seeing a lot of doctors (and would rather be seeing no doctors). He's also been playing tennis, though, and grocery shopping, and had a vacation in Germany. **Martin '42** and **Bea Swick Ornitz** are in Palm Beach Gardens, FL. Bea, who has written a memoir and is looking for an editor to make it computer-ready, writes, "I'm 88 years old and have stenosis of the spine, so have had to stay at home more than usual. I am a realtor, but don't work at an office anymore—still take referrals, however." **Shig Kondo** (Wellesley Hills, MA; skkondo@gmail.com), on a visit to his daughter in Hawaii, sends us Kona coffee, macadamia nuts, and "thanks for taking care of the class." Well, Shig, they're up in years, no longer run with scissors, and someone has to do it.

Fifty years ago **Charles Harris**, MD, found me and my crutches (broken toe) on a bench outside the hematologist's office at Philadelphia's Einstein Hospital, where he was practicing. He took in the scene and assumed that blood cancer and death were on my short-term to-do list. Actually, I was in the last stages of a 40-year-old's teenage kissing disease. He wrote today: "Yes, I recall that encounter on Broad Street. You did mention your numerous afflictions. It took several minutes, but I was patient. Please keep in mind that as far as medical malpractice is concerned, there is no statute of limitations. Thus, any words you ascribe to me that suggest my involvement in your care might bode ill for me. If I recall correctly I made no diagnosis nor prognostications, but simply clucked sympathetically. So please, if you do intend to make this meeting public, keep in mind that statements suggestive of a medical diagnosis or therapy—such as, 'How are you?' or 'A little sunshine might

improve the pallor,' or 'My goodness, are you on a diet?'—should be expunged. Let's leave it at that. In closing, I must admit I was damned surprised to hear from you at this late date." ☐ **S. Miller Harris**, PO Box 164, Spinnerstown, PA 18968; e-mail, millerharris1@comcast.com.

**44** The most recent round of News Forms hadn't arrived on our doorstep by the time this column was due, but check this space in the next issue for the latest on the Class of '44. If you haven't done so yet, please send an update and we'll include it in the column. Send in the hard copy News Form from the annual class mailing, or write us anytime at: ☐ **Class of 1944**, c/o *Cornell Alumni Magazine*, 401 East State St., Suite 301, Ithaca, NY 14850. Class Notes Editor e-mail, adr4@cornell.edu. **Dorothy Kay** Kesten, 1 Crestwood Rd., Westport, CT 06880; e-mail, dotkes10@optonline.net.

**45** Your co-correspondent **Julie Kamerer** Snell attended the 2012 Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC) on January 27. It's always good to be with a group of Cornellians, and this occasion was no exception. Emphasis in the program was on "affinity networking." Most if not all of us belong to at least one group in addition to all being Cornellians. (I've found it helpful to use a handy Venn diagram, which interlocks all of the groups of which I'm a member.) Do reach out to your group's membership to urge them to give to Cornell and help out the current students. I can't resist commenting on the weather, which was beautiful for the conference. Last year the streets were icy during the weekend, but this year, the ice from the previous week had all cleared away.

We are sorry to hear that **Geraldine Dunn** Jennings contracted an infection that affected her pacemaker. Happily, she is recovering. She reports that a great-grandchild was born the same day her mother got her PhD. (Double congratulations to granddaughter!) My neighbor **Jane Hanse** Bishop is doing well and hopes the same is true for other readers. Does anyone remember the musical play, *Once Upon a Hill*? And do you remember the name of **Priscilla Okie** Alexander, MA '48's co-author?

Speaking of authors, **Madge Spurny** Cole (madgecole@yahoo.com) wrote from Greensboro, NC, with news of the 2011 publication of her book *Southern Conflict*. Per Madge, it is a historical novel "about the lives and hardships of Southern textile workers in the 1950s that led to a strike." She notes that many Southern textile workers have now lost their jobs to overseas mills. Madge is busy trying to sell her book and is working on a second one as well. What she remembers from Cornell: "The wonderful teachers that imbued in me the desire to observe the world with open eyes and see the new things before me every day." **Russell Pellett** (rustypel@aol.com) tells us he got together in May 2011 with **Jack Muller**, **Tom Murphy**, **Dave Nimick**, **John Peacock**, **Larry Gosnell**, and Sid Dillon at a Princeton reunion. All of them were in the Navy V-12 unit at Cornell.

Last, but not least: Class prexy **Maxine Katz** Morse is working on plans for a 1945 class mini-reunion to take place this fall, October 22-24. Rooms have been reserved at the Statler. Among the activities planned is a Class of '45 Plantations Lecture at the Statler. Phone Maxine at

(603) 436-7578 with questions, comments, suggestions. Your news is always welcome. Contact either of your correspondents any time of year. **Julie Kamerer Snell**, 3154 Gracefield Rd., #111, Silver Spring, MD 20904; e-mail, julie.snell@verizon.net; or **Bob Frankenfeld**, 6291 E. Bixby Hill Rd., Long Beach, CA 90815; e-mail, betbofb@aol.com.

**46** **John Drew** (Chatham, NJ; jack.drew23@gmail.com) spends lots of his “after-hours” on platform tennis and table tennis. He and Fran restored a defunct movie theatre in Manasquan, NJ, and ran it as a live performance theatre for 11-1/2 years. They then transferred its ownership to the Algonquin Arts Theatre, a nonprofit they established. It’s now running nicely independently. Jack says, “We consider it our legacy to the future of the community.” Jack would most like to hear from **Ken Canfield ’49**.

‘My favorite vacation is the organized tour where *they* do all the work.’

Herb Holland ’48

**Richard Korf**, PhD ’50 (Ithaca, NY; rpk1@cornell.edu) and **Kumiko (Tachibana)**, MFA ’77, keep very busy. Richard is president and treasurer of Mycotaxon Ltd. and works at the new plant pathology herbarium laboratory publishing mycological (botanical fungi) books. He is also active in the Elder Wisdom Circle, answering queries from young people about life—“A truly rewarding experience,” he writes. In 2010, Richard was awarded the Ainsworth Medal for extraordinary service to Int’l Mycology at IM’s annual congress in Edinburgh. It is the group’s highest honor. Richard keeps in touch with **Herbert Hawley** of Geneseo, NY, and misses **Dick Perkins ’48** (deceased). He would like to hear from classmates who remember Cornell Dramatic Club days.

**John Fraser**, BS ’45, PhD ’49 (Houston, TX; jfrase@earthlink.net) enjoyed a visit from **Dave**, BCE ’45, and **Mary Day** and two of their daughters. Like John, the Days live in an Erickson Living Retirement Community residence—in Denver. It was interesting comparing the two communities. The Houston facility finally provided continuing care, while Denver is continuing only to promise it. Both places, however, had excellent Knowledge Seekers programs. John was looking forward to an imminent visit from **Paul**, BA ’45, B Chem E ’47, and **Louise Vannederynen Atteridge ’48**. His new scooter will give him the mobility to lead his guests on a community tour.

**John Eustis** (Easton, MD; johneustis@go.easton.net) likes his location in Easton, where he still sings barbershop and flies his airplane. John has passed his air physical and is qualified to fly for two more years. He has been chairman of his airport board for more than eight years. **Sanford Klion** (Lantana, FL) happily reports, “Our last Cornell grandchild, **Rachel Klion ’11**, graduated last May. Family Cornellians attending were father **Seth ’78**, sisters **Jodi ’06** and **Dana ’09**, aunt **Jill Klion** Dodsworth ’74, and great-uncle **Franklin Klion ’54**. We are a family totally devoted to Alma Mater and hold rich Cornell memories. Ill

health prevented Marilyn and me from attending this joyous occasion and my 65th Reunion.”

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

Before Christmas, I received lots of news from you. It always amazes me how faithful you all have been through the years by sending news with your dues notice. You have helped make our class STRONG.

From New York State: **Louise Greene** Richards, PhD ’65 (Ithaca) wrote that she was recovering from back surgery. She is on the board of directors of the Funeral Consumers of the Finger Lakes. **Rayma Carter Wilson** (Binghamton) is trying to keep healthy by going to the gym twice a week, but she still manages to support her local doctors. Two of

you wrote from New York City. **Joan Waite** Martens still enjoys living there. **Ruth Rothschild** Mayleas is on the board of Professional Theatre Women; she is editor of their theatre magazine. **Iris Smith** Orens Morris of Floral Park is a retired psychiatrist keeping track of her 14 children and grandchildren. “Two graduated from Cornell, one is in the Vet college, and two others are a sophomore and senior in Arts and Sciences.” **Mary Jane Vandewater** D’Arigo wrote from Irvington that she visited **Marian Cudworth** Henderson in Ormond Beach, FL, “for a lovely long visit. Three sons and seven grandchildren will be here for Thanksgiving, with four of the grandsons helping me cook.”

From New Jersey: **Barbara Kelsey** Martin (Tinton Falls) is “still making the rounds visiting 11 children, 23 grands, and six greats.” (Hope I got that number right.) **Marianne Michaelis Goldsmith** of Bedminster called me before Xmas to thank me for writing for our class all these years. She’s had a valve replaced and a knee operation, but still manages to play bridge and attend concerts and lectures in NYC. With the news notice, she wrote that she’d spent the summer at their cottage near Interlaken, NY. “I visited the Plantations at Cornell and saw the bench dedicated to my husband, **Karl ’47**, on the Floriculture War Memorial Trail. My son **Jody ’77** and his wife **Amira (Elkodsi) ’76** endowed an architectural lecture series in NYC in honor of his brother **Michael ’72**. Two lectures have already taken place. I also have a grandson in the Class of ’07. I consider myself lucky with two daughters and ten other grandchildren.”

From Pennsylvania: **Janet Elwin** Starr (New Hanover) wrote, “Since acupuncture loosened the stiffness in my arthritic knee, I’m traveling around the US with my sisters **Muriel Elwin** Zepp ’47 and **Nancy Elwin** Pegues ’52.” **Howard** and **Elda Barnum Loomis** (Collegeville) both wrote, “Retired and counting our medications. I’m interested in hearing from **Betty Marzolf** Langendorfer.”

From Maryland and the D.C. area: **Edith Sasman** Hammersley sent a new address. “I moved

from my home of 50 years in Bethesda to a condo in Columbia adjacent to a wildlife preserve lake, so I hike daily. My daughter’s home is the gathering place for my four children, seven grands, and three greats. All the adults have college degrees—in engineering, social work, and medicine—and my hope is to help the little ones prepare for similar goals.” **Walter and Jean Krumwiede Boek** still live in D.C., where Walter is president of Int’l Graduate U. and Jean is dean of the College of Democracy. “We’ve inaugurated new educational programs for equipping veterans and others to gain employable skills and knowledge. We require theses of master’s degree students before acceptance and graduation. Our extracurricular activities include the American Association for Advancement in Science and the Society of Women Geographers.” Send recent news to **Elinor Baier** Kennedy, 9 Reading Dr., #302, Wernersville, PA 19565; tel., (610) 917-8777; e-mail, mopsyk@comcast.net.

**47** The new crop of Class of ’47 Cornell Tradition Fellowships was named in the spring. The following students will benefit from the scholarship set up by the class. **Fadi Jacob ’14**, from Alpharetta, VA, is majoring in Biology. He is a member of the wrestling team, the National English Honor Society, and Future Business Leaders of America. **Daniel Kezerashvili ’15**, from Williamsville, NY, is studying Chemical Engineering and works at a help desk on campus offering technical support. **Alexander Koeberle ’13** comes from Cobleskill, NY, and does independent research in the Ag college on the growth of stocked and naturalized trout. **Kelsey Shultz ’12** will have graduated from the Hotel school by the time you read this. She grew up in Dallas and worked on campus as a leader of tours for visitors, as a teaching assistant in business computing, and as a barista at Starbucks. **Ethan Wilson ’12** will have finished his degree in Biometry and Statistics in CALS. While an undergraduate, he was a member of the track and rugby teams and played intramural soccer. He also did volunteer work at the Plantations and with the American Cancer Society. It sounds as if our scholarships have helped a fine group of new Cornellians.

I had a pleasant visit with **Margi Schiavone** Berens. She reports that the big event for her this past year was when the whole family gathered last November for her granddaughter’s wedding in Nevada. The new groom’s father is also a Cornellian. Following the same theme, **Ann Trimby Englehardt** and husband **Herb**, MBA ’48, celebrated weddings for both a grandson and a granddaughter last fall. Ann and Herb’s daughter has been living in China doing missionary work. **Joanne Foster Laufer** wrote to say that she and husband **Gerald**, MD ’48, have four children, all of whom have college degrees; two have master’s degrees as well. Those four children have given their parents seven grandchildren, of whom two are enrolled in post-graduate work. Joanne became a Stephen Minister in 2009 and has been serving in her local Presbyterian church. The Stephen Ministries is a system to equip laypeople to provide care to people who are hurting.

**Joy Gulling** Beale has five grandchildren. The first grandchild to be married is a Marine who will wed a woman from Shanghai. The service will be in both English and Mandarin. Joy, whose father-in-law was **Arthur Beale 1913** and whose son is **Randy Beale ’79**, had her own interesting path to Cornell. After Joy graduated from Rochester’s



East High School in 1942, she worked in Sibley's department store. She took and passed a difficult test to work for the Rochester Ordnance Dept. of War Defense and as part of the job, Joy was sent to Cornell for training in Mechanical Engineering. During her training, she and some others in the program lived in a house near the Suspension Bridge owned by a secretary in the Philosophy department. After training, she went to Elmira to work with a company named Ellipse making guns for the war effort. Joy's father knew **Bob Treman 1909** from his business, and Joy believes that connection enabled her to be accepted into Cornell without ever having to apply.

As I write this in April, I am looking forward to our 65th Reunion. I hope as you read it, many of you are remembering wonderful conversations with old friends, new sights on our familiar campus, interesting activities, and, of course, fabulous weather for our 65th. A full reunion recap will appear in the Sept/Oct issue. At reunion, we were to see some clips from the "March of Time" video series. In our day, those were the newsreels we saw at the movies. Now they are a valuable tool for students and faculty studying our era. To see clips from the series, please visit <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KMI040PS0JE>. Because they portray our era, our class gift is supporting the acquisition of these restored films for the library. If you'd like to contribute, please send your check to: Jennifer Sawyer, Cornell Library AA&D, 130 East Seneca St., Suite 400, Ithaca, NY 14850. Please indicate "Class of 1947 Newsreels" on the memo line of your check. **Arlie Williamson** Anderson, [arlie47@aol.com](mailto:arlie47@aol.com); tel., (585) 288-3752; **Sylvia Kianoff** Shain, [irashain1@verizon.net](mailto:irashain1@verizon.net). Class website, [www.cornellclass47.org](http://www.cornellclass47.org).

**48 Arthur Behrer**, New Bern, NC: "Golf, duplicate bridge, fishing. Don't wish to think what might happen in 2012. World competition will force US to lower life standards and give up more. New Bern is quiet, reasonably inexpensive, and friendly. Dominican Republic, Bermuda, Jamaica, Saskatchewan—all great vacation destinations. I like lobster, steak, crabmeat, clams, lamb, and ice cream, but I don't get it anymore, not even at home. College costs are too high. Overpriced!" **John VanZandt**, Winston Salem, NC: "Boasting about our eight great-grandchildren, and two more on the way! Look for an economic relapse and a slow recovery. Nicest place we lived was Cape May, NJ—beautiful Victorian seashore town. Love chocolate. Don't get it at home. Politicians and celebrities are the least important elements of life."

**Stanley "Red" Glasser** (professor emeritus), Houston, TX: "Getting up in the morning. In 2012 we will be fortunate to possess what we now have (personal, professional). We are not thoughtful enough about involvement in governmental/management organization/action. I liked New Zealand. It is so much like the Finger Lakes in the 1940s. Favorite food is brisket, which I get often. I like cruises with family and professional groups, and trips to places like Lake Como, Italy. Cornell opened my world. Never would have imagined an immigrant son would have the opportunities off the farm, ending up in research laboratories and world universities, published research, authored books. Wonderful marriage (61 years), children, and grandchildren. Best wishes to all."

**Earl Sawin**, Sanibel, FL: "Visit doctors and dentists and solve Sudoku puzzles. Washington,

DC, will implode due to self-exposure. This Sanibel Island sanctuary is the nicest place we have ever lived, but Bermuda is the best place to visit. Eat fried shrimp, which I do not get at home. I like travel anywhere, but never by air. Don't sweat the small things. Political speeches are really unimportant." **Charlie Elbert**, Woodland Park, NJ: "Some travel, visit children, active Community Committee member. Present Democratic Administration will (I hope) be soundly defeated and replaced (I hope) by conservative Republicans. The socialistic tax, spend, anti-business policies are a fiscal disaster and unworkable. 'Socialism is fine until you run out of other people's money' (Margaret Thatcher). Clifton, where I lived the longest, was a well-managed, pleasant town with a very low crime rate. Nice! Bermuda is the best visit for its pleasant climate, beautiful uncrowded sandy beaches, and pleasant people. We're considering another European river cruise in the spring. My favorite food is crab claws, steak, veal, chicken, and fish, which I get at home. Our favorite vacation is a cruise—no packing or unpacking, good food, interesting places to visit. The most overrated thing in life is the flavor of very expensive wines."

**Anatole Browde**, St. Louis, MO: "Building computers, going to the symphony and theatre, and reading. I most like the lakes, mountains, and nice people of Seattle for living. Portugal's scenery, food, and mountains are a great visit. I like pasta, eat it often. It's good to visit the grandkids and get the family together." Col. **Herb Holland**, MBA '49, San Antonio, TX: "Enjoying every day of my retirement in 'the Towers'. I like Hampton, VA, for its James River, Newport News, Yorktown, Fort Monroe, etc., but am very happy here in this condo—greatest place ever. Prime rib is my favorite, and we have it often here. My favorite vacation is the organized tour where they do all the work." **Martha Jane Waller** Smith, Mechanicsburg, PA: "Following Penn State football. I go to a wellness exercise program at a rehab center daily to support a bad back and failing knees. Barack Obama will be defeated. I like living in this area—small-town environment and God-fearing neighbors, and I'm on a hill well above river level. Alaska was my favorite visit: clean, unspoiled, conservative, and welcoming. I get my favorite food at the Barnes and Noble cafe: java chip frappuccinos, light, with 'whip' and chocolate drizzle. Cruises are my favorite—relaxed, comfortable, easy for older people. Truism: 'How are you?' 'Fine, unless you want the details.'"

**Joyce VanDenburgh** Doty, BFA '48, MFA '50, Orlando, FL: "I love the Internet—so easy to do research. Catching up on reading and writing. In 2012 big business will again be in charge of the executive, legislative, and judicial branches of the government. I rank electricity, cell phones, and the Internet, followed closely by the automobile, as the most important inventions, at least as they affect my life. My favorite place to live was in Wellsville, NY, but my present abode runs a close second. I also loved Houston, TX, and watching it expand. Immigrants from all directions enriched its culture. It was democratic when I lived there. Greatest visit was at the end of the road in Timmons, Ontario, with a lake full of fish. National parks, Hawaii, Alaska, and Paris are also great. I have an appetite like a horse, and will eat anything except beets. GE threatened to pay off its loan from Warren Buffet in pennies. Warren said, 'That's OK, as long as you continue to pay 10 percent interest while I count

it.'" [Joyce enclosed her Christmas poem, but it's too long for the column. -Ed.]

**Marion Cousins** Chambers, Greensburg, PA, and Naples, FL: "Swimming, walking, and church activities. Lived in too many nice places. Loved the snow in Buffalo, where I grew up; loved Trumansburg, where I raised sheep, wove, spun, and had fun; loved Philadelphia, where we raised a family—good schools. Best visit was to England and Scotland. Saw where my mother lived and went to school in London, and where family came from in Wales and Scotland. I go to Florida in winter, via Buffalo." **Murray Heimberg**, MNS '49, Memphis, TN: "The world will become more chaotic in 2012! Nicest place I've lived is Nashville, and I plan to move back there next year. I love to eat everything, anything, anywhere! Cruises are great, but I most enjoy visiting family, all three generations of them. I'm currently professor emeritus, but continue to see patients part-time and keep up with research in endocrinology, diabetes, and lipid metabolism. Hope to continue as long as the good Lord lets me."

**William Arthur**, Peterborough, NH: "Obama is trying to make this a socialist country. My favorite home was Jaffrey, NH, with its friendly people and view of Mt. Monadnock. I enjoyed visiting Scotland, where my family came from. At 90, I'm staying put. At home we have swordfish and lobster often, and get good German food in Milford, NH. Maine seacoast is our favorite vacation. Hurricane Irene was the most earthshaking event in recent times." **Dianne Shapiro** Gasworth, Palm Beach, FL: "Play bridge, travel. Hope for peace in the world, but my prediction is we will not achieve it. Too many angry and uncaring people. My favorite residence was always Cornell, being educated and forming friendships. Hope to go to India, South Africa, and Israel. Husband Ken just made pancakes a few minutes ago. Used to like land travel; now prefer cruises. Stay healthy!" **Bob Persons**, 102 Reid Ave., Port Washington, NY 11050; phone and fax, (516) 767-1776; e-mail, [bobpersons48@gmail.com](mailto:bobpersons48@gmail.com).

**49** For many of us, the clubs we belonged to gave us our happiest experiences during our years on the Hill. For **Chester Roistacher** (Riverside, CA; [chetrois@charter.net](mailto:chetrois@charter.net)), the Cornell Outing Club was one of those memorable groups. The club enabled students to fully enjoy the natural beauty of the campus and the surrounding countryside. Chet has written about the club in his recently published book, *My Golden Years* (see our column in the Sept/Oct '11 Class Notes), "in hopes of making contact with anyone of that vintage who may still be alive and active." He writes, "The Outing Club owned a very old cabin about four miles from the campus at Richfield and we would often go there to do repairs, cook meals, and enjoy singing and dancing. Sometimes we would spend weekends there. I often played my mandolin and we had some excellent guitar players and singers. At times I escaped cooking meals or doing dishes because they wished me to play music while they did their chores. Lasting friendships developed with some of these very interesting people."

**Art Lowenthal**, BA '48, lives in Saratoga Springs, NY, with his wife of 55 years, Terry, and is working as a home custodian and handyman and "advisor to my six grandchildren about how to grow up. We attend many lectures, dramas, and concerts at Skidmore College here in Saratoga,

and are members of the Hyde Museum in Glens Falls—plus endless volunteering!” They have also been traveling, including trips to some of the 25 or so countries he went to on business and 40-some states. Art enjoys his daily workouts at the YMCA—“It’s great for my health!” **Jan Rus** (Laguna Hills, CA) is retired and living in Laguna Hills, CA, with wife Mary Jean. Recently, he’s been following sports, but he’d rather be traveling. Jan’s fondest memory of Cornell is football. **Joyce Graham Jordan** is retired and living in Wyoming, NY, with husband Gilbert. She writes, “I look after our 440-acre farm, garden in season, and care for two dogs—a 110-lb. Bernese mountain dog and a 20-lb. West Highland white terrier.” She is also an elder in the First Presbyterian Church and a member of the Susan Look Avery Club, a social group. Her fondest memory of Cornell is Prof. Don English’s class in Accounting. She would most like to hear from **Shirley Windnagle** Weinberg, MS ’50, or **Brett Crowley** Capshaw.

**Martha Merrifield** Steen (San Francisco, CA; bilmarmuff@yahoo.com) says she thought she was retired, but can’t seem to find time to do everything, which she believes is a common complaint of people living in retirement homes. Martha is writing the docent manual for visitors to Octagon House in San Francisco, headquarters for the Colonial Dames in California. Married to William, she writes that she plays lots of bridge—and still takes lessons (“They never end”)—reads, and goes to the symphony and opera. She saw **Marty Coler** Risch (Silver Lake, NH; mcrisch@aol.com) in San Francisco, and during the summers lives within an hour and a half of Marty in Maine, where she and William spend summers. Their landlord there is **Fred Mitchell** ’48. She was also pleased to discover a Cornellian in their retirement home: **Nicky Jacobs** Manning ’53.

**Marcie Shlansky** Livingston (Lido Beach, NY; marceliving@aol.com) writes, “I finally retired in 2008 . . . and became a widow a year later. I try to keep busy: creative writing group at the local senior center, two Hebrew classes, book club, knitting for charity, plus daily doses of Cryptograms and crosswords. Netflix is a great source of films, especially black and white. I enjoyed lunch with **Faith Goldberg** Hailparn, **Marian Rubin** Cohen, **Dot Dashevsky** Fast, **Arlene Whitman** Ross, and **Connie Berkower** Moore.” Marcie tells us that this luncheon is an annual event. She adds, “I’m in close touch with Marian and saw her twice during a recent week in Florida. Enjoy great e-mails from **Dolores Hoffman**.” **Esther Evans Hackney** (thehackneys@gci.net) and her husband, **Glenn**, whom she met at Cornell, have been living in Alaska since 1948, when they moved up to Anchorage on the recommendation of Glenn’s brother, then to Fairbanks in 1962. They spent one year in Hawaii. Glenn served two two-year terms in the Alaska State House and then a four-year term in the Alaska State Senate. Esther does a lot of volunteering, including work she once did with Eskimo girls “who were in difficulty,” and also teaches knitting and designs knitting patterns. “It’s amazing how different the different areas of the country are,” Esther observes, “and you don’t know till you’ve lived there.”

**Bette Waldo** Benedict (Fenwick Island, DE; jmoore2278@charter.net) lives at Brandywine Assisted Living, a beautiful facility, she tells us, where she has many friends. Recently they produced a show, featuring Bette’s many stage performances in New Jersey. **Bernard Cantor** (Bloomfield Hills, MI), married to Judith, is a retired patent attorney.

He has traveled to Australia, New Zealand, Alaska, and Israel, and has been doing consulting and expert witness work in patent, copyright, and trademark matters. He’d rather be consulting in intellectual property matters, he tells us. The beauty of the campus and the Ithaca area and the friends he met at Cornell are Bernard’s favorite memories of school. **Margaret Wessinger** Collins (Fairfield, OH; johnpeggycollins@gmail), widowed from husband John in October, is the mother of five children and 11 grandchildren. A chemist, she and her husband, a physicist, met in Oakridge, TN, where they were doing metallurgy. Her son is also a Cornellian: **J. Michael Collins**, PhD ’08. Today, Margaret is a full-time volunteer in Butler County, OH—“the local rabble rouser involved in church and civic things.” As a result of her years at Cornell, she says, she is very interested in geology as well as community planning. She was a charter commissioner for the City of Fairfield in 1959-60. Margaret would most like to hear from **Jean Gurney** Roeber.

**Martha Bogan Smith** (Schenectady, NY) writes that her husband, **Jack** ’43, PhD ’51, passed away in 2005. She and her son Randy “try to make the most of each day and balance work and play.” She worked as a night girl at Comstock and later was made a roving night girl, moving to different dorms. That paid for her room and board, and she particularly liked it because she met so many different people. Living in Comstock, she and another girl were each dating boys named Jack. “We were each kissing our Jacks very fervently one night,” she recalls, “but I got sent to the dean of women for not setting a good example. Was that ever embarrassing!” Martha is active in church and DAR activities and says she’d rather be “so young again and doing the four years again and having Jack.” She’d very much like to hear from **Nancy Knipe** Lemons and **Norma Keagle** Thompson.

**Lee and Jan Regulski Steele** (Clearwater, FL; cwgrands@yahoo.com) tell us that they are at a “play time of life: travel, road trips, and a glass of wine with dinner.” **Fred Wayne** (East Bloomfield, NY) writes that he is retired and spent the winter in Florida. **Herman Harrow** (Monterey, CA; nharrow@sbcglobal.net), married to Noreen and retired since 1979, plays tennis five days a week and says that he enjoys watching their children prosper. “Hope to make the 65th Reunion in 2014, especially if my 102-year-old mother-in-law is still around (she lives in Niagara Falls, NY). My years at Cornell were the best years of my life and I have had a wonderful life.” Thanks, everyone, for your news. Please keep it coming. We all want to hear from each and every one of you. **Dorothy Mulhoffer** Solow, 3608 N. Sunset Ave., Farmington, NM 87401; tel., (315) 717-6003; e-mail, winspeck@yahoo.com.

**50** **Jim ’51 and Carol Smith Love-land** were featured in an article in the Rochester (NY) *Democrat & Chronicle* about Cornell’s Project FeederWatch, in which volunteers count the bird species that visit their feeders. The Lovelands have participated in this program for 23 of its 25 years. Carol has been a birder ever since she was a child and at Cornell took classes with famed ornithologist **Arthur Allen** 1908, BA 1907, PhD 1911. Jim likes to joke that when he married Carol, he vowed, “I take thee Carol and birdwatching.” **Manley Thaler**, LLB ’53, (mht13@earthlink.net) continues to practice law in West Palm Beach, FL. **Joe Dwyer**, JD ’52,

(Olean, NY) is in his 60th year as a lawyer. **Ralph “Cooly” Williams**, MD ’54, (coolypatch22@cybermesa.com) writes, “I am still working here in Santa Fe as an internist and rheumatologist three days a week. It is still fun, and I have always enjoyed seeing patients. I am also still active as an artist doing watercolors, oils, and pastels. I have a small studio outside of town and try to get out there at least two days a week.”

**Maria Iandolo** New’s current research project is the non-invasive prenatal diagnosis of congenital adrenal hyperplasia. Maria (maria.new@mssm.edu) is professor of pediatrics and human genomics at Mount Sinai School of Medicine in New York City. **Winfield Boehler** has been working full-time in his Shaw & Boehler Florists shop in Auburn, NY, ever since graduation. “I was born here!” he says. The shop was started in 1921 by his father, **Winfield Boehler** 1915. In WWII, our Winfield served in the Army in Europe for nearly three years. At Cornell, he majored in Floriculture, of course. His son **Stephen** is Cornell ’78.

**Alta Ann Turner** Parkins-Morris (New York City; Aaparkinsmorris@aol.com) continues to work on a book about her great-aunt, the painter Grace Ravlin (1873-1956), whose letters Alta Ann inherited. Alta Ann adds, “I’m in touch with **Malitte Pope** Matta, in Paris, who is always involved with the life of her community in creative and constructive ways.” **Pat Speidel** Cope has moved from Boca Raton, FL, to New Orleans, LA, to be nearer her son David and his family. Rev. **Frederick VanderPoel**, a retired Episcopalian clergyman, wrote last year from Lititz, PA, but passed away in late January. Engineer **Nick Sheptak** (Holiday, FL; nsheptak@verizon.net) spent 24 years working for Dow Chemical Co. as a senior research associate, then for American Can, and then at Scott Equipment Co., where he was a vice president. During WWII, Nick trained as a B-29 bomber pilot but never left the States. “I was scheduled to fly to Saipan on what turned out to be the day after V-J Day. The flight was cancelled.”

Social worker **Anita Ades** Goldin (Louisville, KY; anitagrad@insightbb.com) was an adjunct professor in sociology at the U. of Louisville and for 20 years also audited classes there. Anita was formerly president of the board of Shalom Towers, a high-rise residence for seniors. **Alex** and **Phyllis Richardson** (Lancaster, PA; alexrich2@comcast.net) took a cruise from Budapest to the Black Sea, with a side trip to Bucharest. “The Iron Gate was spectacular, as were the Carpathian Mountains,” Alex reports. But alas, “No vampires.” Engineer **Bill Atkinson** (Weston, MA; Atkinsopt@gmail.com) sends his “news as a mountaineer. Owing to the reappearance of an old shoulder injury, I have, after 55 years, given up rock climbing. I did my last climb last year with my friend John Reppy, Cornell’s John Wetherill Professor Emeritus of Physics. We ascended the cliffs of the Shawangunks near New Paltz, NY. Our combined age was 164.” Dairyman **Phil Davis** (Maryville, TN) writes, “Through DNA and some genealogical digging, I have found that I am related to Constance Hopkins, who arrived on the Mayflower in 1620 at the age of 14.” Phil served in the Army in WWII. “I thank God for President Truman dropping the bomb, as I would probably have been one of the million lost in the invasion of Japan.”

**Wayne Friedrich** (New Bern, NC) says that he was the first person to go tray-sliding on Libe Slope. In February 1947, he was complaining to his roommates **Joe Zitelli** ’49, BCE ’50, and **Howie Todd** ’49 and friends **Steve Ungvary** ’49, BCE ’50,



**Charles Logdon '49**, BS ORIE '50, and **George Logdon** "about the fact that we had lots of snow and great hills, but no sled. Our great analytical engineering minds, and Howie's premedial mind, resulted in a possible solution." The next night Wayne "borrowed" a cafeteria tray. "I sat on it with my butt at the rear and my heels hooked inside the front rim. The laws of physics took over in a flash. The combination of speed, no steering, and the center of gravity at the rear of the tray caused me to turn end-for-end. All I could do was laugh out loud." Subsequently, Wayne was a manufacturing executive and also a colonel in the Army Reserve. **Marion Steinmann**, 237 West Highland Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19118-3819; tel. (215) 242-8443; e-mail, cjoiner@ix.netcom.com; **Paul H. Joslin**, 6080 Terrace Dr., Johnston, IA 50151-1560; tel., (515) 278-0960; e-mail, phj4@cornell.edu.

**51** **Jim Livingston** (Braintree, MA) writes, "Having retired from GE in 1989 and MIT in 2008, my third career is writing books. Last year, it was true crime—*Arsenic and Clam Chowder*; this year it's popular science—*Rising Force: The Magic of Magnetic Levitation*." **Sabina Ball Schmidt** (Pleasantville, NY) was sorry to miss Reunion. "I will return to Cornell in May for the graduation of granddaughter **Erica Schmidt '11**. Attended that of grandson **Connor '10** two years ago."

**Jacqueline Goldberg Eisenberg** writes from Windsor, ON. "My three children continue to prosper: my youngest, Naomi, received a master's degree from the U. of Toronto in education (Dept. of Theory and Policy Studies) and continues to work at Toronto General Hospital; son Howard continues a law practice in Hamilton, ON; and my oldest, Ethel, teaches in Toronto. Ethel and I look forward to a week in Parry Sound at the Festival of the Sound in late July—our third year enjoying time spent there. My travel is restricted, unless there is someone to help with my walker and stuff. Enough said! Oh! There are grandchildren, too—next time!" **Florence Jessup** and **Jan Rudeloff "Rudy" Beaujon '52** (Monroe, OH) have six children and seven grandchildren and are active in their Presbyterian Church and in the Mt. Pleasant Retirement Community. Florence writes, "Ithaca was my home as a child, before I moved to Paducah, KY, for nine years and then back to Ithaca for my senior year of high school. Rudy and I met in the college youth group of the Presbyterian Church in Ithaca and were married there in June 1951."

**Sally Williamson Williams** (Staten Island, NY) says she's "still busy with community organizations (keeps me off the street). I'm flying out to Boise, ID, in May for the wedding (finally!) of son Tim." As for Cornell, she remembers lectures by professors Cushman, Einaudi, Briggs, and Marcham. **Joan Koelsch Ehni**, Washington, DC, reports that more than 250 friends and family attended the Arlington National Cemetery burial of her husband, Dick, in July 2010. "My youngest daughter lives nearby in Maryland and has taken me on several trips—Russia next. We had hoped to go to Greece and Egypt last winter." When Joan wrote, she was making plans to travel to reunion with **Joan Vorwerk Howie** and her daughter Carol. As for fond memories of Cornell: "Having been considered a nerd in high school, having lots of dates and even a few proposals was a really tremendous ego boost!"

**Phil '62**, MArch '65, and **Maddy Gell Handler '65** sent news of **Bob Matyas** and his wife, who changed address two years ago to the Erickson

Living Retirement Community in Warminster, PA. Bob says, "We are pleased with our move as we believe we are in the right place at the right time in our lives." The Handlers reminded me of the link to the video portrait that Fly on the Wall Productions did of Bob for our 50th Reunion (10 years ago!). It can be found by googling Fly on the Wall Cornell Reunion 2001. **Alvin Ries** (Highland, IN) still lives in the house that he designed and had built in 1952. Writes Alvin, "**Betty (Wood)** and I sold it in 1966 when I was transferred (by Amoco) to Tulsa, OK. But we were lucky to buy it back in 1968, when the family that had it was moving to a new job location. I keep busy singing barbershop with the Chorus of the Dunes and the Hoosier Grandpas octet." Alvin fondly remembers "dancing on Saturday nights in the student union with Betty . . . and getting married in a church downtown between my ninth and tenth terms."

**Stan Rosen**, BEE '51, reports with sorrow that **Doris Rein Rosen '55**, Phi Beta Kappa, his wife of 55 years, died of ALS in August 2011. Doris was proud that she and Stan attended many Cornell reunions with their daughter **Robbie Rosen Weissenberg '85**, son-in-law **Adam '85**, and their two daughters.

**Norman Baker '49** sent an account of the life and February 2011 death of his brother **Howard Baker**. After serving in the Navy in WWII, Howard attended Cornell and became a New York State-licensed professional engineer. "Howard and I were still struggling to build the construction and engineering business we'd started together in 1954, both of us working ten-hour days," when Norman took time off to join Thor Heyerdahl's *Ra* expeditions in 1969-71. Howard took the entire load of the business on his own shoulders, sending Norman's share to Mary Ann and the three children every week. Norman adds, "In his last decades of work, Howard became the man the City of New York called whenever a building showed cracks or leaning walls in danger of imminent collapse. Howard saved one building in which two interior or street-level columns had been accidentally shattered. With the threatening center of the ten-story loft building sagging, no other contractor would even go in to inspect it. Howard went in with his crew, shored the building level, and installed two replacement columns. Dangerous jobs fired him up and made Howard's reputation." 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.cornellalumnimagazine-digital.com> for a digital view of the alumni magazine.

**52** By now, our 60th Reunion is over. I hope we all had a good time. Reunion reports will be in the Sept/Oct issue. This column is full of the news you've sent, which is good. Although I keep typing (keyboarding?), I still have 100-plus unused News Forms to go. So, to it. The "How did you get here; what did you bring" responses have been a treat to read. Most of us who came by train or bus shipped a trunk.

We can add **James Clarke** (Columbia, SC; [carosyn@bellsouth.net](mailto:carosyn@bellsouth.net)) and **Ann Coffeen** Turner

(Mendham, NJ; [harann52@yahoo.com](mailto:harann52@yahoo.com)) to those few who came by bus, each on Greyhound from New York. James now manages a pine plantation, "mainly watching the trees grow." Ann has been at the same school for 34 years and is now "tutoring dyslexics and late bloomers." **Ronald Millstein** (Ft. Lee, NJ; [joyceemb@yahoo.com](mailto:joyceemb@yahoo.com)) and **Marilyn Heidelberger MacEwen** (New Castle, DE; [gdmhm1@yahoo.com](mailto:gdmhm1@yahoo.com)) took the Lehigh Valley

from New York. Rabbi Millstein writes that he is doing "much of nothing" and goes on to detail a dense list of current activities, mostly family. He is proud of his three-generation Cornell family. "Life is good, very good." He

notes that his first train trip from New York was the furthest such trip from home that he had taken up to that time. It was the first long journey for many of us. Lynn travels, gardens, is involved with church and garden club, and "keeps up with five married children, nine grandchildren, and friends all over the US and world." She notes that she and Dean travel "because we love it and we can."

**Michel Kadinsky-Cade** (Chicago, IL; [mkc31@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mkc31@sbcglobal.net)) and **Helen Scott Santilli** (Littleton, CO; [hssantilli@comcast.net](mailto:hssantilli@comcast.net)) also took the Lehigh Valley, but not from New York. Michel now runs Cade Communication Inc., and is a member of a healthcare advisory board, a church employment council, and the French-American Chamber of Commerce. He babysits his grandkids and enjoys reading, concerts, and the theatre. Helen Santilli is still riding trains, but has had to stop cycling. At home she reads, walks two large dogs, does yoga, plays bridge, attends the theatre and concerts, and participates in opera support groups. Helen notes that her steamer trunk belonged to her mother, **Sarah Scott Santilli, MA '29**.

**Konrad '55** and **Liddell Tauscher Bald** live in Barrington, IL ([dellrad@comcast.net](mailto:dellrad@comcast.net)). Dell took the train from D.C. and a cab to Dickson. She now plays bridge, volunteers at church as a Bible study leader, and exercises at the YMCA. She and Konrad took a 2,500-mile car trip over Thanksgiving to see all of their children and grandchildren. **Jim Ling** (Fort Collins, CO; [lingkal2@Q.com](mailto:lingkal2@Q.com)) took a bus to Ithaca from Owego, but he got to Owego by train. Jim plays bagpipes and works out at the gym. **Joseph Fagan** (Scottsdale, PA; [jpfaganarbitration@verizon.net](mailto:jpfaganarbitration@verizon.net)) took trains from Conneltsville to Pittsburgh to Buffalo to Ithaca. He and his wife "still live in the small town where we were born and raised." He continues to work as a labor arbitrator and he hunts, fly-fishes, and tends a large garden.

In 1948 many parents brought their offspring to Ithaca by car. **Louise Younglove Owens** (Sun City Center, FL; [OwensDL@verizon.net](mailto:OwensDL@verizon.net)), **Raymond O. P. Farrish** (Tucson, AZ; [roconnorf@netscape.net](mailto:roconnorf@netscape.net)), and **Helen Pellman Marsh** (Middlebury, VT; [hmarsh4@myfairpoint.net](mailto:hmarsh4@myfairpoint.net)) were among the offspring. Today Louise attends metaphysical meetings and teaches spiritual classes. She became a minister in 1987. Raymond travels, plays, and teaches bridge; he is both taking piano lessons and playing in public. He keeps in touch with former students at the U. of Connecticut and has been celebrating his granddaughter Alison's early admission to Cornell. Helen ("H.L.," as she was known) and husband Charles sold their summer cottage and are learning to live in Middlebury

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Jim Livingston '51

more than seven months of the year. They are also learning Tai Chi, which “helps maintain balance both physically and spiritually.” **D. Anne Bezer** Lombardo and **Gerald Read** each came by car in 1948. Now, D. Anne lives in St. Mary’s, GA, and Brantingham, NY; Gerald resides in Bradenton, FL, and Prattsburgh, NY. Each spends time with children and grandchildren (and Gerald with great-grandchildren). D. Anne has a new puppy, plays bridge, keeps up with election news, and still plays in a golf league. Gerald says he is “slowing down,” but does household chores, swims, reads, and attends sporting events.

**Arnold and Betty Ann Brundage Huntress** ‘54 live in Midland, MI (arnhunt@concentric.net). Arnold first came to Ithaca by car and thence hitchhiked and took buses. The Huntresses’ oldest grandson’s graduation in May 2011 brought up to three the number of generations of ChemE grads in the family. Arnold, along with other Cornell relatives, played in the Big Red Band. **Joan Hockert** Donnelly (Sarasota, FL) “had a ride up with another freshman.” She brought “a pair of jeans and an evening gown, a little radio, and a camera.” Now she is “practicing law, being active

his children, grandchildren, and their families. **Jer-ry Judge** (Roxbury, CT; mjjudgerox@earthlink.net) has been “writing a lot of thank-you notes to a couple of hundred folks who sent condolences” on his wife Margot’s sudden death. He has been “man-aging our dual extended family in Roxbury, besides mowing about 10 acres of fields and paying bills.” He plays golf occasionally and does a lot of read-ing. ✉ **Joan Boffa** Gaul, joangaul@mac.com. Class website, www.cornellclassof52.org.

**53** Ask a Cornell ‘LIII member (‘53, remember?) about what most memorable memory comes to mind and you’ll get about as many views as answers. **Karl “Dutch” Van Leer**, MBA ‘57 (Lincoln, MA) reports four grandchildren in college—two at Yale, one at Tufts, one at Bates—and “four more to follow.” That holds his interest now, all right. As for yesteryear, he offered four words: “Passing Organic Chemistry 210.” President of the Acacia chapter when we were very young, civil engineer **William Burnett**, MS ‘55, recalls Physics 117 and still thinks, “My good grades in that course kept

travel included a close look at prehistoric cave drawings—and some très Gallic dining in the Dor-dogne. Was a bad piece of garlic involved in his medical adventure, he wonders. **Chuck West**, MBA ‘56 (Wilmington, NC) is now a brother of his grand-son **Derek Paxson** ‘14, in Phi Kappa Tau. Chuck al-lows as how “good old Phi Tau is a lot better behaved than we were. I haven’t told too many old war stories. Discretion is the better part of valor.”

