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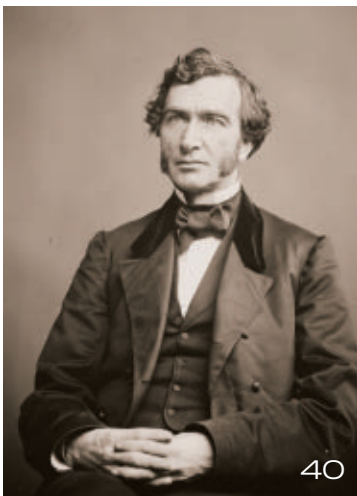
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CAROL KAMMEN

A hundred and fifty years ago, Congress passed the Morrill Land Grant Act—the historic legislation that paved the way for the creation of Cornell and dozens of other institutions of higher learning. Kammen, the Tompkins County historian, chronicles the passions and politics behind the selection of New York State’s land-grant school, as two sites jockeyed for the funds. The effort brought together the State Senate’s youngest and oldest members—Andrew Dickson White and Ezra Cornell—who combined their resources to create the university on the Hill.

46 Geometric Growth

STEVEN STROGATZ

When Professor Steven Strogatz wrote a series of columns about his love of math for the *New York Times*, they found a passionate following, with honors atop the list of most-shared articles and hundreds of comments posted online. Now those fifteen columns, along with an equal number of new ones, have been collected into *The Joy of X: A Guided Tour of Math, From One to Infinity*. “Math swaggers with an intimidating air of certainty,” Strogatz writes. “Like a Mafia capo, it comes across as decisive, unyielding, and strong. It’ll make you an argument you can’t refuse. But in private, math is occasionally insecure. It has doubts. It questions itself and isn’t always sure it’s right.” In an excerpt, Strogatz explains—with some help from Ezra’s statue—how arithmetic came to the masses.

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Only 24 Hours in the Day

Balancing academics and extracurricular activities

Once each semester I arrive on campus especially early to have breakfast with members of the “400 Club.” At our breakfast last spring, we honored seventy-two athletes, representing twenty-nine teams, who had earned a 4.0 or better grade-point average during the spring semester and fifty-seven who qualified during the fall. In July a recent 400 Club member—Taylor Goetzinger ’12—was one of three former Big Red rowers to help earn gold medals for the U.S. at the 2012 World Rowing Under 23 Championship in Lithuania. In addition, many students compete on club teams—some of which have enjoyed success at the national level.

High levels of achievement in academics and extracurricular activities require determination, focus, and discipline, and the success of student-athletes is just the tip of the iceberg. College students today—and this is particularly true at competitive schools like Cornell—must become masters at balancing multiple commitments, a skill that will serve them well later in life.

Last year more than 7,000 undergraduates—athletes and non-athletes—were on the Cornell payroll, and many others held off-campus jobs. Students receiving need-based financial aid (roughly half of our undergraduates) engage in work study as part of their aid packages. Our peer institutions also have earnings expectations for many of their financial aid recipients.

Beyond athletics and paid employment, Cornell students participated in more than 1,000 recognized student groups last year, ranging from the Teszia Belly Dance Troupe to the Wall Street Club. Several times each year, the editors of the *Cornell Daily Sun* and I discuss campus issues, potential article ideas, and the column I write for the *Sun* every other month. I have been most impressed by the commitment and long hours that *Sun* editors bring to their journalistic activities.

Similarly, the Cornell Chorus and Glee Club and students in other musical groups devote untold hours to practice, performance, and travel. The Glee Club spent two weeks in the United Kingdom last summer, winning second place among male voice choirs at an international competition in Wales, and it is already gearing up for a Southeastern U.S. tour in January 2013. Many undergraduates put significant time and energy into their fraternities and sororities and into improving the Greek system at Cornell and nationally.

Reflecting Cornell’s commitment to public engagement and our land-grant mission, our students contribute an impressive 400,000 hours of community service each year through the Public Service Center (PSC) and other campus organizations. Faculty members encourage this involvement with service learning courses, some of which include service abroad. And the new Center for Community Engaged Learning and Research, supported by the Einhorn Family Charitable Trust, is a university-wide center designed to facilitate such courses as well as community-based



Dialogue: Students grab a few minutes to exchange ideas with President Skorton.

GARY HODGES / UP

research and public scholarship across a wide spectrum of academic disciplines and programs.

The Community Partnership Board, a student organization, makes grants to other student groups for grassroots community action projects. Our Let’s Get Ready program, a collaboration of the PSC, the Ithaca Youth Bureau, and the Village at Ithaca that involves undergraduates as tutors, recently won a national award for helping high school students from disadvantaged backgrounds prepare for college. The Cornell Tradition, an alumni-funded program that awards fellowships to undergraduates who work, do campus and/or community service, and get good grades, also makes available to each Tradition Fellow up to \$3,500 to cover the cost of service-related activities and other educational endeavors.

I invite you to learn even more about our current students and to attend Cornell athletic events and student performances. I know you will be impressed by how their energy, talent, and commitment yield benefits for the Cornell community and the world at large. And I hope that you will continue to participate in some of the activities that gave significance to your own time on the Hill. On January 5, 2013, for example, alumni and students in some thirty cities nationwide will participate in Cornell Cares Day. And throughout the year the PSC’s Cornell Network for Change offers regional events and an online portal listing community-based jobs, internships, events, and other opportunities.

As always, I welcome your ideas about how we can better support our current students and our alumni in leading full and engaged lives.

— President David Skorton
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The Big Picture





Happy trails: Ithaca's gorges got a bit safer this summer, as the first team of "gorge stewards" went on duty. The three stewards, all alumni working for Cornell Outdoor Education, walked the trails wearing identifying T-shirts. They offered information about hiking, natural history, safety, and alternatives to dangerous (and illegal) gorge swimming. LINDSAY FRANCE / UP

Food for Thought

Cabbagetown Café may be gone,
but the taste lingers on

I was delighted to learn that Julie Jordan '71 continues to work her culinary magic in the Ithaca environs ("Flesh Is Weak," *Currents*, July/August 2011). Many is the time during my undergraduate years that I enjoyed her scrumptious vegetarian fare at Cabbagetown Café. Indeed, Cabbagetown was among my favorite Ithaca restaurants, and during one Reunion visit I was surprised (and saddened) to find it had closed.

Reading Beth Saulnier's profile, I channeled the taste of Julie's brown-bowl salads and thick wheat bread, served in Cabbagetown's cozy space. And what better place to enjoy weekend brunch before hunkering down to a day of studying? My copy of *Wings of Life* may be falling apart and stained, but it will serve as a reminder of Cabbagetown's role in my Cornell experience. *Bon appetit*, Julie!

Marcie S. Gitlin '79
New York, New York

I very much enjoyed reading "Flesh Is Weak." Last August, after having four stents placed in three arteries of my heart that had blockages, I attended a cardiac rehab course at Sarasota Memorial Hospital. The course included exercises and lectures. At the lecture by Jill Edwards, a certified nutrition educator, I learned that the diet that everyone, including people with heart disease, should be eating was one where 80 percent is vegetables, fruits, legumes, and nuts—with no dairy products and no processed foods.

I have become an advocate for such a diet, but have had little success converting others. It is amazing how few Americans follow such a diet when there is so much agreement among experts that it wards off disease and prolongs life. In Sarasota we have one restaurant called Veg, which specializes in vegetarian food and seafood, and a few others that have a good selection of such items. Ethnic restaurants, such as Thai restaurants, have good vegetarian choices, too—but, otherwise, it's still an uphill battle.

Sonia Pressman Fuentes '50
Sarasota, Florida

Ed. Note: Fuentes is a speaker on women's rights issues and author of the memoir Eat First—You Don't Know What They'll Give You: The Adventures of an Immigrant Family and Their Feminist Daughter.

The Last Word

Each issue of *Cornell Alumni Magazine* continues to present an engaging, relevant, and thoughtful view of life on campus as



well as Cornell's standing and impact well beyond it in a manner that is timely, candid, and fresh. Surely this level of consistent excellence reflects well on your extraordinary masthead stability in these very changeable times. Those names—Roberts, Saulnier, Furst, Herzog, Tregaskis, Green, Robinette, Downey—must represent a collective century or more of good work, and I salute you for it.

Edward Hershey
Portland, Oregon

Ed. Note: Edward Hershey is a former director of publications and marketing at Cornell. He was also the public address announcer for Big Red men's and women's basketball games for a decade.

Correction— July/August 2012

Correspondence, page 6: In response to a letter from H. William Fogle '70, we published a comment from University Counsel James Mingle that read: "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." The correct date of the meeting was October 2011.

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Reading Carol Kammen’s excellent article on the Morrill Land Grant Act and the founding of Cornell University got me thinking about my paternal grandfather. Henry Hurd Roberts, Class of 1875, was the son of a farmer in Rock Stream, New York, a village on the west side of Seneca Lake. We don’t know how Henry learned about the opening of Cornell, but it must have been exciting news to many young people in Upstate New York. It didn’t take him long to apply for admission to the nearby institution that aspired to be “a university of the first magnitude,” as Ezra Cornell put it.

When Henry arrived on campus in 1871, there was little here except for the “Stone Row”—the buildings that would become Morrill, White, and McGraw halls—and a collection of ramshackle sheds and houses. (One was “a flimsy structure built by energetic students for their own lodging,” reported Morris Bishop 1913, PhD ’26, in his *History of Cornell*. Its occupants included David Starr Jordan 1872, who would go on to become the first president of Stanford University.)

The faculty was small—thirty-seven men, counting President Andrew Dickson White, who also served as a professor of history. Most of them were young. The living quarters for both faculty and students were rudimentary, the food was questionable, and the sanitary conditions were bad. Fire and disease were constant threats. Ezra Cornell roamed the campus, supervising the construction of buildings and casting a critical eye on anything that didn’t suit his practical instincts. He was, as one student put it, “like a fond and anxious father” watching his university grow up. Ezra’s health had already started to fail, however, and he died in December 1874, during my grandfather’s senior year.

I have a scrapbook, faded and flood damaged, that Henry started when he was at Cornell. There are several pages of mementos from his undergraduate years, including a \$20 receipt for tuition in his final semester. I don’t know much about his life as a student, but it’s obvious that he was proud of the upset victory by the Cornell crew at the 1875 intercollegiate

regatta in Saratoga. There are seven pages of newspaper clippings about the race in his scrapbook. (The campus celebration of that triumph, notes Bob Kane in *Good Sports*, gave birth to the cheer “Cornell, I yell, yell, yell, Cornell!”)

As a senior, Henry was named the Ivy Orator and delivered a lengthy speech during Commencement Week. “Classmates,” he began, “do you remember with what conscious pride, four years ago, we left our paternal homes, and became members of that corporate body known as college? What a sense of our independence possessed us! How important we felt!” (Some things never change.)

Henry graduated with a Bachelor of Philosophy degree and embarked on a career as a teacher and school principal in New York, Iowa, and Washington, D.C. He had three sons, the youngest of whom was my father, Alan Roberts, who earned a Cornell degree in civil engineering in 1922. Henry died while my father was still in high school, so he was unable to see his son (or a granddaughter and grandson who followed) receive a Cornell diploma.



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Henry Hurd Roberts 1875

Without the Morrill Land Grant Act, my grandfather’s life would surely have been much different. He might have stayed on the family farm or ventured to Rochester or Buffalo to work in a mill. Instead, he went to Cornell. The effects of this far-reaching legislation were profound—not just for higher education but for the nation as a whole, because of the social and cultural changes set in motion by the expansion of educational opportunity.

It’s easy to think of moments like the passing of the Morrill Land Grant Act in abstract historical terms. But when I look through my grandfather’s scrapbook and think about what coming to Cornell must have meant to him, the importance of those moments strikes home on a personal level. So, as our sesquicentennial approaches, I’m glad that this issue salutes the foresight of Justin Morrill in forging his landmark legislation, and that of Ezra Cornell and Andrew Dickson White in capitalizing on the opportunity it presented to “found an institution where any person can find instruction in any study.”

— James Henry Roberts ’71

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From the Hill



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Prepare for impact: The Big Red lines up against Dartmouth in 2010.

Ivies Adopt Concussion-Prevention Guidelines

The Ivy League has adopted recommendations, developed by a committee co-chaired by President David Skorton, to minimize concussion in football. The guidelines, which will take effect this season, include limits on the number of full-pad/contact practices and more stringent postgame review of helmet-to-helmet and targeted hits. There will also be increased emphasis on educating student-athletes on such issues as proper tackling technique, concussion symptoms, and the potential short- and long-term costs of repetitive brain trauma. "It is important for our student-athletes to not only recognize symptoms of concussion in themselves and their teammates but to also understand the severity of such injuries and the need to relay that information to medical personnel," Skorton says. "Our goal is to emphasize that a concussion is a serious injury that requires immediate and proper treatment, including physical and cognitive rest, to promote healing."

University Raises Income Limit on No-Loan Aid

In July, the University announced a number of "adjustments to the financial aid program." The most notable change was an increase in the family income limit for no-loan aid. This had been set at \$60,000, but will be raised to \$75,000 for students matriculating in 2013 and after. The change does not affect current students. Administrators stated that the adjustments were necessary to ensure the "long-term sustainability" of the financial aid program. Under the new guidelines, students with family income of less than \$60,000 will have no loan requirements and no required parental contribution. For those in the \$60,000 to \$75,000 family-income bracket, financial aid packages will include loans that are capped at \$2,500 per year. According to University sources, need-based financial aid grants benefit more than 50 percent of current undergraduates and the percentage taking out loans has decreased from 43 to 34 since 2007.

Symposium Marks Roald Hoffmann's 75th Birthday

Nobel Prize-winning chemist Roald Hoffmann was fêted on his seventy-fifth birthday in July with a two-day symposium in his honor. Hoffmann, the Frank H. T. Rhodes Professor of Humane Letters Emeritus, has been on the Cornell faculty since 1965; he received the Nobel in 1981. In addition to his work in theoretical chemistry, Hoffmann—a Holocaust survivor who immigrated to the U.S. and attended high school and college in New York City—has written essays, poetry collections, science books for laymen, and a play about the discovery of oxygen. The weekend event, held in Baker Lab, featured chemistry demonstrations as well as talks by Hoffmann, Rhodes, and others. "From your earliest days," Rhodes said in a video tribute, "you have literally done everything."



JASON KOSKI / UP

Roald Hoffmann

Former Students Acquitted in Fraternity Alcohol Death

Three former students have been acquitted of all charges in the alcohol-related death of George Desdunes '13. In a bench trial in Tompkins County Court, former Sigma Alpha Epsilon pledges Max Haskin '14, Ben Mann '13, and Edward Williams '14 were found not guilty of misdemeanor hazing and providing alcohol to a minor; the fraternity chapter, which did not offer a defense, was convicted on all counts. A fourth student was also charged, but due to his status as a minor his case was disposed of separately and the outcome has not been disclosed.

According to criminal court documents, Desdunes had a blood alcohol content of .35 when he was taken to the hospital after a custodian found him unresponsive on a fraternity house couch. The nineteen-year-old Brooklyn resident had allegedly participated in a mock kidnapping ritual in which pledges "abducted" him and another brother, bound them, and required them to drink if they gave wrong answers to questions about fraternity trivia. The accused students have since left the University, and Sigma Alpha Epsilon has been banned from campus for at least five years. Desdunes's mother has filed a \$25 million wrongful death lawsuit against the national fraternity, its Cornell chapter, and more than a dozen of its members.

Hotel Dean Emeritus Dies at 91

Robert Beck '42, PhD '54, dean emeritus of the Hotel school, died July 31. He was ninety-one. Beck served as dean for two decades starting in 1961, years which saw significant institutional growth including the doubling of its undergrad enrollment. Current dean Michael Johnson calls him "one of the most beloved figures in the history of our school." A World War II veteran, Beck lost a leg in the invasion of Normandy. He joined the Cornell faculty in 1954; in 2004, the school named an addition to Statler Hall the Beck Center in honor of him and his late wife, Jan. He is survived by three daughters.



ROBERT BARKER / UP

Robert Beck '42, PhD '54

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Loneliness is bad for your health. Human development professor Anthony Ong finds that it can produce physical changes that mimic aging and increase the risk of heart disease.

Obesity accounts for 21 percent of U.S. health-care costs—more than double previous estimates—says human ecology professor John Cawley. He reports that on average, obese people incur an additional \$2,741 in medical expenses.

When speaking with someone of higher status, we may unconsciously mirror that person's linguistic style. Grad student Christian Danescu-Niculescu-Mizil and colleagues analyzed some 240,000 conversations among Wikipedia editors and 50,000 verbal exchanges during Supreme Court arguments.

Researchers at the Boyce Thompson Institute have decoded the genome of the tomato *Solanum lycopersicum*. The work could improve yield, nutritional value, disease resistance, taste, and color—not only of tomatoes but of other fruits like strawberries, apples, melons, and bananas.

Cornell Food and Brand Lab director Brian Wansink has found that kids can be persuaded to make healthier choices when superheroes are used as models. In a survey, kids were more likely to choose apple slices over French fries when the fruit was associated with superheroes.

Insect pollinators such as honeybees contributed \$29 billion to U.S. farm income in 2010, finds a study by entomologist Nicholas Calderone. It analyzed the interaction between the insects and fifty-eight crops that rely on them.

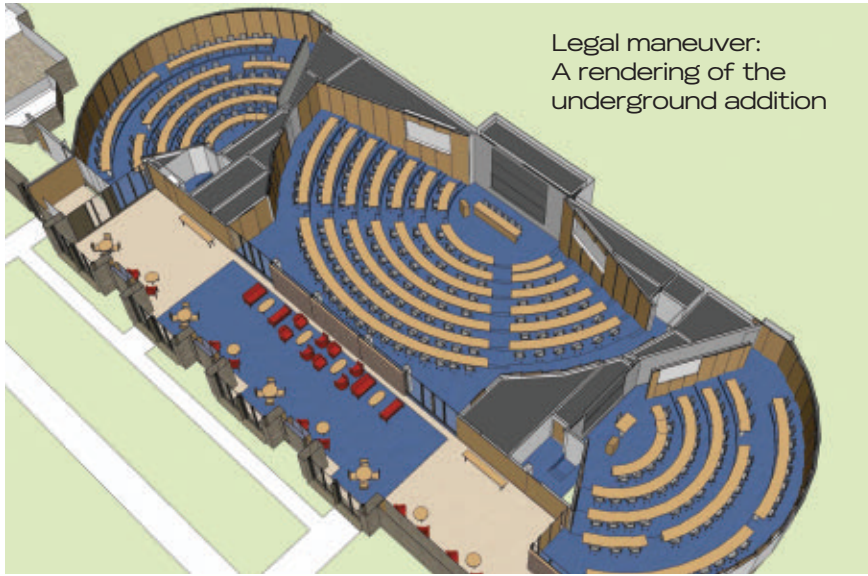
Cornell's Personal Robotics Lab has designed a robot specifically to clean house. Presented at the International Conference on Robotics and Automation in May, it uses newly developed algorithms to identify objects and place them in their correct spots in a room.

Applied economics and management researchers have developed a tool to help international relief organizations craft their responses to food shortages. Rather than sending traditional relief shipments, the agencies may do more good by providing money to purchase food from local sources.

Melting Arctic sea ice could trigger a domino effect resulting in severe winters in the Northern Hemisphere's middle latitudes, earth and atmospheric science professor Charles Greene and senior research associate Bruce Monger report in the journal *Oceanography*.

After conducting a study involving boys aged eight to twelve in the New York metro area, human development professor Jane Mendle reports in *Developmental Psychology* that early sexual development in males may increase the risk of depression and create problems in forming friendships.

Choline, a nutrient found in foods like broccoli and eggs, may help counter the negative effects of prenatal stress on fetal development. Nutritional sciences professor Marie Caudill and grad student Xinyin Jiang also found that it may reduce the risk of hypertension and diabetes later in life.



Legal maneuver:
A rendering of the
underground addition

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Law School Expansion Breaks Ground

At Reunion, the Law School broke ground on an underground expansion—the first phase of a \$60 million project. The addition, hoped to be completed by 2014, will comprise two classrooms and a 170-seat auditorium. Later phases will include the reconfiguration of the law library and the conversion of the residential Hughes Hall into offices and meeting spaces. At the groundbreaking ceremony, Dean Stewart Schwab noted that since Myron Taylor Hall's dedication in 1932, the school has more than tripled its faculty and student numbers and now hosts various research centers, institutes, visiting scholars, and exchange students. "We're bursting at the seams from all this activity," Schwab said, "and we need to expand our facility." The addition will be the campus's third underground structure, following the Cornell Store and Kroch Library. In June, the Law School announced one of the largest gifts in its history, \$25 million from an anonymous donor to expand endowment support for faculty research, student aid, and other programs.

Schwarz Honored with Essay Book

English professor Daniel Schwarz has been honored with a *festschrift*, an essay collection marking his contributions as a teacher and scholar. *Reading Text, Reading Lives: Essays in the Tradition of Humanistic Cultural Criticism in Honor of Daniel R. Schwarz* was published in the U.S. by the University of Delaware Press and in the U.K. by Rowman and Littlefield.

Schwarz, who joined the Cornell faculty in 1968, has won the Arts college's Russell Award for distinguished teaching and was named a Stephen H. Weiss Presidential Fellow in 1999. "Working on the *festschrift* was a true labor of love for me and an appreciation for all Dan Schwarz has done for countless people through his teaching, mentoring, and teaching-oriented scholarship," says co-editor Daniel Morris, a former student. "It is mind-blowing to me when I think about all the students Dan has influenced through his teaching and writing."



Daniel Schwarz

Give My Regards To...

These Cornellians in the News

President **David Skorton**, winner of the Avraham Harman Leadership Award from the American Jewish Committee.

Hank Dullea '61, Cornell's former vice president for university relations, named to the SUNY board of trustees.

Chemistry and chemical biology professor **Geoffrey Coates**, winner of the Presidential Green Chemistry Challenge Award from the Environmental Protection Agency. He also won the DSM Performance Materials Award, which carries a cash prize of 50,000 euros.

German physicist and neurobiologist **Winfried Denk, PhD '89**, co-inventor of two-photon microscopy, winner of the Kavli Prize in Neuroscience.

Indian industrialist **Ratan Tata '59, BArch '62**, winner of a lifetime achievement award for innovation in philanthropy from the Rockefeller Foundation.

Vet professor **Sharon Center**, named Outstanding Woman Veterinarian of the Year by the Association for Women Veterinarians Foundation.

Cornell Catering executive chef **Nery Trigueros-Gonzalez**, whose two flounder recipes won a gold medal at the annual Northeast regional competition of the National Association of College and University Food Service. He went on to take silver in the national contest.

The Cornell Orchestras, which won first prize among collegiate orchestras in the Adventurous Programming Awards from the American Society of Composers, Authors, and Publishers.

Christine Reich '95, a staff member at Boston's Museum of Science, named a "Champion of Change" by the White House for her work in leading education and employment efforts in the STEM disciplines for people with disabilities.



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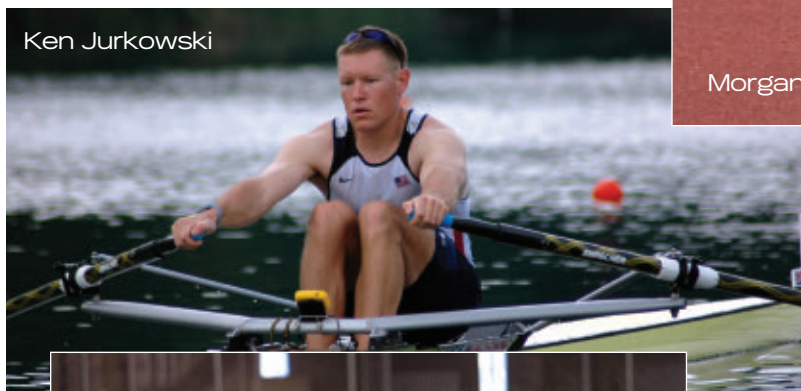
Cornell was well represented at the 2012 London Olympics, with three athletes and two coaches taking part in the summer games. Distance runner Morgan Uceny '07 competed in the women's 1500-meter event for the USA, while her teammate Muhammad Halim '08 was entered in the triple jump for the US Virgin Islands team—which was coached by Nathan Taylor, the Big Red's head coach of track and field. On the water, rower Ken Jurkowski '03 represented the USA in the single sculls competition, and Dan Fronhofer '04 was an assistant coach for the USA rowing team.

Uceny fared the best, showing world-class ability as she ran strong races to finish second in her preliminary heat of the 1500 and third in the semifinals. As we went to press, she was poised to compete for a medal in the finals on Friday, August 10. Halim wasn't as fortunate, placing ninth in his group in the first round and failing to move on, despite a season's-best jump of 53 feet, 9-3/4 inches. Jurkowski had a promising start, taking third in his first heat to advance to the single-scull quarterfinals. The veteran rower placed fifth there, followed by a sixth in the C/D semifinal; he withdrew from the D final (which determined places 19 to 24 in the 33-man field), reportedly for medical reasons. Congratulations all around to the competitors and coaches for their outstanding efforts.

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PRESEASON PICKS After setting numerous school and league football records last season, Big Red quarterback **Jeff Mathews '14** and receiver **Shane Savage '12** are showing up on many preseason All-American lists, including those compiled by Beyond Sports College Network and College Sports Madness. Mathews was also one of 20 players—and the only Ivy Leaguer—named to the watch list for the Walter Payton Award, which goes to the top player in the NCAA Football Championship Subdivision.

BRAINS ON ICE The ECAC Hockey League named **Keir Ross '12** the Men's Student-Athlete of the Year. A dean's list student with a 3.66 GPA, Ross was captain of the 2012 Cornell squad that reached the NCAA Midwest Regional final, and he had the team's second-best plus/minus rating. He also served as an assistant researcher for the Veterinary college and was active in community programs, including the Teddy Bear Toss and Feed My Starving Children. Ross is the second Cornell player in the last three years to win the award, following 2010 winner **Colin Greening '10**, now playing with the NHL's Ottawa Senators.

TOP ROWERS Three recent graduates celebrated their new status as alumni by winning gold medals at the Under-23 World Rowing Championships in Lithuania. **Gardner Yost '12** and **James Voter '12** were members of the men's heavyweight eight that edged Germany by just over a half-second for first place. **Taylor Goetzinger '12** was a member of the women's heavyweight eight that cruised to a win by almost five seconds over the 2,000-meter course.

LAX HONOR A three-time lacrosse All-American and captain of the 1966 Ivy champion squad, **Bruce Cohen '65, ME '67**, has been selected for the National Jewish Sports Hall of Fame. After graduating, he was named to the United States Club Lacrosse Association's All-Club team nine times. He was also a member of the U.S. team that won the world championship in 1974.

FUTURE PROS Two current members and one future member of the men's hockey team were selected in the 2012 NHL Entry Draft in June. Incoming freshman defenseman **Reece Willcox** was the first to hear his name called, when he was tabbed by the Philadelphia Flyers in the fifth round. Forward **John McCarron '15** was taken in the sixth round by the Edmonton Oilers, and defenseman **Joakim Ryan '15** was a seventh-round pick of the San Jose Sharks.

FRIENDLY RIVALS Three Cornell players appeared in the title game of the Under-19 World Men's Lacrosse Championship in Turku, Finland—and one came home a winner. **Connor Buczek '15** scored a goal, his 10th of the tournament, to help lead the U.S. team to a 10-8 win over Canada in the final. The win avenged an 11-9 Canadian win over the U.S. in pool play. **Dan Lintner '14** scored a pair of goals for Canada in that victory and finished with 16 goals and six assists in six games. Incoming freshman goaltender **Brennan Donville** made 11 saves for Canada during the title-game loss.

TOP RANK Playing as an amateur to retain his collegiate eligibility, **Venkat Iyer '14** has made his way onto the ATP World Tour tennis rankings. He won a pair of matches in ATP Futures events this summer, earning enough points to rank as high as number 1,384 in the world. He also reached the doubles semifinals of a Futures event in India to rank 1,475 in doubles.

MEMORIAL A summer lacrosse tournament in Lake Placid, New York, has turned into a reunion of Cornell lacrosse players and a fundraiser honoring a fallen teammate. In 2009, the Big Red Steelheads made their Lake Placid Classic debut in memory of **David Holder '95**, who died from lymphoma the previous fall. The group, led by **Tyler Hearon '95**, has raised more than \$10,000 for the David L. Holder Educational Foundation.

IRON MAN After winning the U.S. junior title in the shot put with a throw of 66 feet, 3-1/4 inches, **Stephen Mozia '15** went on to finish 10th at the IAAF World Junior Championships in Barcelona, Spain. He uncorked his best throw of 65 feet in the preliminary round to easily reach the finals, where he topped out at 63 feet, 9-3/4 inches.

MORE HITS Fresh off its first Ivy League title since 1977, Big Red baseball continued to make news. Outfielder **Brian Billigen '12** signed a free-agent minor league contract with the Arizona Diamondbacks and was assigned to their Arizona League rookie team. Teammate **Chris Cruz '14** was a top player for the Mohawk Valley Diamond Dawgs in the Perfect Game Collegiate Baseball League, where he earned a berth in the all-star game. And **Kellen Urbon '15** was named a freshman All-American by both Louisville Slugger and the National College Baseball Writers Association after posting a 0.47 ERA with nine saves and three wins in 22 appearances.

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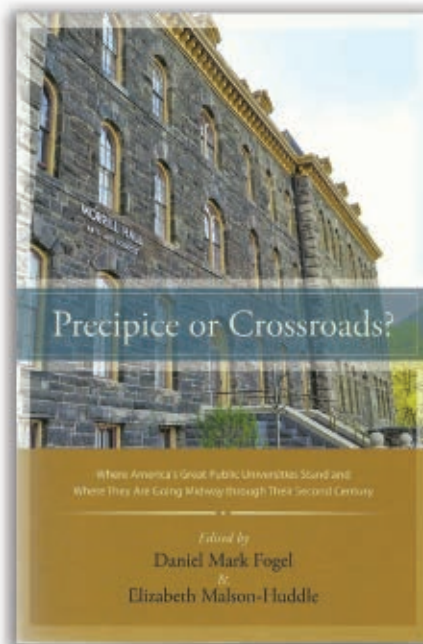
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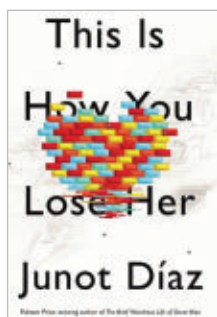
Precipice or Crossroads?

edited by Daniel Mark Fogel '69, MFA '74, PhD '79 & Elizabeth Malson-Huddle (SUNY)

American land-grant universities—once the nation’s most important source for innovation, problem solving, and economic competitiveness—are at risk from reduced public funding and rising tuition. “Our great public universities are under threat, and some would say they are facing their hour of maximum peril,” writes Fogel, former president of the University of Vermont. “Can the nation remain prosperous, strong, and healthy if these critical institutions have been sent careening toward a cliff edge, and can that hair-raising course be changed?”



This Is How You Lose Her by Junot Díaz, MFA '95 (Riverhead). Díaz, who won the 2008 Pulitzer Prize for his first novel, *The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao*, explores the themes of love, desire, infidelity, and obsession in his second collection of short stories. His recurring character, Yunior, says, “I’m like everybody else: weak, full of mistakes, but basically good.” Yet his outward honesty doesn’t keep him from cheating, and he struggles toward a more authentic self. In the aftermath of a bad breakup, Yunior turns to writing and learns that “the half-life of love is forever.”



First, Do Less Harm edited by Ross Koppel and Suzanne Gordon '67 (Cornell). Despite the best efforts of health-care workers and managers, patient safety is an ongoing problem. Misdiagnoses, lost tests, prescription errors, lack of training in complex technology, hospital-acquired infections, software bugs in electronic records, and lack of teamwork cost thousands of lives and billions of dollars each year in the U.S. In this collection of essays, physicians, nurses, researchers, and patients highlight issues of fatigue, hospital hygiene, excessive workloads, and risky cost-cutting measures and explore why patient safety is advancing at such a slow pace.



Familiar by J. Robert Lennon (Graywolf). Every year, Elisa Brown drives to Wisconsin to visit her son Silas’s grave, but this time her life undergoes a tectonic shift. She notices the crack in the windshield is gone, she’s wearing new clothes, and she’s driving a new car. Her house is different. Her other son, Sam, behaves oddly. Even her husband is kinder and more attentive. Weirdest of all, Silas never died in a car accident. Elisa feels lost in this altered life and wonders if she’s dragged the rest of the world into a dream where her son is still alive.



The Northern California Craft Beer Guide by Ken Weaver, MS '05, photography by Anneliese Schmidt, MS '05 (Cameron + Company). By the end of the Seventies, there were fewer than fifty breweries in America, down from 1,700 in 1900. Since then the beer industry has transformed itself from a producer of bland lagers to a maker of fine craft beers. This handbook breaks down the territory into eight regions and includes top beer suggestions, style discussions, an event calendar, and information on breweries, beer bars, restaurants, and bottle and homebrew shops.



Poetry

A Thousand Doors by Matt Pasca '95 (JB Stillwater). Inspired by a Buddhist parable about grief and healing, Pasca explores the fine line between trauma and wonder.

Natural Selections by Joseph Campana, PhD '03 (Iowa). A professor of Renaissance literature at Rice University won the 2011 Iowa Poetry Prize with this second collection of poems.

Fiction

The Calypso Directive by Brian Andrews, MBA '03 (Arcade). An unscrupulous pharmaceutical company holds Will Foster in quarantine, planning to use his DNA, which carries immunity to most diseases, to create a lucrative gene therapy. Will escapes and tries to discover the truth and elude his pursuers in this debut thriller.

The Madman Theory by Harvey Simon '76 (Rosemoor). What if Richard Nixon had been elected president in 1960 instead of John F. Kennedy? In his first novel, a former national security analyst speculates how Nixon might have responded to the Cuban Missile Crisis of 1962.

The Rescuer's Path by Paula Friedman '60 (Plain View). Malca Bernovski can't forget the events of the early Seventies: her lover, Gavin, an antiwar activist, was shot dead and she gave up their baby for adoption. Thirty years later, when Malca, now middle-aged and married, receives a call from her daughter, both women must learn to heal the wounds of the past and open themselves to a new future.

Coming Flu by J. L. Greger, PhD '73 (Oak Tree). When a new strain of flu kills more than two hundred people in a gated community near Albuquerque, epidemiologist Sara Almquist must combat the double danger of the epidemic and a drug kingpin.

Non-Fiction

The China Fallacy by Donald Gross '74 (Bloomsbury). A policy expert and former State Department official challenges current China policy, which sees the country as a future threat. He questions America's increased military presence in the Asia-Pacific and argues that eliminating trade barriers would bring greater prosperity to the U.S. and strengthen human rights and democracy in China.

Ithaca by Mary Williams '97 (Arcadia). The Images of America series looks back at Ithaca's past—its people, landscape, archi-

ture, organizations, and activities—in photographs selected from the History Center in Tompkins County.

Drinking Diaries edited by Leah Odze Epstein '88 & Caren Osten Gerszberg (Seal). "Whether our drinking is a choice or compulsion, people rarely talk about its quotidian existence," write the editors of this collection of personal stories about the role of alcohol in women's lives.

People of the Water by Joseph W. Bastien, PhD '73 (Utah). The Uru-Chapayans, a people of the Bolivian Andes, were reduced to 400 members by 1940, but their population has rebounded in recent years. A professor of sociology and anthropology at the University of Texas, Arlington, examines how they have maintained their culture against the forces of modernity.

The Legacy of David Foster Wallace edited by Samuel Cohen and Lee Konstantinou '00 (Iowa). The editors gather critical essays, interviews, and reminiscences of the late novelist by Rick Moody, Dave Eggers, Jonathan Franzen, and other contemporary writers.

The Lettered Mountain by Frank Salomon, PhD '78, and Mercedes Niño-Murcia (Duke). A professor emeritus of anthropology at the University of Wisconsin and his colleague analyze the history of literacy among rural Peruvian Indians.

Land and Loyalty by Tomas Larsson, MA '04 (Cornell). A lecturer in politics and international studies at the University of Cambridge explores Thailand's record of development and property rights.

Warrior Ways edited by Eric Eliason and Tad Tuleja, MA '68 (Utah State). An exploration of American military folklore, from marching cadences to slang, humor, and music.

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If you build it: Kicking back with a view of the Architecture campus, new and old (above). Left: With eight attendees, the Class of '37 set a 75th Reunion record.



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Sporting life: (Clockwise from top) Suited up for the alumni baseball game; in the audience at Cornelliana Night; and former singers salute outgoing choral director Scott Tucker.



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What's Brewing?

Professor Karl Siebert answers that question, and many others, in his courses on making and tasting beer



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On tap: Self-described “Beer Prof” Karl Siebert (above).
Left: Hops plants in bloom.

As a young man coming of age in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, Karl Siebert wasn't much for beer. During the seven years he spent at Penn State in the Sixties earning a bachelor's degree and a PhD in biochemistry, his social lubricant of choice was a mixed drink—even when a Stroh's interview committee invited him to lunch during the interview process for a post in the Detroit brewery's research department. Everyone else at the table ordered the local suds, but Siebert followed the lead of the head scientist and ordered a cocktail. “In retrospect, that was really stupid,” says Siebert, now a Cornell professor of food science, “but it worked out.”

Indeed. The folks at Stroh's cared more about Siebert's scientific acumen than his bar preferences, and he spent nearly two decades at the brewery, ascending to director of research. In 1990, Siebert became head of Cornell's Department of Food Science and Technology at the New York State Agricultural Experiment Station in Geneva. Today he's the University's self-described “beer prof,” a member of the four-professor team that teaches Understanding Wine and Beer, Cornell's only for-credit course devoted to the science of fermentation and brewing.

In February, Siebert launched the Brewing Science and Technology Short Course, a nine-hour extension program for professional and home brewers. More than seventy students—including pros from Otter Creek, Empire Brewing Company, Ommegang, and Long Trail—signed up before enrollment maxed out the Geneva campus's largest auditorium. (Another session is scheduled for October.) “The interest in making beer on the part of both home brewers and small brewers—brew-pubs and craft brewers—has mushroomed incredibly in recent years,” says Siebert, who covered such topics as the vocabulary of the brewing process, the agronomy of barley and hops, and the biochemistry of fermentation. “At the lowest point—in the Seventies—there were as few as fifteen brewing companies in this country; now there are hundreds. Every time you turn around, someone's starting up a new one.”

In addition to Siebert's lectures—and a lunch enlivened by samples from participating brewers—the short course featured Cooperative Extension hops specialist Steve Miller, who gave a talk on the blossoms central to beer's creation. Hoping to connect with brewers, enrich his understanding of the overall brewing process, and gauge interest in local sourcing, he wound up

sticking around for the full day. “There are about a hundred microbrewers in New York State now, plus the ones in New England,” says Miller, noting that he expects there will be more than a hundred acres of hops vines planted statewide in time for the 2013 harvest. “This is why we’re able to start a hop industry here—because there’s a whole new group of people to sell to. Brewers are anxious to get New York State-grown hops, to say in their marketing that they’re buying from local growers or growing their own.”

With a farm brewery bill signed by Governor Andrew Cuomo in mid-July, that trend is likely to accelerate. Modeled on the Farm Winery Act of 1976 (co-authored by John Dyson ’65), which allowed grape growers to ferment and bottle their harvest for direct sale, the bill lets microbrewers sell their products on their premises, providing they’ve sourced the majority of the ingredients from New York growers. “Whether legislators realize it or not,” says Siebert, “it will have a huge influence on agricultural production of certain crops.”

Siebert’s expertise spans food chemistry and microbiology as well as sensory analysis; he has tackled such research topics as the role of various proteins in beer that promote foaming, create haziness, and influence mouth-feel and flavor. He started co-teaching Understanding Wine and Beer in 2000, joining forces with fellow food science faculty to offer a science-based alternative to the Hotel school’s Introduction to Wines. Unlike Siebert’s comparatively layman-friendly day-long extension program, the three-credit course delves deeply into the physiology of olfaction and taste, the influence of water chemistry on beer styles, and the microbiology of the yeast central to brewing and fermentation.

Like Intro to Wines and the short course, Understanding Wine and Beer features tastings; students must be twenty-one or obtain a waiver from their adviser testifying to its academic pertinence. In its early years, the course had an impressively high attrition rate, a trend Siebert attributes in part to those tastings. “Not only do they taste nice things, there are nasty things as well,” says the professor, who illustrates the protective effect of green glass with a particularly noxious offering of Heineken that has been exposed to fluorescent light. “We also talk about chemistry and microbiology—and, horrors, we expect them to learn it and we test them on it.” In recent years, enrollment has held steady at about 100 students. “I guess,” Siebert says, “the word got out about the science.”

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Ready for His Close-Up

As Barack Obama's videographer, **Arun Chaudhary '97** had a front-row seat to history

Former film theory major Arun Chaudhary '97 joined the Obama presidential campaign as a video producer—working through the primary race, general election, and pre-inaugural transition. After President Obama took office in January 2009, Chaudhary became the first official White House videographer. He traveled the world for nearly three years, filming the President, the First Lady, and other members of the administration—and then toiling in the editing room late into the night to package the events for posterity. In addition to capturing moments both historic and candid, Chaudhary created “West Wing Week,” a video podcast summarizing the news in and around 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue. Chaudhary, who grew up outside New York City and holds an MFA in film production from NYU, left the White House in August 2011 and is now a senior vice president at Revolution Messaging, which crafts mobile technology strategies for politically progressive organizations.

Cornell Alumni Magazine: How is Barack Obama different in person than on camera?
Arun Chaudhary: There is no difference.

His sense of humor is maybe ever-so-slightly more sardonic if he's not on camera—but it really is remarkable, and it makes him a dream subject to film. I think the fact that there's no difference between his public and private personas is the key to why I was allowed to do this. All of his advisers, his whole family, everyone thought it would be fine. But I can see the next president, whoever takes over in 2016, not wanting to have a personal videographer because maybe they don't trust themselves, or their advisers don't trust them. But there was never anyone around the president who thought this was a bad idea.

CAM: Does your mention of 2016 mean you're optimistic about his re-election chances?

AC: Because of his authenticity on and off camera—and because of Mitt Romney's lack of it—I hope and expect that the president will be re-elected. I also think he'll do well based on his record of accomplishments in office.

CAM: What was it like to meet then-

candidate Obama?

AC: I filmed him a couple times at a distance, and in July 2007 I met him when he did his first “Dinner with Barack” event. It was a quick handshake, and he did this thing he always does, which is he goes, “Hi, I'm Barack...Obama”—as if I might conflate him with all the other Baracks. And he proceeded to have an incredibly low-key dinner with these people. It had been funny, because as I was preparing for it, I was told over and over, “This isn't about a movie, Arun, it's about having a real dinner, so we don't want your equipment in the way.” I was so nervous that I hid the microphones so we could get it all without being obtrusive. But in the end he was so captivating that it wouldn't have mattered. That's one of the things I learned early on—to trust him to put people at ease.

CAM: What were your duties during the campaign?

AC: We were all shooter-producer-editors—we each carried about eighty pounds of gear. There were three of us in the primaries, six in the general election. As time went on, it became clear that the best things we could put out were authentic representations of what the senator was doing. Our general philosophy was that the more people saw Barack Obama talk about his message and the issues, the more who would vote for him—and that turned out to absolutely be the case.

CAM: What was life like on the campaign trail?

AC: It was an incredible experience. We'd do five to ten events a day. We could be in as many as seven states. It was doing what I know how to do, making films, but pushed to its absolute limit. We never had time to go back to the hotel to edit; the plane or van was our studio. When you're making a movie to get into Sundance, you don't edit it in a noisy café with people screaming at you. But when you're making a video of someone who's trying to get elected President of the United States, that's exactly what you do. I edited an early vote ad for Florida underneath a press table at the presidential debate at Hofstra University.

CAM: How did it feel when he won?

AC: In a way, it was anticlimactic. I was very, very tired. It's emblematic of a campaign, actually; when you get close to the center, the moments when you feel excitement are different. During speeches, when people were screaming and freak-

ing out, I'd usually be backstage next to the port-o-potties waiting for him to come offstage so I could film him. On election night, I was backstage watching on the smallest TV you could imagine, which was perched on a stool. But I was in a good spot when he finished his victory speech—because besides family, I got the first hug.

CAM: If there were other campaign videographers, how did you land the White House job?

AC: I was the natural one because I had been working the closest with the president-elect. Obviously, being the first, there had to be an enormous amount of trust on both sides.

CAM: What were your duties in the White House?

AC: It changed from trying to communicate a campaign's message to documenting the presidency for history. But it's tricky. What is history? Does that mean what people want to see next week, or in twenty years, or in a hundred?

CAM: What was your work life like?

AC: I basically kept to the president's schedule, but when that was done, I'd have to edit. It was a lot of late nights in the EEOB [Eisenhower Executive Office Building] in various states of undress, screaming at the computer. If we were traveling I'd be editing on the plane or in a hotel room. When the day was finally done, like at the G-20 Summit in France, people would say, "Maybe we actually have time to go out and see something." I would be the one who *doesn't* get to go out. I'd go back to the hotel and start editing.

CAM: Did you go everywhere the president went?

AC: I went on about two-thirds of his trips. I tried not to bug the guy. I never went on vacation with him.

CAM: Did you get to ride on *Air Force One*?

AC: I did, and it's a fantastic ride—definitely the best way to fly. But it's set up for you to work, not to be a private air-yacht fun factory. It really is a flying mini-White House.

CAM: Why did you decide to leave the White House?

AC: For one thing, I had a toddler whom I never saw, and my wife was about to kill me. And second, I thought I might be burning out, and I wanted to be energetic

enough to help figure out the next step of White House videography and to train the next person.

CAM: Looking back at your time in the White House, what events stand out? What will you tell your grandchildren about?

AC: Well, when they killed Osama bin Laden I was home in my pajamas, so I probably wouldn't tell them about *that*. One of my favorite moments—and it doesn't make me look particularly great—was when we went to Prague to sign the new START treaty in 2010. It was a really long day, and as President Obama was signing it in this amazing room in Prague Castle, I was so tired I fell asleep. I was in front of the dignitaries—ducked down in front of Secretary Clinton, because I was trying to get her reaction shot—and I actually put my head in the lap of Admiral Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. And he's such a nice, gentle guy, he just picked my head up and woke me so no one ever noticed.

CAM: Any other memorable moments?

AC: I got to take Amtrak with Joe Biden, which is every American's dream. And he literally does know every conductor by name.

CAM: What about some of the other people you covered, like Michelle Obama and Hillary Clinton?

AC: The First Lady is hysterically funny, and very centering emotionally. She's just a remarkable person. Secretary Clinton became one of my favorite people to film; she's also very funny, which people don't realize. I was at the State Department one of the first days that Hope Hall, the second White House videographer, was shadowing me, and we were talking about what we shoot and what we don't. I was filming Secretary Clinton pouring a cup of coffee in the kitchen while she was waiting to make a speech, and she whirled around and said, "*Don't film this!*" And I said, "I'm so sorry, Madame Secretary!" And she said, "Oh, I'm just kiddin', it's coffee!" And I turned to Hope and said, "It's like this all the time. You never quite know if you're in trouble or not."

CAM: And finally: What's Bo Obama really like?

AC: Great dog. So cute, and such a good boy. Well trained. But he wasn't my biggest fan. A couple of times on the Colonnade, he caught my eye and barked at me something fierce.

— Beth Saulnier

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Inside a manufacturing and demo facility in an office park off Boston’s Route 128 tech corridor is a tongue-in-cheek sign: “Please Do Not Feed the Robots.” It’s a joke, of course, but you can see why visitors would be tempted to throw treats: these spinning, scurrying automatons with the squat orange bodies and the glowing blue lights that pass for eyes are as anthropomorphic as they are adorable.

The cavernous space in North Read-

Big wheels: The Kiva system employs compact orange robots (opposite) who retrieve individual shelving modules from a warehouse and carry them to packing stations (above).

ing, Massachusetts, is home to Kiva Systems, makers of a state-of-the-art “mobile robotic fulfillment system.” Its creations—roughly two feet square and a foot tall—are worker bees that retrieve merchandise from e-commerce warehouses. If you shop online, chances are

good that a Kiva robot has fetched something for you; the firm’s clients include such merchants as Walgreen’s, Crate and Barrel, the Gap, Staples, Office Depot, and diapers.com. In March, the company was taken over by the ultimate e-commerce behemoth, when Amazon.com announced

it was buying Kiva for a whopping \$775 million.

If the Kiva robots look vaguely familiar to Cornellians of recent vintage, it's no accident. The firm's technical co-founder is Raffaello D'Andrea, a former engineering professor who oversaw the Big Red's Robocup robotic soccer team from the late Nineties to the mid-Oughts. Cornell took home the international Robocup trophy four times—including in 1999, the first year it entered. Its players are the Kiva robots' spiritual ancestors, if not their direct technical progenitors, and a hefty portion of the company's early hires were Robocup veterans. "It was a natural fit," says Eryk Nice '02, MS '04, who was on the championship squad his senior year (and still has a Robocup flag in his Kiva office). "One of the great things about Robocup was that it was a comprehensive systems engineering program where we had electrical engineers working with mechanical engineers working with software engineers, and they all had to come together." Software product manager Steve Wilson '08 estimates that when he and his twin brother, Andrew Wilson '08, interned at Kiva between their junior and senior years, "of thirty employees, about half were from MIT—and a third were from Cornell." The firm has since



KIVA SYSTEMS

grown to some 300 workers, about a dozen Big Red alums among them. As Peter Blair '90, Kiva's senior director of marketing, puts it: "There's a lot of Cornell DNA in the company, the product, and the technology."

The Kiva system streamlines a necessary but burdensome aspect of e-com-

merce: what happens between the time you click "buy" and your goods land on a delivery truck. From a vast warehouse, someone (or something) has to gather the items in your order—the T-shirt and the blender, the vitamins and the iPad case—and put them in a box. That can be a complex and expensive proposition for



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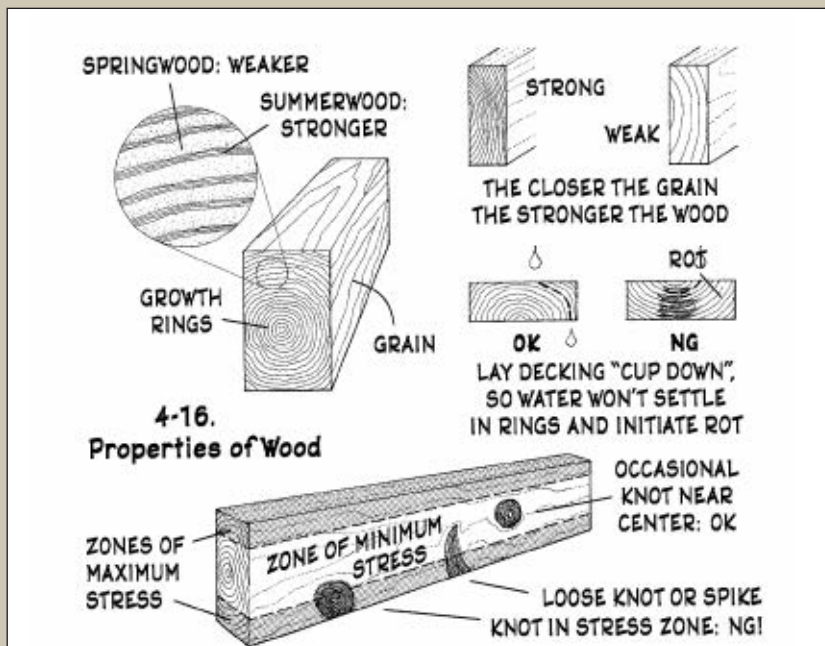
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retailers, and a misery for workers. Over the past couple of years, allegedly poor conditions in fulfillment centers—from heat-stroke-inducing temperatures to Sisyphean productivity quotas—have made headlines. In its March/April issue, *Mother Jones* published “I Was a Warehouse Wage Slave,” a damning report from the front lines of an unnamed company describing “picker” shifts that entailed twelve miles of speed-walking on concrete, punctuated by back-breaking bending and lifting. “With Kiva, the whole component of walking is taken over by robots,” says Blair. “Instead of people walking around a warehouse, which might take twenty minutes to find five items, they pick those same items in a minute and a half because everything is brought to them.”

And increasingly, time is profit in e-commerce—as consumers shopping from the comfort of their couches demand near-instant gratification. “Five years ago, you ordered something and it would show up next week, and that was okay; today if it takes more than forty-eight hours you’re ticked off,” Blair says. “Or think of free shipping. It used to be a big deal, but now it’s almost expected. In another year it’ll be standard to get free shipping—and in the future it will be free *next-day* shipping. Our expectations are heightened as we get used to the e-commerce world.”

In other words, shoppers will want to receive their goods faster than humanly possible—literally. With the Kiva system, workers at packing stations call up each order, but the robots do the legwork. They scurry around the warehouse to the mobile shelves stocked with the desired items, their movements guided by finely honed software (and tape marks on the floor). When each robot reaches its destination, it slides under the shelf and whirls around to turn a screw that lifts the entire shelving unit off the floor, then brings it back to the packing station and waits in line. When a robot reaches the front, a red light points at the correct slot on its shelf; the worker then scans the item and puts it in the shipping box, and the robot returns the shelving unit to the warehouse. “The robots will come to intersections and wait or move depending on what’s going on around them; it’s an orchestrated dance,” Blair says. “One of the fun things about this job is showing the robots to people. Their first reaction is, ‘This can’t be real. When are they going to crash into each other?’ And we’ll say, ‘You can stand here and watch all day. They’re not going to crash.’”

— Beth Saulnier



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Robert Butler '62, BArch '64, has worked as an off-the-grid carpenter in Big Sur, California, an architect in Atlanta, and a pre-sale home inspector in New York's tony Westchester County. He's also authored six books on technical topics in architecture and engineering for professionals in those fields and holds two patents on architectural inventions. In the early Seventies, he designed and built the house in which he and his wife have lived ever since.

In his first self-published book, *Architecture Laid Bare! In Shades of Green*, Butler coalesces insights from throughout his career in a primer on building systems and construction practices for lay readers. Making a departure from the do-it-yourself ethos he embraced early in his career, Butler writes for "literate homeowners" unlikely to remodel their own kitchen, lay their own roofing shingles, or install their own toilet, but in need of the insight that promotes optimal service from building trades professionals. "It's not intended to be a book that you would read cover to cover, like a novel," says Butler, who compares the 458-page, robustly indexed tome to an encyclopedia. "The ideal reader might skim and get a real good idea of what it's about. Then, if you have to hire a plumber, you can read this section and say, 'This is the way I want it done, like it's described in these pages.'"

Peppered with personal anecdotes, *Architecture Laid Bare* begins with tips on how to conduct the bidding process that precedes hiring an architect or construction firm and concludes with basic principles of acoustics and their application in the built environment. Along the way, Butler delves into structural engineering, electricity, lighting, plumbing, and climate control. He also holds forth on what's hot in environmentally friendly design and construction, rendering opinions on everything from the U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification program—it misses the mark, he concludes—to the charm of reused building materials, a critical analysis of eco-marketing, and the merits of wood-burning fireplaces. "Architecture has lately fallen into the wrong hands: legions of phony promoters, incompetent professionals, and profiteering purveyors who prey on the very occupants they claim to serve," he writes in the introduction. "And it is time to wrest this science of shelter, this Mother of the Arts, from these exploiters and place it in the hands of those who ask for, pay for, and live in these enclosures: You."

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Life Lessons

A classics professor explores what biographies—even apocryphal ones—can teach us about the ancients



One for the ages: Verity Platt in her office with a cast of the famed classical sculpture fragment known as the Belvedere Torso

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Pop music fans of a certain vintage know the urban legend: Phil Collins witnessed a friend drown while a potential rescuer stood by and did nothing. Then he wrote the song “In the Air Tonight,” sat the miscreant in the front row of a concert, and shone a spotlight on him while singing the damning lyrics about a man drowning while someone “would not lend a hand.”

It wasn’t true, of course—but it made for good gossip and provided a juicy embellishment to Collins’s biography. And in the end, it said more about the audience than the artist.

Flash back a couple of millennia, and you could have fodder for the Ancient Lives Project. Classics professor Verity Platt is one of three lead researchers on the three-year effort, funded

with some \$1.5 million from the European Research Council. The project aims to explore biographical “facts” ascribed to Greek and Roman poets, philosophers, and artists—not because they’re believed to be true, but because they inform study of how their work has been viewed and interpreted throughout the centuries. The project will include three conferences, funding for grad students and postdocs, and the creation of a website compiling reference materials for scholars. “The idea is that there’s a huge amount of material about ancient poets from a biographical point of view, and over the last few decades people have tended to dismiss it all as fiction,” says the British-born Platt, who did her undergrad, graduate, and postdoctoral work at Oxford. “The main scholarly enterprise has been to debunk it all. But this project is saying, ‘Hang

on, there's all this wonderful material that may not be true, but is still interesting if you think of it from the point of view of reception. What kind of evidence does it give for how people were reading ancient poets?' The stories people told about their lives are evidence of the way they were reading their works."

Take Virgil, author of *The Aeneid*. In the Middle Ages, Platt says, he was popularly described as having been a magician. "He was seen as the archetypal pagan poet, so he was the doorway to a world beyond Christianity that becomes associated with the occult," she says. "His tomb was located around Naples, and he was almost the city's pagan saint. So Virgil as a magician has this whole life which is independent of his poetry, but gives us insight into the way people were reading his work and the kinds of lives they had." Similarly, Socrates is commonly depicted as ugly and snub-nosed—and while that may be accurate based on contemporaneous descriptions, Platt says, there's a deeper symbolic meaning to that portrayal. "Socrates famously didn't trust any material representation or manifestation

of things in the world—it was all about abstract thought," she says. "So it makes sense that a philosopher who stands for those ideas is ugly; his outward form belies his inner self."

Platt also cites the Greek poet Sappho, whose reception and description has varied through the ages. "There's the idea of her as this romantic heroine who threw herself off a cliff because she was rejected in love, so she is this representation of female desire," says Platt. "Then there's the whole lesbian side of Sappho, which is very important for people studying women's writing and queer theory." Platt, who is the project's expert on visual interpretations of ancient poets, points out the bust of Sappho in her Goldwin Smith office. "Sappho is someone whom we have no idea at all what she looked like," she notes. "If you look at her portrait, the person she looks most like iconographically is Athena, who was called 'the manly maid' and was the goddess of warfare as well as of weaving and other feminine skills. So Sappho has these more masculine qualities and is equivalent to the male poets in stature, but she has all

these feminine qualities too."

