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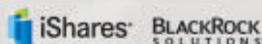
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BETH SAULNIER

Hotel alum Will Guidara '01 is general manager and co-owner of Eleven Madison Park, a Manhattan restaurant that has received some of the industry's highest accolades: four stars from the *New York Times* and three from the *Michelin Guide*; numerous James Beard Awards; even a spot on a list of the world's top-ten dining destinations. Last year he and his partner opened a boutique hotel—and this fall they restyled Eleven Madison Park's venerable \$195-per-person tasting menu as a tribute to New York cuisine. "The best meals, when you're eating them, you know where you are," Guidara says. "It wouldn't even make sense if you were eating it anywhere else in the world."

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BRAD HERZOG '90

Jeremy Schaap '91 may have followed in the footsteps of a famous father—the late, great journalist and sportswriter Dick Schaap '55—but he has become a respected reporter in his own right. A correspondent for multiple TV news programs (including "SportsCenter" and "Good Morning America"), the younger Schaap has won a half-dozen Emmys, written best-selling sports books, and covered stories ranging from the Penn State scandal to the re-emergence of Bobby Fischer. A look at a father's legacy, and a career that began when Jeremy Schaap interviewed Pete Rose—at age eight.



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Photograph of Crab Salad with Pickled Daikon Radish and Viola Flowers, by Francesco Tonelli, from Eleven Madison Park: The Cookbook

Promoting Student Health and Well-Being on College Campuses

Students at Cornell and across the country roll their eyes when parents and grandparents recollect the rules and regulations that governed campus life a generation and more ago. Dress codes. Parietal hours. Dorm proctors to enforce curfews.

Today many institutions, including Cornell, give students considerable freedom but hold them responsible for the choices they make. Nonetheless, I believe that colleges and universities must do more to promote the health and well-being of our students. Here are a few areas where I think we should step up our efforts:

High-risk drinking: Most students drink moderately or not at all, but high-risk drinking can compromise the safety of the drinker and those around him or her. Like many other schools, we disseminate data to correct students' misperceptions about what "everyone" is doing. Restrictions are also placed—and enforced—on the use of alcohol on campus and at fraternity and

does not involve demeaning or dangerous acts as a condition of membership. Our student leaders, staff professionals, and alumni are now developing alternative models. We have a comprehensive anti-hazing website (www.hazing.cornell.edu) and recently launched a campaign to give students strategies to protect themselves and help change the culture of hazing.

Mental health promotion: College students, like all of us, can experience a great deal of stress from family problems, interpersonal relationships, the rigors of academic work, or other issues. And thanks to better diagnosis and treatment, more students with mental health conditions are enrolling in college. We in higher education need to take a comprehensive approach to mental health promotion, encouraging students to ask for help when they need it, educating the campus community about how to notice and respond effectively when someone is in distress, and fostering emotional resilience so that students are better able to bounce back from setbacks.

Concussion prevention: An estimated 300,000 sports-related traumatic brain injuries, most of them concussions, occur annually in the United States, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. We need to take preventive and therapeutic action to keep our players safer while retaining the excitement and competitiveness of their sports. To this end, the presidents of the Ivy League have adopted significant changes to the way our football teams practice and play. We are now examining other sports such as soccer, ice hockey, and lacrosse, for both men and women. In addition, the Ivy League and the Big Ten Conference have begun a joint research project to examine and address head injuries among athletes. While we await the results of this research, I urge coaches, administrators, and others involved with college sports to modify their practice regimens and requirements for protective equipment in order to reduce the likelihood of concussions or other traumatic brain injuries and to recognize the importance of cognitive rest following a concussion.

Colleges and universities in New York and other states do not have a legal responsibility to protect students from their own risky behavior or that of other students. And try as we might, it would be impossible to remove all potential risk. Nonetheless, colleges and universities need to think creatively about the challenges of hazing, high-risk drinking, suicides, concussions, and other risks. Together with parents, community leaders, legislators, and students themselves, we must tackle these issues more aggressively, promoting safety through education and the provision of support services that will assist students in exercising their freedom responsibly.

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A longer version of this column appeared in the Huffington Post: www.huffingtonpost.com/david-j-skorton/student-health-_b_1862344.html.



ROBERT BARKER / UP

sorority events, and medical amnesty ("Good Samaritan") policies have encouraged bystanders to call 911 when individuals are severely intoxicated or injured after using alcohol or other drugs.

We know, however, that more needs to be done. Cornell and thirty-one other institutions nationwide are part of the National College Health Improvement Project's Learning Collaborative on High Risk Drinking (www.nchip.org), which is working to identify and share what works best in preventing alcohol abuse. I hope that this comprehensive approach to discovering and sharing best practices will reduce high-risk drinking among our students.

Hazing: Although forty-four states have laws against hazing, about 55 percent of college students across the country report having been hazed in fraternities, sororities, athletic teams, or other student groups. After a Cornell student died at a fraternity house in a hazing episode, I directed student leaders of our Greek chapters to develop a system of recruitment and initiation that

Scenes from Celebration 2012



From left: Previous Cornell Entrepreneurs of the Year Kevin McGovern, Bob Felton, John Alexander, Jeff Parker, and Harvey Kinzelberg celebrate at the banquet in Mr. Alexander's honor on April 19.



Attendees at the CGTEC Expo discuss Cornell Connections mobile app.

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Cornell Entrepreneur of the Year 2012 John Alexander '74, MBA '76, center.



Panelists discuss their ideas on local food sources during one of 15 panel sessions on a wide variety of topics.



Winners of "The BIG Idea" undergraduate competition Kit Dobyns '13 (left) and Jimi Fowose '13.



Students and alumni gather for networking.



Engineering Dean Lance Collins discusses CornellNYC Tech during a session dedicated to that topic.







Soggy spectacular: Despite persistent rainfall, a large crowd of alumni, students, and local residents turned out to see the Homecoming laser-and-fireworks show on Friday night at Schoellkopf Field. The event included a performance by the sodden but energetic Big Red Band and a field-goal kick by Ithaca Mayor Svante Myrick '09 that raised \$1,000 for the United Way of Tompkins County. CRAIG GRIFFIN

Land Grant Legacy

Justin Morrill's lasting impact

It was a pleasure to read Carol Kammen's well-researched and thoughtful article about the early years of Cornell ("Prologue," September/October 2012). The importance of our past is often forgotten and marginalized in today's world, where almost every other word and thought is usually tech related. Fortunately, pros such as Ms. Kammen provide a balance in our academic community. Kudos to her for a job well done!

David Maisel '68
Chappaqua, New York

I read with interest the article on the Morrill Land Grant Act. I'm sure a number of Cornellians have been beneficiaries of their forefathers' purchasing of raw federal land through this act. In my case, my mother's great-grandfather started his ranch in San Joaquin County, California, on a land purchase from the State of Virginia to help finance VPI (Virginia Tech). The pioneer farmers/ranchers, as well as the new universities, were winners in these transactions and hastened the development of the West.

Fred Andresen '59
Greensboro, North Carolina

100 Candles

Re: "A Literary Century" (Cornelliana, September/October 2012): Having enjoyed my mother's hundredth birthday bash last June, I was pleased to read about M. H. Abrams's. But I hope that by the time I am 100, in 2047, a hundredth birthday will be as ordinary as a fiftieth.

Felicia Nimue Ackerman '68
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Providence, Rhode Island

I was happy to see the article on Professor Abrams reaching his hundredth birthday—and apparently still active and healthy. Wonderful.

When I was an undergrad, I remem-

ber hearing that Abrams was working on his major opus: a history of metaphor in Western literature. What an enormous undertaking—I wonder if he ever completed it. In any case, I wish him many more productive and healthy years. He was an inspiring teacher.

Larry Lesser '61
Washington, D.C.

Dissenting Opinion

Re: "Money Matters (July/August 2012): Although Alan Krueger '83 says, "I try to keep politics out of my job," the entire article is slanted, quite naturally, in support of the Obama Administration and its policies. Krueger cannot be faulted for this, of course. After all, he works for Obama! However, why is the CAM editorial staff comfortable with what can only be referred to as "blatant electioneering" by the magazine at this phase of the election season?"

Gene Kellner '53
San Marcos, California

Ed. Note: We're always comfortable featuring Cornellians doing important public service work, regardless of their party affiliation (or lack of one).

NYC Tech and the Humanities

Re: "Getting Technical" (May/June 2012) and other CAM stories about the Cornell NYC Tech campus: President Skorton is to be commended for using his influence as an accomplished scientist and leader of a major university to advocate publicly for the value of the humanities. Writing in *The Hill*, a newspaper covering the U.S. Congress, Skorton reminded lawmakers that the humanities "are essential to preparing students to adapt to rapidly



changing workplaces where careful reading, effective writing, critical and creative thinking, and the capacity to adapt are more important than narrow technical skills, essential for businesses to survive and thrive in international markets, and to our national security. Perhaps most important, the humanities are the cornerstone of understanding what it means to be fully human—an understanding that we ignore at our peril."

I would urge President Skorton and other Cornell leaders to take this message to heart, not only on the main campus in Ithaca but also in developing the new curriculum, faculty, and student body of Cornell NYC Tech. So far, I have not heard of any plans to include humanists in the work of imagining, researching, and developing that will characterize the new campus. President Skorton's own words about the importance of humanists' habits of mind for successful business and government innovation point to the necessity of including them.

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Correction— September/October 2012

Authors, page 18: Due to an error in the alumni database, we published an incorrect year for the awarding of Daniel Mark Fogel's PhD. The correct year is 1976, not 1979.

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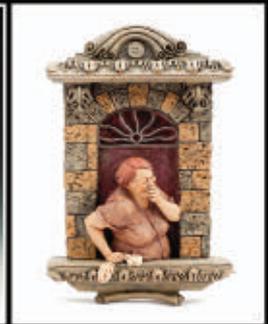
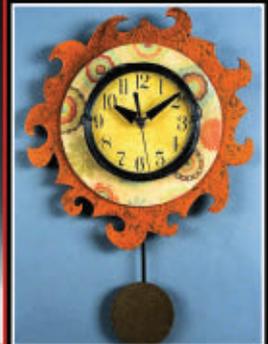
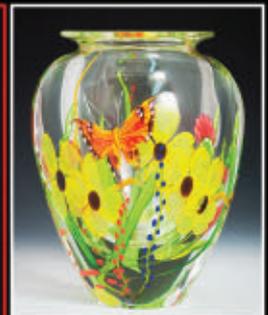
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From the Hill

It's official: Cornellians enjoy the best of the country's more than 200 college destinations.

Ithaca Is (Still) the Nation's Top College Town

Ithaca remains atop the list of best college towns, according to a study by the American Institute for Economic Research. The rankings weigh such factors as academic environment, diversity, cost of living, cultural amenities, transportation accessibility, per capita income, and unemployment rate. As in the previous survey (2010–11), Ithaca was rated number one among towns of fewer than 250,000 residents, followed by Ames, Iowa, and State College, Pennsylvania. This year Ithaca also topped the overall list—making it the number-one “college destination” among the 227 communities surveyed, all of which have student populations of at least 15,000.