**Genie Mandelbaum** Deutsch (Fox Point, WI) may hold the class record for multiplication (al-most certainly for Israel). She and Dan have 18 grandkids (11 in Israel) and three great-grandchildren (all in Israel). On the other hand, the **Robert Coopers** (Brooklyn, NY), after living in Jerusalem 36 years, are well established in NYC. Their chil-dren had gone to American universities, married, and started families in the US, so inasmuch as the kids won’t be going to Israel to take care of the Coopers in their old age, it behooved them to move closer to the youngsters. **Bob Neff**, JD ‘56 (Pinehurst, NC) wants y’all to know all’s well in Tarheelville, and financial liberation is in prospect with graduation of the youngest from college.

**Jerry Adler** (Davis, CA), retired founder of the UC Davis law faculty, is looking ahead to a half-century since the B-52 crash that ended his Air Force career and sent him to law school at Houston, NYU, and Columbia. His plane, flying low on a routine training mission on Jan. 24, 1963, crashed into the side of Elephant Mountain, ME, after losing its vertical stabilizer in turbu-lence. Seven of the crew of nine died. Gerry bailed out just in time, but his ejection seat did not separate and his parachute did not deploy. He hit the snow at an estimated—but barely credible—number of Gs (16), which broke his skull and var-ious other bones. Game wardens found him after 20 hours in 35-below temperatures and called in rescue helicopters.

**Bill Simon** (Los Angeles) has published 30 books. “Two stand out as special favorites, both from last year: the *New York Times* called *Ghost in the Wires*, the biography of uber-hacker Kevin Mitnick, ‘a thriller.’ It was on the *NYT* best seller list for over a month. *The Steve Jobs Way* has been published in 27 foreign editions and was the num-ber one book in Italy. My first book with Mitnick, *The Art of Deception*, was called by *Publishers Weekly* ‘a tour de force . . . like reading the climaxes of a dozen complex thrillers, one after the other.’ Two of my earlier books have also been *New York Times* best sellers. I’ve written on subjects as diverse as India, the space program, marketing, corporate management, and the truth about mediums.”

Don’t forget ‘LIII’s Reunion number LX (in less than a year now—next June 6-9). ✉ **Jim Hanchett**, 300 1st Ave., #8B, NYC 10009; e-mail, jch46@cornell.edu.

**54** I am constantly amazed at the marvelously diversified univer-sity we had the privilege to attend. One should always be judicious in using the word “unique,” but when it comes to Cornell and its environs you can use a broad brush. This column was started as I watched red-tail hawks via a cam installed by the Lab of Ornithology atop a light tower in a nest built 80 feet above the athletic fields on Tower Road. Covered with snow, the female red-tail, with the proud name of Big Red, sat quite still protecting three eggs—one newly hatched—while 8,500 anxious view-ers watched over the Internet. The date on my

“I can do lots of things with my trolley walker, but sailing is not one of them!”

Elizabeth Milliken Klim ‘55

in the ACLU and the Sarasota Bar committee on diversity, and campaigning for Obama.” **Francis Laimbeer** (Warrenton, VA; flaimbeer@aol.com) drove his pickup truck to Ithaca and says he brought a “polo pony.” Today he is “helping grand-children (six of them), tutoring math (all ages), and substitute and volunteer teaching.” **Theodore Castner** (Pittsford, NY; tcstout@frontiernet.net) is still involved in semiconductor physics. Lately, Ted has been reading many books and enjoyed a trip to New York. He travels a lot. Back in the day, he came to Ithaca “by auto, probably via Route 17 from New Jersey.”

There were those who lived in Ithaca. First, news about **Mary Alice Newhall** Mathews, MD ‘56 (Weston, MA). Mary Alice, born in Ithaca, was to-tally blinded by a bacterial infection in 2007. She now resides in assisted living with a 24-hour aide. She spends her time “listening to books on tape and music- and news-related programs.” **Barbara Ingalls** Terrise’s father was a professor at the uni-versity. She has “moved farther downstate to be near children and grandchildren” (Jamesville, NY; btrrise54@gmail.com). She hopes to attend more activities in Ithaca. **Lee Wilson** Schmol (Tampa, FL; leeschmol@verison.net) lived in Ithaca and drove to Clara Dickson from home. Lee now takes classes at U. of San Francisco, travels, volunteers at several clubs, gardens, meets with friends, goes to the theatre and symphony con-certs, and plays with her daughter’s youngest, 8 months old, because she is fun. “It is a pleasant life and could hardly be much better.”

**Richard Bosshardt** (Nevada City, CA; Max boss@att.net) still works part-time for himself. He is an international tax consultant for Americans or dual-nationality citizens who live and work over-seas. He is writing a book on incidents from his 1953-55 Naval experiences, and keeping up with

me in Cornell.” That’s second in his prized mem-ories only to: “We were almost graduated when I met the late **Nancy (Milliman)**, who became my wife.” **Don Woodley** (Mesa, AZ) “still plays tennis, water volleyball, and golf, plus boating, etc.” and is “still an unrepentant liberal,” who notes that out there in the heartland of the once Wild West, “we can carry a gun anywhere.” He adds that he’s “still looking for a Cornell girlfriend” and will undoubtedly never forget “waiting table in the Hotel school for Liz Taylor and Nicky Hilton.”

**Sheila Olsen** Chidester, MEd ‘54 (Madison, NJ) considers the “births of my children and grand-children each a miracle.” She treasures the mem-ory of professors Donald Grant and Robert Hull, “who began for me a lifetime of singing with var-ious choruses and a deepening knowledge of and appreciation of the great choral literature. Prof. **Frederick Marcham**, PhD ‘26, was responsible for continuing interest in and enjoyment of good his-tory and biography.” **Jay Ostrow** (Tiburon, CA) looks back with pleasure on “classes and discus-sion with my economics advisor, Prof. Fred Kahn—as well as seeing our Big Red beat Michigan at Schoellkopf in ‘51.” Sage chorister and ladies’ var-sity hockey player **Joan Osborne** Lautenberger (Lafayette, CA) cherishes recollections of good friends. There were also times of illness and injury that remain in her realm of recall. “A great edu-cation from the free choice of books in the library stacks and summer courses” lives on. “I dealt with the real world in Vietnam in ‘51,” she adds.

For retired MD **Marguerite Goetke** Larsen (Middletown, NJ), “no longer a licensed doctor,” the most unforgettable memory is “too painful to remember.” **Paul Makosky** (St. Michaels, MD) isn’t about to forget a triple bypass he experienced three weeks after a definitely memorable trip through the French countryside a while back. The



calendar read April 23. That one glimpse is what makes Cornell so difficult to define.

Many in the class are still moving about the country endeavoring to find the perfect fit for their living style, rather like a dog turning in circles before nestling comfortably. Sandra and **Noah Fuhrman**, having tired of chilly New Mexico winters, found a warmer winter location to their liking in an over-55 active living community in Lake Fort Worth, FL. All moves are complex; however, theirs was further complicated by also having to relocate Sandra's 95-year-old mom in the middle of everything else on their agendas. Many years ago, when first writing this column, I told of Aaron and **Judith Greifer** Benjamin's country-wide methodical search for a place to retire. They settled in Ashland, OR, for its climate, physical beauty, cultural/educational activities, sense of community, and size. It was a decision they never regretted. Judy is active in the League of Women Voters, Osher Lifelong Learning, and the Shakespeare Festival, along with serving on a committee to analyze Jackson County budget concerns.

**Elinor Yavelow** Yuter, in commenting on the influence of Cornell courses, stated two: History of Architecture, which led them to hire a Frank Lloyd Wright-inspired architect to build their home, and Household Economics 128, now referred to as Ergonomics, which we studied long before they invented the word. Your correspondent used its principles in all the homes I built and remodeled. I still have the manual and that's why I remember the course number 60 years later. Gerald and **Roxanna Sarr** Nichol lived in India at an international residential school for 28 years; she credits the experience with helping them adjust to life in their retirement community, Tel Hai. They moved from a four-story townhouse to a one-level cottage to be near the grands and to be rid of upkeep and yard work. On Rocky's bucket list you will find: a plan to drive the USA one more time, write a personal journal for the grands, make a quilt, swim regularly, take an Alaskan cruise, and read more. What a splendid list.

**Margaret Polson**, MS '56, has found Oaknoll Retirement Residence, in Iowa City, IA, a fit for her living style. She pursues her artwork in her studio, exhibits in local venues, and gardens when the climate permits. **Stanley Wilkinson** does volunteer work with his church and local food kitchen in Watkinsville, GA. After his wife Libby passed away of lung disease, **Duane Neil** moved from the senior center they had lived in, but has remained in Atlanta. Along with his golf and gardening, he cooks gourmet wine dinners or does wine tastings in clients' homes. After retiring from IBM he worked for H & R Block for 13 years and now volunteers for AARP doing income taxes at the local library.

Serga and **Daniel Nadler** have been traveling far afield from NYC once more. This past year they spent six weeks in Australia and Papua New Guinea, and then, upon arriving home, they took off driving to Santa Fe, NM—and apparently the entire Midwest—ending up in Ithaca, where they attended the pre-opening of the Johnson Museum. To see Daniel's spectacular photo albums go to: [www.Vimeo.com](http://www.Vimeo.com) and search Daniel Nadler. They do not disappoint. Your correspondent did some traveling of her own, returning to China 30 years after her initial trip with Cornell in 1981. It has changed. I spent all my time in Yunnan Province, where the Bai and Naxi people are the predominant cultures. **Jan Nelson** Cole '57 and I had an in-depth two weeks in the Dali Valley

absorbing their cuisine and culture via a culinary course at the Linden Center in Xizhou.

“. . . And one thing more” (to quote Mr. Jobs), the third book by **Tom Reed '55**, *The Tehran Triangle*, is available at Amazon and going gangbusters. The story, the one behind the headlines you do not wish to read, will keep you reading into the wee hours. It is a thriller comprising insider knowledge, nuclear proliferation, enriched uranium, drug cartels, radicalized students, Iranian terrorists, Texas oil fields, a beautiful CIA agent, 39, and more. It has politics, plots, romance, and intrigue enough to satisfy those of us who thrive on the genre. I finished it in one gulp. **Leslie Papenfus** Reed, [lesliereed@me.com](mailto:lesliereed@me.com). Class website, <http://classof54.alumni.cornell.edu>. CAM Digital Edition, <http://www.-digital.com>.

**55** Classmates are still busy and productive, I see! **Sigrid Olafson** Farwell says she's finally retired from various teaching, administrative, and counseling positions, so she and Ted are freer to enjoy church activities, aerobics, and weight training. The Farwells camp in Rocky Mountain Park every summer, “in our trusty old pop-up trailer.” They enjoyed Christmas vacation in Longmont, CO, celebrating Ted's 80th birthday with friends and family who came from six states. It's important to feel useful, Siggie notes, and since retirement she's been “on the hunt to fulfill that need.” **Dick Kurtz** says he's “still singing, still restoring pre-WWII cars, still very healthy, still in love with my wife, still remember great days at Cornell, and still love the Lord!” He adds that he'd rather be 40 years younger, “so I can do more items on my bucket list.” *Note to classmates:* Send me an e-mail and let me know what's on YOUR bucket list for an upcoming column.

**Sue Spooner** Olsen's Christmas letter brought news of her family's adventures during 2011, including a visit to son Greg in Israel, where he's studying nuclear magnetic resonance at the Weizmann Inst. Sue and her two daughters also enjoyed a Danube River Christmas Market cruise and several days in Prague. **Diane Rubinger** Roland is the newsletter editor for Tierrasanta Village of San Diego, based on the Beacon Hill Village concept. **Priscilla Rice** Oehl and her husband, Dan, spend the winter months in Florida and summers in New Jersey, with in-between times in Pittsburgh. The Oehls take yearly trips with Vermont Bicycle Tours and traveled to New Zealand last year. Like many classmates, they're grateful for good health and the ability to be active.

**Bob Leader** writes that from September to May he still commutes to his office in New York State. He, June, July, and August find Bob on a beautiful western Adirondack lake and getting to the office four times a week. Bob has 17 grandchildren (“Pretty good, I think!”). **Irene Adler** Hirsch matches you at 17, Bob! Renie was grateful for the improved health of her husband, Henry, after replacement of an aortic heart valve and insertion of three stents. Renie still remembers meeting President Skorton at our last reunion and hopes he'll come to Israel to address the Israel-Cornell Club. **John Wertis**, who lives in Trumansburg, is president of the New York Nut Growers Association. “We are identifying productive English walnut trees in New York State and propagating them by grafting, to continue the genetic material of these trees.” John asks that you contact him if you know of any such trees.

**Joan Groskin** Promin says, “I'm still working at my medical research encore career,” plus meeting deadlines on her portraits of animals and children. Joan manages to squeeze in time for travel, too—most recently to Turkey and France. **Tara Prince** Goldman and husband Warren celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary last June. Tara enjoys duplicate bridge, walking, and family (seven grandchildren to keep track of). Last April, **John Riley** had just returned from a New York City theatre weekend with CAU's **Glenn Altschuler, PhD '76**, and called it “a very stimulating experience that I recommend highly.” John was looking forward to spring and the opportunity for “messing around in boats, especially one you have built yourself.”

**Donn Resnick** informs us that he has a blog, which shows his narrative writing. “It's based on interesting stuff that happened to me and includes examples of my not-yet-finished career as an advertising copywriter.” Donn's site is appropriately titled [beforeiforget.net](http://beforeiforget.net). **Rick Hort** and wife Virginia spend winters in Arizona and summers in Pagosa Springs, CO. They have two grandchildren in college and a great-grandchild, 2, in Seattle. **Rona Kass** Schneider is another proud grandma: “I love bragging about my grandchildren, something I never did for my three daughters, even though they're beautiful and smart and have developed good careers and happy marriages.” Rona also said she can't think about the world without despairing. “We had a wonderful visit to Greece, and look at it now.” For **E. Howland Swift**, it's the “same old, same old”—reading, tennis, summers in northern Vermont with lots of family. Swiftly is an officer and volunteer for their summer lake association, working on water quality and invasive species control.

I was happy to receive a note from sorority sister **Elizabeth Milliken** Klim. She's in a monthly art group, two book groups, and a weekly choir. Plus she participates in alumni activities, takes eight theatre outings in Providence per year, and enjoys gatherings with friends and family. She still wishes she were sailing: “I can do lots of things with my trolley walker, but sailing is not one of them!” Libby's husband, Bernie, built a ramp at their home, “so now we have a water view and a nice setting to wine and dine.” The Klims see **Ben** and **Ruth Clarke Hawkins** monthly and talk on the phone with **Elen Kemper** Plummer and **Charlie Heyman**. All things considered, Libby concludes, “life in the slow lane is not so bad!” **Nancy Savage** Petrie, [nancypetrie@optonline.net](mailto:nancypetrie@optonline.net); tel., (631) 329-6430.

**56** “Now that the British Consulate hosted the Duke and Duchess one block away from us on June Street in Hancock Park,” writes **Peter Thaler** (Los Angeles, CA), “I hope I will be able to stop explaining where we live. Loretta and I had a great time (as usual) at Reunion. We still feel that the campus is a magical place.” **Bill Purdy** (Scotia, NY, and The Villages, FL), retired, remains director at Trustco Bank. He plays pickleball five to seven times a week, including many tournaments, in both the Northeast and, at times, in Florida. **Paula Johnson** Camp, BS Nurs '56 (Highlands Ranch, CO) writes, “My husband, Herbert, and I live on the top floor of a beautiful retirement home—with a perfect view of the foothills of the Rocky Mountains. Many weekends we are treated to an exhibition of hot-air balloons rising over Chatfield. I would really appreciate news of the Nursing school graduates

of the Class of 1956! We were a close-knit group and a few of us have kept in touch."

In January, **Mary Wakeman** (Greensboro, NC) reflected that the years since 2002, when she retired, have been the happiest of her life. Much of the joy is due to family—her daughter Nyaradzo, from Zimbabwe, is married and now lives in the house next door with her husband and Mary's grandchild, 2-1/2. The family plans a month-long visit to Zimbabwe this summer. In 2011, Mary traveled to Vietnam, Cambodia, and Laos with Overseas Adventure Travel (OAT) to learn about where her extended family came from, then went on a bike and barge trip in the Netherlands with friends who were commemorating the lives of Jewish schoolmates who had attended the First Montessori School in Amsterdam during WWII. "Otherwise," she writes, "I'm busy with my little church, a small singing group, playing chamber music, walking four miles in the woods every other day, working with others on undoing racism, and hanging out with the Occupy people. The process at General Assemblies is truly transformational, inspiring hope, spawning all sorts of working groups. Lots of fresh new energy! I love it."

**Bob and Diana Motycka Day** (Silver Spring, MD; dayhaven1@verizon.net) have been busy with lots of volunteer work and with the Cornell Club of Washington. **John Hoare**, MBA '57 (Bridgewater, NJ) continues on the advisory board of the chimes. He writes that his daughter, the Rev. **Kimberly Hoare '89**, is the new executive director of the Carpenter's Boat Shop in Pemaquid, ME. **Hersch and Shirley Dean Loomis** live in Pebble Beach, CA. Shirley writes, "Hersch is a Distinguished Professor at the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, CA, and is still teaching and doing research. He says he'll retire when he's no longer having fun." Shirley is a professional calligrapher—you should see her penmanship on the News Form—and serves on the boards of four nonprofit organizations. Together, they are interested in the performing arts in the Monterey and San Francisco areas. With a condo in Napa, they spend many weekends there exploring the many wineries and fine restaurants.

**Lillian Hecklen Gordon** (Rochester, NY) plays flute in a woodwind trio, with **Rivka "Ricky" Gebiner** Chatman on clarinet and another, slightly younger Cornelian on oboe. "It's lots of fun." **Georgia Meaden Wagner** (Chardon, OH) has retired. Recent travels have taken her to the Netherlands, Belgium, and Germany. **Syrell Rogovin** Leahy (Fort Lee, NJ) is "still writing." She took her second Cornell trip in 2011, to Sicily. "It was great and the people were wonderful. I'll take my third Cornell trip next May, this time to Normandy. Can't wait!"

**David Rosenbaum** has lived in Los Angeles for 41 years. "I retired from the medical practice of hematology/oncology and morphed into a medical writer in the same field. My articles are published on behalf of a nonprofit cancer research foundation." David has recently traveled to Croatia ("highly recommended") and Serbia. He reports that his three married children and six grands are all happy and successful. "Semi-retired" gynecologist **Charles Blander** (Swampscott, MA) still enjoys office practice two days each week. He traveled to Athens to visit daughter **Andrea '87**, granddaughter Olivia, and son-in-law Pete, where Pete oversees military weapons purchases made by Greece from the US. **Myron Watkins** reports that his grandchildren now run the family business, which has passed through five generations since its establishment in 1888. "Retired," he declares, "but still hang around." His love of skiing has taken

him all over Europe and throughout the US. He's taught skiing at Killington for 29 years.

**Baxter Webb** (Palm Beach, FL) has been retired 15 years. He serves on the board of the English-Speaking Union, a nonprofit that promotes appreciation of Shakespeare's work and the English language through events and scholarships. Baxter is also active with the local Cornell Club and was asked to arrange a scholarship dinner for Palm Beach alumni at the Colony Hotel. "My wife, Ann, and I went to St. Simons Island, GA, at Christmastime to be with my twin brother and his family. Then we went to Savannah to celebrate the New Year with my sister and her family. I look forward to celebrating our 50th wedding anniversary in September with a trip to Paris, France!" Send your news anytime to Phyllis or me. ☐ **Stephen Kittenplan**, catplan@.com.

**57** If you expected to read about our 55th Reunion in this column, you'll have to wait until the next issue—this column is being written in April. But my crystal ball tells me that the weather was typical for June, the co-chairs did an excellent job, and Saturday's dinner in the Jack McCormick Room at Moakley was one of the highlights.

**Beth Ames Swartz** was part of the Classmates in the Arts panel on Saturday afternoon. In March, Beth had an exhibition of her work at the ACA galleries in NYC and **Judy Richter** Levy, LLB '59, organized a group of classmates to visit with Beth and hear her discuss her painting style. **Margo Canton Berger** and **Mort '50** were there, as well as **Ruby Tomberg** Senie, who is finishing a book on women's health issues. Also viewing the collection was **Eda Green** Krantz. **Harvey** and **Rita Feldman Cohen** came over from Livingston, NJ, where they have lived in the same house for more than 50 years and are reluctant to move, but Rita writes that a ranch house or one-floor condo would hold some appeal for the couple. The Jersey City Rotarians have a new president—**Sharon Flynn**, who took over in June.

**Judith Lund** Biggs moved to a new house in Greenwich, CT. Judy is on the boards of several organizations. She has a special interest in foreign policy, having been influenced by Prof. Mario Einaudi during her Cornell years. **Marilyn Rives** Miller bought a fixed-up '50s rancher on Palm Island, near Sarasota, FL. She loves the sunny weather and swimming laps in the pool at the Y—a bit different from her Cornell days swimming water ballet. Marilyn writes that she's the oldest member of the Sharks swim team. Also Marilyn is devoting time to her watercolors and walking the dog. When the snowflakes are long-gone, she returns to her home in Woodsboro, MD, where she volunteers to help maintain horse trails, on which she often rides one of her three steeds.

New class officers were elected at Reunion. Continuing as treasurer is **Stu MacKay**; **Marj Nelson** Smart has agreed to be First VP, with **Connie Santagato** Hosterman serving as secretary. Taking the reins from president **Dori Goudsmit** Albert will be **Phil McIndoo**. They'll be looking for volunteers to fill some other positions, such as historian, webmaster, reunion chairs, etc. Dori, coach of a novice girls' rowing club whose boat-house is on the famed Erie Canal, was busy last spring with a regatta every weekend and the NYS Championships at Saratoga in mid-May. She writes: "Being with these 28 young ladies keeps me young, busy, and out of trouble." And what's

been keeping you young, busy, and out of trouble? ☐ **Judith Reusswig**, 19 Seburn Dr., Bluffton, SC 29909; e-mail, JCreuss@aol.com.

**Roger Soloway**, MD '61, continues to work full-time at the U. of Texas medical branch in Galveston. He and Marilyn have traveled seven times to Beijing, where Roger is a visiting scholar. They also spend time in Philadelphia, where grandchildren range from age 18 to 1. **Dick Kossoff**, MBA '59, has been elected president of the Inst. of Retired Professionals, an organization that utilizes peer learning, a concept whereby the students do the teaching, relying on their long careers in various pursuits. It's a division of the New School in Manhattan and involves about 300 members and 35 courses each term, as well as interesting add-ons with lectures by informed experts.

**Harvey Lyndaker** retired from 37 years of teaching agriculture and now dabbles in real estate in the Middleport-Medina area of New York. He has been involved in the Niagara Frontier Wrestling Officials Association for 52 years and continues to enjoy downhill skiing and four-wheeling in the boondocks. **Dick Peterson** also enjoys the back-country, biking in the mountains as he divides time between homes in Colorado and Arizona. He still does leadership coaching on a limited basis. **Michael Daly**, ME '59, a renowned tenor specializing in songs of Ireland, faith, and love, has released his fifth album. We all remember him as a soloist in the Glee Club who left few dry eyes in Bailey Hall with his rendition of "Rose of Tralee."

**Ann Phillips** Drechsel, my undergraduate "twin," and her husband, Andy, seem to be happy: Andy is busy giving away suits at Jos A. Bank, and Ann is selling her outstanding knitting. Also staying active is **Dwight Emanuelson**, scuba diving off Palm Beach and going to exotic locations to dive with some friendly sharks. For anyone in the Hilton Head area, even as a visitor, Dwight informs that there is a Cornell Club meeting on the first Friday of every month.

If you saw *The Descendants*, the doctor giving George Clooney the bad news that they were going to have to pull the plug on his wife (who was declared brain-dead after an accident) is **Milt Kogan**, BS Ag '07, who spent time as a center on the basketball team before transferring for his senior year. **Phil Monroe**, also on those teams and a retired Navy captain, reports that Milt, who also pronounced ET dead, returned to Ithaca five years ago to earn the degree he had been working on in the 1950s. If you're worried about his ability to determine death, he IS a real doctor.

Finally, check out the digital edition of the alumni magazine at <http://www.cornellalumni-magazine-digital.com>, where all e-mail and website links are active hotlinks! News via e-mail is always appreciated. ☐ **John Seiler**, suitcase2@aol.com.

**58** It's mid-year 2012 already and we have news from classmates far and wide. First, a note from class president **Bill Standen**: "Our reunion co-chairs, **Meyer Gross** and **Renni Shuter**, are hard at work on the 55th Reunion. Save the dates, June 6-9, 2013. While Alumni Affairs does a lot of the heavy lifting, the class volunteers are the ones who make reunion a memorable event. Contact Renni (renni1@charter.net) and Meyer (meyeragross@yahoo.com) and ask them how you can help. Also, check our class blog, courtesy



of **Irene Lazarus Soskin**, at 58at55th.wordpress.com for the latest news about the class and volunteer opportunities. The class website will be used extensively this reunion for registration, etc. If you haven't paid your dues yet, please do so. This is a major source of funding to help support the reunion and other class projects. I hope to see you next year."

**Jonathan Johnson**, MBA '60 (johnsonj@earthlink.net) still specializes in family law and has raised eight sons, all nicely employed he says, with four in Salt Lake City, three in NYC, and one in London. Jon is busy in his Mormon church activities and travels to visit his family; last fall he had some delightful days with his former roommate, **Charles Duvall**, and his wife, Nancy, at Hilton Head. We hope you make it back to reunion next year, Jon and Chuck. **Judith Bondy** Marbach is still in NYC, reachable at judy.marbach@gmail.com. She says she had a lovely visit with **Marcia Fogel Yeager** and her husband, **Bob '55**, BArch '57, in Maryland, where the three spent a lot of time reminiscing about Cornell and mutual friends. Marcia (marbob@verizon.net) also sent a note, adding that she has been conducting weight loss classes, both paid and volunteer.

**Laurence Pringle** (octopushug@aol.com) keeps churning out highly acclaimed children's books, now more than 100, the most recent title being *Billions of Years, Amazing Changes: The Story of Evolution*. Doubtless, all of us could learn from that one, cast to ages 4 and up; check it out at your local library. **Phil Gellert**, MS '60 (philgellert@verizon.net) still lives in Hillsdale, NY, and keeps busy hunting, skiing, and traveling locally and abroad. The Gellerts' grandson **Matthew '15** started his time on the Hill last fall in CALS. He is the family's fourth generation on the Hill and the 16th Gellert to attend Cornell. Phil says he enjoys farming his large veggie and berry gardens and also takes much pleasure from encouraging prospective Cornell students from the Cornell Berkshire Club area. **Stephen Bender** has a fourth generation entering Cornell, too, following Steve's father, **Meyer '29**, Steve, and his three children. Steve gave the 22nd annual scholarship in honor of his father at the Earth-Atmospheric Science Building last year and a fourth scholarship in his mother's name at Hillel. Steve and Maxine love living in Boynton Beach, FL, and can be reached at redneb2037@hotmail.com.

From far abroad comes an e-mail address for **Clive C.L. Chu** in Hong Kong—clivechu@usa.net—but no news. **Phyllis Yates** Marshall (pamarshall@foodpower.com) writes from Costa Mesa, CA, that she is president of the corporation of her e-mail address and continues restaurant consulting, quite challenging in this economy. She particularly enjoys working with young ones coming into the food business. Phyl would like to hear from **Judy Dennison** Allan and **Linda Cone** Allen. From Portland, ME, **Jeff Brown** (James.P.Brown@MEPCOM.Army.mil) continues backpacking in New England and California and enjoying his job evaluating people entering the military. **Julianne Gilbert** Cohn is a retired AARP VP/SE living in Atlanta, GA (cohn3496@bellsouth.net). She has enjoyed CAU over the years with trips to London and New York, continues contacting students for Cornell, and keeps active in the women's rights movements. Julianne would like to hear from **Edie Gelles**. Another League of Women Voters activist is **Roberta Arvine Fishman** (robbiefishman@optonline.net), who also plans special events like visits to the Brookhaven National Laboratory, working on public school

issues, and generally putting her history and government education to work, "pushing congressmen and local officials to do a better job."

**Leo Stack** (heystack@juno.com) writes: "I was forced into retirement from my realty company due to spinal mobility problems after enjoying 52 years as a realtor. Fortunately, I owned my own business and had exceptional agents, enabling my wife, Marge, and me to visit more than 70 countries." Leo relates an interesting story from many years ago, worth sharing with his classmates: "About 60 years ago I created a saying. Marge suggested submitting it into a Salada Tea-tag Contest in 1984 . . . and we were most pleased to have it selected for the grand prize of the country. The prize was a very large silver tea service and a trip for two for 17 days to England and Scotland via the *QEII* and a flight back to NYC on the Concorde at 50,000 feet and twice the speed of sound. It all was the high point of our lives." Here's Leo's winning sentiment: "A smile is a window on your face that shows your heart is at home." With that, I send cheers and a smile to all, with best wishes for a great summer. **Dick Haggard**, dhaggard@voicenet.com; **Jan Arps** Jarvie, janjarvie@gmail.com.

**59** A bonus of communicating with a current Cornellian is learning about "modern-day" organizations and opportunities on the Hill. **Shamari Simpson '14** is the current (and fourth) recipient of our class scholarship. From Norwalk, CT, she is double-majoring in Government and Sociology, with plans to attend law school. This summer she is in Chicago for a Pre-Law Undergraduate Scholars Program, and in the fall she'll be in the nation's capital to participate in the Cornell in Washington Program. Shamari is active in several extracurricular programs, including the Red Carpet Society, H.E.L.P. for Children, and the Society of Women in Law. She plays intramural indoor and outdoor soccer and works at the Employment and Disability Inst. of the ILR school as a student assistant. "The most amazing part of my Cornell experience has been the exposure to new fields I have never explored before," she writes. "Not only am I challenged academically in a wide array of classes, but there are no dull moments. I chose Cornell because of that instant connection I felt during my stay at Cornell Days, and I am thankful that this bond has only grown stronger as each semester progresses. Also, it doesn't hurt that winter is my favorite season!"

My fellow class officers and I hope you have paid class dues for the current July '12-June '13 year and we encourage you to make contributions to the Class of 1959 Scholarship Fund part of your support of Cornell. If you're the plan-ahead kinda person: in less than two years we'll be gathering on the Hill for our 55th Reunion. Among those renewing friendships at our 50th were **Art Ostrove** and **Harry Stern**. "We had lost touch within a few years of graduation," notes Art, "and this was the first time ever that Harry had attended a reunion. But while Harry lives in Chicago with his wife, Charlotte, and my wife, Carol, and I live in White Plains, NY, we quickly discovered that we're all snowbirds in Florida. Now we meet during the winter for dinner about once a month, generally in Delray Beach, which is midway between our residences."

Another custom ever since the 50th: Fraternity brothers **Barry Huret** and **Bob Coifman** and

their wives spend Thanksgiving together, as well as now seeing each other on a regular social basis. Barry has been busy as a volunteer teacher in the Pennsbury School District, teaching fifth graders the Stock Market Game, which is part of a Pennsylvania Economic Initiative and helps students start to learn about economics and finances at an early age. "It is extremely rewarding to do this and great fun, too," says Barry. "Prof. Alfred Kahn was my Economics mentor at Cornell and we stayed in touch until he passed on."

"As we have moved from our professional careers to more of a retirement mode, many of us, I'm certain, have found great stimulation and satisfaction serving on nonprofit boards," writes **Frank Mead**, BArch '60. Having served as chair for five years, Frank is currently president of Beacon Hill Village, an organization in the Beacon Hill neighborhood of Boston that he helped found ten years ago. Its mission is to provide all necessary services and support to allow elderly members to remain in their homes. It has become the model for more than 65 functioning Villages and 125 in various stages of development located across the country.

**Ruth Chimacoff** Macklin is still busily working and as active as ever. Since 1980 she has been professor of bioethics at Albert Einstein College of Medicine in the Bronx, NY, where she teaches and does research. "I have no desire to retire, as my brain is still working, the body functions well for my age (yoga classes help), and my work takes me all over the world," she says. Ruth serves on two committees at the World Health Organization in Geneva, and those activities include consultations in many developing countries. Within the past few years her work has taken her to Turkey, Iceland, Singapore, Switzerland, Spain, Norway, Sweden, Mexico, Argentina, Chile, South Africa, Croatia, Nigeria, India, and New Zealand. Ruth also directs an NIH-sponsored project in Latin America, centered in Buenos Aires, where she visits about three times a year (with an occasional side trip to Patagonia). "After my 50th birthday, I learned Spanish for the first time in order to communicate with colleagues and students in various Latin American venues. My current work focuses on global health, especially research in developing countries, HIV/AIDS, and reproductive health. When I'm not traveling, I enjoy the cultural benefits of living in New York City: the Philharmonic, the New York City Ballet, the many museums, the Botanical Garden (one of my favorite spots), theatre, and movies."

**Mike** and **Linda Goldberg Bandler '62** of Alamo, CA, celebrated their 50th anniversary last November. Also in 2011, Mike was appointed a commissioner on California's Senate Advisory Commission on Cost Control in State Government. The commission, established in 1984, brings the private and public sector together to identify new approaches to management that improve efficiency in state programs and reduce unnecessary costs. **Jenny Tesar**, 97A Chestnut Hill Village, Bethel, CT 06801; tel., (203) 792-8237; e-mail, jet24@cornell.edu.

**60** Kudos to all of you duespayers! Class president **Sue Phelps** Day, MEd '62, reports that more than 40 percent of the Class of '60 paid dues this fiscal year, making our participation rate higher than any other class of the past 52 years. For those of you in the San Francisco area who wish to celebrate, Sue will be coordinating an event this

fall for the classes of 1955–65, similar to the well-received gathering she and **Alys Chew** Yeh held in Fall 2011. Contact Sue for more information at [suesday6@comcast.net](mailto:suesday6@comcast.net). Also in the Bay Area, pianist **Kenn Gartner**, who enhanced our 50th Reunion with his excellent performance in Barnes Hall, held three concerts during the spring of this year. One took place in San Francisco, another was in Walnut Creek, where he played works by Liszt and others, and the third—in San Rafael—was a Chopin concert.

**Adrian Mercado** sent the happy news from San Juan, PR, that his granddaughter **Monica Pascual** is a member of the Class of '15 at Cornell; **Martin Prager**, ME '62, is pleased to report that his youngest son, Ian, is joining the Class of '16 in Ithaca in September and plans to major in English and biology. Martin's son **Brad**, PhD '99, is now associate professor of German at the U. of Missouri, and his daughter Danielle teaches in Manhattan. Martin says, "I'm still working—too busy, but happy serving as executive director of nonprofit materials and engineering research councils." Now living in New York with his wife, Chinará, an artist studying at the New York Academy, Martin began his career in California working on rocket engines for the Gemini and Apollo projects and began development of the space shuttle main engine in the late '60s. "Somehow I squeezed in time to get my PhD at UCLA in 1969. Since then, I've been managing research projects at organizations focused on better materials and failure prevention for energy-related applications."

**Jessie Barker** Hill writes from Oakmont, PA, "I moved across the state, from near Philadelphia to the Pittsburgh area at the (strong) urging of my three children that I move closer to one of them. I have a beautiful new home right on the Allegheny River, site of an old steel mill. I'm surprised and pleased that I've settled in so quickly and really feel at home here." Jessie, who retired three years ago, spent most of her career as vice president of legal affairs for a medical device manufacturer. During her annual trip eastward from Colorado to visit Cape Cod and coastal Maine with husband John, **Barbara Anderson** Everett stopped in Hornell to visit **Duane '57** and **Sarah Stack Heineman**, who was her roommate freshman year. She reports that Sarah and Duane are doing very well. Back home in Fort Collins, where she has stepped down as president of the Symphony Guild, Barbara says, "We mostly revel in the wonders of Fort Collins, named the number one place to live in America in 2006—in an article published the day we closed on our house!" The Everetts enjoy a wide range of activities, including hiking, canoeing, and bicycling in the surrounding area, book groups, and productions by the local theatre company. John, a geologist, is still exploring for oil and gas with a company he helped form, but manages enough time off for vacation travel with Barbara and visits to the Everetts' five children and 12 grandchildren, most of whom also manage to join them at their places on the Cape and in Maine.

**Sam Gilbert** is still practicing law full-time, dividing his days between Hartsdale, where his apartment and law office are located, and New York City, "to be with my wife, Susan Peck, who lives there, and also to meet with clients." He spends time, too, visiting his children and grandchildren locally in Ossining and on the West Coast in Danville and Petaluma, CA. Also busy with their work as attorneys are **Larry Dornstein** and wife Judith of Beverly Hills, CA. "I do trial work for Los Angeles Metro and Judith is an entertainment

attorney," Larry reports. "Our daughter Courtney continues to excel at her work in 'extreme sports.'"

**Steve '59** and **Maddy Munstak Anbinder** continue to spend their winters in Palm Beach, FL, but are in New York City for two-thirds of the year. Maddy, a retired real estate broker, says, "Steve and I love the city, and enjoy living near Lincoln Center and Central Park." Back in October, she "enjoyed a relaxing get-together with **Abby Herzfeld** Litt, **Bobbie Spelman** Josepher, **Carrie Warnow** Makover, and **Anita Albert** Karasu." **Emil Cipolla**, ME '61, MBA '63, moved to Portsmouth, RI, to be closer to his daughter Kim, the chief scientist at the Naval Undersea Warfare Center in Newport. Both daughter Kim and son **Jeffrey**, PhD '92, have doctorates in engineering. "We paid an outrageous price for a spectacular water view, but unfortunately, in the spring the fog rolls in too often and hides the view. I have asked for a refund but have had no luck." Keep the news coming! You can send it directly to me at the address below, or post it on our Facebook page, [www.Facebook.com/Cornell60](http://www.Facebook.com/Cornell60). **Judy Bryant** Wittenberg, [jw275@cornell.edu](mailto:jw275@cornell.edu).

**61** Our classmates are special people. Here's news of recent awards that we've learned about. **Irene H. Su** So has been honored by the Cornell Asian Alumni Association. The following information comes from an article written by **Susan Lang '72**. The celebratory banquet was held at the Grand Harmony Palace in Manhattan's Chinatown, Jan. 21, 2012. Irene, a dental surgeon, served as CAAA president 1995–97. "She was recognized for her commitment to Cornell, the Asian/Asian-American community, and CAAA, and for being instrumental in ensuring the organization's vitality during its formative years. In referring to Ezra Cornell's statement, 'I would found an institution where any person can find instruction in any study.' So said, 'The founder's purpose for Cornell University is evident in my own experience as a woman and a first-generation Chinese immigrant, enabling me to enter the world of science and the community of educated men and women . . . Since my graduation, this university experience has become commonplace for persons with Asian background. But none of us should forget the value of the opportunities we have received or the wonder that we are a part of the Cornell experience.'"

Thanks to **Phyllis Hubbard** Jore '54, I have in my hands a clipping from the Sunday, Jan. 8, 2012 *Orlando Sentinel*. It's a full-page spread honoring **Harris Rosen** as Central Floridian of the Year. I'll quote several bits from the long article. "One of Central Florida's most successful and visionary businessmen and one of its most generous philanthropists . . . he has created thousands of jobs, given millions to a long list of good causes, and devoted much of his personal energy to them. The story of Rosen's rise is worthy of a Horatio Alger novel. Born in 1939, he grew up in a gritty part of Manhattan known as the Bowery. Rosen and his brother were told by their parents—neither of whom went to college—that education was the key 'to make something of yourself.' It was a childhood insight that would inform his adult philanthropy. He studied diligently, swam competitively, and got accepted at Cornell, where he earned a bachelor's degree in Hotel Administration in 1961. After graduating, he served in the US Army, where he learned about motivation and leadership." The article goes on at great length to tell about

Harris's career from the beginning and his "giving back." To see the article for yourself, go online to the *Orlando Sentinel*.

In addition, we heard from **Richard Berkowitz** that he has been named a co-recipient of the 2012 King Faisal Int'l Award for Medicine. The prize was awarded for his work in "developing effective antenatal management of alloimmune thrombocytopenia—a potentially devastating disease that can cause life-threatening intracranial bleeding prior to birth." **Bill Onorato** tells us he has published his first fiction thriller, *The Viking Sands*, "under the pen name Thomas Torrens. It's a good, fast-moving, fun read." The book is available on Amazon (Kindle) and Barnes & Noble (Nook). **Frank Cuzzi**, MBA '64 ([fcuzzi@aol.com](mailto:fcuzzi@aol.com)) is a professor at both Berkeley College and Baruch College in NYC. He writes, "I am creating a sports management college online. It is called Universal Sports Education—USE. It is at [Vengo.com/UniversalSportsEducation](http://Vengo.com/UniversalSportsEducation). Sorry I had to miss the 50th Reunion. I was at Ashley's graduation from UC Santa Barbara."

**Joe McKay** ([swimmerjoe@mac.co](mailto:swimmerjoe@mac.co)) is also writing. "I am now living nine months on Eastern Long Island and three in Key West. Surrounded by salt water in both places, I swim, sail, and kayak to my heart's content. I am on the board of a lifetime learning organization and active in several environmental preservation organizations. These locales also provide a creative atmosphere supportive of my writing, teaching, and motivational speaking activities, new pursuits of the past ten years since I left my human resources career and life in Manhattan. In addition to short stories, poetry, and talks, I write a monthly column, 'Crazy About Words,' published on Long Island and in Florida and available as a free e-mail subscription. (Drop me a note at [crazyaboutwords@gmail.com](mailto:crazyaboutwords@gmail.com) if you'd like to receive it.) It would be a great way for me to get in touch." Also among the writers is **Winslow Davidson**, MS '62, retired principal of Guyana School of Agriculture (GSA), who says, "I am completing my book, '150 Years of Agricultural Education and Training in Guyana'—thoughts and lessons from experience."

To end this column, I want to tell about my friend **Janet Ballantyne**, PhD '76. She fits in with the other writers, since she penned a history of USAID, in which service she has spent most of her working life. Her special areas have been in Central and South America, where over the years she has served in person and under a variety of conditions. Currently she is doing curriculum development and classroom teaching for diplomats for the Foreign Service Inst. of the State Dept. Every time she has tried to retire they call her back; but, she says, "I will hang up my hat in December." She's had 36 years in the Foreign Service. Good on ya', Janet. Please keep sending your news to: **Susan Williams** Stevens, [sastevens61@gmail.com](mailto:sastevens61@gmail.com); **Doug Fuss**, [dougout@attglobal.net](mailto:dougout@attglobal.net).

**62** Coverage of the Fabulous 50th Reunion will appear in the next issue—stay tuned! The overwhelming response to the reunion yearbook is summed up by **John Burke** ([jburke@visibility.com](mailto:jburke@visibility.com)): "Congratulations to **Judith Prenske** Rich for producing the stunning digital yearbook heralding our 50th Reunion. The yearbook's warm, personal accounts show we collectively traded youthful good looks and slim bodies for a staggering accumulation of personal and professional achievement, much of which was enabled by our



Cornell experience. It was a worthy trade." John's first-ever submission to this column adds, "My new joy is writing the Nonprofit Branding Blog, a weekly online screed (<http://nonprofitbrandingblog.com/>). The blog's success makes me proud, puzzled, and worried. Now I wallow knee-deep in writer's angst, wondering if I have one more worthwhile post left in me. Here's a tip: thinking about a retirement home or second home in Colorado? Visit the blog and click the tab about Lyons, the little town at the end of the rainbow. You'll read about our community of musicians, artists, and neat restaurants 20 minutes from Boulder and 20 minutes from Rocky Mountain National Park—an enclave of civility surrounded by wilderness. It's irresistible. You've been warned! My wife and I work nationally with the public radio system. Our employment is a privilege that is too much fun to give up. So we'll slow down a bit by forsaking our home on the edge of the wilderness to build a penthouse one third as large on top of our office building. As townies we'll miss watching the wildlife. But with only 2,000 residents, we won't suffer from undue urbanization. And the views will still be spectacular."