Then there's Homer, whom Platt holds up as an example of how understanding of the ancients has evolved right up to the modern day. Because he was likely not a real person—*The Iliad* and *The Odyssey* having sprung from centuries of oral performances before being written down—his "biography" has always been a matter of interpretation. "Homer may not have existed at all, but there's a rich biographical tradition about him," Platt says. "Everybody wants to claim him as their own and tell different stories about him. So you have the ancient tradition that he was blind, which is related to him being a kind of prophet. Then you have someone like Malcolm X, who said that Homer was a black slave who was blinded so he couldn't run back to Africa and was forced to tell the stories of his white owners—so he recreates Homer in the image of black liberation. So it's really interesting as a way of thinking about how these poets have been reclaimed by successive generations for their own ends."

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Follow the leader: Mayor Svante Myrick '09 speaks at the 2012 Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebration at Ithaca elementary school.

Mr. Mayor

Precocious politico Svante Myrick '09 has the corner office in Ithaca's City Hall

Ask Svante Myrick '09 if he's sick of being asked about his two mayoral firsts—he's not only the youngest in Ithaca history, but the first African American—and he'll tell you a story. It's one he heard from a staff member whose sixteen-year-old son dropped by City Hall. "He's a young black man, and in the elevator someone asked him, 'Are you the mayor?'" Myrick recalls. "She told me this, and I laughed. And she said, 'No, you don't understand. He's been mistaken for a lot of things. He's been stereotyped; people have crossed the street when they saw him coming. But to have somebody assume that he's an authority

figure—that he should be respected rather than feared—had never happened before.'"

And that, says Myrick, "is the type of thing that just blows you over."

The former CALS communication major was just twenty-four when he assumed the corner office in January, but he was no political neophyte. As a junior, Myrick was elected to the city's Common Council—representing the ward that includes Collegetown—and spent four years advocating affordable housing, youth involvement in government, and public smoking bans. During the mayoral race, he knocked on thousands of doors, defeating a veteran county legislator in the Democratic primary and going on to take

54 percent of the vote in a four-way general election.

His prize for all that tireless politicking? "Meetings," Myrick says. "A lot of meetings and e-mail. I get over 200 e-mails a day to my city in-box alone, and then there are my personal e-mails, my Cornell e-mail, all kinds of Facebook and Twitter messages. I try to answer all of those and take eight to twelve meetings a day." The most pressing issues on his constituents' minds, he says, are common to cities everywhere: housing, transportation, crime, government transparency. And then there's the fiscal time bomb he's struggling to defuse: a \$3 million budget deficit. "We've been facing this deficit for the past five years," Myrick laments. "To

get out of it, each year we've been raising taxes and taking at least \$1 million out of savings, and we can't do that anymore. So we're gonna cut, because we have to." Facing the prospect of laying off police officers and firefighters, the city has implemented a host of cost-saving measures, from debt refinancing to early retirement incentives to limiting the use of municipal vehicles. "We're trying everything in the book—and we're making stuff up and adding it to the book," says Myrick, who will present his proposed budget to Common Council at the end of September.

Like many an Ithaca mayor before him, Myrick would like a certain occupier of vast swaths of tax-exempt land far above Cayuga's waters to voluntarily contribute more to the city's bottom line. He couches it as a win-win: safer student neighborhoods (Collegetown has one of the city's highest burglary rates); more affordable housing for faculty and staff; better schools for their children; improved public transportation to alleviate the perennial parking crunch. "We have 100,000 people driving into our community every day," he notes, "and only 30,000 paying to fix up the streets." And yes, the University's big-ticket investment in the NYC Tech campus rankles—and makes Myrick skeptical that Cornell can't afford to contribute more in its own backyard. "We have a \$3 million deficit, and we're having to lay off police officers and firefighters—and the University has an endowment of \$6 billion and is making an investment of \$2 billion in another city," Myrick says. "It's tough to take that line of reasoning seriously."

Town-gown issues are familiar to Myrick, who grew up outside Hamilton, New York, home of Colgate University. And struggling to make ends meet is also nothing new. Myrick and his three siblings were raised by an impoverished single mother (they had little contact with their father, who was addicted to drugs). The family spent time in homeless shelters and got groceries from food pantries; Myrick and his siblings had after-school jobs, including a window-washing business that he and a friend launched, charging 50 cents a pane. "I know it has motivated me," he says of his background. "I hope it's made me better at my job, because I have a real understanding of what folks in my city are struggling with—not an academic or a second-hand understanding, but a real, visceral understanding."

And in an era when government is often vilified as burdensome and profligate, Myrick holds himself up as an example of the good it can do. "I got here with



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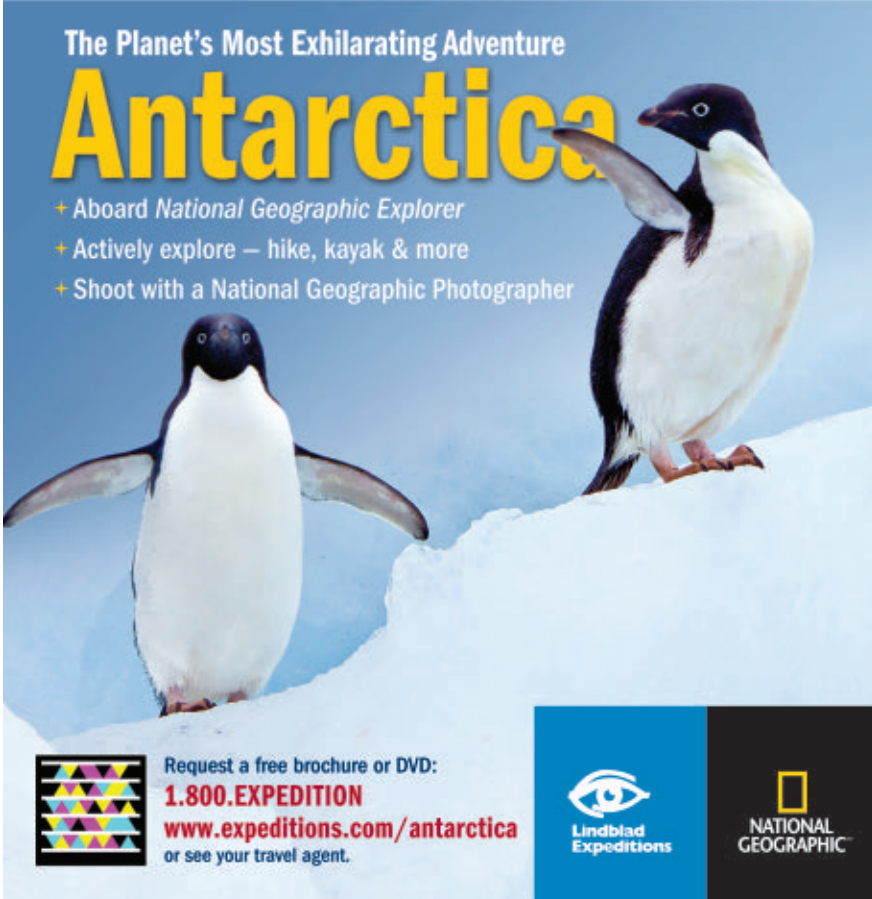
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a lot of help from my mom, my family, my church, and largely from the government—not just food stamps and housing but public education, free breakfast and lunch at school, teachers who pushed me, all the way to the University where I got grants and federal funding,” he says. “People hear all the time that these programs are ineffective, they’re a waste of money, the people they’re trying to help can’t succeed. I wake up every morning wanting to be evidence to the contrary.”

Some of Myrick’s biographical details are, of course, reminiscent of a fellow American currently residing at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue. He is a precocious, Ivy League-educated politician of mixed race; he was raised in modest circumstances by a single white mother, with an absentee father of African descent; he possesses an odd-sounding name and somewhat prominent ears. And indeed, Barack Obama’s memoir *Dreams From My Father* made an indelible impression on Myrick, whose maternal grandmother gave him the book after Obama’s star-making speech at the 2004 Democratic National Convention. “I read it cover to cover and sent her an e-mail saying, ‘It’s such a shame that someone like that can’t become president,’ ” recalls Myrick, who met his idol at a 2011 White House reception for young officeholders. “I assumed that if you’re born with a name like Barack Hussein Obama, or you’re raised by a single mother, there’s a ceiling on your success. And he showed me there’s no ceiling. The only limit to what you can accomplish is your own imagination. He definitely changed my life.”

Myrick still lives on Linden Street in Collegietown, in a house nicknamed the Hall of Justice (after the heroes’ headquarters in the “Super Friends” cartoon). In addition to two PhD students, his roommate is Nate Shinagawa ’09, a county legislator running for Congress. (Former Ithaca alderman Eddie Rooker ’10 also lived there until recently, when he enrolled in law school at NYU.) He walks to work every day, having given up his car several years ago due to global warming concerns; the mayor’s reserved space outside City Hall has been transformed into a public mini-park with plants and benches. While his job doesn’t allow much time for socializing—and his beloved Royal Palm Tavern, where he worked the door as an undergrad, has closed—he occasionally grabs a drink at Stella’s or the Chapter House. Even there, though, he’s often on the clock. “When I go out,” he says, “I usually end up talking taxes.”

— Beth Saulnier

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150 years ago, the Morrill Land Grant Act paved the way for Cornell

Prologue

By Carol Kammen

Morrill victory:
U.S. Rep. Justin Smith
Morrill, the Vermont
legislator who spon-
sored the Land Grant
Act that bears his
name. Inset: Cornell's
Morrill Hall (then known
as Building No. 1) in
1868.

Cornell University was chartered in 1865 and opened its doors in 1868, but the law that was vital in allowing it to come into being is celebrating its sesquicentennial this year. It had a long and difficult birth.

In 1857, proponents introduced the Morrill Land Grant Act in Congress, only to have it opposed by states' rights advocates who stalled its passage until 1859. President James Buchanan then vetoed the act on the grounds that the federal government had never supported education—and in a time of economic weakness, putting so much land on the market might depress prices even more.

The Morrill Act was based on two strong foundations. One was the statement in the Northwest Ordinance, passed by the Continental Congress in 1787, that “knowledge, being necessary to good government and the happiness of mankind, schools and the means of education shall forever be encouraged.” Its other underpinning arose from those who sought to reform or broaden higher education to include the study of agriculture. Simeon DeWitt—who named, owned, and sold land in Ithaca—broached the idea of agricultural education in an 1819 essay entitled *Considerations on the Necessity of Establishing an Agricultural College, and having more of the children of wealthy citizens educated for the profession of farming*. Others took up the cause of



agricultural education, and in 1861 backers approached Justin Smith Morrill, U.S. Representative from Vermont, to re-introduce the bill to which his name was affixed.

The 37th Congress, consisting of those states that remained in the Union, accomplished more than one might expect with the nation embroiled in a war. It passed the Homestead Act, the Pacific Railway Act, and the Morrill Land Grant Act—which donated public lands to the states and territories in order to provide “colleges for the benefit of agriculture and the Mechanic arts.” Military science was added, as the Union faced not only the Civil War but also a continuing need for trained military officers. President Abraham Lincoln signed the bill into law on July 2, 1862.

For the federal government, the Morrill Act was primarily about land. The government held too much of it, especially in the mid- and trans-Mississippi West. By donating this land to the states, it could promote the growth of population, which meant greater economic activity and revenues, and—with larger populations—increased state power in Congress.

A straight giveaway, however, was unthinkable. A pattern had been established by both the Northwest Ordinance and New

York State’s 1790 Military Tract (when land was given to veterans of the Revolutionary War) that designated land to be sold to promote education in each new town. The Morrill Act rested on the same principle, requiring the proceeds of the sale of federal land to promote education—but different from the traditional curriculum based on ancient languages, mathematics, and Christian and moral philosophy.

There was a wrinkle to this new legislation: the eastern states that had begun as colonies contained little or no federal land. How could they benefit from the Morrill Act—especially since the representatives from these most populous states dominated Congress?

The answer was simple, although tricky. Since no state could hold land in another sovereign state, older states such as New York would be given scrip—the buyer entitled to locate and sell federal lands in the newer states. They would then use payment for the scrip to sponsor agricultural and mechanical arts education.

New York State benefited greatly because it had the largest population in the nation, with thirty-three members in Congress. Based on the formula of 30,000 acres of land for each representative, New York received the greatest amount of land, about one-tenth of the total grant—some 989,920 acres in all. (As Morris Bishop 1913, PhD ’26, pointed out in his *History of Cornell*, that figure “comes out eighty acres short.”) To receive this land, New York needed to accept the grant, which it did on March 4, 1863.

Mr. President,
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The Honorable Board of Trustees
Ladies of gentlemen:
I am here to-day, at some
usual inconvenience, mainly because I
wanted to see one of the foremost institutions
of learning in the country, and that one
of those modeled in conformity to the act
of Congress of 1862: an act designed to
furnish in every state a sound and liberal
education to all who may call for it, and
not leave it as a monopoly to decorate only
a favored few. The active, energetic char-
acter of the American people and the basis
of our institutions demanded, if I may
use the figure, a greater infusion of iron
in the blood than that found in the
inherited systems of ancient universities,
or demanded something beyond merely
intellectual drill, something for human

So it would seem that the baby gestated by the Morrill Act was born—but it was not to be quite that straightforward. Some New York colleges, notably Columbia and Union, looked with disdain at the terms of the act; agricultural and engineering education were outside their sphere of interest. But other colleges saw possibilities.

There were two leading contenders. One was the Ovid Agricultural College, sponsored by the New York State Agricultural Society, of which Ezra Cornell was a prominent member. The other was the People’s College in Havana (now Montour Falls), sponsored by Charles Cook, an influential state senator. Cook got the bid and began preparations to meet the terms imposed by the state: within three years, the college should have ten competent professors in agriculture and the mechanic arts, be able to accommodate 250 students with proper equipment, and have a working farm of 200 acres and workshops to support mechanical activity and innovation.

Then came an auspicious occurrence. In the fall of 1863, young Andrew Dickson White of Syracuse was elected to the State Senate, as was Ezra Cornell from Ithaca. White became chair of the Committee on Literature (meaning education) and Cornell the chair of the Committee on Agriculture. The two men—the Senate’s youngest and oldest members—were in Albany when the body convened on January 2, 1864. White

For posterity: In an address at Cornell during the unveiling of his portrait in 1883, Morrill remarked that “[I] only regret that the recipient had not been more worthy of your distinguished consideration.”

‘The enterprise expands from an Agricultural College to a university of the first magnitude,’ Cornell wrote in 1865.

reported that Mr. Cornell “was steadily occupied, and seemed to have no desire for new acquaintances.”

They were soon brought to each other’s attention by the Cornell Library bill that landed on White’s desk for approval. Cornell, a believer in the power of education, had endowed a free public library for the people of Tompkins County, and its charter of incorporation needed Senate approval. White was impressed by Cornell’s “breadth and largeness” in framing the terms of the library and with his wisdom in selecting as trustees “the best men of his town,” political opponents as well as friends. White felt drawn to the older man.

Cornell, for his part, was concerned about the progress being made by the People’s College to fulfill its requirements as the state’s land-grant school, because Charles Cook had suffered a stroke—stilling the pen that wrote the checks for his institution. Supporters of the Ovid Agricultural College also watched the stalled process in Havana and began to make their own plans. In January 1864, Judge J. C. Folger of Geneva introduced a bill that proposed to halve the People’s College’s share of the land grant, suggesting that the other portion go to the Ovid institution. This bill landed on the desk of Senator White, who immediately tucked it away in a drawer.

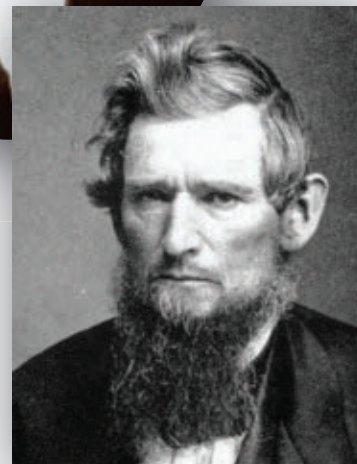
White was a thoughtful and scholarly young man, a graduate of Yale who had studied in European universities and taught at the University of Michigan until he was called home because of his father’s illness. He believed in big ideas that he called “air castles” and thought the state deserved better than half measures.

There were few who wanted to buy state scrip during wartime, even with the price as low as \$1.25 per acre and gradually dropping. Cornell inserted himself into this situation by suggesting that men of good will should buy scrip and claim the finest land, then hold it in trust for their colleges. He offered to supply a tenth of the necessary funds, but no one else came forward.

Born to a simple family and poor throughout much of his adult life, Cornell was not an avaricious man. Having come into money through his connection with Western Union Telegraph, his greatest care, he wrote, was “how to spend this large income, to do the most good to those who are properly dependent on me, to the poor and to posterity.” The Cornell Library was his first effort.

In September 1864, Cornell invited White to an Agricultural Society meeting in Syracuse. Because Folger’s bill had not come to the Senate floor—being safely locked in White’s desk—the Ovid Agricultural College was about to announce its own demise. Cornell had other plans. He arrived at the meeting with a proposal: if the Agricultural College trustees would locate the school in Ithaca, he would donate his 300-acre farm on East Hill, erect suitable buildings, and donate up to \$300,000 on the condition that the state legislature would endow the college with \$30,000 per annum from the Morrill fund.

According to White, there was great applause from those assembled—until he stood up and refused the terms that Cornell had outlined. White was opposed to dividing the land-grant funds, but promised that if Cornell and his friends would ask for the “whole grant—keeping it together” and add Cornell’s \$300,000, he would support the bill with all his might. The goal, he pointed out, was to have the best university in the world, and



The founders:
Andrew Dickson White
(above) and
Ezra Cornell

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though it did not necessarily please White—who offered half his own fortune if the university were sited in Syracuse—this new institution would be located in Ithaca. At a subsequent meeting that was boycotted by representatives of the People’s College, Cornell increased the amount of his donation to \$500,000.

There were still hurdles to be overcome, of course. Time had not yet run out on the People’s College, and there were more than twenty small colleges in the state that hoped they might in some way benefit. (One hung on long enough to threaten to stall the charter and received a payment that Cornell called black-mail.) And what about the interests in Ovid? As the story is often told, the buildings there eventually became the Willard Asylum for the Chronically Insane, later called the Willard State Hospital, something that Dr. Sylvester Willard had long argued for—but was granted only after he died in front of a legislative committee while pleading his case.

While White had long thought about creating an ideal university, for Cornell the idea was novel and thrilling. In January 1865 he wrote: “The enterprise expands from an Agricultural College to a university of the first magnitude.”

A month later, White introduced a bill in the State Senate “to establish the Cornell University, and to appropriate to it the



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income of the sale of public lands granted to this state.” The fight was on, fought fair and foul on all sides—but even with an extension of three months, the People’s College could show no progress. The Cornell charter underwent revisions, including new wording (inspired by the Land Grant Act) to insure that the institution shall “teach such branches of learning as are related to agriculture and the mechanic arts, including military tactics, in order to promote the liberal and practical education of the industrial classes in the several pursuits and professions of life. But such other branches of science and knowledge may be embraced in the plan of instruction and investigation pertaining to the university as the trustees may deem useful and proper.”

On April 27, 1865, Governor Reuben E. Fenton signed the bill into law, and Cornell University came into existence. We might rightfully ask: What happened next? How did this all pan out? What was made of this unique opportunity? The answers are “a lot,” “fine,” and “take a look at us now.”

Over time, the lone professor of agriculture became a department and then a school; the subject broadened to include domestic science and even hotel management. Agriculture also meant the care and physiology of plants and animals, entomology, geology, veterinary medicine and surgery, zoology and microscopical technology, histology and embryology. It provided another reason for the teaching of physics and chemistry, physiology, anatomy and geology, botany, horticulture and arboriculture, not to mention the need for mathematics and languages. The mechanical arts took just as many forms: civil and electrical engineering, practical mechanics, mechanical engineering, applied mathematics, experimental engineering, and marine engineering. There was, of course, the study of military science and tactics. But there was also room for instruction in political science, law, history, and English—all during the University’s first thirty years.

Today all of this can be found at Cornell University. The names of some of the subjects have changed, older fields have evolved, and new ones have been introduced. But there seems to be a way to find a fit for almost everything.

While agriculture and engineering education have expanded



Talking point: Morrill Hall (foreground, above) now houses the Department of Modern Languages and Linguistics.

beyond all expectations, only the presence of military science on campus has been challenged. Along with the Sixties student protests against the Vietnam War, anti-ROTC protests rumbled across the University, continuing until 1974. The University rode out the storm, and ROTC remains—less popular than it once was, but a means of financial support and career advancement for others. The requirements of the Morrill Land Grant Act remain in place.

The Morrill Act ultimately propelled American education onto a new and more democratic path—expanding subject matter and redefining who might be a student. In this, the federal government responded to its own interests and to the people’s needs by acting with both resolve and money. Following the Morrill Act came many other significant federal programs to enhance and expand higher education. The Hatch Act (1887) established agricultural experiment stations, and the second Morrill Land Grant Act (1890) further endowed land-grant colleges and set up institutions throughout the South for African Americans denied entry elsewhere. The Nelson Act (1907) expanded funding for land-grant institutions. The two Smith-Lever Acts

(1914 and 1953) expanded offerings at land-grant universities. The Fulbright program began in 1946, and the National Science Foundation was launched in 1950.

It is impossible to think of higher education in this country without these and subsequent pieces of federal legislation, all of which owe a debt to the Morrill Act. American universities educate individuals, promote a culture of learning, and facilitate the exchange of ideas; we would be a lesser nation without this partnership. As for Cornell University, it has been said that it is “the jewel of the land-grant colleges.” ■

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Did you fumble with fractions? Cry over calculus? Mathematician Steve Strogatz says there's still hope for you to love his field.

Geometric Growth

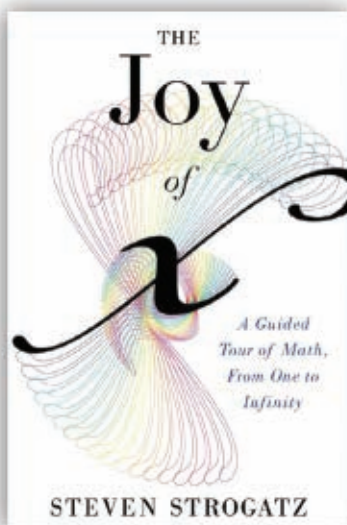
Math is everywhere," says Steve Strogatz. "It's an intoxicating way to look at the world. It's always close to the surface for me, as if I'm wearing different glasses and can see colors that other people can't. Mathematics permeates the whole world—including personal life, my wardrobe, everything."

His wardrobe?

The professor of applied mathematics isn't being glib. Some colleagues, he explains, once calculated that there are exactly eighty-five ways to tie a man's tie. "It turns out you could ask the question, 'What are all the possible, sensible ways of tying a tie?' and people have answered it; some are new ways that weren't known until mathematicians looked at this," he says. "The point is that these people have the same bug that I have. It's not that it's useful to know that there are eighty-five ways; it's the pleasure of being creative, letting your mind ask a new question. But a spooky aspect of math is that invariably, it is useful. You start out asking this frivolous question about a tie, and the things you learn are relevant to medicine—because DNA is a double helix, so it's got a lot of geometry. This theme plays itself out over and over—that these curiosity questions that mathematicians have are mirrored in the structure of the world inside us and around us."

In the spring of 2010, Strogatz had the chance to share his lifelong love of math with an audience far beyond campus, when the *New York Times* ran his weekly online column on the subject's myriad pleasures. Dubbed "Steven Strogatz on the Elements of Math," the fifteen-part series took readers from the kindergarten level (a "Sesame Street" clip in which Ernie, faced with a cadre of hungry penguins each clamoring for a fish, extols the value of counting) to advanced concepts like probability theory and differential geometry. "What I want above all is for people to share the joy of the subject," Strogatz says. "People who love math love it for a reason—it gives them a lot of pleasure. It's truly beautiful."

In early October, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt will publish the columns, along with fifteen new ones, as *The Joy of X: A Guided Tour of Math, from One to Infinity*. The thirty essays contemplate topics familiar to students worldwide: algebra, complex numbers, word problems, geometric proofs, integral and differential calculus, prime numbers, and more. "This is not remedial; it's not a course," Strogatz says. "It's not going to teach you math. It's why math is enthralling."





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Professor Steve Strogatz

The essays explore complex concepts using cultural references both high and low. There's talk of Pythagoras, Einstein, and Archimedes—but also musings on the topology of a bagel, and the tale of a Verizon customer service rep who couldn't grasp the difference between .002 dollars and .002 cents. Strogatz even compares his field to Tony Soprano. "Math swaggers with an intimidating air of certainty," he writes. "Like a Mafia capo, it comes across as decisive, unyielding, and strong. It'll make you an argument you can't refuse. But in private, math is occasionally insecure. It has doubts. It questions itself and isn't always sure it's right. Especially where infinity is concerned. Infinity can keep math up at night, worrying, fidgeting, feeling existential dread. For there have been times in the history of math when unleashing infinity wrought such mayhem, there were fears it might blow up the whole enterprise. And that would be bad for business."

Strogatz's *Times* series proved wildly popular. Each column made it to the list of the top-ten most e-mailed articles (some at number one) and garnered hundreds of comments. "Normally, the academic experience is that you write a paper and nobody reacts—it goes into the vacuum, or more like a black hole," he says. "Except for the peer review, it's a big thud. But here, people were writing to me, asking questions. Some were parents asking about things they could do to help their kids, or just curious grownups who always wanted to understand math better."

As the weeks went by, he says, the column turned into a bit of a sociology experiment, as tussles emerged in the comments section between self-proclaimed experts and the interested laypeople for whom the column was intended. "Math people, especially schoolteachers, started weighing in, saying stuff like, 'Let me tell you a little more about what Dr. Strogatz means...' and they would write long expositions," he recalls. "But other

people said, 'This is our column; this is not for people who are already math aficionados. Stop criticizing; you're showing off; leave us alone.'" Strogatz's wife, who took on the task of surveying the comments to spare his sanity, termed the former group "the pontificators."

The column, Strogatz notes, clearly struck a nerve. It revealed that there's a vast array of people who once loved math, but stumbled and never recovered. Years or decades after high school, it still eats at them—and they were enormously grateful that Strogatz was giving them another chance to appreciate the subject. "When people at a party hear that you teach math, it gets an emotional response," he says. "It's always regret—'I liked math, until...'. For some, division was the problem, or algebra, or geometry. Some say, 'I was great until calculus.' There's also a feeling of shame. Sometimes they blame the teacher, but there is often a sense of failure—that because it's sequential, you're done and there's no second chance. Often, for very smart people, this is the only time they've felt that they couldn't do something in school. So it becomes personal."

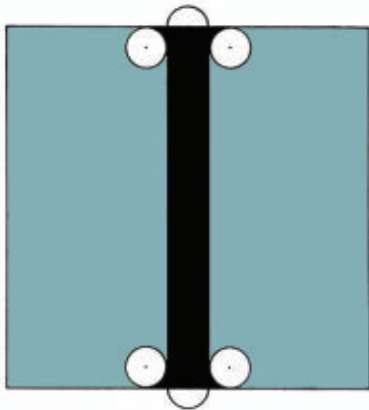
The Joy of X is Strogatz's third general-audience book; he previously published *Sync: How Order Emerges from the Universe, Nature, and Daily Life* and *The Calculus of Friendship: What a Teacher and a Student Learned About Life While Corresponding About Math*. This fall, he'll write more online essays for the *Times*, this time an eight-week series using multimedia to explore mathematical concepts. "My neighbor down the street told me, 'Your columns make me want to like math,'" Strogatz muses. "I thought that was a beautiful formulation, because she still doesn't like it—but now she *wants* to like it, which is the first step."

— Beth Saulnier

Magic Numbers

In an excerpt from *The Joy of X*, the math professor explains—with a little help from Ezra—how arithmetic came to the masses

By Steven Strogatz



'd walked past Ezra Cornell's statue [on the Arts Quad] hundreds of times without even glancing at his greenish likeness. But then one day I stopped for a closer look.

Ezra appears outdoorsy and ruggedly

dignified in his long coat, vest, and boots, his right hand resting on a walking stick and holding a rumpled, wide-brimmed hat. The monument comes across as unpretentious and disarmingly direct—much like the man himself, by all accounts.

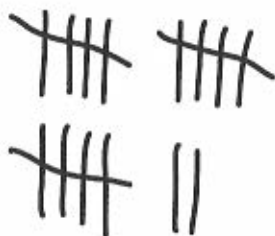
Which is why it seems so discordant that Ezra's dates are inscribed on the pedestal in pompous Roman numerals:

EZRA CORNELL
MDCCCVII-MDCCCLXXIV

Why not write simply 1807–1874? Roman numerals may look impressive, but they're hard to read and cumbersome to use. Ezra would have had little patience for that.

Finding a good way to represent numbers has always been a challenge. Since the dawn of civilization, people have tried various systems for writing numbers and reckoning with them, whether for trading, measuring land, or keeping track of the herd.

What nearly all these systems have in common is that our biology is deeply embedded in them. Through the vagaries of evolution, we happen to have five fingers on each of two hands. That peculiar anatomical fact is reflected in the primitive system of tallying; for example, the number 17 is written as:



Here, each of the vertical strokes in each group must have originally meant a finger. Maybe the diagonal slash was a thumb, folded across the other four fingers to make a fist?

Roman numerals are only slightly more sophisticated than tallies. You can spot the vestige of tallies in the way Romans wrote 2 and 3, as II and III. Likewise, the diagonal slash is echoed in the shape of the Roman symbol for 5, V. But 4 is an ambiguous case. Sometimes it's written as IIII, tally style (you'll often see this on fancy clocks), though more commonly it's written as IV. The positioning of a smaller number (I) to the left of a larger number (V) indicates that you're supposed to subtract I, rather than add it, as you would if it were stationed on the right. Thus IV means 4, whereas VI means 6.

The Babylonians were not nearly as attached to their fingers. Their numeral system was based on 60—a clear sign of their impeccable taste, for 60 is an exceptionally pleasant number. Its beauty is intrinsic and has nothing to do with human appendages. Sixty is the smallest number that can be divided evenly by 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6. And that's just for starters (there's also 10, 12, 15, 20, and 30). Because of its promiscuous divisibility, 60 is much more congenial than 10 for any sort of calculation or measurement that involves cutting things into equal parts. When we divide an hour into 60 minutes, or a minute into 60 seconds, or a full circle into 360 degrees, we're channeling the sages of ancient Babylon.

But the greatest legacy of the Babylonians is an idea that's so commonplace today that few of us appreciate how subtle and ingenious it is.

To illustrate it, let's consider our own Hindu-Arabic system, which incorporates the same idea in its modern form. Instead of 60, this system is based on ten symbols: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and, most brilliant, 0. These are called digits, naturally, from the Latin word for a finger or a toe.

The great innovation here is that even though this system is based on the number 10, there is no single symbol reserved for 10. Ten is marked by a *position*—the tens place—instead of a symbol. The same is true for 100, or 1,000, or any other power of 10. Their distinguished status is signified not by a symbol but by a parking spot, a reserved piece of real estate. Location, location, location.

Contrast the elegance of this place-value system with the much cruder approach used in Roman numerals. You want 10?

We've got 10. It's X. We've also got 100 (C) and 1,000 (M), and we'll even throw in special symbols for the 5 family: V, L, and D, for 5, 50, and 500.

The Roman approach was to elevate a few favored numbers, give them their own symbols, and express all the other, second-class numbers as combinations of those.

Unfortunately, Roman numerals creaked and groaned when faced with anything larger than a few thousand. In a work-around solution that would nowadays be called a kludge, the scholars who were still using Roman numerals in the Middle Ages resorted to piling bars on top of the existing symbols to indicate multiplication by a thousand. For instance, \overline{X} meant ten thousand, and \overline{M} meant a thousand thousands or, in other words, a million. Multiplying by a billion (a thousand million) was rarely necessary, but if you ever had to, you could always put a second bar on top of the \overline{M} . As you can see, the fun never stopped.

But in the Hindu-Arabic system, it's a snap to write any number, no matter how big. All numbers can be expressed with the same ten digits, merely by slotting them into the right places. Furthermore, the notation is inherently concise. Every number less than a million, for example, can be expressed in six symbols or fewer. Try doing that with words, tallies, or Roman numerals.

Best of all, with a place-value system, ordinary people can learn to do arithmetic. You just have to master a few facts—the multiplication table and its counterpart for addition. Once you get those down, that's all you'll ever need. Any calculation involving any pair of numbers, no matter how big, can be performed by applying the same sets of facts, over and over again, recursively.

If it all sounds pretty mechanical, that's precisely the point. With place-value systems, you can program a machine to do arithmetic. From the early days of mechanical calculators to the supercomputers of today, the automation of arithmetic was made possible by the beautiful idea of place value.

But the unsung hero in this story is 0. Without 0, the whole approach would collapse. It's the placeholder that allows us to tell 1, 10, and 100 apart.

All place-value systems are based on some number called, appropriately enough, the base. Our system is base 10, or decimal (from the Latin root *decem*, meaning “ten”). After the ones place, the subsequent consecutive places represent tens, hundreds, thousands, and so on, each of which is a power of 10:

$$\begin{aligned}10 &= 10^1 \\100 &= 10 \times 10 = 10^2 \\1,000 &= 10 \times 10 \times 10 = 10^3.\end{aligned}$$

Given what I said earlier about the biological, as opposed to the logical, origin of our preference for base 10, it's natural to ask: Would some other base be more efficient, or easier to manipulate?

A strong case can be made for base 2, the famous and now ubiquitous binary system used in computers and all things digital, from cell phones to cameras. Of all the possible bases, it requires the fewest symbols—just two of them, 0 and 1. As such, it meshes perfectly with the logic of electronic switches or anything else that can toggle between two states—on or off, open or closed.

Binary takes some getting used to. Instead of powers of 10, it uses powers of 2. It still has a ones place like the decimal system, but the subsequent places now stand for twos, fours, and eights, because:

$$\begin{aligned}2 &= 2^1 \\4 &= 2 \times 2 = 2^2 \\8 &= 2 \times 2 \times 2 = 2^3.\end{aligned}$$



Hiding in plain sight: Many pass by Ezra's statue without noticing the telegraph machine behind him.

LISA BANLARI FRANK

Of course, we wouldn't write the symbol 2, because it doesn't exist in binary, just as there's no single numeral for 10 in decimal. In binary, 2 is written as 10, meaning one 2 and zero 1s. Similarly, 4 would be written as 100 (one 4, zero 2s, and zero 1s), and 8 would be 1000.

The implications reach far beyond math. Our world has been changed by the power of 2. In the past few decades we've come to realize that *all* information—not just numbers, but also language, images, and sound—can be encoded in streams of zeros and ones.

Which brings us back to Ezra Cornell.

Tucked at the rear of his monument, and almost completely obscured, is a telegraph machine—a modest reminder of his role in the creation of Western Union and the tying together of the North American continent.

As a carpenter turned entrepreneur, Cornell worked for Samuel Morse, whose name lives on in the code of dots and dashes through which the English language was reduced to the clicks of a telegraph key. Those two little symbols were technological forerunners of today's zeros and ones.

Morse entrusted Cornell to build the nation's first telegraph line, a link from Baltimore to the U.S. Capitol, in Washington, D.C. From the very start it seems that he had an inkling of what his dots and dashes would bring. When the line was officially opened, on May 24, 1844, Morse sent the first message down the wire: “What hath God wrought.” ■

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Ring in the Years

Oldest Living Chimesmaster Celebrates Reunion

At Reunion 2012, a special class record was broken: the Class of 1937 set the record for most attendees at a 75th, with eight alumni returning.

One of them was Irv Friedman '37. Irv is a musical man: he played the violin in the orchestra and the glockenspiel in the marching band. But his most cherished Cornell memories are of being a chimesmaster.

After college, Irv served in the Army and went to law school. He helped write the first New York State disabled access legislation and later became an administrative judge, handling employment and disability insurance denial cases until he retired in 1976.

But Cornell was never far from his heart. He was a class officer and Reunion chair for many years. He has kept a cardboard model of McGraw Tower on his dining room table for more than a decade. He still loves listening to Cornell songs, especially the Alma Mater, on his player piano at home. And he always relished the opportunity to play the chimes during his Reunion visits—reminding everyone that his wife, Janet (now deceased), could always tell when he was playing.

When he returned for his 75th Reunion in June, Irv—believed to be Cornell's oldest living chimesmaster—was unable to climb McGraw Tower's famous 161 steps, but the current chimesmasters made arrangements for a special performance. They did their best to bring him the full chimes experience,



Joyful noise: Irv Friedman '37 got the royal treatment in McGraw Tower, where he was feted by chimesmasters.

performing a mini-concert on the old practice stand on the first floor. Per his request, they played "Ode to Joy" and several renditions of the Alma Mater. The finale was a multi-part Alma Mater duet that featured four chimesmasters. Irv proudly sang along each time the Alma Mater was performed.

After his private concert, the students climbed the tower, and Irv and his family moved outside (with chimes adviser Jennifer Lory-Moran '96, MAT '97, and program coordinator Marisa LaFalce '96) to hear the bells ring out from above. It was an emotional musical trip down memory lane for all.

Once a Cornellian becomes a chimesmaster, he or she is one for life, and may return to campus any time to practice and play. In honor of his

visit, Friedman was presented with an access card to enter McGraw Tower—hopefully, at his 80th Reunion.



CLAA Stirs Up Interest with 'Café Con Leche'

To attract new members and raise its profile, the Cornell Latino Alumni Association (CLAA) hosted a networking event in Miami in April. Held in conjunction with the Law school and the Johnson School, Café Con Leche ("coffee with milk") was part of the third biennial Cornell Latin America Alumni Symposium, which attracts alumni from the continental U.S., Puerto Rico, Colombia, Nicaragua, Venezuela, and Brazil for discussions on the region's diverse business, legal, and social issues.

Along with Cuban coffee and snacks, Café Con Leche offered the chance to network with local and international Latino alumni. More important, the event—along with a mixer held in New York City a few weeks later—focused attention on the newly invigorated organization, which is seeking to increase participation among the thousands of Latino Cornellians. "CLAA looks forward to organizing other career and professional events in the future and promoting Cornell Latino involvement in alumni activities," says its newly elected president, Jonathan Kracer '08, BS Hotel '07.

Supported by Cornell's Diversity Alumni Programs and International Programs, Café Con Leche featured remarks by Gustavo Arnavat '84, U.S. executive director of the Inter-American Development Bank, the



Florida fiesta: Current and prospective members of the Cornell Latino Alumni Association gathered in Miami for coffee, snacks, and networking, along with Alumni Affairs staffers.



largest source of development financing for Latin America and the Caribbean. Arnavat discussed the importance of the bank's role, his journey

as a Latino Cornellian, and how his efforts correlate with CLAA's goals of fostering the interests of a broad and diverse Latino constituency.

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In addition to the individuals listed above, each of Cornell's undergraduate and graduate schools has a representative on the CAA board, as do each of the four major diversity groups and other major alumni boards, including the President's Council of Cornell Women, Cornell Association of Class Officers, Cornell University Council, CAAAN, and the Board of Trustees.

Eight Alumni Leaders to Receive Rhodes Awards

Having been nominated by their peers, eight longtime volunteer leaders will receive the 2012 Frank H. T. Rhodes Exemplary Alumni Service Awards. This highest honor of the Cornell Alumni Association is given in recognition of at least thirty-five years of service to the University as an outstanding volunteer leader.

This year's recipients are:

Priscilla Edwards Browning '56

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Carolyn Chauncey Neuman '64

Almeda Church Riley '58 and
John Riley '55, BArch '56

Elizabeth Chapman Staley '60
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Martin Tang '70

The awards will be presented at a dinner on Friday night of Homecoming weekend.

University Council Elects Members

Last spring, the Cornell University Council elected more than 100 members—sixty-two of whom are new to the group. An additional fifty-four members were eligible for re-appointment following a two-year period off the council.

Alumni are elected to the University Council based on their volunteer leadership, professional stature, and devotion to community and civic affairs. Council members serve as University ambassadors, host events, support fundraising, and serve on advisory groups.

The Council also added new members to its administrative board, which is chaired by Katrina James '96. Teresa Port '84 was elected to a one-year term as a vice chair; she joins Deborah Gerard Adelman '71, MS '74, Jay Carter '71,

MEng '72, Scott Pesner '87, and Annie Wong '77, who were appointed to second one-year terms. Joining the administrative board as members-at-large are Nicole Del Toro '91, Elia Colon-Mallah '88, DVM '92, Sarah Thole Fischell '78, MEng '79, Terry Horner '92, PhD '98, James Irish '74, Jason McGill '88, Murem Sakas Sharpe '70, and Enrique Vila-Biaggi '94, MEng '95.

New Boards for CBAA, CUGALA

The Cornell Black Alumni Association (CBAA) has elected a new board, with Anika Daniels-Osaze '96 as president. In addition, the Cornell University Gay and Lesbian Alumni Association (CUGALA) formalized a board structure and appointed Emanuel Tsourounis '00, JD '03, as its president.

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CRC There were campus tours, bird walks, and a luscious libations tour. You could grapple with a rappel at the **Richard Ramin '51** Room in Bartels Hall, row a shell, or paddle a canoe. You could study wild foods such as locusts, nettles, truffles, and fiddleheads, do a cyberspace genealogy hunt, or catch up on CornellNYC Tech with Provost Kent Fuchs and Dean Dan Huttenlocher. Those are merely samples of the attractions—plus the main thing, fellowship—that lure Continuous Reunion Club (CRC) folk back 'most every June. CRC (established 1906, without moi) is for active alums for whom just one reunion every five years just won't do. Some members have been coming back every year for a half-century and more. About 100 were among the 7,000-some diversely dispersed over Ezra's pasture this year.

An unusually bountiful band of new members turned up. They could hear President David Skorton's State of the University address, the views of "education reform rock star" **Michelle Rhee '92**, or Sci(ence) Guy **Bill Nye '77** on sun dials, sun clocks, and the search for extraterrestrial life. At CRC's traditional Reunion Friday lunch at the Statler, they could meet **Esther Schiff Bondareff '37**, co-founder of the Women's CRC a few decades back, when female coeds were not included in the membership. If memory serves, **Dotty Kay Kesten '44**, **Charlotte Smith Moore '48**, and **Ann Grady Ready '44** were in on it. Esther was back for her 75th Reunion, on the brink of her 97th birthday. At a spot in the program where former baseball and freshman football coach and senior (and honorary) member Ted Thoren multi-times in bygone years had warmed the lunchers up with his own Thorenesque wit, the chair recognized his widow, Jeanne.

Coach Rob Koll told of building the super wrestling power that produced three national champions—**Kyle Dake '13**, **Steve Bosak '12**, and **Cam Simaz '12**—among five All-Americans this year. Football coach Kent Austin said he thought his quarterback **Jeff Mathews '14** could be seen as the nation's finest at our level this fall. Austin is building a team of the excellence befitting Cornell, he said. He added that he was "blown away" by the alumni support that is making such swift, steady, and stunning progress possible. (The Big Red scored 110 points in its last two games last year.) The chair announced gifts from CRC to women's soccer and volleyball.

Gerry Grady '53 called for a silent moment for CRC members departed in the past year: **Jim Hazard '50**, **Barlow Ware '47**, **John "Skeeter" Skawski '48**, **EdD '57**, and **Doris Caretti Oniskey '54**. **Dan Dwyer '76** and **Harry "Red" Merker '51** represented CRC on Hoy Field for the Ted Thoren Alumni Baseball Game. Before the game, Merker confided that his first time up he would lay down a bunt and try to run it out. No good this time, but he hopes to keep trying, deeply into the future. The late **Jack McCormick '57** left a bundle to improve the golf course snack bar at Moakley House. Grady was there this reunion to help dedicate it. He brought with him a bar stool plaque. It reads: "Reserved for Jack McCormick. (Hey, you never know.)"

Imagine the surprise of one CRC regular who drifted off from the Arts Quad tents to what had

been touted as a class ice cream social. And that's what it turned out to be. Ice cream social was not a cute cover name for milk punch. It was indeed just ice cream. On Saturday evening, **Kenyon Erickson, MPS '81**, rounded up Alumni Hangovers—a men's approximately triple quartet—to serenade CRC diners at the Country Club of Ithaca, right after the running of the Belmont Stakes. Again, no Triple Crown winner this year.

Reunion 2012 was another whopping success. Many thanks to those responsible, like **Connie Santagato Hosterman '57** and **Claire Desaix Simpson '55**. Claire, previously especially known in CRC circles for enthusiastic dancing in the tents and choral group appearances, managed an acclaimed continental breakfast in the absence of Connie, who was concentrating on the enjoyment of her class's 50th Reunion this year. And don't forget **Margaret Gallo '81**, **Cathy Forster Hogan '70**, **Christine Rumsey**, and **Katie Beth Freyer** of Alumni Affairs, **Steve Caraher** of Athletics, and our smart, outgoing, efficient clerks **Heather Schopper '12** and **Jonathan Yuan '14**. It was Heather's third reunion with us. As a student, she was co-leader of the campus emergency medical teams. She is now a Civil Engineering graduate looking forward to medical school at Iowa.

Laura Fratt '81, daughter of the late, great **C.K. Poe Fratt '53**, brought a special guest, her daughter **Lolly Isby '16**, one of three of Poe's grandlings at Cornell these days. ☐ **Jim Hanchett '53**, 300 1st Ave. #8B, New York, NY 10009; e-mail, jch46@cornell.edu.

37 Congratulations to the record-breaking Class of 1937! Eight classmates—**Esther Schiff Bondareff**, **Irv Friedman**, **John Henderson**, **John Hough**, **George Lauman**, **Barbara Keeney Mandigo**, **Harvey Slatin**, and **Mary Clare Capewell Ward**—returned to the Hill on June 7-10 and broke the record for attendees at a 75th Reunion! Classmembers were hosted by the university at the Statler Hotel, and throughout the weekend were transported to receptions, dinners, book-signings, symposia, discussions, speeches, and concerts. They also received a well-deserved ovation at Cornelliana Night, and their names were called out to a cheering overflow audience. As John Henderson said earlier in the weekend: "Anyone who shows up for their 75th Reunion is already famous."

Esther Schiff Bondareff came to Reunion from West Palm Beach, FL, with her daughter Ellen and son **Richard '63**. Among the other activities during the weekend, she included a visit to the Bondareff Raptor Facility on Game Farm Road, named for Esther and her late husband, **Daniel '35**. On June 11, she also celebrated her 97th birthday. Esther was an early recipient of the Frank H.T. Rhodes Exemplary Alumni Service Award. Also making news, Irv Friedman, Cornell's oldest living chimesmaster, attended a special chimes concert in his honor at McGraw Tower. Check out page 53 of this magazine (the "Alma Matters" section) for the front-page article.

Cornell Alumni Magazine intern **Jennifer Pierre '13** caught up with several members of the

class at the "Taste of Ithaca" All-Alumni Lunch at Barton Hall on Friday and Saturday afternoon. John Henderson, a Floriculture and Horticulture major, flew up from Florida on Friday with his son. John grew up on Long Island, spent six years in the Air Force after Cornell (1940-46)—he remembers riding a horse around Barton during his ROTC training—and worked in New Jersey for most of his professional life. He got a job as an exterminator in New Jersey immediately after graduation and returned to it after his service. Eventually, he says, he was able to work his way up the ranks and head a new plant. John and his late wife, **Eleanor Sharrot (Mayer)**, also a Horticulture major, met on a field trip to Virginia in 1936. Memories of his time at Cornell include Delta Sigma Phi fraternity, which he joined in the second semester of his freshman year ("That's really what kept me at Cornell") and a one-term summer class that allowed him to graduate in 1937. John spent the early years of his retirement in New Jersey to be near his grandkids, but now lives in Florida.

Harvey Slatin, who grew up in New York City and now lives closer to Central New York, initially majored in Chemistry at Cornell, but switched to Nuclear Physics. "Want to know the most interesting thing about me?" he asked. "Shortly after graduation I was recruited to work on the atomic bomb. It was great exposure to work with so many talented and intelligent scientists, chemists, physicists, and engineers—both men and women. After a while, though, my interests changed, but you never stop learning. I left that project in 1947 because I no longer believed in nuclear weapons. They thought they would end wars, but that didn't happen." Harvey remembers the hard work at Cornell. "My father had already died by the time I went to school, and my mother was working long hours to make up for it, so I had to work, too—not much time for extracurriculars. I worked at the Ag school mostly, developing film." Harvey has been coming to reunion since the 50th in 1987, and is looking forward to the 80th.

As mentioned before in this column, Barbara Keeney Mandigo, all three of her sisters, and both her parents went to Cornell. Add to that list her five sons, one daughter-in-law, and a granddaughter. She shares this: "I was born and grew up in North Lansing, NY, but I've had the fortune of traveling a lot—I've been around the world twice! After graduating I worked for a long time with the 4-H sector of Cornell Cooperative Extension and got to travel to Indonesia and Thailand, among other places, to visit children involved in the program. I still work with them now, just not as heavily. In my 20s, I took a bus with a bunch of 20-some-things to travel around the globe, just for fun. I was also in Russia during Chernobyl. While at Cornell I started as a dietician but switched to Education. I remember Balch Hall—brand new when I moved in. Young ladies had to be properly dressed and had to talk politely to the headmaster. There were about five men to every woman on campus in those days. I met my husband, **Richard '38**, an Ag Economics major, through his roommate. He and I both grew up on farms outside of town." Barbara enjoys making bread for fun. "I make about

ten loaves per week and give most of them away. I also work with looms. I live in a retirement home now with about 350 other people. I've been such a presence there, they made me president!"

We're out of room for now, but check this space again in the next issue for more news from John Hough, George Lauman, and Mary Clare Capewell Ward. Send other Reunion and non-Reunion news to: **Class of 1937**, c/o *Cornell Alumni Magazine*, 401 East State St., Suite 301, Ithaca, NY 14850. Class Notes Editor e-mail, adr4@cornell.edu.

41 Gretchen Fonda Gagnon (Cohoes, NY) wrote this last spring: "Had a wonderful time at the 70th Reunion and then in August 2011, a wonderful time (two weeks) in Wells, ME, with great weather. Had almost the whole family there also. What could be better at 92! I still drive my car to get to church and to go shopping (and to have ice cream at the 'Snowman'). I am also busy watching my great-grandchildren grow up. That's a perfect remedy for boredom! The boys are involved in sports, hunting, and fishing, and Rachel, 6, is busy being a very 'smart little cookie.' Josh, 8, is very impressed with my age. I may find myself on 'Show and Tell!'"

From **Julian Smith**, at Kendal at Ithaca, also last April: "In 2011 I had a prostate operation, but otherwise was in good health. In August I went with a group of (younger) Ithacans on a cruise up the coast of Norway, all the way to the North Cape at the top—71 degrees North. An excellent trip. During the year I wrote a play (my seventh) called *Antimatter*, which was read here by the Kendal Playreaders. Last June at my 70th Reunion, I sang my song 'One Hump or Two' with the Savage Club. For June 2012 I've written a new song. Planning now to go to Tahiti with my four companions. It will include a seven-day cruise on the *Paul Gauguin* to Bora Bora, Moorea, and other islands."

Marjorie Lee Treadwell (Naples, FL) celebrated her 90th birthday with family in Grosse Ile, MI, in July 2011, which included a Cornellian niece and nephew, 11 U. of Michigan graduates, and other family. She and husband Donald are now year-round Floridians and active in their CCRC, Glenview. "I am president of the Resident Council and director of the Warblers, our 'singing' group. There are a lot of activities, including some golf and lots of family visitors. Three children have places down here." **James Van Arsdale** and wife **Suzanne (Jameson) '46**, BS '45, still spend the summer months in Silver Lake, NY, four months in Jamaica (with many family members visiting), and at their permanent home in Castile, NY. The family is growing—five children, 12 grandchildren, and three great-grands—and activities are both growing and slowing. No more tennis, but there's more time spent on TV, movies, and news, as well as bridge and cribbage. They are happy to have many friends and to still be active. **Allene Cush- ing** Knibloe checked in from Buffalo, NY.

Lawrence Hough (Cocoa Beach, FL) wraps up this column: "I retired in 1985 after 27 years of engineering on the Atlas Missile Program, then spent the next four years building a 33-ft. sailboat in the backyard. Launched it over the seawall in 1989. In 1993 I bought a 41-ft. Morgan sloop (centerboard) and sailed it to Home Village, Westhampton Beach, on Long Island four times with three friends. Sold it in 2007 after a stroke. I also raced to Bermuda eight times as navigator on other boats from 1978 to 1999. We won three times.

I started weight training with a personal trainer about a year ago. I got stronger and have now bought back my old Morgan sloop. No more racing planned, though. I have about 15 crew members that I take out three or four at a time. Now 93 years old." Thank you all. Send news anytime to: **Class of 1941**, c/o *Cornell Alumni Magazine*, 401 East State St., Suite 301, Ithaca, NY 14850. Class Notes Editor e-mail, adr4@cornell.edu.

42 Congratulations to our stalwart 11 classmates who made the journey to Ithaca for our 70th Reunion and the lucky relatives who accompanied them. Those who mastered the airlines and difficulties of today's travel and enjoyed a great weekend were: **Ginny Poole** Bauer (Westfield, NJ), **Glenn Bronson** (Canandaigua, NY), **Sol Cook**, PhD '50 (Hogansburg, NY), **Liz Schlamm** Eddy (NYC), **Evelyn Kassman** Greenspan (Ft. Myers, FL), **J. Lee Hollowell** (Hockessin, DE), **Jim Kiernan** (Madison, CT), **Allen Shotwell**, MS '54 (Glen Cove, NY), **Meir Sofair**, BCE '42 (Vienna, VA), **Bob Ullrich** (Hockessin, DE), and **Connie Reed** Wright (Carlisle, MA).

Reunion events included staying at the Statler Hotel, with their delicious meals, and the fun All-Alumni Luncheons at Barton Hall. Campus bus tours preceded the Remembrance and Thank-giving Service at Sage Chapel, where Pres. Liz lit a candle for all our classmates who have passed on. Other events included the Olin Lecture, the Chorus and Glee Club concerts, and the State of the University address at Bailey Hall. There was also a splendid array of events strewn over the campus, and I'd love to hear from anyone who was there as to your reflections.

Ed Markham (Bainbridge Island, WA) continues as a tour leader for seniors to local gardens and small farms, as well as continuing to work on his own gardens with the help of his wife, Yoshiko. Cornell Plantations always inspired him, and he was a leader of international professional tours as well. Brig. Gen. **Bill Webster** (Cammack Village, AR) enjoys playing piano for the residents at retirement homes and singing oldies. I'm sorry to announce the passing of **Richard Hanson** (Corvallis, OR) in November 2011.

Flora "Mousy" Mullin Briggs (Liverpool, NY) lives in a small retirement community and visits the Boston area, where two of her kids live. She also had a trip to South Africa to visit her grandson and great-grandson. She'd love to hear from **Louise Nordenholt** Schatz, a Delta Gamma sister. Mousy, hope your arthritis is not too bad. Evelyn Kassman Greenspan (Ft. Myers, FL; EVG619@sbglobal.net) still travels to San Francisco, Chicago, and Columbus. She sings with the Seven Lakes Chorus and especially enjoys it when they go to nursing homes. She also works out with a personal trainer and during the summer at her son's fitness studio. So she's in good shape.

Bertram King (Aventura, FL; BertKing10920@webtv.net) is taking courses at Florida Int'l U. Otherwise, he says, he is hibernating and is an armchair traveler. His son is an associate professor at Vanderbilt U. Bert retired from volunteering at a subnormal vision clinic and is considering moving to Nashville to be with his son and grands. **Annette Fox Levitt** (New York City) always loved to travel and has taken many trips, including a tour on the Trans-Siberian Railroad from Moscow to Vladivostok. She writes, "I am proud that all my children and grands are doctors" and adds that her literature courses with great teachers—

such as Sale and Cooper—still enrich her life. **Berle Neuwirth** Geronemus (Hollywood, FL) still travels. She recently visited southern Africa to see Victoria Falls, and Argentina to see Iguazu Falls. Both were great trips. Berle wrote about the untimely death of her son, **Robert '69**, in 2009, killed by a drunk driver. "Coping with this is the ultimate challenge." Granddaughter Heather ran the NYC Marathon, and Rachel is following in her dad's footsteps and is in medical school. Mia is in college, Kate is in grad school, and Laura is working in San Francisco. Berle keeps in touch with **Shirley Schatz** Wisham, **Joan Bottstein** Greenberg, and **Bess Kaufmann** Grossman.

Nathalie Schulze Shapiro (Elliott City, MD) resides in the independent living facility Heartlands, where she is active on various committees and has chaired some as well. She lives close to one of her five daughters. **Paula Collins** Preller (Vancouver, WA) has been busy adjusting her life following the passing of her husband of 32 years, Arno, and enjoys being back in Washington, where they met and have many friends. She stays involved with her church as much as she can. We also sadly regret the passing of **Barbara Gerlach** Frey just after her 90th birthday.

Seattle entertained Cornell Plantations director **Don Rakow**, PhD '87, recently for a lovely afternoon at our Washington Park Arboretum. He talked about the important role public gardens play in promoting environmental stewardship and awareness, plant and water conservation, and education, and gave a brief update about exciting new developments at the Plantations. Don's talk was followed by a tour of the Arboretum. Nice to have Cornell in Seattle. Thanks to all for sending me such interesting accounts of your past and present. Let's keep it going. Do contact friends also. If you're not included here, there's more news to come. **Carolyn Evans** Finneran, 8815 46th St. NW, Gig Harbor, WA 98335; tel., (253) 326-4806; e-mail, carolynfinn@comcast.net.

43 Pneumonia felled this once hardy soul and confined me to Grand View Hospital in nearby Sellersville for the month of June. Many needles. They ran out of places to stick them. Ultimate IV located at elbow. Wonderful care. Food first-rate. Then they cooked it. Good wife brought meals from nearby eateries. I worked hard in rehab. Good as new. Or, more accurately: Adjusted for age, I'm perfect. But the column will be short this time. Expect more next issue. Expect no apologies now.

Barbara Wahl Cate (Maplewood, NJ) writes: "I retired after 42 years at Seton Hall (emerita, thanks be to God). I loved my job there and I loved the History of Art, but I never tear up as I raise my glass high. Husband Tracy and I have been an item for 35 years, and we're still in love. Our current favorite activity is tandem riding. We have done thousands of miles in Europe, California, Florida, Kentucky, Tennessee, Georgia, and all the states of the East Coast. I absolutely love it when our classmates send you—and you send me—letters about their families, the legacies. Well, I failed in that department. Despite the fact that my first husband, **Allen Kaufman '46**, was rah-rah BIG RED and son of a Class of 1919'er, none of my children applied to Cornell. Not to worry. I am able to drink from my Yale/Columbia/Cambridge/Oxford coffee mugs. Heh—I got that in!"

Turn down an empty glass for **Jack Chance**, Barbara's Maplewood, NJ, neighbor and our

longtime penpal whose correspondence helped fill this column many times over the years. His interest in New Jersey history brought him, in retirement, to travel the state to document and photograph outdoor sculpture. Earlier he put brioche sur la table by selling shopping carts to big box retailers in Scotland and the US. We once

not bring your spouse—or call your bosom classmate—and plan to come and share a room at the Statler? The officers and other class volunteers pledge excellent help should walker or wheelchair be involved. We meet for dinner on October 22, and depart on the 25th. BE ALIVE with 45!