CU Has Record Year for Giving

Thanks in large part to a \$350 million gift—the biggest in Cornell history—the University has marked a banner year in fundraising. During the 2012 fiscal year, Cornell received a record \$777.8 million in gifts. It's the second time the University topped the \$700 million mark; the other was 2007, when it received \$300 million from Joan and Sanford Weill '55. The \$350 million came from Chuck Feeney '56 and his Atlantic Philanthropies foundation to support the Cornell NYC Tech campus. The University also recorded two gifts of \$25 million or more and fourteen of \$5 million or more. The current campaign, Cornell Now, is set to end in 2015.

Campus Copes with Series of Alleged Sexual Assaults

This fall, the University dealt with a series of sexually related assaults on and around campus, including a reported rape. In early September, a female student reported being grabbed by a male assailant in the lower Hughes parking lot during the early morning hours; she struck him with a bag and he ran away. About an hour later, a man forced his way into a Collegetown apartment, attempting to touch the woman who answered the door; she was able to push him out. Shortly thereafter, another woman reported being raped on a staircase near the Suspension Bridge. One evening later in the month, a female victim reported being grabbed by a man on the Trolley Bridge; she was able to flee after striking him.

The incidents spurred a community forum in late September, as well as the creation of a working group to combat sexual assault. To date, no suspects have been arrested. “As we consider and implement changes at the university level, all of us as individuals also need to take prudent measures to ensure our own safety—measures such as walking in groups late at night and utilizing the Blue Light services,” President David Skorton said in a statement in early October. “Some have said that advocating for personal responsibility in the context of a violent and biased culture is tantamount to blaming the victim. I disagree. There is no substitute for taking personal precautions and prudent planning, and I urge all to do so.” Cornell Police, he added, “are pursuing their investigations with great care, professionalism, and all possible haste.”

University Begins to Install Suicide Nets Under Bridges

At the start of the semester, the University began installing suicide-prevention nets on bridges on and near campus. The nets, made of steel mesh, will replace the fences that have stood since a trio of student suicides—two on consecutive days—rocked the campus in spring 2011. The project, expected to be completed in January, is aimed to save lives while preserving the views from Ithaca's iconic gorge bridges. Six bridges will have horizontal nets installed beneath them, extending out some fifteen feet from the railings; a seventh, the Suspension Bridge, will be wrapped in steel mesh, as its structure doesn't allow for "below-deck" installation. According to project manager John Keefe, the fences will be removed once the nets are installed and a system of video and thermal cameras linked to University Police is up and running.

CU Remains Fifteenth in Annual U.S. News Ranking

For the fourth year in a row, *U.S. News & World Report* has put Cornell fifteenth on its list of best national universities. Rankings of Cornell's undergraduate programs include first in engineering physics, fourth in agricultural engineering, and tenth in business. The magazine also rated Cornell tenth in economic diversity and twelfth in the category of "best value."

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President honored: Nellie Corson at the memorial

Dale Corson Remembered with Sage Chapel Service

President Emeritus Dale Corson was honored at a memorial service in Sage Chapel in September. Cornell's eighth president, Corson passed away in March at age ninety-seven. He served from 1969 to 1977—succeeding the embattled James Perkins, who resigned in the wake of the Straight Takeover—and led the campus during a time of anti-war protests and student unrest. "Every action he took reflected his devotion to truth, and the strong conviction that a university must be a place for discovery and preserving truth," said chemistry professor emeritus Robert Plane. "He felt it was his job to see there was a stable, supportive environment for scholarship and learning." Those in attendance at the memorial included President David Skorton, former presidents Frank H. T. Rhodes and Jeffrey Lehman '77, and Corson's wife of seventy-three years, Nellie Corson.

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In addition to the traditional categories of sexual orientation—heterosexual, bisexual, and homosexual—a Facebook survey conducted by human development professor Ritch Savin-Williams and grad student Zhana Vrangalova suggests two new ones: "mostly heterosexual" and "mostly gay/lesbian."

Cornell Food and Brand Lab director Brian Wansink has found that dining in restaurants with soft lighting and mellow music cuts caloric intake by an average of 18 percent—challenging the popular belief that such an atmosphere encourages diners to order more.

Children raised in poverty have increased risk of physical and mental health problems later in life. Human ecology professor Gary Evans found that the effects of low income, poor housing, family turmoil, and exposure to violence can increase stress levels that damage the developing brain and body.

Earth and atmospheric sciences researchers have found that the Southern Patagonian Ice Field has lost volume 1.5 times faster in the past twelve years than in the prior twenty-five. The findings, published in *Geophysical Research Letters*, offers insight into how climate change affects melting cycles.

Engineering students have developed a low-cost toxin sensor that could identify hazardous substances released into water supplies during oil refining. The device could help the oil industry develop safer practices.

HIV-infected women are likely to give birth to malnourished infants despite receiving antiretroviral treatment, finds a study in Uganda by nutritional sciences researcher Sera Young. She reported that HIV depletes the mothers' muscle and fat stores, causing poor infant health outcomes.

Differences in the way that children of varying ages use language can lead to misleading testimony. Human development professor Stephen Ceci studied 63 children shown a video of a woman knocking down a stack of cans; just 13 percent of younger kids accurately described the act, compared to 63 percent of older ones.

Computer graphics researchers from Cornell and Harvard have teamed up to design software that allows a character from a movie or video game to be translated into an articulated figure that can be made on a 3-D printer.

Electing—rather than appointing—state court judges can have serious drawbacks, finds political economist Claire Lim. In *American Economic Review*, she reports that elected judges are more variable in their sentencing and that the election process can discourage qualified candidates.

Research published in *Cell* shows that gut bacteria considered healthy in pregnant women are actually unhealthy in others. Microbiologist Ruth Ley reports that the bacteria undergo profound changes between the first and third trimesters.



Tata Named Cornell Entrepreneur of the Year for 2013

Indian industrialist Ratan Tata '59, BArch '62, has been named Cornell's 2013 Entrepreneur of the Year. A University trustee, Tata leads a group of companies—including those in the automotive, steel, power, beverage, chemical, hotel, and telecommunications industries—that employ more than 400,000 people in India, with annual revenues of some \$100 billion. Tata is also a philanthropist and a member of the Indian prime minister's Council on Trade and Industry; his many honors include one of his government's highest civilian awards and a spot on *Baron's* list of the most-respected CEOs. In 2008, one of his family's philanthropic trusts pledged \$50 million to endow the Tata-Cornell Initiative in Agriculture and Nutrition.



Ratan Tata '59, BArch '62

In the LEED: The Human Ecology Building has been awarded Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Platinum status—the first on Cornell's campus to be certified at the program's highest level. The 89,000-square-foot building, which opened in 2011, was recognized for being developed on a sustainable site, limiting energy use and emissions, and more. Built to replace the structurally deficient Martha Van Rensselaer North, the \$71.7 million building is located on Forest Home Drive.

Give My Regards To...

These Cornellians in the News

Junot Diaz, MFA '95, winner of a MacArthur Foundation "genius" award and National Book Award nominee. He won a Pulitzer Prize for his novel *The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao*.

Economics professor Kaushik Basu, appointed chief economist of the World Bank. He will take a temporary leave from Cornell.

Emerita professor of English Alison Lurie, named to a two-year term as the New York State Author.

Lab of Ornithology executive director John Fitzpatrick, who had a bird species (*Capito fitzpatricki*) named in his honor. It was discovered in the Peruvian Andes during a 2008 expedition led by Michael Harvey '08, Glenn Seeholzer '08, and Ben Winger '07.

Vintner and hotelier Christopher Bates '03, who won the gold medal at the annual International Young Sommeliers Competition, held in Capetown, South Africa.

Astronomy professor Rachel Bean, co-recipient of the Gruber Cosmology Prize.

Engineering professors Craig Fennie and Ao "Kevin" Tang, winners of Presidential Early Career Awards.

The eleven former and current students who won 2012–13 Fulbright awards. They are Michele Daukas '12, Elaine Glenny '12, Andrew Hart '11, Joshua Kim '12, Emily Magaziner '12, Iris Malone '11, Arjun Potter '12, Choumika Simonis '11, Elizabeth Soltan '12, grad student Catherine Kearns, and law student Sarah Steece.

Engineering professors Chris Batten, Hadas Kress-Gazit, and Julius Lucks, winners of \$300,000 DARPA Young Faculty Awards.

English lecturer Nicholas Friedman, MFA '12, winner of a \$15,000 Ruth Lilly Poetry Fellowship, one of the largest awards given to U.S. poets.

Chemistry and chemical biology professor Poul Petersen, winner of an NSF Early Career Development Award, which provides \$650,000 over five years.

Electrical and computer engineering grad students Ishita Mukhopadhyay and Jared Strait, winners of Intel PhD Fellowships.

Cornell's Autonomous Underwater Vehicle team, which took first place in the International RoboSub Competition in July.

Progress Continues for NYC Tech Campus Project

In the first arrangement of its kind between a university and a U.S. government agency, Cornell will team up with the Department of Commerce to speed commercialization of ideas generated on its planned NYC Tech campus. "What's thrilling for me is that it's not just the patent and trademark office, and even in a sense not just the Department of Commerce," President David Skorton said at a news conference in October. "This is a conduit for the U.S. government to be working directly with the innovation community—so that we have city government in the City of New York, the federal government, the private sector, and academia all working together to figure what's the right place for intellectual property in one of the areas of our economy that is growing like crazy right now."

In September, the University announced a trio of tech-sector innovators who will serve as senior advisers to the campus: New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg, Qualcomm founder Irwin Jacobs '54, BEE '56, and Google executive chairman Eric Schmidt. "Ensuring that the new campus is connected in the right way to the thriving entrepreneurial sector is important to delivering on the promise of economic growth that is at the center of this project," Bloomberg says. NYC Tech's first class of full-time students—those pursuing a one-year master of engineering degree in computer science—will matriculate in January at the program's temporary site in the Google offices in Chelsea. The program's permanent home, on Roosevelt Island, is scheduled to open in 2017.

Deans, Librarian Appointed to Second Five-Year Terms

Several academic leaders were reappointed to their positions this fall. Alan Mathios will serve a second five-year term as Human Ecology dean; a professor of policy analysis and management, Mathios was interim dean for a year before taking the post in 2008. Architecture, Art, and Planning dean Kent Kleinman will also serve a second term; an expert in twentieth-century modernist architecture, he came to Cornell in 2008 to lead the college. And Anne Kenney had been reappointed to a second term as university librarian. She oversees one of the world's largest research libraries, with an annual budget of nearly \$53 million.



Alan Mathios

Award Match Initiative Gets \$20 Million Boost

A \$20 million gift will support Cornell's Award Match Initiative, which aims to attract top students by matching need-based financial aid offers from other Ivies. The gift comes from Arthur Wolcott '49 and his wife, Audrey. Wolcott is a University Councillor, a long-time supporter of Big Red football, and chairman of Seneca Foods Corp., the nation's largest processor of canned fruits and vegetables. Launched in fall 2011, the initiative also applies to offers from Duke, Stanford, and MIT. Among other goals, it is intended to give Cornell additional leverage in recruiting student-athletes; as athletic director Andy Noel notes, "For decades, an imbalance in the financial aid landscape within the Ivy League has been a serious challenge."



LISA BANLAKI FRANK

Tuba time: During Homecoming in September, ground was broken on Kite Hill for a dedicated home for the Big Red Band (seen here at a hockey game). Aimed to be completed by Commencement, the facility will have rehearsal space for at least 180 members.