**Pat Padgitt** Wellington's correct e-mail address is [dpwelli@aol.com](mailto:dpwelli@aol.com). Rocky and **Larrie Dockerill** Rockwell ([larrierockwell@yahoo.com](mailto:larrierockwell@yahoo.com)) have been going back and forth between Jackson, WY, and Boston. For the past ten years they've spent all winter and most of the summer in Jackson playing, and spring and fall in Boston working—Rocky at his old Draper Lab job on a consulting basis; and Larrie with Shipshape Gardens doing residential and commercial gardens in the Beacon Hill, Back Bay, and South End neighborhoods of Boston. "We both love our jobs, especially that we can 'drop in' on them when we're finished skiing in winter or kayaking in the summer. But we thought it was time to quit working, for the last time. So we've rented our tiny Boston place for now and are here in Wyoming for the duration, it seems." From **Gerry Miller** Jennings ([gerger1@bresnan.net](mailto:gerger1@bresnan.net)): "We welcome anyone wanting to come visit us in Montana. Any takers?" Chuck and Gerry were unable to join us at Reunion, but do plan to attend the Nursing School reunion next year. So does **Joy Harwood** Rogers ([rogersparker@comcast.net](mailto:rogersparker@comcast.net)). **Nancy Terrill** Weight ([weightn@comcast.net](mailto:weightn@comcast.net)) missed Reunion due to a major family reunion.

Fellow Northwesterer **Vic Ericson** ([vericson@aol.com](mailto:vericson@aol.com)) finally retired last September, 21 years after his early retirement from a 23-year career with U S WEST/AT&T. That early retirement was followed by six years as president of the Economic Development Council of Seattle & King County, then 15 years of public policy and economic development consulting for small cities in the Seattle area, with a focus on building bridges between businesses and government officials. "At some point I was beginning to think real retirement was a myth! Introduced to back country skiing several years ago, I have experienced spectacular trips in the mountains of Washington and British Columbia. Last year I took up long-distance cycling, including the Seattle to Portland ride, and the week-long 500-mile Cycle Oregon

tour, accompanied by fellow Sigma Chi **Jim Dauber '63**, MD '69, and **Fred Engstrom '64**, ME '66. We're signed up for another Cycle Oregon trip in September. Connie and I enjoy the beauty and active outdoor lifestyle of the Northwest, and we've lived on the shores of Puget Sound with a westward view of the Olympic Mountains for the past 33 years." The Ericsons often ski, hike, and cycle with daughter Britt and her husband.

The beautiful new Johnson Museum addition features an exhibit, "Memory and the Photographic Image," which includes photographs given by our class. It also includes photographs from the collection of **Paul '60** and **Helen Rabinowitz Anbinder** ([anbinders@verizon.net](mailto:anbinders@verizon.net)), some of which are on loan and some of which the Anbinders are donating to the museum. Adds Helen, "We love to travel and have been lucky enough to get to lots of wonderful places, both here and abroad. This January we toured parts of Chile, Argentina, and Brazil, returning home just a week before Paul was to undergo knee-replacement surgery. He didn't let his old arthritic knee keep him down on that trip; with a cane and his can-do attitude, he managed to keep up with the rest of the group." His new knee got the "acid test" in April with a trip to Venice, Brindisi, and Corfu, and ports in Croatia and Montenegro.

**Stu**, MD '66, and **Joan Weill Levin** ([js.levin@earthlink.net](mailto:js.levin@earthlink.net)) enjoy retirement in Los Angeles, where they've lived since 1974. Stu and Joan celebrated their 50th anniversary last month at the Hotel Del Coronado in San Diego with their four kids, their spouses, and eight grandchildren (ages 16 months to 14

years). They write, "Frequent trips to visit our children and two granddaughters in Brooklyn and Joan's dad, **Morton Weill '30**, in Manhattan, travel, enjoying being Papa and Grammy to the grandkids, golf, and collecting contemporary art keep us busy. Have stayed in touch with **Buzz Ruttenberg** ([buzz@belgraviagroup.com](mailto:buzz@belgraviagroup.com)), **Dick Fine**, MS '66 ([rhfine@itsa.ucsf.edu](mailto:rhfine@itsa.ucsf.edu)), **Mari Stachenfeld** ([mstachenfeld@gmail.com](mailto:mstachenfeld@gmail.com)), and **Gail Leichtman** Macht. Stu sees **Rick Ehrlich '59**, MD '63, **Marshall Grode '60**, MD '64, and **Steve Zax '60** (all ZBT fraternity brothers and fellow surgeons) at Cedars-Sinai Hospital, where one morning all four were performing surgery in adjacent ORs."

As his career as the principal in a Wellesley, MA-based residential property management firm "slowly winds down (condos, coops, and apartments)," **Alan Slawsby** ([alan@slawsby.com](mailto:alan@slawsby.com)) and wife Lauri expect to do some serious traveling—"aside from our babysitting responsibilities, which take precedence. Son Alex and his wife, Kara, live nearby and have two children, Ava, 3, and Bree, 7 months. Health is good and life is very good." **Jan McClayton** Crites, 9420 NE 17th St., Clyde Hill, WA 98004; e-mail, [jmc50@cornell.edu](mailto:jmc50@cornell.edu).

**63** A month ago, **Warren Icke '62** and I had dinner with seven Cornellians and one Dartmouth grad. **Fred '64**, ME '64, and **Linda Cascio Engstrom '66** were in town from Portland, OR. They were visiting **Jim**, MD '69, and **Christine Newton Dauber**.

The six of us had dinner and drinks with Rich (Dartmouth '66) and **Mary Wellington** Daly '66. Fred and the Daubers had done Cycle Oregon last September and have plans to do it again this year.

A press release has come from Community Environmental Center in Queens, NY, regarding **Richard Cherry**. Richard is founder and CEO of the center, a nonprofit dedicated to energy conservation services for New York City's buildings. CEC has partnered with Cornell to receive a \$3 million HUD grant to demonstrate the importance of innovative delivery methods and post-retrofit initiatives derived from CEC's experience with the US Dept. of Energy's Weatherization Assistance Program. The CEC will work with 950 affordable housing units belonging to the Bridge in New York City. It will also help train both tenants and the Bridge's building personnel about how to maintain energy efficiency long after the HUD project is completed.

**Orlo**, MD '67, and **Carol Clark** write from San Francisco. Orlo is still working and operating at UC San Francisco, where he is professor of surgery. His major academic and clinical interests concern endocrine surgery. Orlo and Carol have published *The Remarkables: Endocrine Abnormalities in Art*, available on Amazon.com. **Cleon** and **Jane Loomis Dunham '64** live in Austin, TX. Cleon ([cleon@oilfieldautomation.com](mailto:cleon@oilfieldautomation.com)) is retired from Shell Oil Co., but remains active in the oil and gas industry by consulting, teaching, and organizing international conferences and workshops. Jane is retired from Rice U., where she ran the Int'l Student Office. She is a master naturalist, an officer of Global Austin, and runs an international morning coffee meeting for spouses of international students. Cleon and Jane are involved in the downtown Presbyterian church. They have three sons: Jim and family in Amherst, MA; Stephen and his wife in Colorado Springs, CO; and Gregory in Wimberley, TX (he was to be married "down by the creek" at the Dunhams' country home in the Texas Hill country in May).

**Lucy Simon** ([lucysl@aol.com](mailto:lucysl@aol.com)) and **David Levine** live in New York City. Lucy left the nursing profession years ago to write music and is a full-time theatrical composer. Her first musical was *The Secret Garden*, which has played around the world since it opened on Broadway 20 years ago. Her newest musical is *Doctor Zhivago*, which just opened in Australia, has played in Korea, and, she hopes, will open on Broadway in the fall of 2013. David continues with his psychiatric practice and Lucy has no intention of giving up writing music. They have four grandchildren, one of whom seems to be a gifted musician. **Philip Grieve** ([pgg3@columbia.edu](mailto:pgg3@columbia.edu)) is assistant professor of clinical biomedical engineering at Columbia U. in New York City. He is wrestling with retirement while a health issue has forced his wife to retire. She and her stepdaughter keep up a steady e-mail dialogue between NYC and Montana. Philip is still excited about his work in pediatrics studying infant brain development in premature babies, using the electrical engineering tools he first learned at Cornell, then honed over the years at UCLA, in industry, and at NASA.

**Marty**, DVM '66 ([mardebwolf@verizon.net](mailto:mardebwolf@verizon.net)) and **Debby Kirschner Wolf '66** attended Debby's 45th Reunion last summer, as well as Marty's 45th from the Veterinary college. They had dinner with Marty's anatomy professor, **Howard Evans '44**, PhD '50, and met with ten fraternity brothers from the Class of 1966 at the home of **Ralph Janis '66** in Ithaca. They also took a cruise in the Caribbean for 11 days. Marty keeps busy with painting and

ceramics. **Bob Ulrich** (robertjulrich@hotmail.com) lives in Poughkeepsie, NY (Hudson Valley) and after many years at IBM is now a self-taught historian. He teaches about the Dutch founding of America, as well as the French and Indian and Revolutionary wars at seniors programs at Bard and Marist colleges.

**Dick Clark** (RWCclark@aol.com) is outreach coordinator for our 50th Reunion and will be sending e-mails to classmates to ask for volunteers to

Joan writes that donations of working women's clothes—shoes, bags, suits, and the like—are “gladly accepted.”

**Nancy Taylor Butler** looks forward to retiring soon and may have done so already. In mid-March she wrote, “In a few months, I expect to finish my consulting work in No Child Left Behind implementation for the New Jersey Dept. of Education.” Early this year, she and husband **Ed '63**, MS '65, joined **Susie Lamme Laessig**, MAT '66, and

Lastly, the online news form is not always conducive to your sending the type of news I need to write this column, so please send yours either on the mail-in News Form included with the dues appeal, or directly to me at the e-mail address set up exclusively for our class column news: blamont64@comcast.net. That's all for now. Be sure to visit our class website, [www.cornell1964.org](http://www.cornell1964.org)! **Bev Johns** Lamont, 720 Chestnut St., Deerfield, IL 60015; e-mail, blamont64@comcast.net.

## ‘My garage houses an ever-growing collection of Studebakers.’

Gary Ash '65

help contact members of various campus groups to which they belonged. There were a total of 230 campus groups. The invitation to volunteer will be e-mailed by mid- to late May. If you would like to volunteer and are not on the university's e-mail list, please e-mail Dick or call him at (703) 960-8689. **Elenita Eckberg** Brodie (ebscubagirl1@gmail.com) is busy with grandchildren, Bible study, and diving. She plans to spend a week in the Bahamas this fall. **Vicki Fielding** Maxant and her husband, Stan Murphy, visited Elenita in Orlando in March and they all visited St. Augustine, FL. That's all for now. **Nancy Bierds** Icke, 12350 E. Roger Rd., Tucson, AZ 85749; e-mail, ick63@gmail.com.

**64** You've heard of a slow news day? Well, this is a slow news month, which is another way of saying I could use some—which you may take as a hint. Thanks to those of you who have already sent in the paper News Form from our annual News and Dues mailing. If you haven't done so yet, please do send it in . . . or write me any time of year at the e-mail address below. In the meantime, here's what I have. Enjoy!

**Ed Gurowitz** writes, “After 40 years of consulting and coaching with executives on how to create a culture of excellence, I decided to cap my career by putting my money where my mouth is and see if I could do it from the executive's side.” So Ed decided both to take an executive position and keep a short commuting time from his home of the last 17 years near Lake Tahoe; last July he became CEO of the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA), a federally chartered bi-state (California and Nevada) agency responsible for all aspects of the environment in the Lake Tahoe region. Ed adds that he still has some consulting clients at his firm, Integrated Business Solutions, but for the most part he is at TRPA full-time. He otherwise enjoys spending time with his grown children and grandchildren.

**Charles Havener**, ME '66, retired last December. He writes that he spends his time “going to doctors and taking it easy. I read a lot and putter around the yard. Various household projects keep me busy.” **Judie Pink** Gorra is also now retired, but keeps busy doing CAAAN interviews of prospective Cornellians. She writes, “It's such fun touting the advantages of choosing Cornell.” **Joan Greenspan**, who still lives in NYC, is a career coach at the Bottomless Closet, which strives to lead underprivileged women to the working world.

her husband, **Walt '63**, MBA/LLB '66, on a “terrific” cruise from Singapore to Hong Kong (which unfortunately was very foggy on the day they were there) to celebrate the 51st anniversary of their meeting their respective spouses at a Sigma Pi freshman tea in October 1960. Then Nancy and Ed continued on to see the many wonders of Xi'an and Beijing. While in Beijing, they enjoyed a visit with **K. T. Mao '63**, ME '65. Husband Jim and I are still having our own travel adventures, including the last two weeks of March in London. Surprisingly for England at that time of year, the weather was sunny and mild. The good weather encouraged us to take side trips by rail to Canterbury, Bath, Hampton Court, and Salisbury. We also saw two lesser-known and little-visited but very worthwhile sites: the Queen's House in Greenwich and Banquet House in Whitehall.

Last December, another item was added to **Ken Kupchak**, JD '71's plate when Mid-Pacific Inst., a private college preparatory school with 1,550 students in Honolulu, HI, elected him chairman of its board of trustees. For many years, Ken has presented the Cornell Book Award to the outstanding junior in MPI's arts school; one of these accomplished young people attended Cornell and was featured in *Cornell Alumni Magazine*. In early January, Ken and wife **Patty (Geer) '67** left the warmth of their Kailua, HI, home to enjoy a vacation in Vermont with three of their four grandchildren and their parents. He also mentioned that they returned to Cornell in June 2011 for the 40th Reunion of his Law School class.

Speaking of reunions, our 50th is just two years away: June 5-8, 2014! Our organizing committee has plans for many wonderful parties and events and Cornell always sponsors all-classes events as well. Please plan to attend; having attended all of our five-year reunions, I may be biased, but reunions are great fun and a wonderful time to catch up with classmates in person and to get acquainted with people you didn't know when we were in school. To assist us in reconnecting, our reunion committee will create a yearbook, similar to our 25th Reunion yearbook, to be mailed out in advance. **Janet Spencer** King is heading the project; she will soon send out the materials we'll need to submit for it. And to encourage as many as possible to attend, Nancy Taylor Butler is looking for volunteers willing to contact those in their affinity group (e.g., academic major, athletic team, sorority/fraternity, club, other activity); if you'd like to volunteer, Nancy would like you to e-mail her at [ntb4@cornell.edu](mailto:ntb4@cornell.edu).

**65** Happy summertime! **Gary Ash**, MS '73 (gash99@comcast.net) is reading the digital edition and has e-mailed me that he and his wife, Jane, live in Dartmouth, MA. They enjoy spending time at Jane's cottage on Martha's Vineyard. “I'm still running my consulting business, usually putting in three to four days per week for clients, with a fair amount of cross-country travel. Some weeks, I'm designing machines for building solar panels, other times we're constructing large vacuum test chambers for NASA and the aerospace companies. My garage houses an ever-growing collection of Studebakers, including my 1948 pickup, 1963 and 1965 station wagons, and my current project of replicating a 1932 Studebaker Indy race car. My two daughters are married, employed, and each mothers of a boy and a girl. The grandchildren span the ages from 2 to 14. We're planning on bringing the '65 station wagon (naturally) to the 50th Reunion!” Do check out Gary's Studebaker website: <http://studegarage.com>.

**Judy Kellner** Rushmore organized a wonderful luncheon in Fort Myers in March for '65 classmates who live or were spending time in Florida this past spring. **Warren** and **Carol Emblidge** split time between their home in Orchard Park, NY, near Buffalo, and Naples, FL (wembridgej@yahoo.com). Warren is president of S. J. McCullagh, a coffee company, and has been successfully developing environmentally friendly packaging for ecoverde coffee. **Joe Schneider** (joeschneider@earthlink.net) and wife Kathy had a long conversation with **Joe Ryan** (jryan9778@aol.com). Judy Rushmore (judesr@gmail.com) has homes in Naples, FL, Nantucket, MA, and Belmont, MA. One of her passions is going on cycling trips, and she'll report on her latest in a subsequent column. Sadly, her dear friend Ken Wayne, whom many of you met at our last reunion, died of cancer in February. **Neena Martin** Lurvey enjoys living in Estero, FL (nlurvey@comcast.net) and has been learning the art of origami. **Dave** and **Hazel Bridgeman** (dmb56@cornell.edu) have adjusted to Fort Myers after moving more than a year ago from California. We've all decided that our March luncheon will be an annual event, so those of you who plan on being on the west coast of Florida next winter, please let Judy or Joe or me know, and we'll be sure to include you on our e-mail invitation outreach!

I was at Cornell in April for the program we do each year in memory of my daughter **Lauren Pickard '90**. Lauren died in Paris in 1998 and was the lead manager-on-duty of the Straight for one of her work-study jobs, as well as chair of the Willard Straight Hall Administrative Board. This year the “Emerging Artist Series” featured the Blind Spots, a terrific group from Ithaca who entertained the 150 people present in the Ivy Room. Show your ID and you can have a wine or beer in the Bear's Den Pub, the “evening” name of the Ivy Room. It was nice to see **Steve Hand**, who lives in Ithaca (shand@clarityconnect.com)



and came to the concert. Steve practices orthodontics in Ithaca.

**George Arangio**, MD '69 (Fogelsville, PA; casarangio@aol.com), our class president, sends the following: "The **Cornell Centennial Class** is alive and well. We are over 1,800 strong, and 1,700 classmates are on our e-mail list; we are communicating via the Cornell Ezra Plan and CornellConnect. 450 classmates are active duespayers, and 150 classmates have already renewed for the current cycle. Our goal is 500 duespayers by this time next year. So send your dues in early and spread the word. No need to wait for reminders, which will be forthcoming. The New Student Reading Project this year is *The Life Before Us* by Romain Gary. Set in Paris and written in 1975, the book covers engaging issues. Duespayers, Cornell Fund donors, and classmates who attended our last reunion and who choose to 'opt in' will receive the book.

"Ithaca's new mayor is 24 years old and a 2009 Cornell graduate . . . 'Bo Burgers' are out and veggieburgers are in . . . Beer is not out (some things never change). Check out our website for class news and Cornell links ([www.cornell65.com](http://www.cornell65.com)). Soon you will see changes, including our new 'Reunion Link.' Contact us—we want to hear your ideas and read your essays and bios. Our classmates in Florida, Ohio, Metropolitan NYC, and Boston have held regional events and we applaud their efforts. Contact **Lou Ferraro** ([ferrarojr@aol.com](mailto:ferrarojr@aol.com)) if you are planning an event, and send details to **Joan Hens Johnson** and **Ron Harris** for our *Cornell Alumni Magazine* class column. Cornell men's and women's sports are alive and well. Baseball led the Ivy League, and the hockey, wrestling, and lacrosse teams were national contenders. **Jeff Mathews '14** leads a talented varsity football team. The last two recruiting classes of men and women student-athletes have been notable. Go to the website for updates.

"We're looking forward to our 50th Reunion and interest is already mounting. Your class officers and Council want you to know that your enthusiasm and efforts are appreciated."

Please take some time to google "Cornell Now 2015" for a wonderful panorama of news about Cornell. Topics include Around Campus, a Featured Events calendar, Celebrate Excellence!, Cornell in the Media, Athletic Achievement, and a mission statement entitled "The Next Four Years." Thanks for sending YOUR NEWS to Ron or me. E-mail us directly or send in the News Form. ☐ **Joan Hens Johnson**, [joanhpj@comcast.net](mailto:joanhpj@comcast.net); **Ron Harris**, [rsh28@cornell.edu](mailto:rsh28@cornell.edu).

**66** I hope you're enjoying your summer and that the cumulative effect of all our weather aberrations over the last year haven't gotten to you. Thank you for responding to our request for updates on your life. We've received a ton of new information to share with you, but more news is always welcome. Here we go!

**Conrad Schweizer** owns a nursery and garden center on Staten Island, NY. He wrote that his hobbies include "setting up and running G-Scale trains in the garden center and spending quality time with four grandchildren." He also wrote that he is working on transferring ownership "to the next generation." Who would he like to hear from? "**Richard White** of Gouverneur, NY." We also heard from **Esther Strauss** Lehmann, who has moved to new digs. "We now have 13 grandchildren, ranging in age from 7 months to 17-plus. We spend

seven months in Florida and the rest in New Jersey or traveling. I'm still working out of an office in Boca Raton, FL, or Fort Lee, NJ. Last year we took our four children, their spouses, and 11 grandchildren (plus two in utero) on a one-week family cruise. It was great for all to be together at meals and some trips on shore, yet have our private time. I'm also on the board of our synagogue, where we're very busy building a brand new building." **Paul Anderson** is "still consulting to the retail business and working in NYC for a major supermarket chain." He says he spends his spare time putting his landscaping skills to work. "I planted the entrances of the development last spring, and it was voted one of the best landscaped yards in the association." He adds, "I had a great time at the Cornell Club of Portland and SW Washington's Zinck's Night." Way to go, Paul!

**Martin Schwartz**, ME '67, is now retired, but volunteering at the Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE). He provides counseling and mentoring services and teaches classes. Martin is also weight-lifting, biking, engaging in astronomy, investigating Civil War history, and most importantly, spending time with his granddaughter, 4. His recent travels include trips to New Zealand and to Glacier, Yellowstone, and Grand Teton national parks. He also flew over and around Manhattan in a small plane at 2,000 feet. Lastly, he's been visiting family in the Boston, New York, and Philadelphia areas, as well as in Florida. **Carla Meisel Schwartz**, who lives with husband **Stephen**, MBA '67, in Colchester, CT, dropped us a quick note, much appreciated. She's traveling, enjoying her five grandchildren, spending several months at their home in Florida, and keeping busy. **Elinor Sverdluk Sachs** is a radiologist, specializing in women's imaging. In her spare time, she enjoys painting classes—oils, watercolors, and pastels. Last summer, she and her husband took a trip to Greece and Turkey. She would like to hear from **Nancy Heiser** Reinstein and **Gabriella Leach** Howard.

**Don Asch** wrote a nice note, starting with the fact that he retired from Accenture (formerly Anderson Consulting) in 1999. He's now doing some part-time nonprofit consulting, and his "day job" is being the president of his coop board for a 400-unit building on Manhattan's Upper West Side; they're in the midst of refinancing the coop's \$16 million mortgage. In his spare time, he works out a couple of times a week with his wife, Susan, is the coach of his 10-year-old son's baseball team, and is a serious biker. They spent last summer touring the Loire Valley in France and are considering a family bike trip this summer. I needed to confirm some of Don's information, so called him and we had a nice chat. We talked about our 50th Reunion, which he plans to attend. Very cool! **John Deasy**, BS '71, MPS '72 ([deasyjjr@aol.com](mailto:deasyjjr@aol.com)) wrote from Doylestown, PA, that he also has retired and that he spends time from the spring to the fall in his camp on a lake in the Adirondack Mountains, watching the loons and bears. "I'm flying my old Beechcraft Bonanza airplane to breakfast and lunch destinations—or any other excuse to fly! Recently, I've been traveling with my wife Konnie as she runs our German shepherd dogs in agility trials. Our older dog, Caeli, at 9-1/2, is the third-ranked German shepherd in the country." If he could catch up with anybody, it would be **Robbie Wood**.

Time to sign off for this issue. If you've got a few minutes, write any of the three of us. ☐ **Pete Salinger**, [pas44@cornell.edu](mailto:pas44@cornell.edu); **Susan Rockford Bittker**, [ladyscienc@aol.com](mailto:ladyscienc@aol.com); **Deanne Gebell** Gitner, [dgg26@cornell.edu](mailto:dgg26@cornell.edu).

**67** **John Short '65**, BS '67, MLA '76 (Corvallis, OR; [jrshort44@msn.com](mailto:jrshort44@msn.com)) has been gardening, landscaping, playing golf, singing with Corvallis Repertory Singers, rooting for Oregon State Beavers, and doing part-time work as a substitute custodian for three different school districts. He writes, "I retired in 2005 from the US Forest Service, where I worked as a landscape architect in Ketchikan, AK. Am now enjoying trips to the Oregon coast and snowshoeing in the Oregon Cascades." He's also helping wife **Carolyn (Black)**, MS '76, with a community bike ministry. "She coordinates matching up repaired bikes with needy individuals." **George Kirsch** (Riverdale, NY; [george.kirsch@manhattan.edu](mailto:george.kirsch@manhattan.edu)) reports that his memoir, *Six Guys from Hackensack: Coming of Age in the Real New Jersey*, has been released by Infinity Publishing. It includes, he notes, material on his Cornell experience as well as on the youth of Kevin Clermont, now Robert D. Ziff professor of law on the Hill.

Prof. **Howard Reiter**, who taught political science for more than 35 years and chaired his department at the U. of Connecticut, died in January. At his death, Howard was serving as president of the New England Political Science Association and had published several notable books in his field, including *Counter Realignment: Political Change in the Northeastern United States* (Cambridge, 2011), *Parties and Elections in Corporate America* (Longman, 1993), and *Selecting the President: The Nominating Process in Transition* (U. of Pennsylvania, 1985).

**Sandy Nellis** Lane (Johnstown, NY; [se23Lane@nycap.rr.com](mailto:se23Lane@nycap.rr.com)) published her "great-great-aunt Lucy Ladd Stratton's memoirs and watercolors. *The Trail of the Wild Flowers. Part I, Vermont and Great Britain, 1882-1884*, is an endearing autobiography of a Victorian lady hiking through Vermont woodlands (with fairy grottos) and the land of Shakespeare. She hiked more than 6,000 miles on her hunt, and her wildflower watercolors were donated to the Library of Congress." Sandy is also helping to restore "her sixth great-grandfather's home," the 1747 Nellis Tavern historic site in St. Johnsville, NY.

**Karen Burke**, PhD '73 (New York, NY) is a dermatologist and research scientist involved with the New York Stem Cell Foundation. She lists as her "after-hours" extracurricular activities, "My two sons, 15." **Carole Newman** Allen (Arlington, MA; [allen@massmed.org](mailto:allen@massmed.org)) retired last November as director of pediatrics at Harvard Vanguard Medical Associates. She's on the board of the American Academy of Pediatrics and is "interested in advocacy for investment in early childhood and children's health." She had dinner with her roommates **Patty Clark McCann** (and husband **Eugene** "Skip") and **Susan Loveland** Hodes (and husband Doug).

**David Simon** (Zurich, Switzerland; [simon.md@gmx.ch](mailto:simon.md@gmx.ch)) writes that he's a self-employed medical consultant to pharmaceutical companies involved in "DMS Solutions" and enjoys movies, opera, concerts, travel, and choral singing. **Sharon Hurwitz** Rothmel (Chesterfield, MO; [rothmels@aol.com](mailto:rothmels@aol.com)) is planning director and community economic opportunity coordinator for the city of Town & Country, MO. **Sandra Couse** Geertsen (N. Fort Myers, FL; [sandycg2@hotmail.com](mailto:sandycg2@hotmail.com)) is chaplain at the Avow Hospice in Naples, FL. She also volunteers at an elementary school and at Cape Coral Hospital Spiritual Services. She'd like to hear from **Kathy Lavery** Stephen.

**Helene Dansker** Bergman (New York, NY; [muyimimada@aol.com](mailto:muyimimada@aol.com)) is a freelance translator/

interpreter (Spanish/English): "The work is interesting and challenging and I love it." She also returned from the wonderful CAU trip to Cuba. "It was a fascinating week! Cuba is a country of many contradictions, much beauty, and very friendly people." Helene adds: "Having been divorced since 2000, I would most like to meet single men here in New York City. If anyone knows of good places to meet bright, eligible, single men here, please advise!" ☑ **Richard B. Hoffman**, 2925 28th St. NW, Washington DC 20008; e-mail, rhoffman@erols.com.

**68** **Margie Greenwald Rubin** (marjorie Rubin@yahoo.com) and husband **Michael '67** have lived in San Diego since 1979. Six years ago they bought an apartment in Paris and they spend as much time there as they can. Margie gave up her law practice a year ago and founded a new business, Paris Your Way, which provides customized planning for Paris visitors that goes far beyond the guidebooks. You can reach her, or find out more about her new venture, on her website: www.paris-your-way.com. **Rick Shaper** (rshaper@qtm.com) has lived in the same geographic area—Old Brookville, NY—since graduation. He is the founder and CEO of Quantum Investments (named after quantum mechanics, which he says he could never master). Rick has survived the challenges presented by Asian manufacturing, buoyed by the analytical skills he gained in Engineering. In his free time, he serves on various boards in local village government, solving business management problems there as well.

**Bill Falik** (billfalik@gmail.com) teaches interdisciplinary real estate courses at Berkeley Law School and Hass School of Law and really enjoys his experience with the students. He is the managing partner at Westpark Associates Community Builders in Berkeley, CA. Bill has also developed a championship golf course with Johnny Miller and plays as much golf as possible. His other affiliations are as a board member of the Berkeley Repertory Theatre, KIPP Bay Area, and the Fisher Center Advisory Board. **Susan Harrison Berger** (Washington, DC; susanhberger@gmail.com) works in the same field as Bill. She is married to **Sandy '67** and employed by Evers & Co. Real Estate.

**Terry McKeegan Davis** (Ithaca, NY; TerryD68@aol.com) and husband **Duane '69**, BA '73, spend their winters in the South in an RV and generally continue with extended RV adventures in the fall to the Northwest coast to see children and grandchildren and the national parks. Last autumn they went on a month-long cruise to the South Pacific. Their two children **Stephanie Davis Long '94** and **Daniel Davis '96** enjoy returning to Ithaca and seeing the campus when they visit. Terry continues to volunteer for hospice in various capacities, even though she is retired from her career in healthcare.

**Jerry Blackman** (jblackmanmd@aol.com) is a professor of clinical psychiatry at Eastern Virginia Medical School in Norfolk, VA, as well as a fellow of the American College of Psychoanalysts, a member of the Int'l Psychoanalytic Association, and a distinguished fellow of the American Psychiatric Association; he is in private practice in Virginia Beach, VA. Late in 2010, he published his second book, *Get the Diagnosis Right: Assessment and Treatment Selection for Mental Disorders*. He has won numerous awards for his teaching and volunteers as a teacher in his "free" time, teaching psychiatrists and psychoanalysts in China using

videoconferencing. His website is www.jeromeblackmanmd.com. **Ray Reisler**, MAT '71 (reisler46@gmail.com) alerted us to a pair of significant hallmarks in his life: completion of 21 years as executive director of the S. Mark Taper Foundation in Los Angeles and his son **Zachary '14's** completion of his freshman year at Cornell. Congratulations on both counts, Ray!

Please send your news. Use the News Form that came with our annual class dues mailings last spring, or write me any time of year at the following address. I would especially appreciate hearing from classmates whose names have not appeared in this column recently! ☑ **Mary Hartman Schmidt**, mary.schmidt@Schmidt-Federico.com.

**69** **Ken Rubin** (krubin@morganlewis.com) at Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP in Washington, DC, writes: "In an era driven by high tech, Google search engines, Twitter, and Cornell websites, it is amazing to reconnect with **Jan Rankin** Thurlow, after 45 years, via the class column in an old-fashioned paper magazine, delivered by the US Postal Service. Jan, great to hear from you." Jan mentioned in the March/April issue that she'd like to hear from Ken—and you, our readers, can take advantage of this space also, if there's anyone you'd like to send a message to. Ken adds that he ended up in D.C. doing environmental law and plans to retire at the end of this year. Write to Ken and he'll update with more details.

**Greg Baum** (Bend, OR) visited his newborn—first—granddaughter, Maya Dancy, in Pittsburgh, PA, and tells us, "Since her parents are moving to Connecticut (my son-in-law will be a new government professor at Wesleyan), I hope to visit often and catch up with classmates in the Northeast. While in Pittsburgh in October, I did get to have dinner with fellow Delta Chi **Bill Peterson**, who is also retired. He's well, but thinking of warmer climates for his next home." **Kate Jurow** is an instruction designer/environmental educator in Somerville, MA, and is going for her PhD.

**John Mitchell** (mitchellmdj@varizon.net) is practicing ophthalmology and neuro-ophthalmology in New York and has written a novel entitled, *Love in the Time of War*, a love story set in 1915 in Haiti before the US Marine invasion. His second play, "Map Boule: Love in the Time of War," is fully vetted and ready for publication. Any help from fellow Cornellians in that regard would be appreciated. **Timothy Jones**, MPA '71, got together with some Theta Chi brothers for the Brown game in October, and enjoyed seeing them after 40-some years. He also enjoys visiting with his seven grandchildren.

**Dale Chodosh Strok** (Long Beach, CA) is head editor of three magazines of the IEEE Computer Society on the subjects of software, intelligent systems, and computer science and engineering. She is also on the board of a "great world nonprofit social service agency, whose services are more in demand than ever." She'd love to hear from **Sara Weisblat** Schastok. Surgeon **Charles Antinori** practices in Vineland, NJ, and doesn't have much time for extracurricular activities by the time his day is over. **Barbara Henning** Ireland has retired from full-time editing at the *New York Times* and has edited a new book, *The New York Times 36 Hours: 150 Weekends in the USA & Canada*. We'll be looking for this on the best seller list, Barbara.

When he's not riding his bike in New York City, **Matthew Brennesholtz**, ME '78, is semi-retired

from Insight Media; he still works for them on a consulting basis. **Jeffrey Bond** retired four years ago to help care for "grandtriplets" and lives in the beautiful New River Valley of southwest Virginia. He and Ruth celebrated their 42nd anniversary last summer and will head to China to visit their daughter, a Foreign Service officer in the Shanghai consulate. **Mike Hogan** was reappointed by Gov. Andrew Cuomo as commissioner of the NYS Office of Mental Health, and would like to know if any members of the 8-1 '69 water polo team still swim. **David Zimet** owns a restaurant and catering business in New Orleans that started out as a food truck. His son was seriously wounded in a shooting, but is recovering. Send news to: ☑ **Tina Economaki** Riedl, triedl@optonline.net.

**70** I certainly hope your summer celebrations and travels have been great fun and safe as well. Soon we will be preparing for a new school year and busy autumn. Please keep in mind that our 45th Reunion will be in less than three years—June 2015. It would be a great time to start contacting friends and classmates to join you in Ithaca for a weekend of reminiscing and adventure (the campus is much the same, but always changing and being expanded!).

**Philip and Judith Segel Benedict** live in Geneva, Switzerland. Phil is teaching and doing research at the U. of Geneva's Inst. of Reformation History. This year, two of his books will appear in French. *Le Regard Saisit L'Histoire* is a case study of the use of new visual media (in this case, printmaking) to report on current history. The English version, *Graphic History*, was published in 2007. The second, *L'Organisation et l'Action des Eglises Reforme de France, 1557-1563*, is, Phil says, hardcore scholarship—an edition of documents. Both volumes are published by Editions Droz of Geneva. Judy enjoys hiking in the Swiss mountains and does pro bono work for the local nature conservation organization.

**Connie Miller** lives and works in Watkins Glen, NY. She has a busy law practice and travels any chance she gets. During the academic year 2010-11, Connie hosted an exchange student from Hong Kong. In December 2011, she traveled to Hong Kong, Taiwan, and mainland China. More recently, she went on a road trip to West Texas and New Mexico that included stops in Big Bend, Guadalupe, and Carlsbad. Connie finds that she is very satisfied and would not rather be doing something else! The person who had a big impact on her was English Lit professor Michael Kaufman, who taught Connie's Shakespeare course during our freshman year. He told her she should major in English because she was a good writer!

**Robert Jackson**, PhD '81 (bojack53@gmail.com) is both a professor of nutrition and acting chair of the Dept. of Nutrition and Food Science at the U. of Maryland in College Park. His wife is **Fatimah Linda (Collier) '72**, PhD '81. Bob writes that he would rather be cruising! Profs. Michael Latham and Daphne Roe had a great influence on him while he was at Cornell. **Don and Barbara Brem Nouveau '71** live in Rockville, MD. Don (dan25@cornell.edu) says that after 18 years at one consulting firm, he woke up one day and knew it was time to do something new. Don's new position at Sol Vista Consulting lets him use his hotel experience in a different way to provide energy efficiency in the hospitality niche. It's a new day, says Don! He does wish he could travel



more for leisure and education. He would like to hear from **Gary Walseth** and reports that Prof. of Biology **William Keeton, PhD '58**, had an impact on him at Cornell.

**Patrick Kelly** and wife Angela reside in Ottawa, ON. Patrick (pkelly42@sympatico.ca) is a baritone in a 50-voice men's choir, the Ottawa-Carleton Male Choir. His travels in 2012 include trips to South Africa, Namibia, and Provence, France. Patrick volunteers at the Salvation Army and at Wreaths Across Canada (WAC) and the Maple Leaf Legacy Project (MLLP) to honor Canadian fallen soldiers. He is a mental health professional with the critical incident response team for the City of Ottawa and does pro bono work for emergency first responders. Actually, though, he writes that he would rather be sailing! Patrick would like to hear from fellow Hotelier **Udo Schlenrich**. Chef and Prof. Matthew Bernatsky had a big influence on Patrick during his time at Cornell.

In October 2011, **Ian** and **Patricia Gallagher Orr** (pgorr@comcast.net) moved from central New Jersey to Plymouth, MA, to be closer to their daughter, Stacey. Stacey married Pat Gallagher (note the name!) in September 2010 at Basin Harbor, VT. They were married by Patty's friend and Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority sister **Charlotte Bruska Gardner '69**, who is a Vermont justice of the peace. Ian and Patty are both retired and thus traveling and golfing more than ever. Also, Ian still plays hockey—now four times a week in Plymouth! As a brief addendum to my recent note about **Merry Bloch Jones** (merryddjones@gmail.com), in addition to writing thrillers and mysteries, she enjoys sculling on the Schuylkill River in Philadelphia—and is downsizing! ☐ **Connie Ferris Meyer**, cfm7@cornell.edu; tel., (610) 256-3088.

**71 Beth Kraegel** Labush, whose official title is hospice team manager, runs the Visiting Nurse Service's first hospice residence in NYC. After working in the field as a hospice nurse for several years, Beth was part of the creation of the residence. (Beth moved to Manhattan and earned a master's in nursing following her graduation from Cornell.) She has two terrific daughters, Rachel (who graduated from Swarthmore College and Harvard Law School) and Kyle (Yale U. and Northwestern Law School), who are married and live with their families in Philadelphia and Chicago, respectively. Beth, who was widowed a few years ago, spends many happy weekends visiting her grandchildren Jonah, Asher, and Julia, as well as her parents, who still live in Milwaukee.

**Joanne Trifilo** (Joanne@starkimmigrationlaw.com) lives in Phoenix, AZ, with husband Gary Schade. Joanne has her own law practice, concentrating on immigration issues. During her non-working hours, she enjoys music and singing. Joanne would love to hear from **Marsha Ackermann**. **Diana Petitti** (dbpetitti@gmail.com) also lives in Phoenix, where she is a professor of biomedical informatics at Arizona State U. (A quick Google search revealed a few more details: Diana is a graduate of Harvard Medical School and has an

MPH from Berkeley's School of Public Health. She has authored more than 200 journal publications and two books and is a recognized expert in women's health research.) In response to the question, "What is the one thing you remember most fondly from your time at Cornell?" Diana noted that there were too many to list, but adds, "I appreciate the help I got passing the computer programming class in the Engineering school!"

**Irene Smalls**, an author of numerous children's books, has announced the completion of *Hairmath* (demo video at <http://gallery.me.com/ismalls107/100231>). As described by Irene, *Hairmath* introduces girls to advanced geometry through hairstyling, by showing them the math they do every day when they style their hair! One of her other projects is the development of an action/adventure television series for girls called "Rin: SuperHairoine." Irene lives in the Boston area and can be reached at is-

malls107@aol.com. **Thomas Nally**, BArch '72, wrote (in 2011) that he is the planning director at "A Better City" in Boston (tnally@abettercity.org). Tom also keeps busy with several extracurricular activities, including serving as a member of the Brookline Economic Development Advisory Board. In addition, he has enjoyed watching his son, 13, in his first role as starting catcher for his baseball team. **Victor Trodella**, BArch '72 (victor@mainearchitecture.com) wrote that he is a self-employed architect based in Yarmouth, ME. He is a residential architect, specializing in waterfront homes. When he is not working, he enjoys fly-fishing and boatbuilding. Need a new or renovated home? Check out his website: [www.mainearchitecture.com](http://www.mainearchitecture.com)!

**Katya Fairbanks** (katya.fairbanks@cgu.edu) is the director of the writing center at Claremont Graduate U. She lives with her husband, Soumya Chakravarti, in Claremont. Her relaxation time includes walking the dog, gardening, and a book club. She would love to hear from **Kathy Ng '72**. **Kathleen Ellison Lindeman** (klindeman@colorado.college.edu) also works in a university setting. She is a staff assistant and events coordinator at Colorado College; in addition, she is the executive director and seminar coordinator for the annual weeklong Antiquarian Book School Foundation in Colorado Springs. For the past several years, Kathleen has served as the Colorado Springs regional coordinator for the National History Day competition for middle and high school students. When she is not busy organizing, her favorite after-hours activities include music (handbells, flute choir, and church choir) and, of course, reading!

**Margaret Corbit**, MS '95, has created her own business, Virtual Worlds in Education ([www.mdcorbit.net](http://www.mdcorbit.net)). As Margaret describes it, her job is "integrating multi-user virtual worlds into K-12 education." She has a wide range of outside interests, which include creating abstract landscapes in a variety of media from digital drawings to porcelain plaques; volunteering with Restore the Earth Foundation to plant grasses and mangroves at the mouth of the Mississippi River in Louisiana; and listening to live jazz. Margaret lives in Spencer, NY, with her husband, Wes Blauvelt. **Peter Gordon**

is an ophthalmologist practicing in Decatur and Atlanta, GA. He also enjoys cycling, swimming, running, and hanging out with his two adopted "rescue" dogs. He and wife Norma have three grown children, Jeffrey, Lisa, and Kara. **Donald Cox** (dcoachguy@hotmail.com) reports that he and wife **Susan (Kennedy) '73** live in Grand Forks, ND. He is retired from the USAF and the U. of North Dakota and keeps busy as a grandpa and a soccer coach.

**Marty Coultrap** still practices corporate law at Sullivan & Worcester in New York City. Her daughter Charlotte graduated from the U. of Michigan and now works at Credit Suisse, while daughter Emma teaches high school Latin in Pembroke, MA. Her lawyer husband Harvey Bagg is enjoying "retirement" by acting as litigation support in New York. Send your news any time of year—we really need (and want) to hear from you! ☐ **Gayle Yeomans**, gyeomans@gmail.com; **Linda Germaine-Miller**, lg95@cornell.edu.

**72** By the time you read this, our 40th Reunion will be yet another event in our collective past, and the future will (as always) lie before us. Reunion coverage, including the Class of '72 Reunion Report, will appear in the Sept/Oct issue.

**Stan Fish**, DVM '75 (Zimfish@aol.com) says: "I have been hanging out and in much contact with our reunion committee: **Nancy Roistacher**, **Deidre Courtney-Batson**, MA '75, **John Nicolls**, BArch '73, MPS '01, **Bonnie Brier**, **Bill Toffey**, **Carol Chock**, MRP '85, and **Rick Banks**, BS '74. I also serve on the Cornell Council and I enjoyed a great Cornell winter sports weekend while attending alumni athletics advisory committee meetings with **Maura Somers** Dughi. Speaking of sports, **Jon May**, DVM '80, and I watched a thrilling overtime victory for men's lacrosse over Denver, at Hofstra U. If anyone needs a daily dose of humor, I suggest you e-mail **Andy Topus** (Isellham@aol.com)."

From **Bruce Graev** (bgraev@comcast.net): "I was selected as a Southwest Florida Top Wealth Manager for 2012 by *Gulfshore Life Magazine*. Only 156 wealth managers out of more than 4,000 were selected for this honor. I am particularly thrilled because I have only been in southwest Florida for just over one year. I work primarily with medical professionals and business owners to help them build real and sustainable wealth. The issue is how does a business owner or practice owner convert business assets to personal wealth. We create strategies and tactics to accomplish that."