William Barr (Cincinnati, OH), president of

he writes, “The Greatest Generation will soon be no more.” Come on, Ernie, the tables say our life expectancy is age 94. Cornell subjects that had the greatest impact on him were English and Zoology.

Keep the letters coming, or, even better, give a full report at the mini-reunion. **Bob Frank- enfeld**, 6291 E. Bixby Hill Rd., Long Beach, CA 90815; e-mail, betbobf@aol.com; **Julie Kamerer Snell**, 3154 Gracefield Rd., Apt. 111, Silver Spring, MD 20904; e-mail, julie.snell@verizon.net.

‘Wonderful care. Food first-rate. Then they cooked it.’

S. Miller Harris ’43

wrote in this space: “Do a classmate a favor. Steal a cart tonight.” No need now. Alas. **S. Miller Harris**, PO Box 164, Spinnerstown, PA 18968; e-mail, millerharris1@comcast.net.

44 Hello to all! Here’s a short column as we await your latest batch of News Forms. Haven’t sent in your news yet? The annual News and Dues mailing should have arrived over the summer. Whatever you’ve been up to, we want to hear about it.

From Alan and **Inez Johnston Murdoch** (alway murd@aol.com), possibly making their first appearance ever in the ’44 column, comes this news in an e-mail to **Dotty Kay Kesten**: “We took a car trip across the country last summer, with our retired schoolteacher daughter Cyndi along to help with the driving. It took a month, what with visiting three 90-year-old kindergarten buddies of Alan in St. Louis, a 102-year-old former neighbor in White Plains, NY (who lives in a five-bedroom, four-story house and gets around beautifully), and then on to Ithaca to revisit the school and see three 90-year-old gal-friends of Inez who live in various towns in upper New York State. We had such a great time, we thought we might do the same this year if there was a reunion scheduled. Will try to hold off for two more years. Keep us posted and Alan will send jokes.”

Dotty sent news of her own too: **Lauren Coakley Vincent ’04**, Dotty and **Art’s** granddaughter, just received her master’s degree from the New School in New York City. Dotty and Art celebrated their 66th wedding anniversary on July 8. **Dick Hillman** turned 90 on June 1 after a hectic year of surgery, ending with a new hip. **John Casazza**, BEE ’45 (Springfield, VA; JackCasazza@aol.com) has been writing, resting, exercising—and completing his latest book, “Superpower.” He’d like to be playing more golf and would also like to hear from **Calvin Carver ’47**, BEE ’46. He mentions that Eric Gross, assistant professor of Electrical Engineering during his years at Cornell, had the greatest impact on him.

More news to come. We look forward to hearing from you. **Class of 1944**, c/o *Cornell Alumni Magazine*, 401 East State St., Suite 301, Ithaca, NY 14850. **Dorothy Kay Kesten**, 1 Crestwood Rd., Westport, CT 06880; e-mail, dotkes10@optonline.net.

45 Our class MINI-REUNION on the Hill is nearing, but you still have plenty of time to sign up. Why

Adjuvant Technical Services, is active in writing books and articles as historian of his WWII veterans group. In April he attended the 70th anniversary of Doolittle’s Tokyo Raiders as a guest of his friend Tom Griffin, who navigated Plane 9. When he wrote, he had been busy caring for his wife, who had Alzheimer’s. Bill acquired a new right knee in April, and would like to hear from **Harry Hillery**. **Dorothy “Scottie” Scott** Boyle reports the passing of her daughter **Margaret Boyle Delello ’77** in May, after battling cancer for 16 years. Margaret had worked for 33 years in management at Bristol-Myers Squibb. She was also a longtime booster of the Hunterdon football team, so among the hundreds attending the celebratory service were 50 members of the team, all wearing their football uniforms. Our class extends its deepest sympathy to Scottie. In a previous note, Scottie had reported the graduation of Margaret’s son **Matthew Delello ’12**, a third-generation Cornellian (his father is **Rick Delello ’76**, MS ’77).

Walter Keenan (Seattle, WA) spends a lot of time working out in the gym, both with machines (strength) and walking (cardiotonic). He had plans for a tour of the Greek Islands that would include sightseeing in Istanbul. He would like to hear from **David Hollister ’47**. **Ann Shively** Kalbach (Philadelphia, PA) enjoys proofreading books to be printed in Braille and trying to improve her French enough to “gossip in the language of love.” She is promoting her latest and last book, entitled *French Kiss*. **Bill Packard** (Boca Raton, FL) had a major heart attack in the first week of 2011, then underwent cardiac rehab therapy “alone—no aide needed.” He enjoys playing bridge and hopes to be back playing tennis. He would like to hear from any member of the 1944-45 crew.

Barney and Ethel Handelman Mayrsohn ’46 (Purchase, NY; EthelBarn@aol.com) have enjoyed four Cornell trips: to Rome, Cuba, and London, and with CAU. He says he has never felt better, thanks to swimming, golf, and skiing. Greatest impact at Cornell: “I found me a great wife.” **Richard Allen** (Cincinnati, OH) keeps the body and mind in top shape by reading nonfiction four hours a day and exercising at the health club three times a week. But there’s more: two ski trips to Alta, UT, and one to Baquiera-Beret in the Pyrenees while visiting his son’s family in Barcelona. Richard would like to hear from **Taylor Keller ’44**.

Ernest Gosline, BA ’43, MD ’47 (Clinton, NY) closed his 60-year practice of psychiatry and psychoanalysis on April 1, 2012. He may require aortic valve replacement, but is still very active playing the violin, especially in chamber music and quartets. Ernie played at dinner at our last two reunions. Since so many of his friends have passed

46 Thanks again for sharing your news with our class. I ran out of space in the last issue, so will continue in this column. From Florida, **Kathleen Smith Mancini** (Palm Coast) wrote, “I’m still reminiscing about our June 2011 reunion and looking forward to our 70th in 2016. I belong to the Daytona Beach chapter of TRIF (NYS Teachers Retired In Florida), plus the Flagler County Library.” **Ginny Dondero** Pfundstein (Winter Park) writes, “I’ve been a docent at Leu Gardens and doing ministry to the sick for 15 years. I also attend a writing club and am the caregiver for my husband. I enjoy keeping in touch with my family in Chile, New Mexico, North Carolina, Buffalo, NY, and Venice, FL.” **Ruth Magid Woolfe**, BA ’45 (Boca Raton) writes, “Because of Mae Atherton and the Modern Dance Club in the 1940s, I developed a lifelong interest in dance. To this day, I support and attend the Jacob’s Pillow Dance Festival in the Berkshires of Massachusetts.”

Barbara Spencer Ihrig writes from Madison, TN: “I’m busy with church activities, helping friends and family, keeping up our two-story condo and feeding 40-50 wild ducks and geese on our lake.” From Massachusetts, **Priscilla Alden** Clement Rice (South Hadley) sends the news that she and Bill took an Iberian cruise from Barcelona through the Straits to the Canary Islands, then north to Lisbon. “My present jobs are keeping up with doctor appointments and reading to first graders. I still hear from roommates **Joyce Manley** Forney and **Ginny Dondero** Pfundstein.” (At one time, the six roommates had a round-robin letter circulating for more than 50 years.) From New Hampshire, **Barbara Green** Morrell wrote, “I’m retired and living in an independent apartment in Exeter. I’d like to hear from **Martha Hanson** Turner.” If you have any additions or corrections, please contact me directly: **Elinor Baier** Kennedy, 9 Reading Dr., Apt. 302, Wernersville, PA 19565; tel., (610) 927-8777; e-mail, mopsyk@comcast.net.

Sheldon Yasner (The Villages, FL; shelyasner@aol.com) is still retired and enjoying it immensely. He’s getting in lots and lots of fishing and golfing. Lately, though, he’s spent some of his time trying to market his home. Shel, also known as “The Toe,” thought he’d be at our 65th, but will strive to atone by making it to our 70th. He’d love to hear from some of his Pi Lam brothers. Two years ago, **Brendan O’Hara** (Glen Head, NY; b_ohara@tullicos.com) had some concerns about the aesthetic damage to the campus bridges by fencing erected to make suicides more difficult. We hope the modified designs will be more pleasing to him. Brendan finally eased into retirement when his employer went out of business. Any classmates looking for an 80-plus-year-old new hire may contact him through the e-address above. Brendan recently had dinner with former roommate **Harvey Simpson**. Harvey reported skiing 135 days

last year in Colorado. That proves powder snow is light and easy to ski. (Or else it's a snow job.—Ed.) The '40s Cornellian Brendan would most like to hear from is **Joan Flynn Rogers '47**.

Allen Boorstein (New York; allenatamber@cs.com) writes, "I have enjoyed the challenges of systems thinking and system dynamics, especially as related to K-12 education. The challenges are: new training required, state textbook regulations, and teachers' unions. The more successful method is 'learner-directed learning' for math and science, as opposed to 'teacher-directed learning.' Cornell has played a part, but could play a much larger part with courses more targeted to K-12 improvement in our industrial engineering curriculum. These courses were the foundation of my interest in system dynamics." He is gratified that his volunteer hours at improving K-12 schooling have been productive. Allen has affiliations with both '46 and '47. He promised he'd attend our 70th if I'd attend '47's 70th. Lois and I have a decision to make. Her Wellesley 65th coincides with '47's 70th.

Jean Krumwiede Boek submitted her news to co-correspondent **Elinor Baier** Kennedy, which Elinor wrote up for the last issue of *Cornell Alumni Magazine*. Husband **Walter** (Washington, DC; igitiv@bigplanet.com), president of International Graduate U., also submitted a form. Walter credits Cornell for the Democracy Hall of Fame Int'l direction that became the basis for his completion of IGU's PhDs. He has written 100 scientific articles and books. Jean has written 35. They enjoy, most of all, being with their grandchildren's families. To list your e-mail address in your submissions, e-mail me at the below e-address. Include your name, city, and state. Send news to: **Paul Levine**, 31 Chicory Lane, San Carlos, CA 94070; tel., (650) 592-5273; e-mail, plevine@juno.com. Class website, <http://classof46.alumni.cornell.edu>.

47 "It's a wrap!" This is what a movie director says when filming on location and a scene is completed. "It's in the can" is another old expression to indicate a movie is completed and ready to be released. Well, both of these movie industry expressions can be used to say "Sayonara" to our 65th Reunion, held June 7-10. And a wonderful time was had by all—all 24 Cornellians plus spouses, etc., for a total of 40-plus. It was a small, intimate gathering, but everyone became acquainted again and the weekend flew by. For those who did not attend, here is a brief summary of the event. And if you were there, you can relive the memory of our 65th.

First of all, the weather cooperated beautifully and there was little or no rain. We stayed on campus at the Statler Hotel, which is centrally located and luxury at its finest. The service and attentiveness of the staff was extraordinary. Our headquarters in the hotel was staffed by undergrads who responded to our every need. The bus service to all functions was unbelievable, and if anyone found walking difficult, there was hardly any need to do it.

Now for the events. We started off with a dinner Thursday night at the hotel and were honored to have Frank Rhodes, former Cornell president for 18 years, and his wife, Rosa, join us. After dinner he gave a short talk. Later that evening, the Savage Club show was held at the Statler Auditorium. Our Friday started off with breakfast at the hotel,

and afterwards we attended a wonderful symposium entitled, "Shall we meet again at 100: Suggestions for a long life." Lunch on Friday was at the Johnson Museum (with the new museum director, Stephanie Wiles), followed by a tour of the new wing. The balance of the afternoon was free, so my husband and I went to the Plantations for a short tour. We reassembled at 5:00 p.m. for the class photo and then enjoyed a reception and dinner at the hotel. That evening we all attended a lively Glee Club concert at Bailey Hall.

On Saturday, after breakfast, President Skorton gave his State of the University address at Bailey Hall, which we all enjoyed. Lunch that day was at Barton Hall and attended by alumni of many of the other classes. The theme was "A Taste of Ithaca," and included foods of many nations. A performance by the Big Red Band added to the joyous atmosphere. Co-correspondent **Arlie Williamson** Anderson and her daughter **Beth Anderson '80** describe a fabulous event that afternoon at Olin Library: "University librarian Anne Kenney, dressed in red and white saddle shoes and a class jacket, gave a slide presentation comparing the university library in 1947 and today. Among some of the most prominent changes: card catalogs have been replaced by computers; stacks are open to all students; and cigarettes are forbidden but coffee is now sold in the library. Anne was followed by Peter Hirtle, who is responsible for acquiring American history materials for the library. Peter showed us some fascinating clips from the newly restored 'March of Time' video series. Yes, the same newsreels that we used to watch at the movies are now important teaching and research materials. Peter demonstrated how students and faculty in Architecture, Clothing Design, Theatre, History, and many other subjects might use the videos to understand how our era looked and sounded. These videos are our class gift to the university. If you'd like to contribute toward the gift, please send your contribution to: Jennifer Sawyer, Cornell University Library AA&D, 130 E. Seneca St., Suite 400, Ithaca, NY 14850. Please indicate 'Class of 1947 Newsreels' on the memo line of your check."

Our Class of '47 dinner banquet was held at the Statler and included the nomination of officers for the upcoming five years. We were entertained by the Cayuga's Waiters, a mature singing group of alumni. After dinner we all went to Bailey Hall for Cornelliana Night and the place was packed. Alumni around the world were able to view this event via the Internet.

We said our goodbyes Sunday morning at breakfast and all vowed to return in five years, God willing. Looking back on the entire weekend, it couldn't have been better—or only if more of us had been able to attend. I was apprehensive about coming and am so glad I did. I hope you all had a great summer, and please let me know what you did, where you went, and how you are doing. I know that we all want to share your "moments," and it will give me something to write about. **Sylvia Kianoff** Shain, irashain1@verizon.net; tel., (201) 391-1263; **Arlie Williamson** Anderson, arlie47@aol.com; tel., (585) 288-3752. Class website, www.cornellclass47.org.

48 Apologies from the alumni magazine for an e-mail mix-up in the last issue. **Anne Ryan** Swartzman (Norwalk, CT) can be reached at: jaars8@yahoo.com.

Leonore "Lee" Harvey Bernard, Miami, FL: "Still into watercolor painting. The Republicans will sink America. They can't compromise. This is the nicest place I ever lived—plants grow no matter where you put them, and the weather's great. People are interesting. Paris is the best place to visit. I hope to see Morocco soon. I like easy tours or cruises. I plan to stay in my home. My favorite food is chocolate, which I don't get at home." **Bob McKinless** (our fearless leader), Alexandria, VA: Singing in Washington Men's Camerata, bike riding, and going to baseball games. Best visit was to Alaska and Yosemite national parks, where I climbed Half Dome with sons and grandson. I'm still mapping my bike travels and have ridden in 49 states—all but South Carolina. We're staying here. All four children live within 50 miles. We like IHOP on Sunday evenings with the Sunday crossword puzzle, even though they're best known for breakfast. Youngest son is visiting all 30 baseball parks this season. I've been to 12 with him, from Toronto to San Diego. We'll go to number 30 in September in Anaheim. Hopefully we will all get smarter in 2012. We'll have to or we'll no longer be the free people we had the privilege of being. You can't continue to invite people to a free lunch. Alaska has the most beautiful people and scenery."

William Kent, MBA '54, Broomall, PA: "Answering excessive mail. Obama will run again—good, so I'll vote. It's nice living here, but we also had a nice home in Ithaca. No travel plans." **Ray Tuttle**, Hilton Head Island, SC: "Taking flying lessons, playing golf, dining with friends. The present administration will leave office with the country still in a shambles. I'm in a private home here, but the nicest place I ever lived was Weston, MA, 1970-87. Beautiful residential/rural community to raise children. Many friends at upscale but casual golf club, convenient to skiing and vacations on the ocean. Best visit was to San Francisco—beautiful city with a great fish pier, a variety of neighborhoods, great hotels and restaurants (back in the '60s at least). Will go to Wray, CO, for the 90th birthday of lady rancher/flyer friend. Also plan a cruise on the *Crystal Symphony*. My favorite food is Dungeness crabs or cioppino, which we never get here. 'When you're in a hole, stop digging.' Most worthless thing in life is talking heads on TV."

Ann Colm Repaske, Star Tannery, VA: "I live in a large house on the side of Great North Mountain. It is adjacent to 1 million acres of national forest. Plan to stay here the rest of my life. We have no cell phone service, so when I walk my Golden retriever, I carry with me a GPS device with which I can call for help from friends and relations far away. They will get an e-mail showing my exact position in the wilderness. I keep active in the local community and am the editor of the Eastern Cashmere Association newsletter. **Barbara Unz** Hart and I get together for lunch in Culpepper, VA, halfway between our homes (she's in Gum Spring, VA). Last month, **Mary Utting** joined us from Charlotte, NC." **Harold Glasser**, Denver, CO: "2012 will see a stronger USA. Nicest place I lived was Chapel Hill, NC—pretty scenery; nice people."

Charlotte Smith Moore (our ex-fearless leader), Binghamton, NY: "Playing bridge, reading, volunteering, doing crossword puzzles. I will be moving to Brooksby Village in Peabody, MA, in 2012, to be near my three children in Marblehead, Reading, and Hampton Falls, NH. Binghamton is best—comfortable home, good friends, lots to do,

and close to Cornell. Favorite travel is to Caribbean Islands—beautiful; good shopping. Plan to spend the winter in Green Valley, AZ.” **Winfield Shiras**, Evanston, IL: “House got too big, so moved to a retirement apartment, with two bedrooms on the top floor, overlooking Lake Michigan and the Northwestern U. campus. I still play golf and hike, but living among people our own age forces one to stand close to the elevator doors in order to get in or out before they close. I still have my little house in Palm Desert, where I can golf and frolic all winter and can read in the papers that Chicago is under three feet of snow, and Rahm Emanuel can’t get rid of the stuff any faster than Daley could. When I get back, I suppose most of the squad will look new to me and we’ll start over.”

Leon Hammer, MD ’52, Indian Lake, NY: “Tennis and kayaking. Society and the economy will further collapse. We have given away everything and have nothing left to build on. Nicest places I’ve lived are East Hampton, NY, Cornell U., Indian Lake, NY, and Cayucos, CA. Beautiful, as God intended; I leave when it becomes what man intended. Best visit was to the Massif Central plateau in France. The French have a reverence for places. I’m in a single home in a condo development; no plans to move. Favorite food is Oriental—any kind. Never have it at home. I prefer trains for travel—quiet, non-stressful. If you want to build a ship, don’t drum up people to collect wood and assign them tasks and work. Instead, teach them to long for the endless immensity of the sea. Money is the most unimportant thing in life. I have served with the simple tools I have been given to the best of my ability.” (Dr. Hammer is with the Dragon Rises College of Oriental Medicine in Gainesville, FL.)

Bart Holm, West Grove, PA: “Living happily, exercising, playing bridge, seeing friends, trying to see new areas. People are never satisfied, always want a change—will elect a Republican president. Our problems are difficult to solve. Let someone else do it. This is the nicest place I’ve ever lived because everything is done for me. Best visits were to China and Machu Picchu for the fascinating people and culture and then the interesting site. Favorite food is steak—rarely at home. Favorite travel is cruises. We are here for a purpose. Do good. Hate noxious advertising.” **Martin Pine**, Williamsville, NY: “Attending concerts, visiting art galleries, gardening, biking. Nicest place I’ve lived is right here in zip code 14221. Canterbury Woods retirement community. Roast beef is my favorite dish, which I get often at home. I like Elderhostel travel—relaxing and educational courses, entertainment, and friendship. Death is the least important thing in life.”

Louis Fisher, MBA ’50, Berkeley, CA: “Had a three-week trip to India—wow! What an experience! Makes the trip to Egypt and Jordan like a visit to a tea garden. India is a fantastic, bustling riot of people, cars, cats, dogs, cows, people, buses, trucks, people, trash, hidden roads, and, yes, people . . . plus people, cows, people, more people, and trash. Will I go again? Not likely. We visited Delhi, Jaipur, Varanasi, Agra, and Ranthambore National Park, and went to Nepal for a week. I need to get my sanity back before I plunge into India again. Busy checking my mail after being away 40 days.” **Shelley Joblin**, BA ’47, MBA ’48, NYC: “Still acting as residential real estate broker in Manhattan. VP of Stribling & Assoc. All inquiries welcomed!” **Bob Persons**, 102 Reid Ave., Port Washington, NY 11050; phone and fax, (516) 767-1776; e-mail, bobpersons48@gmail.com.

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Félicitations! **Gabriel Rosenfeld**, JD ’51, has been awarded the National Order of the Legion of Honour, the highest decoration in France, established by Napoleon Bonaparte in 1802. The presentation was made by former President Bill Clinton and his wife, Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, on Memorial Day in Chappaqua, NY. The award was made for Gabby’s service in combat in France as a colonel with the 94th Infantry Division during WWII. Gabby, married to **Louise (Passelman) ’50** and living in Chappaqua, tells us that since the article (and his photograph) appeared in the *New York Times*, he has received more than 200 communications from old friends and acquaintances. Many thanks to **Jean Sherwin Guilder** (New York, NY) for sending the article to us. Jean tells us that she has been in fashion publishing for 35 or 40 years, including as fashion director for Conde Nast’s *Glamour* magazine. Lately she’s been working as an editor and freelance writer in the women’s health field. She has a home in Amagansett—on Long Island, near the ocean—where she gardens “avidly” as a member of a local vegetable co-op and is active in Planned Parenthood and the Democratic Party.

Donald Sutherland (Naples, FL; don@don.sutherland.com) and **Bob Nafis** (Ithaca, NY; rnafis@twcny.rr.com) attended Reunion in June with the Continuous Reunion Club. Class president **Jack Gilbert** (Ithaca, NY; ingerjack@msn.com) also stopped by. **Robert J. von Dohlen**, BArch ’50, MRP ’54 (West Hartford, CT; rjvondohlen@comcast.net), married to **Beth (Robinson) ’51**, wrote that recent trips have been to countries around the Baltic Sea and to Russia. **Milton “Bill” Herzog** (Columbus, NJ; b2herzog@comcast.net), retired and married to **Carol (Felder) ’51**, writes that his son **Don ’78** was elected by the student body at the U. of Michigan to receive its annual “Golden Apple” award last year. Son **Steve ’74**, PhD ’81, is a tax accountant in Michigan.

David Batt, a retired internist, and his wife, Patricia, live in Canandaigua, NY, where David volunteers for the Catholic Church, serving sacraments at the local hospital. His leisure activities include gardening and sports—golf, ice skating, and hiking. When he wrote, he had been watching Buffalo Sabres ice hockey, hiking one to two miles daily, gardening, and “spending time with my beautiful wife.” He does think that perhaps he should have worked part-time in the medical field. He has fond memories of Cornell’s surroundings, the wonderful teaching faculty, and great friends at Psi Upsilon fraternity. **Anthony Cocchini** (Hilton Head, SC; anthonycocchini@hargray.com), retired and married to Helen, enjoys golf and activities at his club. He’d rather be traveling, but is restricted due to physical problems. His fondest Cornell memories are of his classmates. **Ruth Humphrey Jensen** (Hampton, VA), married to Ronald, is a board member of the United Nations Association of the Peninsula, a committee member of the Hampton Democratic Committee, and active in the local civic association. She tells us that she gardens and keeps up with her grandchildren, adding, “Being with granddaughters is great, but they are busy with their futures.” Of her time at Cornell, Ruth says she has pleasant memories of attending classes, adding that she “can’t remember anything that did not seem worthwhile. I include singing in Sage Chapel Choir.” She’d enjoy hearing from “anyone who might want to hear from me.”

Jerome Farber (Boca Raton, FL; jfarber01@gmail.com) writes, “I’m still retired, but playing golf three times a week at Boca West Country

Club.” He celebrated his 89th birthday on an exciting 30-day cruise to Australia and China last year, and his 90th this year in February at a big celebration attended by his entire family, including grandchildren and great-grandchildren. A favorite memory of Cornell is chasing his son, 2, around Olin Hall. Jerry would like to get in touch with **Horace Chandler ’48**. **Norman Merz** (Manasquan, NJ; talktomerz@gmail.com), married to Patricia, writes that he has long been retired from Jersey Central Power and Light Co. and now volunteers as an AARP/IRA consultant, helping people with their taxes. He and Patricia have moved to a house on the Jersey Shore that they’ve owned since 1968. They have traveled through the Canadian Rockies and Jasper National Park and went skiing last year in New Hampshire. **Kenneth Gelhaus** (New Paltz, NY; tenace49@yahoo.com) and wife Mary live in the independent living section at Woodland Pond, a CCRC. There are, he tells us, “lots of nice people, including several ’49 classmates.” This is Kenneth’s 17th year volunteering with the Senior Computer Learning Center, teaching MS Office programs. **Dorothy Williams Van Nostrand** lives in Auburn, NY. **Marcie Shlansky Livingston** (Lido Beach, NY) has recovered from three brain surgeries between 2005 and 2008. In touch with her former roommate, **Ellie Schatzkin Multer**, she says, “E-mail is a wonderful thing.”

Cornell Council member **Anthony Tappin** (AG Tap@aol.com) writes that he has been retired since the early 1990s from his position as EVP with FMC Corp. in Chicago. He and his wife, Mary, have moved from Oak Brook, IL, to become permanent residents in Tucson, AZ. “We love it here, despite Tucson’s bad reputation for hot summers. We play quite a bit of golf, have a wonderful group of friends, and take brief trips in the summer to visit children and grandchildren.” They’ve visited Europe several times, including a Cornell alumni trip to the Italian Riviera. As a member of the Class Council, which meets in Ithaca every October, Tony says he gets to the Hill quite often and also keeps in touch with several Phi Gamma Delta fraternity brothers. He’s also a member of the Cornell Club in Tucson. He adds, “The Cornell experience was wonderful. I had had one semester there before being drafted in WWII, but as a freshman I played varsity soccer, and on my return to Cornell continued on the varsity squad. It was a great education with an opportunity to become involved with many campus activities and to meet a great group of people, some of whom continue to be friends today.” Tony notes that he and his wife, married for more than 12 years, knew each other as teenagers in NYC, then went their separate ways. “I finally caught up with her in Tucson, where my brother had retired, and through a mutual friend, he got us together. Oddly enough, our spouses had died three weeks to the day of one another. It’s a great and wonderful story.” Tony stays in touch with **Halsey Knapp ’50**, **Jon Ayers ’50**, and **Ray Matz ’50**.

Check out the new digital version of *Cornell Alumni Magazine*! All classmates are invited to read it online, even if you have not paid your class dues and do not receive it by mail. Tap in <http://www.cornellalumnimagazine-digital.com>, and keep in touch! **Dorothy Mulhoffer Solow**, 3608 N. Sunset Ave., Farmington, NM 87401; tel., (315) 717-6003; e-mail, winspeck@yahoo.com.

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On Friday, the 11th of May, 24 classmates and 13 guests met at the Cornell Club in New York

City for dinner, the annual class meeting, and uplifting musical entertainment by **Dave Dingle**, **Howie Heinsius**, and **Bob Post**. President **Pat Carry** Stewart reported that of 2,321 matriculants, the university shows approximately 900 classmates with mailable addresses. Of these we currently have 342 duespayers. Class members have also established 48 endowed funds worth \$17.4 million.

Nels Schaenen, MBA '51, reported that our class has a strong financial position with \$26,000 in the Regular Class Fund, \$146,000 in a Class of the Century Fund, and \$476,200 Willard Straight Hall funds in three accounts (restricted endowment fund: \$316,000; income fund: \$65,700; and terrace door fund: \$94,500). \$210,000 from these funds have been allocated for the gleaming new wooden floor in the main room of the Straight. Our donation will be recognized with an appropriate plaque in the floor. Further disbursements will be based on legal restrictions and university interests.

On behalf of Annual Fund representative **Jim Brandt**, Pat noted that the university's Sesquicentennial will coincide with our 65th Reunion. Jim has suggested that we use the occasion to strongly encourage Centennial Fund giving of bequests and trusts. **Stan Rodwin** suggested that we use some of the Class of the Century Fund to encourage classmates to attend our 65th Reunion by paying up to \$500 of reunion expenses for each of those who attend. More about this and other reunion plans in subsequent columns and newsletters. **Marion Steinmann** and **John Marcham** reported on the Class Archives Project they have been chairing. John is seeking a writer/editor who may contact class members for information and items to supplement the historic records and artifacts currently on hand.

Herbert Rapoport was a software and field service engineer for several aerospace companies and also responsible for the largest North American air defense radar installation built in Alaska. He says that Cornell "raised me above the 'hoi poloi' and affirmed my place in the middle class." He wishes he could get young people to slow down and remove clichés from their speech. **David Inkeles** (Palm Desert, CA; djij5@cornell.edu) served in WWII in the Panama Canal Zone. He is currently president of Model Trains of the Desert. Granddaughter **Meredith Gudesblatt '12** is Phi Beta Kappa. **Kenneth Dehm** (Batavia, NY) served four years in the Navy in WWII, mostly in the Air Ferry Service. Ken courageously went back to finish high school to qualify for Cornell matriculation.

David, MBA '51, and **Helen Eaton Culbertson** wrote from Vero Beach, FL. David was staff sergeant in the 3rd Infantry in WWII, then held corporate positions in Xerox and IBM and was president of Macmillan. David disagrees with his doctors that the Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy ailment that he has been fighting for eight years is incurable. **Robert Forrest**, MS '52 (St. Helena, CA; rustfamvin@aol.com) served in the USAF from 1953 to 1957, worked briefly for Douglas Aircraft, then spent 30 years working for the California Dept. of Mental Health. He enjoys informal study of current economics.

Albert Neimeth, JD '52 (Melbourne, FL; acneimeth@cfl.rr.com) is Cornell Law School associate dean emeritus. Al served in Korea and retired as a colonel in the Air Force Reserve. On the Hill, Al was a class officer, a dorm counselor, a member of Quill and Dagger and several other honorary societies, and a varsity baseball player for all four years. He reports that wife Doris and he are in good health, which he partially attributes

to the salubrious Florida east coast climate. He plans to suit up for the Alumni Baseball Game at our 65th! **Marilyn Layton Bull** (Millbrook, NY; magdadog@optonline.net) taught special education for 33 years in Florida and New York State. Her husband died last fall and she is moving to the Santa Cruz area in California. Marilyn has held various offices in New York United Teachers. She currently reads foreign film captions for the blind.

at Cornell." **Stephen Cohen** (Bronx, NY) married **Lynn Cohen '55**. Since retiring in 1995 as a research scientist with the NYS Dept. of Health, Stephen has pursued a second career, composing classical music. "There have been three concerts of my compositions, the last on October 30, 2011."

Giorgio, ME '50, and **Jean Field Banfi** (Milan, Italy) have one son, who lives with his wife in Munich, Germany, and three grandchildren:

‘I’m still mapping my bike travels and have ridden in 49 states.’

Bob McKinless '48

Alan Towbin (Bethany, CT; atowbin@yahoo.com) sent us an engaging recollection of his days on the Hill. Unfortunately, we can publish only highlights here, but will happily send a full copy to interested readers. Alan's first job was as a dishwasher at Balch Hall, where one morning he failed to arrive prior to 7:00 a.m. and was denied breakfast by the stern housemother. He ran out to buy breakfast elsewhere and upon showing up to serve the noon meal was again sternly reprimanded by same housewitch. Whereupon he sought work at the cafeteria in the Straight, which afforded both meals and some cash. There he befriended a WWII vet who was falsely accused of stealing food (that is, snatching a bite now and then from the delivery trays). This was bothersome because it was actually the chefs who were stealing the leftovers for home consumption. The idea arose of organizing the student waitstaff. Surprisingly, management welcomed the idea and resulting negotiations brought a ten-cent pay increase and meals of leftovers replaced with regular meals. The effort was so successful that neither Alan nor his colleagues have good recollections of the subsequent future of the Willard Straight Employees Association. Does anyone know? ■ **Paul H. Joslin**, 6080 Terrace Dr., Johnston, IA 50131-1560; tel., (515) 278-0960; e-mail, phj4@cornell.edu; **Marion Steinmann**, 237 West Highland Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19118-3819; tel., (215) 242-8443; e-mail, cjoiner@ix.netcom.com.

51 **Sue Pardee** Baker reports from Baltimore that she and husband Tim were in a bad car crash in December. "Thanks to air bags, we had only minor injuries. I never expected to be saved by something I had worked so hard for!" **Jim O'Brien** (Riverton, NJ) was one of 66 elected to the National Academy of Engineering in 2012.

Ronald Arky, MD '55 (Wellesley, MA) is still active as Daniel D. Federman Professor of Medicine and Medical Education at Harvard Medical School. **John**, PhD '60, and **Joyce MacMullen Wootton**, PhD '62 (Ithaca, NY) report on their children: "**Tim '84** (professor of ecology, U. of Chicago), **David '86** (associate professor of biomedical engineering, Cooper Union), **Barbara '87** (attorney with Arnold Porter in Washington, DC), and **Bruce '89** (computer scientist and engineer in San Francisco)." John enjoys choral singing, travel, and gardening and is a member of the Tower Club. Fond memories: "Big Red and concert bands and 50 years of teaching and advising veterinary and graduate students

Luisa is studying physiotherapy in Munich, Natalia has just finished her freshman year at Haverford College in Pennsylvania, and Camillo is a sophomore at the German High School in Milan. All are good musicians. Luisa plays first bassoon in a college orchestra, Natalia is concert master violinist for the college orchestra of Haverford and Bryn Mawr, and Camillo plays the cello and is preparing for an eighth year diploma. Natalia accepted a summer job this year in Shanghai and speaks fluent Italian, German, and English, as well as Chinese. Jean has fond memories of Cornell, but has lost contact during 60 years in Italy. "Our family all hope to be together in our summer home on the Island of Elba during the month of August."

Paul Frick Jr. writes from Lancaster, OH. Friends on the swim team and at Pi Kappa Alpha are his fond memories of Cornell. **Joan Cohen Halpern** (Middle Island, NY) recalls meeting her future husband, **Stanley '48**, in her freshman year as her fondest memory of Cornell. **James Loveland** (Rochester, NY) recalls "meeting, courting, and wedding **Carol (Smith) '50**. Sixty-one years of bliss as of June 16, 2012. **Rhoda Ratner Barr** (Hastings-on-Hudson, NY) remembers meeting her husband, **Martin '49**. **Joseph Donovan Jr.** (Clinton, NY) has moved from Niskayuna, NY. He says, "Retirement living is not that much fun, but we are near one grandchild, and his two kids play basketball, baseball, lacrosse, and soccer for New Hartford Central School." His strongest memory of Cornell is returning from a movie on foot one evening when it was 24 below zero—and making it back intact.

Bob Clark, BArch '51 (Webster, NY) writes, "I have lost my beautiful, blond sweetheart of a wife to Alzheimer's. I found out firsthand what a dreadful disease it really is. Spent ten years as a 24/7 caregiver and the last two years trying to straighten out the finances after the attorneys and banks goofed everything up! Consequently, have been unable to compete in Masters Rowing for some time and now have come to realize my rowing days are over. For years I was the only one competing under the title 'Cornell Alumni Crew' at the international and world championships, having won many races in my single and as stroke of the USA composite sweep oar boats." Bob still hears from roommate **Billy Sharman '50**, BArch '52, who is still practicing architecture, and **Art Wilder '52**, who was Cornell crew coxswain and now builds antique airplanes for the Hammondsport Museum. "Glad to see my old friend **Bobby Brandt** is class VP, even though he was Sphinx Head instead of a Quill & Dagger."

Rosemary Kohut volunteers at Epiphany Cathedral in Venice, FL, and returns to Rhode Island in the summer. Her fond memories of Cornell are lilacs in May around Clara Dickson and Balch and Newman Club activities. **Barbara Berkowitz** Rubin (Vero Beach, FL) shares her lilac memories, “thinking how lucky I am to have had my superb education. Haven’t been able to walk for 15 years (MS), but I have time to read, think, write—what a gift! Great grandson Jackson Blaise Vincent, born May 3, 2011, may be lucky enough to go to Cornell!”

David Werdegar, MA ‘53 (Ross, CA) has retired as president and CEO of the Inst. on Aging in San Francisco and is professor emeritus of family and community medicine at the U. of California School of Medicine. **David Rice**, MEd ‘61 (Wysox, PA) writes, “Granddaughter is applying to the Cornell Ag college, pre-vet. I am still counseling students in the Susquehanna County Career and Technology Center. Will retire this year after 60 years in education with the Outstanding Alumni Award at Cornell and Penn Dept. of Labor and Industry Award for exceptional leadership for the youth in Northern Tier Counties Workforce Development. Son **George ‘81** and daughter-in-law are Cornell grads; four Cornell grad brothers are all deceased.” Fond memories: the outstanding faculty, many friends, and an excellent education. Please send your news to: **Brad Bond**, 101 Hillside Way, Marietta OH 45750; tel., (740) 374-6715; e-mail, bbond101@suddenlink.net.

52 “Only connect!” wrote E. M. Forster. On a reunion shuttle back to North Campus, Sandy Clark (Mrs. **Rik Clark**) overheard a younger woman say, “I guess as you get older you wear more red.” Both quotes bear on our 60th Reunion. We were a sea of red—T-shirts and polos, striped jackets, solid jackets, piped blazers, and miscellaneous

souvenirs from former reunions. And we connected like crazy, whether it was Collins, Prigozy, Arnold, and Franz vigorously conversing at the Thursday afternoon reception; **Bibbi Antrim** Hartshorn and her sisters at Bibbi’s carefully collected Class of ‘52 Archives; the farewell brunchers who found themselves in an old train car or elsewhere at the former Lehigh Valley train station Sunday morning; or any large or little meeting and re-meeting anywhere among the 138 classmates and assorted spouses, partners, and descendants who came that surprisingly sunny weekend.

The reunion schedule was full, but not exhausting, thanks to the careful planning and hard work of **Terry**, JD ‘56, and **Dori Crozier Warren**, our reunion chairs. The shuttles ran frequently and took us, regardless of our physical ability, where we needed to go and home again. Ross Brann’s lecture on the Middle East was informative and offered a glimmer of hope. Meals and receptions were fun and fine thanks to **Joy Rees** Hoffman, our food and wine consultant and co-president. We set new records for attendance and giving. **Sid**, MD ‘56, and **Phebe Vandervort Goldstein** and **Don Follett** stepped in to fill a sad gap, and ran a very successful giving campaign. Our very good class clerks did many things, not least of which was locating a lost car. Terry and Dori, whose “All Aboard” railroad theme was inspired by their having met on a Lehigh Valley train to Ithaca, deserve an ovation, as do all of their hardworking committee members.

The university events, lectures, and concerts were splendid. The sight and sound of more than 200 Glee Club members and alums on stage for a final concert with their director was moving. The campus itself was in great shape, if a bit overwhelming. As **Artine Braverman** Broida and I were talking, she observed, “For us it was a campus. Now it’s a city.” I could not argue, but, to repeat, it was a great reunion. If you couldn’t get there, we missed you. **Paul Blanchard**, our co-president and webmaster, says that there will be photos and a video on our Web page, www.cornellclassof52.org. Our next is the 65th. **Dick Dye**, MPA ‘56, and **Sue Youker** Schlaepfer have signed on as reunion co-chairs. At Friday’s class luncheon, after thanking Dori and Terry, as reunion chairs, and Joy and Paul, as co-presidents, for their five years of hard work, new officers were announced: co-presidents **Bob Conti** and **Don Follett**; secretary **Lillian Schneider** Gerstman; Cornell Annual Fund chair **Rik Clark**; membership chair **Bob Conti**; nominating co-chairs **Joy Rees Hoffman** and **Paul Blanchard**. **Jack Carpenter** will continue as treasurer, as will I as class correspondent, **Bibbi Antrim Hartshorn** as historian, and **Paul Blanchard** as webmaster.

A reunion offers great pleasure in revisiting and reconnecting with old coworkers and friends—like **Ted**, MS ‘53, and **Trudy Krueger Winsberg**, to hear about the good things they’ve done with their Florida land; or meeting for the first time correspondents like **Irwin Sitkin**, who help keep this column going; or surprises such as, just before leaving for Ithaca, hearing from **Jim Gibbs** that he couldn’t come but wanted to announce the birth of **Henrique Angelo Gibbs**, his new grandson, and then meeting him at the shuttle stop on the way to the Brann lecture!

Now news from the mailbag. Some may be redundant as I read familiar names on many reunion nametags. **June Williamson** Turgeon (Williamsville, NY) is one of the many who came to Ithaca from New York on the Lehigh Valley. She brought a clock/radio, a Royal portable, and a laundry box. In 2010, **Betty Jacques** Browne (Cleveland, OH;

mbrowne@roadrunner.com) had “a totally unexpected and awesome surprise when nine of her eleven children (and spouses) arrived unannounced from parts near and far, bringing with them all of my eleven grandchildren.” If that wasn’t enough, they presented her with a trip to Rome, Italy. “Who said growing older is a drag?” During 2012, the Rev. **Richard Crews** (South Kent, CT; rjcrews@charter.net) says he volunteered at the library book sale, was a counter at St. Andrews, and took an occasional service. The Rev. **Richard B. Stott** had the greatest impact on him at Cornell. **William Mahoney**, MBA ‘53 (Newport Beach, CA; wilphi@roadrunner.com) wrote with sad news. His wife Phi died in May 2011.

Those who saw them at Reunion know that **Roger**, PhD ‘65, and **Joan Ganders Glassey** (Berkeley, CA; joanglassey@comcast.net) stay busy. Joan wrote of three children—two Cornell graduates—and eight grandchildren in the Bay Area. Roger was president of the UC Berkeley Emeriti Association. Joan chaired a book lunch that fed 60-plus people once a month, was secretary of a music group, and was producing a play reading. Both still played a little tennis. Thirty-two Glasseys met in San Diego for Rog’s 80th birthday in 2010. Joan “loved everything” at Cornell and cited **Baxter Hathaway**, **Robert Hull**, **David Daiches**, and **Stuart Brown** as having the greatest influence. **David Greenwood** (Jersey City, NJ; DLG32@cornell.edu) has been woodworking: “Making hardwood furniture for our house and for offspring.” He had recently finished an arts and crafts inspired bookcase for their kitchen. He’d rather have been waving his “magic wand to create world peace.” Here’s what he would have done differently at Cornell: “Studied! Tried out for drama club! Competed for the *Sun!* Switched to the Architecture school!” His advisor, **Prof. Biggerstaff**, had the greatest impact.

Nancy Cooney Kolb (Ponte Vedra Beach, FL) has retired from tennis, but still loves ballet, bridge, and friends. She visits family in New Hampshire and Vermont during the summer. She first went to Cornell by family car from Buffalo and then on the Lehigh Valley. She came with a bookcase made by her boyfriend, a radio, books, bedding, clothes, posters, and photos. **Betty LaGrange** (Burlington, VT) is in Starr Farm Nursing Center. She reads, sees movies, exercises, and visits with friends who come. She is quite well, but cannot walk. She writes, “I am of sound mind and would love to hear from fellow Cornellians. [Betty’s phone number is slightly different from that in the directory. If you would like details, please e-mail me at the address below.] She came to Cornell with two suitcases. **Norman Mack** (Peterborough, NH; nbmack@myfairpoint.net) is writing his blog, *Dome of Glass*. He first came to Cornell on the Lehigh Valley and brought “almost nothing.” **Walter Relihan**, JD ‘59 (Ithaca, NY) was writing family history and reading thrillers, history, and biography. He had been on a “very elegant and relaxing” cruise on the *Queen Mary II*. He’d like to do another. He would have done “almost everything” differently at Cornell and cites **Clinton Rossiter ‘39** and **Mario Einaudi** as having the greatest impact. I’m at today’s limit, but fear not, I have 80 News Forms to go. Thank you! **Joan Boffa** Gaul, joangaul@verizon.net. Class website, <http://www.cornellclassof52.org>.

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But now the unmissable red-and-white sign proclaiming Johnny's Big Red Grill no longer stands tall over Dryden Road. And the Royal Palm, an oasis to generations of scholars whose thirsts were not exclusively for knowledge, stands at last look forlornly empty across from Johnny's. (It's said that one of the faithful has bought Palms furnishings to build a lakeside semi-replica.)

Chuck West, MBA '56 (Wilmington, NC) regrets the loss. "A great place for a quiet dance and a squeeze on a weeknight date . . . low table in the back and your choice of music on the juke box." Your correspondent recalls his first visit—as a newly pledged, greenish 18-year-old, escorted there late on an autumnal weeknight by seasoned WWII veterans of the house. There were a number of returns in subsequent years. There were photos of Fifties friends in football suits on the walls. For many years, they remained in place. From time to time a helmeted head was shed from the photo—possibly by younger clientele who didn't know about Cornell 20, Michigan 7 (1951).

Those landmarks, and the Dutch, THE Landmark, and Zinck's belong to the ages, but much of the campus you remember remains, along with the spirit of Cornell. And it is out in force during Reunion Week. **Bill Bellamy**, MBA '58, JD '59, **Jack Brophy**, **Gerry Grady**, **Bill Gratz**, **Jane Little Hardy**, and **Joyce Wisbaum** Underberg, among many, returned last June with plans to do so again next June 6-9 for **Dick Halberstadt** and **Caroline Mulford** Owens's Super 60th. Gratz and Jay Bruno even showed up early for a Cornell's Adult University (CAU) preunion. Binghamtonian expat Grady installed air conditioning in the family buggy for a June journey from Florida to Ithacation.

Jack Otter (Savannah, GA), impresario of the Class of '53 and far-off-off-off-off-Broadway director of musical shows with Octagon when we were very young, and wife Susan have "celebrated 52 years of love and good health." He reports that oldest son Jack Otter is out with *Worth It . . . Not Worth It: Simple and Profitable Answers to Life's Tough Financial Questions* (Hachette) to warm reviews. You may have seen excerpts in the *May Men's Life*. Jack, Jack noted last spring, was executive editor of CBS Money Watch, "having served in various editorial positions at *Smart Money*, *Best Life*, and *Newsday*," and adds, "It's great to be parents of successful sons." **Dave Kopko** (Nantucket) would be inclined to agree. His son Michael and spouse Lynne have founded White Heron Theatre Company on the island. It will produce classical theatre. They were to appear at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe in Scotland this summer.

Warren "Skip" Leach, dividing his time between Arizona and Pennsylvania, spends that time, says he, at tennis, travel, and doctors, not to mention Great Decisions programs and running a lecture series for his community, drawing upon "U. of Arizona resources, Immigration and Border Patrol personnel, and local celebrities." Skip's first wife, Caroline Shelby, like moi a '46 graduate of Bellevue Junior High in Syracuse, died in 1994. Five years later, Skip married another Carol, also from Syracuse. Each has three sons, and Skip also has a Cornellian '84 daughter who has eight of the Leaches' 23 grandlings and four greats. The eight were raised in Jamaica, Uzbekistan, Thailand, and Turkey as a result of their mom's mission work. All of Skip's kids spent a school year in South America. As a result, two of the boys found their way into the coffee business. Skip says he's planning on Reunion '13.

Retired eight years from the practice of psychiatry following a career in internal medicine, **Marguerite Goetke** Larsen looks warmly back on the growth and maturing of her three children, now in their 40s. She tells of returning to college studies "only NOT taking courses," teaching herself history, anthropology, and art, ancient and modern. She's "amazed to have lived this long to watch the world (and myself) change." A cherished memory: "the Supreme Court decision after seven years favoring her husband, **Bernhard Deutch '51**, MS '53, charged with contempt of Congress by the House Unamerican Affairs Committee in 1954." **Dave Rossin** says **Harlowe Harding**, MBA '54, turned up at the Sarasota Cornell Club's un-beach party in April. Cork arrived in a transporter. The guys looked in on the Ringling Museum, lunched at the museum's Treviso Restaurant, and shared memories of good old days on the Hill.

Retired chemistry professor **Julian Hecklen** made headlines in the *New York Times* and *Washington Post* last April when Federal District Judge Kimba Wood dismissed an indictment charging him with jury tampering. He was collared outside a Manhattan courthouse handing out brochures urging jurors "to vote their conscience" through jury nullification. That's a doctrine that allows jurors to acquit criminals who they believe are guilty as charged, but who do not deserve punishment. He has also been arrested several times for smoking marijuana—to protest anti-pot laws. Otherwise, he is not a user, just an offbeat former Penn State prof who favors ignoring laws with which he disagrees and thinks others should do likewise. Thanks to **Elliot Cattarulla** for pointing this out. **Jim Hanchett**, 300 1st Ave., #8B, New York, NY 10009; e-mail, jch46@cornell.edu.

54 Big Red and Ezra, the Red-tailed hawks with the prestigious address (80-Foot Light Pole, Tower Road, Cornell), have seen their three eyases hatch and fledge and are now teaching them to hunt between Rice Hall and the Plantations. It has been a great course, courtesy of the Cornell Lab of Ornithology. I suggest, if you're interested, that you check in next April to see those two magnificent hawks raise another family. It is a lesson all humans could learn from: raise them with love, teach them independence, and let them soar—preferably high above Cornell.

Helene and **Paul Bornstein** have acclimated very comfortably to their remove four years ago from Seattle to Tesuque, NM. They traded 150 drizzly days for the Land of Enchantment with its incredible blue skies, 14 inches of rain, and more of the fluffy white stuff. **Paul Napier** has not changed his Sherman Oaks address in 45 years and would appear not to have changed his pace of life, either. He was a founder of the SAG Awards and has been involved in their annual production since 1995. He credits Cornell house party weekends as good training ground for surviving in the real world—a benefit present-day undergrads miss out on. Paul's real life switches gears from the world of SAG and AFTRA to that of Pop Warner football, neighborhood block parties, and the world of his grands, happily and with great facility. Had he known his grands would be so much fun and keep him so young he would have had them first.

By now well ensconced in the San Francisco Bay Area, multi-faceted **Allan Griff** is enjoying his life to the fullest, doing those things he finds most rewarding. He is giving webinars in his tech

specialties (plastics, environment, fold packaging) every two months, writing poetry, traveling to French Polynesia, planning trips to Trinidad and Tobago, enjoying dogs, plants, and the beauty of the bay, and hosting a madrigal group every Sunday night chez Griff. A varied life full of his favorite things—not bad for a kid looking at his 60th Cornell Reunion. Still to be achieved? Seeing his 300-plus poems in published form. From the opposite side of the country, **Ken Hershey** is another who finds even the word retire abhorrent. Ken is up to his old tricks: working three jobs and overseeing eight grands, plus his usual rounds of golf, biking, boating, skiing, and paddle tennis. Ken, like Paul, has not moved house in 53 years and appears to thrive on continuity of lifestyle, although he does dream of starting a winery. We have been lucky to have him cheering on Cornell and this class for almost 60 years and would appreciate many more. **Delight Dixon** Omohundro has been joined in Florida by her youngest son, who moved south from Virginia. With ten grands to her credit, I hope a few moved south also.

Betty Brundage Huntress listed the number of Cornellians and engineers in the family. The list is longer than most small town phone books—that is, when there were phone books—and much too long for this space. Betty did include a personal note saying she was recovering from total knee replacement surgery and a couple of broken ribs. Having moved back to town, **Stephen Krauss** spends more time at his artwork, mainly oil painting and printmaking. Hoping to educate youngsters in the arts, he serves on the board of the community school of the arts for the disadvantaged, whose curriculum includes visual arts, music, dance, and drama. Stephen and Carol have always done adventure travel and this time it was base-camp hiking in the Sierra, doing eight miles a day at 6,000-plus feet for five days. Wow! Hope his sketchbook was tucked in his backpack. **Craig Bogley**'s move to Kansas City is proving an educational bonanza, along with being closer to the grands. He is studying every available course in the physics department at KU's Center for Continuing Education, as well as preparing to teach a course on Thomas Merton at his parish church. His mention of cosmology sent me to Google. I left puzzled as to which branch he is pursuing.

Delayed publication often leaves the class in the dark regarding our friends who have had art exhibitions that are long over before being read about here. We are hoping the Web will alleviate that problem. This time we are in luck. **Joan Schwartz** Danziger, BFA '54's one-person sculpture exhibit at American U's Katzen Art Center in Washington, DC, will open November 3, 2012. From **Deborah Kroker** Ineich comes news that they love to travel—and with six children and 17 grands scattered about the country, would you expect anything else? Their roots are so deep in Downers Grove (my brain always translates this to Thornton Wilder's Grover's Corners), having lived there 54 years, that Bob and Debby feel they "have become pillars."

Class president **Jack Vail** asks that we please fill out and return the class update info request form sent to you in May, if you haven't already. He adds that, as of September, we are switching back to the old class website address that was used up until about a year ago, <http://classof54.alumni.cornell.edu>. **Leslie Papenfus** Reed, lesliereed@me.com. CAM digital edition, <http://www.cornellalumnimagazine-digital.com>.

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On the last News Form you received, we asked you to dredge up some long-ago memories from your undergraduate years, and tell us what course or professor had a lasting influence on you. Thanks very much for your interesting comments—your response was just great! **Hal Fountain** mentioned a marketing course with Prof. **Larry Darrah, PhD '43**, in Warren Hall. Hal's major was Economics; he went on to a career in real estate and banking. **Chuck Hofsass** also named Prof. Darrah, plus **Marius Rasmussen '19**, PhD '24, and Prof. Treman, who taught Business Law, and added, "All have been useful to this day. I attribute my success to Cornell, its faculty and curriculum, and the outstanding caliber of my classmates." Another Aggie, **Bill Tennant**, remembers Ag Ec with Prof. **Stan Warren '27**, PhD '31.

Hal Sweeney chose Prof. **Harry Caplan '16**, PhD '21's course on Horace's *Odes* and *Epodes*. "My major, Classics, has informed my life and many of my past and present activities, including those in my professional field of political science and public administration." **Alden "Nick" Hathaway** was an Animal Husbandry major, but currently serves as bishop-in-residence at the Church of St. Helena in Beaufort, SC. "I greatly profited from random courses taken or audited in the wider university, such as **Marcus Singer, PhD '52**'s Comparative Neuroanatomy and Edwin Burt's Comparative Religion." **Barbara Brott** Myers took Dr. Pfund's Food Chemistry in Home Ec, which, she says, "served me well for 57 years of homemaking, but wasn't required for my degree!" Barbara also formed a general construction company, building commercial and industrial buildings.

Louis Altman explains, "My interest in philosophy led me into Humanism, and my interest in science led me into patent law." Lou has since received a lifetime achievement award from the Society for Humanistic Judaism. **Len Ladin** was a Chemistry major, leading to his professional pursuits: he worked for a chemical company, then became a partner in a management consulting firm handling chemical and pharmaceutical clients. Len's favorite course was European Literature, taught by Victor Lange. **Eliot "Cot" Orton**, PhD '71, majored in History. "I feel it has been the foundation for everything I have done since," he says. "Prof. Momsen left a lasting imprint on me." **Marlene Medjuck** Green singled out the professor who was also my own favorite: Prof. George Healy. We both remember his course on Romantic English Poets.

Jeanne Rembert Bennett, MS '56, who majored in Zoology, referred to Dr. Richard Watkins's entomology class: "He made the insect world fascinating to me," she wrote. Jeanne subsequently taught several years of high school biology, although "most of my years in education were in high school counseling." **Priscilla Rice** Oehl majored in Child Development and then earned her MS from Pitt. "This provided good background for my career in speech pathology." Both **Bill Ellison** and his wife, **Sara (Smith)**, chose the same course as their favorite: Development of American Ideals, taught by Prof. **Milton Konvitz, PhD '33**. "This ILR course was very popular as an elective for many non-ILR students." Bill also cited the influence of Prof. **John Reps, MRP '47**'s Principles of City Planning, "It often helped me in the TV documentaries I produced for Connecticut viewers, through the urban turmoil of the '60s and '70s." **John Wertis** writes that his major at Cornell has "stood me in good stead," fostering

his interest in farming and his career as president of the New York Nut Growers Association.

Bill Boyle, MBA '56, earned his undergrad degree in Agricultural Economics and his MBA in Marketing and devoted his working career to food processing. "In retirement, I own and manage two grain farms and serve as president of the Muskingum watershed conservancy district, which covers 20 percent of the state of Ohio, and focuses on flood reduction, conservation, and recreation." **Francine Goldberger** Rubenstein, like **Art Murakami** and many others in the class, was influenced by Prof. **Clinton Rossiter '39**. "His critique, 'competent but not spectacular,' has remained with me for life," Fran recalls. **Marcia Willemen** Sutter remembers **Bill Dilger '46**, BS '49, PhD '55, in Ornithology, and "especially the field trips in beautiful areas around Ithaca." She adds, "As a Botany major, I restarted the defunct Muhlenberg Botanical Society and I volunteer at the North Museum of Natural History and Science in Lancaster, PA." **Barbara Burg** Gilman taught biology for 32 years, "so I guess I used my Science major!"

Earle Peterson, DVM '58, practiced veterinary medicine for 45 years. **Nancy Taft** Whitman majored in Chemistry, went to physical therapy school, spent several years as a physical therapist, then finished her career teaching music at the U. of Nebraska. **Florence Sandler** had a career as a psychologist, but still "loves to read and discuss literature, ever since my days studying European Lit with Nabokov and Shakespeare with Dr. Keast." Flo was undoubtedly in classes with **Lorrie Pietryka** Plamondon, who referenced the same course in European Lit, and **Sigrid Olafson** Farwell, who mentioned Dr. Keast as a favorite teacher. **Peter Romeo**, BArch '56, had a rewarding career in architecture, and practiced until age 75. His two favorite professors were **Vic Colby, MFA '50** (Fine Arts) and **Hubert Baxter, BArch 1910** (Geometry and Mechanics). Peter wrote, "Blessed am I for a rich and rewarding life. Cornell and the work ethic implanted by my parents, humble and dedicated Italian immigrants, built the foundation for a satisfied and fruitful life." There'll be more of your comments in the next issue, or send me an e-mail with your memories of classes and professors and I'll include them. **Nancy Savage** Petrie, nancypetrie@optonline.net. Class website, <http://classof55.alumni.cornell.edu>.

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Maria Radoslovich Cox, BArch '56 (Ponte Vedra Beach, FL) starts us off: "My garden is simplified. I share my roses. I play a bit of golf. I'm glad to be here." **Thomas Witschi** (Wading River, NY) is still teaching orthopaedic surgery part-time with Mt. Sinai School of Medicine at Elmhurst Hospital Center. **Tis Weigt** Huberth (Auburn, WA) is a watercolorist and teaches watermedia painting. In 2012, she had paintings published in *Best of the Best American Art*, and she is an active member of Women Painters of Washington (womenpainters.com) and five other art groups. Tis's son Robert and two grandchildren live in Seattle, WA. Joan Reimann (Lakeland, FL), wife of our classmate **Arthur Reimann**, notified us of Art's passing in December 2011. She writes, "Miss you all!" **Margot Lurie** Zimmerman sent news from Chevy Chase, MD: "Our 'work' in retirement seems to alternate between visiting doctors and traveling. Right now it's still more of the latter." Recent trips for Margot and Paul have included India, Mexico, New Orleans, Washington, DC, the Adirondacks, England,

Portugal, and Toronto. Their daughter **Julie '87** was headed to Denmark in April for a five-day visit with her niece **Ali Zimmerman '13**, who is studying in Copenhagen.