Fields Medalist Thurston Dies

Math professor William Thurston, winner of the Fields Medal—considered the Nobel Prize of mathematics—died of melanoma in August. He was sixty-five. The Jacob Gould Schurman Professor of Mathematics, Thurston won the Fields for revolutionary work in topology, which deals with the properties of a geometric object that remain unchanged when it's bent or stretched. Department chairman Laurent Saloff-Coste lauded him as "a giant in mathematics." Thurston's survivors include his wife, Julian, five children, and two grandchildren.

Hip Hop Pioneer Afrika Bambaataa Is Visiting Scholar

DJ Afrika Bambaataa has been named a Cornell visiting scholar, appointed to a three-year term by the University Library's Hip Hop Collection and the Department of Music. Starting in November, Bambaataa—one of the founding fathers of hip hop and a Rock and Roll Hall of Fame nominee—will make annual visits to campus to perform, speak to classes, and meet with students and community groups.



PETE BEST

Afrika Bambaataa

Mastermind on Ice

Men's hockey coach Mike Schafer '86 aims for a national title



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Since coming to Cornell from tiny Durham, Ontario (population 2,500), Mike Schafer '86 has achieved most of his goals. He and his older brother Gerry—the sons of a lumberjack—were the first in their family to earn college degrees. As a Big Red defenseman,

Building a juggernaut at Cornell has been no small feat, considering that the University doesn't offer athletic scholarships, has a smaller budget than most hockey powerhouses, and must find the rare young men who aspire to succeed both in the classroom and on the ice. Former players attribute Schafer's

Schafer was a two-time captain who led the team to one ECAC and three Ivy titles. As an assistant coach at Cornell from 1986 to 1990, he recruited 14 players who went on to be NHL draft picks. As head coach for the last 17 years, he has established the Big Red as a perennial powerhouse: the team has won five ECAC titles, qualified for nine NCAA tournaments, and produced 17 NHL players. His career record of 332-182-63 makes him the winningest coach in Cornell history.

But for all Schafer has achieved, he has yet to realize his ultimate goal: an NCAA championship. Cornell, which won the NCAA crown in 1967 and 1970, came tantalizingly close in 2003, losing 3-2 to New Hampshire in the Frozen Four semifinal. Last March the Big Red opened the NCAAs with a 3-2 victory over Michigan, but then lost 2-1 to eventual runner-up Ferris State. "Our guys know how tough it is to win a national championship," says Schafer. "Look at teams that have all the facilities, money, and scholarships, and even they struggle with winning it all."

This season, Schafer just might capture his big prize. At least he's got a team with a strong shot at it: Cornell returns 16 lettermen and eight of the top nine scoring leaders from last season, including senior forward Greg Miller, who was first in points with 14 goals and 17 assists. The squad also includes eight NHL draft picks, led by six-foot-four, 193-pound freshman defenseman Reece Wilcox, a 2012 fifth-round selection of the Philadelphia Flyers.

Cornell won't have to wait until the NCAA tournament to learn how it stacks up against the nation's elite. The team has its strongest-ever non-conference schedule, with all seven games against 2011 and/or 2012 NCAA qualifiers—including a showcase contest on November 24 against Michigan at New York's Madison Square Garden, continuing the Thanksgiving weekend series that began with three sold-out matches against Boston University.

Practice makes perfect: Mike Schafer '86 has built a winning system based on defense first.

success to his being a defensive mastermind (in 2004–05, the Big Red set a post-Depression-era NCAA record, allowing just 1.29 goals per game) and to his uncanny ability to forge deep bonds within the team. “In the preseason, Coach always had us do activities that would unite us,” says Colin Greening ’10, a first-team Academic All-American (he graduated with a 3.99 GPA) who is now a left wing with the Ottawa Senators. “We’d go camping as a group and do hard labor, like chopping wood and landscaping, to bring us together.”

Former players also point out that Schafer hires nonpareil assistants to handle critical duties, and he puts great trust in his staff. The crucial role of recruiting players capable of earning an Ivy League degree was carried out for 12 years by assistant coach Scott Garrow (now at Princeton) until Ben Syer took over the job in 2011. Meanwhile strength and conditioning coach Tom Howley has for almost 20 years been getting the players into Olympian shape, not only physically but mentally. “Coach Howley drove us to do more than we’d ever have done on our own,” says goalie Ben Scrivens ’10, a first-team All-American now with the Toronto Maple Leafs. “I wouldn’t be playing professionally without the physical development I had from Coach Howley and his staff.”



If Schafer’s squad doesn’t win it all this season, he might not get many more chances—at least in Ithaca. His contract expires in four years, and it would not be entirely surprising if he doesn’t sign a new one. As his reputation has grown, Schafer has been sought by other programs, although so far he’s rebuffed all offers. He has remained on the Hill not only because of his passion for his alma mater, but because he and his wife, Diane Composti Schafer ’86, didn’t want to disrupt the

education of their three children, the youngest of whom will graduate from Lansing High in 2016. After that, Schafer could well opt to make a fresh start at another school or pursue his dream of coaching in the NHL. “We have high expectations this season, as usual, and now we have to manage expectations by getting to work and plugging away,” says Schafer. “As for the future—you never know what it holds.”

— Rick Lipsey ’89

Big Game

September 22, 2012



A Homecoming crowd of more than 15,000, along with a national television audience watching on the NBC Sports Network, was treated to an offensive explosion as the football team trounced Yale 45-6. It was the Big Red’s largest margin of victory ever against the Elis and marked the most points Cornell had scored against Yale since 1949. Quarterback **Jeff Mathews ’14** led the way, completing 29 of 39 passes for 340 yards and four touchdowns to earn Ivy League offensive player of the week honors for the fifth time in his career. Freshman running back **Luke Hagy** was named the Ivy rookie of the week after rushing for 88 yards and two touchdowns on 21 carries; he also had 69 receiving yards on five catches.

Jeff Mathews (left) and Luke Hagy

Sports Shorts

HONOR ROLL The Cornell Athletic Hall of Fame welcomes 11 new members this fall, which brings the membership up to 543. The 2012 inductees are: **Chuck Feeney '56**, special category; **Max King '02**, men's cross country and track and field; **Bill Lazor '94**, football; **Julie Platt '97**, softball; **Tom Nuttle '51**, men's lacrosse; **Olga Puigdemont-Sola '02**, squash; **Jaimee Reynolds '02**, women's lacrosse and volleyball; **Melissa Riggs '02**, women's polo; **Matt Underhill '02**, men's ice hockey; **Roger Weiss '61**, **JD '64**, special category; and **Frank Wydo '50**, football.



Daniel Haber

STRONG START For the first time, the men's soccer team began its season with nine straight wins, including a 3-2 victory over Penn in the Ivy League opener. The nine victories gave the Big Red its longest winning streak since an 11-game run in 1995. **Daniel Haber '14** has been the catalyst, earning Ivy League player of the week laurels in three of the first five weeks of the

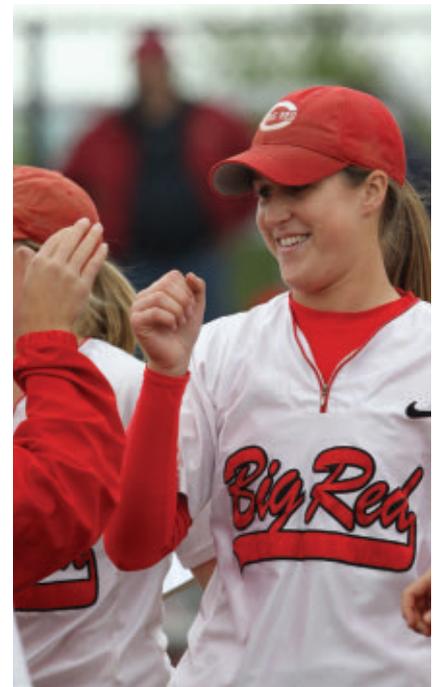
season while scoring 14 goals. Only two Cornell players (**Victor Huerta '73** in 1971 and 1972, and **Eric Kusseluk '97** in 1995) have scored more goals in a single season.

NUMBER ONE The women's cross country team posted one of the program's best performances in winning the Paul Short Invitational at Lehigh University on September 28. The Big Red easily topped the 40-team field with 55 points, far ahead of second-place William & Mary's 102. Cornell had three runners in the top 10, led by **Katie Kellner '13**, who covered the six-kilometer course in 20:22 for second place overall. **Rachel Sorna '14** followed in fourth and **Emily Shearer '14** was ninth.

HOME AGAIN The Cornell athletic department turned to familiar faces to fill some openings this summer, hiring four graduates as assistant coaches. **Elizabeth Dalrymple '11** will serve as pitching coach of the softball team after twice winning Ivy League pitcher of the year honors during her playing career. **Zeb Lang '03**, **MBA '11**, will be an assistant coach for men's track and cross country after serving as a volunteer assistant the past three seasons. **Cecelia Madson '12** will move from her seat in the women's varsity eight boat to a post as assistant coach with the women's rowing team. And **Matt Rung '10** returns to the men's lightweight crew program as an assistant coach after working with the rowing teams at the University of Washington and Princeton for the past two seasons.

LONG HAUL The 2012 season got off to a dramatic start for the sprint football team as the Big Red outlasted Penn 42-34 in six overtimes. The teams were tied 21-21 at the end of regulation. Cornell opened the sixth overtime with a one-yard touchdown run by quarterback **Brendan Miller '14**, who then hit **Spenser Gruenfelder '13** for the two-point conversion pass. When Penn's fourth-down pass attempt fell incomplete, the Big Red won the game, which lasted more than five hours, including a two-hour weather delay in the first quarter.

READY TO GO Expectations are high for the women's ice hockey team, as the Big Red has been ranked third in the national pre-season poll and tabbed by the ECAC coaches as the favorites to win a fourth straight regular-season title. The players' offseason achievements certainly bode well. Six Big Red skaters—**Jessica Campbell '14**, **Hayleigh Cudmore '14**, **Laura**



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Elizabeth Dalrymple

Fortino '13, **Brianne Jenner '13**, **Cassandra Poudrier '16**, and **Jillian Saulnier '15**—were members of the Canadian Under-22 Development Team. Fortino and Jenner served as assistant captains in a three-game series against a U.S. team that included Cornell goaltender **Lauren Slobodnick '14**, who picked up the win for the Americans in game two, making 21 saves.

AMATEUR AWARDS Four Cornell graduates were enshrined in the Niagara Track & Field Hall of Fame during the group's annual awards banquet in September. **Walter Ashbaugh '51**, **MBA '55**, **Thomas Gage '65**, **ME '66**, and **David Munson 1906** were members of the Hall's Class of 2011; **Stephen Machooka '64** was inducted with the Class of 2012. Cornell now has 25 members in the Niagara Track & Field Hall of Fame, which honors individuals who made significant contributions to the sport in the Niagara Association of the Amateur Athletic Union.

MOVING UP Baseball star **Brian Billigen '12** didn't have to wait long for his first professional promotion. After hitting .327 with 17 RBIs in 30 games with the Arizona Diamondbacks team in the rookie-level Arizona League, Billigen advanced to the South Bend Silver Hawks in the Class A Midwest League, where he hit .250 with a homer and five RBIs in eight games.