**Gary Ellis** (ellistar@aol.com) sent the following response to our request for news: "I would like to report that, probably like a lot of our classmates, I am at that awkward age: too young to retire. I'm finished with my 35-year career as an international oil trader, my last tuition check was paid in December for my youngest, now 22, and I'm looking to reconnect with my old acquaintances from the past. I am on LinkedIn and Facebook, if anyone wants to contact me. I live in Scarsdale, NY (though looking to move, but where?!). Starting to make more appointments for doctors than tee times it seems, but that's life, isn't it? I did take the *Queen Mary 2* from London to New York last year and recommend it to anyone looking for a reasonably priced special thing to do. Not sure what else to say right now. Thanks for asking."

**Daniel Fenti** (DanFenti@aol.com) appears to agree that we are "too young to retire": "After

‘I am at that awkward age: too young to retire.’

Gary Ellis '72

nearly a decade of enjoying retirement, I am back to work full-time. Last November I received a call from the director of sales and marketing for Air Enterprise. They have undergone an ownership change and were looking to penetrate the long ignored Florida marketplace. With some careful research I developed a business plan that I presented to them at their headquarters in Akron. The objective of the plan was to put into place a network of HVAC professionals for each major marketing area. We have already brought on a great team for Miami and for Tampa. At this rate, my five-year plan may very well be completed in just two years. It is a real challenge developing a new territory for any product line, but it's a lot of fun being part of a great organization again."

## “Mia’s World” is broadcast live from Umberto’s Clam House in Little Italy, NYC.

Jack Jay Wind '74

**Bob Efron**, DVM '75 (bobyak2@aol.com) and wife Sharon became grandparents in late 2011 when their daughter delivered a baby boy. Another grandchild is due this summer. Bob would like to hear from “Phi Sig Ep frat members or dorm 2 floor 2 residents.” **Dianne Gwynne Berger**, BS '71 (BergerDGalt@gmail.com) is an adjunct professor at Montclair State U., teaching seniors how to teach health classes before they start their student teaching. Dianne has a home in Swarthmore, PA, and also lives part-time in Red Bank, NJ, where she enjoys being on the river with the ocean nearby. **Gary L. Rubin**, glr34@cornell.edu; **Alex Barna**, alexbarna@comcast.net; **Carol Fein** Ross, hilltop80@aol.com.

**73** Congratulations to our own Class of '73 councilmember **Bill McAleer**, MBA '75, who joined Cornell's Board of Trustees on July 1 as an alumni-elected trustee! And in other news, have you seen the new digital version of the alumni magazine at: <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 addresses and website URLs are active hotlinks.

**Carl Ferrentino**, ME '74 (ctf6@cornell.edu) is deputy counsel with NYS Environmental Facilities Corp., which provides low-cost financing for water and wastewater infrastructure and promotes green infrastructure. He also is attorney for a small Adirondack town, in addition to cutting wood, doing home repairs, and providing animal husbandry for two active Springer spaniels. **Timothy Flanagan** (tflanagan@cullenanddyckman.com) is a partner at Cullen and Dykman LLP in Garden City, NY, specializing in litigation of commercial and construction cases. He also plays bass with Bob's Your Uncle (“Fairfield County's Number Three Party Band”) in Connecticut. He is in college tuition mode with two daughters, Caroline and Claire, at Brown. He would love to hear from **Scott Finer**.

**Richard MacMillan** (Shawnee, OK; leemacl@yahoo.com) is officially retired, but owns six

rentals for which he does the maintenance and repairs by day while serving as president of a local square dance club by night. He also is head deacon at his church and took his grandson on a cruise to Alaska for a graduation present. (Are we really that old?) He would love to hear from **Mark Cukierski**, PhD '85. **Laurie Hoffman** Marnell (lmarnell@unm.edu) is an associate scientist at the Biomedical Research Inst. of New Mexico, studying the role of C-reactive protein in autoimmune disease. After hours, she enjoys quilting and in the summer months, stream restoration. She toured Machu Picchu and the Galápagos.

**Neil Roland** (winrol@aol.com) started a new job on December 1, working as a financial regu-

lations reporter for MLex news in Washington, DC, covering implementation of the Dodd-Frank Act. He coaches his son's ninth-grade basketball team in a county recreation league (his eighth straight year), and also participates in Israeli folk dance every week, as well as family camp dance sessions in the Poconos during the summer. He would love to hear from **Sonia Prado** Kjergaard '75 and **Paul Maduro**. **Steve Schaeffer** resides in Ithaca and is a partner in Wagner Lumber Sawmill, which manufactures quality band-sawn hardwood lumber, in Owego, NY. He would love to hear from Cornellian “Tweaker.”

**Janet Frankel Staub** (jfsdancer@gmail.com) is a clinical social worker in private psychotherapy practice in Camp Hill, PA, trying to balance her work life in private practice with her love of folk dancing, Jewish community activities, and tending to her adult children and granddaughter, 1, plus two yellow labs. **Vashti “Tice” Supplee** (vsupplee@earthlink.net) is the National Audubon Society's Audubon Arizona director of bird conservation. She also teaches environmental biology at Phoenix College and rides her horse with the Paradise Valley Beagles. She vacationed in beautiful Costa Rica and would love to hear from **Dan DeLong**.

**Bill Totten** (billtotten23@yahoo.com) is a financial advisor at Edward Jones Investments. He has been working in this profession for the past 16 years. He opened his own office last October in his old stomping grounds of Lafayette Hill, PA. Bill is immediate past president of the Cornell Club of Philadelphia and the proud father of three children, ages 22 through 27. He has lost 40 pounds in the last year, so is back down to his Cornell football and baseball playing weight.

**Cindy Weniger** (csw25@cornell.edu) is a teacher in the Ossining public school system in Westchester County, NY. She is also the caregiver for her father, 92. **Richard Winnett** (Bath, NY) retired on July 1, 2011 after working for the US Dept. of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service for 39-1/2 years. Since 1984, Dick has served as a resource conservation and development coordinator providing administrative support to the nonprofit Finger Lakes RC&D Council Inc.

**Paul Witt** (ladwitt@comcast.net) is owner/manager of a Quality Inn and an America's Best Value Inn, both in Gettysburg, PA. He writes that in 2011 he was diagnosed with prostate cancer. Opting for 43 radiation treatments, he pictured the scene from the movie *Goldfinger* where James Bond was strapped to a table and the laser beam was approaching to cut him in half. James Bond: “Do you expect me to talk?” Goldfinger: “No, Mr. Bond, I expect you to die!” Fortunately Paul's experience differed, and he is doing well.

**Susan Denburg** Yellin (syellin@yellincenter.com), director of advocacy and transition services at the Yellin Center in New York City, has been working for the past several years in the field of special education advocacy, with a particular focus on issues relating to the transition from high school to college and beyond. She also blogs on education and learning issues at [blog.yellincenter.com](http://blog.yellincenter.com). She co-authored a book titled *Life After High School: A Guide for Students with Disabilities and Their Families*, which won awards from two organizations in the category of “Best Education Book of 2010.” She queries: Do two bronze medals equal one gold medal? See [www.lifeafterhsbook.com](http://www.lifeafterhsbook.com). **Pamela S. Meyers**, psmeyers@fuse.net; **Phyllis Haight** Grummon, phg3@cornell.edu.

**74** As most of us have already, or are about to reach, that great milestone of the big 60th birthday, our class news is distinctly showing signs of classmate rebirths in various ways. Many have already retired, many more plan on retiring, and still others are starting new ventures or endeavors with the newfound time, including second careers.

**Stephen Banker** advises that he took early retirement after 34 years at Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom. He has moved on to a new “day job” as vice president and general counsel at Park Electrochemical Corp., a New York Stock Exchange listed company. In his spare time he cycles and collects antique maps. **Michael MacNeil** writes from Montana, where he lives with wife Betty, that he has “retired” from the USDA-ARS to become self-employed. He will continue to provide systems analysis, statistical analysis, and quantitative genetics for the purpose of advancing profitability and efficiency of food animal production in the US and abroad. **Stanley Freerks** sold his insurance brokerage business to a division of Arthur J. Gallagher. He continues to be active in the insurance business as an area president in St. Louis for RPS SAFA. He also spends time doing volunteer work for the U. of Missouri, St. Louis as a member of the College of Business Administration advisory board. He stays physically active in masters swimming.

**Nancy Lee** Silverberg looks forward to retiring in the next five years. Meanwhile, she continues in her 26th year of private medical practice specializing in dermatology in Newport Beach, CA. She is also an associate professor of dermatology at the U. of California, Irvine. Her husband, Larry, is also a physician in private practice as an internist. Nancy and Larry have two children: Jonathan, 27, is in the US Coast Guard stationed in Charleston, SC, and daughter Amy, 23 is in graduate school at USC. Nancy would love to hear from any classmates or other Cornellians in the Southern California area. **Kathy Cline** Doten is in Atlanta, where she works for the Coca-Cola Co. as a manager of procurement systems. She and husband David Doten, a Florida alumnus and Gator fanatic, spend time going to a



lot of SEC sporting events including football, basketball, and volleyball. She was very excited to have seen the Big Red break into the Sweet Sixteen in 2010. She still keeps her hands in textiles, having attended the Southeast Animal Fiber Fair several times over the last few years. Kathy would love to hear from **Rodney Hunter** Angst.

While Kathy has been busy traveling to sporting events in the Southeast, **K. Shelly Porges**, MPS '77, has been globetrotting. Over the last year—both in her job as senior advisor for the Global Entrepreneurship Program in the Office of Commercial and Business Affairs and Bureau of Economic and Business Affairs of the US Dept. of State (boy, that was a mouthful) and in her personal life—she has traveled to at least ten foreign countries and six US cities including Turkey (three times), Morocco, Peru, France, UK, Croatia, Italy, Israel, Zambia, South Africa, New York City, San Francisco, Philadelphia, Aspen, Syracuse, and, of course, our beloved Ithaca. **David Eng** writes that he has been busy with the Designing Life Concepts memento product line for parents, as well as other online markets, while living in Larchmont, NY. **Randee Mia Berman** has checked in again with a different live Internet radio program heard at <http://www.centannibroadcasting.com>. It's called "Mia's World" and is broadcast live on Tuesday evenings at 9 p.m. from Umberto's Clam House in Little Italy, New York City. Randee interviews writers, musicians, and artists who have included jazz bass player Eddie Gomez and children's book illustrator Paul O. Zelinsky. Randee is also working on her own play.

I would like to take this opportunity to report on another special honor awarded to one of our distinguished classmates. Barbara Johnson, mother of **Christopher Reeve**, has brought to our attention that Chris was posthumously elected to the 2012 class of inductees to the New Jersey Hall of Fame in the Arts and Entertainment category. He was officially inducted in a ceremony at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark, NJ, in June, along with such other luminaries as Michael Douglas and Sarah Vaughan.

Perhaps a slightly less noteworthy bit of New Jersey news: It was fun for my wife, Lona, and me to run into the omnipresent **Bill Howard** and **Nancy Maczulak** Fisher (down from Beantown) in Atlantic City, where we were all rooting for the Big Red at the ECAC Hockey Championships. While the tournament is not quite the same as during our years when the ECACs were at the old Boston Garden, it was nonetheless fun to see the team salvage third place and assure their place in the NCAA tournament. In conclusion, I wish all of our classmates a very happy and healthy 60th birthday and remind everyone that we are only a short two years from celebrating our 40th Reunion. Start planning now! ■ **Jack Jay Wind**, [jjw@mwhlawfirm.com](mailto:jjw@mwhlawfirm.com); **Helen Bendix**, [hbendix@verizon.net](mailto:hbendix@verizon.net); **Betsy Moore**, [emoore@cazenovia.edu](mailto:emoore@cazenovia.edu).

**75** It's an unusually cool April day here in Orlando—in the low 70s. I wish it were like this all the time. But the tradeoff is: no snow to shovel. It's hard to believe it's been home for 33 years. **Carol Ellis** Menez ([cjanem@earthlink.net](mailto:cjanem@earthlink.net)) also doesn't worry about snow in Alameda, CA. Carol is a psychotherapist/educator with a private practice, teaching an anti-nicotine curriculum in middle and high schools and designing and running training in her field. In addition to raising children and a grandchild, she's

been designing social skills/self-esteem growth groups for adults with developmental disabilities. She would love to hear from **Etienne Bellay** (in Germany), and **Holly Miller Friesen** '73. **Aline Ordman**, BFA '75 ([aordman@sover.net](mailto:aordman@sover.net)) is an artist/teacher in White River Junction, VT. Check out the February edition of *Pastel Journal*, featuring an article on Aline and her work. **Paula Amols** (Dexter, KY; [pamol54@gmail.com](mailto:pamol54@gmail.com)) is director of Dining and Racer Hospitality at Murray State U. Paula went on a polar bear expedition last October, and enjoys cooking, bird watching, traveling, gardening, design, and decorating. **Neil and Debra Bittlingmaier Martin**, BS Nurs '77, are in Stratham, NH. **Eric Yost** ([ecyost28@gmail.com](mailto:ecyost28@gmail.com)) is now an environmental manager with St. Jude Medical in Minnetonka, MN, and lives in Hutchinson. Eric is also on Hutchinson's city council, the hospital board of directors, and its airport commission.

**Melissa Yorks** (Gaithersburg, MD; [melissayorks@yahoo.com](mailto:melissayorks@yahoo.com)) is an indexer/revisor at the National Library of Medicine in Bethesda. Melissa has been helping her daughter apply to med school and has enjoyed the Rockville Chorus, Tai Chi, and volunteering with the Washington Figure Skating Club. She would love to hear from her friend Barbara, who was in the Transfer House and Sage Chapel Choir with her. **Cecile Pace Windels** (Darien, CT; [mykiddoc@yahoo.com](mailto:mykiddoc@yahoo.com)) is a pediatrician and owner of the Healthy Child LLC. Cecile started a small group practice five years ago in Darien, and prides herself on delivering high quality care in a caring environment. She enjoys skating, skiing, and gardening. **Dan Moore** (Liverpool, NY; [dan@danmoore.com](mailto:dan@danmoore.com)), an electrical engineer, has written two science fiction novels that were released last year, *Meridian's Shadow* and *The Rings of Althea* (both available at Amazon.com). **Sandra Sills-Wyche** (Highland Springs, VA; [ssw2u@aol.com](mailto:ssw2u@aol.com)) is an Exceptional Education teacher. She also is a martial arts instructor at Dai-Ichi Shotokan LLC and enjoys teaching at the church nursery and, most of all, being the wife of husband Cornelius.

**Joseph** ([joelevitt53@comcast.net](mailto:joelevitt53@comcast.net)) and **Barbara Shumaker Levitt** live in Potomac, MD. Their younger daughter, Emma, graduated high school last year. **Jurgen, MA '75**, and **Jane Barnard Kerber** attended the graduation party. **Jane Rabbino** Miller ([jbn9@cornell.edu](mailto:jbn9@cornell.edu)) moved to Roanoke, VA, from Falmouth, ME, last June. Jane works as an election official and expects to substitute teach in Virginia as she did for the previous five years in Maine. She and husband Carl bought a cottage on Smith Mountain Lake 42 miles from their home and "spent all summer and most weekends last fall enjoying lake life (kayaking, stand-up paddle boarding, and relaxing)!" **Laurie Clemente** Milnor, Jane would love to hear from you. **Jeffrey Sitkin** (Cheshire, CT; [scrappysit@att.net](mailto:scrappysit@att.net)) reports that he has a new job as chief operating officer at Ohio Precious Metals in Jackson, OH. **Joel Helmrich**, MBA '76 (Pittsburgh, PA; [jbjrh1@verizon.net](mailto:jbjrh1@verizon.net)) is a partner in the law firm of Dinsmore & Shohl LLP. Joel is also a member of the Upper St. Clair Planning Commission and the board of trustees of the Western Pennsylvania School for Blind Children.

**Sergio Kogan**, ME '76, is in Framingham, MA, and works as a business development consultant covering Latin America, enterprise software, and startups. **Martha Oschirin Robertson** (Ithaca, NY; [mrob@twcny.rr.com](mailto:mrob@twcny.rr.com)) is married to **Steven, PhD '77**, and serves as chair of the Tompkins County Legislature. She also represents the Town of Dryden. **Joanne Bicknese**, DVM '78 (Cream Ridge, NJ; [bicknesj@verizon.net](mailto:bicknesj@verizon.net)) raises registered Boer goats

(check out her website at [www.locustwoodfarm.com](http://www.locustwoodfarm.com)). Joanne is recovering from a house fire in September 2011, hopes 2012 is a better year, and reports that she has "a nice new house."

Only about three years until our 40th Reunion. Can you believe it? That'll be 44 years since we stepped on campus that very hot August day. Keep the news coming. ■ **Mitch Frank**, [MJFgator@gmail.com](mailto:MJFgator@gmail.com); **Karen DeMarco Boroff**, [boroffka@shu.edu](mailto:boroffka@shu.edu); **Joan Pease**, [japease1032@aol.com](mailto:japease1032@aol.com); **Deb Gellman**, [dsgellman@hotmail.com](mailto:dsgellman@hotmail.com).

**76** Thanks to all who responded to the e-mail request for news. We received more than could fit in one column, so if you don't see your name this time, your news has been sent to Karen for the next column.

**Alain Bertrand** is really happy with the completion of a career transition. He works part-time in finance for the State of Geneva in Switzerland and independently as a trainer and professional coach—lots of opportunities for a gradual retirement. His children, Candice and Alban, are on their way with plenty of projects—really nice and beautiful people, he adds. Alain says life is treating him well and that he is healthy, active, and grateful for this part of life. He invites classmates to come and visit in Switzerland. **Susanne Gurda** DeGraba, MBA '88, is still CFO with Montgomery County Public Schools in Rockville, MD. Hers is the 17th largest school system in the country, with 146,000 students, and keeps her busy. Susanne has three daughters: a set of twins, including **Marissa Phillip Feldman '02** (Hotel), and the youngest at Georgia Tech. She also has two grandchildren.

**Mike Valla** retired from the active medical/dental staff of Glens Falls Hospital in New York after nearly 25 years of service. He is enjoying his early retirement by writing about his passion, fly-fishing. He's written three books on the subject and is the Northeast field editor for *Eastern Fly Fishing* magazine. With his wife, **Valerie (Fay) '79**, he has three grown children, including two Cornell grads. For more than 20 years, **Judith Brown** has been an assistant attorney general in Connecticut. She is divorced and has two grown children: son Zachary is in college in Newington, CT, and daughter Naomi teaches in Buenos Aires. Zack and Judith went on a great vacation to visit Naomi in March. Judith has been teaching fifth grade Sunday school in Newington for 16 years. In the past three years she has traveled to Portugal, England, Ireland, France, and the Kentucky Derby.

**Rick Van Ness** has published free "how-to" videos, as well as the book *Common Sense Investing*. **Cameron Munter** and wife **Marilyn Wyatt '75** are still in Islamabad, where Cameron is Ambassador to Pakistan. He says he has been doing his policy tasks, but that Marilyn actually knows what is going on in the country through frequent visits to assistance projects and women's groups. In May, they traveled to California when Cameron was commencement speaker at Pomona College. This past fall, **Nate Peck**, MBA '78, **Jim Ricciuti**, **Tim Cox**, and **Mitchell Stern** headed west and played golf at four championship Bay Area courses, including Pebble Beach. While they did not set any course records, they had a wonderful time.

**Wayne Muromoto** is Facebook friends with Frank, Mark, and the rest of the old motley crew, so they know that they are still alive and kicking. Wayne was in D.C. for a Photoshop World Convention and doesn't think he will get back on the

East Coast much from here on. The flight time is a killer, he says, now that he is middle-aged. He has remarried and is looking forward to retiring in a couple of years. Life has settled down nicely. **Yuri Kageyama** is a journalist at the AP and was part of an award for spot-reporting on the Japan disaster coverage last year. In April, she did a reading in New York of her poetry from "Story of Miu." **Lynda Gavigan** Halttunen has been at Palomar College for the past 28 years and dean of counseling for the last ten.

**Rafael Sharon**, BArch '77, started his first architectural firm six years after graduation. Kehrt Shatken Sharon (KSS) grew to 45 people, with offices in New Jersey and Pennsylvania. Much of their work is for colleges and universities throughout the US. It took Rafael 20 years to get a building at Cornell, the Beck Classroom Building. After 15 years as a partner at KSS, he left the firm to focus on real estate development and earn a master's degree in psychoanalysis. He is working toward a certificate in psychoanalysis and one in trauma and resiliency, building 36 homes near the Jersey Shore, and working as a psychoanalyst. Rafael has three children: stepdaughter Ashley is a first-grade teacher in NYC; Cimarron, 19, is a neuroscience pre-med major with her eyes set on Weill Cornell Medical School; and son Canaan, 10, is an avid hockey player hoping to play defense for the Big Red. His wife, Lorna, has held on for a wild ride. After all, he says, who marries a successful architect who comes home one day and says he is leaving the profession? He says he is a lucky guy.

**Kate Thompson-Mahers** wrote for the first time in 36 years! She has lived with her husband in Seattle for the last 20. She spent the first 16 years after graduation in Houston, where she went to medical school and did her residency and training in nephrology at U. of Texas, Houston. She stayed on the faculty there until the itch to move struck them. They've been happy in the great Northwest and are tolerating the soggy and low-hanging clouds fairly well. "It's true what they say about this great city: there's nothing like it when the weather is beautiful and the sun is out. The rest of the time . . . well, we just wait for the sun's return to celebrate all over again." Kate's two kids are grown and out of the house and life is quieter. She works as a nephrologist at Virginia Mason Clinic in Seattle, but is looking ahead to retiring and spending time writing and traveling. She doesn't see many Cornellians, but keeps up with her college roommate of three years, **Molly B. "Brucie" Jacobs**, and good friends **Doug Schlafer** and **Wendy Schlessel** Harpham. [Lisa Diamant, Ljdiament@verizon.net](mailto:Ljdiament@verizon.net); **Karen Krinsky**, [Krinsk54@gmail.com](mailto:Krinsk54@gmail.com); **Pat Relf**, [Relf@tds.net](mailto:Relf@tds.net).

**77** Reunion 2012 is a happy memory as you read this column. Check this space in the Sept/Oct issue for a full report. For now, here's the latest news, pre-reunion, from our classmates.

**Roxanne Nersesian** Paul (Vienna, VA: [RangerRox@msn.com](mailto:RangerRox@msn.com)) is senior coordinator for community and volunteer outreach for the National Wildlife Federation. She runs the Community Wildlife Habitat Program. In her spare time, she hikes, swims, rides her bicycle to work, and gardens with native plants. "I hiked to the bottom of the Grand Canyon this summer with my three sons (all in their 20s). I had done the hike 32 years ago, but it was so cool to do it again in my 50s with my sons." Roxanne would like to connect with her

old roommates. **Sheryl Checkman** (New York, NY; [sheryl@checkmandesign.com](mailto:sheryl@checkmandesign.com)) continues to run her graphic design firm, Checkman Design Inc., do yoga, and volunteer most Thursdays at a soup kitchen affiliated with Temple B'nai Jeshurun. Sheryl has also designed an inspirational line of T-shirts ("Life is Balance") incorporating the yin-yang symbol, tailored to reflect a specific sport or activity that promotes balance. She already has 39 designs for women, men, and children. "I'd love my fellow classmates to come check them out," she writes. Visit [www.lifeisbalance.com](http://www.lifeisbalance.com) and use coupon code Cornell77 at checkout for a 20 percent discount. Sheryl has begun designing jewelry in the Life is Balance brand that she sells on Esty.

Also in the ranks of the self-employed, **John Mabey** (Livonia, MI; [guideu2freedom@yahoo.com](mailto:guideu2freedom@yahoo.com)) works as a health insurance agent specializing in Medicare Advantage plans. He also markets legal shield plans. In his after hours, he spends time with children Cara, 9, Lauren, 7, and Zachary, 6. He would like to hear from **S. Curtis Johnson**. **Bob Green** (Shaker Heights, OH; [rgreene@acorntechnology.com](mailto:rgreene@acorntechnology.com)) co-owns Acorn Technology, a control systems integration company, with wife **Lalana (Janlekha)**. He also sings with the Cleveland Orchestra Chorus and, with Lalana, visits their children. "Last summer, our oldest daughter, Marisa, was married in both New Haven, CT, and Bangkok, Thailand." Bob and Lalana were planning to attend reunion and have been active with the Cornell Club of Cleveland, including the Int'l Zinck's Day celebration. Bob would like to hear from **Charlie Cavagnaro '78**, MD '82.

**Daniel Mackesey** (Falls Church, VA; [dmackesey@wcsr.com](mailto:dmackesey@wcsr.com)) is a lawyer and managing partner of the Northern Virginia office of Womble, Carlyle, Sandridge, and Rice in Tysons Corner, VA. **Joan Togut** Kalmans ([joan.kalmans@unilever.com](mailto:joan.kalmans@unilever.com)) and husband Richard live in Weston, CT. Joan is director of global equity for Unilever. **David Duerr** ([dduerr@empowerfcu.com](mailto:dduerr@empowerfcu.com)) works as vice president of business development for Empower Federal Credit Union. He and wife Rosemarie live in Cicero, NY. **Joy Willig** sent an e-mail from New Orleans, LA, where she is employed by the Housing Authority. As a NOLA newcomer, she has been enjoying life and would be happy to hear from fellow classmates in the area. **Richard Grazi** (Brooklyn, NY; [drgrazi@aol.com](mailto:drgrazi@aol.com)) is founder and director of Genesis Fertility and Reproductive Medicine, a full-service fertility treatment center in New York City, and has authored two books and many articles on the treatment of infertility. With wife **Leslie Weiss '78** he has six children and three grandchildren. "That says most of it," he writes. "In between, we travel as much as we can." Richard would like to hear from **Bennett Weiner '79**.

From the Ivory Tower: **Eve Emshwiler**, PhD '99 (Madison, WI) is an assistant professor of botany at the U. of Wisconsin, Madison, College of Letters and Science. Google reveals that Eve's research in the field of ethnobotany investigates evolution, conservation, and human influence on crop genetic diversity through the botany of a domesticated tuber known as oca, a staple of the traditional Andean diet. **Diane Freedman**, MAT '78 (Durham, NH) is a professor of American literature at the U. of New Hampshire, with an emphasis on poetry, memoir, and nature writing. She's been learning German, hiking, swimming, snowshoeing, bicycling, gardening, and traveling, including a trip to visit her son in Vienna, where he attends a music conservatory. She was planning a winter

trip to Costa Rica with her three siblings—including sister **Gail Freedman '81**—and their children. She would love to hear from **Kim Knowlton**.

From Long Island, **Cara Lebowitz** Kagan (Dix Hills, NY; [clk816@aol.com](mailto:clk816@aol.com)) writes, "Husband Leonard and I have been doubly blessed! Our daughter Michelle and her husband, **Joel Sandler '99**, welcomed identical twins August Reid and Jude Isaac on February 23 in New York. They join big sister Juliet Rose. Everyone is happy and healthy. All this excitement while I plan our 35th Reunion weekend." A few miles west, **Ellen Wurman** Birnbaum ([ewb28@aol.com](mailto:ewb28@aol.com)) works as director of intermunicipal coordination for the Town of North Hempstead. The job puts her in contact with 31 villages and various water, sewer, and library special districts. Off-hours, she has a membership with Equinox gym and serves as a Democratic leader in Great Neck. She and husband Mark vacationed in South America—Argentina, Uruguay, and Brazil. "Loved Buenos Aires and Rio de Janeiro!"

**Marc Schlussek**, MBA '78 (Teaneck, NJ; [marc.schlussek@gmail.com](mailto:marc.schlussek@gmail.com)) is a partner at Key Properties, a real estate development company based in New Jersey with a focus on retail, industrial, and office properties. He and wife Ronnie were honored by the Frisch School in Paramus, NJ, as guests of honor at their annual dinner. Marc serves as chairman of the board of Cornell Hillel. Daughter **Emily '13** just finished her junior year on the Hill, and son Adam will join her there in the fall of 2012, after completing a gap year studying in Israel. Thanks to all for your news. Send updates to your correspondents any time of year, and look for the Reunion Report in the next issue! [Annette Mulee](mailto:AnnetteMulee), [annette@mulee.com](mailto:annette@mulee.com); **Howie Eisen**, [heisen@drexelmed.edu](mailto:heisen@drexelmed.edu).

**78** *They Call it Myanmar*, a film produced by **Deborah Cameron** Hoard and directed by novelist, filmmaker, and Cornell physicist **Robert Lieberman '62**, has been showing to sell-out crowds across the country. Both made special guest appearances at screenings in Seattle this spring. Shot clandestinely over three years, the documentary provides an intimate look inside what has been the second most isolated country on the planet. To see a trailer, go to: <http://www.theycallitmyanmar.com>.

**Sheila Mapes** and husband **Leigh English '76** have returned from living in Bangalore, India, for two-and-a-half years on behalf of Leigh's employer, Monsanto Co. They would highly recommend living abroad for a period of time to anyone offered the opportunity. Adapting to another culture, Sheila says, will further your understanding of the living conditions, health and economic concerns, and traditions of other peoples. "As we did, you may also appreciate your own country and lifestyle so much more!" While there, they were able to walk in the Himalayas, scuba in the Andaman Islands, and see the Taj Mahal. Their adventures also included visits to Thailand, Singapore, the Maldives, and Indonesia.

Global travels are also keeping **Barbara Lang** busy. Most recently, she completed an around-the-world voyage with Semester-at-Sea as the adult lifelong learning coordinator. This fall, she and her husband plan to return to Cambodia to volunteer at EGBOK!—a nonprofit whose mission is to alleviate poverty by empowering underprivileged young adults with the training needed for a profession in the hospitality field. With her own



children grown and thriving, and now retired from Cornell, Barbara often speaks to students on campus about how to present the best of who they are and provide unanticipated value to others. She is still motivated by all things food-oriented and teaches a variety of culinary classes in collaboration with Cornell Outdoor Education's Team and Leadership Center.

Retirement from the hotel industry has allowed **Robin Weiss** Kramme to pursue her interest in creative writing. After her novel was rejected by an editor who panned the dialogue, Robin started writing plays for practice. Her first short play was selected for production by the Pandora Festival, an event sponsored by the Arizona Women's Theatre Co. to encourage female playwrights in the state. *Bad Travel*, a comedy about four pieces of lost luggage told from the luggage's point of view, was among 16 plays presented at the Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts in May. **Cindy Kane's** picture book *The Mangrove Tree*, co-written with and illustrated by Susan L. Roth, has won a number of awards, including an American Library Association Notable Children's Book and a Smithsonian Best of Children's Books 2011. She and Susan attended a "community read" program organized around the book in Beverly, MA, in March.

**Derrick Mancini** still works at Argonne National Laboratory, where he was the project director for the advanced photon source upgrade and now is a senior advisor for scientific projects in physical sciences and engineering while continuing his research in hydrogels and nanoscience. Outside of the laboratory, Derrick has started a new distillery in his village of Riverside, IL. Quincy Street Distillery (<http://www.quincystreetdistillery.com>) will produce handcrafted artisan spirits including gin, whiskey, absinthe, and eau de vies. **Chris Crowley** won approval from the US Bureau of Land Management for a transmission line to tie his next wind farm to the grid in southeastern Oregon. That's after four years, \$2 million in consultants' fees, and 2,000 pages of environmental impact statements—all for 12 miles of right-of-way! His oldest son, Gus, is headed to college in the fall.

Meanwhile, **Thomas Sennett's** two sons have graduated from Penn State and are gainfully employed. His wife is a lawyer who does real estate consulting for large corporations, and he is still practicing law, resigned to the fact that he will never be able to retire. "At least it is inside work, hot and cold running water, no heavy lifting," Tom remarks. One of his favorite distractions is his book club, which includes **Mark Pinnie**. **Morris Wallack** passed the 30-year mark at Hewlett Packard and is a vice president, managing the print services delivery team across North and South America. That means lots of travel. His family moved to Chapel Hill, NC, from California six years ago. Morris's older daughter, a junior at Georgetown, spent the spring semester in Pune, India. His other daughter is a happy eighth grader. Morris has room and an open door for visitors to the area. He encourages classmates to look him up.

After her husband's retirement in May, **Paula Boyer Kennedy**, MBA '80, packed up for Brunswick, ME, where they have a log cabin on the Androscoggin River. Thanks to AirTran, JetBlue, and high-speed Internet, she is staying on as VP of investments for Cammack LaRhetta Consulting, a pension and benefits consulting firm specializing in nonprofit organizations. **Cynthia Kubas** (cmk19@cornell.edu) moved back to the East Coast from Hawaii, where we met up during a family

vacation—just days before she left in February. Although lamenting the departure from paradise after 19 years, Cynthia is happy to be spending more time with her Cornell buddies—and less time on airplanes! A tireless Big Red booster, she has already attended a board meeting of the Cornell Club of Greater Philadelphia and would love to meet classmates in the area!

**Pepi Leids**, DVM '82, is a field veterinarian for the NYS Dept. of Agriculture and Markets and works part-time in a small animal clinic about an

and loads of FUN with '79 friends. Details to follow soon. Join us! Questions? Janet Rubin, jarubin@comcast.net."

**Tim and Laura Hitt McCann** have moved from North Carolina to Landenberg, PA, as part of a corporate relocation. Tim works for DuPont and is president of the building innovations group. Laura writes that she has been busy managing move-related issues and pursuing fun activities like travel, horseback riding, and sailing. They did not attend reunion in 2009 because they had been on

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hour west of Ithaca. Her hobby is dog agility and one of her two Border Collies is a six-time AKC agility champion. Pepi also enjoys playing golf and travel that has an ecotourism flair; she went to Tanzania and Kenya last fall and hopes to visit Australia and New Zealand. She was the coordinator for the 30th Reunion for her Veterinary class in June and is looking forward to our 35th Reunion next year! **Bill and Ellen Haas Sternberg**, **Ron Frier**, and **Brian Ochs** were on hand as **Stephen Kesselman**, JD '81's oldest son celebrated his bar mitzvah in Boston last November. **Ann Kane** LaBeau is doing Orton-Gillingham reading tutoring. Her oldest daughter is engaged to a fellow 2009 classmate. And **Steve Mongeau** works at GWU as associate director of client services for university conference external relations.

Don't forget to keep us all up to date on your comings and goings, family celebrations, and professional accomplishments. Send news items any time to me or Cindy! ✉ **Ilene Shub Lefland**, ilefland@snet.net; **Cindy Fuller**, cindy@cindyfuller.com.

**79** Greetings! **Stuart and Ellen Kap-pel Berman '80** live in Bethesda, MD. Their daughter Emily was accepted to the Class of 2016 in the College of Arts and Sciences, where she will join older brother **Daniel '14**. Stuart has passed the 20-year mark as a prosecutor and supervisor with the US Attorney's Office in Maryland, while Ellen is editor of *Oceanography* magazine and works on a variety of programs involving the geosciences. Stuart was pleased to see that his daughter will be in the same class as the daughter of his former U-Hall 5 hall-mate **Alex Plache** and delighted to see fellow *Sun* editor **Peter Coy** on the cover of the Nov/Dec 2011 issue of *Cornell Alumni Magazine*.

**Janet Goldin** Rubin wrote to let us all know about a pre-reunion trip for the Class of '79 in New Orleans, scheduled for April 18-21, 2013. Janet's message: "This time, the FUN isn't beginning and ending with reunion. The Class of '79 is working with Cornell's Adult University to offer a pre-reunion trip to New Orleans in the year before our 35th Reunion. We are in the process of finalizing an engaging itinerary. With a Cornell professor as our guide, the trip will include music, great food, contemporary and historical highlights,

campus the week before for their daughter's graduation. They spent Thanksgiving 2011 in California at the home of **Nayla Rizk '80**. **Clay Hines**, MS '80, and wife **Ellen (Perrine)** live in Bethel, CT. Married 30 years, they keep busy visiting their children at college, working on their house, and getting together with friends. Clay is a principal at the Di Salvo Ericson Group, Structural Engineers Inc. He has happy memories of great times at Theta Delta Chi and fun parties with Delta Gamma. Clay would like to hear from his old friend **Tom Neidecker '78**.

**Chet Simon**, MBA '80, is vice president for internal audit at Harman Int'l; he resides in Manhasset, NY. Chet's daughter **Tobi '15** is in the Ag college. **Rhonda Carniol** is an attorney with Wolff & Samson PC and focuses her practice on media and technology, intellectual property, and corporate and securities matters. She has served as a speaker on the topic of women entrepreneurs for both the Cornell Entrepreneur Network and the College of Human Ecology. Over the winter, Rhonda was selected by NBJIZ as one of New Jersey's "Best 50 Women in Business." On March 27, 2012 she was honored at an awards ceremony and reception at the Palace at Somerset Park, in Somerset, NJ. **Michael McKee** is the VP and refinery manager for HollyFrontier Corp., located in southeastern New Mexico. The company produces transportation fuels and paving-grade asphalt. Michael and his wife have rescued two dogs from the Roswell Humane Society and have begun collecting Southwestern art and artifacts.

**Keith Getter** lives in Brooklyn and is the relationship manager and partnership development specialist for NeighborWorks America. Keith has been employed with the organization for the past 23 years and continues to support the group's efforts to sustain a "Network of Excellence" for its chartered nonprofit members. Keith serves as a coordinator of the Fulton Flea, a local neighborhood flea market, and is working on a photo/video documentary of Brooklyn's J'ouvert celebration, which marks the start of Carnival before Lent each year. *Princess of the Wild Swans*, **Diane Zahler's** third children's novel, was published in January 2012 by HarperCollins Children's Books. Diane's husband is teaching American literature at the U. of Ghent this year. A commercial real estate broker in New Jersey, **Marc Schwartz** has been trying to stay afloat in a slow market. He's also been practicing

his moves in Latin and ballroom dancing, though he admits to not yet being ready for “Dancing with the Stars”! Marc (marcrealty@verizon.net) would be delighted to hear from **Barry Robinson '77**, **Bob Massey '78**, and **James Hoffman '78**.

**Julie Jones** has been a family physician in private practice for 25 years in Millerville, PA. Julie enjoys riding, kayaking on the Susquehanna, and helping with the hospitality tent for the Lehigh U. crew team. She hosted a reunion gathering with **Maggie Chon**, **Rebecca Maron Mazin**, **Karen Matrunich**, and **Dale Feuer** at her vacation home. **Carol Schreiber** changed her first name to Tatiana (“Yana”) in 1979. She earned her PhD in environmental studies in 2005 and teaches at Keene State

(Point to ponder: would those in defiance of our current president be flouting the flautist?) Few institutions can match the history of our polished and practiced presidents. We were saddened to hear of the passing of Dale Corson, Cornell’s president for our first two undergrad years in Ithaca, and the man who led the university through perhaps its most turbulent period. As is often the case, we have learned much more about this humble man in death than we knew when we were at Cornell. By the time we hit the Hill in the fall of 1976, much of the dust had settled, and we had President Corson to thank for the relative calm and stability on campus. Leading a world-class education and research institution presents its

it will be even harder than climbing Libe Slope in February.” **Cindy Melendez** McConnell’s son was one of the 16%-ers accepted at Cornell for the Class of 2016. Cindy used Facebook to arrange an on-campus overnight visit for her son. Sometimes social media is actually useful! When it comes to making connections, **Lisa Lindgren** has it down to a science. A year ago she co-founded Track the Impact, which connects businesses and organizations with their communities and volunteer opportunities. The Cornell Alumni Association has just chosen Track the Impact’s software, Profits 4 Purpose, as one of only five finalists for the new Cornell Alumni Volunteer program, which will be implemented in 2013. Good luck, Lisa, and thanks for staying connected.

The virtual world is OK, but **Susan Cosentini**, MAT '84, is creating a new model for living that fosters face-to-face social connection, affordability, and a small ecological footprint. Her micro-communities are designed to foster interaction among residents and make it easy for neighbors to share resources and live happier, simpler, less resource-dependent lives. Susan’s dream is becoming a reality, with her first groundbreaking in June. The website newearthliving.net tells more of the story.

Our next official reunion will coincide with the 150th anniversary of Cornell’s founding, so set aside early June 2015 for our 35th Reunion and a historic Big Red bash. Your class satirists and correspondents will gladly accept news items via any vehicle you deem appropriate. Neo-Luddites are welcome to send 78rpm wax discs to our leader and vintage Victrola buff **Dik Saalfeld**. **Dana Jerrard**, dej24 @ cornell.edu; **Cynthia Addonizio-Bianco**, caa28 @ cornell.edu; **Leona Barsky**, leonabarsky @ aol.com; **Dik Saalfeld**, rfs25 @ cornell.edu.

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College and the Union Inst. and U. For many years, Yana worked as a public radio journalist and documentarian. She currently writes freelance articles about food, agriculture, science, and environmental issues. Carol also operates a small farmstead named “Sowing Peace Farm,” where she grows organic vegetables and uses the farmstead to model agro-ecological principles to maintain biodiversity.

In late April, I (**Cindy Ahlgren** Shea), **Diane Solomon** Doppelt, and **Jamie Pundyk** Davis '80 hosted a reception in the library of the NYC Cornell Club for the sisters of Kappa Kappa Gamma from the classes of 1977-81. We had a great turnout (31 attendees), with many sisters sending notes saying that they wished they could attend. The Cornell Club staff members were very accommodating and the reception room was warm and inviting. I urge classmates to consider this valuable resource for similar gatherings. **Carol French** Ducommun, MBA '85, flew in from Chicago for the event and was able to reconnect with former roommates **Kris Busche** Barlow, **Debbie Heffter**, **Lisa Preger** Sellow, MBA '82, and **Barbara Boehringer** McConnell, as well as **Lauren Hovi** Carpenter of Delta Gamma, both before and at the event. **Jody Bier**, **Isabel Weiss** Wacker, and **Zena Saunders**, MBA '81, who live locally, joined in the fun. The consensus is that we’ll hold another reception next year.

We want to hear your news! Connect to our class online through Facebook (Cornell University Class of 1979) and LinkedIn (Cornell University Class of '79) and send news to your class correspondents to keep this column filled. You can send updates to classof79@cornell.edu or directly to your class correspondents: **Cindy Ahlgren** Shea, cynthiashea@hotmail.com; **Kathy Zappia** Gould, rdgould@comcast.net; or **Linda Moses**, mosesgurevitch@aol.com.

**80** Cornell’s presidents have been much more than accomplished administrators. The Big Red has been led by a physicist, a geologist, a psychologist, a New York State senator, and now, a board-certified cardiologist and jazz musician.

own set of challenges, but add to it highly publicized student activism, the Vietnam War, and a devastating recession and we might ask in retrospect: how did he do it?

Class president **Jill Abrams** Klein, along with class officers **Lynda Hershey** Spalding, **Lily Chu**, MBA '82, JD '09, **Leona Barsky**, MS '80, **Cynthia Addonizio-Bianco**, **Nancy MacIntyre** Hollinshead, and **Jodi Diehl** Nestle have asked me to remind readers that the status of women on campus, both in the student body and among the faculty, was greatly improved during the Corson presidency. A Women’s Studies Program was formally established during Corson’s tenure and gender was added to Cornell’s formal equal opportunity policy. The Corson sundial on the Engineering Quad will serve as a reminder of both his leadership contributions to the university and of the “other” Dale Corson: physicist. One can question the utility of a sundial in Ithaca, but on the occasional bright day, this thing is accurate to within 30 seconds, which beats my 1977 self-winding Seiko. In trying to understand the scope of this achievement, I quickly became bogged down in terms like “sidereal time,” “apparent solar time,” and “coordinated universal time.” Never to be mistaken for a physics scholar, my contribution to the discussion is limited to one of my favorite Steven Wright-isms: “Someone asked me if I had the time, and I replied, ‘Do you mean right now?’”

Most of our classmate news for this issue comes from the Unfinished Business file. By the time you read this some of these items will have updates on our class page on “The Facebook” (I think Zuckerberg had it right from the start). More than 250 of your fellow classmates and friends are sharing memories and keeping current with all things Cornell through the Class of 1980 Facebook group, and you are invited to join our virtual community. The easiest way is to search “Cornell University Class of 1980” from your Facebook home page. Ask to join, and join the fun.