Lenny Brotman Greenstein divides her time between Naples, FL, and the Berkshires in Massachusetts. She writes, "Enjoying retirement from teaching 'The Art of Nutrition' at lifelong learning programs, university teaching, and writing as nutrition columnist in Naples." Civic activities include the Jewish Federation Community Relations and Israel Affairs committees, board member of the Holocaust, Judaic Studies Center at Florida Gulf Coast U. in Ft. Meyers, and liaison to the local Hillel chapter at FGCU. As you may remember, Lenny was president of the Cornell Hillel chapter in 1955-56. She is also active in the Cornell clubs of Southwest Florida and the Berkshires. "Wonderful monthly meetings with prominent Cornell alumni, and I enjoy seeing Rosa and Pres. Emer. Frank Rhodes in Naples. I had a fabulous trip to Prague, Bratislava, and Budapest last fall with Road Scholar, which was a cultural experience and walk through Jewish history for me." Lenny has nine grandchildren to visit and has attended three bar and bat mitzvahs with son Rabbi **Micah Greenstein '84** officiating.

Foster Kinney (Redwood City, CA) reports that he and wife Sharon celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary the week of Thanksgiving 2011 at a villa on the beach in Jamaica. "There were 14, with daughters and families flying in from Menlo Park, CA, Colorado Springs, CO, and Chevy Chase, MD." He adds, "The Iran Group had a special reunion (55th) during Reunion Weekend 2011 at the lovely home of member **Don Greenberg '55**, BCE '58, PhD '68, high on a hillside overlooking Cayuga Lake. Attending were: **Ed Berkowitz** (Washington, DC), **Bob Day** (Silver Spring, MD), **Bob Gerhardt** (The Villages, FL), **Dick Hutman '55**, BArch '56 (Los Angeles, CA), Foss Kinney (Redwood City, CA), **Tom Merryweather** (Tucson, AZ), **George Pazianos**, LLB '61 (Washington, DC), **Curt Reis** (Rolling Hills, CA), **Dan Silverberg** (Chagrin Falls, OH), **Ernie Stern** (NYC), and **Jerry Tarr** (Rutland, VT). It was a sharing of lots of memories."

Rev. **John Maltby** (Monmouth Junction, NJ) retired in August 2008 after 50 years as pastor of Miller Memorial Presbyterian Church. Among other civic activities, John is serving as chaplain of the Dryden F&AM Lodge and was the founder of the local Boy Scout Troop 10, now in its 50th year of service! He is also an at-large member of the Big Red Band Alumni Association. John has provided hospice care to relatives on Long Island and in Michigan and Georgia. He is father, stepfather, grandpa, and great-grandpa to ten children, 22 grands, and ten greats. Do you remember "Tinman," published in the *Cornell Widow*? **Sandy Ames** Kallen (Grand Ledge, MI) writes that it was republished in a local anthology, *Seasons of Life*, by Writing at the Ledges (Riley Press). It is the true story of two Cornellians taking a second chance at love. Sandy is active at Trinity Episcopal Church with vestry and as facilitator of Episcopal Church Women. As Victorian Mass chair for Victorian Day, she creates wild hats, hangings, and vestments. Sandy has five children scattered from Boston to California, ten grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. Keep your news coming! **Phyllis Bosworth**, phylboz@aol.com.

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Ray and Audrey Wildner Sears '58 led a contingent of '58 reunion planners to our 55th. They

got a first-hand view of a superbly planned and executed event, thanks primarily to the tremendous efforts of **Betty Starr** King and **Charlie Parker**. Kudos also to **Bob Watts**, who continues as webmaster and emcee supreme. **Joe '56**, MBA '58, and **Sue DeRosay Henninger** seemed to be everywhere at once. Joe, **Rod Beckwith**, and I reminisced about our basketball management days, when **Milt Kogan**, BS Ag '07, roamed the court. Milt was among the missing at President Skorton's State of the University address, but **Paul Noble** sparked the Q & A by revealing Milt's whereabouts. Incidentally, for future reference, this and other events were available online.

On Saturday evening, we honored and remembered **Jack McCormick** for his funding of the renovation of the Moakley bar and dining room, followed by dinner in a tent. I had the pleasure of sitting next to **Ron Dunbar** and **Stu** and **Tornie Mackay**, who told me the wonders of raising a family in Cookville, TN, before escaping to Illinois. Speaking of Stu, we need to pass the hat to get him, **Tony Cashen**, MBA '58, and **Phil McIndoo**, our new president, some long pants. As is now their tradition, they showed up Saturday night in kilts. It was great fun to spend time chatting with classmates as we traveled to dinners, Bailey Hall for two terrific music nights, the tents on the Arts Quad, and the wind-downs at our residence. Conversations with **Paul Garrett**, **Roy Hassel**, **Ted Raab**, **Lou Heimbach**, MBA '58, **Bill Lutz**, **Al Suter**, MBA '59, and so many others added greatly to my enjoyment of a special time.

As at the 50th, a Delta Upsilon contingent gathered at the Taughannhock Farms Inn for two days before the university reunion. The group included Tony and **Gail Lautzenheiser** Cashen, Rod and Liz Beckwith, **Tom Keating** and Betty Ziegler, **Dom** and Debra **Pasquale**, Ann and **Pete Blauvelt**, and your humble correspondent, who was lucky enough to have his son and grandson join the group.

After many years as class correspondent, I had the pleasure of meeting Adele Robinette, associate publisher and class notes editor at the alumni magazine, at the Saturday luncheon in Barton Hall . . . which reminds me that we can access the digital edition of the magazine at www.cornellalumnimagazine-digital.com. Also, while I have the floor, a suggestion that news via e-mail is always welcome. A wise man once said that 77-year-olds tend to have handwriting that even they can't read. He was wise beyond his years. ☐ **John Seiler**, suitcase2@aol.com.

Our thanks to **Marj Nelson** Smart for being our guest columnist this month! Here is her reunion report:

What a glorious weekend! Festivities began with a wine tasting at our headquarters, beautifully decorated by **Vanne Shelley** Cowie. Musical selections by the Sherwoods entertained the wine tasters, including **Dee Heasley** Van Dyke, BFA '57, who had flown from Honolulu to attend a pre-reunion CAU seminar. She reported that "Barry" Obama had been one of her fifth grade art class students. **Adrienne McNair**, MED '61, traveled the

few miles from her Ithaca home, while **Jo Field** Bleakley drove down the lake from Geneva, NY. Also hailing from Geneva is **Eva Stern** Steadman, who managed to fit reunion into a hectic travel schedule. A barbecue dinner and a talk by men's heavyweight crew coach Todd Kennett followed.

Chatting over Friday morning breakfast were **Joan Jeremiah** Reusswig, **Linda Wellman** Stansfield, **Bobbie Redden** Leamer, and **Adele Petrillo** Smart. Our reunion food co-chair **Nancy Krauthamer** Goldberg attended a mid-morning seminar on "Suggestions for a Long Life." Her summary: be happy and eat your vegetables. A tent on the sun-splashed Arts Quad was the venue for a picnic lunch at which **Dedee Brennan** Daly connected with **Sandy Lindberg** Bole (just back from Peru) and **Jeanne Waters** Townsend, recently returned from a birding trip to Ethiopia. **Joan Reinberg** Macmillan opted to do her bird watching in the more accessible Sapsucker Woods.

The Ithaca Country Club was alive with classmates reliving old times as we enjoyed cocktails on the patio followed by dinner and a talk by Cornell VP Charlie Phlegar. The reconnaissance team of **Mary Hobbie** Berkelman and **Judy Madigan** Burgess had done a fine job of preliminary inspection of each venue.

The highlight of Saturday's activities was our forum "Classmates in the Arts" at the Schwartz Center. **Ellen Stekert** proved that age need not diminish one's musical talents as she entertained the crowd with her lovely voice and guitar playing. A picnic supper at the Cornell golf course gave classmates one more opportunity to catch up. Enjoying the perfect evening were **Jan Charles** Lutz, **Marcia Wishengrad** Metzger, JD '60, **Eleanor Meaker** Kraft, LLB '60, **Marilynn Rives** Miller, **Betty Ann Rice** Keane, and **Anita Wisbrun** Morrison. Elections were held after dinner. Incoming officers are: president **Phil McIndoo**; first vice president **Marj Nelson** Smart; secretary **Connie Santagato** Hosterman; treasurer **Stu MacKay**; and Cornell Annual Fund representatives **Bert Grunert** DeVries and **Bill Lutz**. Outgoing president **Dori Goudsmit** Albert was enthusiastically thanked for her capable leadership for the past five years. The evening ended with the popular "Cornelliana Night," where we had a chance to sing the old songs once again.

On Sunday morning a moving memorial service featured readings by **Judy Richter** Levy, LLB '59, and **Jan Nelson** Cole, as well as selections by the Waiters of the '50s. "See you in five" rang out through our headquarters as we headed for home. ☐ **Marj Nelson** Smart, MNSmart@aol.com; **Judy Reusswig**, JCREUSS@aol.com.

58 **Mike Young** says he's working hard and traveling the world. He lives in North Salem, NY (and has no plans to relocate) and enjoys the grandkids, opera, theatre, and conservative politics! **Franklin Russell**, MBA '60, played the chimes at Cornell for more than five years and has been on the university's chimes advisory committee since its inception in 1990. He adds that he was asked by

the Damascus Shriners two years ago to restart their band (he also played in the Big Red band) and that this has been a success. He is the director. Franklin just finished eight years as a medic/driver with the local Newark ambulance company and found it very interesting and fulfilling.

Last fall, **Ken Pollard** won one of the CALS Outstanding Alumni Awards, which exemplifies commitment to lifelong community involvement and service. Since graduating from Cornell, he has been one of the most effective and widely respected advocates for New York agriculture. Ken's key role in new marketing opportunities for New York's cherry and apple production allowed state growers to realize improved profitability through diversification from processing to fresh market supply, expanding the program in purchasing, consumer relations, and public relations. He and his wife of 56 years reside in Cayuga, NY, and have three children and seven grandchildren.

Marcia Graham Bond is an active Democrat and Obama supporter. She is also active in several spiritual groups and sponsors and leads "A Course in Miracles." She plays bridge twice a week and spends time in Montana, Connecticut, and Pennsylvania. Coastal erosion caused her to sell her home in Jupiter, FL, but she now rents in the same building. **Dorothy Dean** Gusick went back to Cornell last fall and visited with her granddaughter **Alison Gusick '14** (Arts and Sciences). She remembers carrying her golf clubs to the golf course and it seemed like a very long way from Clara Dickson. She still plays the game! She hadn't been back to Cornell since the mid-'80s, when her sons were there, and she found the changes to be quite overwhelming!

Patricia Bradfield Tillis and her husband moved to a farm in 2006 when she retired from teaching at Ohio U. They started with undeveloped land, built a home and large sheds, and fenced 40 acres with water lines to all those pastures. "We worked hard and lost strength faster than we expected. I sell a line of products—pickles, jams, relishes, blueberry syrup—at both the local market and local Kroger store. It has been very satisfying, but we are beginning a new life as November to March snowbirds in Cape Coral, FL." **Art Brooks** is happy to report that the "original" (old) Sherwoods continue—a dozen or so strong. They performed again last fall in Cambria, CA. You can go back!

J.D. Phillips, BA '60, of Gilgo Beach, NY, retired as a data processing consultant in 2001. He also coached high school lacrosse for ten years and football for six years at Seaford, NY. He is trying to play as much golf as possible, especially after hip replacement in June 2011. He volunteers at the Long Island Metro Lacrosse Foundation, the Federation of Int'l Lacrosse, and Save the Beaches Fund. **Mary Avery** was married in May 2011 to Joseph Robinson. She lives in Pottsdam and is active in the Girls Club sponsored by her church. **Gail Glueck Bernstein** (gailbernstein@gmail.com) lives in San Francisco and still works at the Oakland Museum of California, though now on a part-time basis as a proofreader/copyeditor. Her husband, **Ralph '57**, works full-time as a clinical gastroenterologist at the Alameda County Medical Center. When not working, they enjoy the benefits of living in San Francisco—including symphony, theatre, jazz, and lots of great restaurants within walking distance of their home. Their son, Steven, is a trumpeter and Grammy nominee. ☐ **Jan Arps** Jarvie, janjarvie@gmail.com; **Dick Haggard**, dhaggard@voicenet.com.

59 Great gifts! To celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary, Leslie and **Barbara Hirsch Kaplan** gave each other Cornell trips: Barbara took Leslie to Cuba with CAU in March/April and Leslie took Barbara to London with CAU in May. "The trips were so well run," says Barbara. "Cuba was amazing! The art museum in Havana has an awesome collection, and there was a very knowledgeable docent. The people are kind and very friendly to Americans, yet the country is very European and

Short takes: **Ed Wind, Tom Golden, and Seth Newberger** were among Pi Lambda Phi alums who reunited over lunch at the Cornell Club in NYC in May. **Ken Rand** and **Tony Baker** get together regularly to play golf. **Dick** and Anne **Bartlett** have been on more than 20 cruises, covering all destinations except Antarctica and Africa. **Marian Fay Levitt** took "an amazing trip" to Viet Nam, Cambodia, and Laos—sailed on the Mekong and saw Angkor Wat, the killing fields, temples, cities, and jungles. **Valerie Gilardi** Moliterno is active in the Waccamaw

administration in Philadelphia and the Northwest. After retiring from a position in the physics department at the U. of Washington, Gail became the owner and publisher of Workwomans Press in Seattle. Among the Press's recent publications, which include Gail's own *A Date in Santiago: Luis Garcia in Chile* and, with others, *The Pentameron: A Collective Sixties Memoir*, she also published a work of literary criticism by Deborah Heller, *Daughters and Mothers in Alice Munro's Later Stories*. Deborah teaches comparative literature at York U. in Toronto.

James "J.T." Tsigis still works as a real estate broker with Keller Williams in Arizona and says, "I have been enjoying the beautiful weather in Tucson for the past 40 years and, now, the birth of our first grandson." **Johanna "Toddy" Dwyer** also continues to enjoy her work at Tufts Medical Center in Boston, her primary residence, and part of the time at the National Institutes of Health in Washington, though she concedes that she is "gradually tailing down." Toddy also finds time for overseas travel, some of it professional, and has made trips to Budapest, Singapore, Barcelona, Prague, Lausanne, and Anaheim, CA. She said she "loved the 50th Reunion—it was so nice renewing conversations after 50 years just as though they had never stopped." **Pete Rodgers**, BEE '62, is, he says, "feeling fine." He took a 12-day bicycle trip through Tuscany in Fall 2011 "with a great riding group and wonderful sights and food." Pete notes that his first grandchild just headed to college, an indication that "we must be getting older!"

Linda Jarschauer Johnson, MS '63, reports, "The Class of 1960 Women's Book Group continues to flourish in Washington, DC. **Louise Klein** Hodin provided the original impetus for getting us together many years ago, and **Susan Cowan Jakubiak** has been our 'mother hen' all these years. We meet monthly, eating at a restaurant with a cuisine related to the selected book. Our 'regulars' include **Dolores Tierney Battle**, **Carol Klaus Coyle**, **Tish Heller Davidson**, **Ruth Berberian Hanessian**, and **Ruth Sussman McDiarmid**, in addition to Louise, Susan, and myself." Linda notes that over the years they've added members from other classes, including **Carol Benjamin Epstein '61**, **Linda Goldfarb Roberts '62**, and **Lois Ullman Berkowitz '59**. **Carol Sue Epstein** Hai joined the group for its most recent meeting. Your correspondent had the great pleasure of meeting with Linda in May when she came to Newton to babysit her granddaughters while their mother, **Suzannah Johnson Creedon '92**, went on vacation with her husband. When she's in the Boston area, says Linda, "I regularly spend time with **Stephanie Herman Adelman** and her husband, **Lester '59**, who live in Cambridge." Linda also goes to Cornell reunions each year, where she hosts a reception for all the returning Cornell-in-Washington alums in her role as retired executive director.

Roena "Bunny" Lindquist Haynie (Kansas City, MO) has retired from Avila U., "where I was head of the social work program and chair of social sciences. My husband and I sold our home and bought a condo a year ago; we are in the Plaza area, near art museums and great restaurants." Bunny and husband Charles Reitz also travel when they can and have visited Rome and Sicily, where they especially liked the Valley of the Temples in Agrigento. Her two daughters, Aeron, a faculty member at the U. of Wisconsin, Green Bay, and Deirdre, an occupational therapist who lives in Ashby, MA, are both married. They have one child each, now 8 and 12 years old, who

'I'm devoting my time to karate, investing, Español, and grandparenting.'

George Downs '61

so poverty-stricken. In London, we saw six plays in seven days." This past spring also marked the tenth anniversary of the Kaplan Family Distinguished Faculty Fellowship in Service-Learning, and as has become a tradition. Leslie and Barbara's trip to Cornell for the awards presentation included dinner with **Dave** and **Peggy Flynn Dunlop**, MS '63, **George** and **Bobbi Greig Schneider**, and **Ron Demer**.

Stan Lomax, JD '62, includes socialism and its evolving nature in his government ethics course at the U. of South Carolina; among the topics the class has focused on are recent developments in Cuba. In conjunction with this, Stan has already made four trips there. "It's a wonderful place to visit, though it is still a place of grinding poverty, with the large majority of Cubans without meaningful work and hence no money to pay for goods and services. Despite their economic plight, however, most Cubans I've met have been courteous, friendly, and very curious about trends in the US, including the Occupy movements." Stan has been intrigued by Raul Castro's move to free up part of the service economy, removing state ownership for businesses such as barbers. He notes that many of these businesspeople are facing enormous challenges in making the transition—learning about competitive pricing, income versus expenses (paying for rent, for example), and so on. For instance, in early 2011 Stan waited in vain for almost two hours to get a haircut because the newly made entrepreneur simply did not feel up to going to his shop. Stan returned to the shop this past January; it was indeed open for business but had no customers, since the barber was apparently overpricing his services. "When I left, he was preparing to match his competitors," notes Stan.

Bob Norton, PhD '67, remains active as a professor emeritus at Ohio State U., working half-time. He was designated director of the DACUM Int'l Training Center, which he has given leadership to for the past 30 years. DACUM ("Developing a Curriculum") is best known as a highly effective method of job and occupational analysis that provides a solid foundation for developing high-quality instructional materials. "We have trained more than 5,000 persons from 51 countries to be facilitators of the process," says Bob. He and his wife maintain their primary residence in Columbus, OH, but last year they purchased a second home in Cumming, GA, to be near some of their kids and grandkids—and to have a warmer place to go when winter comes to Columbus.

Riverkeeper Program, a grassroots organization that works to protect the rivers in the watershed that empties into Winyah Bay at Georgetown, SC.

Kudos to **Alan Herschman**, who was presented with the Harry Z. Mellins Award in Radiology for outstanding achievements and contributions to medicine and radiology. The award, from the Alumni Association of the College of Medicine at SUNY Downstate Medical Center, was given to Alan on the 50th anniversary of his graduation from medical school. Kudos, too, to Dave Dunlop, who was inducted into the National Wrestling Hall of Fame as an Outstanding American from New Jersey.

Paul '57 and **Lee Anderson Tregurtha** spend most of the year in Darien, CT, but head south to N. Palm Beach, FL, for the winter months. Similarly, **Brooke Morrison** Megrue divides her time between Rowayton, CT, and Vero Beach, FL. When not traveling, **Joan Travis Pittel** continues to volunteer usher at the Kravis Center in W. Palm Beach. This year she has been to the British Isles and Iceland, and to Israel for her grandson Ben's bar mitzvah. **Bill Fraser** continues to enjoy his avocation of bird photography, particularly on trips to South America. **Kim Mitchell** is restoring a tractor that his dad bought when he was freshmen at Cornell.

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60 **Edith Rogovin** Frankel sends word that she has just published a new book, *Old Lives and New: Soviet Immigrants in Israel and America* (Hamilton/Rowman & Littlefield, 2012). Based on interviews Edith did in the 1970s with people who had just left the Soviet Union and then reinterviewed 25 years later, after they were well established in their adopted countries, the book describes the challenges faced by all who leave their homeland in search of a better life elsewhere. A political scientist who has taught at Dartmouth, Stanford, University College London, and Hebrew U. in Jerusalem, Edith published other works on the Soviet Union and Russia, as well as *Walking in the Mountains: A Woman's Guide* (2003). She now lives in Colts Neck, NJ.

Also active in publishing, **Gail Sherrell** Chiarello spent much of her career in healthcare

came to Kansas City this summer for two weeks of “Shakespeare Camp” at the Heart of America Shakespeare Festival, much of which takes place right near Bunny’s condominium.

Edward “Ted” Bartlett is another faculty retiree, having left his longtime position at Cleveland State U. for life in Venice, FL. Ted recalls what led him to become a professor of philosophy: “Having stumbled into Philosophy 101, never having even heard of the topic, I never left it—from undergraduate major to an MA and PhD at the U. of Washington and then to teaching. Anyone remember David Sachs? Wow!” Among Ted’s publications are works on medical ethics, including articles on the implications of “do not resuscitate” orders. **Herb Kaplan** reports from Bethesda, MD, that he has also retired, “after 10 years as a chemical engineer and 40 happy years in the restaurant business,” some of which were at a highly regarded bistro on Washington’s Capitol Hill. His current plan: “Enjoying the grandchildren.”

Update: **Madeline “Maddy” Munstuk Anbinder** just sent word that she and **Steve ‘59** recently changed their plans and can now be found each year in Palm Beach, FL, from November to mid-May. She can be reached at madelineanbinder@yahoo.com. Send news! ☑ **Judy Bryant** Wittenberg, jw275@cornell.edu.

61 The News Forms that accompany your class dues are one of our principal sources for writing your Class Notes. Keep them coming and send your news online anytime to <http://alumni.cornell.edu/classes>. First, we heard from **Robert Gambino** (rbgambino@snet.net), who writes, “I’ve been ‘retired’ over ten years—dabbled in local politics and continue to run my 3,000-square-foot hobby greenhouse. My present ‘job’ is eliminating invasive weeds in my pond and gardens.” Robert also knows the way to popularity. He adds, “I wrote this while waiting for power to be restored after a recent snowstorm. Luckily I had a generator for the eight days and was able to help others not so fortunate.” **Betty Schultz** Goldberg (goldbergbet@juno.com) attended our 50th as her first Cornell reunion. “One of the unexpected benefits of our 50th Reunion was coming across **Paul ‘46** and **Lois Levine**, whom we hadn’t seen since they moved from Connecticut to San Carlos, CA, 23 years ago. We recently spent a wonderful day with Paul and Lois on a trip to San Francisco.” Betty says she is now retired and indulging her avid interest in the theatre.

George Downs (downs.george@gmail.com) has now retired and reports, “Time for a break! After six years at Stanford grad school, 17 years at NASA, and 25 years at MIT’s Lincoln Lab, I’m devoting my time to karate, investing, Español, and grandparenting.” I share George’s enthusiasm for grandparenting! Meanwhile, **Ira Firestone** (aa1358@wayne.edu) still works as a professor at Wayne State U. He is also engaged in grandparenting and traveling, as well as volunteering at the Detroit Inst. of Arts. Another yellow news form, this time from **Ed Goldman**: “I’m winding down my hard-cover book-binding business after 45-plus years. It’s clearly an overdue move.” I have to add on Ed’s behalf that he has been a tireless supporter of our class and our reunion activities. For our 50th, Ed was listed as yearbook printer, proofreader, and staff member. I can also account for all the photos Ed has taken at our reunions over the years. Ed, we all appreciate your commitments to the Class of ‘61.

Gail Kweller Ripans (ripans@mindspring.com) writes from Atlanta that she is lecturing on international relations, specializing in the Middle East, at Senior U. at Mercer. She and husband **Alan ‘55** spend the winters in St. Petersburg, FL. The 50th Reunion was a big hit, especially the Phi Sigma Sigma get-together, and Gail would like to hear more from **Ruth Schimel**, **Lois Kraus Feinerman**, and her sorority sisters. **Ted Bier** (tedbier@tmba.com), a fellow mechanical engineer, still runs his firm, TMBA, but finds the time to travel, including trips to Australia and New Zealand. “I really enjoyed visiting places that like Americans and America.” Ted is active in boating and would like to hear from classmates who boat on the eastern end of Long Island. Another ME, **Garrett Codrington** writes, “Recently retired (again) as president of my condo association after six years resolving (favorably) a \$5.5 mil. lawsuit against the developer. Time to go back to golf and more travel.” Gary lists many destinations including a Venice and Dalmatian Coast excursion for their 50th wedding anniversary.

From Danville, KY, **Ken Binder** (binder@mis.net) says he has retired as regional director with the Kentucky State Parks System. He then unre-tired to restart an executive search business specializing in the placement of hospitality industry executives. In his spare time, Ken enjoys hiking and golf. Another news form, this time from **James Baden**, MD ‘65. We had met and chatted at our 50th for the first time since graduation. Jim is a retired surgeon living in Hilton Head, SC, and volunteering at the local medical clinic. In addition to playing golf and traveling, he is president of a barbershop singing group. While at our 50th he ran into **Stan ‘63** and **Susan Siegel** and his freshman roommate, **Chris Brown**.

A note from **Julia Koenig Mitchell**, BS Nurs ‘62 (juliakmitch@comcast.net) includes her retirement as a BSN and her new volunteer activities at Nisqually National Refuge near her home in Lacey, WA. Consistent with the travels of her classmates noted earlier in this column, she visited her daughter and grandchildren at Patch Base in Stuttgart, Germany, where her son-in-law serves as a brigadier general in the Marine Corps. She would like to hear from **Linda Fenty Jennings**. **Carol Moore** Durell writes that she and partner John Erjavec traveled to Tanzania with Overseas Adventure Travel after a short tour in Amsterdam. Still loved the 50th Reunion and plans to return for the 55th. **Susan Goodspeed** Anderson (susanga@westriv.com) writes, “Still living peacefully on a bank of the Missouri River in Washburn, ND. Lloyd and I are retired educators and enjoy not being in school for the first time in many years. Our daughter is carrying on the tradition in the English department at Yuma High School in Arizona. I’d like to hear from Katie L. and Mary Jo W.”

At this time, our material is nearly exhausted. Take a moment and send us a note—directly to your correspondents or to the alumni address listed at the beginning of the column. Your classmates would like to hear from you. ☑ **Doug Fuss**, dougout@attglobal.net; or **Susan Williams** Stevens, sastevens61@gmail.com.

62 It was a kaleidoscope of brief encounters and longer discussions, but in sum, reunion was just too short! Half a century later, we are the same people who matriculated together at Cornell, and those shared experiences—academic, social, and

political—have molded and enriched our collective past 50 years. What a celebration! There simply was not time to see everyone, nor do everything, but we tried! The class website, www.cornellclassof62.org, will show you photos and synopses the myriad activities, but you simply had to be there to “catch the spirit.” Nearly 500 classmates and guests gathered in Ithaca in June, where we presented President David Skorton with a record gift of more than \$18,000,000 from 481 class donors! Kudos to reunion chair (and incoming class president) **Ruth Zimmerman** Bleyler for a supercalifragilisticexpialidocious event! Applause also to **Myra Maloney** Hart and **Fred Hart** for their stellar efforts on behalf of the Cornell Annual Fund. Hurrah to **Judy Prenske** Rich, who received well-earned accolades for her phenomenal production of the 50th Reunion class yearbook, assisted by **Peter Slater**. And hearty thanks to outgoing class president **Alex Vollmer**, MS ‘64, who has led our class so well for ten years.

The weekend began with the showing of “Remembering Our Days on the Hill,” a documentary created by Fly on the Wall Productions’ **Phil**, MARCH ‘65, and **Maddy Gell Handler ‘65**. The post-video discussion, moderated by **Harry Edwards**, provoked a thoughtful response from many classmates. The documentary, together with the remarks and discussion that followed, is available on a first-come, first-served basis from **Frank Quirk**, MBA ‘64 (fbquirk@verizon.net). They are priced at \$12 per copy, or \$10 per copy for orders of two or more. Frank and Fred Hart have joined to have the extra copies produced. “If we sell most of the copies, any profit will be contributed to the class gift fund.” Checks should be made out to Frank Quirk and sent to 2110 Foresthill Road, Alexandria, VA 22307.

Friday morning’s class symposium with **Jane Brody** and professors Brian Wansink and Karl Pillemer drew a large group to hear how “We Will Meet Again at 100.” Friday afternoon featured the Olin Lecture with **Michelle Rhee ‘92** and the added bonus of some time to hear from President Skorton. The State of the University (it’s doing well) was presented by President Skorton on Saturday, after which we adjourned to picnic at the Cornell Plantations. **Jeff Blumenthal** coordinated a class authors event at the Campus Store, featuring books written by classmates on a variety of subjects. Mixed among these activities were affinity group and college events, class dinner-receptions, athletic opportunities, tent parties, class breakfasts at our Court Hall headquarters, a memorial service at Anabel Taylor, many relevant academic presentations, the Savage Club concert, Cornelliana Night, the Glee Club . . . We do have some wonderful Cornell songs! Consult CornellConnect or the Cornell Chronicle for links and slide shows.

Reunion weekends are always full of events, yet there is an effort to do something new and different. Other classes have previously conducted events to recognize classmate authors, usually by displaying the books on a table in the host dormitory. Being the Class of ‘62, we elevated this a level. Earlier this year a call went out in this column and in our class newsletter for authors to step forward to participate in this event. It brought a response from 19 people, a number larger than could be accommodated in the dorm. However, working with the Cornell Store, we were able to participate in their authors’ weekend event. The Store’s morning and early afternoon programs featured faculty authors, and our class was the finale with a significant area on the second floor of the store dedicated exclusively to our class. This made our event into a

campus-wide affair that attracted a lively crowd to talk with our authors and obtain signed copies of their works. Participants in the event included: **Richard Alther**, **Elizabeth Pomada**, D. Jeffrey Blumenthal, Judith Prenske Rich, **Donald Boose Jr.**, **Marvin Shaub**, **Jackie Brown** Bugnion, Peter Slater, Jane Brody, **DeeDee McCoy** Stovel, **Jane Jaffe** Giddan, **Bill Stowe**, **Robert Leitch**, **Myra Hoffenberg** Strober, **Robert Lieberman**, **E. Kay Trimberger**, **Randolph Little**, **Judith Shulman** Weis, and **Judith London**. **Fran Denn** Gallogly (tangogal@gmail.com) has become an avid photographer since she retired and has published a book of her photographs of Namibia, where she and Vin went to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary last year. The book is available through its publisher, Blurp.

Noted classmate Narby Krimsnatch attended Reunion attired in the identical garb he wore in our Frosh Register. Some things never change. A number of affinity groups enjoyed record turnouts for our 50th. Reunion was enhanced by those efforts. At the risk of missing some, that tally awaits a future column.

From **Jane Jaffe** Giddan (janegiddan@gmail.com): "We've moved to Dallas to be near our children and three grandkids . . . a successful venture so far. Retired as professor emerita from the Dept. of Psychiatry at the (now) U. of Toledo Health Sciences Center, I'm still ratcheting down my career as a speech-language pathologist, continuing with a small caseload and autism mentoring. New is 70candles.com, a blog designed for women our age, and created with psychologist and dear friend Ellen Cole. We've had 70candles gatherings in several cities and we're looking forward to presenting our Celebrate Seventy! workshop at Esalen in Big Sur,

CA, August 17-19." **Denni McCarthy** (dmc1815@nycap.rr.com) was due at a conference on the same dates as Reunion and did not make it to Ithaca. "I am still working, having entered a practice in clinical psychology in Schenectady at the same time that managed healthcare became part of our lives and slashed our fees." **Joy Harwood** Rogers (rogersparker@msn.com) sang in Seattle Choral Company's concert that weekend.

Your correspondent missed greeting all the classmates I'd hoped to see. Thanks to all of you for providing material for this column for the past 50 years. Please keep it coming! Thanks to overwhelming responses to recent requests for news, there's now a backlog. I'm hoping that enough of you paid your dues to enable us to have maximum column length this year. Yes, that's a hint. ☑ **Jan McClayton** Crites, jmc50@cornell.edu.

63 Don't forget to put June 6-9, 2013 on your calendars for our big 50th Reunion! Reunion chair **Paula Trested Laholt** and her team are hard at work planning a memorable time for classmates and their guests. If you would like to participate in the fun of putting together some exciting activities for the class or just helping on campus in June, please volunteer by contacting Paula at PTL9@cornell.edu. We especially need people who like technology, can write PR materials, would like to contact classmates in an affinity group, or would like to assist in general. See our ad on this page and "Like" us on Facebook (www.facebook.com/cornellclassof1963).

Thanks to an all-out effort by e-mail and news and dues forms, I now have lots of news to report. Since most of us turned 70 last year, that seemed to be a highlight of a lot of the news reports. **Stephanie Tress** DePue married Eugene Murphy in October 2008 and they have a wonderful river cruise planned for this fall—cruising through Eastern Europe, Prague, Budapest, Vienna, and Salzburg. Stephanie and Eugene have known each other since 1969. Stephanie now has a stepdaughter and son-in-law and two step-grandchildren living in Los Angeles. She has been a top reviewer (unpaid) for Amazon both in the UK and the US. The BBC World Book Club has been following her work at the UK site and has asked her several times for questions they can use, most recently for Jodi Picoult, whose show is coming up in August.

Herbert Friedman (Belmont, MA; HFried 2846@aol.com) has been married for four years to Wendy Drexler. Wendy is a former editor and a very active and dynamic poet. Her first full-length book, *Western Motel*, came out in April. Herbert still practices law, specializing in adoption and assisted reproduction law. He is also doing volunteer work with Spanish speaking adults with mental health or mental retardation issues. His adoption law practice stems from his experience bringing a 4-year-old from Honduras in the late Sixties. The child needed medical care and Herb and his former wife eventually adopted him. He's now 47 years old. Another son is a finance guy married to a psychiatrist with two young children, and his third son is just finishing up college with an interest in environmental science.

Joe and **Carolyn Gottlieb Meyer** (Elkins Park, PA; jmeyerhart@aol.com) took three of their grandchildren to Philadelphia in April to see the Franklin Inst. They then walked through Fairmount Park along the river and boathouse row

and saw a collection of skulls, eights, fours, and pairs. **John** and **Roz Needham** (jandrneedham@buckeye-express.com) continue to live in Holland, OH, but have a summer home in the Adirondacks. Each summer they travel to Lake Placid to have lunch with Phi Sigma Kappa fraternity brother **Steve Howard** and his wife, Lee. Roz and John spent the month of January in St. Petersburg, FL, visiting their newest granddaughter. They now have 11 grandchildren scattered from Michigan to Illinois to Florida. John and Roz stay busy with volunteer activities, grandchildren, and traveling between their two homes.

Rosalie Weiss Hemingway (Valatie, NY; silver 3213@gmail.com) spends a lot of time with volunteer work at the local senior center and involved in church-related activities. She also has a house and yard too big for her needs. She spent a few days sightseeing in Washington, DC, last fall with **Carol Westenhofer** Anderson. They both hope to reconnect with sorority sisters in New York this summer. Steve and **Marjorie Walker** Sayer (Marjorie. Sayer@gmail.com) got smart and left Vermont during the winter to visit the Carolinas and to spend a month on Longboat Key. They had lunch when they were there with **Jim**, MBA '64, and **Karen Billings** and plan to return next year for a few months. Marjorie is still painting and having shows in Vermont, South Carolina, and, hopefully, Boston. Marjorie hopes to have an art show at our 50th in the new Millstein Hall. Anyone who wants to participate should e-mail her. (Millstein Hall is a new building at the north end of Cornell's Arts Quad connecting Rand and East Sibley halls.)

James Collora (james.collora@gmail.com) retired in 2008 and has been busy ever since. He has been cycle touring each year for a week in Austria, Hungary, Slovenia, and this year, in Poland. He has created a woodworking shop in his garage and made a huntboard of birch and a Shaker step-back cabinet of cherry. James takes piano lessons and is challenged each day to play something new. He is also taking classical guitar. He has worked as a volunteer for a charitable organization that teaches Afghan farmers how to raise soybeans. He also takes daily walks with his dog Hunter and stays in touch with his Phi Kappa Tau fraternity brothers through e-mails and Christmas cards. **Craig Peterson** reports that he has new photographic galleries viewable at craigpetersonphotography.indiemade.com. (He is a wonderful photographer!) **Doris Grayson** Kitson (graysondoris@hotmail.com) lives in New York City and is busy working full-time and seeing family. **Alex** and **Pamela Sommers** live in Hollywood, FL. That's all for now. ☑ **Nancy Bierds** Icke, 12350 E. Roger Rd., Tucson, AZ 85749; e-mail, icke63@gmail.com.

64 I've found it interesting to note that while we're all old enough to be considered retired, many of us are either still involved in our careers or keeping active as volunteers, mentors, and the like. Put another way, we are definitely not slouching arm-chair types. Here're some examples:

Carolyn Chauncey Neuman, for one, is so active in alumni affairs that she has been named one of six recipients of this year's Frank H.T. Rhodes Exemplary Alumni Service Award, the eighth of our classmates so honored. **Robert Gray** (Newton, MA) is founder and executive director of At-Hand Apps LLC, a mobile software company he established with some fellow Cornellians that aims to develop a series of individualized, purpose-driven apps



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for mobile phone users. Robert writes, "Would love to have more classmates engaged with us."

Alan Goldenberg, still an insurance agent with Northwestern Mutual Financial, has received an industry award. He's also active in Big Brothers and enjoys skiing and being a football referee. He and wife **Barbara (Greenwell) '68**, a retired banker and now a busy volunteer, celebrated their 45th anniversary and visited Croatia. The Goldenbergs live in Oakland, CA, and have two sons and three grandchildren. **Charles Oliver** hasn't retired; he still has his own Agco-Massey Ferguson dealership near where he lives in Canaseraga, NY. Charlie's two sons are now in business with him (he also has a daughter), plus he's a director of the Steuben Trust Co. in nearby Hornell. Charlie enjoys cars (Corvettes, especially), and he's got a second home in Florida. **Cynthia Fulton** Edmondson lives in Houston, TX, and still works as an accountant for JIB (an oil and gas exploration company). She enjoys gardening and travel, and this year will be a team captain in her area's MS Walks: "This in honor of my 70th birthday."

Randall Odza, who lives with wife Rita in East Amherst, NY, still is an active attorney. Nutritionist **Judith Mabel** sold her Boston-area Victorian house last January and moved to Brookline, she to a condo and the office "to a nice sunny location on Beacon Street." Of her former abode, she writes, "I really loved the house, but it was too big for me." **Matthew Sonfield** (Oyster Bay, NY) remains adamantly employed: "I continue as the Robert F. Dall Distinguished Professor in Business at Hofstra U., with no plans to retire."

Virginia Thetford Valiela, MA '67, has retired after serving 15 years as executive director of the Greater New Bedford Regional Refuse District, a position that grew from her organizing a paper recycling drive on the first Earth Day in 1970 in Falmouth, MA, where she and husband **Ivan, PhD '67**, a marine ecologist at Woods Hole, have lived for some 45 years. That Earth Day venture led to a longtime dedication to environmental issues and local politics. Virginia served 21 years as a town selectwoman before stepping down in 2007, and before then was the town's first female commissioner of public works. Among other accomplishments while in office, she spent two decades organizing and working on a collaborative cleanup of the Massachusetts Military Reservation, where groundwater contamination had threatened north Cape Cod water supplies. Now she looks forward to gardening and travel. The Valielas have three daughters and four grandchildren.

Hope you will be able to join us to celebrate our 50th Reunion less than two years away: June 5-8, 2014. The reunion planning committee has been collecting ideas—even going to last June's 50th Reunion of '62 for research and to check out venues and vendors for our events and activities. Our fun will start with an as yet undetermined activity Thursday afternoon/evening, June 5, at our likely headquarters and resting place: the new dorms on North Campus named Court Kay Bauer. Our committee spotted many of our classmates last June with their '62 spouses and we hope they will return for our 50th: **Janet Stern** Cohen, **Phyllis Blair** Lowrie, **Cathy Shull** McCalmon, **Carolyn Chauncey** Neuman, and **Gail Keebler** Ryan.

Our class received a nice thank you note from this year's JFK Scholarship Award winner, **Kit Dobyans '12**. Lastly, because the online news form is not always conducive to generating the type of news I need to write this column, please consider submitting your news either on the mail-in form

included with the dues appeal or directly to me at the address I set up for our class column news (the address on this year's mail-in form is incorrect): blamont64@comcast.net. That's all for now. Please take a few minutes to share your news. Also be sure to visit our class website (www.cornell1964.org). ☒ **Bev Johns** Lamont, 720 Chestnut St., Deerfield, IL 60015; e-mail, blamont64@comcast.net.

65 An abundant group of news forms has arrived! To conserve space, I will utilize the abbreviation CF to reference "the old Cornell friend you would most like to hear from" and GI to reference "who at Cornell had the greatest impact on you."

Shelly Brown Levine (levineshelly@yahoo.com) and husband Bert live in Bridgewater, NJ, where she works as dean of guidance at Delbarton School. Summers find them in Biddleford, ME, and seeing their three grandsons. Travel is key to **Peter '64** and **Nancy Levine Castro** (Pittsford, NY; ncastro@rochester.rr.com). They fell in love with Turkey and spent a month traveling through Chile and Argentina, happily sharing a flat for a week in Buenos Aires with daughter **Wendy Castro '94**. Nancy's other activities include enjoying classes at Osher Lifelong Learning Inst., exercising, and board work with a child welfare agency. CF: **Nancy Neal** and our freshman corridor. GI: **Urie Brofenbrenner '38**. Celebrating their 45th anniversary, **Stephen '63** and **Joan Elstein Rogow** (Flemington, NJ; psurts@aol.com) traveled to Alaska with grandkids and daughter **Debbie Rogow Silverstein '91**. They've also ventured to the Galápagos, as well as taking a transatlantic cruise from London to New York via Iceland and Greenland. Joan is still at work supervising student teachers. CF: **Jan Snyder** Rooker and **Leo Blitz '66**.

Congratulations to **Dave Teter** (Clinton Corners, NY; dteter@gmail.com), who was inducted into the National County Agricultural Hall of Fame with the Lifetime Achievement Award. He writes, "I am trying to fully retire, but find myself on several boards and committees and serve as president of the NYS Agricultural Society." Dave and Louise have five grandchildren. CF: **Richard Talcott**. GI: Prof. **Stan Warren '27**, PhD '31. Another round of congratulations to **Joel Perlman** (jperlman43@gmail.com), who lives in NYC with wife Nancy. He received a Pollock/Krusner Foundation Award for 2012. Again this year he had a one-man sculpture show at the Kouros Gallery in NYC. Attending the opening were painter **Liz Dworkin**, BFA '65, judge **Roger Hayes**, and **Jules '63** and **Lynn Korda Kroll**.

Speaking of the Krolls (Rye, NY; lynn@jemkroll.com), Jules and Lynn have three married children and 11 grandchildren who live on the Upper Westside of Manhattan, all within 11 blocks of each other. Their son lives in L.A. Lynn writes, "My time is divided among our family; my 92-year-old mother; volunteer work in human service needs and Jewish culture and documentary filmmaking; and residential construction. We have built or renovated four houses in the last seven years. I enjoy being in a book club with **Ellen Fluhr** Thomas, **Liz Gordon**, **Marlene Kraus**, **Donna Ressler** Laikind, and **Billie Schildkraut**. Billie and I were participants in the CURW program Cornell-in-Honduras, which ranks as one of my most important Cornell experiences. I liked working in the Ivy Room behind the cold table and waitressing in the Faculty Club at the Statler. That may prove that some of the most significant experiences in college don't necessarily take place

in the classroom." **Philip, JD '66**, and **Dianne Rosborne Meranus** (Riverdale, NY) are also lucky to have ten grandchildren all living within 45 minutes of them. Dianne is adjunct professor at LIM College in Manhattan, where she teaches textiles. GI: the faculty in Human Ecology.

Loren Meyer Stephens (lorenstephens@attglobal.net) and spouse Dana Miyoshi are proud that Loren has finished her first novel, *Give Norihuki a Good Life*. She heads a memoir writing business in Los Angeles and is teaching writing and publishing essays and short stories. Volunteer efforts include work with the Anti-Defamation League and Jewish Vocational Services. CF: **Judy Hayman** Pass and **Phyllis Weiss** Haserot, MRP '67. GI: Prof. Steven Mueller. **Marjorie Rubin** Brody (Hudson, MA) spends time working, attending Boston Symphony Orchestra concerts, and playing with two grandchildren. Working more than ever and expanding his firm is lawyer **Jeffrey Dubin** (DubinJS@cs.com). He and Elaine live in Huntington, NY. They enjoy four grandchildren, biking, and traveling. The next trip scheduled is to India. Stephen and **Tove Hasselriis** Abrams (tove60@gmail.com) live in West Sayville, NY. Tove owns a video business and sings in the Babylon Choral. She also enjoys nature photography, oil painting, and reading. "I'd like to read a book from the 50 or so I have lined up." CF: **Marcy Fewkes**.

John Gerich moved from Rochester, NY, to Wayne, PA. He is semi-retired, currently lecturing, writing, editing, consulting, and doing some traveling. CF: **Peter Wetzler**. Our super basketball fan **Stephen Appell** (BigRed1965@aol.com) visited campus for two men's basketball games and enjoyed the Rebounders Club reception for the team and coaches after the last home game. Steve and Madeleine live in Brooklyn, NY. He is teaching a course on significant presidential elections at the Inst. for Retirees at Brooklyn College. Two weeks in Tahiti were great fun for **Dan**, PhD '71, and **Gail Stern** (Manhattan Beach, CA; das55@cornell.edu). Dan spends time reading, motorcycling, sports car racing, and taking some classes. More travel is what **Howard Zuckerman** wants to do. He has moved to Pikesville, MD. Currently he volunteers on boards of nonprofit organizations and enjoys his grandchildren. Passionate about golf, he has played at various locations in the US and would like to find part-time work at a golf course. Reach him at hfzuckerman@earthlink.net.

There is more news, but no more space; the rest will be reported next issue. Reminder: Make sure your class dues are paid. More duespayers means more space for news! ☒ **Joan Hens** Johnson, joanhjp@comcast.net; or **Ron Harris**, rsh28@cornell.edu.

66 Work, retirement, family, and community continue as the core of our lives. **Bonnie Harding** Chollet is retired, but active with Family Reading Partnership (ESL). She is an educational consultant, involved with a sister city program with Japan, and an activist against fracking. She organized and ran a Share the Care group of 25 volunteers in her hometown of Elmira, where she lives with husband Gary. She also enjoys traveling, reading, and gardening. Bonnie would love to hear from **Carleene Bennett** Dei. Retiree **William Seaman**, a professor emeritus at the U. of Florida, is active in environmental science and education. He is a leader of his local Earth ministry team and his church was awarded "Earth Care Congregation"

status. He also consults for the government of Monaco on ocean conservation. Bill says he misses his fraternity brother and roommate **John Sullivan**, who died shortly before our 45th Reunion.

Ed Arbaugh III (edarbaugh@gmail.com) retired in June 2011 as executive vice president and regional managing director of wealth management for PNC Bank. He is now involved in an advisory service to assist endowments, private foundations, and charitable trusts in dealing with new government regulations. Ed and Jennifer live in Cincinnati, OH. Ed would like to hear from **Dave Kantorczyk '67**, MBA '69, and **Dave Worrell '67**. **Michael Perry**, BS '68 (mcp0917@gmail.com) is CEO of Forest Concepts LLC, doing research for the USDA on precision feedstocks from a variety of biomass materials to ultimately produce biofuels. His activities last year included presenting his firm's research at conferences, as well as fundraising. As part of his interest in elk hunting, he spent a week at an "elk camp" at 4,000 feet in the Cascades. He also enjoys computers, reading, golf, and fly-fishing. Michael and wife Judy live in Auburn, WA.

Rich and Kathy Winger Stuebing, MS '67, travel extensively, as Rich is a part-time lecturer at the Theological College of Central Africa in Ndola, Zambia. He also serves as deputy director of administration of the Accrediting Council for Theological Education in Africa. Last winter, after the marriage of both children in a period of five months, he returned to Zambia for a three-month teaching commitment. Their home base is Mechanicsburg, PA. **Rich Turbin** (richturbin@gmail.com) continues to manage Turbin Chu, a plaintiff's personal injury law firm in Honolulu, which he founded in 1975. He also serves on the board of governors of the U. of Hawaii's East-West Center, an entity devoted to understanding and educational exchanges between the US and Asian nations. Rich and wife Rai Saint Chu spent the December holidays at home with their children Laurel, a PhD candidate in human geography at NYU, and Derek, then a third-year law student at the U. of San Francisco. Rich enjoys surfing, tennis, and reading. He would like to hear from friends he saw at Reunion, including **Richard Mezan**, **Jeff Collins**, **Freddie White**, and **Ronald Goldstock**.

As a full-time artist, **Laurene Krasny** Brown maintains a studio, Fine and Applied Paper Art, in two locations: New York City in winter and West Tisbury, MA, in summer. She shows her work in group and solo exhibitions at the Copley Society of Art in Boston, Shaw Cramer Gallery in Tisbury, and the American Primitive Gallery in NYC. Her country life includes garden and piano on Martha's Vineyard. Her city life includes the riches of NYC, piano, family, and friends. In fall 2010, she was artist in residence at the Apothiki Art Center on the island of Paros, Greece. This fall she plans an artist residency at CAMAC, Marnay sur Seine, France. She shares the city-country lifestyle with her husband, Marc. Niels and **Patricia Holland** Biamon (nbiamon@aol.com) relocated to Huntsville, AL, from Virginia. Patricia volunteers with her church and does animal rescue. **Leroy Doris**, MCE '67, resides in Aberdeen, NJ, and can be contacted at lrdoris@aol.com.

Last January, **Ronnie Barrett** Lacroute was named the Oregon Wine Press 2011 Wine Person of the Year. Ronnie was co-founder, in 1991, of Willakenzie Estate Vineyards in Yamhill, OR. The successful development of well-received wines over the years has allowed Ronnie to enjoy and support her passions for live theatre and concert music performance. She has supported arts

organizations in northwest Oregon as well as the Yamhill Regional Food Bank. Classmates attending our 40th or 45th reunions had the opportunity to explore some of these fine wines at workshops that were unique to our class.

Alice Katz Berglas writes: "I share the sad news from past class president **Elliott Fiedler** that our classmate and Elliott's lifelong friend **Jon Siegel** passed away this spring. Jon's spirit and talents as an undergraduate and as an alumnus were known to many. And his unique role as the consummate welcoming host at our 20th and 25th reunions will be remembered by all who attended and sipped the ever-pouring wine, sampled his constantly refreshed cheese and fruit table, ate a chocolate-dipped strawberry that seemingly appeared out of nowhere, or dove into the suddenly delivered stacks of pizzas that saved a rain-soaked 20th Reunion Thursday supper or fed our already filled faces in the wee hours of our 25th Reunion Saturday night under the Donlon tent. Perhaps best (and perhaps as Jon himself would vote for this) is to remember him slipping back into place at the Glee Club Reunion Concert or next to the Hangovers, harmonizing the Alma Mater as in his undergraduate years."

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67 It was a really pleasant 45th Reunion and even the Ithaca weather cooperated (mostly)! Those in attendance had such a good time that many more are expected for the 50th, five short years away. So if you've never been back or if it's been decades since your last time, put June 2017 on your calendar. One classmate back for the first time this year was **Cosette Nieporent** Smoller (Potomac, MD; bsmoller@radix.net), a radiologist with Kaiser Permanente.

From a former class president we hope to see at the 50th: "When we were strolling around the hills of Ithaca, it never occurred to me that we'd be in our 60s one day . . . and before you know it, here we are," writes **James Jackson** (Dallas, TX; jajackson@gmail.com). "I am rarely in touch with any fellow classmates these days. I do exchange frequent e-mails with **George McWeeney**, MBA '69 (Bethel, CT; george@mcweeneymarketing.com) and he keeps me up-to-date on several of our fellow classmates. Also exchanged holiday greetings with another old roommate, **Gabby Durkac**, BS/DVM '70 (Kittanning, PA; lanid@connecttime.net), but his wife died and she was their primary communicator. **Jo Barrett** Grellong (NYC) and I stay in touch via e-mail but that's about it! My four years in Ithaca were among the four most pleasant years of my life. I am a much wiser person for having spent those years 'far above Cayuga's waters,' and I sure wish I still lived close to the many friends and acquaintances I made there. Please do raise a glass or two for me . . . and say hello from me to anyone you see!"

Although I didn't make it to the Cornell Store (née Campus Store) for his book signing, I did pick up a copy of **George Kirsch's** *Six Guys from Hackensack: Coming of Age in the Real New Jersey* (Infinity, 2012). George (George.Kirsch@manhattan.edu) is still in Hackensack and a history professor at Manhattan College (which, of course, is in the Bronx) and a sports historian. His enjoyable book tells the stories of six buddies who met in grade school and follows them through

high school, college, and into careers. Reading the parts about Cornell took me back to "those good old days on the Hill"—not that they were always so rosy for us. He was lucky enough to be in Founders Hall, rather than U-Hall 3.

Bill Giezendanner passed away suddenly in February, while enjoying a birding vacation in Sarapiquí, Costa Rica. A 22-year resident of San Diego, his professional career in human resources included work for Ciba-Geigy and Ilford in New Jersey and continued in the San Diego area with executive placement consultancy work for DBM and Right Management. Bill and his wife, Toni, shared a great love for animals, especially birds. In the past few years, they had combined birding and world travel, taking wildlife trips to many countries in Central and South America, Asia, Europe, and Africa.

Larry Reich (larreich@aol.com), a dentist practicing in Auburn, MA, writes: "How did we get to our 45th Reunion so quickly?" Larry looked forward to coming to the reunion this year, "but alas, without my wife Marcy, who died of a heart attack last fall. I will be with my brother **Dan Reich '62** (their 50th)." I enjoyed the chance to catch up with Larry and so many other classmates at Reunion. **Arnie Siegel** (Pasadena, CA; arnold.siegel@gmail.com) wrote: "I am retiring from the Loyola Law School at the end of June. Thirty years is enough! Planning on traveling as much as we can. We won't make the Cornell reunion because we'll be in Italy."

There were too many events to attend, which connotes the right kind of reunion: one event I did get to was a perceptive talk on the upcoming election by two insightful Government professors, Michael Jones-Correa and Jonathan Kirshner, the latter filling in for a rare faculty standout from our day, Theodore Lowi, called away for a family emergency. More next time. ✉ **Richard B. Hoffman**, 2925 28th St. NW, Washington, DC 20008; e-mail, rhoffman@erols.com.

68 **Louise May** Gruber (lmay@leeandlow.com) writes that she lives in Manhattan and spends her time volunteering, working as an editorial director at Lee & Low Books, and traveling nationally and internationally. Meanwhile, she is giving thought to planning for semi-retirement. Recently, she ventured to Patagonia and sailed around Cape Horn. Speaking of international concerns, on March 26, 2012, **David Weisbrod** (David.A.Weisbrod@gmail.com) was honored by the prime minister and president of Bangladesh in Dhaka with the Friends of Liberation War Honor for work he did in 1971 to help Bangladesh gain its independence. Congratulations! David lives in Greenwich, CT with his wife, **Margaret (Simon) '66**. On the domestic front, **Robert Kaplow**, an estate planning and probate lawyer from the Southfield, MI-based firm of Maddin, Hauser, Wartell, Roth & Heller PC was named to the 2011 List of Michigan Super Lawyers. Congratulations, Rob!

When I was in Naples, FL, recently for a long weekend, I learned about a new sport that's popular there: pickleball. **Steve Steinhart** writes that he has added pickleball to his activities, which also include golf and tennis. He observes that pickleball is a great game for older athletes, as it is easy to learn and fun to play. Also in the Sunshine State, **George Koester III**, MBA '70, (GLKoester@aol.com) still works full-time as a financial planner for Ameriprise in Palm Beach

Gardens, FL. He is also an active Mason, plays golf on weekends, and volunteers for charities in such endeavors as volunteer godparent and preparing chicken dinners for a fundraiser for the Jupiter High School Project Graduation.

Jim Krepp, DVM '72, has retired after a 40-year career as a veterinarian. He spent the past 30 years at the Cape Fear Animal Hospital in Fayetteville, NC. After earning his degree in veterinary medicine from Cornell, he opened a practice on Long Island and stayed there almost ten years, working very hard, especially in the summer. He has many fond memories of the patients he has treated, large and small, including a black bear and a bobcat. For the future, he hopes to travel with his wife, **Debby (Deiner) '72**. **Laura Hoff-**

man Ceppi lives in Ojai, CA, and writes that she spends her time on crochet, a kitty named Jasmine, water aerobics, and reading. **Leonard Bisk** (LB234@cornell.edu) lives in Ithaca and by a series of coincidences had been visiting Nellie and **Dale Corson** over the past year. He spent time after graduation in Ithaca and had hoped to write a book about the events in Ithaca in the spring of 1969. Leonard would love to hear from anybody who was on campus during that period to share recollections.

Please send your news. I would especially appreciate hearing from classmates whose names have not appeared in this column recently! Looking forward to seeing all of you in Ithaca at our 45th Reunion next June! **Mary Hartman** Schmidt, mary.schmidt@schmidt-federico.com.

69 Hope you all enjoyed the summer! **Jim Miller**, wine tasting chair for the Cornell Alumni Association of Central New York, sends us this on the CAACNY "Far Above Cayuga's Wineries" scholarship wine-tasting in January: "We set another record for us: \$17,100 toward our fourth endowment at Cornell, named for **Bob Bitz '52** (founder of Plainville Turkey Farms). We had 17 alumni-owned New York State wineries participate and the silent auction portion raised \$6,000 of the \$17K. We invite any in the area to our 15th annual tasting Friday, January 25, 2013 at the Rosamond Gifford Zoo in Syracuse." **Edward Wilson** (sew34@cornell.edu) writes from Vincenza, Italy, where he is an industrial hygienist, Public Health Command District, South Europe. Edward takes weekly 10km walks with Italian walking clubs, snowboards in the winter, and pilots light aircraft when visiting the US. He travels extensively in Europe and would like to hear from any Beta Sigma Rho brothers.

Rev. **Michael C. McFarland** SJ, 31st president of the College of the Holy Cross, received an honorary degree from the college at their recent commencement. He serves as a visiting scholar at the Markkula Center for Applied Ethics at Santa Clara U. **J. Douglas Peix '68**, BArch '69, works as a residential architect and is moving from New York City to Mattituck, NY. **Harvey Leibin** is associate principal at Tecton Architects Inc. in Hartford, CT. He and wife Flo welcomed their first grandchild, Addie, and attended daughter Kara's graduation from Catholic U.'s Columbus School of Law.