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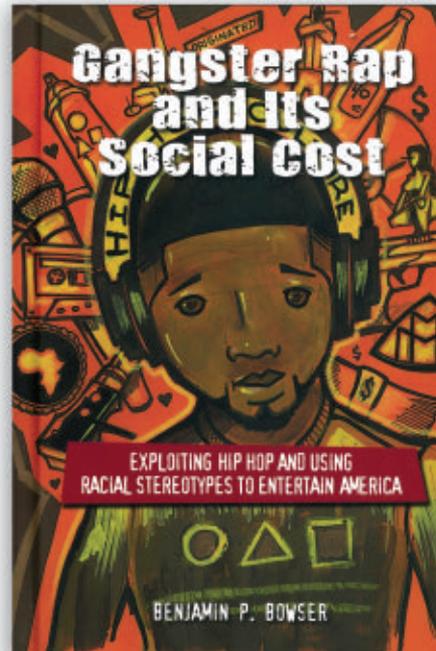
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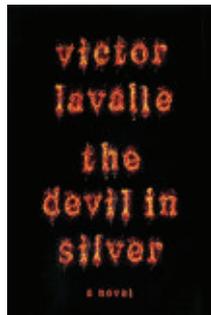
The Hole in America's Soul

Gangster Rap and Its Social Cost by Benjamin P. Bowser, PhD '76 (Cambria)

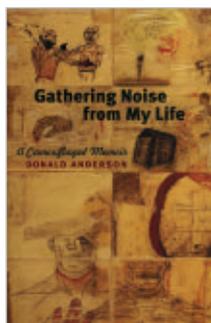
By the standards of the African American past, gangster rap is insufficient to qualify as an art,” argues Bowser, an emeritus professor of sociology at California State University, East Bay. “It is racist pornography in blackface.” He contends that it creates a hole in society’s collective soul and destroys progress in racial tolerance. In contrast, hip hop and rap are positive articulations of American culture and expressions of young people’s search for peace and sanity. “Gangster rap,” he writes, “has reinforced white racism for all involved.”



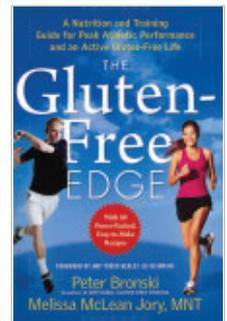
The Devil in Silver by Victor LaValle '94 (Spiegel & Grau). The third novel by the award-winning author of *The Ecstatic* and *Big Machine* is the embodiment of a nightmare. When the police take the protagonist to a psychiatric hospital in Queens instead of arresting him for assault, he is admitted for observation, but his confinement soon stretches to months. On the first night, he’s attacked in his room by a grotesque creature with the head of a bison and the body of an old man. Struggling against the unsympathetic hospital staff, he enlists three patients in an alliance to slay the monster.



Gathering Noise from My Life by Donald Anderson, MFA '89 (Iowa). In a book he calls a “camouflaged memoir,” a professor of English and writer in residence at the U.S. Air Force Academy deploys anecdotes, quotations, snapshots of history, and snatches of poetry to reveal his many-sided life. “We are where we’ve been and what we’ve read,” he writes. He examines memories of his upbringing in Montana, war, race, religion, his career as a writer and teacher, and the fascination with boxing—the sport in which individuals can “nearly grasp perfection”—that he shares with his father and grandfather.



The Gluten-Free Edge by Peter Bronski '01 and Melissa McLean Jory (The Experiment). Celiac disease, an autoimmune response to gluten in the diet, affects an estimated 30 million Americans and is much more common today than it was fifty years ago. Bronski, the founder of the blog No Gluten, No Problem, advocates a gluten-free diet. “It is about regaining health and vitality,” he writes, “about not just improving quality of life, but about thriving. For athletes, it is about excelling in sport to your maximum potential; about gaining an edge that you may not have even realized was missing.”



The Normal Kid by Elizabeth Holmes, MFA '87 (Carolrhoda Books). In Holmes’s third novel for young adults, fifth-grader Sylvan is obsessed with what it means to be normal and doesn’t want to hang out with “weirdos.” At the start of school, it doesn’t take him long to figure out who the weird kids are: Brian spends his afternoons alone jumping on the trampoline; Charity Jensen is having difficulty adjusting to home in America after several years in Africa. When they learn that the principal is going to fire their favorite teacher, Sylvan, Charity, and Brian become unlikely allies.





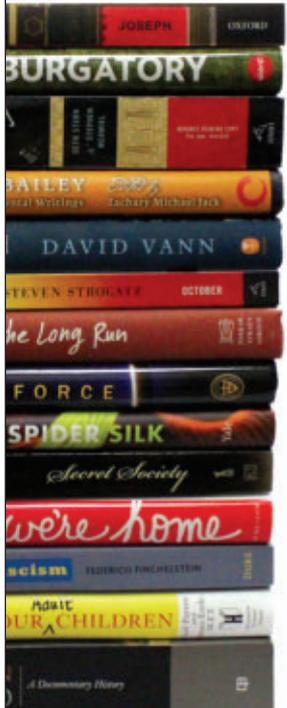
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Fiction

The Forsaken by Lisa Wright Stasse '96 (Simon & Schuster). In a debut novel set in a post-apocalyptic America, Stasse tells the story of Alenna Shawcross, who must learn to survive after she's sent to a prison island for a crime she hasn't committed yet.

The Machiavelli Letter by Thomas Quinn '73 (Amazon). While doing research in Florence, Cornell professor Jack McNair, an authority on Machiavelli, discovers a long-lost letter by the Italian philosopher that contains a plan to dominate the world. Soon McNair realizes that America's enemies are following the plan, and he enlists a group of former students to expose the plot and compel the White House to act before it's too late.

Behind the Walls by Merry Jones '70 (Severn House). Iraq War vet Harper Jennings receives a late-night visit from Zina, a cataloguer of artifacts for Cornell's archeology department, who claims she's seen a Pre-Columbian shape-shifter. But when Harper visits the collection, she finds Zina is dead. Her post-traumatic stress disorder soon resurfaces, and members of her former army unit die in mysterious ways.

The Maelstrom by Henry Neff '95 (Random House). The fourth volume of author/illustrator Neff's *Tapestry* series raises the stakes in mankind's struggle against demons and demigods.

Glide by Bill Gourgey '85 (Jacked Arts). An inventor learns about the dark environmental implications of his world-saving creations in a first novel that the author terms a work of "green sci-fi."

Children's

The Wednesdays by Julie Wallace Bourbeau, MS ILR '98 (Random House). Strange things happen in Max's village, but only on Wednesdays. When he investigates the cause, Max discovers a secret that turns his life upside down.

Big Mean Mike by Michelle Knudsen '95; illustrated by Scott Magoon (Candlewick). A tough neighborhood dog changes his ways when he meets and befriends a little bunny.

Nimpentoad by Henry '82, Josh, and Harrison Herz (Birch Tree). In this children's fantasy, the Nimpentoad leads his fellow Nibblings on a quest to reach a castle where they can find refuge from goblins, trolls, and other perils.



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Non-Fiction

The Unofficial (and Slightly Irreverent) Cornell University Who's Who by Michael Turback '66 (History Company). Ranging from Ezra Cornell to the writer of "Puff, the Magic Dragon," from E. B. White '21 to Toni Morrison, MA '55, and from Pop Warner, LLB 1894, to Margaret Bourke-White '27, this reference profiles more than 200 Cornellians, both the famous and the infamous.

Tolstoy on War edited by Rick McPeak '89 and Donna Tussing Orwin '69 (Cornell). On the 200th anniversary of the French invasion of Russia, a group of historians, social scientists, philosophers, and literary critics commemorate *War and Peace*, Tolstoy's epic meditation on war and history.

The Modernity Bluff by Sasha Newell, PhD '03 (Chicago). A professor of anthropology at the College of the Holy Cross studies the subculture of *bluffeurs*—young men in the Cote d'Ivoire who buy European and American brands in order to appear sophisticated, gain respect, and get ahead.

Behind Closed Doors by Laura Stark '98 (Chicago). An assistant professor of sociology at Wesleyan University examines how institutional review boards helped change the rules for the treatment of human research subjects.

Envisioning Disease, Gender, and War by Jane E. Fisher, PhD '89 (Palgrave Macmillan). Drawing upon the novels and essays of Katherine Anne Porter, Willa Cather, and Virginia Woolf, an associate professor of English at Canisius College examines how women developed an appreciation of their own endurance in the aftermath of World War I and the influenza pandemic of 1918.

Moved by Politics by Gerhard Loewenberg '49, PhD '55 (Gray Pearl). In this memoir, a professor emeritus of political science tells of his family's emigration from Nazi Germany in 1936, the changes in the academic world, and how he went on to become a Fulbright scholar and dean of the College of Liberal Arts at the University of Iowa.

Heidegger, Strauss, and the Premises of Philosophy by Richard L. Velkley '70 (Chicago). A professor at Tulane University analyzes how Heidegger's radical questioning of philosophical traditions influenced the work of Leo Strauss.

Intimate Distance by Michelle Bigenho, PhD '98 (Duke). A prize-winning anthropological study about the cultural appropriation of Andean music by Japanese performers.

Enlightenment Orientalism by Srinivas Aravamudan, PhD '91 (Chicago). In

eighteenth-century Europe, Oriental tales were popular with ordinary readers as well as with writers such as Voltaire, Defoe, Montesquieu, and Swift. A professor of English and Romance studies at Duke University shows how these tales bridged the differences between civilizations.

Howard's Gift by Eric Sinoway '96 (St. Martin's). The president and co-founder of Access Worldwide shares what he describes as the business acumen, keen perception, energetic spirit, and long-term vision of his mentor, the Harvard Business School professor Howard Stevenson.

Florida's First Constitution by M. C. Mirow, JD '86 (Carolina Academic). A professor of law at Florida International University explains the importance of the Spanish Constitution of Cádiz of 1812, which governed political life in early nineteenth-century colonial Florida before the territory was turned over to the United States.

Your Killer Emotions by Ken Lindner, JD '78 (Greenleaf). A life coach shows readers how to identify personal emotional triggers

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Artemisia annua, Artemisinin, ACTs & Malaria Control in Africa by Dana G. Dalrymple '54, MS '56 (Politics & Prose). An agricultural economist at the Agency for International Development draws attention to artemisinin, a compound in the medicinal plant Artemisia, which is now the most effective treatment against malaria in Africa.

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The Road to Mandalay

Professor's film chronicles life in Myanmar

Perhaps Robert Lieberman's next documentary will be about North Korea. The Cornell physics professor, novelist, and filmmaker suggests the topic only half in jest; after all, he notes, his latest movie is about the world's second-most-isolated country. *They Call it Myanmar: Lifting the Curtain* has garnered kudos from critics and played to sold-out houses since its debut in 2011; it comes out on home DVD, iTunes, and video-on-demand in November. "I don't think any other film has put a human face on the country," says Lieberman '62, MS '65. "I want to show you what the people look like, how they eat, how they sleep."