**Beth Anderson** is, as of this writing, hiking in the Himalayas with a group that includes **Nancy Sverdluk** '79 and Anne Kenney, the Carl A. Kroch University Librarian. Beth writes, “With increased age and decreased oxygen, I am anticipating that

**81** Hello, everyone! This has been a hectic year for me, juggling career and motherhood. Ella, 6, entered first grade, and Brayden, 4, is in pre-K. I have also formed a partnership as director of business development with Massive Impressions, an online marketing agency located in downtown Boca Raton, FL. I have taken the lead role in nurturing new relationships and developing partnerships with South Florida organizations with needs such as website development, blog strategies, social media campaigns, and other online marketing support. It has been an exciting time!

**Scott Falconer** has relocated from the Washington, DC, area to New York City. In 2011, he became the chief operating officer for Visible World, a VC-backed technology company that is the leader in targeted TV advertising solutions for media companies and advertisers. Scott and his wife, Diane, are enjoying life in New York, as their two sons have gone off to attend college at Georgetown U. and Emerson College. He looks forward to seeing how he can help with the new Tech Campus in New York City, which is a very exciting development. **Velda Breckon** Ward and husband Mike have lived in Delphi Falls, NY, since 1982; they own and operate the Delphi Falls Golf Course, a public 18-hole facility. In addition, they own a herd of Polled Herefords and raise grass-fed beef at their nearby farm—Field House Farm—in Fabius, NY. They don’t get much chance to travel, as one can imagine, so hearing from friends from the “good old days at Cornell” would be wonderful. They wish everyone health and good cheer.



**Mark and Diane Weissman Weingarten** send the good news that their daughter Lisa will attend the ILR school in August. As program director of Family University Education Network, Diane has been involved in substance abuse prevention and parent education for many years; she has been accepted to NYU for a master's in social work. Mark is a partner at the law firm Delbello Donnellan Weingarten Wise & Wiederkehr and concentrates his practice in land use, real estate, and government relations. Their older daughter, Jill, will graduate in June from Drexel U. with a BS in business administration with a concentration in marketing. **Marshall Watson** tells us that he was elected president of the Society of Petroleum Evaluation Engineers. Also in New York, **Fred Korz** is an instructor and instructor-trainer with SEAS—the Society for the Education of American Sailors ([www.sailseas.com](http://www.sailseas.com)), an all-volunteer non-profit that teaches sailing in New Jersey and New York. He is also head of SEAS Westchester, one of four chapters. Fred works at Google, where he's a release engineer in their NYC office. Upstate, **Kevin Rooney** tells us that his son Douglas graduated from SUNY Geneseo. Daughter Elena has re-enlisted in the US Army and is currently a specialist (airborne) in the I-507th Parachute Infantry Regiment in Fort Benning, GA.

Far away, **Doron Bard** lives in Moscow, Russia, with his wife and their three younger children while he serves as US consul general at the American embassy there. Doron would be happy to hear from other Cornellians living in Russia or on their way there. **Lionel Wolberger** was part of Better Music Thru Science, the Riskey-centered band that played original music with synthesizers on campus and off from 1979-81. The members have put up a website with song lyrics and excerpts. The sounds they made with keyboards, synthesizers, drums, and guitar-modifying electronics were cutting edge and the tunes were fun. Rock on over to <http://www.bettermusicthruscience.com>. **Ilona Pollack** Levine works as a clinical social worker in the Dept. of Psychiatry at the Yale Psychiatric Hospital in New Haven, CT. **Barbara Tai** Roselle resides in Massachusetts with her husband, Kevin (CTO at Bayside Design), three sons, and two cats. After working for many years as an engineering director in telecoms, she is now chief product officer at Pokos Communications, a company developing next-gen, peer-to-peer communications platforms with released products serving the mobile market.

**Michael Schafer**, DVM '86, is busy with his veterinary practice in Rye, NH. His daughter is in her third year of college and his son is a senior in high school. Michael finds the time to train for triathlons as well, and finished his first Ironman Triathlon last November in Cozumel, Mexico. They live on a farm in York, ME, and enjoy the nearby ocean and beach in the summer. On the other coast, **Eduardo Llach** is celebrating his tenth year in Palo Alto, living next to Stanford. "Our oldest daughter, Leah, 26, is going to work at a wild animal sanctuary in Namibia. We are both nervous and excited about her adventure. Middle daughter Katja, 23, is working with me on our new company, Krome Photos, now in its second year providing photo editing and photo book design services on both the Web and the iPhone. Katja is focused on user interface, Web design, and marketing. Son Guayo, 16, is a junior developing his art portfolio to apply to college this fall. My wife, Teri, is CMO at Blackhawk Networks and looking forward to a possible IPO in 2013." When he wrote, Eduardo was preparing for a seven-day mountain bike stage

race in British Columbia, and excited to be able to spend a week cycling through the forests!

**Alexandra Noden** also has a new business, but the details are secret for now! Her book, *Showing Kunga: From Pet Owner to Dog Show Junkie* (Dog-wise Publishing) has hit the shelves. **Susan Yan-guas** had a story published in *Family Caregivers*, a book co-authored by Joan Lunden and part of the *Chicken Soup for the Soul* line of books. It was published in March 2012 by Simon & Schuster. **Janet Ellison** Pearsall had very sad news to report. Her beloved daughter Debbie, 21, passed away in January 2012. Debbie was an honor student, a Dow Jones scholar intern, and a senior at Lehigh U. who graduated this past May, posthumously. A fund in her name was set up at Lehigh in support of the student newspaper and the journalism department. Our deepest condolences to Janet and her family.

In 2008, **Christina Lilian Turczyn** decided to pursue a lifelong artistic dream. Since then, she has exhibited watercolors at the Ridgewood Art Inst., among other galleries in the Tri-State area. Primarily a writer and educator, Christina joined the Fulbright Arts Task force in 2012. In February of this year, she was honored to have work represented in the "Cornell Has Talent" members' showcase at the Cornell Club-New York, along with the work of three distinguished artists. Also, she received a poetry award from the Global Commitment Foundation, based in Washington, DC. Her reading, part of a multi-arts festival, took place at the Fletcher-Sinclair Mansion of the Metropolitan Museum Historic District. A review of the festival appears in New York Arts: The International Guide to the Art World. Christina has completed her second poetry manuscript, "The Sky Inside Your Body."

We have an eclectic group in our class! Please let us know what is going on in your life! **Betsy Silverfine**, [bsilverfine@comcast.net](mailto:bsilverfine@comcast.net); **JoAnne Minsker** Adams, [joann@budadams.net](mailto:joann@budadams.net); and **Barbara Amoscato** Sabaitis, [beachba@hotmail.com](mailto:beachba@hotmail.com).

**82** It's that time of the year again, meaning April, when those of us with high school seniors find out where we'll be sending most of our money next year. For many of us, this will be Cornell, as our next generation is following in our footsteps in ever-increasing numbers. One such future Cornellian will be Phoebe Hering, the daughter of **Lou Hering** and **Lisa Gannon '86**. Lou wrote to tell us that Phoebe will join the freshman class this fall in the Arts college. Christopher Hamlin's mom, **Kristan Peters**-Hamlin, tells us he will join his sister **Brittany Hamlin '15** on the Hill this August; he will study International Relations and Chinese in Arts and Sciences. Kristan has a third child still in high school and may be angling for the volume discount (there is none, unfortunately). She lives in Westport, CT, where she practices law and is working on a book.

Joining Phoebe and Christopher in the Class of 2016 will be Sam McDermott, son of **John and Laura Griffen McDermott**. Sam has two older sisters, **Kate '10** and **Hannah '11**, who have already graduated, and another sister, Lily, who is a rising senior at Cal Poly in San Luis Obispo. Laura and John live in Upstate New York; Laura works for Cornell Cooperative Extension, covering an 11-county area surrounding Albany. She advises commercial vegetable and berry growers and just loves it. John is co-owner of an ambulatory veterinary service for large animals and has begun raising thoroughbred yearlings. He's joined in this

endeavor by **Rich Schrade**; he says it's going well and that they're always looking for new partners. **Marc Jacoby** tells us that in February he and a pile of Sperry alumni—**Hanan Kolkó**, **Brian Gormley**, **Al Rocco**, and **John Abrams**—gathered at Keens Steakhouse in NYC to celebrate, one year late, the 50th birthday of **Rip Beyman**. Marc notes that his son, **Ben '12**, was to graduate in May with a degree in Information Science from CALS.

**Chris Bakowski** and wife **Barbara (Higgins) '83** break the streak of classmates updating us on their Cornell or Cornell-bound children, but their news involves their kids nonetheless. Their son, Andrew, who graduated last year from Brown, went straight into professional baseball and is now in spring training for the 2012 season. Daughter Amanda is a sophomore at the U. of Pennsylvania. Chris has been advising clients since 1989 through his financial planning firm, CLB Financial; Barbara is senior editor at Hachette Book Group. Not to be mistaken for empty-nesters, the Bakowskis still have four Cavalier King Charles Spaniels at home: Taffy, Trixie, Tootsie, and Tuco.

By the time this column appears, **Eric Alterman** will have published his ninth book, *The Cause: The Fight for American Liberalism from Franklin Roosevelt to Barack Obama*, in April of this year. For most of us, the publication of our ninth book would be the highlight, but Eric seemed most pleased that he had the chance to meet and chat with Bruce Springsteen. Eric is the CUNY Distinguished Professor of English and Journalism at Brooklyn College. **Larry Moy**, JD '85, thanked us for soliciting news since he's had so much recent success connecting with classmates. In December, he saw **Sue McPhillips**, JD '87, who was in town with her daughter over the holidays. Susan lives in Colorado, where she works as an attorney for a major bank. Larry and wife Karen joined **Scott Silverberg** in his birthday celebration last summer. Scott remains busy with his orthopedic surgery practice. Also this past winter, Larry was able to catch up with all four of his law school housemates—**Geoffrey Oliver**, JD '85, **Alan Luberdá**, JD '85, **Vernon Chu**, MBA '85, **JD '86**, and **Howard Zelbo**, JD '85—at the bar mitzvah of Alan's son Daniel. Professionally, Larry stays busy in the employment law field, primarily representing people who work in the financial services industry. As he and Karen approach empty-nest status, he's begun finding time for some old activities like playing music, billiards, and table tennis. If there are any other Ping-Pong aficionados out there, you can find Larry playing at Will Shortz's massive new table tennis center in Westchester.

**Paul Weisman** (Milwaukee, WI) writes that he and wife Laura celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary this year. In November, Paul had an opportunity to visit Cornell while doing the college tour thing with his son. He remarks that the weather was atypically beautiful and he may have implied to his son that this was standard fare for Ithaca at that time of the year. Paul is the chief of cardiac services at a new medical center in Grafton, WI, and this year finally managed to not be on call for Zinck's Night. He mentions how much they enjoyed the dinner and accompanying wine pairings, which were explained by folks who seemed to have paid more attention than he did in the Wines class. Paul apologizes in advance for not making it to reunion this year, due to his son's high school graduation, but would like to give a shout-out to **Jack Meskunas**, **Tom Soriano**, **Joe DeFilippo**, **Steven Kernerman**, and all of the Donlonites from 1978. Speaking of reunion,

I hope many of you were able to attend and had a great time. You can look forward to the "Reunion Report" in the Sept/Oct issue.

**Regina Robinson** and husband **Gary Blackburn '81** are enjoying their recently emptied nest in Southern California. Their youngest son, Nicholas, joined his brother, Benjamin, at UCLA this past year; they enjoyed just one year of overlap as Benjamin graduated this spring and now works for New York Life. Regina and Gary visited Cornell last summer while in town for a family wedding. In spite of all the changes, the beauty and charm of Ithaca remains. **Lori Schreiber** Kirschner wrote with a pile of news. This past January she saw **Debbie Sopher Matson**, MBA '87, and husband **Tim '81**, MBA '87, at the bat mitzvah of the Matsons' youngest daughter, Jessica, in Hartford, CT. Other Cornellians in attendance were **Abby Solomon** Hollander and **Amy Gallent** Jacobs. Debbie and Tim's middle daughter, Mallory, had just received the exciting news that she would be going to Cornell this fall. Lori notes that Amy lives in Hartford, CT, with husband Randy and their daughter Lauren. Amy is head of Hartford Financial Service Group's legal department. Abby lives in St. Louis with husband Craig and their children Jenny and Ian. Abby is a pediatric endocrinologist at Washington U. in St. Louis and serving as interim head of her department. Lori lives in Atlanta with her husband, Ron. Their kids, Josh and Brad, attend the U. of Georgia. Lori is senior vice president of human resources and administration at GF Health Products, a medical device company.

Well, that's my word limit, so for any classmates who've sent news, but haven't seen it show up yet in print, don't despair! Our most recent news solicitation had an unprecedented yield, so we're spreading the input over a few issues. **Steven Crump**, [spc25@cornell.edu](mailto:spc25@cornell.edu); **Mark Fernau**, [mef29@cornell.edu](mailto:mef29@cornell.edu); and **Douglas Skalka**, [dskalka@npmlaw.com](mailto:dskalka@npmlaw.com).

**83** Last fall (our apologies for the delay in getting this in print!), **Brian Miles** sent an excellent photo of himself and five friends celebrating their collective 50th birthdays at the Hurricane Club in New York City. Sorry to say we couldn't include the picture in the class column, but our thanks to Brian for supplying these updates on the members of the party: **Matt Sirota** (NYC) is married with two kids and employed as a VP at Maggie London, a dress manufacturer in NYC. **Seth Plattus** (Scarsdale, NY), married with three kids, is senior managing director at Cerberus Capital in NYC. **Bobby Minion** (Caldwell, NJ) is married and has three kids, and is an attorney at Lowenstein & Sandler in Roseland, NJ. His daughter **Alexa '15** just finished her freshman year at Cornell. **Larry Weissman** (White Plains, NY) has two kids and is managing director of Deutsche Bank in NYC. **Steve Barone** (Dix Hills, NY), whose wife, **Stacey (Walsh) '84**, took the photo, has three kids and is pediatric program director at North Shore Hospital on Long Island. And Brian (Fairfield, CT) is married with two kids. Son **Zachary '12** graduated in May from the AEM program in CALS. Brian is the owner of I. Stern & Co. Inc., a plastic resins distribution company.

On the back of the business card of **Deborah Maris Lader** (Chicago, IL; [deborah@chicagoprntmakers.com](mailto:deborah@chicagoprntmakers.com)) is a reproduction of "Uprooted," a hand-colored lithograph of a mama bird simultaneously comforting and releasing her offspring into the world. To see the piece—and more of

Deborah's artwork—go to [www.deborahmarislader.com](http://www.deborahmarislader.com). "As an artist I create things," she writes. "As an administrator/director of an arts organization—Chicago Printmakers Collaborative—I mentor other artists and provide them with a workshop facility (when I'm not painting the walls or mucking at the sink or putting out e-mail blasts). I tour with my alt folk band, Sons of the Never Wrong. The band is in the midst of recording our eighth CD. As a mother, I'm watching my two boys leave the nest as they embark on college adventures." When she wrote, Deborah had recently returned from a show of her artwork in Toronto and finished a series of interviews, one about printmaking. "I'm lucky to be doing pretty much what makes me happy. I basically draw pictures all day and people pay me. I'm also enjoying my garden, cooking, and spending time with my last son still at home." She recalls Peter Kahn, her professor in Books, Prints, and Graphics. "He was a true Renaissance Man."

Registered dietitian, founder of WebRD, and nationally recognized health professional **Layne Lieberman-Liebelson** ([foodwebird@gmail.com](mailto:foodwebird@gmail.com)) has spent the past two years living in Europe studying food and the French paradox . . . for which she thanks her husband. Her son **Ben Anapol '12** was to graduate from Chemical Engineering in May and Layne was to be honored on June 23 by the American Heart Association at its annual Heart of the Hamptons Ball. Layne has done research in the areas of diabetes, heart disease, and other chronic medical illnesses, earned a certificate from a Chef-RD training program at the Culinary Inst. of America, and consults in the restaurant and food industries. **Patty Danehy Catsos** ([patsycatsos@gmail.com](mailto:patsycatsos@gmail.com)), another registered dietitian, has a private practice and specializes in gastrointestinal health. She and husband **Paul '82** have three children, Christy, 24, Mike, 22, and Laura, 19, and enjoy family get-togethers. She writes, "I just launched the second edition of my book *IBS: Free at Last* (Pond Cove Press). Last year, we sold our house in the suburbs and moved to Portland, ME, so we can do more walking—to work, local restaurants, and more." From the other Portland, **James Edwards**, ME '84 ([jim.edwards4@comcast.net](mailto:jim.edwards4@comcast.net)) reports that he's been reading, working, and enjoying a sports car hobby out in Oregon. He exhibits the car at car shows, but he'd be even happier traveling overseas. Jim would like to hear from **Jacob Kjølstrup**, ME '84.

**Karen Rosen** Stetler works as a senior producer for the Manhattan-based Criterion Collection, publishers of high-quality editions of classic films, along with supplements such as deleted scenes, director's cuts, and storyboards. Karen works at a home office in Los Angeles, and she and husband Ron are raising two children, 14 and 9. In addition to enjoying family outings at Griffith Park, she volunteers at her kids' school, at a local food bank, and at events that feed the homeless in her community. Also on the left coast, **Susan Relihan** ([susanmrelihan@gmail.com](mailto:susanmrelihan@gmail.com)) writes, "After 16 years of living in London, I am now in Pasadena, CA, still working for KPMG (a management consulting house) in the media and entertainment space. Personal life very happy, too—getting married this summer!"

Sadly, **Dana Gordon** died of cancer on March 29, 2012. Her dear friend **Meryl Friedman** Price sent this remembrance: "Dana loved Cornell and was very active both as a student and as an alum. As an undergrad, she participated in the University Unions Programming Board and in the activities

of the College of Human Ecology. She was still telling tales, as recently as her 50th birthday celebration last summer, of Psych 101, late-night PMPs on West Campus, and the Phi Psi 500. Professionally, Dana received a master's degree in library science and worked for many years at *Newsweek*, where she was highly regarded and a friend to many. Most recently, she worked at Crain's New York Business. She was professional and dedicated—but she also loved to have a good time, sometimes in unconventional ways. Dana is survived by her husband, Steven Dzik, and her brother, Paul. She died much too soon and will be deeply missed."

**Julienne Bramesco** (Arlington, VA; [jwbramesco@gmail.com](mailto:jwbramesco@gmail.com)) is VP for her family's synagogue, secretary of the Yorktown High School Crew Boosters, and Girl Scout Adult Educator and Troop Advisor. She also serves on the leadership development committee of the D.C. Bar. In August, Julienne joined Clearspire Law Co. LLC as senior counsel in the Labor and Employment Practice Group, and only regrets that she doesn't have enough time to read and travel. ILR librarian Gordon Law had the greatest impact on her at Cornell, and she would like to hear from **Kim Leffert**. **Neal Moran** (North Brunswick, NJ; [nealmoran@aol.com](mailto:nealmoran@aol.com)) works for the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency in New York. He writes, "I don't control—or comptrol—any currencies, but examine capital markets activities at some very large banks." He adds, "I married Judy Zhou on Nov. 12, 2011. It took me 51 years to get married, but it's been well worth the wait."

**Stephen** and **Caroline Kane Levy** ([ckanelevy@yahoo.com](mailto:ckanelevy@yahoo.com)) have been married since 1996 and live with their two children, Maya, 14, and Adam, 12, in Montclair, NJ. Stephen writes, "Caroline has worked for more than 25 years at the NYC Landmarks Preservation Commission, and I'm an associate at Costello, Shea & Gaffney LLP, specializing in medical and dental malpractice defense. Caroline and I have attended most of the reunions and plan on coming to the 30th." **Abbie Bookbinder** Meyer (Summit, NJ; [abbiemeyer@aol.com](mailto:abbiemeyer@aol.com)) spent Easter weekend on the Hill. "I saw the Harvard vs. Cornell lax game. Fun to run into **Marty Grims**, **Joe Giles '84**, and **John Skawski**. Topped it off with a lovely Easter service at Sage with my roommate **Jennifer Bell** Knapp. The sun was shining and it was great being back on campus." **Alice McDermott Hill '84**: **Judith Boice** (Yardley, PA; [judith\\_boice@yahoo.com](mailto:judith_boice@yahoo.com)) would like to hear from you. Whether via News Form or e-mail, send news any time of year to your class correspondent: **Alyssa Bickler**, [cousinalyssa@yahoo.com](mailto:cousinalyssa@yahoo.com).

**84** Tax returns and this column are due on April 15th (a sorry coincidence), but by the time you read this column, it will be hot, hot, hot! And speaking of hot, I encourage you all to look at the new digital version of the alumni magazine at: <http://www.cornellalumimagazine-digital.com> . . . and tell your friends about it. Now we can all read *Cornell Alumni Magazine* on our iPads and smartphones. How great is that? Even non-dues payers can access the digital version and see their name in print—if they send in news. The digital version is a great representation of the whole magazine and 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 send us more of your news via e-mail.

One of my favorite authors, **Kathy McCullough**, continues her nationwide book tour promoting her young adult novel *Don't Expect Magic* (which had a nice write-up in the Nov/Dec 2011 issue of *Cornell Alumni Magazine!*). While visiting Houston, she met **Cathy Taylor Berner '89**, who works at Blue Willow Bookshop, a fantastic independent children's bookstore. Kathy has one more trip, to Seattle, and will be touring around the state with four other young adult authors. Then back to L.A. to work on the sequel to the book! For the past eight years Donlon's own former WBVR DJ **Sherri Klein** has been loving life as an independent rep for shop.com/Market America, which has a medical division and includes all-natural nutrition. Market America is affiliated with major retailers and pays cash back to its customers. Sherri is able to help nonprofits raise funds by providing free shopping sites for their outreach so that retailers can give back to the charity without cost to the individual shopper. Sherri moved to a new place in sunny Boca Raton, FL, and plans on more travel for pleasure in the future. A good plan, Sherri!

**Diane Matyas**, MFA '89, is still the program and exhibit director at the Staten Island Museum in New York City's southernmost borough. The Museum is the last actively collecting general interest museum in NYC, and has collections of art, natural science, and history. Diane's office window looks out on New York's Upper Harbor and the famous Staten Island Ferry slips. This venerable institution is soon to expand and open a new facility at Snug Harbor Cultural Center. Diane is also very busy when she's not at the museum. Her new book, *Loss*, is due out this fall. A collaborative work with writer Patricia H. Murphy, *Loss* is a book for children dealing with bereavement; Diane's illustrations try to capture the variety of emotional states triggered by grief. *Avenge Me*, Diane's most recent one-act play, was part of a playwrights' invitational in February, a seven-play production called *Seven Deadly Sins*. *Avenge Me* addressed the sin of anger as it relates to comic books. Lastly, Diane's new sculptural/pyrography work, "The Bride's Deck Chair," was nearly ready for the Noble Maritime Collection's April 15 art exhibition commemorating the 100th anniversary of the *Titanic* disaster. In an effort to enter her 50th year without ennui, in October Diane spent nine days in Cappadocia, Turkey, on a 130-mile mountain biking trip. Diane reports, "It was a crazy, delicious, exhausting, and exciting journey with ten fabulous strangers from five continents—who became friends!" Diane is proud of her two children, and is mildly freaked about starting the college search with her 16-year-old. She also had time for a fall NYC Cornell Club dinner event, where she had a great time with **Daisy Friedman '83**.

**Julie Scheib** Feeley is teaching pre-school and getting her master's in early childhood and special education. She volunteers for her children's schools and for her church and enjoys running and biking with her children and husband, David. Living at Ecology House made a deep impact on her—she continues to strive to live in a more sustainable way. **Peter Kaufman** is in New York City and working on a documentary about Russian literature for public television. **Marc Weinstein**, MS '85, MBA '86, has started a new role—very different from his experience in consumer products—as the COO for Sage Centers, a veterinary specialist practice with four hospitals in Northern California. Marc's wife and two girls enjoy living close to San Francisco.

From March to June, **Ricardo Austrich** was on sabbatical from his position as associate at Halvorson Design Partnership in Boston. He joined **Linda Fritz Corkery**, MLA '87, program director of landscape architecture at the U. of New South Wales, as an adjunct senior lecturer co-teaching the second-year landform and planting design studio. While at UNSW, Ricardo also planned to lecture on specialty topics in landscape architecture related to his practice in Boston and teaching in Chile.

**Christian Itin**, a full professor at Humboldt State U., is on sabbatical for the 2011-12 academic

by the time this column was due—so I heeded the wise counsel of my late grandmother, Frances Shapiro Dubler, who was fond of reminding me, "If you don't ask, you don't get!" So, ask I did. And thanks to several of you, we got:

**Chris Silge** and **John Foley** each have new jobs. Chris manages the partnership services center team at Goldman Sachs, supporting the firm's alternative investment clients, and John is VP of HR at Austin Industries, a diversified construction company in Dallas. **Susan Stevens** Boucher published a young adult novel, *Bit Players, Has-Been*

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Neal Moran '83

year, looking at experiential education in the Chinese context. Humboldt's website provided a little more information. Christian has been in social work education since 1995. After graduating from Cornell, he obtained an MSW and PhD in social work from the U. of Denver. His practice experience is in the area of addictions and mental health, primarily with youth, families, and groups. He has also worked with community groups and organizational change. His specialized area of focus is in wilderness and adventure-based practice. His scholarship focuses on the philosophy of experiential education, the application of wilderness and adventure-based practice, group work, and work within the HIV/AIDS community. He enjoys music, art, gardening, hiking, backpacking, climbing, skiing, riding his motorcycle, and trying new things.

**Ellen Barre Spiegel** started out in Donlon and now lives in Henderson, NV, where she owns a business and works with husband Bill. In addition to volunteering with CAAAN and serving on her HOA board, Ellen was named president of the Friends of Nevada Libraries and is also vice chair of Easter Seals of Nevada. After serving a term in the Nevada Legislature (2008-10) and then not serving for a term, Ellen decided to run for the Nevada Assembly again. She is working on her campaign website ([www.ElectEllen.com](http://www.ElectEllen.com)) and has a lot of information and current activities on her Facebook page (listed under the name Ellen Spiegel). Go, Ellen! Let's hear it for another second-generation Cornellian! By the time you read this column, **Trevor Elting Davenport '14** (son of **Douglas** and **Barbara Reynolds Davenport**) will have completed his sophomore year in the Dyson School of Applied Economics and Management. Enjoy it, Trevor—those last two years go fast!

Thanks for sending your news. ("We want MORE! Sieve, Sieve, Sieve . . ." Don't you miss Cornell hockey?) If you haven't done so yet, please send in an update on the hard copy News Form from our annual class mailing, or write either one of us any time of year at the following addresses. **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>.

*Actors, and Other Posers*, writing under the pen name S. M. Stevens. The novel, available on Amazon and at [www.BitPlayers.me](http://www.BitPlayers.me), focuses on a high school drama club that is attempting to turn *Twilight* into an original musical (fans of "Glee" and vampires, rejoice!). Former Theatre Arts major **Karen White** was recognized as one of *Audiofile* magazine's "Best Voices for 2011," based on her outstanding work as an audiobook narrator. Karen has narrated more than 100 audiobooks, including *Child of the South* by Joanna Catherine Scott. To view the audiobook trailer that Karen produced for this book, go to [karenwhiteaudiobooks.com](http://karenwhiteaudiobooks.com).

I'm guessing there won't be any audiobook versions of these scholarly publications, but they sound most impressive, nonetheless: Ithaca-based psychotherapist **Michelle Kwintner**, PhD '95's article "When Absence Speaks Louder Than Words: An Object Relational Perspective on No-Show Appointments" appeared in *Clinical Social Work Journal* 39.3 (2011); and **Janice Nadler** published "Moral Character, Motive, and the Psychology of Blame" in Vol. 97, Issue 2 of the *Cornell Law Review*. Michelle was a featured presenter at a conference hosted by the Int'l Psychotherapy Inst. in Chevy Chase, MD, and Janice is an American Bar Foundation Research Fellow on the faculty of Northwestern U. School of Law.

Also engaged in scholarly pursuits are **John Mason** and **Kelly Soukup** O'Neal. John, program consultant to the Urban Male Initiative at John Jay College of Criminal Justice, has been working on his PhD in educational leadership at Mercer U. He successfully defended his dissertation on April 19 and will graduate in August. Congratulations, John! Kelly is working on a master's in Biblical studies from Dallas Theological Seminary and is a board member of Cornell's Chesterton House, an organization that brings in renowned lecturers to help Cornell students "think critically and Christianly on life, learning, and culture." Among the new Cornell students whom we hope will be critically thinking are **Denis Hurley's** daughter Grace and **Ken Iselhart's** daughter Olivia, who will enter the Class of 2016 this fall in, respectively, ILR and CALS. Ken writes, "Since Olivia's first Cornell visit as a child attending reunion with us—when she had an opportunity to put her hands in a cow's stomach—she has always loved Cornell and has dreamed of attending." Well, sure! With that kind of enticement, who wouldn't?

**85** My cupboard was almost entirely bare—and your responses from the class's annual News and Dues mailing had not arrived on my doorstep

From the bovine to the equine: **Susann Magenheimer** Berry is an accomplished horsewoman. The self-described “stay-at-home mom to Siobhan, 18, and Edward, 15,” decided ten years ago to pursue a hobby in show-jumping. In 2009, her years of dedication were rewarded when she was named High Adult Amateur Jumper in a six-state championship. Susann has just resumed competing after taking a year off following her horse’s injury.

## ‘Ken Stuart is off to dig again this year at the Ness of Brodgar in Orkney, Scotland.’

Sharon Nunan Stemme ’88

Equally dedicated to his sporting passions is **Howard Spira**, MBA ’86, who says he has become an avid cyclist and kayaker since returning to the US from Japan three years ago to serve as chief technology officer of TARP in the Dept. of Treasury. Howard and his family (wife Hanan, son Omar, and daughters Leila and Nadia) will spend part of this summer sailing off the coast of Croatia and traveling to Egypt and Morocco.

Also tantalizing me with travel plans and tales are my freshman roommate **Laura Jones** Kobrin, DVM ’89, and our fellow Risleyite **Karen Cronacher** Thurman. Laura writes that she sold her Williamstown, MA, veterinary practice and will visit Italy and Germany with her husband and sons this summer. Karen reports that she and her husband “went on a tour all over Israel; a cruise to Alaska; a tour of Prague, Vienna, Cesky Krumlov, and Salzburg; a Mediterranean cruise to Rome, Athens, Malta, Turkey, and Barcelona; and a 30-day cruise around Australia, where we enjoyed holding koalas and wombats. Next up: Cancun and the Caribbean.” Oh, Envy, thy name is Me. Someone, quick, bring me down to earth! Thank you, **Susan Rausch**. Susan is the owner of Camp Earth Connection in Freeville, NY. Her organization offers three wonderful summer camps for children: Earth Connection, Earth Arts, and Broadway Bootcamp.

Other classmates are triumphing as entrepreneurs: **Debra Ososky** runs her own workplace and labor relations consulting practice and co-teaches a negotiations class at Rutgers. **Sheri Winlensky** Burke is president of Sheri Winlensky Burke Consulting LLC, a company that “empowers the non-profit community to develop volunteer-based projects and volunteer leaders.” Sheri offers training and consulting in both short-term and long-term volunteer management, board development, and special events. Anyone needing support with nonprofit volunteer efforts can reach Sheri at [sheriwburke@yahoo.com](mailto:sheriwburke@yahoo.com) or can become a fan of the company’s Facebook page. **Phil Lew**, ME ’87, says he is working his tail off as founder of [xbosoft.com](http://xbosoft.com), a company that provides “software QA services.” Meanwhile, hand surgeon **Alejandro Badia** is working his fingers to the bone, “engaging in a very novel healthcare concept called OrthoNOW!, the first and only orthopedic urgent-care franchise that will allow people with any orthopedic injury to have direct access to a specialist without an appointment.” He adds, “I would love to connect with any Cornellian in healthcare to advance this cause. See [www.orthonowmiami.com](http://www.orthonowmiami.com).”

Finally, I want to offer our condolences to **Sherri Kasten**, whose spouse, Margaret Hackman, lost her battle with metastatic cancer. Sherri and Margaret lived in Montpelier, VT, for 15 years, where Sherri worked as a hazardous waste regulator for the Agency of Natural Resources’ Waste Management Division. They moved to Canada so that Sherri could pursue her master’s degree at Dalhousie U. in Halifax, Nova Scotia, but these

studies were put on hold so the couple could move to Guelph, Ontario, to be nearer to family and hospice care. Sherri and Margaret were together for 20 years. She notes, “Among other adventures, we bicycled twice across the continent: in 1990 across the northern US and in 1996 across southern Canada.” Sherri has now completed her master’s of resource and environmental management and moved back to Halifax, where she works as an environmental inspector for the provincial government. Best wishes for success in the new role, Sherri.

My sincere thanks go out to every one of you who responded with candor, warmth, and good humor to our urgent request for news. My co-correspondents and I consider it a genuine privilege to be able to keep our classmates up to date with the joys, sorrows, triumphs, and challenges that are a part of all of our lives, and we hope you will continue to be regularly in touch with us. ■ **Risa Mish**, [rmm22@cornell.edu](mailto:rmm22@cornell.edu); **Roberta Zwiebel** Farhi, [rfarhiesq@aol.com](mailto:rfarhiesq@aol.com); **Joyce Zerkowitz** Cornett, [cornell0667@comcast.net](mailto:cornell0667@comcast.net).

**86** Once again, much of our class news is centered on children of our classmates being accepted to Cornell. **Beth Bruno** Hyer was delighted to share the news that her son was accepted into ILR for the fall. After hearing this news, my wife, **Lori Spydell** Wagner, informed me that many of her ’86 Kappa sisters have kids attending Cornell or about to enroll, including: **Maggie Holcomb** Schubauer, **Susan Seligsohn** Howell, **Cassie Groos** Augenstein, **Laura Nieboer** Hine, and **Carol Baccile**. **Cara Noferi** informed us that two of her DG sisters will have children on the Hill: **Jennifer Moore Stahlkrantz** and husband **Per** ’85, MBA ’92; and **Meyung Joh** and husband **John Carnella**. Cara is so excited about this that she plans on attending Parents Weekend so she can visit those friends in one convenient, lovely location, despite not having a child of her own in college.

**Karen Laufer** writes that after many years, she switched from law to become the co-owner of her own business. Karen visited **Alison Washington** Wheaton in London last summer and keeps in touch with **Joy Auerbach** Katz, **Michele Adelman**, and **Elizabeth Van den Brink** DeAth on this side of the pond. Also in London, **Brian Schwinn** has relocated there with his family. Brian writes that he is G.E. Capital’s chief credit officer for EMEA. Given the tumultuous economic

environment, he is working very hard, but is also committed to seeing as much of Europe as possible. He does not know this yet, but he will soon be getting an e-mail from me about letting me crash at his home later this year.

In San Francisco, **Carol DiBenedetto** hasn’t slowed her attendance at some of the best music and entertainment events our country has to offer. She will go to Burning Man, which she has been attending since ’06, and will be in New Orleans for Jazz Fest for the 15th time. Also in San Francisco, **Mason Wenger**, ME ’90—after working at Oracle for eight years—is now at a startup called Veeva Systems. He is surrounded by young techies who have the energy to work 18-hour days, six days a week, but he loves it. Mason will spend a well-deserved long weekend getaway at the Four Seasons Aviara near San Diego with **Tim Smith**, **Sam Kamel** ’85, and their kids. Also in California (L.A.), **Jeff Winikow** manages to volunteer his time on the ILR Alumni Board and also have fun in the water participating in kayak polo (and I thought kayaking would be hard enough).

**Bob** and **Lauren Jensen Corning** and kids Anna and Trevor vacationed with **Dean Pearson** of Littleton, CO, for a week of skiing in Steamboat Springs over February break. Then in April they shifted to college visit mode with daughter Anna, who is a high school junior in Belmont, MA. Bob and Lauren inform me that if Cornell men’s lacrosse makes the final four, they will be looking to see many of us ’86ers at the tournament, which returns to Boston this Memorial Day weekend at Gillette Stadium. Cornell women’s lacrosse coach **Jenny Graap** also has her/our team in the thick of the hunt with a successful season.

**Lori Spydell** Wagner flew to Boulder, CO, to attend the dual bat mitzvahs of Cai and Liv, daughters of **Ken** and **Amy Amelkin Cramer** ’87. In attendance were **Martin Schulz**, **Brad Pulver** ’95, and **Wan Chen** Collier ’94, JD ’97. Then it was off to Phoenix, where Lori and I and our daughter Alexandra spent our spring break. (We are now DONE with the college search/decision process, so we can go on vacation again rather than racing from school to school over spring break.) We visited Sanctuary, a AAA Four Diamond boutique resort perched on Camelback Mountain. The vistas of the mountain and views of Paradise Valley were beautiful. Owner **Bill Nassikas** ’76 made certain we had a memorable vacation. The spa treatments were amazingly rejuvenating and dinner was world class. While in Phoenix I stopped in on football teammate and DU brother **Brandon Maxwell** ’84, whom I have not seen since he graduated. Amazingly, he looks the same.

On a sad note, after more than 70 years of serving the Cornell student and alumni community, The Palms poured their last drink on Wednesday, February 29, 2012. ■ **Michael Wagner**, [michaelwagner@wowway.com](mailto:michaelwagner@wowway.com); **Holly Isdale**, [Isdale@mac.com](mailto:Isdale@mac.com).

**87** By the time you see this column, our 25th Reunion will have taken place. Whether or not you were able to make it back to Ithaca, please be sure to check our next column in the Sept/Oct 2012 edition of *Cornell Alumni Magazine* for the full Reunion Report!

In the meantime, here are some updates your classmates sent in the spring. **Margot Leffler** Milberg wrote from Scarsdale, NY, about her travels. She and her family enjoyed a two-week trip to China



and Hong Kong. They visited with **Deborah Mei** and husband Juan Ignacio in Beijing. Margot wrote, "We met up with **Ariane Steinbeck** and her family in Chengdu, where we all got to feed the pandas. Our last stop was Hong Kong, where we saw where Ariane lives and enjoyed a day of boating and swimming in the South China Sea. It was a wonderful trip!" Further upstate, **Amit Batabyal** let us know that he is enjoying hanging out with his wife, Swapna, and their daughter in Rochester, NY. In their leisure time, they enjoy watching movies, eating out, and traveling. Weekdays you can find him working hard at the Rochester Inst. of Technology on "research, primarily, and teaching, secondarily." His book *Research Tools in Natural Resource and Environmental Economics* was published in 2011 by World Scientific Publishing Co.

**Stephen Batter** lives in Connecticut with wife Laurie Ann Nessler, also an MD, and their children. He tells us, "Besides being dedicated to the children and their activities, I am very active with sports. Specifically, I love paddle tennis, tennis, ice hockey, sailing, skiing, and fishing." Career-wise, he has been chief of urology for the past five years at the hospital where he practices. He adds, "My family and I enjoy traveling to the US national parks." He would love to be fishing with his family on their boat on Long Island Sound right now, or at Falmouth on Cape Cod. **Elaine "Jamie" McLaughlin** Halliday also lives in Connecticut, with husband Lawrence and their family. She enjoys her work teaching and ghostwriting, and she also volunteers—at Audubon, Riverfield School, St. Thomas Aquinas religious education, and Junior Achievement. She writes that professors Will Provine, Virginia Utermohlen, and Jane Brown and the visiting educator from Gannett News had the greatest impact on her at Cornell. **Corinne Smith**, ME '89 (Anchorage, AK; cls37@cornell.edu) writes that she's been "Working!" She does find time for fun, though, with cross-country skiing in the winter and sailing and gardening in the summer. She and husband Paul Button bike and hike year-round.

**Pat Harney** (Boston, MA) is a clinical psychologist working as director of internship training at Cambridge Health Alliance/Harvard Medical School and in private practice in Cambridge, MA. Pat writes, "I am the happy mother of two boys, Danny, 13, and David, 12, who have hiked the Ithaca gorges a few times in their lives. Although my therapy office is sandwiched right between MIT and Harvard, Cornell has it all over them for beauty! The 25th Reunion brings only sad memories, as I continue to grieve the loss of dear friend **Cynthia Green**, who died tragically from head and neck cancer in 2010. I send love and good wishes to all old friends whom I haven't seen in years and years."

**Glen Dake**, a private landscape architect working with both schools and parks, writes, "The historic grounds of Los Angeles City Hall were damaged by two months of Occupy L.A. encampment; I was on a panel that studied how the re-landscaping work can improve watershed health and highlight L.A. history." **Michael Harad**, MBA '88, provided a quick career update telling us that he took a position at General Mills as business director/marketing director for Yoplait. On a personal note, Michael added, "I now have three little boys who bring joy to my life every day." **Dan Oliverio** wrote on his way to Berlin, Germany, where he was to speak at an international conference on size acceptance and obesity. "I'll be leading a discussion seminar on sexuality and obesity, as well as a movement workshop that examines how we relate to our bodies and how others relate

to us." Dan also said he has a book coming out soon based on his seminars. **Heather Behn** Hedden sent a short note to let us know about the chapter she wrote, "Indexing Arabic Names," in the newly published book *Indexing Names*, edited by Noeline Bridge and published in April 2012 by Information Today Inc.

We heard from **Steve Zielinski**, who lives about ten miles north of the Cornell campus in Trumansburg, NY, with wife Veronica, their son, Luke, 15, and their daughter, Grace, 19, a sophomore at Hamilton College. Last October, Steve was named principal of the New York State Middle School Association. He writes, "I haven't been too active in sending in my information, but I can tell you I am the current principal of the South Seneca Middle School in Ovid, NY. Next year I will be principal of the consolidated middle/high school, grades 6-12." **Laurie Hart** also lives close to campus. She calls beautiful Ithaca, NY, her home; however, her music has taken her on many travels around North America and Northern Europe. Laurie is a fiddler specializing in Irish, Quebecois, Scandinavian, French, and American dance music. She also plays Swedish nyckelharpa, Norwegian Hardanger fiddle, and a bit of hurdy-gurdy. To date, she has seven albums in her discography with more to come. She has also created the soundtrack for two documentaries and appears as a guest artist on many CDs. She was the recipient of a Fulbright Award to study the music and dance of Norway and Sweden. Laurie has been performing at contra dances, concerts, weddings, festivals, and dance weekends across the US, Canada, and Northern Europe since 1986—since before our class graduated from Cornell! Her latest project is a series of five CDs and five tunebooks of the traditional dance music of Sweden, Norway, Denmark, and Finland. Volume three of the five-CD series was set to be released in May 2012. To hear some of Laurie's beautiful music, check out her website at [www.lauriehartfiddle.com](http://www.lauriehartfiddle.com).

Lastly, **Ethan Hauser** shared his most memorable night at Cornell—graduation night. He recalls that it couldn't be called a "favorite" memory, but that it was noteworthy nonetheless. "I broke my nose trying to assist a guest of a party I was at in getting down from a rooftop. This individual accidentally kicked me as I was attempting to assist him to safety. What he was doing up there, I am not sure, but I was trying to complete my daily random act of kindness (RAOK). I don't think he realized that he put someone in the hospital, but I forgive him. Learning: Ensure your own safety prior to completing the RAOK and make sure you have good insurance."

Let's hope that our 25th Reunion proved less hazardous to everyone's health. Check out the next edition of Class Notes for updates from the weekend. We may be older, and, hopefully, a bit wiser, but I'm sure there will be at least a few good stories to tell. Keep sending us your news—from Reunion or whatever is current in your life—via e-mail, through the link at our Class of '87 Web page at [cornell.edu](http://cornell.edu), by an update at the Cornell University Class of 1987 Facebook page, or on a Class of 1987 News Form. **Brenna Frazer** McGowan, [bfn26@cornell.edu](mailto:bfn26@cornell.edu); or **Heidi Heasley** Ford, [hfh6@cornell.edu](mailto:hfh6@cornell.edu). CAM Digital Edition, <http://www.cornellalumnimagazine-digital.com>.

It is truly appreciated! Before getting to the class news, be sure to remember to check out our class website. Here are two ways you can access it: <http://classof88.alumni.cornell.edu> (it will forward to the new page in CornellConnect) and via the alumni website, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/classes.cfm>, where you can enter our class year.