Jan Turk Mills is enjoying retirement in Fort Myers, FL. Her seven grandchildren keep her and husband **Robin**, MBA '69, busy at their Florida and California homes.

Margaret Ferguson is a professor of English at UC Davis and won an American Council of Learned Societies Fellowship to write a book on Renaissance conceptions of virginity. We look forward to that publication, Margaret. **Philip Reilly** is a venture partner in Third Rock Ventures in Boston, MA. He starts companies to treat rare genetic disorders, serves as chief medical officer of a gene therapy company, and is a second-term Cornell trustee. **Marshall Cary** is retired in Statesville, NC, and enjoys sailing, skiing, music, and reading. **Janine Wesselmann** (W. Redding, CT) is ballroom dancing, traveling, and painting a new series on the circus. She travels to Sarasota for reference material. **Richard Larom** is rector of the Church of the Holy Advent in Clinton, CT. He is director of Incarnation Camp, America's oldest co-ed camp, and just began a second retirement position as head of the Episcopal Church in Clinton. **Michael Lederman** is director and general manager of the Motorsports Club of Beverly Hills and travels four times a year to Italy for automobile racing. He also is involved with vintage racing in the US and enjoys five-mile hikes with his golden retriever, Ranger. All news is welcome! Send yours to: **Tina Economaki** Riedl, TRiedl048@gmail.com.

70 The Class of 2016 has arrived on campus and the Hill is all hustle and bustle once again. Actually it is busy all summer long as well, but a new school year has a different kind of busy! Hope all your summer vacations were great and that you will enjoy a wonderful fall season.

In some not-late-breaking news: In August 2011, **Sharon Sauerbrunn** Doyle, MFA '72 (se doyle@verizon.net) was a senior lecturer in screenwriting in Aqaba, Jordan, at the Red Sea Inst. of Cinematic Arts. It is a project of His Majesty King Abdullah and the USC School of Cinematic Arts. Sharon has met the King and has experienced the Arab Spring firsthand! She and her husband, Bart, live in Sierra Madre, CA. Sharon has traveled a lot and caught up with **Beth Neustadt '72** in London, where she is a management consultant. She also saw **Larry Jackson**, MAT '71, at his home in Northfield, MA. When her son Andrew was married in August 2010, she had a weeklong reunion with **Laura Dingle** Avery, **Phyllis Rabineau**, and **Sally Margolick** Winston on the Olympic Peninsula. **Steven Meyerson** (smeyerson@gmail.com) also wrote in August 2011 to say that he had a new position with Accretive Health as vice president of physician advisory services (AH-NYSE). While his home office is in Chicago, IL, Steven and his wife, Linda, reside in Miami. His company assists hospitals in complying with Medicare regulations, improving their revenue, and appealing denials. Steven does a lot of traveling to client hospitals and Chicago.

Scott Brush (Palmetto Bay, FL; BrushCo@aol.com) and his grown children (Sara, Rachel, Jonathan, and Christine) continue to thrive and

enjoy life in Florida. They are all busy working and studying, while taking time out to get together with family and friends. **Edgar "E.J." Stevenson** (ejs47@verizon.net) lives in Titusville, PA, with his wife, Toni, and is retired from the *Titusville Herald*. E.J. enjoys reading, history, and playing golf. He and Toni traveled to Brazil to visit their former Rotary exchange student and his family. **Steven** and **Shirley Beckwith Jalso**, MS '64, are in Ithaca, where he participates in the Cornell Retired Volunteer Service. Steven (sjalso1@twcnv.rr.com) helps at Northeast Elementary School. He has also been grandparenting and investing, and wishes he could be taking a cruise. The late Prof. Henry Sack had a great impact on him when we were at Cornell.

Byron Diggs (Cambridge MA; b.diggs@comcast.net) writes, "Working hard(er) at several clinics around Boston; exercising more, enjoying it less; hanging out with my friends; wondering why everything collapses so quickly. Smiling up at the sun, realizing it's the moon; still breathing, still improving." Byron finds himself suddenly single, adjusting to the weirdness of doing routine things alone, taking each morning and evening as it comes. He says he is lucky he can see his daughter, Sophia, 12, regularly and would like to be traveling with her. He would like to hear from **Carol Wakeley '71**. **Stewart Burger** (stewartb22@MCSHi.com) lives in Ames, IA. **John Cecilia**, MBA '79 (Lake Bluff, IL; jlcecilia96@gmail.com) is a psychotherapist at Youth and Family Counseling in Libertyville, IL. He also has a new, small private practice in downtown Chicago. He took and passed the LCSW exam, allowing him to be with the agency and in practice as well. John attended Reunion 2012 with CRC (Continuous Reunion Club). He reports that **Roger Kent** drops in to see him whenever he has work at Walgreen's. John attended "Red Hot Hockey" in NYC over Thanksgiving and says it was a great game (even though it was an overtime loss), that it felt like a giant version of Lynah, and that he couldn't talk for days afterwards. He saw **Alison Kent** Bermant and her husband, Ed (a Columbia alum) at the game. He says he would like to be flying back and forth to NYC more often to spend time with Lyn, who is currently there for a while.

John and **Sandy Shands Elligers** (jelligers@MSN.com) continue to enjoy retirement (in McLean, VA) while traveling in Europe, taking courses, and doing volunteer work. Their big and exciting news is the arrival of their first grandchild, Lawson Joh Elligers, on March 1, 2012. He is the son of their son, Andrew (UVA '01) and his wife, **Julia Joh '01**. They all live close to each other, as does their daughter Karen (UVA '97), so they see each other often. **John Boldt** (boldt505@gmail.com) retired from Hewlett-Packard about five years ago and he and his wife, Barbara Runser, have been busy in Santa Fe, NM, designing and building two new homes. The first is a rental property to add to three others they own and manage. The second is a new high-tech green home for the two of them. John was the foreman on that project and they won a green building award in the Santa Fe Parade of Homes competition. Their home includes a five-car garage that has space for their Fifth-Wheel Travel Trailer, which they used last year to cover more than 10,000 miles. In his "spare" time, John is a volunteer firefighter and has done a lot of mechanical work on the nine pieces of apparatus in their fire department! **Connie Ferris** Meyer, cfm7@cornell.edu; tel., (610) 256-3088.

71 Intrepid travelers **Art Spitzer** and **Elisabeth Kaplan** Boas continue to work their way through the Cornell Adult University (CAU) offerings. They have returned from a trip to Patagonia, "Tracing the Footsteps of Darwin at the Ends of the Earth." In Art's words, "We hobnobbed with penguins on the Peninsula Valdés, sailed the Darwin Channel in Tierra del Fuego, and hiked to the Torres del Paine in the national park of that name in Chile." (For those who don't know about CAU, it runs summer programs in Ithaca, as well as education vacations around the world throughout the year; the travel programs are arranged in small groups

graduate applied sciences campus on Roosevelt Island in New York City. Rick wrote to tell us about a wonderful Cornell event. On June 5, the 4th Annual Cornell Hospitality Icon & Innovator Awards event was held at the Museum of Natural History in New York. The **Tisch** family was honored, represented by **Andrew**, his brother **James '75**, and their cousin Jonathan (Tufts '76). Paula Zahn was the emcee. Classmates and friends of Andrew who were in attendance included **Mayo** and **Elizabeth Cohn Stuntz '73**, **Michael** and **Janet Lynn Cornfeld '72**, **Leslie Jennis** Obus, Pam Altman, and Rick and his wife, Jane Schwartz. Congratulations, Andrew! **Melissa Cornfeld '05**, daughter of Michael

State U. in New Jersey. She related her current assignment trying to instruct high school physics ed teachers on how to properly teach health classes, including sex education. **Joan Shapiro** joined us for a short while. **Gary Goldberg**, DVM '76, spotted us sitting at the table and immediately started reminiscing about our Baker Tower group freshman year, including **Barry Richter**, MD '76, and **Walt Jaworski**, DVM '76. Gary is a veterinarian in Massachusetts and the leading expert in monkey diseases in the country. After some delicious Cornell ice cream for dessert, the evening culminated with a group of former Glee Club members serenading us with several Cornell songs, ending with the assembled singing the Alma Mater.

Classmates continued to arrive on Friday and were treated in the morning to the Class of 1972 Academic Innovation Award lecture by Prof. George W. Hudler. After the "Taste of Ithaca" All-Alumni Lunch in Barton Hall, most classmates attended the Olin Lecture given by **Michelle Rhee '92** in Bailey Hall. It was a beautiful day and as an alternative to the lectures, I had the pleasure of playing a round of golf with **Tony Provenzano**, MD '76, at the Robert Trent Jones course. Tony is an oncologist in Westchester County and came to Reunion with his wife, Betty. As the sun sank low over Cayuga Lake, the class assembled at the Johnson Museum for a reception and tour. I met **Rick Krochalis**, a retired Navy commander who now runs the Dept. of Transportation operations in Seattle. **Stan Fish**, DVM '75, and spouse Sari were also in attendance. I had a nice conversation with **Lee Lundberg**, who still resides in the Pittsburgh area. The Sherwoods entertained us at the museum before we proceeded to the adjacent tent for dinner. Sitting at the Alpha Chi Rho table were **Bob Tausek** and **Marjie**, **Gerry Roehm '69**, BS '72, **Wes Schulz**, ME '73, and **Diane**, **Bill Trommer** and guest **Ann Edwards**, the Provenzanos, **Bruce McGeoch**, ME '73, and **Cynthia**, **Larry Baum** and **Trudy**, and yours truly. The Tauseks live near Philadelphia and are traveling frequently, now that both are retired from the federal government. Gerry lives in Colorado, where he enjoys skiing and hiking in the Rockies. Both Schulzes work at a nuclear power plant near Houston. Bill and Ann are teachers in Maine; the McGeochs resides in Burlington, VT, where Bruce is a consultant and **Cyndy** is an educator; and the Baums live in Ithaca, where Larry is proprietor of the Computing Center.

After dinner, **John Morehouse** introduced Cornell Athletic Director Andy Noel, who spoke briefly before introducing Big Red football head coach Kent Austin, who spoke about the challenges of recruiting quality student athletes. Instead of heading to the tents on the Arts Quad, the reunion committee introduced a new twist: our own "Warehouse '72" classic rock and roll party with a DJ back at Keeton House. While most of the class walked down Libe Slope for the party, some of us with "knee issues" took a very comfortable bus down the hill. I had the pleasure of sharing the bus with only four others, including lacrosse legends **Bill Ellis** and **Glen Mueller**, MBA '74. Bill is in the trucking business in Auburn. The Warehouse '72 party was an overwhelming success. The music was great and it gave everyone a chance to reconnect with more classmates. I spent time recalling the "glory days" with **Don Jean**, MBA '73, **Dirk Dugan**, **Dave Stockum**, **Bob Fleming**, and **John Morehouse** (when John was not dancing with wife **Ellen (Rosenstock)**). Dirk is an orthopedic surgeon in Ithaca, Dave has retired as a high school teacher in Ohio, Bob is an attorney in Buffalo, and

'Dick Brass developed the first dictionary-based spell checker.'

Dave Ross '73

accompanied by some of the best members of the Cornell faculty.) In describing the Patagonia trip, Elisabeth noted that Art "hiked his shoe leather off" wherever he could, while she took a breathtaking all-day horseback trek in gale-force winds and a driving rain with a 17-year-old gaucho and a 24-year-old guide. A bit further north, in January, Elisabeth followed American Studies/History professor Maria Cristina Garcia on CAU's first Cuba course. Also in the past year, Elisabeth and Art traveled to Iceland for "Fire and Ice: The Convergence of the Elements and the Arts," taught by two of Cornell's Architecture, Art, and Planning professors. In Elisabeth's words, "Once again, Art hiked more than anyone else in our small group, even taking advantage of an outdoor early 20th-century thermal pool along a glacial valley while I—and most others—merely rested after the climb!"

Another Cornellian who has enjoyed some interesting travel this year is **Greg Crown** (gcc.crown@aol.com). Greg made a trip to Rome and Abu Dhabi to visit his son and daughter-in-law. Greg lives in Richardson, TX, where he works for an advisor to a NYSE-listed real estate company. In his spare time, he enjoys attending NHL/CHL/youth hockey games. Greg reminisces that his best times were shared with fraternity brothers at ATO. **Patricia Hawk Schechter**, MS '73, sends news from Atascadero, CA, where she is married to **Robert, PhD '73**, and works as a physician full-time in a private family practice. She has four children and ten grandchildren. She is the founder and president of Central Coast Osteopathic Regional Society. In her work, she mentors medical students and physician assistant students from five medical schools. William Kelly, professor of Vegetable Crops, had a significant impact on her. Although he died a few years ago of lung cancer, she is still in contact with his daughter and grandson, who live in California. Another West Coast Cornellian is **Jeff Punim** (jap49@cornell.edu), who lives in Long Beach, CA. He practices endocrinology, plays golf and tennis, and recently downsized to a new home on Naples Island. This year Jeff traveled to Victoria Falls and went on a Botswana safari.

Rick Leland (Richard.leland@friedfrank.com) specializes in environmental law and is pleased to be part of the legal team assisting Cornell in the Cornell NYC Tech project that will be creating a

and Janet and director of acquisitions and development at the Denihan Hospitality Group, was also there. Michael adds that their daughter **Jennifer Cornfeld Schenker '02** just attended her Cornell reunion with their granddaughter Katie, age 3 months, and husband Andy.

This reporter recently spoke with **Sandi Taylor Eisenstein** (sandieisen@mac.com), who lives in McLean, VA, with husband **Jeff '69**. Sandi and Jeff are enjoying being grandparents (grandson Brick Leo is 18 months old) and visit with him frequently in Seattle. Sandi keeps in touch with **Beth Shapiro** Stroul (in Georgetown) and **Howie**, MD '75, and **Arlene Rosenfeld Schenker**, who live in Rochester. Send your news to us and we will write about you! **Linda Germaine** Miller, lg95@cornell.edu; and **Gayle Yeomans**, gay2@cornell.edu.

72 What a glorious weekend! Our 40th Reunion in June was four days of friends, fun, and memories. The reunion committee, led by co-chairs **Nancy Roistacher**, **Deirde Courtney-Batson**, MA '75, and **Bill Toffey**, did a remarkable job planning and organizing all of the events. The fun started on Thursday as we checked into our residence for the weekend, the new William Keeton House on West Campus. The new group of residence halls is an infinite improvement over the old, prison-like University Halls. The reunion committee came up with the idea of blowing up the freshman "Pigbook" photos of the attendees and posting them on the walls of the main floor and on the doors to our suites. The photos were a big hit—especially with the spouses who did not know their mates during freshman year. We relaxed and munched on chips and salsa in the dining area, where **Eli Savada** contributed some micro-brew beer produced locally in Maryland to augment the beverages provided as part of the registration fee.

Bob Wolpert and spouse Ruta joined our group, talking about their family and Bob's work as a professor at Duke. Bob impressed everyone with his sandals, which had a bottle opener built into the sole—very handy opening Eli's beer bottles. **Rick Banks**, BS '74, and wife Maryanne said hello. Pizza and salad were served for dinner, during which I had a pleasant conversation with **Dianne Gwynne** Berger, who teaches at Montclair

Don is a high-tech entrepreneur in New Jersey. Bob is a Buffalo Bills season ticket holder; I tried to persuade him to visit San Francisco this fall when the Bills travel West to play the '49ers.

Saturday morning started with the Reunion Run in a light rain. Bill Trommer came in first place in our age group, while his companion Ann won our age group for females. Because of the rain, the class lunch was moved from the Cornell Plantations to the dining area in Keeton House. The reunion committee did an excellent job coordinating this last-minute switch. I attended the annual Ted Thoren Alumni Baseball Game at Hoy Field and **Matt Sampson** and Don Jean both played. Matt is a news anchor on the Cable TV station serving Westchester and surrounding counties just north of NYC. The Schulzes attended the afternoon lecture given by **Bill Nye '77** ("the Science Guy"). Late in the afternoon, the class assembled in the lovely gardens behind the A.D. White House for cocktails, a performance by the all-female singing group "After Eight," and the class photo. I had very nice discussions with **Louise Shelley**, a professor at George Mason U. in Virginia, and fellow class correspondent **Gary Rubin**. After the photo, the group marched over to the new Physical Sciences building between Clark and Rockefeller to hear a presentation from President David Skorton, who was introduced by class president **Bruce Graev**. After serving as our leader for 20 years, Bruce is stepping down and Nancy Roistacher will take over as class president. Welcome aboard, Nancy. Following President Skorton's words, we sat down to an excellent dinner. It was only a short walk to the Arts Quad and the traditional tent parties.

The final event of the weekend was the brunch in the dorm, where we said fond farewells to our friends, many of whom we won't see again for five years. It was a memorable weekend; the reunion committee and the students who assisted in Keeton House deserve our heartfelt thanks. Keep in touch. Send news. ✉ **Alex Barna**, ab478@cornell.edu; **Carol Fein** Ross, hilltop80@aol.com; **Gary Rubin**, glr34@cornell.edu.

73 As I write this in June, we are preparing for the final ad blitz in the most expensive presidential campaign in history. How remarkable it would be if this, finally, is the stimulus that catapults us back to economic normalcy! Speaking as a broadcaster, the prospect of oversold spot schedules and cheerful account execs is a wonderful thing, regardless of whose side makes the buy. So pick a side, and give, give, give! And keep the Supreme Court in your prayers.

Bill Chamberlain, a Glee Club buddy, reports that he's accepted a position as assistant dean of career services at DePaul U. College of Law in Chicago. He'll be teaching legal writing and working on strategic projects. After work, he stays active in theatre, recently as Roscoe in Chicago Shakespeare Theatre's production of *Follies* and as the Padre in *Man of La Mancha* with Light Opera Works in Evanston. He and his partner, Howard, are also busy restoring the exterior of their 100-year-old house. **Abbey Berookhim** has started a new venture: Steingarten LA (www.steingartenla.com), a California Beer Garden featuring chicken schnitzel sandwiches and gourmet sausages on pretzel buns! I can't imagine a healthier place to spend Happy Hour next time you're in L.A.

Noted on the *Cornell Daily Sun's* alumni page: **Dick Brass** spoke at the *Sun's* alumni dinner in

NYC. His remarkable career included the *Sun*, the *Daily News*, and WNBC-TV (restaurant critic), and really took off when he got the crazy idea that a computer could find and fix spelling mistakes. He developed the first dictionary-based spell checker—and the rest is history. He went on to join Microsoft, developing the tablet PC and Clear Type, retired in 2004, and now pretty much does whatever he wants—including dropping the occasional Op-Ed chiding Microsoft for losing its mojo.

Amelia Welt Katzen is senior enforcement counsel with the EPA, with ten years behind her and three teenagers, and is "not the president of anything." That's OK, someone has to do the actual work. She writes that she and **Josh '70** have reconnected with **Phil '70** and **Judy Segel Benedict '70**, who haven't changed at all. **Barry Levitt** writes that he's still folk dancing, a hobby he began at Anabel Taylor Hall. The only difference, he writes, is that "sometimes I now dance on my own dance floor." **Lawrence Bassoff** continues to write about film. **Mitchell Wilensky** runs his own firm as a probate and inheritance attorney in New York.

Luis Fernandez is professor emeritus of economics at Oberlin. He specializes in game theory, choice under uncertainty, and the economics of healthcare—which ought to provide plenty of consulting work. **Craig Spaak**, MBA '74, has retired from the Federal Bureau of Investigation after 34 years. In the beginning of his career he was a special agent pursuing financial fraud and public corruption investigations; for the last 25 years he's been involved in the financial management of covert counterintelligence programs in NYC. He lives in Wyckoff, NJ, with wife Sherrill and is doing his best to adjust to a life that requires playing golf at least three days a week. **Janet Gayler Fallon** is a biochemist in assay development for Siemens Diagnostics in Maryland. Husband **Bob** is a microbiologist at DuPont. They enjoy gardening and sailing on the Chesapeake—that is, when they're not working on the sailboat to get it ready for sailing on the Chesapeake. They visited Cornell last September and got together with **Chuck Geber**, **James Sharkness**, ME '74, MBA '79, **Paul Shook**, and others. The weather: rainy!

Larry Ference runs the Cheese House at Spring Brook Farm in Reading, VT, home of Tarentaise Vermont Alpine Cheese. It won a "Super Gold Medal" at England's World Cheese Championships, which means it ranks as one of the 50 best cheeses in the world. His Reading Cheese took the silver. Another Cornellian making the world a little more delicious. **Bruce Collins's** law career got off to a rough start when he flunked the LSAT after graduating from ILR, but he turned things around pretty well: after a summer spent driving around the US, he worked in a factory, traveled to Europe, dabbled in politics, got a job at the National Cable TV Association as director of government relations, retook the LSAT, passed it, attended law school at night, moved to C-SPAN as director of operations, and after six more years of law classes, graduated. He was immediately made C-SPAN's General Counsel—basically their law department—and is still there, dealing with everything from First Amendment issues to indecency rules (a big problem at CSPAN.) He also writes a regular column for InsideCounsel.com. On sticking with C-SPAN for so many years: "It wasn't a powerful corporation or law firm, but I had seen enough of my friends do things they weren't happy with, so I stuck with C-SPAN."

I continue to work for KIRO-FM and CBS Radio, dominating the ratings (in certain dayparts

anyway), and spent the summer pursuing my on-stage legal career as Lord Chancellor of England in the Seattle Gilbert & Sullivan Society's production of *Iolanthe*. "The law is the true embodiment of everything that's excellent." Reunion next year!

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74 **Esteban Rosas** is busy in Durango, Mexico, working on a doctoral thesis, being minister of economic development, cycling, and playing guitar in bars. He reports that he has three children who are all gainfully employed and two grandsons. He still wears his Cornell hat, but bemoans not having visited the Hill for 38 years. He would like to hear from **Donald Gross**, **Robert Hoff**, and **Blaine Rhodes**, whom he describes as members of the 1974 Baja Chemical Co. **Arthur Cohen**, whom I knew from Risley days, proudly reports from Charlotte, NC, that his daughter Nandi earned her PhD from CUNY and will be teaching at Cornell as a full-fledged assistant professor of Latin American history. Nandi earned her BA in anthropology and art history at the U. of Michigan, where Arthur also did his pathology residency and where Nandi was born. Arthur is excited that Nandi continues to follow in his footsteps from Michigan to Ithaca.

Stanley Selig is busy running his plumbing and heating business in Burlington, VT. **Michele "Kafi" Toppin** Thompson was re-elected as Downers Grove Township precinct committeeman during the March 2012 Illinois primary season. She tells us that she continues to enjoy retirement and her grandson, 3. **Mike Hallas** has four children, including a set of twins, and would like to hear from **Bob Marks '75** and **Greg Hunt**. He is looking to get back into decision support or project management for his next job. **Rodger Engebretson**, ME '75, appears to have hit the location jackpot. He divides his time between Long Beach, CA, and the west side of Oahu, HI. He works in controls consulting on major projects, but his avocations are surfing in Hawaii and skiing in the Sierra Nevada, where he hikes in summer as well. He still plays soccer, jogs, and swims laps. When he is not engaged in all these activities, he is fixing up his house and traveling abroad and in the US. His son has graduated with a BS and master's in industrial engineering from Cal Poly in San Luis Obispo, CA; his daughter is a junior at Oregon State U., studying public health.

Joseph Dos Santos, ME '75, lives in Georgia with his wife, Maria. They have three grown children and three grandchildren. He continues to build Dos Santos Int'l, a family business, which has ongoing projects for customers in the UAE, Korea, India, Australia, Canada, Spain, and Burkina Faso-West Africa. Joseph would like to hear from **Larry Dannenberg**, MS '76, **Tom Brandt**, **Steve Sawle**, ME '75, **Andy Siminerio**, ME '75, and **Loi Chan**. **Betsy Beach** has been making the most of her time between jobs. She has taken a trip a month, starting with a cruise in February 2012 with fellow DGs **Mary Berens**, **Carol Monro Selig**, **Diane Kopelman** VerSchure, **Barb Johnson**, **Karen Seidler** Goodwin '75, and **Elyse Byron '76**, skiing in Colorado in March, and traveling to Amsterdam in May. She topped off her travels with a 60th birthday bash attended by **John Foote**, **Kristen Rupert**, **Alice Brown**, **Mi O'Connell**, **Cris Cobaugh**, and **Jack Cutler**. She celebrated the graduation of her daughter Sarah Simmons from the U. of Vermont, on Sarah's 22nd birthday, with a family reunion in Burlington, VT.

David Smiley says it took “a very large crowd” to pry him out of Colorado and place him in Iowa, where he is a project manager for IBM. He tells us that his Cornell degree in counseling has been useful in managing 65 worldwide teams, a task he compares to herding cats, and that his body reminds him that he is no longer 25, but that this epiphany does not slow him down. **Beth Saltzman** Aaronson continues her ties to Cornell via her niece **Julia Saltzman '12**, who graduated from the ILR school this year. Julia's dad is **David Saltzman '79**, BArch '80. Beth is the recent grandmother to Abby; she looks forward to two more grandchildren in the coming months. **Ron Pies** is the class bard of this column. He published a chapbook of poems entitled, *The Heart Breaks Open*. It can be purchased at the Harvard Book Store.

Howard Fries, ME '75, has a new address in Terengganu, Malaysia. He is working on a hydro project in Indonesia as a geotechnical engineer for a large Canadian engineering group and has worked abroad since 1995. He is married to “a great Indonesian lady” and enjoys living in Asia. His three children include a Cornell graduate and he has two grandchildren. He would like to hear from Cornell football alumni from the 1971-75 era. **Virginia Neptune Esson** lives in Nashua, NH, where she is the business and administrative secretary at Penhick Middle School. She spent her 60th birthday in Ithaca, where she wandered through the Arts and Sciences campus, the Cornell Store, and Willard Straight Hall, and sat in the Anabel Taylor chapel, where she and husband **Bill '72** were married in 1975. She ended her day with a tour of the Cornell Plantations and dinner at the Taughannock Farms Inn. She describes Cornell as having had a profound effect on her life, and thus the perfect setting for an important birthday celebration. Keep the news coming! **Helen I. Bendix**, hbendix@verizon.net; **Betsy Moore**, emoore@cazenovia.edu; **Jack Wind**, jjw@MWHLawfirm.com.

75 Thanks to all of you who have taken a moment to share your news with us. **Alan Unsworth** reminded us that while he began his college career at Cornell, he earned his degree “from a prominent state school in Seattle (Go Huskies!).” Alan is a college librarian at the U. of Rochester. He would enjoy hearing from **Stephen Clark**, MAT '76, and wonders if he is still making those sail canoes. **Julie Ann Racino** (jar329@cornell.edu) is a freelance writer in Rome, NY. She owned and operated her own business of community and policy studies and also served as deputy director of a national rehabilitation research and training center on community integration. She has authored more than 100 articles, book chapters, and reports in the area of social policy and disability. Julie Ann has also taught at Syracuse U. and SUNY Oswego, and has lectured both in the US and the UK. If this were not enough, she's preparing a new book in her field and is also working on a Wikipedia project on community integration and supportive living. She would enjoy connecting with other women in public administration, sharing the challenges from that career path. She'd also like to hear from contacts from the Center on World Community and from the Phillips House on North Campus.

Richard Miller (rcmiller48@gmail.com) practices law in nearby Albany. In Brooklyn, **Eileen Weingarten**, BArch '76, is the VP of Forest City Ratner Co., working on the Barkleys Center, one of several marquis development projects in New

York. She commends the Cornell Architecture program for developing her problem solving skills. She writes that in her work, she confronts novel problems every day and her preparation was outstanding. One piece of news from New Jersey: **Andrew Abramson**, MCE '77, president and CEO of Value Companies, celebrated the wedding of his daughter **Heather '05** in NYC last December. Heather married **David Symons '04** and the Big Red was all around. **Craig Myers**, in Doylestown, PA, tells of a Lambda Sigma Delta reunion held at his home back on July 4, 2010. The celebration was fantastic, but truth be told, Craig writes, “several of us looked a little different from our group picture taken in 1975 in front of U-Hall 2.” Lambda Sigma Delta, or LSD, was a new frat at the time. Attending the reunion were: **Bill**, JD '78, and **Beth Mitchell Wachenfeld '76**, **Bob Seman**, **Bill**, BS Hotel '77, and **Jill DeVries Cobb '77**, **Jeff** and **Susan Feinberg Zimmerman '76**, **Michael Callahan**, MCE '76, **Chris Hunt**, BS '79, **Mark Stepich**, **Marc Fass**, and **Craig** and **Nancy Myers**. Craig is director of Ariba Commerce Services.

Mary Keefe Valladares writes from Massachusetts. She works outside of Boston in a private practice of psychotherapy and marital counseling. Her husband, **Julio '73**, ME '74, has retired and become a gourmet chef, as well as a volunteer EMT and ambulance driver for their town. Their daughter just graduated with high honors in chemistry from Smith College, and their son is still in high school. Mary has very fond memories of Cornell. After two years in Washington, DC, **Barbara Leonhard Norton** moved to Norman, OK, where she serves as coordinator of cancer prevention and control research at the Stephens Cancer Center at the U. of Oklahoma. She and her husband also serve in OU's faculty-in-residence program for undergraduates. She has two sons and a grandson. **Stephen Lapointe**, PhD '86 (SLL13@cornell.edu) writes from Vero Beach, FL, where he works for the USDA. Prior to Florida, he worked in both Colombia and northeast Brazil. He has two patents to his name (congrats!), one on chemical attractants and a second for a pheromone for insect pests of citrus. He finds his work interesting, as he continues to pursue environmentally appropriate methods for agricultural pest control without pesticides. His two daughters are now at Cornell: **Lauren '14** runs track and cross country, and **Gabi '15** plays the violin in Cornell's Symphony. He'd enjoy hearing from **Billy Langbauer** and **Mike Gorelick**. **Bruce Buchholz**, ME '76 (golferabb@aol.com) has accepted a position as president and CEO of Source Refrigeration and HVAC Inc., in Anaheim, CA. In his spare time, he runs and plays golf.

Chris Baum (cbaum@rscva.com) will be almost a year in his new job as CEO of Reno Tahoe USA by the time you read this. He and his family have settled in very nicely in Reno, with its 300-plus days of sunshine each year. He boasts about the world-class events in the Reno-Tahoe area, and its golf courses, mountain biking, fly fishing, and skiing—sounds great. His oldest son earned his bachelor's degree at Michigan State and is going to pursue a second degree. Younger children are still exploring the recreational and leisure options in Reno. **Maddy Gell Handler '65** shares the news of a documentary she and husband **Phil '62**, MArch '65, made honoring the 30th Reunion of **Jill Lerner**, BArch '76. It depicts Jill during her days on the Hill and was aired at Reunion last year. We can all view it by going to “Journey from Sibley: Jill Lerner '75” on YouTube.

News from New South Wales comes from **Don Perlgut** (don.perlgut@gmail.com), where he has lived for 32 years. He was awarded the PhD in media from Macquarie U. and was honored to give the commencement speech at his graduation! Now he is managing a national financial literacy project for the Australian Securities and Investments Commission. Even so, he had a mini-sabbatical that brought him to NYC in the fall of 2011. He said he tried to see a Cornell football game, but had to make do taking in a Columbia game . . . which they lost. His son Joel is studying media at the U. of New South Wales, while his daughter spent last fall with her dad at the Heschel School. Life challenges for Don: maintaining a balance between the creative and other parts of his life. Visit him at his blog, www.donperlgut.com.

Other news from outside the US comes to us from Antigua. **Michel Ducamp**, MPS '79, and wife Stephanie have been living there for the last two years. Michel is chief executive of Jumby Bay Island Co., a small private residential island for the ultra-wealthy; it also includes the spectacular Rosewood Resort. “Stephanie manages to keep us all connected,” he writes. Their daughter, Brie, is pursuing her doctorate in educational technology at the U. of Virginia, which has her working with Cornell Engineering on a teaching platform using 3-D. Son Alex lives in Scottsdale, AZ, where he is a massage therapist and a drum instructor. Michel hopes Cornellians visit him when the snow falls! My husband, Joel, and I have hit another milestone: we attended the beautiful wedding of our son's roommate from West Point. The new generation marches on. **Karen DeMarco** Boroff, boroffka@shu.edu; **Joan Pease**, japease1032@aol.com; **Deb Gellman**, dsgellman@hotmail.com; **Mitch Frank**, MJFgator@gmail.com.

76 Lots of news to report. **Bob Kandiko** still lives in the beautiful Pacific Northwest in Bellingham, WA, where he and wife Karen are public school teachers. He writes that 30 years of teaching science to middle school students has not completely dulled his thought processes. The students keep him young at heart with their wacky humor. The sign over his classroom door says it all: “OLD MAN SCIENCE.” Bob's outdoor pursuits are sea kayaking, climbing, and hiking, which continue to fill his vacation time. He has combined these activities with his photography to produce eight photobooks that can be viewed at www.blurb.com under “Kandiko.” **Ilene Sherwyn** Cooper is the new chair of the trusts and estates section of the New York State Bar Association. In February 2012, **Joseph Lupica**, JD '79, announced the launch of Newpoint Healthcare Advisors LLC, an independent advisory firm focused exclusively on the healthcare industry. **Steven Kratzer**, PhD '84, lives in Annapolis, MD, with wife **Karen (Smith) '87**. Last year they attended his high school reunion in Buenos Aires, as well as the PhD graduation of his niece **Meredith Kratzer '05** at the U. of Illinois. This year they went on a river cruise through Holland and Belgium. They planned to attend Karen's Class of '87 reunion in June.

Susan Gumbiner Weisselberg writes that her daughter Lindsey married Dr. Gabe Lang on October 29 in Houston, TX. Lindsey is a lawyer with a family practice in Chicago and Gabe will be starting a gastro fellowship with U. of Chicago this summer. Susan's son, 26, works for Square Mile Capital, a real estate investment firm. Susan is in

the Big Apple and continues as a senior VP, portfolio manager with UU Trust. Husband **Alex**, ME '77, is president for an affiliate of American Bureau of Shipping. Susan says, "Life is good—just wish our adult children lived closer!" **Sandra Ace** lives in Ontario, Canada, where she works as a registered dietitian at the U. of Waterloo. She is involved in campus-wide health promotion and individual nutrition counseling for students with medical issues and specializes in counseling students with eating disorders. Sandra frequently visits the Cornell campus, as she still has family in the area; its majestic beauty never gets old!

Mike Moore writes that he very much enjoyed seeing everyone at Reunion. He also went to Red Hot Hockey at Madison Square Garden last Thanksgiving, where he claims that Cornell got robbed. His big news is that his son Will was admitted early decision to the Class of '16 (Arts). He is a third-generation Cornellian, as Mike's parents were '49 and '50. He visited with **Ellen Gobel** Walsh during his campus visit in September. There will be many trips to Ithaca in the next four years. **Stephanie Mendel** Hayano says that after 30-plus years in the cosmetics industry, she has launched her own skincare brand: Simply Bright Advanced Skin Brightening System. Targeted for baby boomers like us, she says the patented formulas reduce the appearance of age spots and wrinkles. You can check it out at www.simplybrightsolutions.com. In her free time, Stephanie kayaks year-round, including sea kayaking (up and down the Hudson River, in the Florida Keys, and on the St. Lawrence River—she has even crossed Long Island Sound) and lately white-water kayaking.

Larry Stuart is on the board of trustees for the Florida Restaurant and Lodging Association and works with master chef Ferdinand Metz (past 20-year president of the CIA). He is a great friend and they team up a lot on speaking events and industry panels around the country. They are presently working on a TV pilot for cable that will center around "the American table"—"a cultural/culinary/entertainment journey set in a kitchen atmosphere that will eventually rock the Food Channel world." Larry says that they will cater to an Oprah-styled audience of all ages. He and his partners are still doing great with their three Wyland Fine Art Galleries located at the Walt Disney Boardwalk, Polynesian, and Dolphin Resorts, and restaurant and catering operations, and have two hotel projects in the works on Long Island. Lastly, his group has committed to team with Sky-coach Airlines, starting this summer, on their guest service program and in-flight food service support.

Lynda Gavigan Halttunen has been at Palomar College for 28 years and has been the dean of counseling services for the last ten. Lynda is also the treasurer of a nonprofit organization called T4T (Toys for Thailand). They raise funds to support sustainable projects at various hill tribe schools/orphanages in Thailand (solar panels, toilets, yogurt machines, goats). Check out the promo video at http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_30TV1qn7nc. Lynne's son David has graduated from Cal State San Marcos and will start a master's degree in the fall at San Diego State. She and her partner of nine years, Don Silliphant, were planning a 24-day cruise from Spain to Italy, Greece, Rome, and the Dalmatian Coast in May 2012. **Ellie Friedland** lives in Jamaica Plain, MA, and is associate professor of early childhood education at Wheelock College in Boston, MA. In addition to courses in early childhood education, Ellie teaches "Education and Theatre for Social Change,"

and a course on creating welcoming environments for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer families in education and human services. She also works with communities to take action for change using the ideas and approaches of Paulo Freire and Augusto Boal, through Pedagogy and Theatre of the Oppressed, and co-edited the book *Come Closer: Critical Perspectives on Theatre of the Oppressed*, published by Peter Lang Inc. in 2011.

Todd Hardie (todd@caledoniaspirits.com) runs Caledonia Spirits in northern Vermont, and his mission is to employ people in the community and work with local farms. He lives in Greensboro, where

sphere was while at school. At reunion you meet new people who are bright and interesting and who have the same frame of reference as you." Or, as **Llewellyn "Chris" Townsend** said, "I did not appreciate the beauty of the campus and the Finger Lakes area until I came back." Chris made the trip into a vacation, taking in more than just the campus. He went up to Taughannock Falls State Park, to a Hot Air Balloon Festival in Syracuse, and to the Finger Lakes wineries.

To give you a taste of what reunion is like and to encourage you to come to our 40th, here are some of the things that our classmates did while

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there is wonderful hiking and skiing around Barr Hill. He is in the process of launching his Barr Hill gin and vodka in Brooklyn and Manhattan and has enjoyed being back in the city again. He reports that there is nothing he would rather be doing now than this rewarding professional venture. **Del Barrett** is enjoying the single life back in Asbury Park. He is celebrating his tenth anniversary of being blind by "laying on the beach and hanging out at the Boardwalk. I miss the fast pace and 12-hour days in the hospitality business . . . not!" Del says he would like company here on the Jersey Shore, so please get in touch (del_barrett@yahoo.com). **Roni Brissette** spends her time teaching and practicing yoga, studying Buddhism, and traveling. That's all the news for now. **Karen Krinsky** Sussman, Krinsk54@gmail.com; **Pat Relf** Hanavan, Relf@tds.net; **Lisa Diamant**, Ljdiamant@verizon.net.

77 Writing this is a race of how fast I can put my thoughts to paper before either my air conditioning dies or another storm hits with the power to devastate the D.C. area electrical grids. It's been hot here in suburban Maryland! But I have to say that, despite my heightened anxiety over heat and power concerns, remembering Reunion brings a big smile to my face. A big note of thanks goes to **Cara Lebowitz** Kagan, **Karen Lipton** Wellin, **M. Jane Klein** Epstein, **Donna Darragh** Copley, and **Donna Fulkerson** LaVallee for putting together such an amazing weekend. As your guest columnist, I (**Lorrie Panzer** Rudin) tried to keep up with everything. As you'll see, though, there was just too much going on and this report will be continued in the Nov/Dec issue!

Universally, Reunion attendees raved about the weekend and described the pleasure they got from things they did and saw and the people they reconnected with or met for the first time. Cornell reunions are not like what you see in the movies, where everyone goes to a dance and comments on how much people have changed since they graduated. It's a fun weekend in the most beautiful locale, where you get to enjoy the campus and activities with people who have a shared experience of being a Cornell student or being connected to one. (Spouses love reunions, too!) **Laurie Robinson** said, "It doesn't matter how limited your

up for the weekend. Reunion started on Thursday night with a dinner supplied by the Hot Truck. Starting the weekend with a PMP or a Sui hit just the right note. Our class was assigned to stay in the Townhouses on North Campus, which were built long after we were on campus. They are up by the golf course (who knew Cornell had a golf course?) and near the observatory (of which I also was completely unaware while a student). The Townhouse exteriors have a summer camp cabin feel, but the insides are huge and modern, with a living room, kitchen, and dining room downstairs and two bedrooms and a bathroom upstairs. And they were air conditioned! The Townhouse Community Center was the class headquarters and the central gathering point where we would hang out and chat while listening to mix tapes of Top 20 Billboard hits from our years on campus and trying to match up enlarged yearbook photos with the 35-years-older attendees. Thanks go to Jane Epstein for the mix tapes and the photos.

Two of the biggest events of the weekend involved the Class of '77. **Jay** and **Eileen McManus Walker '76**, MBA '78, gave a lecture celebrating the opening of the Cornell library exhibit "Collecting Imagination: Treasures from the Walker Library of the History of Human Imagination," which is a remarkable array of rare books, manuscripts, and artifacts from their collection. The exhibit features such treasures as an original Soviet Sputnik alongside a US Vanguard satellite, a cuneiform cone from 2000 BC, and a leaf from the Gutenberg Bible. **Jon '82** and **Anne Vitullo Poe** were fascinated by the concept of the exhibit, noting that it also contained an Enigma machine, jade books from China, and an original copy of the Gettysburg Address.

The class also sponsored a lecture by **Bill Nye** that was filled to capacity. Laurie Robinson gave a humorous and touching introduction of Bill, and then Bill gave one of the most entertaining and informative lectures that I've ever heard. One of our classmates commented that even though the lecture was 1) after lunch catered by Dinosaur Barbeque and 2) in Baker Auditorium, a notorious sleep-inducing lecture hall, he was able to stay awake for the entire speech. Bill has so much energy, which is evident not only in his speaking style, but also in his activity level. Just hours before his lecture Bill biked around Cayuga Lake (a 100-plus-mile trip) at a pretty fast pace, according to **Barbara Bennett** and **Donald Levy**, who

also biked around the lake but stopped along the way at Cayuga Creamery. They said it took them seven hours to do the trip and the hardest part was getting back up the hill to North Campus. Then, later that night, Bill could be seen at the tents on the Arts Quad, dancing up a storm with Laurie Robinson and **Sheryl Checkman**. Sheryl said, "I think we gave the younger classes a run for their money!"

John Molinda had hip replacement surgery in January, but that didn't slow him down. He bicycled all over campus, from the Chapter House up to the Plantations and the golf course and then down to the windsurfing launch on Cayuga Lake. As if that wasn't enough, he also did the bike trip around Cayuga Lake. Coincidentally, John's daughter **Jennifer Molinda '11**, ME '12, now works for the company that made the hip.

All weekend long people mixed it up, going to events with people they knew previously as well as those they did not. For example, several groups went up to the observatory on Thursday night and we got to see Saturn and Mars. We each got to look through the large telescope in the observatory dome and it looked just like the pictures! While waiting our turn at the telescope, **Nancy Mayer** and **Dave Salmon** talked about their fascinating six-week trip to the South Pole. Nancy and Dave came up from North Carolina a few days early to enjoy the Ithaca area and even found a place where they could buy locally produced bottled sparkling cider that they will serve at their son's upcoming wedding. On Friday, Dave joined me and my husband for a private tour of the beautiful Cornell Plantations while Nancy attended a couple of lectures at the Law School. Sheryl Checkman, with whom we became very close at our 30th Reunion, arrived on Friday and we made our now-regular pilgrimage to Flat Rock, a part of Fall Creek above Beebe Lake where the water is about 12 inches deep and you can lounge on the flat rocks and dangle your feet in the water while watching a dog chase a stick. We also went into Ithaca with Sheryl and **Bob Scharf** to visit Hal's Deli, over which Hal's wife still presides.

Jayne Goff Wasserman came to Reunion from Florida and swears that Libe Slope has gotten steeper. She went to the Taste of Ithaca Alumni Lunch in Barton Hall, took a tour of the new Human Ecology building, which she says is beautiful, and attended a lecture by **Jane Brody '62**. She also got nearly teary-eyed when former university president and "rock star" Frank Rhodes signed a copy of his new book, *Earth: A Tenant's Manual*, for her. **Karen Kasnetz** also was impressed by the new Human Ecology building and noted that while there are many new buildings on campus, they were all integrated well, leaving the campus with the same feel that it had when we were there.

So much more to come in the Nov/Dec issue, so stayed tuned! Tell your friends to read all about it in the CAM Digital Edition, <http://www.cornellalumimagazine-digital.com>. **Lorrie Panzer Rudin**, lorrierudin@comcast.net; **Howie Eisen**, Howard.Eisen@drexelmed.edu; **Annette Mulee**, annette@mulee.com.

78 Direct from the "cool mom" department comes this from my Collegetown housemate **Diana Bletter**. "After raising four kids, two step-kids, and an unofficially adopted daughter from Ethiopia, I was facing an empty nest and had no idea what to do with the rest of my life. So my husband and I took off on our motorcycles, riding more than 10,000 miles from New York to Alaska and back again. My book, *The Mom Who Took Off On Her Motorcycle*, will be published in October. I live right by the Mediterranean Sea in a small beach village in Israel's Western Galilee—Cornell visitors always welcome!—and continue to write for the *New York Times* and other publications. I write a blog at www.thebestchapter.com." (I actually hope to take Diana up on her invitation next spring while visiting my daughter in Israel. She will be there for a "gap year" program with Young Judea, taking courses, traveling, and doing community service before heading to the U. of Delaware the following fall. And to avoid the appearance of favoritism in this aside, after completing a summer naturalist internship at the Adirondack Mountain Club in Lake Placid, NY, my son is in his senior year at Brandeis, majoring in biology and environmental studies.)

Bob Weggler attended **Joey Holland**, MA '79's book signing and bought two copies of his book, *From Harlem With Love: An Ivy-League's Inner City Odyssey*. He also keeps in regular touch with Detroit Tigers president, CEO, and general manager **Dave Dombrowski**, with whom he and Joey played freshman ball before Dave transferred to Western Michigan U. On the home front, Bob and **Sunshine (Lorenz)**'s youngest headed off to college in August. They look forward to having an empty nest while they are still young enough to enjoy it! **Marlene Jupiter** (MJupiter@aol.com) formed a company called Pure Air Scientific Solutions, a best-of-breed solution provider for cleaning the air as well as providing energy conservation using a patented anti-microbial filter with UVC lights. The filters are energized by fosshield, which is made from plastic bottles. Clean and green! The company also makes anti-microbial surgical masks, and plans to make a whole array of anti-microbial textiles. Marlene lives in Rhode Island and Miami with her partner.

Al Millus, JD '82 (technically ILR '79, but he considers himself one of the great '78) married **Mary Walsh, JD '82**, in 1983 and settled down in Binghamton, where they still live today. Al practices law, primarily commercial and general business litigation and municipal law as town attorney. He also does a fair amount of federal criminal practice on an assigned basis. Mary works for the NYS Attorney General's office, mainly representing the state in the area of trusts and estates. Their son James, 23, who has a form of autism, still lives at home and works part-time at a sheltered workshop. He is also very active in the Special Olympics and other competitive ski events for disabled individuals. In 1998, they lost their daughter, 5, to brain cancer. Al and Mary are in touch with **Chris Massaroni, JD '82**, and **Larry Burnett, JD '82**, and Al became reacquainted

with **George "Joe" Getman, JD '82**, in connection with litigation over a bank merger.

David and June Drake Hayford proudly report that three of their four children were, are, or will be Cornellians! Their oldest daughter graduated in '08 and works for Mariner in NYC. One son graduated in May with a master's in Aerospace Engineering and works with SpaceX; their youngest son is a freshman on the Hill. There's a revolving door at the Hotel school for **Randall Nixon**'s children. His son, **Blair '11**, graduated in May, and his daughter, **Spencer '16**, transferred in this fall. Blair joined Emerson Barclay Investment Group while helping out in the family real estate development business. **Thomas McCarthy** is putting three boys through college while developing biodegradable plastics compatible with plasticizers for disposable products, though he'd prefer to be teaching at the university level. Tom would like to hear from **Bill Buchholz** and **Charlie Peters '77**.

With two children in college and a third-grader still at home, **Larry Skoczylas** doesn't foresee retiring from his Maryland oral and maxillofacial surgery practice anytime in the near future. His son is at the Berklee College of Music in Boston, so Larry hopes to get there for the Cornell/Harvard football game. When he needs a dose of sunshine, a trip to see his daughter at St. Leo U. in Florida may be in order. **Ellen Haas Sternberg** celebrated her daughter's graduation from U. of Wisconsin and will be sending her son off to U. Indiana this fall. A real estate agent in Maryland, she says she would rather be traveling the world.

Jane Sabin Sklar (Fort Lee, NJ) writes that she started an art and photography business last year and has already shown and sold some of her work. You can see it at www.maxjersey.com/janesklar.html. **Dina Kruzansky** Markind, a nurse and certified coach, is developing a coaching practice in Danbury, CT, focusing on helping people with heart disease adjust to their condition and take advantage of their second chance. When not working on building her business, Dina is busy launching her children into adulthood, doing volunteer work with Jewish organizations, reading, and pursuing other endeavors that contribute to self-growth. She would like to hear from **Astri Wright**, PhD '91.

Debra Slotnick Miron runs a marketing consulting business in Connecticut and is also an authorized distributor of Shaklee natural health and wellness products on the East Coast. She enjoyed some spring skiing in the Swiss Alps and a summer of playing competitive USTA tennis. Debra would like to hear from **Sherill Sigalow** and **Paul Metseelaar**. **James Harriott** is always recycling computers and other modern technology at Ithaca's ReUse Center while aiming toward a job in software programming or designing video games. He also enjoys fishing in the local streams and playing guitar. I trust you had a chance to do what you love over the summer. Remember, our 35th Reunion (yikes!) is less than a year away! Be sure to keep Cindy or me up to date, so we can share your news with our classmates. **Ilene Shub** Lefland, ilefland@snet.net; **Cindy Fuller**, cindy@cindyfuller.com.

79 Fall is a time of transition, both at Cornell—with students returning to campus and the leaves turning bright shades of red, orange, and yellow—and in many of our lives. I (Linda) am very fortunate to visit campus several times each year and always enjoy the breathtaking scenery, especially during the autumn.

“Now I get to walk to work: priceless.”

Fred Zonsius '80

Our classmates are scattered far and wide and have quite a range of second acts. **Stacey Cahn-Shapiro** resides in Florida, where she is an avid gardener who loves the subtropical climate of the Gulf Coast. She settled in Florida after living with her husband directly across the street from the World Trade Center when the towers were struck on 9/11 . . . and yes, they were home at the time. What Stacey and her husband went through was nothing compared to what they saw. Needless to say, it was a life-altering experience that brought home the expression, "Life can change in the blink of an eye." The experience led to the launch of her current business. After a great run in broadcasting that started at WVBR and took her to the NBC Radio Networks, CNBC, and Fox News Channel, Stacey launched Time in a Bottle Video Productions, with a multi-faceted motto: "Everybody has a story," focusing on interviewing people to record their life stories for their family, friends, and colleagues; "Every business has a story," to help distinguish client companies from their competition with corporate identity pieces and testimonials, mainly for website use; and "Every case has a story," for attorneys, particularly trial attorneys, who value her expertise to produce "day in the life" videos for wrongful injury litigation. She has also helped high-profile clients write their memoirs, as they find their voices through her interviews. This is not just her profession but her passion, and Stacey would love to help Cornellians tell their stories. Information is on her website at www.timeinabottlevideo.com.

Paul Werbaneth lives in California and just started a new job as director of market research at MEMS Journal Inc. He has been in the semiconductor industry for better than 30 years, on the device maker side (Intel), the equipment side (Tegal, Hitachi, EV Group), and now on the market research side. The MEMS industry (the device in your phone that tells up from down is a MEMS device) is enjoying great growth these days and he has been along for the ride since the late 1990s. Paul has been doing lots of running, including once-a-week track workouts with a coach. His race times have improved as a result of the track work and he finally ran his age in a 10K in May in Watertown, NY, running with his good friend **Chris Ritcey**. On top of all this, Paul went back to school full-time last summer to study Japanese at Cornell in the FALCON program. He said it was challenging competing with his FALCON classmates. Everyone was about half his age, (which could have been awkward), the students were wicked smart, and Japanese is hard! But Paul was welcomed by his young friends both in class and out of class (card games, Ultimate Frisbee matches), and he managed to keep up in the classroom, in no small part as a result of the collaborative atmosphere that seems to be a part of Cornell student culture these days. Paul has two daughters, Saori and Akiko. He would like to hear from any and all classmates on LinkedIn.

Also out west is **Philip Romero** of Beaverton, OR. After spending the 1980s in defense policy and the '90s in state government, he has been an academic since 1999—seven years as a business dean at the U. of Oregon and five as a finance professor. His book, *Your Macroeconomic Edge: Investing Strategies in the Post-Recession World*, was published by Business Expert Press in late 2011. Check it out on Amazon! Phillip was first diagnosed with cancer in 1996, beat it, and had a recurrence in 2004. He says that middle age may be a drag, but consider the alternative. He would

enjoy hearing from any Cornell graduate from the late 1970s/early '80s who lives in the Pacific Northwest. **Michael Berman**, MBA '86, and wife **Judith (Van Adelsberg)** commute between Minneapolis and Tel Aviv, Israel. They will continue the US-based aspects of their work when they reside in their new condominium in Minneapolis, but are shifting the center of gravity of their lives back to Israel. Judith accepted a full professor position at Tel Aviv U. and will wind down her research at the U. of Minnesota over the next two to three years. Michael is increasing his medical device business in Israel. Their son **Oren '08** is married and living and working in NYC. Younger son **Noah '13** loves the intense and carefree (is that possible?) life of a senior at Cornell.

A number of our classmates live in or near New York City. Two years ago, **Daniel Lesser** formed LW Hospitality Advisors and he could not be happier with the growth the firm has experienced and the broad range of services they now offer. The proud family was in Ithaca in May for the graduation of oldest son **Jonathan '12** from the ILR school. Jonathan has a terrific job and the family is looking forward to having him back in New York. Last July, son Benjamin spent a month on a BBYO trip to Europe. Dan and his family spent the first half of August at their home on Martha's Vineyard, an annual trek. **Susan Schapiro** Caplan has begun a new position at Rutgers College of Nursing, having completed her PhD from Yale in 2010. She extreme commutes between Maine and Newark, NJ, but the two lives suit her. Susan started a research project with NAMI, Latino immigrants in the faith-based setting to improve mental health literacy. She has tentatively put her art career on hold, but not her love for art. Her son Liam Estuardo Caplan was a bar mitzvah in August. Susan would like to hear from **James Seltzer '80**, MBA '83, **Elizabeth Hyde**, and **Jody Shevins**.

Bob Gilbert said that after 25 years on Wall Street, it was time to do something completely different. Three years ago, after getting yet another master's, this time in construction management at NYU's Schack Inst. of Real Estate, he started Brooklyn Green Home Solutions. His firm does energy audits and retrofits for family homes in Brooklyn, Queens, and Staten Island, mainly under the Green Jobs-Green NY NYSERDA programs. He has great clients and has met many interesting peers in the industry. Although the work he does is not to the level of "Passive House," he is involved in NY Passive House (NYPH), learning the techniques and technologies. Being on his own is certainly different than working at a 10,000-plus firm and has its many rewards. Bob makes time for his three kids and cycling.

This column is nothing without you, so please write to your class correspondents so we can share your news with our classmates. You can also keep up with class events by joining CornellConnect (<http://www.alumniconnections.com/olc/pub/CEL/homepage.cgi>), our Facebook page (Cornell University Class of 1979), and the LinkedIn group (Cornell University Class of '79). As always, you can submit news to us throughout the year at classof79@cornell.edu, or directly to: **Linda Moses**, mosesgurevitch@aol.com; **Kathy Zappia** Gould, rdgould@comcast.net; or **Cynthia Ahlgren** Shea, cynthiashea@hotmail.com.

Reunion still in the closet? If not, it may have made an appearance in Washington, DC. Here is a tale from the weird Cornell Archives. It seems **Dik Saalfeld** and wife Kelley were wandering around the Georgetown Flea Market one sparkling spring Sunday morning when they saw a familiar looking straw hat on the head of an antique dealer—a big, blonde, ruddy-faced fellow, approximately our age. "Hey, Cornell '80!" Dik cried . . . and he was met with a blank stare. "Your hat," he said. The dealer laughed, took it off, looked at it, and said, in an accent so thick you could pour it over pancakes, "I Russian. Don't know what is this Cornell." So what may we conclude from this? I guess that our circa '80 hats are now collectibles (certainly not antiques!) or, per **Dana Jerrard**, that the dealer was "probably a double agent on a CIA weekend and he got the hat by googling 'clothes that make you blend in at a Georgetown flea market.'" (You do not want to hear Dik's theory, believe me.) So, folks, let's treat these hats with the respect they deserve. After all, they really did come in handy for those few scorching days of Reunion!

Marla Glanzer Curtis, BArch '81, writes from Boxford, MA, where she designs multi-family housing in historic buildings and is working on a certificate in historic preservation. She recently traveled to Israel with a group of affordable housing experts from Boston to meet with their Israeli counterparts. She also traveled to Cornell to celebrate the opening of Milstein Hall. If **Lauri Rossman**, **Joyce Rothschild**, **Frank Lauria '79**, or **Marilyn Gentile**, BArch '82, are reading this, please get in touch! Marla adds that professors Maria Romanach and Colin Rowe had a great impact on her. As director of preservation at the Boston architecture firm bh+a, **Jack Glassman**, BArch '80, MA '82, is about to wrap up construction on a renovation of the town hall in his hometown of Lexington, MA. He returned to Delft, Netherlands, last summer to visit his favorite spots from the Cornell Summer Architecture Academy in 1978 and to show his wife around. What he'd rather be doing now: "Having traveled back in time to invent the flat, touch-screen display, he'd rather be traveling the world at leisure, sketching, and writing." Professors who had an impact: Kenneth Evett, **John Miller**, **March '60**, and John Shaw, who said, "Don't hold yourself back. Be bold!" Jack would like to hear from **Bruce Salvo**, BArch '81, and **Fred Zonsius**, BArch '80.

Here's news from Fred Zonsius: After 24 years in Westchester, Fred and wife Pam have moved from Chappaqua to New York City. He writes, "Now I get to walk to work: priceless." **Ira Halfond** has been practicing law for 29 years and is working on his master's in teaching. He and wife **Ellen (Kaplan)** have built a log cabin in the woods of Hillsdale, NY, and have left the hassles of Long Island. In a perfect world he would like to retire and teach US and world history in high school. Boy Scout master **Chas Horvath**, ME '81, has cycled 14 miles to work every day this past year (except a day or two). Go, Chas! **Jay Sacco** sailed on the Baltic 46 *Dawn Star* in the 2011 Transatlantic Race as bowman/trimmer/helmsman and won Division 4. As bowman, he also sailed *J24 Mr. Happy* to second place in the J24 US Invitational Championship.