Shot more or less on the sly over five trips—some made under the aegis of teaching filmmaking or consulting on anti-tuberculosis PR campaigns—the documentary explores both the country's political history and its people's daily lives. Formerly known as Burma, Myanmar is a nation of 60 million whose immediate neighbors include India and China. (Can you locate it

on a map? As Lieberman notes in the film, most of us can't.) Plagued by widespread poverty despite a wealth of resources—including gems, oil, and natural gas—it won independence from Britain in 1948 only to suffer through decades of brutal military dictatorship. The most famous face of its opposition is politician and activist Aung San Suu Kyi, who lived under house arrest for fifteen years before being released in 2010. As Lieberman and his colleagues were finishing the film—working to edit more than 120 hours of footage into some ninety minutes—he landed an interview with her; though she put a ban on "personal" questions, he was able to elicit some candid comments about her memories of her father, a leader of the colonial independence movement who was assassinated when she was just two years old.

The film (which was co-produced by Deborah Hoard, MPS '78) chronicles such issues as how Buddhism shapes the nation's character, the vast gulf between the haves and have-nots—there's footage, pro-

vided by an outside source, of the lavish wedding of a general's daughter—and the deficits of an education system that offers most children only minimal schooling. In one wrenching scene, Lieberman highlights the nation's dismal medical care with the case of a young girl suffering from ulcerative TB whose family can't afford \$5 worth of medicine to treat her; in another, he describes how some in Myanmar are so poor that they routinely pawn their bedding, mosquito nets, and cookware each morning for bus fare to work, then redeem them at night. "I've been all over the world," Lieberman says, "and next to Ethiopia, I've never seen such a poor country."

But Lieberman also showcases the fundamentally sunny and resilient nature of the Burmese people; as critic Roger Ebert wrote, "I've never seen a documentary with more smiling faces." The film—which, to Lieberman's chagrin, is ineligible for Oscar consideration because it aired on European TV before its first theatrical showing—has received generally positive reviews; Ebert called it "a thing of beauty" and gave it three stars. "Its cinematography, music, and contemplative words make it not an angry documentary," he wrote, "but more a hymn to a land that has grown out of the oldest cultures in Asia." Suu Kyi's release and subsequent election to her nation's parliament made the film particularly timely, giving it a PR boost; it has had limited runs in theaters and been shown at festivals around the world, including sold-out screenings at Lincoln Center in April and September. "I don't look at this as journalism," Lieberman says. "I'm not a journalist, and I make no pretenses. It's a novelist's-eye view of Burma. You see the country through my eyes."

Other than Lieberman—who narrates and sometimes appears on camera—Suu Kyi is the closest thing to a protagonist in the film, whose subjects mostly remain anonymous for fear of governmental retribution. "You don't want to wake up at one o'clock in the morning and worry about who's in jail because of you," muses Lieberman, who shot most of the film himself with a \$1,200 Sony high-definition digital camera. "It was intended as a non-political film—but the politics crept in, because you couldn't avoid them." Soldiers or police occasionally told Lieberman to stop filming, but he says he never felt threatened—though he did take the precaution of asking friends to carry thumb drives with back-up copies of his footage in case his laptop was confiscated at the border. On his first trip, around Christmas



2008, he even had his wife wrap his gear in holiday paper to throw off inquisitive customs officers. "I had microphones and things," he says, "and I figured if they opened it up I'd tell them it was karaoke equipment and start singing."

— Beth Saulnier

Exotic locale: Images from *They Call it Myanmar* (above and opposite). Below: Director Robert Lieberman '62, MS '65, with dissident politician Aung San Suu Kyi, with whom he got a rare interview.



Like a House on Fire



Tom Parsons '82

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changes, nods, and handshakes. “I like working within the community and being a player in its development,” says Parsons, who serves on a local board of education and chairs the youth exchange committee at the Ithaca Rotary Club.

After lunch—his standard fare is two dogs and a drink—it’s time for a firefighter’s tour of Ithaca. In his shiny red chief’s truck, Parsons drives to West Hill, South Hill, and East Hill. He stops at the EcoVillage co-housing community, which is expanding; Ithaca College, which is also expanding; and Cornell, which is always expanding. Along the way he points out housing developments—some completed, more under construction. It’s clear that, from a fire chief’s point of view, the City of Ithaca is more than the sum of its buildings; the IFD’s responsibilities increase annually. “One of our biggest firefighting challenges in this city is simply the terrain,” Parsons says. “We’re either going uphill or downhill.”

And those ladder trucks and tankers roaring uphill—mostly up East Hill—answer a remarkable number of false alarms at no small expense. But don’t blame student pranksters; malicious false alarms are rare. Cornell’s research facilities require highly sensitive fire, smoke, and chemical detection systems, Parsons explains—and they can be set off by minor atmospheric changes. To underscore his point, Parsons pulls up to a windowless, single-story cinderblock building in an agricultural research area off Game Farm Road. Inside are some of the world’s most pernicious crop- and timber-destroying insects, under study for pest control management. “This building is specifically designed so that in case of emergency, only people get out, not insects; that’s not so

According to a 2011 Marist Poll, American kids still rank firefighting among their top ten dream jobs—putting it at number five, below pop singer but above police officer. That fact elicits a wry smile from Tom Parsons '82, who celebrated his first anniversary as Ithaca’s fire chief in October. These days—especially considering the City of Ithaca’s current budget crunch—the fires that Parsons puts out tend to be of the administrative sort. “Unless something major occurs, I’m usually at my desk or at a meeting,” he says. “It’s rare that I have to go out on a call.

There’s a lot of paperwork to this job.”

So Parsons seizes any chance to get outdoors; in good weather, he often grabs lunch at the Ithaca Commons hot dog stand. One weekday in September finds Parsons—clad in navy blue dress pants, a crisp white shirt with EMT patches, and heavy black shoes—walking a quick-time pace to the Commons from Central Station on Green Street, a four-block commute. He’s built like a fireman from central casting, standing a fit six-foot-three with a moustache, shaved head, and military bearing. At least a dozen locals greet him; he clearly enjoys the casual ex-

easy,” he says. “There are a lot of highly sophisticated labs on this campus with advanced safety and fire equipment. Each has its own particular challenges.”

A Western Massachusetts native, Parsons majored in meat science at Cornell. Junior year he volunteered as a bunker, living rent-free at one of the city’s fire stations in exchange for undergoing firefighter training and responding to emergencies. “A friend did it and it looked pretty neat and practical, so I thought I’d give it a try,” says Parsons. “It saved me on rent and I learned a lot about working with people.” Parsons stayed with the bunker program until graduation, when he realized that he and his classmates were facing a bleak economy. “There was a recession in full swing,” says Parsons, now the married father of five children aged five to twenty-eight. “I liked it here and wanted to stay.”

He was hired by the fire department in nearby Slaterville Springs, transferring to the IFD three years later. He eventually became a certified paramedic and was promoted to lieutenant in 1993. One of his most challenging days on the job came in January of that year, when a senior was found dead in the chimney of Psi Upsilon fraternity house. Parsons went out on that call; the student, who had been missing for three days, had asphyxiated after apparently attempting a prank that went awry. “That was a terribly hard assignment for everyone,” Parsons recalls. More recently, his department responded to a late-night blaze that engulfed a student rental house on Cook Street in College-town in May 2011, killing a resident. “We’ve had a few student deaths due to fire,” he says, “and they always remind us that this job is all about preventing those kinds of tragedies.”

Parsons became assistant chief and fire marshal in 2005; two years later he added deputy chief to his resume. In October 2011 he was appointed chief by then-Mayor Carolyn Peterson, his selection unanimously endorsed by Common Council. Peterson’s successor, Mayor Svante Myrick ’09, is currently wrestling with a \$3 million budget deficit—and police and firefighting jobs are on the chopping block. While Parsons is prepared to defend his fair share of municipal funding, he says he’s aware that his department will have to make sacrifices. Cruising back to Central Station after his three-hill tour of the IFD’s vast and varied territory, he starts thinking aloud.

“Maybe,” he says, “I should take the mayor on this ride.”

— Franklin Crawford

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Feast Your Eyes

Colorful new book celebrates Finger Lakes food

Long renowned for its scenic beauty, New York's Finger Lakes region has recently become known as a food destination as well. Thanks in large part to the farms and wineries in the area, an ever-growing number of high-quality restaurants are offering many styles of food, from rustic delights served on picnic tables to complex creations rivaling those found in the best big-city establishments.

The expanding range of the area's cuisine is on display in a new book, *Finger Lakes Feast*, from McBooks Press, an Ithaca publishing house headed by Alex Skutt '70. The 224-page hardcover volume, written by Karl Zinsmeister and his daughter, Kate Harvey, presents more than 100 recipes and dozens of large color photographs, most of them taken by Noah Zinsmeister, Karl's son. It also puts this culinary explosion in context, covering the history of Finger Lakes food, highlighting key contributors, and citing the crucial influence of Cornell.

"Cornell specialists have had a leading role in many food and agriculture breakthroughs," write the authors, "[including] creation of popular apple varieties, hybrid grape breeding, innovations in animal husbandry, important research on dairy products, a viticulture and enology program, hydroponic testing, running food labs, developing new cooking and processing technologies, consulting on ecological issues, and seeding its graduates through the region—where many of them have founded farms, vineyards, food-manufacturing companies, and restaurants."

Finger Lakes Feast offers highlights of the area's cuisine in five categories—breakfasts, soups and appetizers, main dishes, salads and side dishes, and sweets—and includes tips on how to find the best comestibles, from apples to yogurt, as well as contact information for the contributing restaurants. "So do grab the moment," write the authors, "give yourself and loved ones a burst of primal sensation, and come feast!"

Finger Lakes Feast is available at bricks-and-mortar and online bookstores; it can be ordered by phone from the Independent Publishers Group (800-888-4741) and at the McBooks Press website (www.mcbooks.com).

Raspberry Red-wine Sorbet



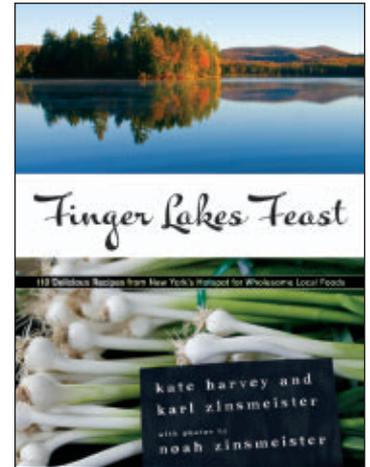
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An unusual wine sorbet with real raspberry tang, and a nice wine secondary taste. Note that this is not smooth and processed, but country-style chunky, with lots of raspberry pulp and seeds.