Reunion co-chair **Pamela Darer** Anderson is excited to plan our 25th Reunion and hopes everyone will come back to Ithaca for the weekend next June. If you have some ideas for reunion, send them along to her at [pjd26@cornell.edu](mailto:pjd26@cornell.edu). When she is not working on reunion she is busy taking care of her four girls, Rebecca, 15, Allison, 13, Sarah, 11, and Katie, 6. Pamela does volunteer work at their schools and has been playing tennis on a women's tennis team. The family traveled to Disneyworld for the March school break. What a long drive from Canada! Their kids are very involved in athletics, both in Toronto and at the provincial level. **Randy Stuzin** and wife **Nancy (Henken)** are thrilled that their daughter Lauren was accepted into Cornell's Class of 2016. Randy is general counsel of the investment banking division of Goldman Sachs, and Nancy maintains her own real estate legal practice in Westchester County, NY. **Brad** and **Angelica Watson Botkin** were returning to Ithaca in May to attend the graduation of their oldest son, who earned his master's in Computer Science. They both enjoy visiting campus, though Cornell's ever more eclectic architecture invariably occupies at least one dinner conversation.

**Ivy Simms** Batos has been living outside of Cleveland since finishing dental school and residency at Penn after her four great undergraduate years at Cornell. She liked Penn, but loved Cornell! She has a practice devoted to periodontics and oral surgery and has been equally busy as mother to Matthew, 13, and Alex, 11, who she hopes will attend Cornell someday. Her husband, Nick, is a Syracuse graduate so she is guessing that their sons will wind up in Upstate New York, regardless. **Diane Weisbrot** Wing is enjoying life in Redondo Beach, CA. Her son David had two bar mitzvahs—one in California and one in New York, both in June 2011. She has been racking up lots of miles, flying to Hawaii, Orlando, and New York every year and spent more than two months with family in New York in the last year. She works part-time as a physical therapist in the home health sector. She was in Boston for a Revolutionary War Tour trip with family and went over to BU, where she completed her master's. She found it sad to see her son decked out in a new bright red BU hat and hoodie, but her daughter Kiana has her eyes on Cornell!

After ten years at MetLife, **Suzanne Bors** Andrews ([smb68@cornell.edu](mailto:smb68@cornell.edu)) has taken a new position as vice president of retail sales and business development for Ivanka Trump. She is excited to help build a global brand of luxury jewelry, handbags, shoes, and fashion. "I'll be working every day in New York City, so hopefully will now have more time to see friends and classmates in the Big Apple. Looking forward to a change from insurance to luxury goods!" You are welcome to contact her for a "Friends and Classmates" discount. **Ken Stuart**, MA '92, is off to dig again this year at the Ness of Brodgar in Orkney, Scotland (<http://www.orkneyjar.com/archaeology/nessofbrodgar/>). **Joel Fetzer** is finishing a book on the political role of Confucianism in Taiwan (out December 2012 with Lexington Books). His son Isaak, 8, has expanded his athletic repertoire to include playing goalie in ice hockey. Compared to the

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ridiculously expensive protective equipment, the fees for ice time and lessons are nothing.

**Gabriel Spera's** second collection of poetry is due out in September or thereabouts. The manuscript, *The Rigid Body*, was chosen by Natasha Trethewey as the winner of the 2011 Richard Snyder Memorial Publication Prize (<http://ashlandpoetrypress.wordpress.com/2012/01/20/gabriel-spera-wins-richard-snyder-prize/>). **Eric Thacker** has been working like crazy at a Silicon Valley startup selling solutions for storing data in the cloud. Things have really started to take off and he says it has almost gotten to the point of interfering with his following of San Jose Sharks hockey. He is continuing to restore his 19th-century Victorian and has gotten actively involved in historic preservation in San Jose, but has not yet thrown himself in front of a bulldozer to save an old building.

In December 2011, **Traci Nagle** earned a few more letters after her name—dual MAs in English and linguistics from Indiana U. in Bloomington. Her studies continue toward a doctorate in linguistics. “The day I submitted my thesis, I boarded a series of long flights to Kolkata, India, where I met up with my husband and flew further east to spend a week on the stunningly beautiful beaches of India’s Andaman Islands. We returned to Kolkata to spend a week in that city, which celebrates Christmas like no other (the city even closes a central street for festivities), and flew home on the 31st in time to fall asleep and miss the turn of the New Year. Spring break led us to visit the natural beauty of northern Costa Rica—a blessedly short flight from the US! My recent Cornellian sightings include **Julie Ericson '87** (in Chicago), **Lori May** (who visited us here with husband Jim Simpson and their kids Teddy and Caroline), and **Alice Alonge Kenniff '90** (in New York City). My travel plans for 2013 will definitely include reunion, where I hope to reunite with many classmates.” **Janeen Rapp** Pendergast is about to graduate with her master’s in nursing from Dominican College in Orangeburg, NY. She has been invited to become a member of Sigma Theta Tau Int’l, a nursing honor society. Currently she is working full-time as a school nurse in Rockland County, NY, but hopes to find a job as a family nurse practitioner soon after graduation in May.

**Janet Cilli** Christiansen wrote that she and her husband, J.C., celebrated their 20th anniversary. They plan on taking a trip this summer to mark the occasion. “Our daughters’ schedules are too hectic for us to take time off during the school year!” **Cheryl Yancey-Biron** lives in Wayne, NJ, with husband Louis and children Alexander, 14, and Genevieve, 11. They have their own business, One Horn Transportation, which provides trucking and logistics services to manufacturers and distributors of fresh and frozen food, industrial materials, and consumer goods throughout the US and Canada. “Our business is growing and things are going very well. I’d be very happy to reconnect with old friends in the area. Please contact me at [cheryl@onehorn.com](mailto:cheryl@onehorn.com).” Send your news to: **Sharon Nunan** Stemme, [sen28@cornell.edu](mailto:sen28@cornell.edu); **Steven Tomaselli**, [st89@cornell.edu](mailto:st89@cornell.edu); and **Brad Mehl**, [bam62@cornell.edu](mailto:bam62@cornell.edu). CAM Digital Edition, <http://www.cornellalumimagazine-digital.com>.

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Starting in the West, we have **Dave Houggy**, ME '91 ([dhouggy@gmail.com](mailto:dhouggy@gmail.com)), who writes that after nearly 16 years in Chicago and a career in management consulting, he is moving to Aspen,

CO, to run an organization called the Buddy Program. He looks forward to a new adventure that will include lots of biking and skiing! **Charles Matheus** ([cmatheus09@gmail.com](mailto:cmatheus09@gmail.com)) was hired as program director for the central Arizona chapter of Boys to Men Mentoring Network, a nonprofit that provides rites of passage and long-term mentoring for teen-aged boys. He lives in Prescott, AZ, and continues leading the life of outdoor adventure and community leadership that he learned from being active with Cornell Outdoor Education.

**Andrew Weisenfeld** ([AWeisenfeld@msn.com](mailto:AWeisenfeld@msn.com)) still lives in NYC with wife Lauren, whom he met in business school at Wharton, and his two children, Sam, 10, and Hilary, 8. He is a partner in MTS Health Partners LP, a healthcare-focused investment banking boutique. He leads their life sciences practice. Andrew notes that while it would be nice to say that he and Lauren have a lot of outside interests, their second full-time jobs are shuttling their kids to hockey, soccer, and dance. They try to see their Cornell friends as much as possible. He sends news that **Cory Zimmerman** is doing well. **Dale Novick Westreich** ([dale@dalenovickltd.com](mailto:dale@dalenovickltd.com)) lives on Long Island with her husband and children. She is no longer active in her jewelry design and manufacturing business. However, she is active in alumni affairs, supporting Cornell’s endeavors, and is looking for ways to broaden her participation. She travels extensively with her family and loves all outdoor sports including hiking, biking, yoga, and golf.

**Lisa Skeete** Tatum has been named a 2012 Class of Henry Crown Fellow of the Aspen Inst. The fellowship program prepares accomplished business leaders for broader roles in the local and global community. She is a general partner of a new impact investment capital fund based in Princeton, NJ. Previously, she spent a decade as a general partner with Cardinal Partners. She was a founding board member of the Center for Venture Education and is on the executive committee for the Fund for Women and Girls. Other accolades include being a member of the Kauffman Fellows Class Four and a member of the Committee of 200, an international, nonprofit organization of more than 400 of the most powerful women who own and run companies. She is president of the Harvard Business School alumni board, serves on the board of the Princeton Healthcare System Foundation, and, last but not least, is a member of Cornell’s Board of Trustees.

Speaking of the global community, **Jim Loi** ([jimjenloi@yahoo.com](mailto:jimjenloi@yahoo.com)) remains with the Dept. of State and currently serves as deputy assistant secretary in the East Asian and Pacific Bureau, where he is responsible for Australia, New Zealand, and Pacific affairs. He and his family have been back in D.C. for almost five years and, following a couple of intense assignments at State and the White House, he and wife Jen, daughters Caitlin, 14, and Mackenzie, 12, and son Noah, 9, are eagerly awaiting an upcoming posting for a minimum of three years in Singapore. Jim caught up with **Christian Barry**, **Dave Behrend**, and **Mark Nelson**—all doing quite well.

**Mary Ellen Bavaro** ([bavarome@verizon.net](mailto:bavarome@verizon.net)) is in the ninth year of running her own tutoring and college and private high school application assistance business in the greater Boston area. Her company, College Connections, helps high school students do better in school and apply to college. She helps students improve their grades and study skills, increase their SAT scores by as many as 540 points, and gain acceptance to top

schools of their choice. She also helps parents and students appeal their financial aid awards and receive not just more money, but also better grants, scholarships, and work-study arrangements. Sounds like a service that some of our classmates may want to use in the upcoming years! Also in metro Boston is **Carolyn Kaplan** ([ckaplan@nixonpeabody.com](mailto:ckaplan@nixonpeabody.com)). She writes that after living in the heart of Boston for 15 years, she has finally made the move to suburbia. She now lives in Hingham, MA, with husband Doug Hase and daughters Mischa, 3, and Isla, 1. Since 2007 she has been working as the chief sustainability officer of Nixon Peabody, an international law firm. She finds this amazing job both professionally and personally rewarding. She would love to hear from old friends. She is still in touch with many Cornellians, as there are many living in metro Boston. Carolyn was also happy to catch up with **Leslie Scheidt** Redd during her visit to Boston from Seattle.

**Mike Creedon** ([michael.creedon@gmail.com](mailto:michael.creedon@gmail.com)) has been working in library computing since 2001, including work with Cornell and Boston College. He earned an MSLS in library and information science from Syracuse (2009) and now lives in the NYC/New Jersey area, where he is pursuing some patent applications and looking for more opportunities in computing. He has also been volunteering for the Cornell Alumni-Student Mentorship Program (CASMP) and the Cornell Alumni Admissions Ambassadors Network (CAAAN) and encourages people to get involved. He notes that volunteering for Cornell is not a huge time commitment, but can be very rewarding.

**Dianne Nersesian** McGuire ([dnersesian@yahoo.com](mailto:dnersesian@yahoo.com)) and husband Jim cheered for the Big Red at the Cornell-BU ice hockey game over Thanksgiving weekend. She notes that it was a great game even though Cornell lost. Also in attendance were **Karen Leshowitz** Colonna, **Shannon Gallivan** Bol, **Rob** and **Karen Mitchell Chodock '90**, **Rachel Hollander**, and many other Cornellians. They even got their picture next to the Stanley Cup! Dianne’s son Brendan is almost 3. They have been in Morristown, NJ, since 2008 and love their community. Dianne’s communication skills consulting and training company is growing. Visit her at [www.transculturalcommunications.com](http://www.transculturalcommunications.com). **Lane Blumenfeld** ([laneblumenfeld@gmail.com](mailto:laneblumenfeld@gmail.com)) has joined Outside GC, where he practices law as a virtual general counsel to companies without full-time attorneys. He also coaches youth baseball and likes to go hiking and climbing with his wife, two sons, and the family dogs, although the wife and dogs often pass on the climbing part.

In the small world category: My husband, **Steve Labovitz '92**, decided to look for a new position here in Silicon Valley and discovered a listing at Apple. We found the contact info for my old Dickson floormate **Tony Ross** (from our 20th Reunion!), and it turned out that the hiring manager was someone Tony had worked for and knew well. Tony was gracious enough to provide an introduction and as I write this, Steve is at the first day of his new job at Apple! Let’s hear it for the Cornell connection! Tony and his wife live in San Francisco and we enjoyed hosting them for dinner recently. As for me, after 15 years practicing veterinary medicine, an injury forced me to leave practice in 2008. Last year I started my own business, Sit Stay Wag Dog Training, doing dog training and behavior modification. Please visit me at [www.sitstaywagtraining.com](http://www.sitstaywagtraining.com). We look forward to heading back to the Hill this June for the 20th Reunion of the Class of '92.



Note from co-class president **Debbie Schaffel**: Please “Like” the Class of ’89 Facebook page (“Cornell University Class of 1989”). Also, check out the new digital edition of the alumni magazine, <http://www.cornellalumnimagazine-digital.com>. ■ **Laurén Flato** Labovitz, [lflato@comcast.net](mailto:lflato@comcast.net); **Kimberly Levine** Graham, [KAL20@cornell.edu](mailto:KAL20@cornell.edu); **Stephanie Bloom** Avidon, [savidon1@hotmail.com](mailto:savidon1@hotmail.com); **Anne Czaplinski** Treadwell Bliss, [ac98@cornell.edu](mailto:ac98@cornell.edu).

**90** Greetings, classmates! We have lots of news this time, so let’s get right to it. **Debra Wein**, president and founder of Wellness Workdays in Hingham, MA, has been appointed to the President’s Council of Cornell Women, an invitation-only group that works to enhance the role of women leaders at Cornell. Her company provides corporate wellness programs. She is also president and co-founder of the partner company, Sensible Nutrition Inc. **Robert Price**, SVP and chief marketing officer for CVS in Woonsocket, RI, was named a 2012 Henry Crown Fellow by the Aspen Inst., due to his record of “community-spirited leadership.” That record includes leadership for corporate fundraising campaigns by the Easter Seals and United Way and a collaboration with his wife, **Sue (Portman)**, MRP ’91, and three sons on a CD of original music to raise funds for Haiti earthquake relief.

**Benjamin Schwall** was featured on CNN regarding the increasing labor issues in China and the effect on manufacturing there. He writes, “My company, Systems Technology Group, has been representing foreign buyers in Taiwan and China for 20 years now. Never thought I would see the day when there was a labor shortage in China.” Another classmate with ties to Asia is **John Lin**, who’s now spent 19 years living in Singapore. He writes, “**Chris Conyers ’91** and I work together running a merry team of technologists and traders trying to tame the financial frontier (like cowboys, not outlaws). At times, it’s not much different than the days hanging out at Rulloff’s or the Phi-Bar.” He welcomes Cornell visitors for lunch or golf. Drop him a line at [grastaman@mac.com](mailto:grastaman@mac.com).

**Kevin DiCerbo** ([kevindicerbo@yahoo.com](mailto:kevindicerbo@yahoo.com)) invites classmates to connect if they’re in L.A. He lives in El Segundo, CA, with his wife and children (son Kieran, 6, and daughter Elena, 4). “Since going back to graduate school at UCLA in 1998, I have been involved in several startups,” Kevin reports. “One was sold, one shut down, and I am currently building the third.” Also interested in re-connecting is **Tony Lau**, ME ’92, MBA ’99 ([TTL5@cornell.edu](mailto:TTL5@cornell.edu)), who lives in Dallas with wife Yvonne and their two daughters. “Our work is going well. I’m with MetroPCS and Yvonne is with E&Y.” **Penny Smith** Eifrig sends publishing news. Her company, Eifrig Publishing, is releasing *Where We Once Gathered: Lost Synagogues of Europe*, by **Andrea Strongwater ’70**. Penny says the book depicts 20 synagogues destroyed throughout Europe between 1935 and 1945 and shares information about the communities that once thrived there. It’s available at <http://tinyurl.com/lostsynagogues>.

**Anne Loehr** ([anne@anneloehr.com](mailto:anne@anneloehr.com)) and **Neel Inamdar** are enjoying life in Washington, DC, with their daughter, 7. Anne’s newest business book, *Managing the Unmanageable*, keeps her on the speaking and consulting road to clients like Facebook and Morgan Stanley Smith Barney. As the director of Verde Ventures, Neel travels extensively, searching for sustainable businesses to fund. **Ian**

**Reisner** is founder of THE OUT NYC, a lesbian- and gay-oriented but “straight-friendly” urban resort in New York’s Hell’s Kitchen neighborhood. He says it drew 80,000 visitors in its first nine weeks—wow!

**Andy Williams** and his family have relocated from the United Kingdom to Madison, AL, where he has a new job with the US Army Contracting Command. **Larry Gritz** took advantage of an offer from his employer—Sony Pictures Imageworks, where he works on movie visual effects—to relocate to Vancouver, BC. “It was a big change after living in the San Francisco Bay Area for 17 years, but we love Vancouver and are very much enjoying our lives as expats,” he writes. Congratulations to **Jim Nolan** and wife Dawn, who welcomed their fifth child, Annie, on St. Patrick’s Day. Annie joins siblings Josh, 12, Eddie, 6, Betty, 3, and Bobby, 2, in Punta Gorda, FL, where Dad is president of Nolan Family Insurance Agency Inc. **Mark Eskenazi** reports: “Working as a spinal surgeon in Delray Beach, FL. Daughter Alexis is a freshman in high school and Cornell hopeful. Son Jordan is in

to home, **Pablo Quiñones** joins Reed Smith as partner in its global regulatory enforcement group in its New York office.

If you’re looking for some summer reading, **Dave Kleidermacher** published *Embedded Systems Security* (Elsevier Press), which is increasingly important as these embedded computers become more ubiquitous in our everyday lives. From hardware to humans, **Daniel Appelbaum** published *Nuclear Medicine RadCases* (Thieme). Dan serves as director of nuclear medicine and PET and is associate professor of radiology at the U. of Chicago. He lives near downtown Chicago with his wife and four children. Physician **Ted Mason** moved to South Hadley, MA, with his wife and two daughters, ages 6 and 8. Ted specializes in diseases of the ear, hearing, and balance. He is getting ready to celebrate the ten-year anniversary of the Bay-state Medical Center Cochlear Implant Program, which has performed more than 230 cochlear implants in children and adults since the program began. Keep up the good work!

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Benjamin Schwall ’90

sixth grade. Enjoying Florida. Went back to Cornell last year for a visit. The amount of new construction since graduation is impressive.”

Mark, and everyone else: Save the date for another visit in 2015—that’s our 25th (gulp) Reunion AND Cornell’s sesquicentennial (150th) year. Until then, keep up with all the Big Red headlines with *Cornell Alumni Magazine’s* new digital edition at <http://www.cornellalumnimagazine-digital.com>. ■ **Amy Wang** Manning, [aw233@cornell.edu](mailto:aw233@cornell.edu); **Rose Tanasugarn**, [nt28@cornell.edu](mailto:nt28@cornell.edu); **Kelly Roberson**, [kelly-roberson@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kelly-roberson@sbcglobal.net).

**91** First off, I’d like to thank everyone for answering the call for class news. It’s only with your contribution that we can make this a great class column. So feel free to send updates whenever news happens that might interest your classmates. We’re in the swing of summer and I hope you’re enjoying the festivities of the season with your friends and family. I remember that Cornell was a special place in the summer, especially spending time on the Quad in shorts and hanging out in the gorges. Those attractions seem to keep some of us close to our alma mater—such as **Andrew Sussman**, who, with wife **Caroline (Miscigna) ’90** and their son Zachary, send news that they broke ground on a new hotel in downtown Syracuse with a planned opening in Spring 2013.

The Class of ’91 is busy moving up the ranks. **Donald Barrick** was named vice chairman of Life’s WORC, a Long Island-based nonprofit that houses more than 200 developmentally challenged people on Long Island and provides non-residential programs for an additional 1,000 participants. **E. Mitchell Sayers** was promoted from field applications engineer to technical center manager at Cree Europe GmbH in Munich, Germany. Closer

**Michelle Dortignac** is busy traveling the world. In Athens, Greece, she had just finished offering a teacher training program for yoga instructors in Unnata Aerial Yoga. This is a new form of yoga, which Michelle initiated, that uses an aerial hammock to teach students about better alignment and more thorough relaxation. She also lets us know that you don’t have to go to Greece, but can try this new yoga ([www.aerialyoga.com](http://www.aerialyoga.com)) in New York City, where she is based. **Joan Kochan Schade** reports on a spring gathering in Arlington Heights, IL, with husband **Mike**, as well as **Samir Khanjar** and wife **Kathy (Duffy)**, and **Joe Riordan**, ME ’92, and wife **Beth (Livolsi)**, who trekked from Maryland and New Jersey, respectively, for the occasion. Joan shares that 11 future Cornellians in one house means someone’s always crying, but everyone is having tons of fun!

**Peter Sloane** is a partner at Leason Ellis LLP, an intellectual property law firm in White Plains, NY. He and wife Michele celebrated their 17th anniversary with daughters Hannah, 13, and Molly, 11, and they are now in Mamaroneck, NY. Also in New York, **Cherry L. Estilo** is now in Manhattan with her husband and three young children. She has been a dentist with expertise in dental oncology at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center since 2001 and serves as the director of the Dental Oncology Fellowship program. **Susanna Suh**, husband Jim Larish, and their three children live in Montclair, NJ, and vacationed in Costa Rica. Susanna shares this story: Her daughter put a “Class of ’91” tattoo (from Reunion) on her arm. Despite Susanna’s best efforts at sun protection, her daughter got a slight sunburn and when the tattoo finally wore off, the imprint from the tattoo remained. Now that’s commitment to class spirit. Susanna is a corporate partner at Cahill Gordon & Reindel in NYC and focuses primarily on financing transactions.

**Susan R. Brown** is a senior director of compensation for Siemens, responsible for the United States region. After living in New York City for more than ten years, with the addition of two young boys to her family Susan has decamped to the suburbs of New Canaan, CT. She looks forward to the adventure—including driving again! **Brian Housh** returned to the US after 12 years in Thailand, where he owned and managed the consulting firm English Solutions and served on five boards. During his time there, his company sponsored the “Scream for Charity” event, hosting a haunted house for local underprivileged Thai children and giving them a taste of the spirit of Halloween for nine consecutive years.

**Rachel Cassidy** shares the sporting adventures of the Cassidy Brown family. Her oldest son’s soccer league is in the top five in the nation for U10s, and number one in Georgia. As a result, the family is traveling all over, spending the weekends at soccer fields. Her other two kids are juggling horseback riding, lacrosse, and, of course, more soccer. Rachel also has a new role at Red Hat as the vice president of global partner strategy and enablement. She will be traveling more internationally and looks forward to connecting with some friends along the way. Update your contact information so Rachel can find you. **Susan Rosenblatt**, a veterinarian, continues to work as a part owner of Kindness Animal Hospital in Waltham, MA. Her fiancé, Chas, is an aerobatic pilot and an executive at IBM.

**Steven Walton** will move from Penn State to Michigan Technological U. this fall to take a faculty position in the Dept. of Social Sciences. The department focuses on the history of technology and industrial archaeology, his specialties! Lastly, while we love news from our class, some of our classmates report on the news full-time. If you’re a regular listener of NPR, you’ve certainly heard **David Folkenflik**’s reporting on the media—he’s come a long way from his days at the *Cornell Daily Sun*. On television, you can see **Kate Snow** reporting the news on NBC. Hearing her voice will make you think you’re back on the Hill listening to WVBR, where she used to do the news.

Don’t forget to visit our class website, <http://www.cornellclassof1991.com>, to stay up to date on news of our class; or “like” us on Facebook at <http://facebook.com/Cornell91>. One more friendly reminder: send us your news updates. **Charles Wu**, [ccwu@mac.com](mailto:ccwu@mac.com); **Wendy Milks Coburn**, [wmilkscoburn@me.com](mailto:wmilkscoburn@me.com); and **Tom Greenberg**, [twg22@cornell.edu](mailto:twg22@cornell.edu).

**92** Hey, ’92! Wrap your brain around this: most of the fine young people who just graduated weren’t even born when we walked victorious from the Arts Quad to Schoellkopf. On that note, on with the news!

Cheers are in order! **Meredith Rosenberg** joined the Cornell Board of Trustees on July 1 as an alumni-elected trustee. Congratulations! **Kayvan Pirouz** is a managing director in the investment banking division of SunTrust Robinson Humphrey in Atlanta, GA. Kayvan manages to keep busy with his hectic job, travel schedule, and family life with his wife, Christina, two daughters, and a son. He did manage to slip away, though, for a “boys’ golf weekend” with **Marc Wallace**, **Mike Malarkey**, **Dan Branon**, and **Jim Gavitt**.

**Seth Isenberg** has become a global director for SAP, working with their enterprise information management software; he’s been with the company

for just over five years. Seth’s wife, Amber, is a writer and he reports that their children, Fisher, 10, and Beryl, 8, “are general yahoos.” They all have fun up on the rural edge of Portland, OR, what with the elk herds, agricultural zoning, and a heavily fenced 1,600-square-foot garden. Seth chronicles his fishing, skiing, and various outdoor adventures at [isenberguncertaintyprinciple.wordpress.com](http://isenberguncertaintyprinciple.wordpress.com). He’s been skiing and hiking in Utah with **Josh Frank ’93** and has reconnected with **Keith Strier ’93**, who now lives in Orange County, CA.

In the “It’s a rough job but somebody’s got to do it” department, **Tracy Kamens**, who has been a wine educator and writer since 2005, is now the director of education for the Society of Wine Educators. She’s also the chief education officer for her own company, Grand Cru Classes, and publisher of the It’s A Winederful Life website. Tracy became a certified wine judge in November 2011 and served as a wine judge for the Finger Lakes Int’l Wine Competition in March 2012. Also knee-deep in business ventures, **Ken** and **Carrie Peters Garcia** live in Charlotte, NC, and have four boys (Addison, Bennett, and Carson, all 12, and Grant, 2). They’re involved in several small businesses in North Carolina. You can reach them at [cgarcia@prospectholdings.com](mailto:cgarcia@prospectholdings.com) and [kgarcia@prospectholdings.com](mailto:kgarcia@prospectholdings.com).

We Cornellians tend to be lifelong learners, for sure! **Peter Christ** is completing a master of divinity from Luther Seminary in St. Paul, MN. At the same time, his business, Bridge Creek Backcountry Kitchen & Wine Bar, in Red Lodge, MT, is celebrating its 15th year! Peter and wife Anne and children Della, 13, and Bjorn, 11, keep busy splitting their time between Montana and Minnesota. **Tahl Ben-Yehuda** Saidel is in her second-to-last year at the Jewish Theological Seminary’s H. L. Miller Cantorial School. With any luck, daughters Eliana, 11, and Sara, 9, will have joined her at Reunion. **Michele Benton** lives in Raleigh, NC, and has headed back to school part-time to get her PhD in creativity studies, which has been one of her lifelong dreams. She also happens to head up the US marketing training and development department at GlaxoSmithKline. Michelle and husband Kem Smaini have children Zane, 7, and Mirabelle, 3, and she reports that those wistful days of night-long fraternity parties are now replaced with dancing to Michael Jackson Wii to the “wee hours” of 9 p.m.

Some go back to school, and some take the school to the students! **Stephen** and **Kirstin Ross Preuss** have a lot of neat things going on. Kirstin, a kindergarten teacher from Queensbury, NY, spent a week in Liberia, West Africa, in February as a visiting educator. She presented at a writing conference in Kakata and in the capital city of Monrovia, taught writing lessons, and visited schools. Local students in New York donated materials and prepared 300 bags of school supplies, which Kirstin and her colleagues distributed. Contact Kirstin at [sfp22@cornell.edu](mailto:sfp22@cornell.edu) to learn more about the project.

Did you catch up with **Mitch** and **Gabrielle Mollo Hartley** at Reunion? The Hartleys met at our 10th Reunion, so they’re pretty much obligated to attend all future ones. And they welcomed a third baby boy last July. Of course, the new baby is super cute, just like his brothers. **Seth Klein** and wife Susan welcomed triplets Madeline, Caleb, and Mischa into the world on Dec. 04, 2011. The triplets join their big brother, Isaac, 13. Seth joined an exciting Internet startup company called Box in Silicon Valley, CA. And speaking of startups . . . **Wes Gamble** works as a senior software developer at RedFlag, a startup in Houston,

TX. He’s hoping that reunion in Ithaca will be a break from the crazy heat that will be in Houston by early June. Wes spends his spare time with friends and attending various music and theatre performances. That takes us from business to the arts: **Dylan Willoughby**, MFA ’95, has poetry in the current issue of *Agenda* (London) and forthcoming in *Green Mountains Review*’s 25th anniversary issue, *Poetry Northeast*, and *Sixty-Six*.

Stay tuned for the full Reunion Report in the Sept/Oct issue. But before you put this magazine down, send us some news! You can reach us online at <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm> or via e-mail: **Megan Fee** Torrance, [mtorrance@torrancelearning.com](mailto:mtorrance@torrancelearning.com); **Lois Duffy** Castellano, [LKD2@cornell.edu](mailto:LKD2@cornell.edu); **Jean Kintisch**, [jmk226@cornell.edu](mailto:jmk226@cornell.edu).

**93** Happy summer! I hope you are enjoying beautiful weather wherever you are! We are now just a year away from our 20th—yes, our 20th—Reunion! It’s hard to believe that our college years were such a long time ago. I can still remember many great times so clearly and I’m sure many of you can say the same! A year from now, you don’t want to be sitting at home kicking yourself that you missed what is sure to be a fantastic time! Please make sure to join us on June 6-9, 2013. Feel free to drop a note to any of your class correspondents if you’d like more information or if you want to get involved with the planning. Now, on to the news.

Most of this month’s news comes from our news forms. Thanks to everyone who sent the form back—it was great to see so much news come through. **Michael Chase** (Sacramento, CA) works for Boutin Jones representing business clients in litigation court trials and arbitration. When he’s not working, he’s busy as a board member of Sacramento Opera and spending time with his daughter, 7. **Rosita Juvera** Gomez (Pharr, TX) works as a custom builder. She’s also busy with her son Diego’s activities including baseball, basketball, youth church, and Boy Scouts. She’d like to hear from **Kristin Schaefer**.

**Sung Hwan Choi** is far away in Seoul, Korea, where he works at Kim & Chang, the largest law firm in Korea. He has two children, Madeline, 10, and Jeremy, 7, and is on the board of governors at their school. In February, he went to visit **Roger Lam** in Hong Kong to celebrate his 40th birthday. Sounds like it must have been a fun trip! **Geoffrey Suval** is the director of retirement services at RCM-D Inc. in Baltimore, MD. He is also the father of Anna, 10, and Spencer, 7, and spends a lot of his after-hours time with their extracurricular activities. He went on an annual ski trip with two other Cornell couples, **Mike** and **Christina Guastello Niccolini** ’94 and **Eric** and **Missy Smith** and all of their children. **Charlotte Kanstrup** Carrier lives in Las Vegas and works as a fitness instructor specializing in Zumba and Spin. She is also the founder of Christmas Can Cure, a foundation that works to give dream Christmas vacations to seriously disabled and wounded veterans. Recently she has been reading the Magic Tree House series with her sons Jackson (“Cornell Class of 2026”) and Xavier (“2028!”) and volunteering for Junior Achievement at local elementary schools.

**Stephanie Haase** Roberts was married in Italy in March 2011. She is now a stepmom to Grace, 7. Stephanie would like to hear from her freshman roommate **Erika Fleming**. **Sylvia Becker-Dreps** is an assistant professor in the Dept. of



Family Medicine at the U. of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. **Paul Medeiros** lives in Rhode Island near Brown U. During this warm winter, he studied the *Critique of Pure Reason*, translated from the German by Cornell's Dept. of Philosophy, and attended a course at Brown about it.

We also received a few press releases: **Stephen Stern** joined Hyatt & Weber in Annapolis as a partner, and **Joel Johnson** joined RETTEW as a project manager in the land development division in their Mechanicsburg, PA, office. At Hyatt & Weber, Stephen focuses on commercial and civil litigation with an emphasis on employment and insurance law and other business disputes. Joel works with RETTEW's natural gas clients in the design and site development of well pads and pipelines. He also develops stormwater management and erosion and sedimentation control plans. Congratulations to both of you! Congratulations also go out to class officer **Michelle Lee**, who welcomed Elliot Marshall on Nov. 13, 2011. Elliot joins big brother Nathaniel, 3-1/2.

I've been adjusting to being a mother of three and am typing this with my daughter Maya, 2 months, on my lap! My boys Jonathan, 6, and Ari, 3, are loving their little sister. I am still working as a healthcare consultant for Buck Consultants, but transferred last summer from our New York City office to our Stamford, CT, office. Please keep the news coming and I hope to see you all on the Hill next summer! ☑ **Yael Berkowitz** Rosenberg, ygb1@cornell.edu; **Melissa Hart** Moss, melimoss@yahoo.com; **Melissa Carver** Sottile, mtcstottile@yahoo.com.

**94** Lordy, Lordy, look who's 40! Hardly a day goes by that I don't see another message pop up on Facebook telling me another classmate has hit the Big 4-0. And I must say: we are an amazing group of 40-year-olds and almost-40-year-olds! It doesn't seem possible to be the age that many of our professors were when we were young idealists on the Hill, but there it is. No worries, classmates, 40 is fabulous.

It's fun to be a part of a class that's large enough that you can meet new classmates to this day. In March, I helped organize a full-day continuing legal education seminar on behalf of the Florida Bar, and it wasn't until we were all actually in one room that I realized one of the speakers was a classmate I hadn't even known at Cornell! **Mark Bartholomew**, now Prof. Mark Bartholomew at SUNY Buffalo Law School, did an outstanding job talking about third-party liability in intellectual property law. Trust me, it was fascinating.

And I guess there must be something about intellectual property law that is a particular draw to our classmates, because **Greg Gerstenzang** is keeping busy in Cambridge, MA, with IP law as his focus. When he's not busy at home with his wife and baby, he is patent prosecutor at Lando & Anastasi, an intellectual property boutique firm. After several years working in semiconductor device fabrication for Intel in various positions, including process engineering and quality control, Greg is well-equipped to prosecute patents in a variety of technologies, including in the fields of water and waste treatment, energy and "green" technologies, materials, consumer products, business methods, electronic gaming, medical devices, semiconductor devices and packaging, power distribution devices, electrical devices and circuitry, software, and financial products.

In the meantime, not all of the lawyers in our class are working on intellectual property law. **Preston Pugh**, for example, is working on his golf handicap. Or, as he so wittily put it, he's working on "lowering my golf handicap so that I can say I actually have a golf handicap." And when not golfing, Preston is a partner at Pugh, Jones & Johnson PC in Chicago. His expertise includes healthcare litigation, complex civil litigation, internal investigations, and labor and employment litigation. Prior to joining the firm, he was GE

it. Located in New York City, **Stephen Chan** started Eagle Point Hotel Partners LLC with good friend **Erik Warner '98**; the company focuses on investments in hotel real estate. Also in NYC, **Vincent Zayas** is a partner at his physician group and lives on the Upper West Side with his wife and three children, a 13-year-old and twins, 3. **Monica Edwards** Smith relocated from Pasadena, CA, to Macon, GA, where she is the president and CEO of the Macon-Bibb County Convention and Visitors Bureau. She is also serving a three-year term as

‘11 future Cornellians in one house means someone’s always crying.’

Joan Kochan Schade '91

Healthcare's senior counsel for investigations and litigation, where he was responsible for domestic and international fraud and abuse investigations for the \$17B business and its commercial litigation practice. Preston and his wife, Rebecca, have two daughters, Alexia and Kendyl.

Back in New York, **Terri Johnson** Hyatt is keeping busy in Fayetteville as a veterinary technician at the Upstate Veterinary Surgical Center in Canastota. In her off-time, she keeps busy with motorsports, bicycling, kayaking, cross-country skiing, downhill skiing, and attending plays and movies. In Manhattan, **Carrie Skolnick** Rothfeld is busy as ever at her multiple day jobs: "Mom, school volunteer, Parents Association board member, and freelance designer." And that's just the day job, folks—she also is a runner, plays tennis, and is working on developing a business plan for some new opportunities.

**Jorge Rey** took a one-year break from his legal career to go back to school for a master's in public administration from Harvard U's Kennedy School of Government, where, he reports, "I was humbled to receive a Lucius N. Littauer Award for academic excellence, leadership, and public service. I loved Harvard, but my heart will always be with Cornell." He is now serving as counsel at Axiom in New York, specializing in capital markets, securities, public finance, credit derivatives, and swaps. Jorge reports, "I can't wait for our 20th Reunion!" **Elizabeth Gonzalez Marcellino** took a break from her mothering duties to participate in the "No Mother's Day" campaign video filmed by the Every Mother Counts group. If you check out the video, which can be found on YouTube at: <http://www.everymothercounts.org/nomothersday/>, mixed in with the likes of celebs like Blythe Danner, Jennifer Connelly, and Debra Messing is our own Liz: watch for her at 0:56 and 1:20. Hat-tip to proud hubby **Nico** for sharing the news. They live in New York City with their two beautiful children.

So what's keeping YOU busy in your 40th year on this earth? Please let your fellow classmates know! We want your news. ☑ **Dineen Pashoukos** Wasyluk, dmp5@cornell.edu; **Dika Lam**, dikaweb@yahoo.com; **Jennifer Rabin** Marchant, jar1229@yahoo.com.

**95** Hello, Class of 1995! We still have lots of news to get through, thanks to your bounteous reply to last summer's plea for news, so let's get right to

trustee of the Destination and Travel Foundation.

Taking the leap from city to suburbs, **Caroline Fox** and husband **David Shechter** made the move from Manhattan to New Rochelle, NY. Their three children, Ilana, 9, Jacob, 6, and Naomi, 2, are thrilled to have so much space and love their new community. David has a great commute to Albert Einstein College of Medicine, where he is a member of the biochemistry faculty and runs a research lab focusing on epigenetics and histones. To find out what that means, check out [www.shechterlab.org](http://www.shechterlab.org). Caroline is associate general counsel at NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital and writes, "We were very sorry to miss our 15th Reunion last year, but we will be there in 2015 for our 20th!"

**Jake Tyler** has been a busy traveler for both work and pleasure. As executive director in the legal and compliance division at Morgan Stanley, Jake traveled to Japan to attend his company's first board meeting in Asia. He and wife Jessica vacationed last summer in London, Stratford-upon-Avon, and the Cotswold region of England. The couple also went on a getaway to Cornell, where for the first time Jake showed off our fair alma mater to Jessica. He adds that it was "a welcome change from New York City." **Brett Schwartz**, BFA '95, is pleased to report that his latest film, *Mashed Media*, aired on Chicago PBS television in May 2011. Over the past two years, Brett has written, directed, produced, shot, and edited the one-hour documentary. *Mashed Media* visits bloggers, independent publishers, hacker journalists, and social media mavens working in the trenches of Chicago to provide a rare and intimate look into the future of journalism.

**Rick and Lindsay Jordan Vincent**, along with their two sons, drove the family truckster from Massachusetts to Orlando to enjoy all things Mickey Mouse. On the professional front, Rick changed companies at the end of 2010. He's still designing tunnels, but now doing it at a smaller company. In an amusing name game, Rick writes, "Both companies are named Jacobs. I went from Jacobs Engineering to Jacobs Associates! Also, I just sent my first Cornell intern back to Ithaca to finish his BS in CEE. Naturally, he was the best intern ever!" Busy parents to Patrick, 10, Rebecca, 9, and Mikey, 7, **Timothy '94** and **Cathy MacIntyre O'Neill** are "living the crazy, two-parent, working, travel, soccer, race-running, and PTA life" in Cary, NC. Cathy works in the finance office of Duke U.'s School of Medicine and Tim is the regional controller for the Compass Group, but their lives mainly revolve

around their children's soccer schedule. Cathy is happy to report that there is another Cornellian in the family—her sister is attending Weill Cornell Medical College as part of the Class of 2015.

In the brand-new future-Cornellian department, **Claudia Trujillo-Steed** and her husband welcomed their first child, Michael Ryan, on April 18, 2011. Claudia writes, "I look forward to bringing him to Ithaca and cheering for the Big Red one day soon!" **David Willis** announces the arrival of his first child, Charley James, born on Oct. 8, 2011. David works as a colorectal surgeon at Methodist Hospital just outside of Minneapolis, but is enjoying time off at home with baby Charley. Rounding out the baby news, the family of **Joseph Capuano** expanded to include little Cecilia Rose on Nov. 7, 2011. Joseph writes, "We are adjusting to life at home now, which is busier than ever. Lucia is loving her new and important role as big sister. Cecilia is charming us with her lovely temperament and exhausting us with her night-owl behavior."

Let's close with a great feat of strength and endurance. **Erica Chapman** finished her first Ironman in Louisville, KY, on Aug. 28, 2011 in 13 hours and 58 minutes. For those not in the know, an Ironman is 140.6 miles long and includes a 2.4-mile swim, a 112-mile bike ride, and a marathon for good measure. As a follow-up, Erica ran in the NYC Marathon in November for the Team for Kids Charity. Go Erica! [✉ Amb Benson Perrie, amb8@cornell.edu](mailto:amb8@cornell.edu); **Veronica Brooks-Sigler**,

[vkbrooksigler@gmail.com](mailto:vkbrooksigler@gmail.com). Class website, <http://classof95.alumni.cornell.edu>. CAM Digital Edition: <http://www.cornellalumnmagazine-digital.com>.

**96** Congratulations to **Melissa Davis** Balough ([melissahdavis@gmail.com](mailto:melissahdavis@gmail.com)), who got married to husband Matthew in Key Biscayne, FL, in May. Melissa writes, "**Erin Linehan** and **Casey O'Looney** were there. Matthew and I live in Boston and I do intellectual property litigation work at Pepper Hamilton LLP." **Kevin Saunders**, MCE '00 (Orange, CA; [KDS1@cornell.edu](mailto:KDS1@cornell.edu)), creative director at Alelo Inc., wrote in early April, anticipating an expansion of his family in late April! Kevin has completed the second edition of his book, *Game Development Essentials: Game Interface Design*, but adds that he'd rather be spending more time with his son. Google provided some information on Alelo and the "serious games" they design in areas such as foreign language and culture training, science and technology, and social simulation.

**Mike Rantilla**, BArch '96, has been promoted to assistant principal at the Freelon Group, a 50-person, award-winning architecture interiors and planning firm HQ'ed in Research Triangle Park, NC. Mike has used his broad range of experience in the profession since he joined the Freelon Group in 2006, usually taking on the role of "bridge person"—someone who can take a

project from start to finish, wearing many different hats in the process. Mike's current work includes the National Museum of African American History and Culture in Washington, DC. **Stacey Mellides** Hawley ([sshawley123@aol.com](mailto:sshawley123@aol.com)) has published *The Good, The Bad and the In-Between: A PRACTICAL Career Evaluation Guide for REAL People*. "Life is a journey," she writes, "and so is your career. Sometimes sorting through the fluff and determining what really motivates you can be frustrating." Her book offers a path to understanding career preferences, directions, and aptitudes, identifying the gaps, and setting up an action plan.

**Matthew Ginsburg** (Boston, MA; [mgsdmd@gmail.com](mailto:mgsdmd@gmail.com)) has started up his own dental practice in Boston's Back Bay neighborhood. He's been working hard, but has been able to spend time with friends and family and enjoy springtime in Boston. **Saif Rathore** just graduated with his MD/PhD in epidemiology from Yale. "I am FINALLY leaving New Haven and moving up to Boston to start my residency in internal medicine at Massachusetts General Hospital." **Mike Killeen** ([mikek83@yahoo.com](mailto:mikek83@yahoo.com)) will soon be returning home: "I moved with my family to St. John's Wood in London, England, in late 2010 to open up a consulting office for my employer, Edgewater Ranzal. We have loved our time there, especially the chance to see the rest of Europe and Africa, but after two years we will finally be returning home to Greenwich, CT, at the end of this year." Mike and his wife have two kids, Alexis, 8, and Christopher, 6.