Stephen Kohn, president of Health & EAP Solutions and Work & People Solutions, loves hanging out with his wife, Nancy, and dog Marley. His kids are in undergrad and grad school and he plans to visit his son, 21, who is studying abroad. **Michael Pollack** is spending his time working, exercising, and golfing. An empty-nester now, he is

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Reunion veterans: time to take inventory of your Cornell swag. Is your straw hat from our 15th

proud of his Cornellian son who graduated Arts in 2010 and played club Frisbee for the Cornell Buds. He visits his other children at the U. of Maryland and Emory. If he had his druthers, he would be coaching basketball or on the Senior PGA Tour. **Art Chapin** writes that son **Michael '15** had a fantastic year as a freshman in Arts and Sciences. **John DiStefano** is excited to have son **Mark '16** in the Arts college. He notes that when he visited, he found Cornell's campus and the people were as spectacular as ever.

Bill Niedrach writes from Medford, NJ, where he has been a urologist for the past 20 years. Recently, he has been rounding up brothers from Alpha Tau Omega for a weekend in Ithaca to help celebrate the 125th anniversary of their chapter. **Kathy Dixon-Leone** would rather be sitting on the Arts Quad with her pals **Lisa Broida** Josephson and **Suzanne Carter** Kramer on a beautiful sunny spring day after finishing all of their major prelims. At the moment, she is arranging the schedule of her four teenage boys. Always one to promote New York agriculture, **Jim Bittner** has been named one of Western New York's "Unsung Heroes." His efforts with the New York Farm Viability Inst. and Niagara County Farm Bureau, as well as his activities as a CALS alumnus, all played a role in his winning this honor.

Sylvia Maxfield has been named dean of the Providence College School of Business. Recently named an associate professor of practice in the computer and info science department at the U. of Pennsylvania, **Stephen Lane** is also the director of the computer graphics and flame technology master's program. In August, his son **Brandon '16** traveled to the Hill to begin his studies as a Hotelier. Have a great fall. Hope to see you at Homecoming. [✉ Cynthia Addonizio-Bianco, caaz28@cornell.edu](mailto:caaz28@cornell.edu), **Leona Barsky**, Leonabarsky@aol.com, **Dik Saalfeld**, rfs25@cornell.edu, **Dana Jerrard**, dej24@cornell.edu.

81 It's hard to believe that we've completed another school year. Here in Southern California, the trees are filled with beautiful lavender jacaranda blooms, and the kids are enjoying their summer vacation. My son, Tyler, 15, has his first job, working at a bike shop building and repairing bicycles, and hopes to get his driver's license this fall. Daughter Caroline, 12, is studying for her bat mitzvah in November and looking forward to horseback camp during the summer. Continuing my love for singing (I sang with the Cornell Chorus and Nothing but Treble), both my kids participate in competitive show choir (much like "Glee"!): My son's choir was undefeated in the Southern California area this past year.

I have heard from so many classmates over the past few months. **Sally Furness** Dawson will teach eighth grade history and English this year in Lancaster, CA; her son Nahoa, 16, is participating in Junior ROTC Air Force this year. **Dave Pauker**, working at Goldin and Associates, was invited to become a fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy and appointed to the new board of directors of Lehman Brothers. **Janice Kerzner** Tillo reports that her daughter Emily, 18, will attend Boston U. this year on a golf scholarship and as a presidential scholar. Emily's older sister, Carolyn, 22, is a graduate student/TA in the BU School of Communications and will earn her master's degree following a summer '12 internship in London. Janice and her husband, Tim, will still be busy at home with Lizzie, 16,

and T.J., 12. She says she still roots for Cornell in hockey!

For the past 30 years, **Marie Vayo** Greenbaum has been teaching secondary science, interviewing for the Cornell Alumni Admissions Ambassador Network, and leading overseas trips to France and Iceland along the way. Now the cycle is about to be repeated as her high school junior twins begin their college application process. They both have Cornell at the top of their lists! **Phebe Ladd** Mertes accepted a UNIX system administration position with Accenture Federal Services in January 2011, then accepted a marriage proposal on Feb. 6! She was married about six months later, in August. Sadly, she lost her mother, **Carol Bowman** Ladd '43 last June. Phebe has relocated to Colorado Springs, where her husband has accepted a new position.

Jon Bauer still teaches at the U. of Connecticut Law School, where he directs the Asylum and Human Rights Clinic, a program in which law students represent refugees who have fled persecution and are seeking asylum in the United States. He lives in Cheshire, CT, with wife Alice, a recovering lawyer who has authored a children's book, daughter Emily (at Carleton College), and high school junior Abby. Their son is in South Carolina at boot camp for the USMC. Living just down the road from the Bauers in Avon, CT, is **Richard Colletti**, who owns his own veterinary practice. He and wife Benedetta have six children, two Dobermans, and one German shepherd. His daughter starts at Cornell this fall.

Stephen Pert and wife Beth have celebrated their son Austin's bar mitzvah. They also visited Florida and had dinner with **Alan Seidman** and his wife. The Pert family enjoys their time in Brentwood, TN. Also down South, we heard from **Beth McCabe** Keith, who lives with husband Douglas in Lafayette, LA. She spends her time researching and writing family genealogical history, exercising, and enjoying Cajun music, food, and friends. Recently she has spent time restoring an antique home in northern Connecticut. Attorney **Scott Livingston** has been running 5K races with his daughter, 11, training for marathons, and bike racing. Most recently, he participated in the Head of the Charles regatta with a Cornell alumni boat. In nearby Newtown, PA, **Rich Lovely** is happily enjoying spending time with his wife, Donna, and their children. Following in his dad's footsteps, oldest son Garrison starts Cornell this fall in the ILR school's Class of 2016.

In the New York City area, **Susan Berko** works in finance and real estate and is raising three teenagers, including a son who has enrolled at Wake Forest U. She also runs the E.M. Berko Archive of her father's paintings. She balances work and family, traveling, and writing, as well as editing poetry. **Iris Koren** and husband Victor live in Yonkers. Iris works as a supervisor of an IT quality assurance group. She has also been involved in a startup company designing a steam-based engine for a green car. With these high gas prices, let's hope it comes to the market soon! Iris says that of all her teachers, Carl Sagan had the greatest influence on her. **Beresford Jones** has been working as an internist out in Bethpage on Long Island for the past 20 years. In 2010 he merged his practice and became a partner in a multispecialty practice group. He recently returned from campus as he dropped off his daughter to start at the ILR school in the Class of 2016.

Paul Evans is the park and recreation manager for Riverside Park in New York City. This

beautiful park is located on the west side of Manhattan along the Hudson River and is the site of the New York City Marathon, the AIDS Walk, and many other special events. Recently, Paul has been redeveloping his family's apartment building. His dream is to develop his own horticulture television show, so if any of you know who he should talk to, we can put you in touch with him. Paul says that his love of horticulture was greatly influenced by professors **Robert Mower '56**, PhD '61, and **Louis Edgerton, PhD '41**, who showed him how to make fruit trees and crop plants more productive. (Personally, I can't keep a cactus alive for more than a week!)

We heard from **Jorge Loynaz Garcia, MArch '82**, an architect in Miami, FL. Also into the creative arts is **Jennifer Rosenberg Markovitz, BFA '81**, who lives in New Jersey with husband **Michael, BArch '82**. Jennifer enjoys work as a docent at various museums in the area, as well as creating her own artwork. She and her husband visited Cornell with their son Max, 16, and enjoyed lunch at Moosewood and seeing Taughannock Falls. Let me remind you that we love to hear from you, so please write! [✉ JoAnn Minsker Adams, joann@budadams.net](mailto:joann@budadams.net); **Barb Amoscato** Sabaitis, beachba@hotmail.com; **Betsy Silverfine**, bsilverfine@comcast.net.

82 Almost 250 of us, along with another 80 spouses/friends and 76 children aged 2 to 20, made the pilgrimage back to Ithaca and Alma Mater for our 30th Reunion, eager to show that the milestone 50th birthday had not slowed us down or dimmed our love for old Cornell. Our home base in Robert Purcell Community Center (RPCC) and High Rise 1, although disorienting for those of us who were denizens of West Campus, was the focal point of the weekend's activities. Because of a work commitment, I did not arrive until Friday afternoon, at which point I was outfitted with the awesome "82" retro football jersey that, along with our flashing-light buttons, made us easy to spot at the beer tents and across campus. I was also very excited to find that the incomparable duo of Teri and Terry (our reunion chairs; more on them below) had once again provided a tub of beer cans to get the road dust out of our throats. To see pictures of us sporting the class shirts and for other Reunion and class-related material, see our Cornell Class of 1982 Facebook site.

Those who arrived on Thursday enjoyed a reception meal at the Johnson Art Museum and a rockin' karaoke session back at RPCC. Events on Friday included the Olin Lecture featuring noted educator **Michelle Rhee '92** (at which, because of travel delays, President David Skorton was pressed into duty as an impromptu standup comedian and MC), our class's reception at the Nevin Welcome Center grounds and gardens at the Cornell Plantations, and the subsequent dinner at the Arboretum tent, along with a multitude of lectures and events geared to all sectors and interest groups among the returning alumni. And did I mention the beloved beer tents on the Arts Quad? There our numbers and dancing enthusiasm ensured that the live band played plenty of "our" music, to the overheard mild annoyance of some of the younger alumni.

Saturday brought more events, beginning with breakfast at RPCC, at which I saw several classmates who had already gamely run two or five miles that morning in the Reunion Run and also some of us beer-tent survivors for whom the

thought of a run in the humidity at that hour of the morning was unimaginable. Our class lunch was chased indoors to RPCC from Beebe Lake by the threat of rain, but we still had a good time with “our” president, Frank H. T. Rhodes, who joined us with wife Rosa. I got goosebumps and watery eyes as I watched and listened to Dr. Rhodes, with his beloved accent and speaking style that we heard as raw freshmen and at our commencement address, tell us how important our class was to Cornell and congratulate us on the more than \$4,775,000 that we raised in our reunion year from more than 680 donors, over 70 of whom gave at Tower Club levels. We love Cornell and we prove it with our time and our checkbooks!

After more fun activities all over campus (including a lecture by **Bill Nye '77**) and a class photo on Libe Slope, we assembled for drinks and munchies at the beautiful Founders Terrace in the shadow of the clocktower, followed by another great dinner on West Campus at the modern Hans Bethe House. On my way back to the beer tents, I took time to pay homage to North Baker Dorm, within whose ivy-covered walls my future wife **Melissa (Duncan) '83** resided when I first met her.

Saturday's Cornelliana Night at Bailey Hall was the setting for one of the outstanding highlights of our class's return to the Hill. Co-chairs Teri and Terry presented President Skorton with his own '82-embazoned red retro football shirt, which he promptly donned, to our great satisfaction and merriment, thus becoming an honorary member of our class. Pictures of this great event can be found at our Facebook site and in the June *Cornell Chronicle* Reunion slide show.

The greatest highlight of Reunion, of course, is once again seeing old and dear friends. Everywhere I looked, I saw groups of our classmates re-establishing contact and catching up on news. To get a sample of our experiences as a class that goes beyond what I can report here, take a look at the great pictures and wall postings at our Cornell Class of 1982 Facebook site. For me, it was a great pleasure to talk for the first time in over 30 years to **Greg Knue**, who lived across the hall from me in the now-demolished U-Hall 5. Greg and his lovely family live in Hawaii, where he is a banker. I also hung out with Lambda Chi brothers **Michael Curtis**, along with wife Sheryl and son Austin, **Bruce Hedin** and wife Amel Farghaly, local attorney **Randy Marcus** and his spouse Terry, and **Bill Noon '84** and his partner, Ithaca lawyer Erin McKinley. Mike, Bruce, and Randy all lived in the same U-Hall, and I got a chance over the weekend to get to know two of their hall-mates, **Dan Staver**, ME '84, and **Jed Aber**. Dan is president of Tave Tech Corp. in Colorado Springs, CO, and had some awesome hail pictures on his cell phone from a recent storm out there (I am a meteorologist, remember). Jed is president of Maximum Profit Centers LLC (“Turning cost centers into profit centers”), located in New York City.

On Sunday morning we assembled for brunch, again at RPCC. Amidst fun and food, we elected a slate of officers for the next five years. Re-elected to thundering applause for a job once-again well done were reunion co-chairs **Terry Kilmer Oosterom** and **Teri Williams Harvey**. **Greg Busby** (who also helped out as nominations and reunion registration chairs) re-upped, to be joined by former council member Cpt. **Charles Stuppard**, USN, as co-presidents. Elected as co-VPs were **John Pisacane** and **Jennifer Gardiner** Liguori. Replacing Jennifer as membership chair is **Stuart Baron**. Moving from webmaster to the secretary position

is **John Mennell**. Returning as Cornell Annual Fund reps are **Jonathan Poe** and **Robert Ramin**, MBA '85, Bob having served as our VP these last five years. Our treasurer will continue to be **Jean Ratty** Chidley. **Anne-Marie Bridgeman** DeMarco will be affinity chair, and the new webmaster is **Nancy Boyle**. Moving from secretary to nominations chair is **Ernest Block**. Returning to the council are **Alfred Cowger**, **Cynthia Anderson**, **Lorraine Aronowitz** Danzig, **Lori Friedman** Robinson, **Donna DeSilva**, **Michitaka Yamaguchi**, **Mark**

‘Ralph Russek took an exotic vacation to prepare the family’s tax return, hang curtains, and assemble a lawn mower.’

Alyssa Bickler '83

Donnelly, Mark Kim, Lauren Silfen, Michael Wapner, and James Hintlian Jr., ME '85, MBA '86. New members are **Sarina Monast** Bronfin, **Kristan Peters**-Hamlin, and class officer veterans **Brian Jay Zimmerman**, and **Miriam Akabas**.

Last, a huge thank you from returning class correspondents **Mark Fernau** and **Doug Skalka** and the rest of the class officers goes out to retiring class correspondent **Steve Crump**, who from his base in Basel, Switzerland, has brought his own “classy” style to the task of helping us to report your news over these last five years. Thanks for a job well done, Steve! If anyone is interested in taking his place, please contact me. It would mean a commitment of writing a column twice a year, six months apart, with the able help of the CAM editorial staff, and it is a fantastic way to stay in touch with the amazing accomplishments of your classmates. Note that because of this Reunion Report, regular news that has been received will appear in the next issue's column. To submit additional news, use the mailed News Forms, go online at <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>, or e-mail me or Doug directly. ☐ **Mark Fernau**, mef29@cornell.edu; **Doug Skalka**, dsalka@nplmlaw.com.

83 Summertime is nearly over and autumn upon us. Hope you survived the record heat! Mark your calendars for the Cornell hockey game against the U. of Michigan at Madison Square Garden on Nov. 24, 2012. Check our Facebook page or class website for up-to-the-minute information. Hopefully you are all planning on attending our 30th Reunion in 2013—June 6-9. Can you believe it has been 30 years? We are working hard to make it the best reunion yet.

John “JD” Phillips (john.phillips@bostonherald.com) and wife **Jennifer Lauro '84** are keeping busy in Massachusetts putting their son through college and preparing their daughter for college. In his spare time JD enjoys surfing and running. **Angela Tritto** (atritto@nycap.rr.com) writes from Albany, NY, where she is working as a school social worker for the Capital Region BOCES. In her spare time she takes care of her house and pets while she waits for cross-country skiing. Angela reads for enjoyment, and is concerned (as many of us are) about the economy, senior care,

and the state of the education system. She stays in touch with her friends from Cornell. Meeting the diverse student body made the greatest impression on Angela during our years there.

J. Ralph Russek Jr. (russekjr@aol.com) is at the Pidcock Co. in Allentown, PA, which provides civil engineering and land planning services in the Lehigh Valley. He and wife Dawn Marie live nearby. Ralph spends his spare time problem-solving, praying, and sleeping. He recently took an exotic vacation to prepare the family's tax return, hang

some curtains, and assemble a lawn mower. Ralph, have you thought about getting a new travel agent? Ralph would most like to hear from **Rich Voter**, **Kevin Blair '80**, and **Tracy Clippinger '85** and recalls Commander Quigley of the NROTC as a tremendous influence. **Mark Spiegel** (New York City; markspiegel@gmail.com) writes that after (too many) years of working for others, he put his hobby of “staring at a computer screen reading interesting stuff” to work by launching his own hedge fund, Stanphyl Capital Partners. It is a long/short equity fund with a primary focus on micro-cap stocks. Good luck, Mark! About an hour north, in Bedford, NY, we find **Andrea Raisfeld** (andrea.arlocations@gmail.com) and her photographer husband, **William Abranowicz**. Andrea has turned her previous experience as a contributing editor for *Martha Stewart* magazine and her eye for what works in photo shoots into a successful business as a location scout. For the last 16 years she has helped producers and directors find locations in New York City, Westchester County, and Fairfield County, CT. She and her husband have three children and several pets including dogs, chickens, and honeybees. Sounds fabulous!

Bradford Siff, ME '84, MBA '85, will likely come back for the 30th. Like me, he can't believe it's been that long. Brad would love to reconnect with **Dave Chersonson**. They haven't talked in a very long time, but were close friends through much of their undergrad years. Brad's oldest son, Jordan, was accepted at Cornell, but decided to attend Washington U. in St. Louis instead. “I was low-key and he made his own decision. Oh well, I tried!” Brad's company, Biowave, continues to grow. They now have three-quarters of the NFL and almost half of the NBA and MLB as customers, along with 60 major college sports medicine programs around the country, as well as pain clinics, physical therapy, V.A. hospitals, and the military. Brad played in a pro-am tennis tournament at Yale earlier this year. He and his partner defeated former two-time Australian Open winner Johan Kriek and his partner in the finals. “I never get to brag about tennis victories, but regardless that I'm 50, this has to be my best one!”

Susan Lomega checked in from Porto, Portugal. She won't be able to make the 30th, but enjoys showing her daughter, 12, pictures from her first year at Cornell. She was very impressed and only slightly amused by some of the antics

we got up to. She asked for an explanation of Dragon Day—good luck with that one, Susan! **Scott Dowdell** also can't believe it has been 30 years. "Seems like yesterday we were running in the Phi Psi 500. Okay, not running. Perhaps lumbering . . . zigzagging—but laughing the whole time as we made our way to the Barton Hall concerts afterwards."

Andy Sosa, **Matt Palumbo**, and **Susan Wasserman** Guerin attended the "29th Reunion" this year—they went to get ideas for the 30th. Andy put special emphasis on trajectory analysis at the Robert Trent Jones Golf Course and at a fluids lab in Collegetown. Definitely two things every engineer should do while back in Ithaca. Susan attended with her daughter, son (Class of 2015), and her son's girlfriend. They did some riding at the Equestrian Center and enjoyed some hiking as well. **Keith** and **Pam Antisdell Nemlich** shared that their children—**Meg '12** (Arts) and **Chris '10** (Hotel)—have now both graduated from Cornell. They enjoyed a glorious graduation weekend and found the speeches meaningful and appropriate. Their only challenge was navigating around buildings they have no memory of and roads that were never there before! Something else to look forward to next year for our 30th Reunion! Until then, please keep the news coming. [✉ Alyssa Bickler](mailto:AlyssaBickler), cousinalyssa@yahoo.com.

84 **Christina Jogwick** Shankar writes, "I've been giving my passport a workout in the last few years. India, Sweden, Japan, Cape Breton Island, Rio de Janeiro, the Hopi Reservation in Arizona, Singapore, Dubai, and most recently, Morocco. It was in a gorgeous riad (a traditional home with an inner courtyard) on the edge of the medina in Fes that my husband and I met another Cornell alum over breakfast in the rooftop garden. You meet Cornellians in every corner of the world. Morocco was a transformative trip for me: Gnawa musicians in the great Djemma al-Fna in Marrakesh playing to crowds all night long, the most exquisitely perfumed food imaginable, the sound of the adhan echoing through the cities five times a day, and the Qur'anic recitations that ring through the medinas in the mystical, lonely hours before sunrise—all of it cast a spell. Everyone carries a cell phone or two or three, and yet they've got a foot in another hidden, compelling world. When we're home, I play flute in a quartet and try my hand at learning the violin and the mandolin. I'd do just about anything to get someone to teach me how to play bluegrass music on my fiddle. You can take me out of West Virginia, but you can't take West Virginia out of me."

Jim Yeomans has been busy working on two new medicines: Bydureon, which just launched, and Leptin, just submitted to the FDA. Jim writes, "I'm working to improve the patient experience for all of our medicines at Amylin Pharmaceuticals." **Angel Armando Alizo** spends time working a lot and traveling. Last spring, he took a cruise from New York to the Bahamas and loved it! **Suzanne Sauer** Heigh enjoys working for the Dept. of Defense, including a couple of Iraq deployments. She writes, "I have two of daughters in college, including another Ivy Leaguer—a freshman at Princeton who's on the women's soccer team. My second daughter is a junior at the U. of Mary Washington, a Virginia state school, where she rows on the crew team. The youngest, a sophomore in high school, plays hockey and is interested in Cornell."

Amy Seward Stacy is the coordinator for Lakeside Memorial Hospital's Wellness Program. She is also homeschooling her children and assisting her husband, Rick, with his business. Amy obtained her certification in diabetes education and has begun teaching nutrition for the nursing program at Roberts Wesleyan College. She fondly remembers her wonderful apartment-mates at Cornell and would love to hear from **Wendy Hill Sanchez**. **Lisa Starsky Bronstein** and husband **David**, ME '85, MBA '86, live in Atlanta. Their older daughter, Marni, has graduated from the U. of Georgia, and younger daughter Tammy has completed her freshman year at the U. of Maryland. David works for AVAYA as the director of North America sales support. Lisa joined Jewish Family and Career Services of Atlanta as its HR director. The Bronsteins enjoy traveling the world. For their 25th wedding anniversary last year, they celebrated on a Baltic cruise to Berlin, Copenhagen, Tallinn, St. Petersburg, Helsinki, and Stockholm.

Blaise Vitale was named a Wisconsin Medical Society 2012 Physician Citizen of the Year. **Ted Millsbaugh** lives in Pennsylvania and is a technical writer for SevOne. **Bill** and **Patricia Lehtola Lee '83** vacationed with their daughter in Florida and met **Linda Zell** Randall and her family for dinner. **Celia Shin** reports that raising 2-1/2-year-old twin boys is quite a challenge. She would love to hear from **Teresa Arroyo**. **William "Tony" Ryan**, MS '85, who had finally adjusted to being a stay-at-home dad for 11 years (after 13 years as an engineer), is changing gears again and is now employed doing research for the radiology department at Penn in Philadelphia. In 2011, **Cheryl "Cheri" Hoffman Yanuck** and husband **Sam '82** created the Yanuck Center for Life and Health in Chapel Hill, NC. Their daughter Sarah is now a freshman at Vassar. Son Sol, a sophomore in high school, was co-captain of the North Carolina Ultimate Frisbee team for kids under age 16 that won the national championship tournament in Minnesota last summer. Sam was an Ultimate Frisbee player at Cornell and Sol may follow in his footsteps in a few years. Besides practicing psychiatry, Cheri enjoys singing, swimming, and yoga.

Adam Minton retired through the Naval Reserve as a commander in 2001. He owns two employee benefit insurance agencies in Columbus, OH. Adam and wife Maureen have two children, Aidan, 13, and Chloe, 11. Adam is in regular contact with **Tom Hall**, a "serial entrepreneur." He also ran into **Abe Hughes**, who is president of New Holland (manufacturers of farm equipment) and living outside of Philadelphia, PA. After a very happy and rewarding career as a professor in the English department at California State U., Long Beach, **Elizabeth "Liz" Young** went back to school in the MSW program at Springfield College in Springfield, MA, and became a social worker. She is now a therapist with the Counseling Center in the Berkshires and living in Great Barrington, MA.

Joanne Restivo Jensen left Citigroup in 2009 after 23 years and joined Deutsche Bank. She is a managing director in the private bank. In July 2011, she and Jeff Knopping were married. Jeff and Joanne and their four children (he has two boys, she has two girls) live in Larchmont, NY. Joanne is on the advisory board of the ILR school and has visited Cornell a number of times over the past couple of years. She and **Ellen Strauss** Friedman are excited to be the 30th Reunion chairs! After 18 years on Spanish Language TV, **John Toohey-Morales** enters his third year now as chief meteorologist for WTVJ NBC-6 Miami.

With his wife, Carmen, he's been spending a lot of time traveling to and from rowing regattas, watching his son John Michael Toohey participate in the Miami Rowing Club.

In March, **Ioanna "JoAnn" Trilivas**, **Anne Ricciuti**, and I enjoyed an informal weekend reunion in Ithaca and caught up with each other. Anne lives outside D.C. with her daughter Brennan, 10, and husband Ty. JoAnn lives outside of NYC with her son Odysseus, 5. We had a wonderful walk down memory lane, going across the Cornell campus, visiting the new Architecture building, and going to the Nines for pizza and the Antlers for dinner. Most importantly, Purity ice cream for dessert! [✉ Karla Sievers McManus](mailto:KarlaSieversMcManus), Klorax@comcast.net; **Janet Insardi**, insardij@hotmail.com. Class website, <http://classof84.alumni.cornell.edu>. CAM Digital Edition, <http://www.cornellalumnimagazine-digital.com>.

85 The Class of 1985 continues to span the globe and it is my turn to share our travels, passions, and all-consuming careers and/or kids. I haven't heard from any "retired" alumni yet. Maybe they're too busy to write. In any event, here we go!

From Tulsa, OK, **James Adelson** writes that he is trying to balance his work as president of Nadel and Gussman LLC, an oil and gas concern, with his passion for his three daughters, tennis, golf, and traveling—in that order. Further west, **Gila Meidonick** Willner (Newport Beach, CA) will be coming back to the East Coast more often as she will have two girls in college in New York. Yael is a junior at Columbia, and Sigal will be a first-year in the College of Human Ecology. Gila is looking forward to more reunions with the Classes of 1984 (her husband's class) and 1985. **Jim Good** (Oakland, CA) writes that he is still recovering from 15 broken bones in his back from a bicycling accident last summer. Jim owns an environmental services firm.

Bethany Goodermote Jacques (Hadley, MA) is a laboratory supervisor at Nurse Farms, which is a tissue culture lab for strawberries, blackberries, and gooseberries. She writes that Prof. Ken Mudge had the greatest impact on her when she was at Cornell, as he jump-started her career with a work-study job at Ken Post Lab helping a graduate student with tissue culture. **David Votyпка** (Wayland, NY) owns Votyпка Farms, a pesticide/seed dealer established in 1946. In his free time David goes to Cornell football games with his son Austin. He also enjoys traveling to a different amusement park every summer with his son. Snowmobiling, skiing, and golf are other passions. **David Berkman**, MD '89 (Amherst, MA) is a gastroenterologist in private practice in Northampton. David has three kids, Maya, 17, Ilan, 14, and Nadav, 10, and two dogs. His first goes off to college this year. David's passions include lots of biking, skiing, and being a soccer/Ultimate Frisbee dad.

From the glamorous world of marketing, **Jim Joseph** writes that he has just released his second marketing book, *The Experience Effect for a Small Business*. As one of Jim's Facebook friends, I can also tell you he has a beautiful home in Newtown, PA, and the most awesome collection of Christmas trees I have ever seen. Congratulations are in order for **Ruth Lindenthal** Petran from Eagan, MN, who has finished her PhD in environmental health from the U. of Minnesota. Congratulations are in order for **Douglas Masters** as well. Doug was named deputy chair of the advanced media and technology department of D.C.-based Loeb & Loeb LLP. Way

to go, Doug! As deputy chair, Doug will oversee strategic practice growth and business development. His leadership in the areas of IP, advertising, and unfair competition counseling and litigation, as well as his experience working with some of the country's best known brands, have prepared him well for this new position. Which reminds me . . . Logos is my daughter's favorite game app on the iPhone. Has anyone else found it? It is addicting.

News from **Alan Belsky** from Mahopac, NY! Alan owns an IT consulting firm in Manhattan and is still an avid skier both on snow and water. He and his wife of 18 years have two boys, 13 and 15. Weekends are spent on Hunter Mountain, where Alan was a ski patroller for 16 years. From Boca Raton, **Howard Gelb** is a board certified orthopaedic surgeon with a subspecialty in sports medicine. He writes that in addition to snow skiing and water skiing he enjoys Brazilian jujitsu, karate, kickboxing, and working out. I guess Dr. Gelb has enough surgeon friends around to take care of him in case he has a bad day on the mat. He says he would like to work less, play more, and spend more time with his family. No surprises there.

When not keeping busy with her daughter Hannah, 4-1/2, **Susan Gellert** is the director of marketing for the six-week Crested Butte (CO) Music Festival. "I enjoy meeting the artists and patrons the festival attracts. We bring in more than 150 award-winning musicians each summer." **Emily Gershberg** Wyman (Claverack, NY) has a unique career as a dressage instructor at the Apple Hill Dressing Center! She spends her days riding and training dressage horses, putting them in competition with some top ten national rankings. She is currently training a horse that she hopes will be international. **Lisa Bluestein** (Scarsdale, NY) writes that she, **Toniann Melodia** McKeown, and **Suzanne Alexander** Romero took a road trip this spring to Princeton to watch the last game of the regular lacrosse season, in which Cornell and Princeton were vying for the top spot of the Ivy League. They met up there with **Rachel Kessler** Park. **Catherine Stein** lives in Oslo, Norway, where she works as an independent writer and editor. She is also studying integrative nutrition and is in the process of developing a second career in the holistic health field internationally.

From my own Facebook page, I can tell you there are a number of '85ers whose children are graduating from high school this year. **Ellen Baum** Rabinowitz, **Laura Weiner** Siegal, **Robert** and **Phyllis Simon Gusick**, and **Leslie Greenberg** Josel will spend part of their summer packing up their freshman kids for college. Can you say mini-fridge five times fast? Ellen's daughter Sonia will be going to New York from Rhode Island to study fashion marketing at Wagner College in Staten Island. Jake Siegal will be heading north from Port Washington, NY, to Burlington to find a mountain to ski and take his spot as an engineering major at the U. of Vermont. Leslie's daughter Maddie will be heading to Washington U. in St. Louis.

I had a great year at work marketing Hospira Worldwide Inc.'s only patented medications—Precedex and Voluven. My call points in the hospital are anesthesia and critical care. For my great year, I was rewarded by my company with a promotion and a trip to Bora Bora, French Polynesia! I am now an anesthesia and critical care account executive. Bora Bora was awesome—my photos could proudly fill any *Travel & Leisure* magazine. In my free time, I continue my travels throughout the year to every skating rink imaginable on the East Coast for Ms. Arielle's skating career (my

daughter), and I take ViPR, spin, MetCon, and yoga classes at my gym when I am not out running. **Roberta Zwiebel** Farhi, rfarhiesq@aol.com; **Joyce Zelkowitz** Cornett, cornell0667@comcast.net; **Risa Mish**, rmm22@cornell.edu.

86 It is always a treat when the news and dues forms arrive from Cornell. Especially so this year, when the first form out of the packet was from **Julie Bick** Weed. Julie had a stellar career at Microsoft, right out of Cornell, wrote a book about her experiences, and is now freelance writing for the *New York Times* and her "local" paper, the *Seattle Times*. I get a kick every time I see her byline. Maybe it's because we all remember each other "way back when." Julie adds that she has been traveling to Cuba. I have had a few friends make the trip, and all came back with great stories and pictures of the former grandeur of the island. Julie would like to reconnect with **Eric Kole**.

Another wonderful benefit of getting (completed) news and dues forms is to check out the various websites for classmates. One of the coolest updates came from **Greta Hotopp**. Greta is a director of finance and operations for SeeClickFix in New Haven, CT. It's a website and mobile app that helps fix issues in public spaces—like that pothole on your street. She writes, "It's great to be part of such an effective solution to connect citizens with government." Greta spends her nights and weekends on PechaKucha New Haven, which she organizes, and RivetBorne, where she co-pilots an (aerobatic) M-26 Airwolf. PechaKucha is an evening event for young designers and artists to meet and show their work in public. The website (pecha-kucha.org) is really interesting and there are cities all over the world with active events. Her airplane is featured on the front page of www.rivetborne.com and she flies out of Sikorsky Memorial Field in Stratford, CT.

Bouncing back to updates from the West Coast, we have news from **Mary Ann McLaughlin**, now the director of human resources at the Stanford Management Co. of Stanford U. She notes that she is enjoying her new position and finding quite a few other Cornell alums at Stanford. **Chris Fillo** lives in Pacific Palisades with his wife, Pam, and seems to be enjoying life in Southern California. He works as an investment banker for Main Street Advisors. **Jeff Cowan** dropped me an e-mail a few weeks back announcing a major win in his litigation practice. He lives in Los Angeles and updates his Facebook page frequently with the activities of his adorable twin sons.

Maureen Laffey Bills has been on my mind lately—and on my Facebook page, with gorgeous pictures of the wedding of her daughter **Katherine '10**. Maureen looks like she could be the bride, as the years have treated her kindly! **Margaret Jones** Carpenter lives in Falls Church, VA, with husband David. Marg routinely appears on the list of "who classmates want to reconnect with," so it's always nice to get an update directly from the source! She writes, "After living overseas for nearly two decades teaching in Scotland, Cyprus, Hong Kong, Panama, Taiwan, and Morocco, I have settled in Northern Virginia with my husband and two sons." Marg now works at a magnet school for science and technology; they send several students each year to Cornell.

Lorraine Miano-Fike wrote from Woodstock, MD, where she lives with husband David. **Janet Gossman** Providakes (Ayer, MA) enjoys spending

time in her garden, supporting her church ministries, and visiting friends. Recently Janet cooked dinner for 100 people for a Polish dinner at her church. **Robert Hoyt** was appointed general counsel of the PNC financial services group. He earned his JD and master's degrees from Penn and then clerked for the Massachusetts Supreme Court. He then became a partner at the firm of Wilmer Hale before moving to D.C. and a few jobs there. Prior to joining PNC in 2009, Robert was the general counsel at the Dept. of the Treasury and served as a special assistant and associate counsel to President George W. Bush. Kudos!

Gavin Landry runs Landry Hospitality Consulting Services and has opened two hotels in downtown Brooklyn, NY. He spends his days playing tennis and golf and becoming a life master bridge player. He enjoys being a "relentless learner," which I think is a hallmark of Cornellians everywhere. **Wendy Happek** lives with husband Gregory Stauf in Branchburg, NJ. **Dan Dalmeida**, ME '87, posted on our class Facebook page ("Cornell University Class of 1986") that he was planning a trip to Ithaca this summer with his daughter to attend a soccer camp. He's looking for classmates to connect with while in town. **Hilory Federgreen** Wagner posted the news of the closing of the Palms earlier this year, on February 29. I'm sure we have many memories of nights at the Palms—some clearer than others!

Peter Metz (Great Neck, NY) is the CFO for the Grace family office in Brookville. He was appointed to the board of a New Zealand-based financial services company, Trustees Executors LTD. He would love to reconnect with **Albert Rim**. Peter and wife **Christine**, MS '88, spend their summers in the Hamptons. They try to ski each winter and keep active in the warmer months with twice weekly tennis games. **Richard Forte** has a strong hematology and medical oncology practice in Manhasset and lives in Locust Valley. He enjoys spending time with his sons Andrew and Michael at their hockey games and watching daughter Julia learn to figure skate. The family traveled to the Dominican Republic, where they had a great time. Not surprisingly, he has fond memories of Lynah Rink. Richard would like to reconnect with **Eric Wagle**, his freshman roommate.

Speaking of Cornell hockey, the Big Red returns to Madison Square Garden this Thanksgiving weekend, on November 24, to face off against the U. of Michigan. The Class of 1986 purchased tickets and you should have received e-mails over the last several weeks about the game. If you're interested, check out the Class of 1986 Facebook page or write to any of your class officers.

Life continues apace for this correspondent. My consulting practice is taking off and I love the flexibility of being home with my kids as they prepare to leave the proverbial nest. We seem to keep collecting pets and livestock (yes, in Bryn Mawr, PA), with the newest addition being a thriving hive of honeybees installed in the former vegetable garden. Please send news and updates. Posting on our Facebook page ("Cornell University Class of 1986") is easy and a great way to stay in touch. For those of you looking to reconnect with classmates and other Cornellians, check out CornellConnect (<https://cornellconnect.cornell.edu>). It's also easy to get into from the alumni website, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu> (Services/Join CornellConnect), and the support team at the university can easily get you online. I look forward to hearing from you! **Holly Isdale**, Isdale@mac.com; **Michael Wagner**, michaelwagner@wowway.com.

87 I have to say that our 25th Reunion may have been our best reunion yet. Kudos to **Scott Pesner**, **Melissa Hodes**, and **Debra Howard Stern** for organizing and executing a TREMENDOUS weekend for us all. Whether you were eating Dinosaur Bar-B-Que on Friday night, rappelling down the side of Schoellkopf stadium, dining and dancing at the '80s Party at Barton on Saturday night, or just hanging with your friends, it was perfect. **Stacey Neuhoefter** Silberzweig spearheaded entertainment, which included the most amazing mime on stilts at the dinner in Barton. We also recognize the outstanding efforts of **Mary Bowman**, who worked to ensure that all the catering for the weekend was absolutely flawless. Mary's birthday fell during the weekend, so we could all help her celebrate.

Close to 400 classmates attended Reunion. **Katherine Stifel** led a fabulous tour around the new wing of the Johnson Art Museum. **Annette Lee** and **Jennifer Sullivan Recker** both came to Reunion with five (!) children apiece (plus spouses, including Jennifer's husband, **Rod**, MS '90). **Betsy Troutt** was spotted dancing with the Big Red Bear on the way to Barton Hall and the class picture at Bailey Hall. **Rana Glasgal**, ME '92, our first alumni-elected trustee, gave a great presentation on "Inside the College Admissions Process," as well as introducing President David Skorton, who dropped by our Friday night dinner to provide an update on the latest goings on at Cornell.

From **Charlie Muller**: "I'm sorry I missed the 9 a.m. class officer breakfast meeting on Sunday—too much tent time on Saturday night!" Charlie has agreed to serve the class as a member of the Class Council. (Speaking of tent parties, they were a blast.) A number of classmates had the pleasure to witness **Bill Nye '77** (the Science Guy!) swing dancing in one of the tents on Friday night. Probably a sign that I need glasses: I excitedly snapped a photo of a guy wearing a bow tie who was NOT Bill Nye (I am still taking some guff for that one). From **Claudia Regen**: "My husband, Scott Johnston, a 1984 Lynchburg College alum, had his own college reunion in the Big Band tent on Saturday night. Our classmate **Pia DeCew Murray** is married to David, Lynchburg College Class of 1987. Until that night, I did not even know Pia, so the whole thing was a surprise. When Dave approached Scott and said he recognized him, I was thinking it was funny since Scott did not go to Cornell—so we all had a fun moment on Saturday night!"

Reunion weekend saw two gatherings to celebrate classmates who had passed away since our last reunion: Alpha Chi Omega sisters celebrated the life of **Cheryl Welch-Muller**, and Kappa Delta sisters remembered **Amy Perez Friedlander** on Saturday afternoon at the sorority's chapter house. More than 30 people were in attendance at the Kappa Delta memorial service and the beautiful event was led by Rabbi Kate Speizer of the Cornell Hillel community. The Class of 1987 has planted a tree in the rear garden of the KD house in Amy's memory. Amy's siblings are also starting a scholarship fund at Cornell (more details to follow when available). The AXOs met at 1 Edgewood Place, where the sisters lived during our tenure at Cornell. The current occupants of the house, the brothers of ZBT, graciously agreed to let the sisters hold a memorial there. Relates **Janelle Hansen Zurek**: "We met outside overlooking the gorge (one of the amazing features of the house). We had a toast to Cheryl (kamakazis all around) and then reminisced about our favorite memories with her. If you knew Cheryl, it was as you would

expect: lots of laughter, a few tears, and general amazement at how she touched our lives."

At reunion we discovered that several classmates have children who are incoming freshmen: **Tony '86**, ME '88, MBA '92, and **Karen Petrus Ashtarita**, **Eleanor Dillon** Petigrow, Janelle Hansen Zurek, **Alex** and **Laura Findlay Hanson**, **Dan** and **Diana Lawson Goldman**, **Sharyn Ruff Aviv**, BFA '87, **Wendy Marx**, MD '91, and **Kim Leinwand Erle**. There are probably several more in this category of whom we are unaware; send us names! Other classmates whose children currently are upper-classmen include **Gary** and **Laurie Teller Markin** and **Bob** and **Lindsay Liotta Forness '84**.

During the weekend Eleanor Dillon Petigrow was awarded the 2012 Helen Bull Vandervort Alumni Achievement Award for outstanding professional leadership, commitment to community engagement, and public service. Eleanor is the creative director for Chandler Chicco Co., a global health communications company. Congratulations, Eleanor! **Whitney Weinstein** Goodman writes, "It was so great to share this milestone reunion with my closest friends (especially **Liz Brown**, JD '90, **Cheryl Berger** Israeloff, **Victoria Lazar**, and **Marnie Dreifuss** Gelfman who made the four-hour road trip hysterical!). I also enjoyed reconnecting with my U-Hall 3 buddies, my AEPi sisters, and the many friends I made during our time on the Hill and since! I am so excited to have a role in keeping us connected for the next five years."

Over the past spring, **Bob Forness**, **Lauren Spergel** Blumenfeld, MS '92, and **Stacey Pineo** Murdock worked tirelessly as members of our Class Officer Nominating Committee, putting together a slate of officers ready to serve the needs of our class during the coming five years. You did a fine job and the class is appreciative. Bob has been volunteering a lot of time for Cornell, not only as a member of the Cornell Council, but also acting as the co-chair of the RARE task force on hazing prevention and working on a plan to re-colonize Pi Kappa Alpha.

In closing, I would like to give a shout-out to **Brenna Frazer** McGowan, who is relinquishing her role as co-class correspondent. Brenna did a great job these last five years and I will miss working with her. Brenna's shoes were so big that she is being replaced by TWO people, **Whitney Weinstein** Goodman and **Liz Brown**.

To everyone who missed Reunion, send us your updates, especially names of children of classmates who will be attending Cornell. I know there are several of you who did not attend because you had kids graduating from high school the same week; we will see you at the 30th! (Okay, that is a bit of a scary number). And men, you especially should send news as this column does seem to be weighted toward the ladies. We want to know what you're doing with your time! We can be reached through our Facebook page "Cornell University Class of 87," via e-mail to the addresses below, or by sending in those nifty paper forms the university mails to you while soliciting your Cornell dues. ☐ **Heidi Heasley** Ford, hhf6@cornell.edu; **Whitney Weinstein** Goodman, ww5@cornell.edu; and **Liz Brown**, etb29@cornell.edu.

88 Greetings, classmates! First things first. It is now officially less than one year till our class gathers in Ithaca for our 25th Reunion! Now, for those of you who are wondering how in the world nearly 25 years has passed so quickly, I say forget

about the passage of time (and the gray hairs it brings) and make plans to come to the Hill and celebrate 25 years of life as Cornell alumni and alumnae. I've heard and seen wonderful reports of the Class of 1987's 25th last June, and I believe we can have an even more outstanding reunion—and break the 25th Reunion attendance record, which the '87ers did not break. So save the dates—June 6-9, 2013—for what is sure to be a fantastic Big Red party weekend!

Over the course of the past two-and-a-half decades since our commencement, it has been my great pleasure to have maintained close friendships with a number of people I met so long ago on the campus in Ithaca. **Steve** and **Anna Barnsley Werblow '90** joined my family for a little Memorial Day party back in May to enjoy some good food and drink and a little bocce playing on a court my wife and I had built in our backyard. It was great to see Steve and Anna and their kids Shoshana and Ilan, as we do a few times each year. The Werblows still make their home in Ashland, OR, home of the famous Shakespeare Festival. In 2011, Steve was named the Writer of the Year by the American Agricultural Editors Association. Steve does quite a bit of traveling for work and over the years has covered stories on six continents.

One of the fun things about being a class correspondent is receiving news from a classmate I knew as an undergrad but have not heard anything about for a long time. So it was a great pleasure to get a note from **Carla Liberatore**, who grew up in my hometown of Yonkers, NY. Carla manages a private ob/gyn practice in Fayetteville, NY, where she lives with her husband, Sargon, and their three children, ages 14, 12, and 8. She wrote that she loves her profession and traveling with her family to Italy and Costa Rica. She'd love to hear from **Heidi Heinzerling**, DVM '92, with whom she has lost touch and in whose hometown Carla has been living for more than a decade. I do have a suggestion for Carla and anyone else looking to reconnect with lost Cornell friends: use the alumni directory at CornellConnect, available online at www.cornellconnect.cornell.edu.

Another '88er from whom I had not heard in some time is **Lesley Topiol** Kowalski. Lesley and her family live in Fairfax, VA, where she serves as the elementary school PTA president at her son Walter's school (how apropos for a former class president). In January of this year, Lesley reconnected with a large number of alumni at the Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference held in Washington, DC. Lesley described having lunch with more than 1,000 other Cornellians as "awe inspiring." She hopes to get to reunion next year and see lots of her SDT sisters come back as well. In the "I knew you, but had to be reminded" category, I received a very nice note from **Gus Faucher**, with whom I was in Italian classes at Cornell. Gus and his wife, **Amy Crawford-Faucher**, are moving across the Keystone State to Pittsburgh, after 11 years in Philadelphia. Gus has a new job with PNC Financial Services as a senior economist. He will work on economic forecasts, talking with the media and presenting to client groups. Amy is resuming her career as a family physician with the U. of Pittsburgh Medical Center. She will see patients and teach medical school students. Earlier in the year, Amy won the Exemplary Teacher of the Year Award from the Pennsylvania Academy of Family Physicians.

Eric and **Jodie Yeaple Gunther** enjoy life in Farmington, ME, with their three children, two llamas, and five sheep. They have been in Maine

for the last 11 years, since Eric completed his residency in general surgery. They have not been back to Ithaca for some time, but hope to make Homecoming this fall (don't forget about reunion next year!). **Erik Ross** has enjoyed a successful (and somewhat unusual) career with a single employer, namely the US Navy, since leaving Cornell in 1988. Captain Ross reported for duty as an executive officer on the USS *Bataan* in May 2010 and then "fleeted-up" to take command on the *Bataan* while deployed in August 2011. When Erik is not deployed, he makes his home in Virginia Beach, VA, with his wife, Cindy, and their children Matthew, 14, Angela, 12, and Danielle, 9. Together they enjoy camping, hiking, and playing volleyball. Erick would like to reconnect with **Bill Hawkins**, with whom he was stationed in Hawaii back in 1989-90.

Out here on the West Coast, **Ky-Van Lee** lives in Sunnyvale, CA, with husband **Scott Benson '91** and their twin sons Samuel and Julian. Ky-Van has been salsa dancing for five years and competed with her dance partner at the World Latin Dance Cup in December 2011, where they won 5th place in the amateur couples division. Also in sunny California, **Karen Kao** lives in Palo Alto and is an environmental health specialist for the County of Santa Clara. Karen has also served as an alumna volunteer as events director for the Cornell Alumni Association of Northern California. Karen would most like to hear from someone I also knew back in the old days: **Ilinca Popescu** Creveling.

Jill Miller Katz is an adjunct professor of law at Fordham Law School and holds a leadership role with the tax section of the American Bar Association. Jill, husband Michael, and their family enjoyed a vacation to Costa Rica earlier in the year. The Cornellian Jill would most like to hear from is **Timothy Bauer**. **Jayne Gilbert** Peister lives in New Rochelle, NY, and received a promotion to the highest ranking sales position at Eli Lilly and Co. in February 2012. Daughter Sophia had her bat mitzvah in June while older daughter Emma is "just beginning to think about colleges—perhaps Cornell?" And lastly, **John Jones** is managing director, deputy general counsel at investment banking firm Cantor Fitzgerald, living in Manhattan, and raising twins with his wife, Marie-Claude.

I hope you all enjoy hearing about your classmates' doings from coast-to-coast. If you are looking for an online outlet to reunite with other '88ers, in addition to CornellConnect mentioned earlier, the class does have a Facebook group ("Cornell '88 Alumni"). If you are a Facebook user, the group can be a way to reconnect with fellow Cornellians, perhaps arranging some mini-reunions before the main event in June of next year. As always, please write or e-mail with updates on your lives, work, and families. Until next time, I wish you peace. ✉ **Steven Tomaselli**, st89@cornell.edu; **Brad Mehl**, bam62@cornell.edu; and **Sharon Nunan** Stemme, sen28@cornell.edu.

89 Greetings, classmates! First off I want to say a big thank you to all who sent in news. This column would be very empty without you. To all who aren't in here or haven't been in a long time, please send in updates. Your former classmates want to know your latest news!

Michele Dowling Johnson lives in New Jersey with husband David and their children. She's been very busy as the vice president of marketing for Kings and Balducci's gourmet food markets.

The Johnsons recently returned from their seventh Club Med trip—to Mexico. They previously traveled to Brazil, France, Portugal, and others locations. In her spare time she's been busy with kids' activities: as a Sunday school teacher, Girl Scout troop leader, and field hockey coach, plus the family's international travel and summers in Cape Cod.

Jonathan Weinstein finished law school and was admitted to the Bar; his career now combines his medical and legal training. He has three boys, ages 10 to 13. Having celebrated his oldest son's bar mitzvah, they have one down, two to go. Jonathan attempted to get his family excited

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Stacy Strassberg Wright '90

about a spring break vacation trip across New York State to show them the sights of Ithaca, but he was outvoted by the non-Cornell (as yet) family. He'd love to hear from anyone in our class! **Joseph Tagliente** is a partner in Lenrock Management Group in New York. He's been busy taking care of family and business, working on new ventures with **Howard Capek**, MBA '93, although he'd rather be restoring classic cars. Also in New York, **Dale Novick** Westreich, who had a successful career in jewelry design and manufacturing for 13 years, is now dedicating more time to raising a family. The Westreichs have traveled extensively, and in addition, Dale plays piano, collects decorative arts and fashion photography, and is passionate about yoga. She'd love to hear from former roommate **Dale Copans-Astrand**.

Speaking of old roommates, we heard from my old roomie **Dana Post** Adler, who has been very busy as brand director for Myron Corp. and ferrying around kids Harrison, 15, Caroline, 12, and Eliana, 7, to their many activities. She's still active in philanthropy through the Jewish Federation of Northern New Jersey and co-chairing a big annual luncheon for 500 people. She received the "Emerging Leader" award from the JCC of the Palisades and an award at the JCCA Biennial convention in New Orleans in May. After a 20-year hiatus, she's singing again. (Anyone remember her amazing soprano in the Class Notes?) Diana is the lead singer in a local rock band called "501 South," which plays '70s and '80s cover tunes in local bars and restaurants and for benefits and parties. She's joined by **Madelyn Eckstein Schiering** (and husband **Matthew '90**) and **Deborah Skolnik** (and husband **T.P. Enders '90**, ME '96). Anyone in the New Jersey area, here's an invitation to look them up and hear them rock!

Chris Weeks is in New Jersey, still working with Knowledge is Power in its KIPP to College program and raising two adopted daughters with his wife, Catherine. Check out their blog at <http://www.miracles-expected.blogspot.com>. **Antoinette LaVecchia** is a professional actress in NYC as well as a writer, director, and teacher. In June, she was starring in the world premiere at TheaterWorks in Hartford, CT, of the one-woman show *I Loved, I Lost, I Made Spaghetti*, based on Giulia Melucci's memoirs of the same name. **Susan Comminos** works as a freelance journalist for the *Christian Science Monitor* and *Jewish Daily*

Forward. She's been writing, publishing, and teaching poetry. She taught a course called "Jewish Identity in Contemporary American Poetry." Her creative work has appeared in the *Cortland Review*, the *Tulane Review*, and *Literary Mama*, and is forthcoming in *Subtropics*.

Ted Shafer is VP of business and development for Macquarie Electronics USA in California, where he moved last year from Denver. When he's not working, he'd rather be splashing in the waves with his kids. Us too, Ted! **Ken Lee** is also in sunny California, where he's VP of worldwide marketing at SUMMUS Software, a startup offering cloud-based

IT management application solutions. **Tom Nemeth** left the Sunshine State to be in Ithaca for a week in mid-July. His daughter Lucy was enrolled in a Suzuki violin program at Ithaca College. He wanted to show her the old sights. Also in a nice warm climate, **Kevin Cook** is a pepper breeder with Syngenta Seeds in Naples, FL. He and wife **Lisa (Piccinino) '82** summer in Maine, where they enjoy visiting farmers' markets, eating local and homegrown foods, and making pickles. He'd love to hear from **Deirdre McCormack** Hillis '88.

Yen Kay Louie has been in the San Francisco Bay Area with husband Fred since graduation. Fred went to Stanford Law School and continues to practice law. Kay earned her MBA from Berkeley while working at a few high-tech companies and spent most of her corporate career doing management consulting and IT management. About eight years ago, she left the corporate world to spend more time with family and pursue self-employment. She had a consulting company for a few years and most recently launched *Bin Bin's Magical Bubble Adventures*, an animated DVD to teach children foreign language (Mandarin at this time) using a story-based approach. Check it out at www.kakekids.com. Their children Alex, 11, and Elise, 8, have benefited from the DVDs when they're not zooming past Kay on the ski slopes.

Heather Turner Gange (Baltimore, MD) hasn't forgotten alma mater. By day an environmental trial attorney for the US Dept. of Justice in Washington, DC, she's joined the board of trustees for Friends School of Baltimore and interviews Cornell applicants as part of the CAAAN program.

Don't forget to "Like" our class page on Facebook, check out the new digital *Cornell Alumni Magazine* at <http://www.cornellalumnimagazine-digital.com>, and mark your calendars for June 5-8, 2014 for our next big reunion. Send your news to your correspondents—we love mail! ✉ **Kimberly Levine** Graham, kal20@cornell.edu; **Stephanie Bloom** Avidon, savidon1@hotmail.com; **Anne Czaplinski** Treadwell Bliss, ac98@cornell.edu; **Lauren Flato** Labovitz, cu89_news@comcast.net.

90 Can it be?! Some of us in the Class of 1990 are parents of Cornell freshmen?! Somehow it doesn't seem like 25 years since we enjoyed our

first Slope Day—with Robert Cray—but the torch is being passed to the next generation. “MY SON IS GOING TO CORNELL! and I feel the need to tell someone,” posted **Stacy Strassberg Wright** on the Class of ’90 Facebook page. “I had the pleasure of taking **Jared ’16** to Cornell Days in April and showing him around. We did the gastronomic tour: Pinesburgers, Hot Truck, Collegetown Bagels. We had beautiful springtime weather, though the next week it snowed. After doing all the tours and information sessions, I was ready to re-enroll myself.” Stacy and husband **Allen ’87** are looking forward to Parents Weekend in October. Jared was one of the chosen few—the acceptance rate was less than 17 percent this year. The official legacy report has not been released by Cornell yet, so apologies if I have missed other classmates with Cornellian freshmen children. Please e-mail us or post to the Facebook page to share your happy news.

Marshall Kohen debuted a musical piece called *From Then to Tomorrow* last December, honoring the 40th anniversary of the synagogue where he serves as choir director. The piece, mostly in Hebrew, took about 18 months to compose. The celebration also included musical theatre hits from the last 40 years and a performance by one of the premier East Coast collegiate Jewish a cappella groups. **Renu Thomas**, ME ’91, was a panelist at a recent Cornell in Hollywood event called *New Media Revolution: The Ever-Expanding Role of Digital Media in Popular Entertainment*. As senior VP for technology and operations at Disney ABC Network Group, she is responsible for the technical

and operational strategy and management of all television functions for US Domestic Disney Channel, Disney XD, Disney Junior, SoapNet, ABC Family, Disney ABC Domestic Television (Syndication), and Radio Disney, as well as post-production, mastering, engineering, and technical services. I hope she gets free Disneyland tickets in return for all the work she is doing for the Mouse! Before relocating to Los Angeles last year, Renu was the VP of operations for ABC News, where she was involved in strategic projects to deploy new technology.

Up the coast, **Trip Hosley** sold his nightclub and opened Sauce: Belden Lane, a restaurant in San Francisco’s financial district. His other restaurant and hotel, Sleep Over Sauce, is in San Francisco’s Hayes Valley. Intriguing name and intriguing concept—check it out at www.saucesf.com. **Page Nolker** left San Francisco for Buffalo, NY, in 2008. “I am loving the creative community, architectural beauty, and cost of living,” she writes. “The move was unexpected and my blog, Babe Effect, is about the magical journey that led me to Buffalo and the trials and triumphs of finding your voice and living from truth.” Also in Buffalo is **John Comerford**, an attorney at Lipsitz and Ponterio, a firm that represents tradesmen with mesothelioma, a terminal cancer caused by asbestos exposure. John is married and the father of five future Big Red hoopsters. He enjoys coaching basketball in his spare time.

Kudos to former laxer **Carolyn DeWilde** Casswell for her work with the Cornell lacrosse teams. She raised more than \$2,000 for breast cancer

research at their “Pink Games.” Carolyn spoke to the women’s team about her experience as a breast cancer survivor in February. Inspired by her story, the Big Red women wore self-dyed pink jerseys in their April game against Dartmouth. The visiting team even took part by wearing pink shoelaces. The Cornell men’s team showed their support by wearing pink “Shoot Out Cancer” T-shirts during their pre-game warmup. **Michael Eidelman** enjoys being the father of twins Katie and Connor, 7. His dermatology office, Chelsea Skin and Laser, on 19th Street in NYC, celebrated its second anniversary this past spring. Former class correspondent **Tamiko Toland** and husband **Ian Hayward ’05** are the parents of little warrior Colin, who has fought a brave battle with a malignant brain tumor. Diagnosed at age 2 with ependymoma, he participated in an experimental protocol for children under 3 at St. Jude. In June, Colin celebrated his fifth birthday and Tamiko marked the occasion by participating in the Warrior Run, an obstacle course fundraiser for St. Jude.

Doug Chertok is an excellent classmate to know in these tough economic times. Helping entrepreneurs realize their visions through his venture fund called Vast Ventures (www.vastvc.com), he is investing in startups in mobile technologies, healthcare, clean technologies, real estate, and hospitality, including a sustainable restaurant chain called Sweetgreen (currently hiring). “If anyone’s looking for work, knows of a startup, is looking for capital, or wants to start a company, please be in touch.” Doug bought a farm in the Berkshires and is learning how to tap maples, raise bees, and practice sustainable farming.

Perhaps Doug can help me start up a boutique tour service. **Rob Wu** was brave enough to be a test client during his first trip to Japan in March. Based on our mutual interest in sports, we did atypical things like watching Japanese thoroughbreds at Hanshin Racetrack. We also cheered for a Fukushima high school baseball team at the national tournament at Koshien Stadium. We even had lunch at the KFC where a Colonel Sanders statue was stolen by fans and thrown into a river after the Hanshin Tigers won the Japan Series in 1985. Even though the statue was found in 2009, the Curse of the Colonel is still unbroken as the Tigers have not won another championship. Rob enjoyed the MLB season opener at the Tokyo Dome between the Seattle Mariners and Oakland A’s before returning to NYC, where he does computer consulting work. Would anyone else like to visit Kobe? Drop me a line! **Rose Tanasugarn**, nt28@cornell.edu; **Kelly Roberson**, kelly-roberson@sbcglobal.net; **Amy Wang Manning**, aw233@cornell.edu.