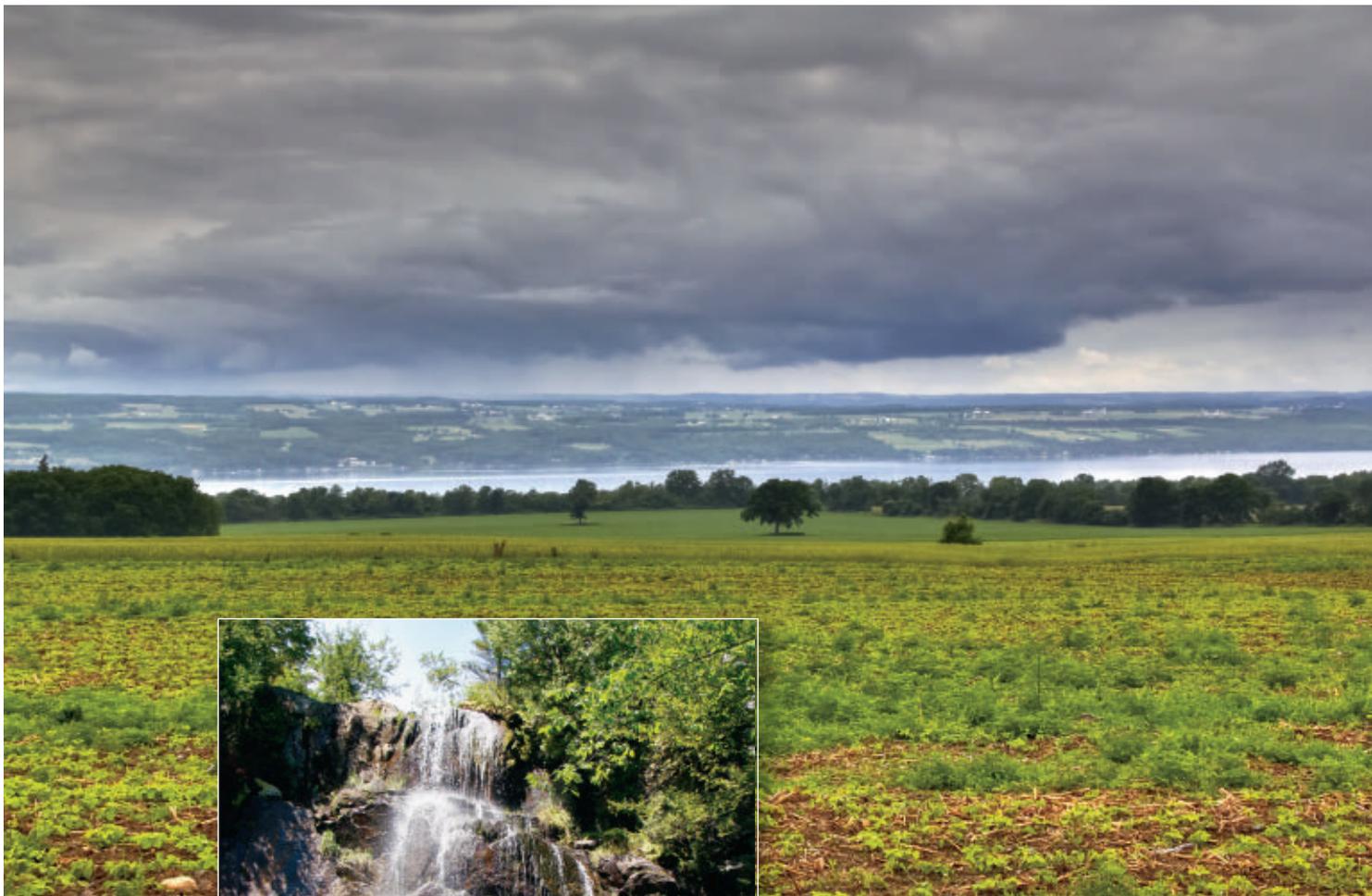
$\frac{2}{3}$ cup sugar	$1\frac{1}{4}$ cups red wine
$\frac{1}{4}$ cup hot water	$\frac{2}{3}$ cup heavy cream
3 cups fresh raspberries	1 Tablespoon lemon or lime juice

Stir the sugar into the hot water to mostly melt it. Mash the raspberries up a bit with a large fork or spoon. Mix all ingredients and freeze in a home ice-cream maker. Because of the wine, this will not freeze as fast or as hard in your maker as some sorbets. If you want to serve it right away, it may be soft, so to prevent fast melting present it in bowls you've chilled in the freezer. Or pack it into a tub with a tightsealing lid and place in the freezer, where it will get fully hard.

Makes 1 quart.



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Scenic showcase: *Finger Lakes Feast* features more than 100 recipes from area chefs and dozens of color photographs.



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Winter wonderland: Andre Carrier '92 with veterans' kids on vacation in New Hampshire

Very Merry

With Christmas Can Cure, **Andre Carrier '92** gives disabled vets and their families an idyllic New England holiday

Living in the southern Texas city of Brownsville, the daughters of Jerry and Selena Cortinas—eight-year-old Dion and three-year-old Ally—had never seen snow. In fact, the holiday season had long been a bittersweet time for the family. In December 2002, Jerry almost died in Afghanistan. A Green Beret, he lost a hand and forearm—and was unconscious for twenty-six days—after a grenade launcher exploded. With no wintry weather and limited funds, a Brownsville Christmas wasn't quite festive enough to overcome the traumatic memories.

Then Andre Carrier '92 started a non-profit called Christmas Can Cure. In 2008, the Cortinas clan was one of two families, identified through the Wounded Warrior Project, flown to the White Mountains of New Hampshire for an idyllic New Eng-

land Christmas—a four-day getaway featuring everything from a sleigh ride to a snowball fight to a pajama-clad journey aboard the Polar Express. The trip, says Selena, created “good memories that we can associate with December.”

In the Decembers since, Mother Nature has (usually) furnished the snow, while the Carriers and their New Hampshire neighbors continue to provide the memories for two families each year. (Since 2009, a second branch of the program has brought two families to Park City, Utah, annually.) The beneficiaries have included retired Army Specialist Eddie Platt, who lost a leg after his truck was hit by a rocket-propelled grenade in Iraq, and former Navy Lt. Commander John Oliveira, who spent years unable to leave his home due to post-traumatic stress disorder. Army Cavalry Scout Bradley Chidester, who was attacked by

a suicide bomber in Mosul and suffered shrapnel wounds to his arms and chest, suffers the daily physical and psychological effects of his injuries. But he describes his 2009 Christmas Can Cure experience as “a catalyst for change in my family.”

Christmas Can Cure began when Carrier decided it would be nice to share the holiday that has long brought his large family together at his parents' vacation home in Jackson, New Hampshire. He describes the typical Carrier Christmas as a “Carrier and Ives experience,” the kind you see in movies. But with five siblings and myriad nieces, nephews, in-laws, and cousins, the family's gift lists were beginning to overwhelm. So Carrier, a Hotel grad who serves as COO of Eureka Casinos in Nevada, made them an offer. “I suggested we should just take all that money, put it in a pot, and do something better with it,” he recalls. Carrier knew his family would support a

veterans' cause: two of his cousins served in Iraq and Afghanistan, his wife's father was a lieutenant colonel and Army Ranger in Vietnam, and his godfather was a World War II veteran.

A couple of years ago, the project's beneficence went beyond a holiday getaway; it threw a wedding. On Veterans Day Weekend 2010, twenty-one-year-old Army medic Kevin Hardin—who endured nearly three dozen surgeries after his Humvee was hit by a rocket-propelled grenade in Iraq in 2007—married his former nonmedical caregiver at the Eureka Casino Resort in Nevada. The resort paid for the wedding as well as travel costs for the immediate family and wedding party. Local businesses provided everything from flowers to photography, Sheraton donated a Hawaiian honeymoon, and the bride was featured on TLC's "Say Yes to the Dress." (Sadly, Hardin died just fourteen months later, likely from a seizure due to shrapnel in his brain.)

Each Christmas Can Cure celebration is held the weekend before the actual holiday; Carrier figures that the families should be home on December 25. The festivities include a party in the barn at the Christmas Farm Inn (where Santa makes an appearance and hands out presents), a stop at Santa's Village amusement park, snowmobile excursions, even adaptive skiing or snowboarding opportunities. And every year, Carrier's parents keep their Christmas tree bare until the military families arrive. While the kids spend an evening making ornaments and decorating the tree, Mom and Dad enjoy a night out.

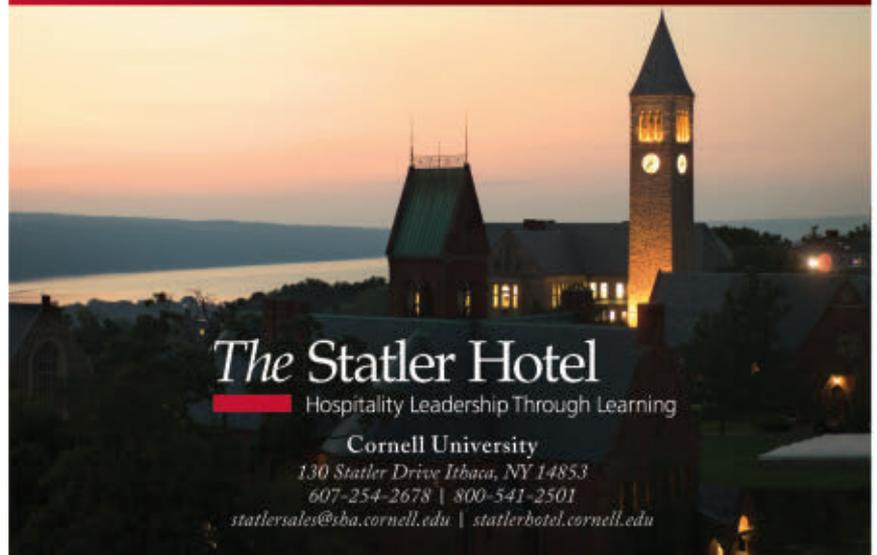
Although the Carriers serve as de facto hosts, the nonprofit succeeds largely through the benevolence of the residents and business owners of the Mount Washington Valley, who donate everything from lodging to entertainment. Carrier's biggest challenge, in fact, is coordinating the many offers from local business owners who want to show their gratitude to veterans and their families. These include a Christmas shopping extravaganza along Main Street, where nearly every store offers gift cards. "Everybody makes it a priority," says Carrier. "There are so many people who want to do something—especially when you give them the opportunity to tithe not just with just dollars, but with time."

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Big Tents

A trio of alums were in the vanguard of fabric architecture

It was a riot so raucous that it got rock concerts banned from Schoellkopf Field for forty years and counting. In 1972, Deep Purple was scheduled to headline what was supposed to be the first in a series of summer concerts. ZZ Top had played its opening set, but when it came time for the main act, one of the Deep Purple members—freaked out by a nearby lightning strike—refused to perform on the metal-and-fabric stage. With power cut to the PA system, organizers couldn't communicate with the audience. Their fury fueled by ample libations and assorted chemical substances, they tossed bottles, rushed the stage, even trashed a Steinway piano.

Then came the waterbed tsunami.

Because the stadium has artificial turf, the tentlike performance structure couldn't be staked to the ground. So the designers—architecture students Todd Dalland '73, BArch '77; Nicholas Goldsmith '74, BArch '75; and Denis Hector '74, BArch '76—had used thirty waterbeds as ballast. When the concert was cancelled, audience members sliced the beds open, unleashing a pressurized stream that Goldsmith compares to the Trevi Fountain. “We thought it was going to be a Woodstock,” he says of the concert, “but it turned out to be more of an Altamont.”