**Jack Reardon** (Chula Vista, CA; [jack.reardon7@yahoo.com](mailto:jack.reardon7@yahoo.com)), wife Amy, and son Jack, 3, are back in the States after almost 2-1/2 years in Stuttgart, Germany. "I'm an active duty Navy Commander, and we have come back to San Diego for my commanding officer tour. A helicopter pilot by trade, I have been working as a strategic planner at US Africa Command since January 2010. Now that we're back in San Diego, I'll be flying out of Naval Air Station North Island in Coronado." Jack and Amy are also expecting to expand their family this summer! Send news to your correspondents anytime—via e-mail or the old-fashioned way on the green News Form! [✉ Carin Lustig-Silverman, CDL2@cornell.edu](mailto:Carin.Lustig-Silverman@cornell.edu); **Ron Johnstone**, [raj6@cornell.edu](mailto:raj6@cornell.edu); **Liam O'Mahony**, [liamom@yahoo.com](mailto:liamom@yahoo.com).

**97** Reunion has come and gone. Be sure to check out our next column for the full Reunion Report from our great 15th Reunion! Class president **Lauren Myers-Marion** wanted to send a special class message: "Class of '97, by the time you get this copy of the magazine, we will have been on the Hill to celebrate our 15th Reunion. Hard to believe it has been 15 years since we walked through campus, picked up our degrees, and moved on to the next phase of our lives. Although

## Torah 'Toons

Sarah Lefton '95

Like many Jewish children, Sarah Lefton attended Sunday school, went to Jewish summer camps, and had a bat mitzvah upon coming of age. However, a few years after graduating as a College Scholar, she came to realize that she didn't have a deep understanding of the Bible. So, drawing on her experience as a producer of short films, the San Francisco resident began animating portions of the Torah (Jewish Bible) as a learning aid. What started as a hobby quickly grew into a popular website with support from a local philanthropist and Jewish education organizations. Now, as the executive director and producer of G-dcast.com (rhymes with "podcast"), Lefton aims to make learning the fundamentals of Judaism fun.

Lefton—with the help of a diverse group of artists, writers, narrators, composers, and other collaborators from around the world—produces animated videos that bring the Torah and stories about Jewish traditions to life. With music, rhyme, and simple narration, each episode depicts the lessons behind Torah portions or holidays like Rosh Hashanah and Passover. "We want to help students who are having trouble getting interested in the text," she says, "to help them crack it open a little bit." Lefton also encourages cooperative learning by providing teacher's guides and a "Table Talk" section for families.

With the Torah series completed and a project to animate the stories of the prophets under way, Lefton hopes her virtual storytelling will continue to bring the Bible to life for both children and adults. "That's really what I'm passionate about," she says, "making difficult-to-understand ideas simple."

— Kimberly Kerr '13





we had more uncertainty in 1997 than we do now in 2012, there is still one thing that remains constant. We are a class united by the various experiences we had at Cornell. I thank everyone who had an opportunity to come back to campus for reunion. I hope you all enjoyed yourselves and have a new renewed love for Cornell and our class. For those unable to come back, I encourage you to get back when you can. There have been so many changes to campus that you have to see in person. I also encourage all of you to do what you can to stay connected to Cornell, our class, and most importantly, each other: mentor, become a class officer, participate in your local club or CAAAN, and make a gift! And on a personal note, it was and always is a wonderful thing to catch up with old friends, make some new ones, and see my (hopefully) future Cornellians Sarah '28, Aidan '30, and Bella '32 tearing it up all over campus with other kids. CU soon!"

**Marc Tuckman** and **Susan Friedfel '99** shared news of the birth of their twin girls Abigail Maya and Rachel Emily in March 2011. The couple, the twins, and son Jonathan are doing well and reside in White Plains, NY, where Marc is a credit risk officer at Royal Bank of Scotland and Susan is an attorney at Proskauer Rose LLP. Thomas Lemont Belin joined the world in February 2012 and was welcomed by parents Dan and **Christine Hewitt** Belin, MBA '02, and big brother Peter. Christine writes, "Peter likes to give the baby a kiss on the head, but has also been known to throw shoes and other items at his brother!" Sounds like true siblings to me! Congrats to both families on the arrivals of their future Cornellians.

Sending an update from Manhattan Beach, CA, is **Chris Simms**, CEO and founder of the Lazy Dog Cafe. Chris is working on opening his tenth and 11th cafes in 2012 and has also partnered with his brother **Mike Simms '00** to open three restaurants in Manhattan Beach—Tin Roof Bistro, Simmzy's, and MB Post. On the home front, Chris and his wife have three daughters, ages 8, 5, and 2, who keep him busy. Best of luck in all your upcoming ventures, Chris. Updating us from down south is **Luis Garcia**, who lives in Huntsville, AL. Luis keeps busy at work, where he develops and fields unmanned aircraft systems at Redstone Int'l. **Kristen Corbosiero** returned to the East Coast after being a professor at UCLA for the last four years. She took a position at her PhD alma mater, U. of Albany, to be a professor in the Dept. of Atmospheric and Environmental Sciences. This past spring, she returned to the Hill to give a seminar in the Earth and Atmospheric Sciences departmental seminar series. **Chris Braceland** e-mailed an update of his move to BNP Paribas to run their US TMT equity trading group in NYC after 13 years at Jeffries & Co. Congrats to all our classmates on your professional achievements!

On the heels of this reunion, we are looking forward to our next five years. Keep sending in that news! 📧 **Sarah Deardorff** Carter, sjd5@cornell.edu; **Erica Broennle** Nelson, ejb4@cornell.edu. Class website, [www.cornell97.com](http://www.cornell97.com). CAM Digital Edition, <http://www.cornellalumimagazine-digital.com>.

**98** What a glorious weekend—the perfect combination of spending quality time with family and reconnecting with dear friends! Over Pad Thai noodles and spring rolls, I shared my latest adventures with **Cristian Solorza**, **Cristina Martinez**, and **David Haro**, alongside our significant others,

at dinner in NYC. Catching up with long-lost friends is always a treat! Missing from our mini-reunion due to familial commitments were **Linda Obasi**, **Syeda Ali**, and **Sheeleza Bacchus** Deba. Of course, the official reunion for the Class of '98 is set for June 6–9, 2013. If you're interested in organizing and planning the fun-filled weekend back in Ithaca, please contact **Erik Weinick**, JD '01, at: [cornell1998@gmail.com](mailto:cornell1998@gmail.com).

CTO **Joshua Walsky**, ME '03, of Broadway Technology was named in *Institutional Investor's* Trading Technology 30: Masters of Market Magic, which recognizes the top 30 leaders and innovators in the world of trading technology. Joshua co-founded Broadway Technology with CEO Tyler Moeller and has been the driving force behind the firm's software development and consulting efforts. A member of Armstrong Teasdale's Public Finance practice group, **Stephanie Riggins** Grise was honored with the Outstanding Achievement in Public Service award from the Black Law Student Association at Washington U. in February 2012. Her legal abilities and leadership skills are testament to her other achievements as well: she was appointed to the Credit Union Commission by Missouri Governor Jay Nixon for a term ending in 2015, serves as president of the Cornell Club of St. Louis, and is quite active in other community affairs.

**Rosanna Batista**, manager of maternal and child health at Massachusetts General Hospital, writes that she has been quite busy managing the \$1 million grant awarded to her department. **Daniel Traver** was named one of the "rising stars" of 2011 by *Super Lawyers* magazine, a distinction given to fewer than 3 percent of Florida attorneys. Certified financial planner **Byrke Sestok** works at Barnum Financial Group. He enjoys golf, skiing, and poker and would like to hear from **Heather O'Dea**. **Jennifer Betit Yen** performed in the world premier of *The Paper Dragon* at the Manhattan Theatre Source in April 2011 and at Cornell Theatre Night in June 2011 at the Snapple Theatre Center in NYC. In her leisure time, she volunteers reading books for Learning Ally, a program for the blind and dyslexic. **Adam Czekanski** and wife **Wendi Lynn '99** moved to Fort Carson in Colorado Springs in 2011. Adam graduated from the Command General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, KS. Prior to this assignment, he was teaching environmental engineering at the US Military Academy at West Point.

**Lisa Held** and husband Michael McIlhinney welcomed their daughter, Sophia, on March 1, 2012. Lisa is still a practicing pediatric anesthesiologist at Bryn Mawr Hospital, but she loves the time spent at home with Sophia! **Christopher Cheek**, ME '99, and wife Megan also proudly announce the arrival of their son, Owynn Everett, on Nov. 22, 2011. **Joshua Malkin** and wife Jamie welcomed Charles Jay on Sept. 22, 2011. Joshua runs a wealth management group at Morgan Stanley Smith Barney, handling investments and financial planning for high net worth individuals and families. **Celia Balli** is senior counsel at KBR Inc. and proud mother to Cristobal, 8, and Nicolas, 2.

As always, continue sending all the news that's fun to share to: 📧 **Uthica Jinvit** Utano, [udj1@cornell.edu](mailto:udj1@cornell.edu); **Molly Darnieder** Bracken, [mbd4@cornell.edu](mailto:mbd4@cornell.edu); or **Karen Dorman** Kipnes, [kld8@cornell.edu](mailto:kld8@cornell.edu).

**99** As I write, it's just a few short days before Slope Day—this year on May 4. I always like to think that I will take Slope Day Friday off from work

to do something fun. It's a holiday in my mind, one best celebrated at a bar or on a hike where I can smell the sweet viburnum that blooms on campus this time of year. But Slope Day redux has never happened for me. This year—just like last year and the 11 years before that, I'll be at work.

Chances are **Megan Palmer** Luton will also be working. At least planting or tending to her garlic, celeriac, other fruits and veggies, and Tamworth pigs. She is an owner with husband Brian of Stones Throw Farm, an organic vegetable farm in Nedrow, NY; she's also a speech-language pathologist for the Syracuse City School District. If that isn't enough work, the couple had their second child, Willa Rose, on Feb. 18 of this year. They have an older son, Reed. To find out more about the farm and reserve a share of its produce, go to <http://stonestrowfarm.biz>. **Nikhil Shanbhag** will also likely be at work this Slope Day. He's the senior competition counsel for Google in Mountain View, CA. He is responsible for Google's US antitrust team and all domestic antitrust issues. **Todd Fanciullo** writes from Tucson that he's a team leader and chief engineer at Raytheon. He spends his off hours mountain biking and playing drums. **Linda Miller** Bryan Kosal is a physician in Washington, MI. **Anna deVera** Walker (Highland Park, IL) is an assistant vice president for HSBC Finance. She develops and manages incentive compensation plans for some 2,000 bank servicers. After hours, she plays with son Ray, born in January 2010, and enjoys cooking, cleaning, and gardening.

**Amy Stewart** was promoted to partner at Conn Kavanaugh Rosenthal Peisch & Ford LLP, a Boston-based law firm. Also in Boston, **Jacob Voorhees** is a founder and partner of Capstone Partners, a middle-market investment bank. He has "no time for anything else" with work and full-time classes to earn an MBA from MIT. But he does make some time for soccer, a Big Brothers program, and GLBT organizations. Lawyer **Alexis Alpert** Pederson writes from NYC that she spends her free time "hanging out at playgrounds and children's museums." **Laca Wong** Hammond, also in NYC, is a senior vice president at Morgan Keegan, now part of Raymond James. She leads the healthcare real estate practice with the charge of developing new business. She hosts Cornell externs and serves on the board of trustees of Chen Dance Center, a performing arts school, theatre, and dance company in Manhattan. *New York Times* columnist, television journalist, and author **Andrew Ross Sorkin**, a CALS alumnus, won that college's young alumni achievement award last fall. Big Apple resident **Michael Winston** writes to announce the birth of baby girl Victoria Anne, born Nov. 30, 2011. Michael left Millennium Partners after five years to launch the hedge fund Winston Capital Partners.

Upstate, **Elizabeth Pulverenti** Butler is a financial advisor in Syracuse. **Tracy DeRocher** Broderson (Ballston Spa, NY) works as a technical assistant in the biology department at Skidmore College. She is vice president of the local ambulance corps and a mom to Kaylee Ann, born October 2011, and Kara Lyn, born May 2008. **Deborah Schoeneman** (Los Angeles, CA) works for the new hit HBO show "Girls." She is married to Joshua Groban, who is not the famous singer. Deborah's Josh is a political advisor; Deborah is the executive story editor for the show and writing season two. **David Asam**, the proprietor and general manager for the Bavarian Inn in Shepherdstown, WV, writes to say that he spends his evenings taking care of his new baby girl, Indie.

**Beth Hill** Tulanowski, MS '02, wins the award for most adventurous classmate for this month's Class Notes. She is using her off-time to plan a big trip this summer. She hopes to pile her family (husband Mike and sons Luke, 2, and Ben, almost 4) into a car for a cross-country adventure to Alaska. The family dog is coming, too. "That's one car, one month, 6,000 miles," she writes. This is not unusual for the Longmont, CO, family. The stay-at-home mom gets outdoors when she can to hike, bike, or snowboard. She now has a part-time position at Front Range Community College, teaching geographic information systems.

And now, a few final housekeeping items. Check out the new digital version of the alumni magazine at: <http://www.cornellalumnimagazine-digital.com>. The Class of '99 is looking for a webmaster. Please contact class president **Risa Shapiro**, PhD '05 (rss18) about the position. We like to hear your news of jobs, kids, and travel—and other items that you might read in "Page Six" (we get so few of those really juicy tips). Indulge us by e-mailing: [Melanie Grayce West](mailto:Melanie.Grayce@cornell.edu), [mga6@cornell.edu](mailto:mga6@cornell.edu); **Beth Heslowitz** [beth.heslowitz@gmail.com](mailto:beth.heslowitz@gmail.com); **Taber Sweet**, [tabersweet@gmail.com](mailto:tabersweet@gmail.com); and **Liz Borod Wright**, [lizborod@gmail.com](mailto:lizborod@gmail.com).

OO When I was an undergraduate spending summers at Cornell, I watched alumni return to campus for reunion. I felt like I was watching my life play out in five-year increments. Reading the columns in *Cornell Alumni Magazine* is like that, too. I like reading the columns of recent graduates, just starting their professional lives. I also enjoy the updates from those alumni sending their children off to college, re-living the Cornell experience through the next generation. We're at an exciting point too, achieving professional success and raising young children.

**Kyle Connell**, ME '04, married Grant Hein on St. Patrick's Day in an intimate beach ceremony on the Oregon coast. They have moved into a new home in Portland, OR, and so far in 2012 have enjoyed seeing **Maggie Mellon '99**, **Kelly Birinyi Strider**, and **Michael Van Brunt '97**, MS '01. In October, **Anthony Chang** and Michelle Beaman were married in Kansas; they relocated to the Washington, DC, area from NYC in March. Anthony took a position at Cassidy Turley, where he helps landlords and tenants lease office space in Northern Virginia. He looks forward to joining the Cornell Club of Washington! **Aylin Atilla** and Beau Cleland married last August. Quite a few Cornellians attended, including **Will Brickles**, **Cheryl Bauer McKeever** and husband **Patrick '98**, **Jon**, ME '01, and **Heidi Michels Winslow**, and nearly a dozen other alumni. The couple now lives in Calgary, Alberta, where Aylin is a veterinary surgeon and Beau is pursuing a PhD in history.

In baby news, Gregg and **Beth Conklin** Squire added to their family in April with the addition of Daniel Thomas, who joins big brother Will. **Dave** and **Janna Reis Johnsen**, BFA '01, welcomed their second child, daughter Evangeline Rose, in January. Son Derek is 2, and the family lives in New York. Also in January, **Stephanie Mah Spier** became a second-time mom to Peter Richard. Big brother Owen will be 3 in August. Steph and husband Tom live in Boulder, CO, where Tom is one of the driving forces behind Evol Foods. Check out their delicious, natural, made-from-scratch burritos and other products. Yum!

After many moves, **Vytas** and **Sue Heter Ringus** now have a permanent address in Norman, OK, home to the U. of Oklahoma and a suburb of Oklahoma City. They welcomed son Matas in February 2012; he joins sister Carolyn, 2. Vytas is an orthopedic surgeon in private practice, specializing in the foot and ankle, and Sue works part-time at OU's Center for the Creation of Economic Wealth. They see Cornell friends often: **Jaime Dreyfus** Aliberti visited in the fall, and Vytas had plans to meet up with **Terence Flynn** and **R.D. Kohut**, JD '03, at the Kentucky Derby in May. **Gene Tavares** has worked in Pringles R&D for P&G for the last 12 years. He and wife Victoria had their first child, daughter Alexis, last summer. They enjoy spending time with her, though parenthood has curtailed their world travel a bit. Before becoming parents, they traveled to Bulgaria, Myanmar, Thailand, Bora Bora, and other places. Gene says, "Our favorite part was learning to ride and command elephants in Thailand—no seats or baskets for us! Our daughter will definitely enjoy travel when she's older!"

**Matt Faso** writes, "I lectured on new media strategies for startups in Prof. Streeter's AEM 3250 class (Personal Enterprise and Small Business Management), a class that I had the pleasure of taking while I was at Cornell, so it was quite a thrill! I am currently a marketing advisor at Haley Marketing Group in Buffalo, NY." Matt and wife Adrienne have a son, Eli, 2-1/2. **Keo Frazier** owns two companies, Keos Marketing Group ([keosmarketing.com](http://keosmarketing.com)) and Non Profit Resource ([marketingyournonprofit.com](http://marketingyournonprofit.com)). She was named one of the *Denver Business Journal's* 40 under 40 in 2012.

**Alex Iglecia** wrote, "I launched a series of powerful interviews for living and leading with authenticity and integrity called Step into Authenticity. I am helping people step up their success while being transformational leaders in their fields, making better money connected to their hearts, and living more aligned with their personal mission. It is a joy, after nearly 20 years of teaching, education at Cornell, and years of conscious evolution research and development, to help leaders shift themselves and their communities for greater connection and impact in the world." Check out [www.stepintoauthenticity.com](http://www.stepintoauthenticity.com) for more information.

Thanks for sharing your news with us! We love hearing from you, so feel free to write us any time with your updates, big or small! [Christine Jensen Weld](mailto:Christine.Jensen@cornell.edu), [ckj1@cornell.edu](mailto:ckj1@cornell.edu); and **Andrea Chan**, [amc32@cornell.edu](mailto:amc32@cornell.edu).

01 This year's re-release of *Titanic* and the *American Pie* sequel—remember how we cheered when Tara Reid's character said she was going to Cornell?—has me nostalgic for the Pyramid Mall, Uris Hall, and those other upstate screens that kept us entertained between comedians and concerts. On a related note, I hope **Jennifer Radi** Greenberg, **Jackie Sobota**, and **Lee Striar '99** are doing well. I'll always remember that icy road trip to that iceberg movie!

The nostalgia continues with this guy I knew in elementary school and then ran into during Orientation Week: **Justin McCarthy** and wife Katie welcomed daughter Allison Karen in November. Justin has left the world of computer forensics and electronic discovery to be a stay-at-home dad to Allison and son John "Jack" Hudson in Tiburon, CA. He also serves as head of corporate development for the American Red Cross in Marin County, and

sits on the board of a local choral performance and vocal education group. Occasionally, he finds time to sleep, cycle around Marin, and think about starting a blog. Perhaps he could get some tips from **Melissa Lutzke** Turowsky, the "momtrepreneur" behind [www.rateyourbabynurse.com](http://www.rateyourbabynurse.com), an information-sharing website for expectant and new parents like herself. (She hopes Annabel will join the Class of 2033!) She cites Priceline founder **Jay Walker '77**, whom she heard speak years ago at a Cornell Entrepreneur Network event, as a reminder to "think creatively and on behalf of the consumer." Speaking of creative thinking, **David Tisi**, MS '04, works as director of technical operations at Senopsys, aka "making good-tasting medicine at a small business in Boston." He reports that he's also a bouncer at a local Irish bar, still expanding his definition of "adulthood," and wants to hear from **Connor Galvin**.

Congratulations to **Kate McMahon** on her October wedding to Fergus Galvin in Saratoga Springs. Guests included **Catherine Kelly** Mulgrew, **Amy Galebach** Crone, **Sara Diedrich** Brohl, **Christine Peruto-Post**, **Maureen Sullivan** Mauk, and **Cari Hills '98**. The newlyweds live in Lexington, KY. Maureen lives in Los Angeles with her TV producer husband Hayden Mauk, managing standards and practices for Fox Broadcasting—literally with her finger on the (bleep) button for "American Idol." Way to use that Comm degree, Maureen! When they're not on set, the Mauks hit the beach with **Allison Batten** Costa, **Tracy Quinn '00**, **Annie O'Rourke '03**, and other Cornellians. In case that didn't sound awesome enough already, she adds, "Life is good in California. Come on down for a visit anytime!"

**Bill Catania**, BS '07, sold his company, M-Dot, last year and moved to Winston-Salem, NC, to become vice president of retail network development at Inmar Inc. After hours, he enjoys building a professional asphalt late-model series racing team to race PASS-South. Google him for more details! Then head over to the Huffington Post and search for **Joshua Gleis**, an international security consultant and political risk analyst who has written two books: *Withdrawing Under Fire: Lessons Learned from Islamist Insurgencies and Hezbollah & Hamas: A Comparative Study*. **Erica Chatfield** Roberts flies around the world, protecting us all as a federal air marshal. "It's a lot of traveling, but thankfully hasn't become stale yet," she reports. She's also running marathons and has her sights set on an Olympic-distance triathlon. Ah, Big Red Marching Band stamina . . .

Here's another update to make the rest of us think about getting off the couch: **Ryan Hale** finished last fall's Philadelphia Marathon at 3 hrs., 16 mins.—his best race so far. He works as a principal at Stroud Consulting in Marblehead, MA, and has two daughters with wife Suzanne. He's especially interested in hanging out with other Boston-area dads and folks from the Class of '01 Materials Science class. No slouch either, **Carrie Andrews** is a NYS United Teachers labor relations specialist and is an elected Monroe County legislator. She's busy "campaigning for re-election, adopting a cat, and advocating for condom accessibility policy in schools and overnight camping space in the park for Occupy Rochester protesters."

Finally, here are a bunch of short-but-sweet submissions: **Brian Hamburg** is a pulmonary and critical care physician in Ohio; **Chris Leonard** is a director at GAF, North America's largest roofing manufacturer; **Erin Jones Vattes** is married to **Dimitris**, BS '04; **Abigail Westervelt** Marnell is a



mom and assistant director of annual giving for Wells College; **Peter Hahn** works at a hedge fund in New York; **Rebecca Updike** Weissman is an emergency management consultant in Arlington, VA; and **Brienne Shkedi** works for NASA's Int'l Space Station Program in Washington, DC.

Near, far, wherever you are . . . If you've got a new home, job, spouse, or kid, or just want to say hi and track down some old friends, let us know! And in between columns, stay connected via our Twitter feed (@Cornell2001) and Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/Cornell2001](http://www.facebook.com/Cornell2001)), and check out the new digital version of the alumni magazine at: <http://www.cornellalumnimagazine-digital.com>. ☐ **Nicole Neroulias** Gupte, [NicoleMN6@gmail.com](mailto:NicoleMN6@gmail.com) (or tweet me @BeliefBeat); or **Lauren Wallach** Hammer, [LEW15@cornell.edu](mailto:LEW15@cornell.edu).

**02** In dog years, my pup MacGyver and I are about the same age, so when he quits fetching after 20 throws and wakes up the next day feeling a little stiff and lame, I don't feel quite so bad about hurting my back at the gym or acknowledging my thinning hair. We're just getting older, that's all. But we still like to have fun, and taken from the right angle, we're still as handsome as ever, right? There is a line from a Toby Keith song that seems to sum it all up nicely: "I'm not as good as I once was, but I'm as good once as I ever was."

In the spirit of reviving old talents, I bring you the uplifting story of Ensemble Companio. Did you ever wonder what became of all of those Chorus and Glee Club members, those young men and women with a pitch pipe huddled, arms linked, in echo-filled stone arches? Do they just sing in the shower now or to lull their children to sleep? Do they settle for singing gospel at church and crooning "Sweet Caroline" at their local karaoke bars? Apparently not. The 21-member Ensemble Companio, led by founding director **Joseph Gregorio '01**, includes members who live all over the eastern seaboard—from Washington, DC, to Cape Cod and Upstate New York—who meet monthly for rehearsals. Among them, they represent every Cornell graduating class from '98 through '05, as well as the Class of '08. They also let in a few singers without Big Red degrees.

**Lauren Thirer** Wexler, MBA '09, writes, "Singing with the Chorus/Glee Club at Cornell was an intense experience in so many ways. I made such deep, close friendships there and we made such incredible music together. Since graduating ten years ago I always assumed that that part of my life was just over, that I would never find that same unique joy that comes only from making beautiful music with people who share your passion. For me, Ensemble Companio has been a reawakening. I have rekindled old friendships that I can't believe I let go. I have made new friends as well, and we make the most beautiful, chills-up-the-spine music together. Being part of this group has brought back a part of me I didn't even realize was missing and now I wonder how I ever lived without it."

**Ines Thieme** had this to say: "It has been a true joy to join back up with my fellow singers from the Cornell Chorus and Glee Club. The foundations of music and friendship are already there, so we really focus on deepening both our musical experience and our connection to one another. Our first concert was a huge success and a great reminder that all of our hard work is certainly worth it."

In addition to Lauren and Ines, members include **Sam Bradford**, **Chris Wildeman**, and **Bill**

**Meakem**, MAT '03, who writes, "Most people join choirs or groups of any sort for either the company of friends or for whatever it is that group does, whether singing or mountain climbing. Ensemble Companio does both. It is a chance to make amazing music with a wondrously talented group of

his research focuses on "developing practical photonic techniques for the manipulation of signals on the fastest of time scales." **Sandra Fluke** is a women's health care advocate, Georgetown University Law student, and one of six honorees for the Woman of Distinction Award at the National

## ‘David Tisi reports that he’s still expanding his definition of adulthood.’

Nicole Neroulias Gupte '01

people, who also happen to be some of my closest friends from college. Our name finds that same balance between focusing on the music we create and the relationships that are built and/or maintained through that music."

I still play my trumpet in a jazz band, but I don't act anymore and I miss it. I don't know about you, but I find this story kind of inspiring. What activities have you let go that you wish you could still do? Who knows—maybe you can. Check out our friends in Ensemble Companio at [www.ensemblecompanio.com](http://www.ensemblecompanio.com) or on Facebook. Maybe you can catch their next concert.

If you need any help discovering or showcasing creative talents, **Scott Belsky** might be just the guy for you. Scott is the co-founder and CEO of Behance, a place where "creative professionals showcase their work and millions come to discover it." Check it out at [www.behance.net](http://www.behance.net). That's all I've got for you. If you have any news, please send it to either Carolyn or me any time of year. ☐ **Jeffrey Barker**, [jrb41@cornell.edu](mailto:jrb41@cornell.edu); **Carolyn Deckinger** Lang, [cmd35@cornell.edu](mailto:cmd35@cornell.edu).

**03** Hello, Class of 2003! It was so nice catching up with you this spring! **Ted Kelleher** will finish his tour teaching primary flight school for the Navy at Whiting in November and does not have orders yet. He added, "The more things change, the more they stay the same." How true! **Aleah Zolinsky** Larson has moved to Okinawa, Japan. She writes, "I've been here since August and had a kid in March! Weird how that works out—I still have days I can't believe I have a kid. Talk about one of the most life changing things you can do!"

**Ozan Varol** has accepted a position as an assistant professor of law at Lewis and Clark Law School. We look forward to welcoming you back to the Pacific Northwest, Ozan. **Alex Mathews** (La Jolla, CA) works as a development manager for a wind and solar development company. He writes, "I'm developing projects in California, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, and the Rocky Mountains." Outside of work, Alex has been playing men's soccer and ice hockey, surfing, and mountain bike racing. He would like to hear from **Catherine Bauer**.

**Mark Foster**, PhD '08, and a fellow assistant professor in Johns Hopkins U.'s Dept. of Electrical and Computer Engineering were awarded the US Navy's 2012 Young Investigator Research Award. The award is one of the oldest and most selective scientific research advancement programs in the country. Mark studied Applied and Engineering Physics on the Hill and worked as a postdoctoral fellow in the Quantum and Nonlinear Photonics Group at Cornell. According to the news release,

Conference for College Women Student Leaders. The Women of Distinction Awards ceremony celebrates woman leaders who have made extraordinary contributions in their professions or their communities. In late February, Sandra testified before the House Democratic Steering and Policy Committee on the need to provide access to contraception as a basic healthcare necessity. Congratulations, Mark and Sandra!

As an alumni community, it is remarkable to learn about each other's achievements. Thank you for sharing your news with us and please keep in touch. ☐ **Sam Buckingham** Noonan, [swnoonan@gmail.com](mailto:swnoonan@gmail.com); and **Sudha Nandagopal**, [sn58.sudha@gmail.com](mailto:sn58.sudha@gmail.com).

**04** "The respect of your fellows is worth more than applause. Understand and sympathize with those less fortunate than you are." Back on campus, an excerpt from Willard Straight's letter to his son is engraved over the fireplace in the Memorial Room of the building named in his honor. This column is dedicated to our classmate **George Boiardi**, who could not finish his senior year with us, but whose way of quietly earning the respect of all those around him exemplified the above quote.

During his time at Cornell, George was widely known for bringing home Big Red lacrosse victories as team captain wearing number 21, but perhaps fewer knew that he also made community service a priority. He was the first lacrosse player to volunteer for the Family Reading Partnership of Ithaca through Big Red Readers, and in his junior year he led the American Cancer Society Daffodil Days fundraiser as president of ATO. He had also committed to joining Teach For America South Dakota upon graduation. George long inspired those around him to follow his example of giving back, and that leadership is the seed that gave way to the foundation that bears his name.

To accomplish this, the Mario St. George Boiardi Foundation was established to honor and celebrate his life, legacy, and values and to promote a mission of empowering the next generation through academics and athletics, two of George's lifelong passions. The Foundation began slowly as those close to George, inspired by George, strove to continue his work. 2005 witnessed the first 21 Dinner, held at the Cornell Club in Manhattan, and the first 21 Run at the Cornell Plantations. Both of these events were closely tied to causes dear to George's heart: Teach For America and the Family Reading Partnership of Ithaca. Following these two successful events, George's friends and family began to consider how to both broaden their efforts and make this more permanent.

Three new events were added in 2008 and 2009: the Boiardi Open, a golf tournament in the Washington, DC, area; Team 21, which raised money through sponsorships while competing in the Annual Vail Lacrosse Tournament; and the 21 Run West in San Francisco.

Since its inception, the Foundation has used the funds raised through its various events to make grants to charitable organizations that fulfill the Foundation's mission. Over the last seven years, the Foundation has provided grants to Teach For America, the Family Reading Partnership of Ithaca, and Lacrosse for LIFE. But they also wanted to go further—to get their hands dirty, as we were instructed at our commencement. To that end, the Foundation launched a program to sponsor underprivileged middle-school students to attend lacrosse camp. After reviewing a number of applications that included recommendations from teachers and coaches, the Foundation provided financial assistance to five deserving middle school student-athletes in 2009, all of whom attended the Big Red Boys' Lacrosse Camp. Since then, the program has benefitted more than 60 other well-deserving young students, and the scope was broadened to include academics. This year, the Foundation will give 21 more young men and women the opportunity to take part in summer academic or athletic programs.

In the fall of 2012 the Foundation will focus on an exciting new project. The Boiardi Open will be put on hold as the Foundation organizes a fall lacrosse tournament at George's high school alma mater, the Landon School, which will include lacrosse powerhouses Cornell, Johns Hopkins, Penn State, and UNC. You can check out [www.BoiardiFoundation.org](http://www.BoiardiFoundation.org) for details on this event and all other activities of this wonderful organization.

The Foundation was started by a unique combination of George's family, childhood friends, and Cornell classmates and teammates. The board of directors of the Foundation is made up of four Cornellians: **Ian Rosenberger**, **David Coors**, **Billy Fort '02**, and **Tim Kirchner**. **Brigham Kiplinger '03** oversees the Summer Camp Sponsorship program, while **David Gardner** serves as legal counsel. **Scott Raasch** and **Jarrett McGovern** head up marketing efforts, and Scott was a co-chair of the Boiardi Open. The 21 Dinner is led by **Jesse Rothstein**, **Chris Viola**, and **Frank Sands**, all Class of 2003, and the 21 Run West is organized by **Colin Crawford '02**. Many other Cornell alumni are also involved. The Boiardi Foundation affirms the depth of the respect George's peers had for him, and the work of the Foundation demonstrates how George internalized Willard Straight's dictum: "Understand and sympathize with those less fortunate than you are."

This column was co-authored by your correspondent, **Anne Jones-Leeson**, and the board of the Boiardi Foundation. Let me know how you are changing your part of the world. Send news to: [Anne Jones-Leeson, cu2004correspondent@gmail.com](mailto:AnneJones-Leeson@cornell.edu).

**05** Happy summer! After being out in the Bay Area for almost a year now, I must say I run into Cornellians more often than I thought I would. While visiting a winery in Mendocino County, I overheard someone talking about the best class she ever took: Cornell's Wines class. I had a great time catching up with **Kervin Pillot '06** when he came out to San Francisco for work back in April. I also volunteer at

Berkeley's Animal Care Services; every time I wear a Cornell T-shirt to walk the dogs, I meet someone else connected with our alma mater.

Speaking of volunteering, after volunteering with CAAAN-NYC for two years, I decided to join CAAAN-Alameda County. Talk about different conversations with prospective students! California students are most often concerned about the weather (no surprise there), diversity, and going to school so far away from home. Sometimes I have to pull up a Google map on my phone to show them exactly where Ithaca is, relative to NYC. If you don't already volunteer with CAAAN, I highly recommend it (<http://caaan.admissions.cornell.edu>).

I'm happy to report on a variety of news from classmates across the country. **Jennifer Kamara** was accepted into the Coro Fellows Program for Public Affairs in Southern California for the 2012-13 year. Upon completion of the fellowship program, she will attend Pepperdine U. in Malibu, CA, where she will study public policy. In her free time, Jennifer still continues to run. In the past year, she has completed three full marathons and the Southern California Ragnar Relay (plus another marathon in November 2010!). I, on the other hand, would love to run a 5k—but that is as far as I've gotten on that goal. It was great to hear from **Sara Turken**, who writes, "I'm currently living in New York City, working as legal counsel at Stryker Corp. This past January, I married B.J. Rosen in Costa Rica. In attendance were bridesmaid **Lindsey Plotnick Berger**, **Eric Levine '04**, MPA '05, and **Mark Eskenazi**. Congrats, Sara!"

We have a few folks involved in political campaigns. After three and a half years with the Monitor Group in Dubai, **Sabeen Virani** has moved to Chicago to work with the Obama campaign as a senior project manager. She'll be here in the States until November. Sabeen's not the only classmate involved with the Obama campaign. In April, **Mario Salazar '04** was promoted to the position of Nevada State Operation Vote director for the president's re-election campaign. He is in charge of all constituency outreach programs in one of the most important and targeted swing states. **Nate Shinagawa**, MHA '09, is running for Congress in New York's 23rd District, in what the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee has named an "emerging race." Currently vice chair of the Tompkins County Legislature, Nate has taken leave from his role as Guthrie Hospital's administrative director in order to run his campaign. If elected, Nate could be the first Asian American from the Northeast ever elected to Congress.

Finally, our class has been pretty shy lately. Please keep sending us your news! Let us know about any job updates, life updates, relocations, etc.—it can be a great way to network or share good news. [Michelle Wong](mailto:MichelleWong@cornell.edu), [mrw29@cornell.edu](mailto:mrw29@cornell.edu); [Hilary Johnson](mailto:HilaryJohnson@cornell.edu), [haj4@cornell.edu](mailto:haj4@cornell.edu); [Johnny Chen](mailto:JohnnyChen@cornell.edu), [jc362@cornell.edu](mailto:jc362@cornell.edu). Class website, <http://classof2005.cornell.edu/>. CAM Digital Edition, <http://www.cornellalumimagazine-digital.com>.

**06** Hello, classmates! Since it's summertime, your class correspondents have vacation on the brain, and we hope you take some time away to relax and recharge this season. For those of you planning a mountain getaway this summer, consider visiting Stowe, VT, where **Meredith Gillespie** recently moved from Oregon to work at the famed Stowe Mountain Lodge. This is also a great time of year to visit our old home in the Finger Lakes, either

for a wine tour or a wedding. While in Ithaca, why not look up classmate **Benjamin Kirk**, MAT '07? Benjamin is a math teacher at Ithaca High School, a leader in his teacher's union and in his school district, and the faculty adviser for the Ithaca High School Academic Quiz Team. Benjamin also teaches at Tompkins Cortland Community College and Cornell's pre-freshman Summer Program.

Speaking of travel, San Diego is the perfect destination for a surfing vacation. San Diego resident **Jenna Chesaniuk** works as an analyst at Petco Animal Supplies Inc. In her free time she trains for and runs triathlons and marathons in sunny SoCal, and loves to travel. I had the good fortune to travel to Aspen in February with Jenna and our friend **Miriam Gross**, and I've never seen anyone learn to snowboard as quickly as Jenna did! We hope that our recent graduates from graduate and professional school were able to take a celebratory trip after they donned their caps and gowns. **Mike Weiss** recently graduated from the Stanford Graduate School of Business. **Jon Borer** graduated in May from NYU Stern School of Business and will work in financial services consulting at PricewaterhouseCoopers. Congratulations, Mike and Jon!

Back in New York City, **Nathan Smith** (now Nathan Windsor) is a music and art therapist at nursing homes, and his work there inspires and influences his own music and art projects. You can see and hear his work at [www.nathanwindsor.com](http://www.nathanwindsor.com). Congratulations are in order for **Carol Magnolia Arias**, who married Pedro Rodriguez in November. Likewise, mazel tov to **Elijah Reichlin-Melnick**, who recently started a new job with Congresswoman Nita Lowey of New York. **Kathleya Afanador** splits her time between London and New York City and stays busy studying at Columbia U., working as a programming associate at Tendu TV (a digital network that distributes dance programming), and choreographing projects as the co-founder of the Armadillo Dance Project, which uses interactive media technology as a tool for showcasing dance.

When they aren't on vacation, Cornellians are making waves in their professional lives. **Vincent Kitaratragarn**, ME '07, started his own snack food company, Dang Foods, which makes salty, sweet coconut chips. You can learn more about Vincent's new venture and those tasty chips at [www.dangfood.com](http://www.dangfood.com). **Ana Maria Techeira** works for Aerotek as an on-premise manager at the Toyota plant in San Antonio, TX, where Toyota builds its Tundra and Tacoma trucks. **Gautham Nagesh** is the technology editor at the *Congressional Quarterly* in Washington, DC. And **Anastasia Poushkareva** Cordova lives in Vienna, VA, and is a litigation associate at MaguireWoods LLP in its Tysons Corner office, representing banks and local governments in commercial disputes. Anastasia says, with a sigh, that she'd rather be "walking through the Arts Quad heading to the 'Decadence' course with Prof. Ellis Hanson." She'd also like to reconnect with classmate **Robert Schombs**, MA '09.

We can be sure that **Jennifer Ruscelle** Robinson will be taking a few vacation trips this summer. Jennifer lives in Copenhagen, Denmark, and is an IT sourcing professional for Nordea Bank. She says her friends sometimes call her "Chandler" because, like Chandler Bing from "Friends," none of Jennifer's friends really understands what she does at work. Jennifer is grateful that in Denmark employees get seven weeks of vacation, so she has lots of time to travel. She's been to ten countries in the last year alone, including, most recently, Thailand.

Finally, a bit of my own news: In April, **Tory Lauterbach** (that's me!) completed the Pennsylvania Tough Mudder, a 12-mile obstacle course



designed by British Special Forces and billed as “probably the toughest event on the planet,” cheered on by **Susan Moser '07**. Proceeds from every Tough Mudder go to benefit the Wounded Warrior Project, an organization that provides unique programs and services to meet the needs of injured service members. I would love to hear from other Cornellians who have done or want to do a Tough Mudder—to swap stories and training tips.

I conclude with a short note from the nostalgia file. For years I've played in a summer kickball league with a few fellow Cornellians—shout-out to **Emily Klubock '08**, **David Gaffin '09**, **Katie O'Connor '09**, and **Matt Schiller '09**—and this year my league added a new team of Cornellians to the mix—from the Class of 2011. The team name? Palms O'Clock. I salute team Palms O'Clock for keeping the memory of the Royal Palm Tavern alive. To whoever came up with that team name—your next beer is on me. Keep sending us your news—we love to hear from you. ■ **Tory Lauterbach**, VML8@cornell.edu; **Katie DiCicco**, kad46@cornell.edu; **Nicole DeGrace**, ngd4@cornell.edu.

**07** It is early May, and your correspondent, **Marianna Gomez**, is on her way back from her research trip to El Salvador as we at the alumni magazine help write the column in her absence. Stay tuned to the Sept/Oct issue for a full report on Reunion 2012, which occurred in early June. Here's the news we had on hand in the spring.

After graduation, **Evan Delahanty** went into a management training program at McMaster-Carr, a distribution company, and then went on to manage sales force and inventory operations and receiving teams. Nearly four years later, he writes, “I decided to leave the company, and the standard career path, to pursue my passion to make the world a better place.” These days Evan is in Suriname, South America, serving as a Peace Corps volunteer focused on community economic development. After he completes his service in the Corps, he'd like to pursue a career where he can apply his professional management experience to his passion for international development. **Ji Gu** has moved to California to return to school! After working on Wall Street for three years (in the investment banking division at UBS and doing portfolio analysis for Black Rock), she is now studying for her MBA at Stanford Graduate School of Business. **Karen Guo** also started out with a corporate career, and is making a change. Karen worked in IT and asset management at Goldman Sachs for four years, and in 2011 decided to transition into entrepreneurship as the COO of a startup, “to explore the amazingness outside the corporate world.” She plans to go to business school in the fall. Karen lives in New York City's Upper West Side and, since graduation, has explored photography and earned her scuba diving license and a sailing certificate.

**Vikram Kanda**, PhD '11 (vikramkanda@gmail.com) sent an e-mail in the spring: “I just graduated from the Weill Graduate School with a doctorate in Pharmacology. I published a number of first-author publications in journals such as *Biophysical Journal*, *Cardiovascular Research*, and *Heart Rhythm*. After two short postdoctoral fellowships at Weill Cornell and the Albert Einstein College of Medicine, I have taken a position as associate medical director for L&M Healthcare Communications in Mountainside, NJ, and have moved to Forest Hills. I am also an adjunct associate professor of biology at Manhattan College, where I have taught undergraduate biology since 2011.”

**Jonathan Moody**, BArch '07 (Westerville, OH; jdmoody50@gmail.com) joined the architecture firm Moody-Nolan last summer to build a career as a designer. His father, Curt Moody, co-founder and CEO, runs the firm, which is located in Jonathan's hometown of Columbus, OH. Jonathan earned a master's degree in architecture from UCLA in 2008, then went to work as a junior designer for Yazdani Studio of Cannon Design in Los Angeles for three years. He is looking forward to taking a leadership role as part of Moody-Nolan's succession plan. His work has included high-profile projects such as converting the Visteon Corp. automotive parts plant in Connersville, IN, and designing a \$15 million state-of-the-art office building at Dayton-Wright Brothers Field for the Connor Group outside Dayton, OH. Jonathan is also a deacon at Lincoln Memorial Congregational Church and a member of the Kiwanis Club of Columbus.

**Michele Burton** earned a master's in teaching at American U. in 2010 and after being awarded a second Jack Kent Cooke Scholarship for graduate students is now working toward an MS in public health at Johns Hopkins School of Public Health. She has also been working with people in drug recovery in D.C., helping them gain access to housing, job counseling, and mental health services. **Amanda Suhey** (Durham, NC; amanda.suhey@duke.edu) keeps busy with two dogs, a stepdaughter, cooking, and yoga. She is a full-time PhD student at Duke U. in the Dept. of Romance Studies and an instructor in the Spanish language program. **Gabriel Opatken** (Chicago, IL; gopatken@gmail.com) has been walking the earth and lawyering . . . and having fun on his News Form: “Did you know our judicial/legal system is absolutely swarming with attorneys?!” He would like to hear from his old friend Socrates.