Word Games

Robyn Lipsky Weintraub ’91

Cue: “An activity one chooses to consume one’s free time; five letters, begins with ‘H.’” Robyn Lipsky Weintraub began constructing crossword puzzles in 2010, and her “hobby” has since become a part-time career. The Westchester County resident has been published in the *New York Times* and the *Los Angeles Times*—gigs that are long on prestige but notoriously short on compensation (\$200 and \$85, respectively). But she stresses that it’s not about the money. “It’s about the geek glory of being published in the *Times*,” she says. “That’s a select little group in the world.”

Weintraub also customizes puzzles for occasions like birthdays and retirement parties, including a Cornell-themed crossword she made for the 40th Reunion of the Class of ’71. She notes that these days, with a little help from the Internet, anyone can produce a crossword—but that has only raised the bar in the industry. “Now it’s much more about coming up with interesting clues or fitting as many Js, Qs, and Xs into a puzzle as possible,” she explains.

Weintraub worked in corporate communication after graduation, but has been a full-time mom for the past twelve years; she and her husband, Jeff Weintraub ’91, MD ’95, have two children. In 2011, she attended her first American Crossword Puzzle Tournament, hosted by America’s premier puzzling guru, *New York Times* editor Will Shortz. “It was fabulous to be in a room filled with that kind of brain power,” she recalls. “All these wordy, nerdy people all over the place.”



— Erin Keene ’12

91 I hope everyone had an enjoyable and relaxing summer. Many thanks to our classmates who submitted news updates with their class dues. For those of you who haven’t had a chance to write recently, we

would love to hear from all of you. Consistent with one of the themes that we have touched upon in the past, it seems that many of our classmates have been keeping busy advancing their careers (including some noteworthy accomplishments described below), while finding the time to spend with their families and enjoy their personal lives.

Michael Whitman works at Stuyvesant Training Group and lives in New York City, where most of his Cornell friends live. He spends his free time involved in activities that include investing, bicycling, building a house, and playing with his children. **Todd Schlifstein** is a founder and partner of Fountain Medical Group in New York, focusing on sports medicine and wellness. **Brenda Palumbo**, in Stone Ridge, NY, is the vice president of operations at Acara Partners Marketing/Management and Development. When not working, Brenda spends her time running, renovating her home, and enjoying the beautiful Hudson Valley. **Alma DeMetropolis** (New Providence, NJ) works at JP Morgan Private Bank. She was named one of the Best 50 Women in Business in the State of New Jersey by *New Jersey Business*. Congratulations, Alma! Alma is raising two children, Caela, 11, and Christian, 10, and keeps active in community activities. She enjoys traveling with her family.

Ho-Chang Lee and his wife, Christine Chung, live in Connecticut. Ho-Chang is a director of the psychological medicine service and an associate professor of psychiatry at Yale School of Medicine's Dept. of Psychiatry. He enjoys spending time with his children, playing miniature golf and tennis, and watching plays at the Yale Repertory Theatre. **Susan Rosenblatt** writes us from Cambridge, MA, about her veterinary practice. She credits the late **Roger Morse '50**, PhD '55, professor of beekeeping, for having a meaningful impact on her during her time at Cornell.

Michele Slobod Ruiz is a partner in the Chicago office of the law firm Sidley Austin LLP, where she counsels hedge funds and family offices structuring private investment vehicles, as well as in investment-related compliance and regulatory matters. She also serves as the global coordinator of the firm's OTC derivatives practice. She and her husband, Jesse, were awarded the Barristers Philanthropic Award from Lawyers Lend-A-Hand to Youth for their civic dedication to the Chicago community and Michele's leadership of her firm's more than 25-year partnership with Kanoon Elementary Magnet School. In addition to maintaining a busy legal practice, Michele is involved in many civic organizations throughout Chicago. **Wanda Wright** is also keeping busy in the legal profession. She lives in Durham, NC, and serves as an administrative law judge with the Social Security Administration, where she handles a substantial caseload. **Jeff Lamontagne** was awarded the **Jennifer Loren Herskowitz '88** Cornell Tradition Point of Light Award for his founding and long-time leadership of the Second Wind Fund. The Second Wind Fund is a professional counseling program for uninsured and underinsured youth at risk of suicide. Jeff traveled to Ithaca to receive the award during commencement weekend. Jeff lives with wife **Suzanne McClung, MS '92**, in Lakewood, CO, and spends most of his time with their two children when he's not working.

Working our way to the West Coast, **Robert, PhD '97**, and **Karen Klingemann Spencer, MBA '96**, live in Portland, OR. Robert works at Intel Corp. as part of its Portland Technology Development group. He spends most of his free time with his children and enjoys keeping up with

their various activities, which include soccer, piano, Girl Scouts, and swimming. He and his family traveled to Rome, Venice, and Tuscany, which he says are fantastic places to relax. He would love to hear from any classmates who lived on the fourth floor of Mary Donlon Hall in their freshman year. **Dave Loomis** also lives in Portland. He is the founder, creative director, and lead engineer at Lumieria (<http://www.lumieria.com>), where he spends his time building light sculptures and making music designing software. He is launching his first product and working toward a new collection of sculptures.

Jason and Elana Adleman Feinsmith '89 live in Sunnyvale, CA. In 2011, they made several trips to Ithaca to help Elana's parents move to Chicago to retire. Elana's father, Marvin Adleman, had been head of the Landscape Architecture department and on the faculty at Cornell for 36 years before retiring. Jason writes that the move was particularly sad for him and Elana because they had been coming back to Ithaca with their children every summer for vacation to visit Elana's parents for many years and always loved it. The trips brought them back to the place where they fell in love and eventually married. I'm sure they are not the only ones that have similar feelings when they go back to Ithaca! **Jose Enrique Medina** manages his own lucrative online business in Los Angeles and spends his time reading and writing poetry. **Johnny Tseng** works as managing director of J&B Group, a textile company based in Hong Kong, where he lives with his wife, Noelle. Please keep the updates coming! Just drop any of us a quick e-mail or visit our class website at <http://www.cornellclassof1991.com>. **Tom Greenberg**, twg22@cornell.edu; **Wendy Milks** Coburn, wmilkscoburn@me.com; and **Charles Wu**, ccwu@mac.com.

92 Far above Cayuga's waters, from June 7-10, 414 members of the Class of 1992 gathered on the Hill to celebrate 20 years of memories as well as create new ones! With them they brought their families and friends, some returning and some for the first time, to enjoy the Cornell experience (minus the prelims, of course!). Even though some of the landscape may have changed—the new wing of the Johnson Art Museum, the School of Architecture's new Milstein Hall, Duffield Hall on the Engineering Quad, the "Hi Mom" bench, West Campus—other parts, such as the statues of A. D. White and Ezra Cornell and the chimes of McGraw Tower, have remained constant and serve as reminders of past memories.

New memories were made through the many events and activities that took place over Reunion Weekend. Class of '92ers were able to enjoy class-only events such as: the Dinosaur BBQ and hoe-down on Beebe Lake; the campfire at class HQ at Mary Donlon Hall with s'mores and ice cream sponsored by Cornell Outdoor Education; cocktails at Milstein Hall; and the Pink Party at the Johnson Museum of Art after gathering for the class picture in front of Sibley Hall. Of course, there were many opportunities to enjoy events along with the other reunion classes: the Savage Club Show in the Statler Auditorium; **Michelle Rhee's** Olin Lecture at Bailey Hall; the Reunion Run; the Fun in the Sun family carnival in the Arts Quad (where I was able to catch up with **Kate Buehl** McMahon and **David Murphy** while our little ones enjoyed the inflatables); watching the chimesmasters performance

in McGraw Tower; the Taste of Ithaca All-Alumni Lunch in Barton Hall, where the Big Red Marching Band made a special appearance; Cornelliana Night at Bailey Hall (which was streamed live!); tent parties on the Arts Quad; Finger Lakes Wine Tasting at Trillium; and of course, a visit to the Cornell Store, where if you timed it just right, you were able to meet President Emeritus Frank H.T. Rhodes at the signing of his new book, *Earth: A Tenant's Manual*.

The reunion experience would not have been such a great success had it not been for the efforts and enthusiasm of our dedicated reunion co-chairs **Jean Kintisch**, **Ian Kutner**, and **Todd Kantorczyk**. A Big Red THANK YOU goes out to them for their organization and planning, which resulted in enjoyment for all! The Class of 1992 is fortunate to be able to reap the benefits of their dedication for the next five years!

No column would be complete without passing on the good news and good fortune that is ever-present within our class! **Gregory Della Rocca**, wife Kelly, and big sister Evelyn, 3, welcomed Miles Benjamin to the clan in August 2011! Gregory has been promoted to associate professor of orthopaedic surgery at the U. of Missouri and will be volunteering and providing orthopaedic care to NATO troops in Germany at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center later this year. Congratulations! Before **Cindy Caruso** started her new job this year as the global head of HR for investment management at BNY Mellon in NYC, she vacationed in Turks and Caicos with her parents, sister, and two nieces. Cindy and classmate **Ben Matos** and his wife, Maria, traveled to McLean, VA, in February to visit **Matt Hagopian** and wife Whitney to meet their new baby girl, Ella! **Joshua Wang** is now working as a quality manager for Siemens in Alpharetta, GA, and is still in the process of moving his family of five from Irving, TX.

Tish Oney has accepted a full-time, tenure track faculty appointment at U. of South Carolina Upstate as the assistant professor of commercial music. Tish has spent the past five years as a nationally touring arranger, headlining in performing arts centers, concert series, and regional theaters. She has also served as artist-in-residence at many colleges and universities throughout the US. Her most recent album, "Sweet Youth," was named one of the top five vocal jazz albums of 2011 by AllMusic.com, and her touring show, "The Peggy Lee Project," is critically acclaimed. For the most up-to-date information on her touring career, check out www.tishoney.com! **Farhad Motiwalla** is living in South Orange, NJ, with children Sophia and Matthew. Farhad founded the company Strategic Communication Lab (SCL), which helps corporate leaders achieve ambitious business goals in a dynamically changing world. Congrats to Farhad on seven years of a successful company! When not working, Farhad enjoys skiing in the Rockies and Alps, as well as diving in the Galápagos. **Alice Marie Donnelly, DVM '96**, has been working at the Cazenovia Animal Hospital in New York since graduation. She has five "non-human" children—two Bullmastiffs, a Boston terrier, and two cats.

As for myself, I am privileged and honored to continue as a class correspondent along with **Megan Fee** Torrance, MBA '93, and **Jean Kintisch**. I would also like to acknowledge Adele Robinette for being the most accommodating and patient editor, whom I had the pleasure of meeting in person for the first time this Reunion! That's all for now! ☑ **Lois Duffy** Castellano, LKD2@cornell.edu;

93 Happy autumn, everyone! I hope you had a great summer and are happily diving into everything that this new season brings. What is your favorite memory of fall at Cornell? The foliage-filled view of Cayuga Lake from the area near Uris Library? The sunny but crisp air that suddenly catches you off guard in your shorts and T-shirt? The football games and Homecoming? Let's all meet and reminisce at our 20th Reunion, June 6-9, 2013. There will be tons of opportunities to connect with old friends, bask in our memories, and make new ones—friends and memories, that is. Thank you to our classmates who took a moment to send us news.

Ellen Ho Ongchin traveled all the way from her home in Johannesburg, South Africa, to reunite with fellow Cornellians. She went skiing in Montana with friends, including **Kil Huh** and **Jenny Yang '92**. Ellen has been living and working in Johannesburg for the past eight years. Her kids are Justin, 10, and Caroline, 8. **Martin** and **Laurie Appel Barkman** are looking forward to our 20th. They live in Pittsburgh, PA, with their children Caroline, 10, and Lars, 7. Laurie heads marketing for a cloud-based HR technology company called the Resumator, and Martin is the CEO of SmartOps, a supply chain software company.

Theresa Flores and **Ike Enahoro '94** celebrated their one-year wedding anniversary by welcoming a “canine bundle of joy—a mutt named Stella.” Stella joins the couple’s “designer mutt,” a maltipoo named Buster. **Whit Watson** humorously informed us that his daughter, Ellie, 9, serves as the family’s “primary interpreter for our rescue mutt, Monty.” Whit is an anchor and reporter for Golf Channel. He reported from the Masters, where he “walked the entire golf course more than once.” He also reported from a tournament in Phoenix, AZ, and the TPC Sawgrass in Ponte Vedra Beach, FL. Whit’s son, Zach, is following in his father’s golf shoe steps: he made the JV golf team as a 6th grader at Whit’s “other alma mater, Trinity Prep.” You can catch Whit anchoring “Golf Central,” Golf Channel’s daily news show.

David Efurud, BFA '93, is an assistant professor in the Dept. of Art and Art History at Wofford College in Spartanburg, SC. **Mark Ferguson** is an associate professor of pediatrics at the U. of Oklahoma College of Medicine, where he holds the Children’s Hospital Foundation’s Endowed Chair in Pediatric Education. Mark and his wife, Gina, participate in a local ministry to support refugee families in Oklahoma City.

Zoe Marchal Phillips also helps families and children, by teaching them about healthy eating and farm-to-table nutrition. She runs Farm To Preschool, a preschool nutrition and garden-based program that she developed three years ago and has brought to dozens of preschools and family home-care sites. Zoe just received a recognition award from Michelle Obama’s “Let’s Move” childcare initiative. She received the award from the White House chef/policy advisor at the CDC-sponsored Weight of the Nation conference in May. She has launched a website to link and provide resources to similar programs nationally: www.farmtopreschool.org. Zoe lives in SoCal with her husband and three children: Emma, 10, Zach, 6, and Mia, almost 2. She would love to connect with fellow Cornellians in the same boat—juggling family and work life—to commiserate and share stories and strategies.”

Zoe, I would love to connect with you, as a highlight of my year has also been teaching healthy eating and wellness at my children’s elementary school. Via a grant from the USDA, I, along with several other parents, teachers, and administrators, have worked to promote student and family health by providing nutrition education, establishing a school garden to grow vegetables and fruits served in the cafeteria, and creating fitness opportunities for students and their families. Yes, I’ve come a long way from the “Hot Truck Diet” and Freshman Fifteen! Hope to see all of you at reunion next June, if not before. Take care and please share. [Melissa Hart Moss](mailto:Melissa.Hart.Moss@yahoo.com), melimoss@yahoo.com; **Yael Berkowitz** Rosenberg, ygb1@cornell.edu; and **Melissa Carver** Sottile, mtcsottile@yahoo.com.

94 It gives me great pleasure to announce the wedding of my old friend **Hemda Mizrahi**, who married Alan Bienstock in Israel on April 4. The bride describes it best: “One of the most glorious experiences of the wedding was the procession! It was like the scene from *The Godfather*, when the couple’s entire community walked them to the altar. All of our friends gathered outside of the wedding hall in Old Jaffa to the sound of a drumming band called Africana, and Alan came out to lead what was essentially a 200-meter parade on a winding and ascending stone path to Gan HaPisga (the Summit Garden), where we got married. The garden is located on the top of Old Jaffa’s archaeological mound overlooking Tel Aviv and the Mediterranean—a spectacular view! It was a cloudless, sunny, and perfectly mild spring day, which fell precisely 12 days after Alan’s 40th birthday and 12 days before mine.” Among the guests in the Holy Land were **Praveena Nallainathan**, an immigration attorney at Fragomen in NYC; **Larisa Alonso**, head of the nutrition team at Canyon Ranch Hotel and Spa in Miami Beach; **Seema Patel**, a senior manager at Accenture; and **Rimma Perelmutter '93**, who flew in from London.

In NYC a couple of months later, the couple celebrated all over again with friends, family, and those who were unable to join them in Tel Aviv. **Jun Hwa Lee**, an attorney in the New York Appellate Division, laughed as she recalled the bridal shower, at which the groom’s mother, **Carole Beck Bienstock '65**, surprised the Cornellians in attendance by handing them the lyrics to “Far Above Cayuga’s Waters” and organizing a command performance of the Alma Mater. **Elizabeth González** and husband **Nico Marcellino**, BFA '95, were among the guests at the luncheon. Nico is the multimedia and design director at advertising agency AD Lubow. Elizabeth is on the board of Little Red Schoolhouse, where she is the head kindergarten teacher; you can also catch Liz on YouTube in the “No Mother’s Day” video for Every Mother Counts, Christy Turlington’s organization devoted to reducing maternal mortality worldwide. Attorney **Mari-Carmen Cividanes** jetted in from Puerto Rico, and **Kenley Moy**, a VP for national sales at the San Francisco Travel Association, visited from D.C.; according to Hemda, he is relishing his experience as a first-time uncle! Joining the lunch bunch were **Katrina Bailey '95**, **Denis Huang '95**, and **Vivian Lasser** Beenstock '62, a close friend of the groom’s mother. Garden State attendees included **Daniel Chernin**, father of two and a VP and senior corporate counsel at

Broadridge Financial Solutions, and **Victor Giler**, who works in telecom and technology investment banking and principal investing.

That evening, the party reignited at the Copacabana, where the bride’s twin brother, Morris Mizrahi, was able to demonstrate his expertise. When he’s not developing software, including iPhone apps, Morris is a mover and shaker in the world of international Latin dance. He produced a sold-out show a few years ago in San Francisco. For many years, Hemda has been working as a life coach for a global leadership development program at JPMorgan Chase, and is also developing a “product line (T-shirts, greeting cards) that presents tried-and-true coaching concepts through playful and universal images designed to motivate positive change and development.”

Moving away from weddings and toward the subject of future Cornellians: In January, **Chris Taggi**, a construction litigator in the D.C. area, and his wife, **Alessandra Sagasti**, a professor of biology at Montgomery College, became the proud parents of their first child. “Cecilia Roo is big and healthy, good-natured, and quick to smile. We’re rooting for her to join the Class of 2033.” In 2010, Chris and several law partners at his old firm established Asmar, Schor, and McKenna. “Most of our old clients followed and we’ve since picked up many more. It was stressful starting a new venture in a down economy, but we’re doing great.” In Southern California, **Jessica O’Toole** and **Jess Mullen-Carey**, BArch '95, welcomed their second son, Gus William Mullen-Carey, on April 15. Gus joins older brother Carter. Jessica formerly wrote for the TV show “Greek” and is now working on a new series, “The Carrie Diaries,” on the CW network. Jess is the co-founder of Make Architecture, an architecture and design firm in Los Angeles.

Greg Gerstenzang has been working as a patent attorney in the Boston area for about five years. He has a son William, 4, and recently published a podcast on patentable subject matter: <http://legaltalknetwork.com/podcasts/suffolk-law/2012/04/the-murky-morass-patentable-subject-matter-around-the-world/>. In response to the prompt, “Old Cornell friends you’d like to hear from,” he responded, “Anyone and everyone. Anyone in Boston want to meet up for a beer?” Lastly, keep an eye out for my first-place story in the contest anthology “American Fiction, Volume 12,” to be published by New Rivers Press in mid-October! [Dika Lam](mailto:Dika.Lam@yahoocom), dikaweb@yahoo.com; **Jennifer Rabin** Marchant, jar1229@yahoo.com; **Dineen Pashoukos** Wasylik, dmp5@cornell.edu.

95 We have had so much news (we’re not complaining), we have not been able to share it promptly. Ahem, this might be a good time to mention that the more '95 subscribers we have to the magazine, the more space we get to holler.

Starting from Cornell’s home state, **Alec Moseley** (alexanderoseley@yahoo.com) is on skiing and salsa, lives with his wife, Polina Schukina, in Brooklyn. He is portfolio manager of emerging markets at Sovereign Bonds. In Lake Mohegan, NY, **Lisa Michelli** (lisamicchelli715@gmail.com) teaches Spanish to students in pre-K through eighth grade. To keep her skills sharp, Lisa took Foreign Language in the Elementary School, a course at Manhattanville. Lisa also enjoys participating in modern dancing and Zumba and remains committed to her church. Busy father **John Cokinos**, head of leveraged finance at

Capital Markets, raises three children: George, James, and Olivia. When he has downtime, he appreciates wines, books, and food. **Jonathan Bloom** (jonbloom27@hotmail.com) of NYC would like to get in touch with **Chris Weisner**, DVM '99.

Matt Norfolk (Lake Placid, NY) dwells with wife Darcy, their sons Rowen and Lincoln, and their youngest, daughter Cecilia Mary Sage, born in April 2011. She's "Daddy's little girl," as Matt says. A partner at Briggs Norfolk LLP, Matt concentrates on general litigation and environmental law. This past August, Matt "hosted and played with the Big Red Steelheads lacrosse team, which came to town to play in the Lake Placid Summit Classic Lacrosse Tournament. The Big Red Steelheads' roster comprises past and present Cornell lacrosse players who played for the Big Red over a span of four decades." **David Holder**, a former Big Red midfielder who passed away in '08 after a battle with lymphoma, inspired a group of '95 alums to form the team. Matt notes, "David touched the lives of many of us at Cornell and was a great competitor on and off the lacrosse field." People interested in finding out more about the Steelheads should search for the group on Facebook!

In Plainview, NY, **Peter Klein** (psklein1@yahoo.com), SVP for Media, is bringing up daughters Jessica and Amanda. Peter is "building out an online performance marketing agency," and although he says he primarily travels the US for business, he would love to be on Maui beaches learning to surf. He still "dances his butt off." Peter would like to connect with **Joe Sorge '93**. **Mark Maidique**, BArch '95, AIA (AMR525@gmail.com) competed in the 2011 Mt. Washington Bicycle Hill Climb, climbing 4,600 feet in "well under two hours." Then, he "focused on opening up his first kitchen showroom last fall with his partner in Wheelock Maidique, in Old Greenwich, CT. Wheelock Maidique specializes in custom kitchen design and cabinetry, throughout the Northeast." Mark and his wife, **Claudine (Cavagtiere) '94**, have three girls, Natalia, Akira, and Sacha, who attend the Wilton Montessori School.

Jeffrey Hart, MBA '01 (jphart@bandrich.com), like many a Cornelian, resides in Washington, DC, where he is senior sales director of North America for BandRich Inc. In other D.C. news, "On May 7, the White House honored **Christine Taverna Reich** as a 'Champion of Change' for her work with the Museum of Science, Boston, in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education for people with disabilities." This honor is part of President Obama's "Winning the Future" initiative. Christine began imagining the possibilities as a Cornell student, but "at the Museum of Science in 1997, exhibit developer Betty Davidson inspired her to create learning environments for people of all abilities. A brilliant woman and a wheelchair user, Betty was denied access to formal education because of her disability." (Betty went on to earn her PhD in biochemistry.) Christine lives in Massachusetts with husband **Stephen**, whom she met on the Hill.

Last June, **Dave Beck** (dbeck@chicago-fire.com) became VP of corporate partnerships for Chicago Fire, the soccer club. Dave writes, "Very exciting to join a great team and organization." Keeping to the sports theme, Dave coaches youth basketball in his spare time. Moving southwest, **Elaine Howard Ecklund**, PhD '04, (ehe@rice.edu) is associate professor of sociology at Rice U. She is also director of the Religion and Public Life Program.

On the Pacific Coast, **Andre Ramos**, a pediatrician at Kaiser Permanente-Hayward, had the

chance in 2011 to meet Rita Moreno in her dressing room during her final performance of *Life Without Makeup* at the Berkeley Repertory Theatre: "What a thrill!" **Mai Russell** (mtrussell@inlandimaging.com) is a neuroradiologist at InlandImaging in Seattle, WA. She and husband Christopher Krejci are working hard to raise their energetic toddler and their Great Dane. **Alex Ciurczak** works in IT security in the healthcare field, while his wife, **Ann (Chi)**, works in research and engineering in the energy field. In September Alex and Ann had their second child, Ethan Alexander, joining big brother Kyle, who is "excited to have a new playmate."

Way off-continent, **Melissa Billington** (mebillington@gmail.com) of New Zealand writes that she is "owner/director/Queen Bee of MYOGA and Powa Centre companies." She adds, "I have been

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Melissa Hart Moss '93

holding the vision for the future Powa Centre, an iconic, ecological, self-sustaining structure/enterprise for whole-person well-being in Wellington." In her off-hours, Melissa engages in archery, martial arts, and voice; she has also acted in the movies *30 Days of Night*, *Avatar*, and *The Hobbit*, and in *The Vagina Monologues* and *Medea Redux* at Hawke's Bay Opera House. She would like to get in touch with **Nico Larco '96**.

Have more news? Fill out those yellow forms Cornell sends you, or e-mail either of us at the following addresses. Cheers! **Veronica K. Brooks-Sigler**, vkbrooks@cornell.edu; **Abra Benson Perrie**, amb8@cornell.edu.

96 In 2011, **Alpesh Patel** relocated with his family (wife Angela and twin toddler sons Ashy and Ary) from Salt Lake City to Chicago, where he is now an associate professor of orthopedics at Loyola U. Medical Center. Alpesh runs a busy research and clinical practice, taking care of people with spinal problems (including spinal cord injury, spine arthritis, and spinal stenosis), with an emphasis on complex spine surgery and minimally invasive spine surgery. "It's challenging," he writes, "but very rewarding to help people afflicted with terrible problems." Alpesh is also a board member for a number of international research organizations and is an editor for spine journals and textbooks.

An assistant professor in the Dept. of History for Whittier College, **Natale Zappia** lives in Santa Monica, CA. **Justine Harrison** calls Las Vegas home. She has developed a passion for aviation and in June 2012 partnered with a friend in the Air Race Classic, in which they flew a Diamond DA-40 from Lake Havasu City, AZ, to Batavia, OH. **Sean Anderson**, BArch '96, has accepted a position as the senior lecturer in design and history at the U. of Sydney, Australia's oldest university. Also in academia is **Catherine Simpson Bueker**, who teaches sociology at Emmanuel College in

Boston. Catherine and her family (husband **John, JD '97**, and children Sam, 9, Michael, 7, and Rachel, 2) live in Wellesley, MA. She enjoys catching up with Cornell friends who pass through Boston and met up with **Lora Levy Cover** in April and **Deb Huret Op den Kamp** in June.

A woman of many talents (and degrees), architect and lawyer **Kristin Gutenberg** resides with her dog Kenya, 8, in Ithaca and works as the manager of Real Estate Operations at our alma mater. "It is truly a dream job and combines my background in architecture and real estate law." Kristin would love to hear from **Alexandra Wray Schabel**.

Jason Ehrenberg is a founding partner of Bailey & Ehrenberg (www.becounsel.com), a Washington, DC, law firm; Jason leads the firm's employee benefits practice and is the lead appellate litigator. Jason lives in Bethesda, MD,

with wife Rachel and sons Noah, 8, and Zachary, 4. Thoughts of Cornell hockey and Hot Truck (separately or in combination, presumably) cause Jason to shed tears of happy nostalgia. Jason writes that his father, ILR professor Ron Ehrenberg, still inspires him.

Program director for a geriatric clerkship at United Health Services Hospitals in Johnson City, NY, **Shawn Berkowitz** is also a diplomat to the American Academy of Family Physicians. His work involves "researching new and innovative inter-professional teaching techniques for medical students and other health professionals." Shawn lives in Apalachin, NY, a small town an hour southeast of Ithaca, and would love to hear from former Eco-Housers and Cornell Outdoor Education alumni. He adds that, thanks to the new laws in New York State, he is planning a wedding with his partner of ten years.

Climbed a mountain? Married a veterinarian? Refurbished a boat? Neutralized a landmine from the air? Tell us all about it. **Ron Johnstone**, raj6@cornell.edu; **Carin Lustig-Silverman**, CDL2@cornell.edu; **Liam O'Mahoney**, liamom@yahoo.com. Class website, <http://classof96.alumni.cornell.edu>.

97 We have always been a class of trendsetters, from our successful senior class gift campaign to our impressive attendance at our 15th Reunion in Ithaca, June 7-10. Approximately 400 people—including 175 alumni and 100 children, nearly all younger than 5 years old—returned to campus to celebrate our years together on the Hill and to catch up on our adventures since graduation. Our home base was Low Rise 9, also currently known as the Just About Music (JAM) program house; its proximity to campus events and kid-friendly athletic fields made it ideal. Meals featured a Taste of Ithaca lunch and a delicious barbeque class dinner; Fun in the Sun offered arts and crafts, moonbounces, and jugglers; the Big Red Band popped up all over campus; and presidents

emeritus Frank Rhodes and Hunter Rawlings made special appearances. Even a brief downpour on Saturday night didn't stop alumni in the Arts Quad tents from enjoying themselves while trying to keep dry. Hats off to reunion chairs **Joshua Steiner**, MS '98, and **Eva Chiamulera**, MA '00; their diligence and hard work made for another successful '97 reunion!

I brought my husband and three children back for our first visit in four years. My 2-year-old son was excited to high-five Touchdown the Bear and see the Hot Truck parked on the Arts Quad. My 5-year-old son proudly picked out a Cornell Hockey shirt at the campus store and told all of his pre-kindergarten friends about the Uris Hall brain collection. And my 7-year-old daughter loved skipping stones across the walkway above Olin and Kroch libraries and riding her scooter around campus. They all enjoyed building friendships with other '97 alumni children.

About ten class leaders, including **Lauren Myers-Marion**, **Bob Berstein**, **Andrew Fabian**, **Joshua Steiner**, **Eva Chiamulera**, **Sarah Deardorff Carter**, **Mitsy Lopez**, **Keith Scala**, and myself, gathered over breakfast in our reunion tent on Sunday. Alumni House representatives **Margaret Gallo '81** and **Patrick Burns '09** also joined us. We discussed past progress and future plans, with an emphasis on lining up a strong slate of officers to guide us to our 20th Reunion in 2017. We hope to coordinate regional events and leverage social media to stay connected. Many of your alumni leaders have been involved for years in one capacity or another; we'd welcome some new faces! There are many ways to become involved and to share your time, talent, and love of Cornell—from Class Council to Cornell Annual Fund representative to reunion chair. Contact **Mike Roberts**, our nominations chair, at jmichaelroberts@gmail.com or check out our newly updated class website, www.cornell97.com, for details. It's a great way to get to know classmates and support your alma mater.

Turning to the news, I have an update from **Michael Hwang**, DMD. Michael married Kathleen Batchler on April 14, 2012 at St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Norwalk, CT. Congratulations to the newlyweds! We also received word that **Alexandra Jaritz** was appointed senior VP of brand strategy and marketing at Choice Hotels Int'l Inc. in March 2012, reporting directly to the president and CEO of the company. Alexandra has been with Choice since 2001 and is responsible for setting brand strategy for its core clients, including Comfort Inn and Suites, Clarion, MainStay Suites, Econo Lodge, and Rodeway Inn. This involves brand program implementation, product design, marketing and public relations, owner relations, franchise management, and procurement services.

Contributing your news keeps future class columns interesting! Send in an update—classmates want to know what you've been up to! Send photos you would like to share on our class website to cubigred97@gmail.com, with "website pictures" in the header (.jpg files). We're also on Facebook: join the Cornell Class of 1997 group! You can also use your iPad or smartphone to check out the new digital edition of the alumni magazine at <http://www.cornellalumimagazine-digital.com>. It's a beautiful representation of the whole magazine, and no special access or registration is required to view the Class Notes (and yet they are NOT searchable by Google!). ☑ **Erica Broennle Nelson**, ejb4@cornell.edu; **Sarah Deardorff Carter**, sjd5@cornell.edu.

98 While I was talking with one of my friends from the great Class of 1998, it occurred to us that this fall we will have known each other for 18 years. Since most of us were 18 in the fall of 1994 when we started on the Hill, we have now known each other for half of our lives. That makes us (ahem) old(er). Have 18 years really passed since we met? Yes, yes they have. In fact, here's my shameless plug for our 15th Reunion, which is right around the corner! If you're reading this, you should be in Ithaca next June!

We heard from **Amy Adams Nieman**, who has taken a break from business consulting to stay home full-time with daughters Samantha, 2, and Abigail, 6 months, while her husband **Matt** practices labor and employment law as a partner at Jackson Lewis LLP. Abigail was born on November 21, 2011. Amy reports that they would love to get together with any old friends who happen to be living in or visiting the D.C./Northern Virginia area. Also in the Mid-Atlantic, **John Beaber** has moved to Gaithersburg, MD, for a new job. He is now an associate director at Intrexon Corp., a synthetic biology company. He and his family, including 10-month-old twins Dustin and Cora, are still getting settled in Maryland and adjusting to weather again. In New Jersey, **Oksana Yuzefovich** reports that she joined Merrill Lynch as a financial advisor in Princeton.

Leah Geaga Sernas is a photographer and stay-at-home mom to Evangeline, 8, Sophia, 5, and David, 19 months. She is homeschooling her three children and doing photo shoots when she can. Leah says raising and educating her children has been her biggest challenge—and getting enough sleep has been another! She would like to hear from **Jennifer Lem '96** and **Nancy Liu Schuster '97**, MAT '98.

Glenn Rosenbluth, MD '02, still lives in San Francisco and enjoys working as a pediatrician at UCSF and as the director of quality and safety programs for graduate medical education for UCSF School of Medicine. He says his job is a great mix of clinical work, education, and patient safety research. Also on the West Coast, **Lucie Macelova Ayres** lives in the Hollywood Hills with husband Chris, an author. Lucie has been consulting for startups on brand development and strategic marketing and enjoys the entrepreneurial spirit of the startup world. Lucie and her husband have a son, Milo, 5, and a daughter, Mae, 1.

Kris Anderson is a marriage and family therapist at Las Vegas Vet Center and has been busy playing in the World Series of Poker. **Kevin Maskell** tells us it's been a banner year in his home. Their second son, Reed Morgan, was born in March, followed shortly thereafter by Kevin's clinical exam for licensure. He graduated with honors from Midwestern U. College of Dental Medicine on May 31 and is moving to Las Vegas for a one-year residency at Nellis Air Force Base. His wife, Heather, has transitioned her legal practice to exclusively focus on adoptions, which she enjoys. He says life with two children does not slow down!

Julie Pactovis Katz is moving from Boston to New Haven so her husband, Sam, can start a new job at Yale. Their family will maintain some consistency as Julie will keep her job as a shopper insights manager with LEGO. Her work has become more global recently, so she wasn't too sure whether moving closer to the office would help her much. Julie says their kids, Miles, 6, and Zoe, 3, look forward to exploring a new area. **Patti Boye Williams** and her family have also moved, reporting that it's

been a whirlwind 21 months going from Chicago to Bemidji, MN, and recently to Farmington, CT, where they hope to remain for several years to come! Husband **Chad** is a professor in the computer science department at Central Connecticut State U., and after nine months of job searching (but loving every minute at home with Grace, 7, and Kate, 5), Patti started work in February as an assistant attorney general for the State of Connecticut environmental unit. They are enjoying life back on the East Coast and hope to make it back to Ithaca more frequently now. Also on the East Coast, **Amy Schiller Moritz** is the director of marketing at Brown & Brown of Garden City Inc. (an insurance brokerage firm). She and her husband have two children (12 and 5), and her husband works for JPMorgan Chase in Jersey City.

Please continue to send news of your many adventures and celebrations to: ☑ **Molly Darnieder** Bracken, mdbd4@cornell.edu; **Uthica Jinvit** Utano, udj1@cornell.edu; or **Karen Dorman** Kipnes, kld8@cornell.edu.

99 Even though it wasn't our reunion year, **Stacey Whomsley** is already counting down: 24 months until our 15th Reunion! Stacey has returned to work full-time as a senior manager at Pfizer, leading the engineering operations team, which is responsible for the coordination of all system outages, communications about any system events (planned or unplanned), and the disaster recovery preparedness of Pfizer's systems. Stacey and her husband have two amazing sons. **Conor**, born in April 2010, is a very loving big brother to **Liam**, born in January 2012. Liam's godmother is **Michele Travis** and Conor's godmother is **Linda Matuszewski Emery**.

Congratulations to our other classmates who had children: **Briana Lundy** Montminy, a partner at the law firm of Burr & Forman LLP, welcomed **Mallory Ava** on May 11, 2012. **Matt** and **Becky Orfinger Wexler** welcomed **Hannah Abigail** in January 2011 and she is gearing up to be in the Class of 2032! **Matt**, through his firm Foxhall Partners, is a commercial real estate developer and investor based in Washington, DC, specializing in urban properties. **Becky** works with Burness Communications, where she consults with organizations such as the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and NACCHO, providing strategic communications advice. **Daniel Duval**, JD '02, met his wife, **Debora**, six years ago; they married in 2007 and had their son **Peter** in January 2011. **Dan** worked with **White & Case LLP** in NYC after his law school graduation. In 2005, he moved to their São Paulo, Brazil, office and returned to New York in 2008. After that, **Dan** moved in-house when he became the general counsel of **Jefferies Finance LLC**, the commercial finance affiliate of **Jefferies & Co.**

Jon Ciaio and wife **Caryn (Caskey) '00** welcomed daughter **Parker Marie** in early September 2011. **Parker** is trying to catch up to her twin brothers, **Carson** and **Reese** (born in November 2008). **Jon** is approaching his 11-year anniversary working alongside **Art Pesner '85** at **PR Herzig & Co.**, where they help individuals, trusts, and foundations manage their investments. **Jon** is still actively playing lacrosse and he keeps in touch with many alumni. This past April, he had the pleasure of staying up way too late with **Pat '01** and **Elizabeth Segall Arangio '01**, **Scott Seiffert**, and **Kevin Sayles '98** at the wedding festivities of **Jordan Heffez '98** in West Palm Beach. **Jon**

is always looking to catch up with fellow alumni and friends on Long Island.

Speaking of Long Island, **Jordan and Elina Zaretsky Steinberg** are thrilled to welcome daughter Meghan Zoe! She was born on March 27, 2012, and joins big brother Derek in their new home on Long Island. Derek and Meghan are already collecting Cornell gear in anticipation of their time on the Hill! **Dennis Chow**, ME '00, and wife Yanyu met in Singapore in 2009 and have been happily married since. They are the proud parents of Abigail Mingbei, born February 20, 2012. They moved from Manhattan to the Seattle area last year, where Dennis is a fixed income trader. He is enjoying fatherhood and the laid-back West Coast lifestyle.

Jens Kullmann traveled to the Dominican Republic for a well-deserved and relaxing beach vacation. While working at PwC in Boston in the risk assurance practice—and after taking evening courses for three years—Jens graduated in May with a master's in accounting from Bentley U. **Dan Smith** is a small animal veterinarian in eastern Pennsylvania. He just celebrated one year of ownership of a three-doctor small animal practice. Dan and his wife are proud that all three children (9, 12, and 13 years old) finished another school year on the principal's list while keeping crazy busy with soccer, basketball, and volleyball! Dan lost his only brother, Ed, in a terrible accident two years ago—the hardest thing he ever had to experience. He writes that it taught him never to take for granted every day he has with his family, and that it has made him more appreciative of his Christian faith, without which he doesn't know how he would have made it through that experience. Our condolences go out to Dan and his family.

Greg Miller practices orthodontics with his wife in Long Beach, CA. Their daughter Olivia is about to turn 18 months. **Kevin Law Orloski** has been eating the maple syrup that **Rick Law Orloski '94** brought home from Cornell's Maple Syrup Program while he was in Upstate New York on business. Kevin wants to send a shout-out to **Steven Gold**. **Deborah Schoeneman** is a writer for "Girls," an HBO series. Working in the economic crimes section, **Armando Rosquete** (Miami, FL) has been an assistant US attorney since September 2006. **Joel Sandler** is an associate consultant with Defined Health. He is also a social investment council member with Echoing Green. **Erin Houck-Toll** is also in Florida. She is board certified by the Florida Bar in tax law and concentrates her practice in the areas of federal and state taxation, including representing taxpayers before the IRS and the Florida Dept. of Revenue. She also assists clients in many aspects of business planning, healthcare law matters, mergers and acquisitions, and intellectual property issues. Send news to: [Beth Heslowitz](mailto:beth.heslowitz@gmail.com), beth.heslowitz@gmail.com; [Taber Sweet](mailto:tabersweet@gmail.com), tabersweet@gmail.com; [Liz Borod Wright](mailto:lizborod@gmail.com), lizborod@gmail.com; or [Melanie Grayce West](mailto:mga6@cornell.edu), mga6@cornell.edu.

There is so much amazing news to share this time around, so let's dive in! **Jerry Toth** is still in the rainforest, doing what he can to preserve the last expanse of true wilderness in coastal Ecuador. He is happy to say that the list of fellow Cornellians that have helped this effort has been quite impressive, and he hopes that the list continues to grow. A short movie of Jerry's project can be viewed online at www.3malliance.org. Over on a slightly different landscape, **Morgan Hartman** has his hands full running his grassfed beef angus farm in Berlin, NY: Black Queen Angus Farm. Besides that, he serves on the board for Berkshire Grown, an organization that supports and promotes local agriculture as a vital part of the Berkshire community, economy, and landscape. In addition, Morgan also cofounded, along with Cornell Cooperative Extension, the annual Winter Green-Up Conference in Albany, NY, which has hosted speakers such as Joel Salatin of Food Inc. fame. The conference works to promote healthy, sustainable agriculture with an emphasis on raising and selling animals and animal products on a local and regional level. Check out his website at www.blackqueenangus.com.

Congratulations to **Sherri Jones**, who has been named VP for institutional advancement and executive director of the Foundation at Northampton Community College in Bethlehem, PA. Sherri worked at Northampton earlier in her career as director of alumni affairs and the annual fund before serving as director of alumni affairs at Lafayette College and senior executive director of alumni affairs and communications at Columbia College in

New York City. As a member of the senior staff at Northampton, her responsibilities will include overseeing fundraising, alumni relations, marketing, communications, and special events. **Monica Johnson** reports that she is now living in Brooklyn, NY, and keeping quite busy as an associate veterinarian. On the West Coast, **Carrie Swesso Bartley** just moved to Portland, OR, after her recent promotion to traffic assistant for Fisher Communications. In her spare time, Carrie also serves as a member of the Lions Club and the Cornell Club of Oregon.

Families are ever-expanding these days, as **Elaine Mazor Remley** and husband Evan welcomed their second child, Charlotte Joan, in March of last year. Little Charlotte joins big brother Gavin, 3. The couple is happily living in Fairfield, CT, and Elaine continues to work as a physician assistant in the neonatal intensive care unit at Yale New Haven Hospital. **Bob**, MPS '01, and **Neha Shah Serrano '01** also just started a family. Almost a New Year's baby, Sachin Robert entered the world on January 4, 2012. The Serranos now live in Washington, DC, where Bob is Kaiser Associates' new healthcare strategist. **Julie Cummings** Dick has put her career as a physician assistant on hold for now in order to be a stay-at-home mom to her two little ones, Emily, 3, and William, 1. And after teaching elementary school for the past eight years, **Yuna Chung Park** also decided to take some time off to be home with her lovely daughters, but plans on returning to work in just a few years.

In other news, **Philip Ballard** recently ran into former Navy ROTC shipmates **Adam Schwartz** and **Nate Gunsch** while competing in the Virginia

Put to Good Use

Eli Reich '00

One day while leaving work, Eli Reich discovered that his messenger bag was missing. Instead of buying a replacement, he decided to make one from old bicycle tire inner tubes he had lying around his apartment. "It was a good example of 'necessity is the mother of invention,'" he says. "I thought it would be fun and ironic to make a bike bag out of old bike parts."



The experience prompted Reich to found Alchemy Goods, a Seattle-based business that makes bags and accessories from discarded items like tire tubes and old seat belts. In addition to messenger bags and backpacks (priced from \$98 to \$168), Alchemy Goods sells handbags and accessories like wallets, belts, card cases, bottle openers, toiletry cases, and laptop covers. Its products are carried by more than 300 retailers nationwide including Whole Foods, REI, and Eastern Mountain Sports.

The company garners much of its raw material through an "upcycling" program in which customers send in their old inner tubes; as of early 2012, more than 182,000 tubes had been recycled. Each finished product bears a small number that represents the percentage, by weight, of discarded material that went into it. "We're hoping," Reich says, "that people start to think a little bit more about where the materials come from in the products they buy."

— Timothy Weisberg '12

Tough Mudder, a 9-mile, 25-obstacle race. Phil reports, "Despite being covered in mud and barely able to see but for the blood, sweat, and tears in our eyes, we recognized each other immediately. The sense of teamwork and camaraderie from our ROTC days came back quickly as we crawled through mud and helped each other over ten-foot walls. Once a shipmate, always a shipmate!" Phil also recently founded and chaired the 2011 American Heroes Ball, a black-tie charity ball that raised almost \$15,000 to benefit the Wounded Warrior Project. Their guest of honor was Sen. Scott Brown (R-MA). His daughter Ayla, a former "American Idol" finalist, provided live entertainment for 240 guests. To top it off, Phil shares that he just became the speechwriter for the Under Secretary for Benefits at the Veterans Administration and is finishing his MBA at Virginia Tech this year. Way to go, Phil!

Last but not least, **Adam Bult** was elected a shareholder earlier this year in the Las Vegas office of Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck. Adam has been a member of Brownstein's litigation department, focusing on commercial and construction litigation. He provides pro bono counsel and direct financial assistance to Las Vegas nonprofits such as Golden Rainbow, an organization dedicated to providing affordable housing and direct financial assistance to families and individuals living with HIV/AIDS. Active in the Las Vegas community, Adam serves on the Nevada State Bar's Advertising Advisory and Diversity Committees and is a Leadership Las Vegas Class of 2010 graduate. Kudos to all and thank you so much for sharing your news with us! We love hearing from you, and we love writing for you. ☐ **Andrea M. Chan**, amc32@cornell.edu; and **Christine Jensen Weld**, ckj1@cornell.edu.

01 Happy fall, Class of 2001! It's great to hear that our classmates are doing well and have had so many great life changes since graduation. Congratulations to **David Saunders** and his wife, Becky, who gave birth to Amira in April 2011. Dave and his family moved to Morocco in June 2011 after he was selected as an Olmsted Scholar in the spring of 2010. Since October 2011 he's been studying contemporary history (in Arabic) at Mohammed V U. in Rabat, Morocco. He says it's been a wonderful opportunity to experience a new culture! Congratulations also to **Scott** and **Amy Palmieri Cohen**, who welcomed their second son, Alexander Samuel, on March 18. He joins big brother Aaron, 3. Amy completed her neonatology fellowship at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP) and started working as a neonatal attending in the CHOP NICU at Virtua Hospital over the summer. Congratulations to **Ali Solomon** and husband Derek Mainhart, who welcomed her first child, Sienna Rachel, on March 3, 2012.

Lauren Bontecou Reichart lives in Stratford, CT, with husband Chris and their daughters Kelsey, 3-1/2, and Allyson, who turned 1 in May. Lauren works at Hopkins School as the director of annual giving. **Vicki Johnson** is a PhD candidate at Massey U. in Wellington, New Zealand, and co-founder of the startup ProFellow.com. She and fiancé Ryan are enjoying having old friends from Cornell visit them in New Zealand, especially **Kathryn Winstanley** and **Suzi Drabik** Owczarek, MBA '06. Vicki's father, **Greg Johnson '71**, also came to visit and they toured the South Island together. They said it was the trip of a lifetime.

Joseph Gregorio (West Chester, PA) is a composer/conductor and enrolled in the DMA program in composition at Temple U. with a Presidential Fellowship for the fall. This past year, he started a new choir called Ensemble Companio (www.ensemblecompanio.com), composed almost entirely of Cornell alums who sang as undergrads in the Glee Club or Chorus. When this season ends, they will have had three concerts: one in Connecticut, one in New Jersey, and one in Sage Chapel at Reunion 2012. He said it's been immensely rewarding to gather a bunch of old friends and make beautiful music together again. Joseph's daughter Olivia turned 3 in July and is enamored of anything having to do with monkeys. Joseph wanted to wish Prof. Scott Tucker well as he leaves Cornell for a new job in Washington, DC, in the fall, and thank him for all he gave to those who sang with him.

In Waterloo, NY, **Nicohl Merrill** Swartley has been promoted from loan officer to senior loan officer at Farm Credit East ACA. She was also elected to the Waterloo School Board. She's been busy keeping up with her kids Kaleb, 7, and Gavin, 5. **Jamie** and **Amira Abuzeid Aycock** and their five sons moved last year from the D.C. area to Houston, TX, where they are happy to be close to family in San Antonio and Austin. Jamie practices civil litigation with the litigation boutique AZA Law, and Amira keeps busy with writing and homeschooling. **Jay Ronquillo**, ME '03, earned his MPH from the Harvard School of Public Health and is now completing a fellowship in biomedical informatics at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston. **Deonna Farr** will attend the U. of South Carolina's DrPH program at the Arnold School of Public Health this fall. She was awarded a Presidential Doctoral Diversity Fellowship by the U. of South Carolina Graduate School.

Jeremy Schreiber, ME '02, checks in from Boston, MA, to tell us that after graduating from Cornell, he moved to Austin, TX, to work for Advanced Micro Devices (AMD). He worked there for 8-1/2 years, designing computer chips ranging from Athlon to the latest in Fusion chips combining CPUs with GPUs. In particular, he focused on low-power physical design techniques, clock grid design, and power gating solutions. He also developed intuitive user interface designs for the company's internal CAD software. After AMD, he transitioned to Texas Instruments, helping to design the next-generation mobile chips, OMAP5. Recently (as predicted many years ago by John Belina, the director of Engineering while we were in school, who said that the half-life of an engineer is eight to 12 years), he left the engineering world to pursue other opportunities and is currently an MBA candidate at Harvard Business School. Jeremy spent the summer in the Bay Area working in business development for a startup, Tactus Technologies, that aims to dynamically create and remove tactile keys on demand from any touch screen device.

So . . . what's new with you? E-mail us at clasof2001@cornell.edu or at the addresses below, and in between columns, stay connected via our Twitter feed (@Cornell2001) and Facebook page (www.facebook.com/Cornell2001). ☐ **Lauren Wallach** Hammer, LEW15@cornell.edu; and **Nicole Neroulis** Gupte NicoleMN6@gmail.com.

02 Our 10th Reunion was, in a word, legendary. For those of you who attended, you know

how lucky we were with the weather. Warm enough to go swimming in the gorges, which many of us did (despite the "No swimming" signs that are now there), below the Thurston Ave. Bridge. There were live bands playing on the Arts Quad every night starting around dusk and going deep into the night. One of the bands was a compilation of alumni from the Class of '87 celebrating their 25th Reunion. I snapped an inspiring action shot on the dance floor of **Ellen Brosius** jiving with **Bill Nye '77** (yes, the Science Guy).

Changes on campus included a scarcity of bars in Collegetown—no more Palms, no more Dino's, no more Johnny's, no more Clubhouse/Jammer's/that bar that changed names every year, etc. There is, however, a fairly massive Starbucks at the corner of Dryden and College. That's been there a few years, but has since been followed by four additional locations throughout Ithaca. Mama T's is still there.

Popular events during Reunion Weekend included "A Taste of Ithaca"—a wine-tasting at the new Trillium, with its new fully finished upstairs. Lectures were also so popular that some "sold out": the Glee Club sang old Cornell songs at Bailey Hall Saturday night, which pushed the overflowing audience into Kennedy Auditorium to watch the show via live streaming. Members of the Class of 1957 were sitting behind us, and I greatly enjoyed their heckling: "Why don't they get them all the same shirt?" and "Sounds like they didn't practice enough." I sure hope that will be us someday! The BBQ on Beebe Lake (complete with canoeing), catered by Dinosaur BBQ, was a huge success as well. As a matter of fact, Reunion was a huge success overall, thanks to the extraordinary leadership and efforts of our class officers, particularly reunion chairs **Kim Su**, **Ruthie Levy**, and **Nicole Boosembark**-Baker, affinity chair **Julie Vultaggio**, and so many others.

Plenty of new parents showed up with their spouses and little ones. **Thalia Goldstein** is married in Connecticut and has her PhD from Yale U. Little Finn was in tow, and I'm pretty sure I caught him eyeing the Dinosaur BBQ brisket sandwich on my plate. Proud new parents **Scott** and **Lori Hodrinsky Kramer** (whose romance began at our 5th Reunion) were in tow with new baby Lucas, who also seemed to be enjoying the BBQ on Beebe Lake. Lori was the winner of our reunion logo competition held earlier this year. **Greg Frattaroli** was there with his wife and little bruiser Owen, up from Philadelphia.

Eduardo Porto Carreiro recently left L.A. for New York, after several years as a sommelier in California. When asked where his fellow Last Call buddies were, he said, "They're not here! It's just me." Way to represent, buddy! **Phil Rosenman** is living the good life in Washington, DC. **Sara Roccisano** expressed her genuine love of diving around the world when she's not busy working in investment banking in New York. Saturday morning I went with **Marise D'Souza**, **Amy Liesenfeld**, and their spouses to the Farmers Market, and it was even better than I remembered. There is now a very successful Cambodian food stand at the end near the water. Fellow Theta **Kate Bennett** drove all the way from the suburbs of Cleveland, OH, for the weekend. And **Joe Lisi**, MAT '04, shared an update: he is one of the NYS fire instructors for Tompkins County and recently went to Disney World. He is also a volunteer ostrich farmer!

Congratulations to the new slate of officers for the 2012-17 term, including new co-president

Julie Vultaggio and returning co-president **Doug Mitarotonda**, ME '03, PhD '09. For those of you who couldn't make it, I hope you'll join us at the 15th in 2017! ☐ **Carolyn Deckinger** Lang, cmd 35@cornell.edu; **Jeff Barker**, jrb41@cornell.edu.

03 Hello, classmates! We are now less than a year away from our 10th Reunion. Can you believe how quickly time has flown? For many of us, these ten years have added up to quite a bit. **Katie Schoenberg**, PhD '10, wrote in from Ithaca to share that she finished her PhD in Cornell's Animal Science department and took a post-doc position on campus. She and her husband also welcomed a baby girl into the world this spring. She writes, "We are enjoying life with new titles, 'Dr. and Mom and Dad.' Marie was at her first hockey game at Lynah Rink at 3 weeks old and hasn't missed a home game since!" I hope someone has gotten Marie a fish to throw too!

It must be the year for it, since birth announcements were flowing into my inbox. **Matthew Levy** wrote that he and his wife welcomed Hannah Celia into the world in January. **Ankur Pandya** also welcomed an addition to their family. He writes, "Mother **Renuka '04**, father **Ankur '03**, and baby **Anjali '34** are in great health and spirits." Ankur, you put it in writing so you better start getting some Cornell gear together for baby Anjali! Around the same time, **Tarun Subrahmanian** also shared news of the birth of daughter Mayuri Sona, who will hopefully be joining Anjali in some future Cornell class. **Gregory Tomasko** and wife Gwen welcomed twin girls Greta and Gresha on March 14, 2011!

Dana Ellis Hunnes completed her dietetic internship at Emory U. Hospital and her master's in public health at UCLA. She is studying climate change, food security, and migration in Ethiopia. Taking on nutrition from a different angle, **Jen Weston** is living in Cambridge and working for Nuval, a company that gives a nutritional score—from 1-100—to foods in supermarkets. **Dudley Bacon Williams** continues to enjoy Manhattan life with her husband, **Walker**. Walker is working at Alliance Bernstein and getting his MBA from Emory. Dudley is working at L'Oreal and will be starting a master's program in August at the Fashion Inst. of Technology in cosmetics and fragrance.

If you're looking to make a connection to someone special, don't forget to check out **Erika Ettin's** business, A Little Nudge, where she helps people out with all aspects of online dating. Also in the business world, **Noah Doyle** and **Mark Greenbaum '02** have formed a production company called Owl Eyes Productions to develop a new TC series called "Jenkins Hill." **Steve Glasgow** shared that he has started a new e-commerce website focused on selling preppy and boutique clothing (target audience: Cornell students, perhaps?). Check out www.countryclubprep.com and use promo code CORNELLPREP for a discount! Congratulations to all, and good luck with your business ventures!

Thanks, friends, for sharing your news. I'll be taking a break from my correspondent duties for a little bit as election season 2012 will be keeping me more than busy. I look forward to seeing many of you at reunion next year and really appreciate the opportunity to serve as your class correspondent with classmate **Samantha Buckingham Noonan**. Sam and I are continuing to enjoy Seattle life and welcome any Cornellians who

move to town—or are just visiting—to look us up! Please continue to send updates! ☐ **Sudha Nandagopal**, sn58.sudha@gmail.com; **Samantha Buckingham Noonan**, swnoonan@gmail.com.

04 **Laura Rowntree** and **Andrew Gilman**, who met as writers for the *Daily Sun*, were married on March 31, 2012. They now live in New York City and work as attorneys. **Matthew Smith** and **Ellen Liu** have moved to Seattle, WA, and are looking forward to expanding their family. **Kevin Nadolny** writes, "I am adapting to living in Japan, including learning the language, understanding the culture, and working in a Japanese company. I am currently designing a 200-meter tower in Saudi Arabia, running to stay in shape, and spending as much of my time with my wife and son as possible." Their son, **Ken Ernest**, was born on August 21, 2011.

Mona Anita Olsen writes, "I'm officially a PhD candidate and excited to transition to finishing my degree in the coming year! I'm still in Virginia for the moment—working at Mason Small Business Development Center and continuing my PhD studies. I'm moving to Stavanger, Norway, on a Fulbright US Student Grant for 2012-13. I will be exploring the plausibility of using apprenticeship models to inform innovation in traditional entrepreneurship courses at the university level. I'll be tracking my adventures at www.norwegian-heart.com." **Anne Sargent** is completing her MEd in education policy and management at Harvard's Graduate School of Education. She writes, "My husband and I just celebrated our first wedding anniversary!" **Zachary Schwartz** (zrschwartz@gmail.com) writes: "After finishing my master's degree in Washington, DC, I moved abroad to found a European hotel consulting firm (www.atlanticoha.com). We now have offices in Dublin and Amsterdam and are growing. I'm living and working in Amsterdam with my wife and enjoying a beautiful summer in Europe. Please get in touch if you're passing through."

David Miller earned his BS in Human Factors and worked in design consulting for several years before going back to school for a master's at the Gallatin School of Individualized Study at NYU. "In New York, I also served as vice chair and now as chair of the Industrial Designers Society of America chapter. In 2007, I bicycled across the country with Bike and Build (along with **Rebecca Stievater '07**), going from Providence, RI, to San Francisco over 63 days, building houses for needy families and educating the public about poverty in America. I just finished my master's degree at NYU in behavior design and will start a PhD in the communications department at Stanford in the fall." His biggest challenge is something I think many of us can relate to: "Doing primary research in psychology and design, including developing all of the instrumentation and publishing the results, was an enormous challenge, especially with limited oversight from advisers!"