But here's the amazing thing: through it all, the tent stayed standing. And its designers went on to work together in a firm, called FTL, that has created hundreds of tentlike buildings—known as tensioned membrane structures—around the world. They range from an aviary at the Bronx Zoo to exhibition spaces for New York's Fashion Week to a Ringling Brothers' traveling circus tent to an acoustical shell for the National Symphony Orchestra in Washington, D.C. “I think as forms they're incredibly compelling—they're seductive and highly sculptural,” says Hector, who left FTL for academia after several years and is now on the architecture faculty at the University of Miami. “Like a soap bubble, a tensile structure has its own shape—a balance of the tensions in the different directions. Normally in architecture, designers create a form



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and then engineers figure out how to make it. This is a far more intensely disciplined area of design, in which the form is dictated by the forces.”

Among FTL's most widely celebrated projects was a traveling pavilion it designed for the Metropolitan Opera and the New York Philharmonic in the early Nineties. Carried on a fleet of trucks—which expanded hydraulically, like “Transformers” toys, to become the support structure—it migrated from park to park hosting summer performances for more than a decade. At the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta, FTL (the firm was originally called Future Tents Limited, but

switched to the acronym when it expanded into other areas) served as the project architects for the twenty-one-acre Centennial Park. Its centerpiece was the AT&T Global Olympic Village, a 9,000-square-foot facility that featured NBC's broadcast studios, a media center, an athletes' village, and more. “One of the things that fascinated me about this type of architecture was that it has a very small footprint on the ground,” Goldsmith says. “These are lightweight structures that can be set up relatively easily—they don't require a huge construction site—and once they're no longer needed they can be folded and moved away.” They're also



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Pitching in: Projects by FTL and its alumni include (clockwise from top) a concert hall in Sun Valley, Idaho; a solar car-charging station outside Austin, Texas; the AT&T Global Olympic Village at the 1996 Atlanta Games; Baltimore's Pier Six Pavilion; and a tent built on the Arts Quad during their student days.

DALLAND



recyclable: trusses from a theater that FTL designed for a millennium event in London were repurposed for a Victoria's Secret fashion show in Miami Beach. "That's an interesting thing—that buildings don't have to be purpose-built with all new materials," he says, "and after their lifespan you can put them back on the shelf."

Dalland, Hector, and Goldsmith became enraptured with tensioned membrane structures after seeing a Museum of Modern Art exhibit on Frei Otto, the German architect considered the father of the field. It was the heady days of the counter-culture—summer 1971—and Otto's work

fit with the times, along with such influences as the *Whole Earth Catalog* and the work of R. Buckminster Fuller, creator of the geodesic dome. "We were exploring alternatives in society—alternative materials, more transient buildings, more transient lifestyles" says Dalland. "We were eschewing the traditions and the norms, or re-evaluating them." Designing tensile structures, he says, "was kind of an underground movement, like running away with the architectural circus."

The trio found an ally in a newly minted visiting assistant professor: Kent Hubbell '69. "I remember them coming to my office, pulling these little plastic

tent models out of their pockets and putting them on my desk," says Hubbell, now Cornell's dean of students. With his blessing, the students not only designed such structures—some with tentlike frames and stretched material, others held up by being inflated—they actually built them. "It was a bit radical," Hubbell says. "You could go down to Agway and get a roll of polyethylene and some duct tape and put together an inflatable on the Arts Quad—which we did over and over again."

It was a more innocent age—or at least one less beset by liability concerns and helicopter parenting. "We built stuff

all over the place,” Hubbell recalls. “I built a big tensile structure behind Riskey that was used as an events tent.” As Hector puts it: “Most architectural education is a lot of drawing and imagining what it would be like. It was exciting to design something and actually put it up and see it.” In addition to the stage for the now-infamous Deep Purple concert, the trio designed the venue for a spring arts festival on the Arts Quad—an event, they happily admit, they concocted so they’d have an excuse to build a home for it. “We basically created a little cell in the Architecture school,” Dalland says. “We got our formalist indoctrination during the day, and after hours we pursued Frei Otto as the future of architecture.”

After graduation, Dalland and his brother formed FTL and were later joined by Goldsmith and Hector, who’d been working for Otto in Germany. By 1995—when Dalland and Goldsmith were featured on the cover of *Interiors* magazine—the firm had received some 800 commissions and more than thirty awards. In 1996, Academy Editions published a 128-page monograph chronicling the firm’s first two decades. “Anyone who wants a lightweight, membrane structure, who has a need for a flexible deployable shelter, who understands the favorable economics of building with tensile technology, automatically turns to FTL,” said *Interiors*. “The firm has virtually no competition—simply because few designers have their know-how.”

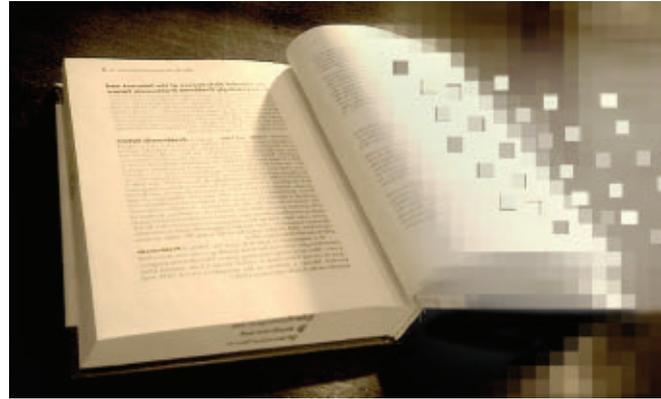
More competitors have since entered the market, says Dalland, who eventually left the firm to concentrate on combining membrane structures with solar power technology. “At the beginning it was new, it was fresh, it was unexplored,” he says. “After thirty years of doing it, it became mainstream. It’s a tiny part of the mainstream—but there are thirty companies in the U.S. now bidding on tensile structures, and 300 around the world.”

Last year Dalland co-founded Pvilion, a firm that designs and manufactures electric vehicle charging stations using tensioned flexible solar panels; a prototype is now up and running outside Austin, Texas. Goldsmith remains FTL’s senior principal, while Hubbell has continued to pursue fabric architecture both academically and professionally. “There’s a real mythology associated with these kinds of structures; they have an intrinsically festive and ephemeral character,” Hubbell says. “There’s a long and interesting history of tents, from Genghis Khan to traveling circuses.”

— Beth Saulnier

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This fall, a new copy of the alternate edition of *Fundamentals of Corporate Finance*, the 992-page required textbook for the Hotel school’s sophomore finance course, cost \$245 at the Cornell Store. Comparison shoppers could also find it online from Amazon for \$190.93—with free two-day shipping—or take their chances with even more affordable, less familiar Internet purveyors. In Collegetown, the independent textbook and clothing shop Kraffees had a used copy in stock—a different edition than the one assistant professor Pamela Moulton requires—for \$145. A gently used copy of the required edition cost just \$45 at the Cornell Store.

And then there was the free option. This semester, Moulton signed up her course for the University’s ongoing pilot program investigating the logistics and performance of e-textbooks. Its 1,200 guinea pigs include undergraduate and grad students in fourteen courses spanning Arts and Sciences, Human Ecology, the Johnson School, and the Vet college, as well as Moulton’s two sections of HADM 2220. Based on the Courseload software platform and accessible with a student NetID through the University’s page on Blackboard.com, Cornell’s electronic textbooks are essentially the better-off cousins to your favorite novel on Kindle, Nook, or iPad. Users can scroll page by page but can also highlight text, electronically annotate it, and even share comments and queries with classmates and instructors.

The price didn’t hurt, says Moulton—but ultimately, it was the pedagogical possibilities that convinced her the project could be a boon to students. “They can access the book any time, anywhere, without having to carry it with them,” says the professor, who walks from home to her Statler Hall office and buys copies for each location to spare her back. “A student might be able to look it over in the fifteen minutes between classes, for example. I hope that by making it more accessible, students will find new ways to study more effectively.”

For nineteen-year-old Francesco Jimenez ’15, the e-textbook has made it a little easier to be prepared for the 8:40 a.m. session of Moulton’s class. “Sometimes that early I forget things,” says the Hotel school student. “If I forget my textbook, I can use any computer on campus to access the e-textbook.” Yet for Jimenez—whose freshman finance course also had an e-textbook offering—nothing beats good, old-fashioned paper. While he took advantage of online chapter quizzes to prepare for prelims last semester, this fall he happily spent the extra money to buy a used textbook as a counterpart to the electronic version. Says the Los Angeles native: “When I’m using the e-textbook, there’s the temptation to check e-mail, check my grades, check Facebook.”

A similar ambivalence permeated the feedback from the 600 students enrolled in four pilot courses last spring, organizers say. “They reported that when they get back to the dorm, they open the physical book because they can snuggle with it and they’re not distracted by the Internet,” says instructional technologist Eric Machan Howd, one of the coordinators of the pilot program. “But on campus, they don’t

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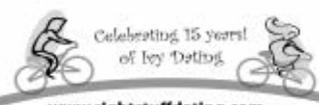
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bring the print version because they have access to the content online. They loved the collaboration with their peers, the portability, and the convenience.” By early October, Jimenez had yet to familiarize himself with the online edition’s interactive features, but the automatic book-marking had already made an impression. “If you quit the browser, the computer automatically saves where you are,” he says. “If my friend comes over and I close my laptop, it will automatically go back to page 300 the next time I log in.”

This year, students nationwide can expect to spend some \$1,200 on textbooks and supplies, according to the latest College Board survey on the subject. Costs have risen steadily for more than a decade; in 2005, the federal Government Accounting Office even launched an investigation into rising prices. But a sense of frustration with the cost and quality of textbooks stretches back to the University’s earliest days. The Cornell Store traces its beginnings to 1886, when a pair of students founded the Co-op to provide more affordable books, among other items. A century later, faculty frustrated with high prices and outdated textbooks began crafting elaborate “course packs,” collections of photocopied journal articles, newspaper clippings, and book chapters.

In the early days of the Internet, Cornell’s tactics for combining textbooks with technology simply meant making reading lists available to students online before the semester started, so they could comparison shop at home. Back in Ithaca, they could buy course materials at the Cornell Store or the now-defunct Triangle Bookstore on College Avenue. Then Amazon entered the scene. “Amazon is everybody’s competitor right now,” says Cornell Store director Pat Wynn, a former vice president for sales promotion at Borders.

With a business model that derives a shrinking percentage of its income from textbook sales—just 31.2 percent in the fiscal year that ended in June 2011, representing only 16 percent of all transactions—the Cornell Store has gotten creative about meeting the need for affordable course materials. In recent years, that has meant collaborating with CIT’s academic technologies unit to promote the e-textbook pilot, offering online book sales with orders pre-packed to speed in-store pickup, and even buying inexpensive used textbooks from Amazon, then renting them to students for a fraction of the cost of outright purchase. Says Wynn: “Students deserve the best price we can give them.”

— Sharon Tregaskis '95

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Porus Olpadwala retired two years ago after a forty-year career as a Cornell administrator, professor, department head, and dean of the College of Architecture, Art, and Planning. Before leaving Ithaca in December 2010, he drafted a 17,000-word document titled “Cornell Today and Tomorrow” and shared it with a few of his closest colleagues on the Hill, plus some alumni and friends. At their suggestion, he sent a copy to CAM. He spoke to us from his home in Albuquerque, New Mexico, about his thought-provoking and sometimes controversial evaluation of the University’s present and future.



Cornell Alumni Magazine: Why did you decide to write this report?