We hope you saw many of your old friends at Reunion 2012! More on the weekend's festivities in the next issue. Send news to: ■ **Marianna Gomez**, MariannaAGomez@gmail.com.

**08** We know this is going to get old, but we want to keep reminding you: 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 (addresses below) and we'll get you connected. Otherwise, make sure you mark

## A League of Their Own

Adam Schuster '05

**A**dam Schuster is a lawyer who gets to bring a baseball glove to work.

Schuster is director of human resources and legal affairs at Harlem RBI, a youth development organization that uses sports to empower underserved inner-city residents. In addition to baseball and softball leagues, the nonprofit offers tutoring programs and prep for job interviews, SATs, and college applications. “We use baseball and softball as the hook, but they really aren't what we're about,” Schuster says. “We're about developing the child, getting them on the path to college, and making sure they're set up to make proper life decisions.”



A communication major on the Hill, Schuster earned a law degree from Syracuse University and spent a year as an employment benefits attorney at the Manhattan law firm of Skadden Arps. At Harlem RBI, he's in charge of more than 250 employees and 175 volunteers—mentors, teachers, coaches, and tutors—that serve some 1,000 youth aged five to twenty-one. “All of my colleagues are working—understaffed

and for not that much money—to serve kids,” says Schuster, who often plays in staff softball games and spends lunchtime watching kids play baseball. “That's why I have a passion to go above and beyond.”

— Timothy Weisberg '12

your calendars and start gathering your friends for some fun planning of your own.

**Jacqueline Murphy** Shubuck is a registered nurse in labor and delivery at Arnot Ogden Medical Center in Elmira, NY. Besides working, Jacqueline keeps busy with lots of activities, like gardening, running, reading, boating, fishing, hiking, Zumba, and Pinterest. She tells us she absolutely loves her job and life right now, and that she's currently in the process of buying a house! Out of everyone at Cornell, she says that Prof. Tom Eisner and VP of student affairs **Susan Murphy '73**, PhD '94, had the greatest impact on her. She misses her Cornell Tradition SAC crew the most, so get back in touch. **Rachel Brandstadter** has just wrapped up medical school. She graduated from Mount Sinai School of Medicine in May—congrats, Rachel! When she wrote in, she was in her last months and said that instead of studying, she would rather be lying on a beach. (Wouldn't we all!) Rachel is going to be completing her residency in neurology at Mount Sinai.

**Scott Rosenthal** has been working as a legislative assistant to Jeff Merkley, a US Senator from Oregon. **Jonathan Leiman** just started a new job at Environ Int'l Corp. in Chicago. He says he's getting settled into the city, but would rather be fishing in Montana. In his spare time, he manages to fit in fishing, hiking, and cycling. He would most like to hear from **Dan Sterner**, and says the Natural Resources department had the greatest impact on him while he was at Cornell. **Alina Lane**, in Bishopville, MD, wrote that she was wrapping up her graduation requirements for her DDS and planning her move to Manhattan in June. She recently graduated from the U. of Maryland's Baltimore College of Dental Surgery, and has started her yearlong general practice residency at Woodhull Medical Center in Brooklyn. Congrats, Alina! As she's relocated, she'd love to hear from her friends who are living in the NYC area.

**Colleen Davis** is a campus nutritionist and sports dietitian at St. Johns U. in Queens, NY. When she's not on the job, she enjoys working out (including training and participating in half-marathons), hanging out with friends, and traveling. Colleen tells us that **Sue Travis, PhD '04**, a sports nutrition professor, is the person that had the greatest impact on her at Cornell. **Megan Shanley** writes, "I studied Agriculture Business at Cornell and am putting it to good use. My family has been farming produce for several years. After gaining valuable experience by working in the produce industry post-Cornell, my father asked me to move home to California and help him build a business by branding several of our products. We grow avocados, kiwis, and finger limes, among other things. Over the last year we successfully branded and launched three products. I am the marketing and sales department of one and have recently learned the true meaning of perseverance! I was involved with the Food Fellows during my time at Cornell. Once every few months we start a chain of e-mails. I love keeping in touch with several of those friends and learning about where they are in their careers and lives. I've managed to stay in touch with many friends from the Hill, but I never imagined how tough it would be to physically see everyone again! Thank you, Facebook!"

**Gillian Paul Bloomfield** recently married classmate **Aaron**. The happy couple lives in New Haven, CT, where Gillian works as a training coordinator for the Environmental Leadership and Training Initiative (ELTI), an environmental capacity-building

organization affiliated with the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies and the Smithsonian Tropical Research Inst. Gillian tells us that she is enjoying life in New Haven, including practicing yoga and singing in a Yale-affiliated a cappella group. However, she does miss the lovely views of the gorges and waterfalls in all four seasons in Ithaca! As always, please write. We're always happy to hear from you and pass along your news! ☐ **Libby Boymel**, lkb24@cornell.edu; and **Elana Beale**, erb26@cornell.edu.

**09** Greetings, 2009! Now three years out from graduation, '09ers have achieved great things. **Yihan Yoon** (Great Falls, VA; yihan.yoon@gmail.com) works as an assistant bank examiner at the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. He writes, "I go into banks as part of a team and examine their risk and management of risks to determine whether the risk level is appropriate and management practices are sound and in compliance with federal and state banking regulations. Apart from daily work, in 2011 I was busy getting married and taking CPA exams, all in one year. I also have been helping my father set up a school in Korea and would like to go there sometime and get more involved with the project. I would also like to study for the LSAT and CFA and then go to law school sometime in the future." Yihan would like to hear from **Youngsik Yoon**.

**Moina Snyder** of Portland, OR (snydermoina@gmail.com) is a medical student at A.T. Still U. School of Osteopathic Medicine in Arizona and says she has been spending a lot of time learning about humanity outside of the books. "Recently I have been preparing for the national board exam and for my second medical humanitarian trip. Last year I went to India, and this year I'll be going to Peru—spreading medicine and Cornell love outbound!" Moina would love to hear from Cornell friends **Tiffany Zara** Peterson (now a grad student in the Architecture school at Cornell) and **Lisa Archer '10**. She adds that she couldn't have gotten to medical school without the help of her mentors, Prof. **Karim-Aly Kassam, PhD '05**, and **Bonnie Comella**, in the Biology department.

Short news updates came in from several classmates. **Ariel Conant** (Hong Kong; arieljoy.c@gmail.com) is an English teacher for Capstone tutoring agency. **Annie Wong** (Nashville, TN; ahw22@cornell.edu) graduated from Vanderbilt Divinity School in May with a master's in theological studies. **Nicole Nussbaum** (Roslyn, NY; nan7@cornell.edu) also graduated in May, from NYU's law school. **Kacie Harrington** (Ithaca, NY; kfh8@cornell.edu), a personal trainer, sent her business card from Get Fit for It, which provides a variety of workout programs and private training. **Katherine Peterson** (New York, NY; kjp38@cornell.edu) is an associate at Pulse Equity Partners. And **Lindsey Bober** (Washington, DC; lnb24@cornell.edu) is at Top Test Prep ("Fear no test!") in D.C., as chief tutoring manager.

Please share what you've been up to. Contact either of your 2009 correspondents at: ☐ **Caroline Newton**, cmn35@cornell.edu; or **Julie Cantor**, jlc252@cornell.edu.

**10** We've always known that the Class of 2010 was special, but the extent to which this holds true becomes more and more evident with each class column.

Without further ado, take a look for yourselves at the remarkable things our classmates are doing.

**Karl Gluck**, ME '10, is employed with Intel in Austin, TX, working on the Atom processor software performance team. He spent the last two years developing Intel's physical chip design software, where he got the chance to contribute to the design of several processors that will be seen in the market over the next few years. In his spare time, he has taken up rock climbing and is working on developing an extremely low-cost 3D object printer based on his experience at Cornell with Prof. Hod Lipson's research team; he hopes to have it working within a year. **Ashley Binetti** is a human rights associate at Georgetown Law, studying international human rights. This summer she is interning with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in Budapest, Hungary.

After returning to Cornell to pursue a master's of science in Applied Physics, **Ishan Sharma**, MS '11, joined the IBM Corp. at Hopewell Junction, NY, as a semiconductor characterization engineer; he works in the microelectronics division. Living only three and a half hours from Cornell, he is able to visit Ithaca to enjoy the food at CTB, stand on the "pride-rock" overlooking the Libe Slope next to McGraw Tower, and walk the beautiful Cornell campus. **Greg Falco** lives in NYC and works full-time as a sustainability consultant for Accenture, where he is helping to develop their smart buildings and sustainability services practice.

**Morgan Miller** is in her second year as a broadcast meteorologist at WJTV News Channel 12, the CBS affiliate in Jackson, MS. She has become involved with local charity events sponsored by her news station and is a ballet teacher at a local dance studio—something she was very passionate about during her four years at Cornell. After finishing up his year-long stint working for Google as a technology pioneer on the emerging markets team, **Benjamin Cole** started his master's at Cambridge U. in the UK. He describes it as an extremely fulfilling experience that has allowed him to learn more about British culture, delve back into academia, and enjoy the diverse activities of the Gates Scholars' community.

**Samantha Weinberg** works at Paul, Weiss LLP as a litigation paralegal and will attend law school in the fall. **Wendy LaManque** is continuing her legal education at Brooklyn Law School; she spent her first summer as a legal intern at the NYC Office of Collective Bargaining alongside many ILR alumni, and interned at the Brooklyn region of the National Labor Relations Board during the fall of her second year. She is currently the legal intern for the national branch of the American Federation of Television and Radio Artists, an entertainment union, and this summer she is working as a Peggy Browning Fund Fellow for the Communication Workers of America, District 1, in their legal department. Wendy started a small baking business and sells her baked goods at flea markets around the neighborhood and also sings with the NYC Bar Association Chorus. Although she claims Brooklyn has better bagels, she is still trying to fill the void that CTB has left in her heart.

**Elizabeth Wurth** is completing her master's in health services administration at the U. of Michigan. She took a job as the administrative fellow at Rush U. Medical Center in Chicago, IL. **Maurice Chamamah** is a Fulbright scholar in Cairo, where he writes for the *Daily News* in Egypt and works at the Carter Center. You can check out his blog: Adrift on the Nile. **Richard Ma** has been working in Frankfurt, Germany, as a derivatives



# Alumni Deaths

market-maker/trader with six Cornell colleagues, including **Joseph Xu**, **Jenny Zhou**, and **Marcus Meng**. **Brian Mick** has been spending his free time playing video games, riding swift wyverns through the air and rescuing princesses. His favorite game at the moment is League of Legends, and he enjoys collecting Pokémon and Magic cards. **James Pothén** returned to Cornell for the 2011-12 academic year to work with Chesterton House, a Christian study center that is part of Cornell United Religious Work. He lives in a house with 14 other men who share meals and times of prayer together.

Finally, it is with great sadness that I report the passing of **Matt Omans**, who was struck by a train in Bayport, Long Island, in March. Matt was a brother in Lambda Chi Alpha and a member of the Cornell Annual Fund during his time at Cornell. One of his fraternity brothers, **Bill Smith**, describes Matt as having had a gregarious, outgoing personality. Matt will always be in our hearts and we send the deepest condolences to his family and loved ones. Contributions in Matt's memory may be made to the "Edgemoor Leadership Foundation," the official nonprofit foundation for educational and scholarship purposes to benefit current undergraduate brothers of Lambda Chi Alpha at Cornell. Checks can be mailed to: The Edgemoor Leadership Foundation, 520 Brights Lane, Blue Bell, PA 19422, with the memo line: "In Memory of Bro. Matt Omans '10." All donations are tax deductible. Please continue sending all updates to your dedicated class correspondents: [Michael Beyman](mailto:Michael.Beyman@mjb262@cornell.edu), [mjb262@cornell.edu](mailto:mjb262@cornell.edu); or **Rammy Salem**, [rms84@cornell.edu](mailto:rms84@cornell.edu).

**11** Slope Day has come and gone, and many of us are probably missing the picturesque Ithaca summer right about now. Put aside your thoughts of the Farmers Market, CTB, and wine tours and check out this month's column featuring 2011 Cornellians from across the country.

Mechanical Engineering major **Kat Ingalls**, featured in the Sept/Oct 2010 issue for Cornell's scholarship campaign, has excitedly accepted a position at AutoDesk in Portland, OR. On the other side of the country, **Hannah Richey** and **Leah Plante**, both Fiber Science and Apparel Design majors, are living as roommates in New York City and work as assistant designers for small fashion companies. They loved visiting Cornell for their first Slope Day as alumnae. **Janelle Teng** says she is enjoying life in NYC, where she works for *WIRED* magazine. She says, "I was lucky enough to visit Ithaca for the Hangovers' Fall Tonic concert in November and live-stream their spring concert from NYC."

**Amber Moore**, **Kathryn Ling**, and **Seth Paddock '09**, BA '11, have migrated down south to the Mississippi Delta through Teach For America. They have just finished up their first year teaching and are excited for three new Cornell alumni to join them next year, including **Leigh Cushing**. Last but not least, **Jeff Roshko** (Chem Eng) recently bought a pair of raw selva denim jeans and won't be washing them for six months, even though he makes hundreds of pounds of soap a day at Unilever in New Haven, CT.

If you have news to share, send it along to your class correspondents: [Kathryn Ling](mailto:Kathryn.Ling@cornell.edu), [KEL56@cornell.edu](mailto:KEL56@cornell.edu); **Lauren Rosenblum**, [LCR46@cornell.edu](mailto:LCR46@cornell.edu); and **Michael Stratford**, [mjs465@cornell.edu](mailto:mjs465@cornell.edu). CAM Digital Edition, <http://www.cornellalumnimagazine-digital.com>.

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## 1930s

'31 BS Ag—**Rosemary Hunt** Todd, Hollis, NH, February 18, 2012

'33 MA, PhD '36—**Harry G. M. Jopson**, Bridgewater, VA, March 9, 2012

'35 BS Ag—**Alice Husted** Church, Blauvelt, NY, January 9, 2012

'35 BS HE—**Lucy Schempp** Jacoby, Middleville, MI, February 9, 2012

'35 BA—**Louise Barth** Lateiner, North Miami, FL, February 8, 2012

'35 BA—**Eugene C. Newman**, Southbury, CT, February 5, 2012

'36 BS HE—**Sharma Scutt** Brown, Rochester, NY, January 18, 2012

'36—**Fred E. Illston**, Keller, TX, January 21, 2012

'36 BS Ag—**Maurice A. Tomlinson**, Roanoke, VA, October 30, 2011

'36 BS HE—**Dorotha Ticknor** Van Ness, Massena, NY, March 10, 2012

'38 DVM—**Andrew M. Draper**, Ocala, FL, March 2, 2012

'38-40 GR—**Brooks A. Jones**, Jacksonville, NC, March 8, 2012

'38 BA—**Frances Frumkin** Rachlin, Summit, NJ, March 15, 2012

'39 BS HE—**Kaisa Karikka** Cloney, Clifton, VA, January 30, 2012

'39 BME—**Col. Noah E. Dorius**, High Point, NC, March 24, 2012

'39 MA—**Marjorie Atkins** Elliott, Berkeley, CA, November 5, 2011

'39 BA—**Mary Rogers** Hillas, Redding, CT, March 1, 2012

'39 BA, MD '43—**Edward S. Holcomb Jr.**, Mount Pleasant, SC, February 12, 2012

'39 BA—**Carl F. Spang**, Wellesley, MA, March 1, 2012

'39—**G. Henry Turrell**, Wyalusing, PA, February 2, 2012

'39-41 SP Ag—**Albert Wilska**, Old Chatham, NY, January 25, 2012

## 1940s

'40 BS HE—**Margaret Soper** Christiana, Jamesville, NY, March 16, 2012

'40 BS Ag—**Benjamin F. Kellogg**, Nanticoke, PA, February 18, 2012

'40 BME—**Robert F. Pigage**, Pittsford, NY, January 31, 2012

'40 BA—**Lt. Col. Thomas W. Rolph Jr.**, Flagler Beach, FL, August 18, 2007

'40 BS Ag—**Douglas M. Thomsen**, Springboro, OH, February 17, 2012

'40 BA, MD '43—**James N. Trousdell**, Oyster Bay, NY, January 9, 2012

'40, BS HE '41—**Harriet Cross** Vorhis, Pittsford, NY, June 8, 2011

'41—**Stephen W. Barnes**, Sidney, NY, March 6, 2012

'41 BS Ag—**John L. Brookins**, Orchard Park, NY, December 29, 2011

'41 BME—**Robert D. Brunet**, Billerica, MA, March 16, 2012

'41 BS HE—**Vera Duffy** Mahoney, Levittown, PA, February 5, 2012

'41 BS Ag—**Russell C. Matthews**, Henrietta, NY, October 10, 2011

'41 BS HE—**Helen Hilbert** Peterson, Meadville, PA, March 4, 2012

'41 BS Ag—**John Rezelman**, Bath, NY, February 10, 2012

'41 BA—**James M. Snyder**, Frederick, MD, January 4, 2012

'41 BA—**William B. Webber**, Pittsford, NY, January 31, 2012

'42 MA—**Edward W. Borgers**, Seal Beach, CA, February 26, 2010

'42-43 GR—**Ruth L. Darnell**, Fort Worth, TX, February 18, 2012

'42, BA '41—**Reuben Garner**, Buffalo, NY, February 4, 2012

'42 BA, MD '45—**Jay F. Harris**, Albuquerque, NM, October 8, 2011

'42-43 SP Ag—**Mark Kachigian**, Tulsa, OK, February 12, 2012

'42, B Chem E '43—**Gordon Kiddoo**, Hilton Head Island, SC, February 25, 2012

'42 BS HE—**Mary Joseph** Perry, Ithaca, NY, March 1, 2012

'42, BS Ag '47—**Donald L. Walsemann**, Scottsdale, AZ, January 8, 2012

'43, BA '47—**Robert D. Chaffe**, Santa Cruz, NM, December 17, 2010

'43 BME—**Robert W. Cologgi**, Weedsport, NY, January 23, 2012

'43 BS HE—**Marydith Vancise** DeGolyer, Castile, NY, January 23, 2012

'43 DVM—**Bernard C. Fisher**, Monroe Township, NJ, May 27, 2011

'43 BS Hotel, MD '51—**Henry L. Hood**, River Woods, NH, February 18, 2012

- '43, B Chem E '44—**William J. MacRitchie**, Westfield, NJ, Feb. 4, 2012  
 '43 DVM—**Hallsey R. Palmer**, Clinton, NY, March 2, 2012  
 '43 BS HE—**Gladys Dingle Poor**, Marblehead, MA, March 3, 2012  
 '43 B Chem E—**James M. Scovic**, Oxford, MI, April 22, 2009
- '44—**Robert A. Jasper**, Hudson, NH, February 4, 2012  
 '44, BS Hotel '47—**Wade C. Johnson**, North Scituate, RI, Dec. 17, 2011  
 '44 BA—**Irene Zellin Kulin**, Waltham, MA, April 5, 2010  
 '44 BA—**Russell C. Marron Jr.**, Fairport, NY, February 15, 2012  
 '44, BS ORIE '47—**Donald H. Middleton**, Niskayuna, NY, January 16, 2012  
 '44, BA '47, JD '50—**Harold C. Parker**, Perry, NY, March 4, 2012  
 '44—**George C. Urschel Jr.**, Melbourne, FL, January 31, 2012  
 '44 MD—**Gerald F. Whalen**, Shrewsbury, NJ, February 4, 2012  
 '44 BME—**George M. Wilkins Jr.**, Campbell, NY, February 19, 2012
- '45 BS HE—**Shirley Hughes** Ainslie, Ithaca, NY, January 19, 2012  
 '45, BA '44—**Priscilla Wilson** Ashton, Hagerstown, MD, February 9, 2012  
 '45 BME—**William E. Barr**, Bartlesville, OK, March 7, 2012  
 '45 BEE—**Dave R. Craig**, Naples, FL, February 10, 2012  
 '45, BME '47—**Bruce R. Kane**, Brandywine, MD, March 15, 2012  
 '45, BS HE '44—**Erna Fox Kaplan**, Chapel Hill, NC, March 11, 2012  
 '45 MS—**Barbara Cross** Lachelt, Mill Valley, CA, July 4, 2011  
 '45—**Helen Sherlock** Reynolds, Concord, NH, January 6, 2012  
 '45, BME '44—**John D. Schuyler**, Santa Rosa, CA, February 25, 2012  
 '45, BS HE '44—**Nelle Judson** Seefeldt, Glens Falls, NY, March 6, 2012  
 '45, BS HE '45—**Elizabeth Price** Meyers Wehrle, Naples, FL, March 9, 2012  
 '45, BME '44—**George A. Wieber**, Naples, FL, March 21, 2012
- '46 BA—**Anne Aungier** Beveridge, Staten Island, NY, March 2, 2012  
 '46 MD—**John J. Bowe**, Ridgewood, NJ, March 23, 2012  
 '46—**Joseph Gottlieb**, Worcester, MA, February 25, 2012  
 '46, BS Ag '48, MNS '49—**Alvin Kaye**, Rancho Palos Verdes, CA, February 9, 2012  
 '46—**Kathlyn Miron** Perlmutter, Pacific Palisades, CA, January 20, 2012  
 '46, BA '48, MA '49—**Arthur S. Samuels**, New Orleans, LA, Feb. 27, 2012  
 '46, BEE '49—**Burkhard H. Schneider**, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI, February 2, 2012  
 '46 BME—**Gerhard Westphal**, Lititz, PA, June 11, 2011
- '47, BA '46—**Richard R. Bass**, Scottsdale, AZ, January 12, 2012  
 '47 BA—**Anthony J. Camesano**, Amherst, NY, January 17, 2012  
 '47 BS Nurs—**Maureen Coakley** Daniels, Baton Rouge, LA, Feb. 12, 2012  
 '47, BCE '48—**Lawrence Katchen**, Highland Beach, FL, August 23, 2011  
 '47 PhD—**Juanita Senyard** Newcomer, Stillwater, OK, February 24, 2012  
 '47 MA—**Winnifred Poland** Pierce, Ann Arbor, MI, January 29, 2012  
 '47 BME—**Harold B. Ratcliff**, Peoria, IL, February 1, 2012  
 '47 MEd—Lt. Comm. **Norvin T. Whitmore**, East Greenbush, NY, February 15, 2012  
 '47 BME—**Willis S. Zeigler Jr.**, Akron, OH, March 22, 2012
- '48, BA '47—**Phyllis Dean** Arrison, Bradenton Beach, FL, Feb. 2, 2012  
 '48 LLB—**Michael P. Aspland**, Ocean Ridge, FL, February 19, 2012  
 '48 MA, PhD '52—**Denton W. Crocker**, Gansevoort, NY, February 19, 2012  
 '48 BCE—**Harold H. Dugan Jr.**, Spring Lake, NJ, February 20, 2012  
 '48 BA—**Arnold Honig**, Manlius, NY, January 31, 2012  
 '48 BA—**Elizabeth Glover** Jenks, Albuquerque, NM, March 3, 2012  
 '48 BME—**Donald G. Kirk Jr.**, Rochester, NH, January 31, 2012  
 '48 BA—**Cal Y. Meyers**, Carbondale, IL, March 16, 2012  
 '48 BS Ag—**Alice Bissell** Nichols, Tallahassee, FL, February 17, 2012  
 '48 BS HE—**Eleanor Vieweg**, Sodus, NY, January 24, 2012  
 '48 BS ILR—**Charles R. Volk**, Old Greenwich, CT, June 12, 2011
- '49 BS Ag—**Louis H. Bramkamp**, Rexford, NY, March 9, 2012  
 '49-52 Law—**Paul T. Daukas**, Rocky Hill, CT, February 13, 2012  
 '49 MFS—**Constance Nott** Delwiche, Ithaca, NY, March 2, 2012  
 '49 BA, MD '53—**Peter D. Guggenheim**, Warwick, NY, March 5, 2012  
 '49 BS ORIE—**Arthur R. Hinman**, Punta Gorda, FL, February 18, 2012  
 '49, BME '51—**Donn Innes**, Amelia Island, FL, March 8, 2012  
 '49 MD—**Frances Capron** Korb, Santa Rosa, CA, September 21, 2009  
 '49 BS ORIE—**Robert Morris**, Rome, NY, April 11, 2010  
 '49 BEE—**Girard F. Oberrender Jr.**, Lincoln, MA, March 7, 2012
- '49 BS Ag—**Arthur M. Wood**, Pompton Plains, NJ, January 15, 2012
- ## 1950s
- '50 BS Hotel—**Thomas A. Beattie**, Flagler Beach, FL, January 24, 2012  
 '50 BEE—**Laurence T. Deabler**, Lillian, AL, January 27, 2012  
 '50, BS HE '47—**Marybelle Pilette** Gray, Albuquerque, NM, Oct. 28, 2011  
 '50, BS Ag '52—**Gretel Russell** Hackel, Manzanola, CO, March 8, 2012  
 '50 MS—**June Smith** Parker, Perry, NY, March 5, 2011  
 '50 BS Ag—Lt. Col. **Thomas J. Scaglione**, Hornell, NY, February 10, 2012  
 '50 BA—**William Slike**, Mechanicsburg, PA, March 21, 2012  
 '50 BS Nurs—**Nancy Strouse** Smith, West Caldwell, NJ, June 3, 2009  
 '50 BA—Rev. **Frederick T. Vanderpoel**, Lititz, PA, January 30, 2012  
 '50 MA—**Roger C. Van Tassel**, Worcester, MA, March 23, 2012  
 '50 BS Hotel—**Maurice L. Waldron Jr.**, Elmira, NY, February 9, 2012  
 '50 BA—**William N. White**, Shelburne, VT, February 16, 2012
- '51 BS Ag, MS Ag '68—**William D. Blair**, Park Rapids, MN, Sept. 1, 2011  
 '51 BS Ag—**Donald E. Briggs**, Hurley, NY, February 19, 2012  
 '51 MBA—**Morgan Cooper**, Indianapolis, IN, March 7, 2012  
 '51 B Chem E—**T. Frank Decker**, Rydal, PA, March 18, 2012  
 '51 DVM—**Cleon W. Easton**, Delevan, NY, December 28, 2011  
 '51 BA—**George S. Evans**, Glenview, IL, January 2, 2012  
 '51 BME—**James E. Geary Jr.**, Wilmington, DE, February 23, 2012  
 '51, BME '52—**Edward F. Green**, Ridgewood, NJ, February 26, 2012  
 '51 MBA—**Charles F. Hoitash**, West Lafayette, IN, February 12, 2012  
 '51—**George L. Moison II**, Leesburg, VA, February 9, 2012  
 '51 MS Ag, PhD '53—**Norman F. Oebker**, Tucson, AZ, June 12, 2011  
 '51 B Chem E—**William J. Strack**, Midland, MI, February 9, 2012  
 '51 LLB—**Nathaniel S. Thayer**, Providence, RI, February 6, 2012  
 '51 PhD—**Oliver Wayman**, Rowland Heights, CA, July 27, 2008
- '52 PhD—**Lee E. Benson**, Chester, PA, February 10, 2012  
 '52 MNS—**Harold L. Bush Jr.**, Brownsburg, IN, February 4, 2012  
 '52, BME '53—**Fred M. Howell**, Merritt Island, FL, January 15, 2012  
 '52 BS Nurs—**Nancy Hubbard** Marden, Duluth, GA, August 15, 2011  
 '52 BA—**Ardis Smith** Messinger, Pleasanton, CA, March 20, 2012  
 '52 BS Ag—**Miron Mihuka**, New Paltz, NY, February 29, 2012  
 '52 BA—**Alan Nordwall**, Harpswell, ME, March 3, 2012  
 '52 BA—**Frank E. Wilkerson**, Glendale, CA, November 28, 2011  
 '52 DVM—**Jean T. Wilson**, Little Falls, NJ, March 23, 2012
- '53—**John N. Bain**, Roseland, NJ, February 21, 2012  
 '53, BEE '55—**David H. Coe**, Trumbull, CT, March 8, 2012  
 '53 BA—**David Flinker**, Moorestown, NJ, February 17, 2012  
 '53 BA—**Irma Haibloom** Follender, Boca Raton, FL, February 12, 2012  
 '53 BS ILR—Rev. **Jeanne Herron** Linderman, Hockessin, DE, Feb. 22, 2012  
 '53 MS—**James D. McHugh**, Tucson, AZ, August 31, 2007  
 '53 MD—**James L. Reichard**, Klyertown, PA, October 11, 2007  
 '53—**Jacqueline Loeb** Trubowitz, Rowayton, CT, February 11, 2012
- '54, BS Ag '57—**Robert F. Bull**, Sodus, NY, March 6, 2012  
 '54 BA—**Stephen T. Cogen**, Miami Shores, FL, February 15, 2012  
 '54 MA—**Raymond A. Colvig**, Berkeley, CA, March 4, 2012  
 '54 MFA—**Robert B. Lamb**, Lincoln, RI, February 26, 2012  
 '54 MD—**Donald I. Matern**, Peoria, AZ, June 5, 2010  
 '54 PhD—**Harald Schraer**, Aaronburg, PA, February 20, 2012  
 '54 PhD—**Betty Young** Siffert, Chicago, IL, February 13, 2009  
 '54—**John C. Stoll**, Bronx, NY, February 11, 2012
- '55 MS, PhD '60—**Walter C. Bowie**, Tuskegee Institute, AL, Oct. 25, 2009  
 '55 BA—**Janet Leopard** McPhail Danaher, Grosse Pointe, MI, March 13, 2012  
 '55 BS Ag—**Gerald G. Frost Jr.**, New Holland, PA, February 10, 2012  
 '55 MBA—**Yasushi Iwai**, Kobe, Japan, January 27, 2012  
 '55 BS Hotel—**Arthur J. Langevin**, Novato, CA, July 2, 2011  
 '55 MA—**Rene C. Leveque**, Wetumpka, AL, November 30, 2009  
 '55 PhD—**Ralph A. Luebben**, Grinnell, IA, October 19, 2009  
 '55 BA—**Martin L. Sage**, Syracuse, NY, February 3, 2012  
 '55 MS—**Stanislaus S. Thomas**, Bloomington, IN, January 18, 2012
- '56—**Madge Klein** Benovitz, Key Largo, FL, March 24, 2012  
 '56—**Edward A. Mason**, Ocala, FL, February 12, 2012



'56 MD—John H. Prunier, Riverside, CT, February 7, 2012  
 '56 MBA—George J. Rudolph, Kettering, OH, February 14, 2012  
 '56 BS Ag, PhD '59—Daryl G. Stewart, Jefferson, MD, April 25, 2011

'57, BS Hotel '58—Alfred E. Cardone, Saint Michaels, MD, March 5, 2010  
 '57 BS HE—Charlotte A. Christensen, Syracuse, NY, February 7, 2012  
 '57 BS Nurs—Sandra Casman Duggan, Virginia Beach, FL, Feb. 3, 2012  
 '57 BA—Jon D. Harris, Meriden, CT, March 4, 2012  
 '57 MS HE—Louise Carter Kilpatrick, Jacksonville, FL, March 1, 2012  
 '57 BS ILR—Richard L. Melnotte, Fairport, NY, March 23, 2012  
 '57 BS Ag—David L. Myers, Turin, NY, May 11, 2009  
 '57 BS Ag—Wilbur W. O'Donovan Jr., Columbia, SC, December 4, 2011  
 '57 MS, PhD '61—M. Glade Pincock, Bountiful, UT, February 11, 2012  
 '57 BS Hotel—Thomas P. Rusnock, Virginia Beach, VA, January 31, 2012  
 '57—Kenneth H. Schulte, Suffield, CT, January 29, 2012  
 '57 BS HE—Kathryn Cullings Simpson, Ocala, FL, March 29, 2009

'58 BS HE—Nancy Rising Foster, Pittsboro, NC, March 5, 2012  
 '58 DVM—Theodore N. Hoch, Port Saint Lucie, FL, March 20, 2012  
 '58—Axel P. Schulze, Drums, PA, February 16, 2012

'59 BA—Samuel V. Kennedy III, Moravia, NY, February 20, 2012  
 '59 JD—Capt. Robert W. Sullivan, Gainesville, VA, September 1, 2010

**1960s**

'60 LLB—Edward J. Beiderbecke, Williamson, NY, February 14, 2012  
 '60 MEd—Stella M. Blasko, Ithaca, NY, October 3, 2011  
 '60 MRP—William J. Dabrusin, Stuart, FL, January 27, 2012  
 '60 BS Nurs—Anne Marr Ditmars, Grosse Pointe, MI, November 23, 2010  
 '60—William L. Kahn, Overland Park, KS, February 1, 2012  
 '60 BA—Judith Stevens Lawson, Pound Ridge, NY, February 10, 2012

'61 BA—Martin B. Ebbert Jr., York, PA, February 13, 2012  
 '61 BA—John M. Jabbs, Sarasota, FL, March 2, 2012  
 '61 BA—Orville A. Levander, Silver Spring, MD, December 26, 2011

'62 PhD—Ralph B. Culp, Denton, TX, March 3, 2012  
 '62 BA—Carol Coopersmith Daly, Minneapolis, MN, March 6, 2012  
 '62—Joan Harrison Friedman, Scottsdale, AZ, August 8, 2008  
 '62 PhD—Bernard Gert, Chapel Hill, NC, December 24, 2011  
 '62 PhD—John R. Hinrichs, Vero Beach, FL, March 7, 2012  
 '62 BS ILR—Karl G. Krech Jr., Endwell, NY, March 14, 2007  
 '62 BS Hotel—Lawrence B. Lieberman, Camarillo, CA, December 5, 2011

'63 MA—John J. Bergen, Albuquerque, NM, May 21, 2007  
 '63 BS Hotel—Warren M. Cole, Camden, ME, January 22, 2012  
 '63, BA '64—Valerie French, Washington, DC, December 8, 2011  
 '63 PhD—James H. Griffith, Lombard, IL, February 13, 2008  
 '63 MS—David D. Hallock, Bartow, FL, March 7, 2012

'64 PhD—Mark J. Jaffe, Evergreen, CO, October 14, 2007  
 '64, BME '65, MME '66—Stephen H. Mitchell, Zellwood, FL, Jan. 26, 2012  
 '64—Fred G. Peelen, New York City, February 5, 2012  
 '64 BFA—Valerie Jesraly Seligsohn, Philadelphia, PA, February 3, 2012  
 '64 BS Ag—Richard J. Zeitvogel, Advance, NC, February 15, 2012

'65—James R. Bockmier, Allegany, NY, February 23, 2012  
 '65, BS Ag '66, DVM '69—Joseph R. De Leo, Cranbury, NJ, March 13, 2012  
 '65 LLB—Kevin P. Monaghan, San Diego, CA, July 19, 2011  
 '65 PhD—Jules L. Roubort II, Willowbrook, IL, March 1, 2012  
 '65—David F. Stanford, Denver, CO, February 17, 2012  
 '65, BS Ag '67—Ernest J. Stedje II, Pomona, NY, January 29, 2009

'66 PhD—Paul S. Goodman, Glenshaw, PA, January 24, 2012

'67 BS Ag—William E. Giezendanner, San Diego, CA, February 17, 2012  
 '67 BS Ag—Conrad S. Miller, Charlotte, NC, July 21, 2011

'68, BA '72—Clayton D. Wrigley, Golden, CO, February 5, 2012

'69, BArch '70—John T. Leonard, San Francisco, CA, September 19, 2010  
 '69 BS Hotel—James F. Watling, Seagrove Beach, FL, February 13, 2012  
 '69 BEE, MEE '70—James F. Whatley, Austin, TX, Feb. 18, 2012

**1970s**

'70 BS Ag—Alan E. Aldrich, Pompano Beach, FL, July 1, 2009  
 '70 MA, PhD '73—Cleveland Donald Jr., Bethel, CT, January 26, 2012  
 '70 BS Ag—Carl J. Jones, Maryville, TN, February 10, 2012  
 '70 PhD—Margaret E. Kassouny, Columbia, MD, October 12, 2011  
 '70 BS Ag—Paul A. Marcucci, Framingham, MA, February 7, 2012

'73—Douglas P. Banks, New Haven, CT, January 29, 2012  
 '73 MBA—Edward J. McElroy, Pasadena, CA, August 14, 2008  
 '73 BS HE—Susan Fishman Rosenfeld, East Northport, NY, Oct. 7, 2011

'74 BS Ag—J. Martin Briggs, Katy, TX, October 16, 2010  
 '74 MPS—Kennedy Lyon, Marietta, GA, January 21, 2012

'75 MPS—Michael C. Lao, Diamond Bar, CA, August 16, 2011

'77 JD—Patricia Turvey Bentley-Fisher, Annapolis, MD, February 4, 2012

'78 BA—Bradley N. Slosberg, Alamogordo, NM, January 23, 2012  
 '78-79 GR—Michael I. Taksar, Columbia, MO, February 12, 2012

'79 BS Ag—Herbert E. Rycroft, Shawano, WI, February 10, 2012  
 '79 MBA—George Shore, Wyncote, PA, February 22, 2012

**1980s**

'80-81 GR—Mary Jo Lies Cantwell, Canandaigua, NY, January 17, 2012  
 '80 MA, PhD '82—Richard J. DuRocher, Northfield, MN, Nov. 16, 2010  
 '80 BS Ag—Marie B. Green, Deansboro, NY, July 31, 2010

'81 BS Ag—William B. Bauman, Watkins Glen, NY, March 18, 2012

'83 DVM—Michael J. Pollack, Bellport, NY, February 19, 2012

'85 MS Ag—James V. Jackson, Plainfield, NJ, January 25, 2012

'87 DVM—Barbara J. Gruppo, Crystal River, FL, NY, April 21, 2009

**1990s**

'91 BS Ag—Andrew S. Nolan, Locke, NY, March 7, 2012

'92 MS—Henry J. Kricher, Hemlock, MI, March 13, 2012

**2000s**

'01 BS Ag—Kevin J. Schargen, Staten Island, NY, March 16, 2012

'05 BA—Amelia Tauchen Marguet, San Francisco, CA, March 11, 2012

'06 MBA—Hasan M. Husain, Medway, MA, February 2, 2012

**2010s**

'10—Kevin W. Ballantine, DeKalb, IL, January 15, 2012  
 '10 BS Ag—Matthew P. Omans, Bayport, NY, March 9, 2012

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# Naughty Narby

## Legendary faux Cornellian crashes '62 Reunion

**A**mong the attendees at a Class of '62 50th Reunion event in Kennedy Hall in June was a man whose nametag bore the strange sobriquet of “Narby.” Just “Narby.”

Nobody questioned the fellow with the odd moniker. After all, it was rather dark in Call Auditorium and many attendees bore languid expressions of reverie, having just viewed a nostalgic video entitled “Remembering Our Days on the Hill.” A panel discussion followed—and it was then that the interloper made his move. As the talk wound down and shuttle bus drivers appeared at the exits, Narby donned a pith helmet and sunglasses and rushed the stage.

An uproar ensued—part befuddlement, part wonder. One of the longest-running pranks in Cornell lore still had legs. Narby Krimnsnatch—late of Burning Sands Road, Hodeida, Yemen—was back among his ersatz classmates.

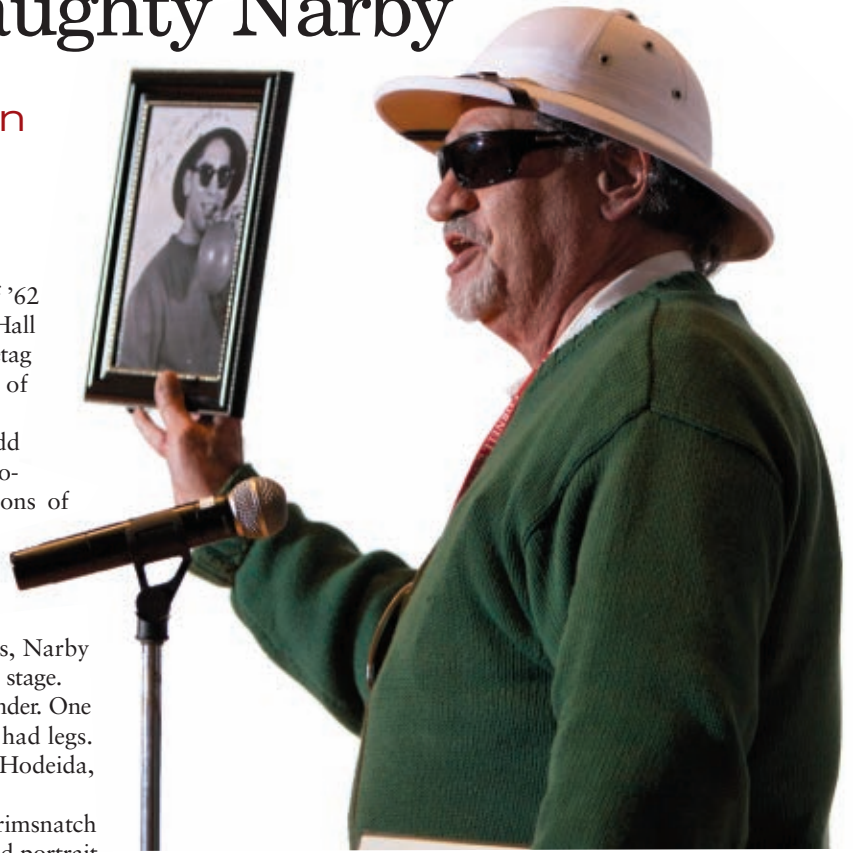
David Kessler '61, BME '62, performed the Krimnsnatch cameo. He offered a few comments, waved a framed portrait of Narby, posed for some photos, and fled the scene.

If you're confused, that's okay; Narby likes it that way. Or at least Narby's inventor, Curtis Reis '56, enjoys the sweet veldment his prank inspires. Reis has been muddling fact and fiction—and frustrating Cornell class book editors—with Krimnsnatch appearances since the Eisenhower era.



Reis created Krimnsnatch after finding the name on a student committee application. It was, of course, a phony—but a funny one. “It was too good to pass up,” says Reis, who composed a biography for Narby, posed for Krimnsnatch’s yearbook photo, and even suckered a *Daily Sun* reporter into believing that the fictitious fellow was part of a Ford Foundation project investigating anti-Yemeni discrimination. In his heyday, Narby was affiliated with eighteen student groups (Reis had a way of cajoling friends into playing him) and appeared in the official photo for all but two of them; apparently, not every yearbook editor fell for the gag. However, this entry made it into the 1956 *Cornellian*:

“NARBY KRIMSNATCH Hodeida, Yemen. Phillips Andover



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Academy. Transfer from Univ. of Pennsylvania. Arts and Sciences. Llenroc Lodge. Skulls; Pi Delta Epsilon; Chess Team, Mgr.; Vars. Rugby; Wearer of the ‘C’; CIA, Assembly; Model UN; Yemen Delegate; Students for Republican Action; ROTC Band; Andorra National Rugby Award.”

After Cornell, Reis enlisted Krimnsnatch in the Army while serving as a military records keeper. After a query by a too-inquisitive colonel, Reis had Krimnsnatch go AWOL, presumably back to his homeland. (Krimnsnatch’s father was the 90th Grand Marnier of Yemen with castles in Sana’a and Hodeidah.) As time went on, other Cornellians caught the Narby bug, and Reis gladly lent out his invention. That’s how Kessler got into the Narby game for the Class of ’62—even though, as the history books show, Krimnsnatch is from ’56.

Narby has since taken on a life of his own. There’s at least one Cornell-affiliated Narby Krimnsnatch on Facebook—he claims to “despise roustabouts, cads, and Princeton men”—and a “Gnarby Krimnsnatch” with a Cornell-themed Twitter account, which he used to declare his candidacy for the Board of Trustees last spring. In 2009, a note signed by one “Narby Krimnsnatch ’59” was attached to a fiberglass calf named Cal, mysteriously returned to the Cornell Dairy Store four years after being stolen.

But was the Reunion interloper the genuine Narby? Reis says no—noting that a certain sartorial choice pegged the Kennedy Hall Krimnsnatch as an imposter. “Narby,” he insisted, “would never wear a pith helmet.”

— Franklin Crawford

Infinite jest: Five decades on, the Narby Krimnsnatch gag still has its aficionados—at Reunion (top), on Facebook (left), and elsewhere.





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