Sandra Alvarez shares this news: "I played varsity softball for the Big Red and during my four years at Cornell we won two Ivy League championships. It was a great experience being part of such an amazing team. After graduating from the Communication program at Cornell, I jumped right in and started communicating to the world through the medium of television. I live in Los Angeles and have been working as a producer/director, and enjoying every minute of it. I have a passion for telling stories and inspiring people to connect

with each other and view the world just a little differently than they did before. Recently I worked on a new project for the Sundance Channel entitled 'Get to Work' about a groundbreaking back-to-work program in San Diego that implements a hardcore boot camp tactic to give hope to the chronically unemployed. After graduating from Cornell, I realized very quickly that there aren't very many alumni in the production world. Because the television industry is all about networking, I had to work very hard to find contacts and start to build up my network."

Ifunanya Maduka graduated from Harvard Business School and was one of a handful of Harvard grads included in candid photos of Harvard's 376th Commencement. She was identified in *Harvard Magazine's* Summer 2012 issue with this caption: "MBA mania: Ifunanya Maduka." The camera caught her with arms raised and a huge smile, wearing big yellow-framed sunglasses. **Jeremy Bilig**, ME '05, has been selected by *Structural Engineer* magazine as one of 15 rising stars nationally in 2012; they noted his professional accomplishments and contributions to the industry. He is the second-youngest ever to receive this recognition. Jeremy is the assistant entertainment division manager and serves as office manager of the firm's growing New York City office; he helped spearhead its 2011 opening. His experience includes structural analysis and design, inspection, and renovation, and his services range from high-rise engineering and design to large international concert tours to historic preservation. His many projects include solar energy (rooftop systems, carports, and ground mounts), high-end architectural featuring engineering, and historic building renovations for many iconic Broadway theatres. Send news to: ☐ **Anne Jones-Leeson**, CU2004 Correspondent@gmail.com.

05 Hello, Class of 2005! We hope everyone had a wonderful summer—though many of us are looking forward to the cool-down of fall. I think we can all remember fall in Ithaca as a beautiful time: changing leaves, a crispness to the air during morning walks up the Hill, and of course, the delicious apples from the Cornell Orchards. Here are a few things your classmates have been up to.

Kelley Hess moved to South Africa after graduating from U. of Wisconsin, Madison, with a PhD in astronomy last September. In November, she won her age group in Ironman Arizona, which qualified her to compete in the Ironman World Championships in Kona, HI, in October. She is a post-doctoral researcher in astronomy at the U. of Cape Town in South Africa and is also training for the London Marathon. Along with his wife, **David Schottland** just completed his MBA at the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern U. He now works as a consultant at Bain and Co. and his wife works in brand management at ConAgra Foods. They live in the Wicker Park neighborhood of Chicago.

Thomas Matthews is dairy farming in Chester County, PA. He hosted his second Farm to Table dinner and after careful organization of food, people, and facilities, it was truly a spectacular and successful event. He will host another in November. Thomas and his wife also just celebrated the first birthday of their daughter, Easton Margaret. **Danielia Donegal** works as a Spanish teacher in the District of Columbia Public Schools. She loves working and living in D.C. because there are so

many opportunities to interact with the international community and a variety of resources she can use to connect her students' learning to the real world. She hopes to continue growing and learning to become a world-famous translator.

Molly McGovern is going on her fourth year in New York City since graduating from the U. of Vermont's Darden School of Business. She continues at Alcoa, where she worked in mergers and acquisitions, as well as operations. She joined **Ashley Chan '01** with a move into the strategic consulting group focused on corporate strategy and business excellence. **Zachary Weil '04** moved from Miami to Los Angeles in May and started a production company, Two of Us Productions, with fiancée Mary Olszewski, in 2010 to produce high-quality film content for new media outlets. In April 2012, he finished his first feature film, *Taste It: A Comedy About The Recession*. The film centers around a Johnson School of Management grad who is fired during the recession and moves back in with his wacky mother.

Juliana Eisner was wed to Elie Jacobs at the Roosevelt Hotel in New York City. The wedding was officiated by Rabbi Hyim Shafner of St. Louis, MO. **Michael Eisner '07**, **Elka Gruenberg '05**, and Stephanie Yazinski were in the bridal party. The couple resides in Manhattan. Keep sending us your updates! We love to hear what everyone has been up to. [✉ Hilary Johnson, haj4@cornell.edu](mailto:haj4@cornell.edu); [✉ Johnny Chen, jc362@cornell.edu](mailto:jc362@cornell.edu); [✉ Michelle Wong, mw29@cornell.edu](mailto:mw29@cornell.edu).

06 I hope everyone is doing well! In New York City, **Brian Warshay** works at Lux Research, performing market and technology research on a variety of smart grid, energy management, and fuel cell technologies. "We evaluate and profile startup companies, focusing on new and emerging technologies in a variety of technology sectors." After five years at Dow Jones Newswires, **Melissa Korn** moved over to the *Wall Street Journal* last summer and now covers business schools for the paper. "The job's great—I even finagled a trip to Ithaca to visit the Johnson School earlier this spring!" On the personal side, Melissa married last summer, with guests including **Tiffany Sun**, **Ali Auriemmo**, and **Aurelia Miller** Mensh, as well as Prof. **David Lipsky '61**, and of course her dad, **Richard Korn '71**, PhD '79.

Alison Paskert graduated from the Wharton School's MBA program with majors in finance and management in May 2012. **David Chen**, MBA '10, launched RECAPP, a sports app for the iPhone, in April 2012. "We built it for fans who love reading sports news," he writes. "The app brings together all of the best content from around the Web and organizes it by your favorite teams. Think of it as a personalized sports section on your phone." He married Sylvia Duran in August 2011. Sylvia just graduated from Columbia Law. The newlyweds had plans to move to San Francisco in July.

Emily Jessee Gordon, one year married to Aussie husband Tim, still lives on Sydney's beautiful harbor, as she has since graduation. Emily works at a premium estate agency as a licensed realtor, selling homes and apartments in Sydney's Lower North Shore. She would love to connect with other Cornellians in Sydney. **Bethany Rawson** Colvin, an A&S alum, got a dual degree in Government and Spanish. After graduation, she spent two years in the Peace Corps in Zambia, where she met her husband. On March 25, 2012, they welcomed

their first child, daughter Bronwyn Joy, into the family. Bethany and her husband have now celebrated their fifth anniversary as directors of the nonprofit Choshen Farm Zambia, a nonprofit reaching out to the rural population of Bemba speakers in Zambia's Luapula Province. The nonprofit consists of a variety of programs including a farm, outreach to people living with HIV, a preschool, a resource center, and leadership development among the churches of the local village. "Working in development is always challenging, but we have been very thankful to work through the challenges with the local community." More information online at: www.choshenfarm.org.

Jessica DiMenna left her job in D.C. and moved to Boston to start nursing school at Simmons College. She is also training for her sixth marathon in October. "I'm looking forward to reconnecting with old Cornell friends in my new city." ILR alum **Ana Maria Techeira** (San Antonio, TX) works for Aerotek as an on-premise manager for a variable workforce of 500 employees at the Toyota Motor Manufacturing Plant (where they build Tundras and Tacomas). Ana Maria ran the Nike Women's Full Marathon in San Francisco, the San Antonio Rock 'n' Roll Half Marathon, and the Gladiator Rock 'n' Run adventure race. Already settled on the West Coast, **Cameron Shaw** is the general manager of Hillstone Restaurant on the Embarcadero in San Francisco.

In addition to recording some new songs and running my company (www.pinkyupny.com), I started working part-time for a wonderful tech startup called Host Committee (spearheaded by **Andy Russell '93**, founder of Trigger Media). Host Committee is a social media integrated platform, launched in June 2012 in NYC, that enables you to host events at top venues, hassle free, helping you to bring people together in a new way. Check out the site (www.hostcommittee.com) and try it out sometime for yourselves—it's awesome! Thanks so much for sending us your updates. Keep the great and exciting news coming—we love to hear from you! [✉ Katie DiCicco, kad46@cornell.edu](mailto:kad46@cornell.edu); [✉ Nicole DeGrace, ndg4@cornell.edu](mailto:ndg4@cornell.edu); and [✉ Tory Lauterbach, tory.lauterbach@gmail.com](mailto:tory.lauterbach@gmail.com).

07 As my kind and dedicated editor, Adele Robinette, put it, this Reunion Report could be called my swan song. I (**Marianna Gomez**) have served as your class correspondent for more than five years, inspired by your stories and honored to make them a contribution to *Cornell Alumni Magazine*. Although I will miss it dearly, it is time to pass the baton to two of our talented classmates: **Dana Scolnick** and **Nina Terrero** Groth. Of course, you can still keep in touch with me at MariannaAGomez@gmail.com and follow my ever-changing story through my blog: <http://theolivesparrow.blogspot.com/>.

It was so good to be back in Ithaca for our 5th Reunion. I took the chartered bus from D.C. and was joined by Cornellians of every stripe: newbies like myself, those who come back for reunion every year, and folks celebrating their 10th, 20th, and beyond. Unfortunately, we arrived too

late to catch the Olin Lecture on Friday, where **Michelle Rhee '92** gave a stirring speech on her inspirational journey with education reform. After signing in at Clara Dickson on North Campus, I dropped off my bag at Balch Hall and walked across the fenced Thurston Avenue Bridge to head to Collegetown. A welcome mat had been rolled out for us: the words "YOU ARE HOME" were written in the rocks below.

The chimes rang as I crossed the campus, and among the old buildings that have stood unchanged for so many years were new, unrecognizable ones, all of them surrounded by blooming poppies of red, yellow, and orange. Collegetown Bagels was bustling, and Kraffees was full of folks searching for new Cornell memorabilia to bring back home with them. I slipped away to the gorge at Cascadilla Creek, where I had spent many of my Cornell days, waded into the water, and found a few good rocks to skip as I felt the strange peace of being back at my home away from home.

We all got together at dinner on Friday night—some of us married, some with advanced degrees and startup businesses, some well traveled, others settled in the same location they were immediately following graduation. After nightfall, a lot of us went to the music-and-dance-filled reunion tent parties on the Arts Quad. I walked up to the Fuertes Observatory, where I waited in line with fellow stargazers to see the rings of Saturn and ponder the vastness of the universe. Saturday morning: Reunion Run! I awoke at 6:00 a.m. to the sound of rain, pinned the number 32 to my shirt, and walked to Barton Hall in the brisk morning to join the other brave souls. In all, 110 people ran, ranging in age from 7 to 78. It was a motley crew of happy Cornellians that dashed up the hills of campus, past the Plantations, then on to the track at the Kane Sports Complex to close out mile five as the other finishers cheered us on. Later in the morning I joined my former professor, mentor, and dear friend Brenda Bricker back at the Plantations wildflower garden and plant sale, where I picked up a big pot of lavender and an Ithaca Farmers Market cookbook.

Saturday afternoon started with the All-Alumni Lunch in Barton Hall: diverse and delicious local foods, a live jazz band, and a special appearance by the ever-jovial Cornell Marching Band. After lunch the offerings included: a wine-tasting at Trillium, a lecture by **Bill Nye '77** on space and time (a full house!), the Cornell in Washington alumni reception in the Willard Straight Hall art gallery, and a dreamy choral performance by Ensemble Companio at Sage Chapel. Dinner was back on North Campus—Dinosaur BBQ (which sources its sausage from my hometown of Lockhart, TX)! After sharing stories with new and old friends over dinner, it was back to the Arts Quad tent parties for some, while I opted instead to crawl back to my favorite pub, the Chapter House. An amazing beer selection, freshly popped popcorn, and a few games of billiards with some local farmers topped off the night.

From co-reunion chair **Shane Dunn**, we get the great news that the Class of 2007 broke the record for attendance at a 5th Reunion—with a

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Katie DiCicco '06

total of 726 classmates on the Hill during the weekend! In addition, helping to keep Cornell at the top of its game in education, research, community outreach, and so much more, 499 generous donors gave a total of \$101,820, including 11 donations at the Tower Club level (\$2,500-plus). It was a very successful Reunion all around, and our hearty thanks go to Shane and his co-chairs **Alvin Liu** and **Rob Pavlenko** for their amazing organization, hard work, and unending enthusiasm.

We said good-bye on Sunday morning and made our bittersweet departure from beloved Ithaca. Each time I return, I can see better the true beauty of the town and the campus—so easily taken for granted back when we were focusing on making the grade, busy with student activities, and trudging through the snow uphill both ways. As I close this chapter, my final request is that you stay in touch, and don't stray far. You can stay connected to your classmates—and your alma mater—through Twitter (@Cornell2007), Facebook (Cornell Class of 2007 Alumni), the alumni website (<http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/>), and your local Cornell Clubs. Send your updates to your new class correspondents, and we'll put your name in print in the class column! Hope to see you at our next reunion, if our paths don't cross before then. **Marianna Gomez**, MariannaAGomez@gmail.com; **Dana Scolnick**, dana.scolnick@gmail.com; **Nina Terrero Groth**, nina.terrero@gmail.com.

08 Happy fall! The Class of 2008 is recovering from a busy season. Summer 2012 hosted a fair amount of Cornelian weddings, globetrotting trips, cross-country moves for new jobs and opportunities, and the one-year kickoff until our gr(08) **5th Reunion, June 6-9, 2013**. Interested in getting involved in reunion planning? Contact one of the class correspondents and we'll get you connected.

The Class Council hosted Reunion Countdown happy hours in New York and Washington, DC, on June 28, offering classmates an opportunity to reconnect and look ahead to our return to the Hill. I had a chance to catch up with many '08ers at the New York event, including **Ally Davis**, **Adam Breitman**, **Grayson Fahrner**, **Rohan Thakkar**, **Lauren Lampton**, **Ashley Featherstone**, **Sarah Humphreville**, BFA '09, **Lisa Maris Raylesberg**, **Michelle Colban**, MBA '09, **Steve Attanasio**, and **Debbie Vishnevsky**. Ally Davis and Adam Breitman love living in the Hell's Kitchen neighborhood of Manhattan. Ally is an analyst at JPMorgan Chase, and Adam just completed his first year at Columbia Business School. His classmates include fellow '08ers **Evan Tyner**, **Bryan Gitler**, **Melissa Yates**, and **Kristen Nowaskey**.

Adam isn't alone in the decision to head back to school for an MBA. **Kirsten Schimoler** just graduated from the U. of Vermont with her MBA with a concentration in marketing. **Mike Chua** recently wrote, "After spending eight months in Macao, China, working in entertainment for the Las Vegas Sands Corp., I moved to Los Angeles in August 2011 to pursue my MBA at UCLA Anderson." Mike is entering his second year and loved his summer job at Live Nation. **Yi Chen** writes that he is very excited to be moving to Boston this fall to enroll in Harvard Business School. Yi is currently a project engineer at GE and has been "riding trains across the Canadian Rockies to test an automation system for freight trains" and keeping busy in his free time with wedding planning, math tutoring,

and visiting the beach. Despite all that, he would rather be visiting his brother in Changsha, China, "eating lots of spicy food," and touring the Hunan province. Yi misses Cornell and says, "I will never forget the laughter and enjoyment of presenting the Electrical and Computer Engineering video to my fellow students at the annual student and faculty banquet." **Luke Chernosky** is beginning his MBA studies at the Wharton School at the U. of Pennsylvania this month and would love to hear from any Cornell alumni attending Wharton or Penn. Luke spent the past two years working at a technology private equity fund in Lagos, Nigeria, and moved back to New York this summer to work at a nonprofit organization, Sponsors for Educational Opportunity.

Wedding bells are ringing for many of our classmates. **Alon Mass** had a whirlwind spring and summer: he graduated from NYU School of Medicine, married Jessica Abramson in June, and began his residency in urology at NYU in July. He was also featured in a *New York* magazine article in June about the city's newest doctors. Congratulations, Dr. Mass! **William Wright** married Anne Fleming in January and writes that the newlyweds love living in New York. Bill was a paralegal for two years following graduation and then studied for a master's in international relations from the London School of Economics, where he faced his biggest challenge since leaving Cornell: living apart from his (then) fiancée for eight months. Following his graduation from LSE in December 2011, Bill took a new job at IPG Mediabrands doing global client finance for major advertising networks Universal McCann and Initiative Media "to gain an understanding of business and finance." He keeps in touch with friends from his days in the Glee Club and reconnected with many of them at Reunion 2012.

Michele Annibal, ME '08, is "working for a small (but growing!) healthcare industry management consulting firm in Philly with a fantastic culture." She was recruited by her dear friend (and Class of '08 co-president) **Sarah Eizenga**, ME '09. **Monisha Samanta** recently graduated from Sarah Lawrence College with a master's in human genetics and moved to Washington, DC, in June for a new job as a genetic counselor at Children's National Medical Center. **Jenna Bromberg** writes: "I moved to Kansas City, MO, in January 2010. Right now, I'm working as the social media content manager at the H&R Block world headquarters, maintaining and editing the company's corporate blog and helping to drive their content marketing strategies. Taxes are fun! Seriously. Who knew?" **Stephanie Herschaft**, BS '07, graduated from the U. of Michigan Law School in May 2011 and started working at Parker Waichman in Port Washington, NY, doing mass tort litigation and personal injury law. She lives in Astoria, Queens, with her boyfriend, **Daniel Palmadesso '05** (ILR), who is also an attorney.

And in case you thought the Class of 2008 was confined to the East Coast and the Midwest, **Caitlin Corner-Dolloff** recently graduated from the U. of Oxford with a MSc in environmental change and management and is now based in Hanoi. She writes: "I am currently working as a research fellow for the Int'l Center for Tropical Agriculture (CIAT), which is part of the Consultative Group on Int'l Agriculture. I'm based in Hanoi and leading a project on assessing and costing community-based climate change adaptation with smallholder farmers in Viet Nam and Lao PDR. I did my thesis at Cornell on community-based natural resource

management in Viet Nam and am enjoying being back in the region and engaging farmers in creating their own plans to build local resilience to environmental change. I did similar work in Kenya and Senegal last year." Caitlin, those all sound like fabulous destinations! As always, please send us your news! **Elana Beale**, erb26@cornell.edu; and **Libby Boymel**, lkb24@cornell.edu.

09 **Emily Berg** moved back to Northern Virginia after Cornell and lives outside of Washington, DC. She's put her DEA degree to great use working for the past year and a half at a small residential/commercial design-build firm in Reston, VA. She absolutely loves her job! Working in a small firm for a wonderful couple allows her a lot of responsibility and a chance to focus on space planning and computer drafting (her favorite). She also loves visiting the city, especially when she can connect up with **Amy McKlindon**, another wannabe D.C. resident. **Melanie Gowen** works as an analyst at Promontory Financial Group, a consulting firm in Washington, DC, that specializes in regulatory and compliance assistance for financial institutions. She just bought her first condo and has been renovating and designing. Having been an Architecture and Interior Design major, she loves every minute of it. **Tyler Herman** has been acting and teaching theatre all around the Washington, DC, area. He is also an associate artist and producer with Faction of Fools Theatre Co., specializing in the Italian street-form Commedia dell'Arte (www.factionoffools.org). When he wrote, Tyler was performing in *The Servant of Two Masters* at the Shakespeare Theatre Co. (winner of the 2012 Tony Award for Best Regional Theatre).

Alex Lowe remains passionate about environmental issues and social responsibility in business. He's been working for a large management consulting company in their international development practice in Washington, DC. He looks forward to returning to New York and their utilities practice (hopefully with a brief interlude working abroad). He tries to make it up to Ithaca a couple of times a year and plans to head back to school at some point over the next few years. **Amanda Wheat** is conducting climate change research in the Himalayan region of Uttarakhand, India, while obtaining her master's degree in international environmental policy from American U. The United Nations REDD+ Initiative (Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Degradation in Developing Countries) is a comprehensive program to curb emissions resulting from deforestation. She has been awarded a Boren Fellowship to spend nine months gaining a command of the Portuguese language and conducting a comparative analysis of the perceived costs and benefits of REDD+ at the state and local levels in Brazil.

Meli Mathis joined the US Navy and will be taking a commission in the Nurse Corps upon finishing an accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree. Outside of school work, she coached a high school rowing team to a silver medal in the Boys Novice 4-plus in the Massachusetts Publics State Championship Regatta. **Katerina De Vito** is studying for a master's in epidemiology at the Harvard School of Public Health and working on a project on RLS and obesity. **Anna Owczarczyk** is in the medical scientist training program at the U. of Michigan. After working in NYC for two years right after graduation, **Alex Teney** moved away last summer and

has just finished his first year in the economics PhD program at the U. of Kansas. He's closer to home, but he misses NYC and was hoping to get back east and visit friends and roommates over the summer!

In May, **Amanda Laufer** graduated magna cum laude with a JD from Seton Hall U. School of Law. She was inducted into the Order of the Coif, an honorary scholastic society. In the fall she will begin work in the New Jersey office of Patton Boggs LLP. **Adam Almaraz** has graduated from the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law at Arizona State U. He planned to compete in his first Ironman triathlon in Coeur d'Alene, ID, at the end of June. **Rachel Harris** moved to NYC after graduating law school, and has been having an awesome time exploring the city. She feels like she bumps into another Cornellian almost every day! She loves running in Central Park and she's involved in some local theatre productions. She begins work at the NYC law firm Sullivan & Cromwell in September 2012.

Sindri Kinnier has been serving with the Peace Corps in South Africa since January 2010. She wanted to obtain "on the ground" experience to prepare her for a career in international development and reports that this experience has certainly been valuable! As a volunteer, she assists a local NGO that focuses on early childhood development in underserved communities. **Yujin Lee**, BFA '09, is an artist originally from Korea, currently living and working in Berlin, Germany. She was in a group art show at Invisible Dog in Brooklyn, NY (June 2-17). She is also part of a group show at NordArt in Büdelsdorf, Germany (June 2-September 30). Her first solo show in Korea was with Gallery DOS in Seoul (July 25-31). A group show she is curating will be up in Kassel, Germany, with the support of a Berlin-based art group, Kreuzberg Pavillon (August 17-23).

Michael Ziering moved to the Bay Area in February and has been working in inventory management for Gap Inc. since March. He loves living in the city and has been going to every Giants game possible. **Jen Loveland** has launched Finger LakesFoodie.com, an e-commerce website devoted to selling local, all natural, and organic foods produced in and around the Finger Lakes region.

In mid-May, **Joshua Tabak's** undergraduate honors work (a collaboration with Cornell Prof. Vivian Zayas)—on the topic of gaydar (snap judgments of sexual orientation from faces)—was published in the peer-reviewed journal *PLoS ONE* (<http://dx.plos.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0036671>). "A couple of weeks later," he writes, "the *New York Times* invited Vivian and me to write a summary of our research and it was published in the *NYT* on Sunday, June 3." Thanks to everyone who sent news! **Julie Cantor**, jlc252@cornell.edu; **Caroline Newton**, cmn35@cornell.edu.

10 During the sweltering heat of the summertime, your class correspondent decided to take advantage of the air conditioning and do some light house-keeping. While poring through his old files, tests, and papers, it dawned on him that it has been two years since we left the Hill. Yet, in idle chatter with friends, our thoughts and conversations still fall back to a class we took sophomore year, a fraternity party when we were freshmen, dorm antics, a crazy night in the now-defunct Palms, or junior year follies down in the gorge. More often than not, though, we talk about the people we haven't

seen and wonder what has become of them. Fortunately, your class correspondent has been hard at work gathering what he can about our whereabouts, so we can fill in the details.

Rian Masanoff works for the new business creation department for Procter & Gamble in Cincinnati, OH. **Peter Kalman** reports that he started working for Starwood Hotels and Resorts as the outlets manager in Ft. Lauderdale. He continues to ride with the City of Palm Beach Gardens as a firefighter/EMT. **Maria Calderon** works as a consultant for a phytoremediation project dealing with landfill leachate. She also has been working at a landscape architecture company in Guatemala. **Star Li** sold Vidappe, the iPhone/Android app she created last summer, to Spartina Ventures in San Francisco. It was rebranded as GreenStack and she joined the company as head of sales.

Jeni Leidel is an integrated client marketing associate at *Sports Illustrated* and has been serving on the board of the Glamour Gals Foundation advisory board. **Jeremy Nikfarjam** works at Montefiore-Einstein Hospitals. **Emma Stuhl** teaches at an ecology school in coastal Maine. She writes that she is enjoying the sunsets over the ocean as well as exploring tidal pools with children. **Sarah Buller** writes that she's an after-school charter school teacher for first and second grades in Philly. She says, "They are a wonderful, engaging group of students who inspire me daily to push our class's progress." She also is preparing for a master's program in education at the U. of Pennsylvania Graduate School of Education beginning in July.

Heidi Celeghin shares this: "In addition to being a faculty member at the Glassell Junior School of Art, Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, I am a practicing fine artist. Since graduation I have initiated two public event projects. The first was with Team Neutrogena of the Barcelona World Race, and the second was a painting-for-conservation effort with the Houston Zoo. Currently, I am in Singapore as an artist-in-residence and am preparing for a solo show in June. My Singapore installation will explore the country's multicultural identity and will emphasize the ability of people to transcend divergent backgrounds and live peacefully. After my residency, I will return to Houston to begin working on a solo show focusing on magical realism that will be exhibited in San Miguel de Allende, Mexico." It sounds very exciting!

Samantha Stout (ss638@cornell.edu), who got her BS in Materials Science, writes that she's been doing some really cool research for her graduate studies. She was part of the UC San Diego team of engineers searching for Leonardo da Vinci's lost mural, "The Battle of Anghiari." The research took place in the Palazzo Vecchio in Florence, Italy, in the magnificent Hall of the 500, and was documented by *National Geographic*. The documentary aired March 18 and March 22 in the US and around the world. Samantha is working on her PhD in the Dept. of Materials Science and Engineering, and is currently an IGERT fellow in UCSD's Center for Interdisciplinary Science in Art, Architecture, and Archaeology (CISA3). More information can be found here: <http://www.nationalgeographic.com/explorers/projects/lost-da-vinci/> and here: <http://culturalheritage.calit2.net/cisa3/>.

Navy Seaman **Meredit Wilson** has completed her US Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command in Great Lakes, IL. **Kelly Durkin** completed her MS in education from Johns Hopkins U. and finished her second year as a member of the Teach For America Corps in

Baltimore. **Lisa Colton** is in St. Louis and writes that she is graduating this year with an MS in occupational therapy from the Washington U. School of Medicine. In March, **Alexandra Woldman** married William Hardin, whom she dated long-distance for three of her years at Cornell. They live in Austin, where they are pursuing their PhDs at the U. of Texas, Austin; she plans to obtain a PhD in engineering mechanics.

Lastly, one Class of 2010 member has decided to forge her own path. **Rachel Derman** has started her own event planning company, Rachel Derman Events LLC. She will focus on both full-service planning and day-of coordinating of everything from bar/bat mitzvahs to weddings to nonprofit charity events. We wish her the best of luck. Remember, please share any and all of your great milestones with your class correspondents: **Michael Beyman**, mjb262@cornell.edu; and **Rammy Salem**, rms84@cornell.edu.

11 **Erin Button** is currently working for the Student PIRGs, the Public Interest Research Groups. She initially started as a campus organizer for the organization upon graduating with a degree in Anthropology. She writes, "After attending a three-week-long field and classroom training, I was placed in Columbus, OH. I spent a month organizing college students at Capital U. and the Ohio State U. around issues of college affordability, campus sustainability, and hunger and homelessness. Then I was offered the position of grants administrator on the central campus team in Chicago. As I have always loved Chicago, I jumped at the opportunity—and have not for a second regretted it. I have lived and worked in Chicago for the past year, and I'm loving every second of it. Many recent Cornell alumni are also living in Chicago, and it's great to be able to see them often." Erin adds that she sees herself going to either graduate or law school in the near future and plans on submitting applications this fall. In the meantime, she hopes to take full advantage of living in Chicago—exploring neighborhoods and going to various festivals, beaches, and parks in and around the city. **Emily Richer** has also spent the past year in the nonprofit world. She has been on a Fulbright Scholarship teaching English at a school in a rice paddy in Ubon Ratchathani, Thailand. "It has been the most incredible year!"

Also enjoying a warmer climate, **Sameer Nair** is an analyst in a rotational program for LNR Property LLC in Miami. He says the position enables him to explore many facets of real estate, as well as the city of Miami itself. When he's not working and has an opportunity to travel home (he's a townie), he can easily visit his brother, **Shishir**, who has just joined the Class of 2016 and is interested in studying Computer Science. **Nicole Morson** is enjoying her post-Cornell hometown. She writes, "A group of Kappa Delta ladies living in Washington, DC—including **Maggie Schnog**, **Gail Hankin**, **Claire Moser**, **Emily Kornfeld**, and **Rose Stanley**—have started a book club! Although we don't meet as often as we'd like, it's nice to see our sisters and catch up . . . and sometimes talk about the book we read. The group also includes KD ladies from other classes, including **Kara Capelli '09**, **Corinne Rico '09**, and more!" **Lauren Rosenblum**, LCR46@cornell.edu; **Michael Stratford**, mjs465@cornell.edu; **Kathryn Ling**, KEL56@cornell.edu. CAM Digital Edition, <http://www.cornellalumnimagazine-digital.com>.

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- '33 BA—Elizabeth Molowa Gillis, Ithaca, NY, April 20, 2012
'33, BME '34—Elmer L. Knoedler Jr., Davidson, NC, April 4, 2012
'33 BA—Evelyn Charney Stein, Pompton Plains, NJ, April 9, 2012
- '34 BA—Louise Frank Powell, Mattituck, NY, June 4, 2009
- '35 BA, PhD '44—Joseph W. Miller, Jersey City, NJ, March 18, 2011
'35—Wallace R. Spelman, Mosinee, WI, March 23, 2012
- '36 BS HE—Jeanette White Bohland, Englewood, FL, April 28, 2012
'36 BA—William G. Huckle, Hendersonville, NC, May 8, 2012
'36, BA '39—Frederick W. Ritter Jr., Rochester, NY, March 22, 2012
- '37 BS HE, MS HE '65—Helen Saunders Engst, Richford, NY, April 15, 2012
'37 BEE—Edgar M. Matthews, Ellensburg, WA, March 6, 2010
'37 MS Ag, PhD '41—Edith Svoboda Rasmussen, Omaha, NE, March 22, 2012
'37 BA—Robert A. Rosevear, Deland, FL, April 10, 2012
'37 BS HE—Ellen Cornell Seaburg, Roanoke, VA, March 31, 2012
'37 BS HE—Barbara Pratt Smiley, Centralia, IL, May 18, 2012
'37 BS HE—Madge Jopson White, Katonah, NY, September 17, 2011
- '38 BS Ag—Raymond W. Gartelmann, Greensboro, NC, March 28, 2012
'38—Paul R. Gibbs, Key West, FL, April 22, 2012
'38-40 SP Ag—William A. Luce Jr., Jacksonville, NY, March 16, 2012
'38 BA—Alvin A. Meyrowitz, Palm Desert, CA, April 4, 2012
'38 BS ORIE—William T. Rathbun, Toledo, OH, May 16, 2012
'38 BCE—Erwin J. Reppert, Wilmington, NC, NY, May 2, 2012
- '39 BME—John R. Babson, Cheswick, PA, May 25, 2012
'39 DVM—Mark R. Crandall, Gloversville, NY, March 21, 2012
'39 DVM—Morris Erdheim, Boca Raton, FL, May 20, 2012
'39 BA—M. Edwin Pesnel Jr., Glenmont, NY, May 7, 2012
'39—Glenn R. Robinson, Brockport, NY, January 27, 2012
'39 BA—Doris I. Stead, Seattle, WA, September 18, 2010

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- '40 BS Ag—James C. Bishop, Bakersfield, CA, May 15, 2012
'40 BA—Jane Reepmeyer Bold, Waterford, NY, May 13, 2012
'40 BS Ag—Vera Goldsmith Kahn, Columbia, MD, August 19, 2011
'40 BA, MD '43—Harold C. Miles, Naples, FL, February 29, 2012
'40 BA—Frances Colville Vohs, Kerhonkson, NY, March 19, 2012
'40 BA, B Chem E '41—Edward A. Wardwell, Queensbury, NY, May 28, 2012
'40 BS Ag—Elspeth Paterson Whitney, Lexington, MA, January 24, 2012
'40—Roger F. Williams, West Hartford, CT, May 4, 2012
- '41—Donald A. Armistead, Madison, CT, April 23, 2012
'41 BS HE—Helen L. Brougham, Tavares, FL, January 11, 2012
'41 BME—G. Emerson Cole, Pinehurst, NC, March 31, 2012
'41—John P. Gurdak, Youngsville, PA, April 12, 2012
'41 BS Ag—Virginia Jones Rewick, Scottsdale, AZ, April 5, 2012
- '42 MS, PhD '49—James R. Carson, Battle Ground, IN, May 2, 2012
'42 BS Hotel—Herbert G. Eldridge, Chatham, MA, April 19, 2012
'42, BS Hotel '41—Priscilla Blaikie Hines, Darien, CT, February 28, 2012
'42 BS HE—Ruth Simes Morgan, Ashburn, VA, March 26, 2012
- '43 BArch—James P. Beardsley, Hendersonville, NC, December 22, 2011

- '43—Jack W. Campbell, Mobile, AL, April 13, 2012
'43 BA—Katherine Thompson De Porte, Rexford, NY, April 19, 2012
'43 BA—Barbara Michelson Dunsky, Hanover, NH, October 28, 2011
'43, BS HE '44—Betty Bockstedt Forgham, Miami, FL, May 18, 2012
'43—John P. Griswold, Melbourne Village, FL, August 16, 2011
'43, BS HE '45—Edith Van Nostrand Stewart, Tehachapi, CA, Feb. 22, 2012
'43 BS HE—Mary Klauder Tabet, Eugene, OR, March 24, 2012
'43 BS Nurs—Aileen Dexter Tennant, Lynbrook, NY, October 18, 2009
- '44 BS HE—Janet Parsons Chapman, Denham Springs, LA, May 19, 2012
'44, BME '48—James R. Miller, Center Moriches, NY, April 25, 2012
'44 BA—Eleanor Turner Wasmuth, Oxford, OH, May 7, 2012
- '45, BS Ag '50—Arthur E. Dewey, Canandaigua, NY, June 3, 2012
'45—William A. Dunn, State College, PA, November 16, 2008
'45 MD—George E. Eddins, Albemarle, NC, April 4, 2012
'45—Stanton G. Ernst, Olney, MD, and Inlet, NY, April 8, 2012
'45, BCE '48—Fred L. Gault, Evanston, IL, March 19, 2012
'45, BA '44—Jacqueline Frost Knapp, Iowa City, IA, May 19, 2012
'45, BArch '44—Edwin R. Kramer, Lexington, MA, April 10, 2011
'45—Robert E. McKinstry, Easton, MD, March 19, 2012
'45 DVM—Harry N. Smith, Salisbury, MD, April 15, 2012
'45 BS Ag—Harrie K. Washburn, Sharon Springs, NY, April 20, 2012
- '46, BEE '52—Joseph J. Andersen, Destin, FL, March 28, 2012
'46, BArch '49—Wallace P. Beardsley Jr., Ithaca, NY, April 15, 2012
'46 BA—Richard N. Blomberg, Chester, VT, May 21, 2012
'46, BME '45—Joseph Brozina, Hackettstown, NJ, March 31, 2012
'46 BS HE—Jeanne Corcoran Halpin, Scottsdale, AZ, February 25, 2012
'46, BS Ag '49—James B. Johnson, Gowanda, NY, April 14, 2012
'46, BS Ag '49—Regina Dutky Marshall, Omaha, NE, March 29, 2012
'46, BA '48, MBA '50—George W. McCagg Jr., Chesterfield, MO, March 29, 2012
'46 MA—Lucille Stein Okoshkin, Santa Fe, NM, April 8, 2012
'46, BME '48, BEE/MEE '50—Claude A. Roichel-Kagan, Hopewell Township, NJ, April 26, 2012
'46 MD—J. George Tifft, Huntsville, AL, May 12, 2012
- '47 BA, MD '51—James D. Allan, West Springfield, MA, April 11, 2012
'47 BA—John W. Bergin, Estero, FL, May 27, 2012
'47 BCE—Joseph H. Butler, Binghamton, NY, March 22, 2012
'47—Donald P. Kronish, Rockaway, NJ, October 10, 2011
'47 MS—Mary Stuart Lux, Lacey, WA, March 18, 2012
'47—Gregory L. McCoy, Guilford, CT, December 13, 2010
'47, BEE '49—Hugh G. Nutter, Carlsbad, CA, April 17, 2012
'47 MS HE—Ruth Pullen Ristich, North Yarmouth, MD, May 7, 2012
'47—William E. Tremmel, Coxsackie, NY, May 5, 2012
- '48 BCE—Edmund S. Bell Jr., Granville, OH, May 31, 2012
'48 BCE—Anthony J. Clare, Jacksonville, FL, March 22, 2012
'48 BA—Phyllis Edmunds Dake, Saratoga Springs, NY, May 30, 2012
'48 BS HE—Beth Brynildsen Dungey, Concord, CA, April 19, 2012
'48 BS Nurs—Barbara Sheret Grace, Casper, WY, March 29, 2012
'48 BA—James I. Hudson Jr., Nashville, TN, April 26, 2012
'48 MA—Stuart L. Keill, Upper Brookville, NY, March 25, 2012
'48 MS—Maurice J. Pickler, Charlotte, NC, April 3, 2012
'48 MED—Ellen Delfs Sherwood, Vestal, NY, April 29, 2012
'48 BS ORIE—John D. Walsh, Los Angeles, CA, August 29, 2011
'48 MED, PhD '52—Howard E. Weaver, Grand Blanc, MI, March 15, 2012
'48 BEE—John L. Wheeler, Webster, NY, April 10, 2012

'48 BS ORIE—Grant C. Woodard, Houston, TX, April 6, 2012

'49 MS Ag—Mai Kitazawa Arbegast, Berkeley, CA, April 9, 2012

'49 B Chem E—William P. Barber, La Canada, CA, May 1, 2012

'49—Joseph R. Barrow, Penn Yan, NY, February 11, 2011

'49 BS ILR—William A. Belnier, Vestal, NY, May 1, 2012

'49—Howard Ettinger, New York City, January 8, 2012

'49 BS Ag—Robert L. Jenks, Pueblo, CO, December 16, 2011

'49 PhD—George Laush, Pittsburgh, PA, March 15, 2012

'49 DVM—Richard C. Lunna, South Plainfield, NJ, May 13, 2012

'49—Richard C. Mehlenbacher, Unadilla, NY, May 3, 2012

'49 BS Ag—Orville S. Osborne Jr., Skaneateles, NY, April 13, 2012

'49 BS Ag—George D. Tesnow, Brevard, NC, April 21, 2012

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'50 B Chem E—R. Norton Babson, West Caldwell, NJ, April 29, 2012

'50 MD—Robert H. Burgoyne, Salt Lake City, UT, June 2, 2007

'50 LLB—Edward M. Cramer, Englewood, NJ, May 1, 2012

'50 PhD—Alexander C. Davis, Geneva, NY, April 15, 2012

'50 DVM—Henry J. Deutsch, Roslyn Heights, NY, April 18, 2012

'50 BS ILR—Edward C. Duffy Jr., West Shokan, NY, March 3, 2012

'50 BA—Edgar P. Kirsopp, Bainbridge Island, WA, September 19, 2011

'50 BEE—William Lowerre Jr., Montgomery Village, MD, May 6, 2012

'50 BS Hotel—John E. Riihiluoma, Warwick, Bermuda, April 29, 2012

'50 BArch—John J. Tewhill Jr., Omaha, NE, May 14, 2007

'51 LLB—Robert J. Ables, Laurinburg, NC, May 10, 2012

'51 BA—Arthur S. Banks, Shirley, MA, April 25, 2011

'51 PhD—George D. Butler, Chandler, AZ, May 16, 2012

'51—Marc L. Ginsberg, Rye, NY, March 9, 2012

'51—Richard G. Hotchkiss, Orangeville, PA, November 5, 2009

'51 JD—David M. F. Lambert, Crumpton, MD, April 4, 2012

'51 BS ILR—David G. Lubell, Edgartown, MA, May 11, 2012

'51—Anne Haase McLain, Toms River, NJ, April 18, 2012

'51 PhD—James M. Smith, Elkton, MD, March 19, 2012

'51 BS Ag—Robert D. Sodoma, Brockport, NY, May 9, 2012

'51 BS Ag—Harold L. Taylor, Hiddenite, NC, October 25, 2011

'52 BME—Joseph W. Acker, Issaquah, WA, May 15, 2012

'52 BS Ag—Don L. Bates, Port Orange, FL, March 26, 2012

'52—Arthur B. Davies, Glastonbury, CT, April 24, 2012

'52 PhD—James D. Elliott, Luling, TX, May 7, 2012

'52, BS Ag '57—Gibbs C. Foster, Collierville, TN, June 3, 2012

'52 JD—Margery Fischbein Gootnick, Rochester, NY, April 16, 2012

'52—Thomas D. Heath, Bannockburn, IL, May 9, 2012

'52 MEd—Dorothy Sweitzer Kentzel, Columbus, IN, March 29, 2012

'52 MBA—Robert E. Klein, Wilmette, IL, January 1, 2012

'52 BS ILR—William G. O'Donnell, Manchester, NH, May 25, 2012

'52 BA—Olli P. Valanne, Charlotte, NC, March 2, 2011

'52-54 SP Ag—Ronald L. Whiteman, Glenmont, NY, April 29, 2012

'52 BA—Marguerite de Smet Wiess, Fishkill, NY, March 17, 2012

'53 BS Hotel—Parry C. Benton, Woodland, CA, April 14, 2012

'53 BA—Marybelle Capron Blakeslee, Golden, CO, March 21, 2012

'53 BA—Kenneth M. Curtin, Larchmont, NY, April 30, 2012

'53—William T. Jenkins, Malvern, PA, March 29, 2012

'53—Frank Lambert Jr., New London, NH, May 11, 2012

'53 BS HE—Anita Sargent Leonard, Old Town, ME, May 10, 2012

'53 MS—Paul J. Luckern, Washington, DC, January 19, 2012

'53—John P. Silsby, Jacksonville, FL, October 23, 2011

'53, B Chem E '54—Robert W. Stevens, Newark, DE, May 14, 2012

'53, BEE '54—Robert M. Stock, Severna Park, MD, April 25, 2012

'53, BS HE '54—Marlene Kroker Wilbur, Ashland, OR, April 16, 2012

'53, BEE '58—Robert D. Woodson, Cherry Hill, NJ, June 6, 2011

'54 BS Ag—Mary Smith Blied, Williamson, NY, April 9, 2012

'54 MA—Dewitt C. Ellinwood Jr., Albany, NY, March 28, 2012

'54 JD—William N. Ellison, Watkins Glen, NY, May 23, 2012

'54 BS Ag—Robert J. Fallon, Palm Coast, FL, May 10, 2012

'54 BS Ag—Capt. Peter G. Frederick, Norfolk, VA, April 28, 2012

'54 BS Ag—Ronald W. Hay, Gilbertsville, NY, May 23, 2012

'54 BA—Lawrence A. Kruse-Susser, New York City, October 16, 2007

'54 DVM—Hugo J. Nykamp, Woodlake, NC, April 29, 2012

'54 BS HE—Doris Caretti Oniskey, Southampton, PA, May 6, 2012

'54 BA—John G. Proudfit, New York City, October 30, 2010

'55—Elizabeth McCann Dearden, Pompano Beach, FL, May 23, 2012

'55—John V. Faist, Venice, NY, March 29, 2012

'55 BS Ag, MEd '62—Paul W. Feeney, Poughkeepsie, NY, May 1, 2012

'55 BA, MD '59—Alfred J. Felice, Sands Point, NY, May 25, 2012

'55 BS Nurs—Patricia Kane Fitzgerald, Columbus, OH, May 31, 2012

'55—Winfield J. Gaffney, Akron, OH, April 30, 2012

'55 BS Ag—Leslie W. Gilbert, Pitcher, NY, December 9, 2008

'55 BA, LLB '57—Robert B. Gluckman, Boca Raton, FL, April 11, 2012

'55 BA—Robert O. King, Crystal River, FL, December 3, 2011

'55—Joan Emanuel Kobrin, Encinitas, CA, May 9, 2012

'55—Eugene F. Laurent, Queensbury, NY, April 5, 2012

'55 MNS—Rosa L. Marinozzi, Tempe, AZ, April 29, 2012

'55, BArch '56—Julia Scott Maser, Palo Alto, CA, May 3, 2012

'55 BA, JD '60—Kenneth B. Mason, Pittsboro, NC, April 19, 2012

'55 BA—Ronald K. Mowrey, Estero, FL, January 29, 2012

'55 BA—Ann Gardner New, Marblehead, MA, April 3, 2012

'55 MS—Fayne H. Oberst, Sebastian, FL, April 5, 2012

'55 BS HE—Nancy Hillyer Rumsey, Seneca, SC, April 13, 2012

'55—James D. Silliman, Des Moines, IA, April 12, 2012

'55 BA—Yale Summers, Beverly Hills, CA, May 6, 2012

'56 DVM—Stillman B. Clark, Ovid, NY, June 3, 2012

'56 BS Ag—Robert D. Graves, Addison, ME, April 19, 2012

'56 BA, MD '60—Robert K. Heineman Jr., Delmar, NY, April 15, 2012

'56 BS Nurs—Faith J. Hohloch, Mt. Pleasant, SC, May 12, 2012

'56 PhD—Paul Jensen, Northfield, MN, May 12, 2012

'56, BA '59—Bruce Kirk, Salem, CT, March 20, 2012

'56—Arthur M. Lieberman, Bigfork, MT, May 1, 2012

'56 BS HE—Phyllis L. Mable, Washington, DC, May 9, 2012

'56, BA '57—Joseph A. Rice, Nashville, TN, March 28, 2012

'56, B Chem E '57—Martin H. Wohl, Chesterfield, MO, May 8, 2012

'57 BS Ag, MEd '65—G. Willis Dayger, Baldwinsville, NY, April 8, 2012

'57 BA—Stefan E. Eliel, Tucson, AZ, March 16, 2012

'57 LLB—Paul Friedman, St. Louis, MO, October 25, 2010

'57 BA—Leslie D. Gottlieb, Ashland, OR, January 31, 2012

'57 BS Ag—Eric H. Harrison, Westmoreland, NY, May 16, 2012

'57 MBA—Christopher E. Peta, Rocky River, OH, October 31, 2008

'57—Andrew E. Regensburg, Pinehurst, NC, March 30, 2012

'57 BS HE—Joan Kennedy Repetto, Garden City, NY, February 3, 2009

'58 BA, LLB '61—David L. Sohn, Huntington, NY, March 20, 2012

'58 BA—Jacob M. Zoble, Lakewood Ranch, FL, April 15, 2012

'59 MBA—Charles Avedikian, Cherry Valley, MA, May 29, 2012

'59, BME '60—Charles M. Beck von Peccoz, Cincinnati, OH, April 2, 2012

'59 BS HE—Louise Stilwell Bennett, Eaton, OH, March 19, 2012

'59 PhD—June L. Biedler, Greenwich, CT, April 16, 2012

'59 MS HE—Wealthea Rockette Cox, Canton, MS, October 15, 2010

'59—Martin M. Holt Jr., Liverpool, NY, May 26, 2012

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'60 MD—George V. Burkholder, San Antonio, TX, April 15, 2012

'60 DVM—H. Fred Clark, Philadelphia, PA, April 28, 2012

'60, BME '61—Bennett A. Cozadd, Mercer Island, WA, April 19, 2012

'60 BS Nurs—Mona Kenvin Feingold, Hemet, CA, April 8, 2012

'60—Charles W. Ghent, Fredonia, NY, April 6, 2012

'60 BS Hotel—F. Dewayne Grissom, Hartwell, GA, April 7, 2012

'60 MD—John P. Hayslett, Hamden, CT, April 15, 2012

'60 BS Ag—Quentin G. Van Nortwick, Jefferson, NY, April 27, 2012

'61, BS ILR '62—Daniel J. Collins, Naples, FL, May 22, 2012

'61 BA—Paul H. Gould, Hagerstown, MD, August 12, 2010

'61 BA—Terry J. Tondro, Hartford, CT, April 26, 2012

'61 MBA—Joseph F. Welch, Wyomissing, PA, May 5, 2012

- '62-63—Mayfred Stimming Hirshfeld, Ithaca, NY, May 19, 2012
'62, BEE '63—Stephen R. Monaghan, Stephentown, NY, May 14, 2012
- '63 MD—Terrence J. Barry, Lindon, UT, May 1, 2012
'63 BS Ag—Jane Schiera Bell, Chagrin Falls, OH, May 16, 2012
'63 MST—Samuel W. Goodwin, Webster, NY, November 9, 2011
'63, BME '64—Frederick H. Gross III, Lansdale, PA, May 30, 2012
'63, B Chem E '65—Richard C. Niles, Fort Collins, CO, September 5, 2011
'63 MS HE—Caroline Schmick Sherman, Oneonta, NY, April 6, 2012
'63 BS Nurs—Beverly McKay Zimmerman, Warren, NJ, January 2, 2009
- '64, '65 BS ILR—Alice Hoffenberg Amsden, Cambridge, MA, March 14, 2012
'64 BEE—Richard L. Davis, Merritt Island, FL, April 1, 2012
'64 MEd—Rosaria Curatolo Griffith, Cleveland, TN, April 22, 2012
'64 PhD—Donald L. Harnett, Wilmington, NC, June 3, 2012
'64 BA—Maureen E. Owens, Gettysburg, PA, May 1, 2012
'64 BS HE—Jill Waxman Polymeropoulos, Highland Park, NJ, April 12, 2012
'64 MBA—Richard A. Rix, Portland, OR, May 11, 2012
'64—Francis E. Smith Jr., Willington, CT, March 19, 2012
'64, BS Ag '65—Michael G. Wood, Corvallis, MT, February 15, 2010
- '65 BS Ag—Robert H. Foreman, Greensboro, NC, May 22, 2012
'65 BS Ag—Francis J. Hall, Canton, NY, April 27, 2012
- '66 BS ORIE—Alan T. Beimfohr, Newport Beach, CA, April 17, 2012
'66 MME—James L. Hammett Jr., Cocoa Beach, FL, April 24, 2012
'66 BS Hotel—C. David Heymann, New York City, May 9, 2012
'66, BArch '67—Kurt J. Jenne, Chapel Hill, NC, March 24, 2012
'66 BS Ag—Gary R. Parsons, Delanson, NY, April 25, 2012
'66 BS Ag—Paul H. Roske, Vestal, NY, March 23, 2012
'66, BS Ag '67—Jonathan E. Siegel, Orlando, FL, May 5, 2012
- '67 BS Ag—Benjamin S. Barringer, Tazewell, VA, May 25, 2012
'67 MEd—Frank C. Ely, Tunkhannock, PA, March 27, 2012
'67 MS, PhD '68—Richard F. Fisher Jr., Livingston, TX, May 5, 2012
'67 BA, MD '71—David R. Gutknecht, Danville, PA, March 31, 2012
'67 BS ORIE, MS ORIE '68—Terry W. Hofmann, Williamstown, WV, April 6, 2012
'67 MA—William J. Kushlis, Albuquerque, NM, April 6, 2012
'67 PhD—Gordon S. Purrington, Bountiful, UT, April 27, 2012
'67 BA—Steven R. Schlesinger, Silver Spring, MD, April 25, 2012
'67, BA '68—James R. Scullen Jr., Silver Spring, MD, March 10, 2012
'67 LLB—W. Fielding Secor, Southbury, CT, May 13, 2012
- '68 MD—George Cooper IV, Charleston, SC, April 28, 2012
'68 BCE—Roger F. Dames, Granada Hills, CA, April 10, 2012
'68 MS—James L. Henshaw, Colden, NY, March 25, 2012
'68 PhD—Roderick V. Reid Jr., Davis, CA, December 25, 2011
- '69 PhD—Anne R. Coveney, Columbus, OH, April 10, 2012
'69 BS ILR—Michael S. Rosenbaum, New York City, May 17, 2012
'69 BA—Marcella L. Stewart, Schenectady, NY, April 29, 2012
'69 BS ILR—James C. Wormer, Delray Beach, FL, April 19, 2012
- 1970s**
- '70 BS Ag—James W. Holman, Freeville, NY, April 22, 2012
'70 BS Nurs—Kathryn Jones van Renesse, Bridgeport, CT, March 24, 2012
'70 BS Hotel—Frederick M. Waters, Washington, DC, December 13, 2011
- '71 JD—James F. Warden Jr., Delmar, NY, August 9, 2008
- '72 BS HE—Ellen Sigalow Ansley, Austin, TX, April 13, 2012
- '72 BA, MD '76—Jane E. Bailowitz, Berkeley, CA, May 1, 2012
'72 BS ORIE—William C. Copacino, Newton, MA, May 17, 2012
'72—Fred L. Gawlak II, Northbridge, MA, February 18, 2012
'72 BCE—David N. Jackson, Evergreen, CO, April 8, 2012
'72 BS Nurs—Mary Flynn Lemanski, Browns Mills, NJ, May 4, 2012
- '73, BArch '74—Hector R. Arce, San Juan, PR, July 17, 2011
'73 BCE, MCE '75—Patrick J. Mulholland, Oak Ridge, TN, April 22, 2012
'73 MD—William M. Riedesel II, St. Louis, MO, April 25, 2012
- '74 JD—Robert M. Harris, Kailua, HI, April 13, 2012
'74 BA—Russell Lobrutto, Tempe, AZ, March 25, 2012
'74 BS Ag—Charles R. Morgan, Romulus, NY, April 26, 2012
- '75 MS Ag, PhD '78—Joshua L. Posner, Madison, WI, April 3, 2012
'75 BS Nurs—Dorothy F. Stone, Brentwood, TN, April 6, 2012
- '76 BS Ag, MD '80—Anthony J. Bartetta, Los Angeles, CA, Nov. 30, 2011
'76 BS ILR—Michael A. Friedenbergl, Santa Rosa, CA, December 8, 2011
- '77 BS Ag—Margaret Boyle Delello, Whitehouse Station, NJ, May 28, 2012
'77 B Chem E—Robert E. Smith, Salisbury, NC, April 28, 2012
- '78 MFA—Paul E. Chambers, Trumansburg, NY, May 19, 2012
- '79 BA—Richard J. Hadala, Williamsville, NY, March 3, 2012
'79 BS HE—Elizabeth Perl, Chicago, IL, May 24, 2012
- 1980s**
- '80 BME—John P. Cosulich, Huntington Beach, CA, May 2, 2012
- '81, BS Ag '82—Gerald A. Lazar, Tenafly, NJ, April 6, 2012
- '82 BA—William L. Basuk, San Diego, CA, April 30, 2012
'82 BS Hotel—Lawrence B. Murphy, Crestwood, NY, April 21, 2012
- '83 BS HE—Dana J. Gordon, New York City, March 29, 2012
'83 MPS—Julie A. Schapiro, Chevy Chase, MD, December 19, 2011
- '84 MD—Harold Wenger, Wellesley, MA, April 25, 2012
- '85 BS ORIE—Tim G. Petty, Morganville, NJ, April 27, 2012
'85—Scott L. Swick, St. Petersburg, FL, March 23, 2012
- '86 BA—Melanie L. Moen, Valley Village, CA, April 7, 2012
- '87 BS Ag, DVM '91—Pamela M. Duddy, North Plainfield, NJ, April 13, 2012
'87, BS Ag '88—Terry W. Pounds, Nashville, TN, August 11, 2010
- '88—Marc S. Kasanin, Belvedere, CA, April 14, 2012
- 1990s**
- '93 PhD—Timothy L. Gubbels, Lynnwood, WA, May 12, 2012
- '96 BS Ag—Jeremy S. Ayres, Shortsville, NY, April 29, 2012
- 2010s**
- '13—Michael C. Augustin, Ithaca, NY, June 3, 2012
- '15—Krista Marie Depew, Argyle, NY, May 26, 2012

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A Literary Century

English professor Mike Abrams fêted
at 100th birthday bash

For a brief spell on a luminous Sunday afternoon in July, a standing-room-only crowd in Goldwin Smith Hall followed a centenarian into the fourth dimension—of poetry, that is.

During a two-day celebration to mark his 100th birthday, English professor M. H. “Mike” Abrams led his audience in a communal recitation of the final stanza of W. H. Auden’s “On This Island.” The first three dimensions of a poem, Abrams explained, are the visible words, the sounds we hear in our heads when we read them, and the meaning of the words themselves. Then—with the request to “read with me, please”—Abrams demonstrated what he called its fourth dimension: “the act of utterance.”

“These are sounds that begin near the heart and exit near the brain,” said Abrams. “That physical action breathes life into a poem. And it’s an almost totally neglected study.” By reading in unison, Abrams transformed his audience into a community of fellow travelers—a bit of wizardry he has performed routinely during his nearly seven decades as a Cornell professor.

To meet Abrams is to be in the presence of literary history. He recalls attending readings by such giants as T. S. Eliot, Ezra Pound, e.e. cummings, Dylan Thomas, and Robert Frost. Renowned as both a scholar and a teacher, Abrams made his mark in 1953 with *The Mirror and the Lamp: Romantic Theory and the Critical Tradition*, which the Modern Library ranks at number twenty-five on its list of the 100 best nonfiction books of the twentieth century. He also produced *The Glossary of Literary Terms*, which

became a handbook for students and scholars of English. Abrams served as adviser to new editions, even adding his own comments on its definition of “rap.”

That would be enough to put him at the top of the scholarly charts, but Abrams also served as founding editor of the *Norton Anthology of English Literature*—for thirty-eight years. At his insistence, the anthology was “easy to hold in your hand and read under a tree.” It remains a staple of lit courses and a favorite among readers.

Genial, slow to anger, and nuanced in his scholarship and instruction, Abrams remains a beloved figure to generations of Cornellians. He believes “the best scholars make the best teachers” and sees no reason to divide the two. “All my work came



DALE CORSON

Word perfect: M. H. Abrams, in a portrait taken by the late Cornell President Emeritus Dale Corson

out of my teaching and returned to my teaching,” he says. “It’s a reciprocal process.”

Abrams was born in New Jersey on July 23, 1912; at Harvard during the Depression, he majored in English. “There weren’t jobs in any other profession,” he explains, “so I thought I might as well enjoy starving, instead of starving while doing something I didn’t enjoy.” He came to Cornell in 1945 and was granted emeritus status in 1983. He’s still working; in August, W. W. Norton published his latest book, *The Fourth Dimension of a Poem and Other Essays*.

The two-day birthday celebration included an “Open Mike for Mike,” in which Abrams was lauded by colleagues, friends, and former students. A commemorative website (<http://as.cornell.edu/abrams>) has drawn dozens of comments—such as one from Cindy Kane Trumbore ’78, who recalled the time she used *The Mirror and the Lamp* as source material in another professor’s class. “I happened to run into you coming across the Suspension Bridge after I delivered the paper, and I exclaimed, ‘I just quoted you in a paper!’” she recalls. “You took me by the sleeve, gently pulled me aside, and asked me to explain the premise of the paper to you. I did, you pronounced it sound, and you went on your way.”

— Franklin Crawford





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