Porus Olpadwala: I wrote it mainly for myself and for some close Cornell friends with whom I have discussed these issues over the years. It also was a way for me to return to a shelved project on U.S. higher education. This way of taking stock of the University may be seen as a precursor to our normal strategic planning exercises. Its genesis for me was a similar appraisal that I submitted in the mid-Nineties as a member of the University’s commission on stewardship.

CAM: With the sesquicentennial approaching, there was one statement in your report that I found striking: “With both knowledge and society drastically transformed, educators today are vastly overdue to do what Mr. Cornell and his friends did in their own time—take a close look, with maximum integrity, imagination, and courage, at how the learned professions might be transformed to serve the new society.”

PO: That is the essence of the piece. If we start with the premise that the University exists first and foremost to serve society, we have to prioritize where the needs reside and then figure out how best to attend to them. Mr. Cornell’s genius was to conclude, in the mid-nineteenth

century, that the old church- and property-based model of higher education was not appropriate for the late-nineteenth century U.S. He helped create, in tandem with President Daniel Coit Gilman of Johns Hopkins, the broadly inclusive, practice-oriented, great modern American research university. But now we are in the twenty-first century, and the society for which these institutions were created has evolved to be almost unrecognizable today. So we have to do the same thing again—work out whom we wish to serve and how to do so.

CAM: You identify a number of problems that currently confront Cornell. One of

these is sponsored research. Why is this a problem?

PO: Sponsored research grants do not cover all the costs of doing the work. For every dollar we earn, the University has to find between ten and twenty cents from its own coffers. Since we strive constantly to increase our sponsored research, this puts enormous ongoing pressure on our budgets. Indeed, it is the only area in which we try very hard to get into the position of spending more every passing year. It is also a prime factor in not coralling tuition increases. The current model is anchored in Vannevar Bush’s post-World War II dictum of allowing free intellects to work on whatever they

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choose and in any way they want, with no larger practical or social connections in mind. At that time, the cost of doing scientific research was relatively small, but that is no longer the case. We need to find ways of safeguarding Bush's principle but reconciling it with constrained budgets.

CAM: Does this also affect teaching?

PO: Absolutely. It is common for researchers to use their grants to buy out teaching commitments. Sometimes their courses are shelved; at other times, part-time instructors or graduate students take the place of tenure-line faculty. Either way, students get less or less effective teaching. This is not meant as a criticism of part-time faculty or graduate students—both these groups face their own considerable travails, which I discuss in the piece.

CAM: Another problem area you identify is the competition between universities—the so-called “arms race” to constantly keep up with each other by building new laboratories, residence halls, and other expensive facilities. You question the value of some of this. What areas are the

most problematic?

PO: All the areas. We seem to compete on all fronts simply for the sake of competing. We need to step back and think about why we do so and what the outcomes are, not for the sake of our own statistics or visibility, but for our students and their families. A classic example concerns applications. An admissions director—at Princeton, I think—pointed out years ago that it seems we invest considerable time and treasure to raise our applicant numbers every year just for the sole purpose of being able to reject more of them. The results of competition are only as good or bad as its goals.

CAM: One area that you didn't address in your report, simply because it hadn't happened yet, was the competition for the applied science campus in New York City. What do you think the impact of the NYC Tech campus might be on the future of the University?

PO: There is no way of telling this, and certainly not for the University as a whole. Faculty and researchers from all of our campuses who participate will benefit from additional resources and visibil-

ity. Our sponsored research totals and research profile will rise. Some or many New York City alumni will gain business and career opportunities. Start-ups, whether by alumni or others, will add to the University's coffers. Alumni everywhere will be pleased with Cornell's higher media visibility, and this might translate into enhanced support. On the other hand, the expanded research agenda will put more pressure on budgets and detract from the goal of cost containment. Not many undergraduates will see their lives changed, though teaching will suffer if history is a guide. Over the long haul, the humanities and social sciences will not improve their relative status, despite the new hires being planned and the spanking addition to Goldwin Smith. The NYC Tech and Ithaca campuses will probably not become integrated in any meaningful way. Senior administrators will multiply. The burdens on the president and provost, already heavy beyond comprehension, will become considerably more weighty.

CAM: You also tackle the difficult subject of whether Cornell's colleges and schools should be reorganized—and whether it

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makes sense to still have contract colleges. At what point does Cornell have to take a serious look at this?

PO: Cornell consistently has taken a serious look at these issues. Our relationship with New York State was a regular item of debate in the Day Hall that I served in 1972. The forty intervening years have witnessed significant reorganizations, including the creation of a new dean, in computing, and three attempts to “re-align”—that is, disband—my college. While the consideration always has been there, the conditions for appropriate solutions or successful action have not, particularly as regards the extremely sensitive and thorny issue of Albany.

CAM: You state: “The question for universities of our size is not whether we are too big to fail but whether we are too big to govern for any common social good beyond the needs of the scholars who comprise them.” Again, you’re talking about serving society. At what point has the university moved away from this focus?

PO: The genesis is amorphous and the change gradual, but what is clear is that the process accelerated and deepened in the post-World War II era with the infusion of large federal government monies accompanied by bureaucratic mandates, and the adoption by administration and faculty alike of a business-like ethos and commercial practices. Today the professoriate substantially has completed its transition from a vocation to a business-minded profession. The reasons for this are understandable and in many ways beyond its control, but that does not negate the fact of the transformation.

CAM: Given all the difficulties and problems you identify, are you optimistic about Cornell’s future?

PO: Yes, definitely, if we use the standards that the academy sets for itself. Our University has always had great scholars and great teachers, strong leadership, and incredibly supportive alumni. All this is even more true today. But if we make reference to the critical problems that haunt all higher education and are the focus of my piece—ratcheting costs, the dissatisfaction of students and parents, the mistreatment of young scholars, general societal disaffection—that is an altogether different and significantly more chastening proposition.

— Jim Roberts ’71

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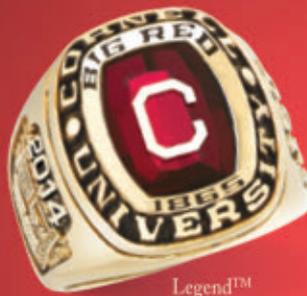
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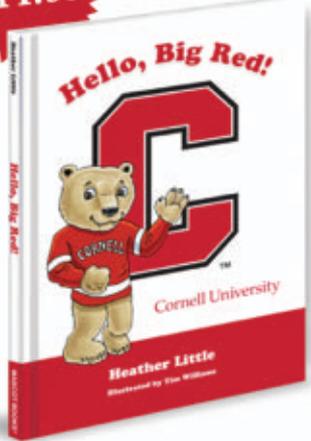
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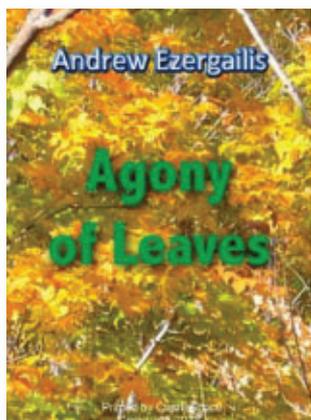
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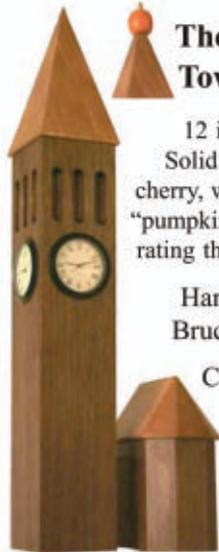
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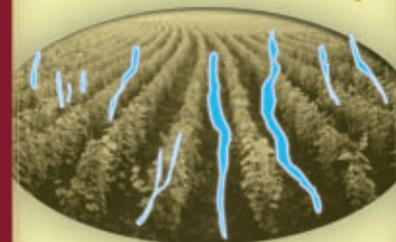
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Taste Test

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hat's the opposite of resting on your laurels?

Will Guidara '01 is general manager and co-owner of a restaurant that has received four stars from the *New York Times* and three from the *Michelin Guide*—the latter an honor held by just seven restaurants in New York and ninety-three around the world. The establishment, Eleven Madison Park, has won five James Beard Awards—the Oscar of the culinary world—since Guidara took the helm, including Outstanding Restaurant in America for 2011. This year it was named one of the ten best on the planet in the San Pellegrino World's 50 Best Restaurants awards—leaping from number twenty-four to ten in a single year. Its reservation book, which opens at 9 a.m. exactly four weeks

in advance, is generally filled by 9:15. Those who miss out can get on the waiting list—but it's some 150 people long.

For many restaurateurs, it would be time to sit back, enjoy the accolades, and stop working so hard. Guidara and his partner, the Swiss-born chef Daniel Humm, decided it was the perfect moment to shake things up. Eleven Madison Park closed for the week after Labor Day—the downtime offered a chance for some cleaning, refurbishing, reorganizing, and redecorating—before reopening with a menu reimagined as a celebration of New York culture and cuisine. “The best meals, when you’re eating them, you know where you are; it wouldn’t even make sense if you were eating it anywhere else in the world,” says the thirty-two-year-old Hotel alum. “Going to the great sushi bars of Tokyo, having an amazing truffle dinner in Piedmont, having the classic three-Michelin-star French meal in Paris. We’re trying to make Eleven Madison Park a New York experience, one that expresses an amazing pride of place.”

The New York-centric menu the restaurant unveiled in September included such dishes as sturgeon presented under a glass dome filled with smoke, meant as a nod to the city’s “appetizing” lox-and-bagel shops. There were savory black-and-white cookies; a twist on cheesecake, served in a glass with raspberry gelée and chamomile sorbet; a tabletop “clambake” complete with hot rocks; a cheese course packaged in a basket—along with a pretzel with mustard and a bottle of ale custom-brewed by the Ithaca Beer Company—meant to evoke a picnic in Central Park. (In April, Ten Speed Press will publish *I Love New York: A Moment in New York Cuisine*, in which Humm and Guidara offer recipes and profiles of more than fifty farms.)

Eleven Madison Park has long been a high-end dining experience, but the change put it in even more rarified company. While it didn’t raise the price of its much-celebrated, fifteen-

to sixteen-course tasting menu—it remains \$195 per person, plus \$145 for wine pairings—it did away with a more modest option, a four-course prix fixe meal at \$125. (The prices and menu are the same at lunch and dinner.) On the bright side: even at nearly \$200 a person, it costs about as much as an elegant dinner and a Broadway show—and at nearly four hours, the meal is the show. “There’s a narrative that starts from the second you open the door, that you’re being guided through an experience,” says Kevin Denton ’01, MRP ’04, the beverage manager at the Lower East Side molecular gastronomy restaurant WD-50 and a fixture on the city’s bar and restaurant scene. “Dining there feels at once like something new and something familiar. It employs multiple styles of cuisine and interprets it in many different ways. It’s playful, but at the same time you know how much discipline went into it, how many hands and hours it took to prepare.”

Denton has known Guidara since freshman year, when they lived in the Just About Music (JAM) program house. The band they formed as students, the Bill Guidara Quartet—it’s actually a funk act with about a dozen members; Guidara plays the drums—still does an annual New Year’s show. And music remains a lively force in Guidara’s professional life: Eleven Madison Park takes inspiration from the jazz of Miles Davis, with the kitchen decorated with his photo and a poster listing words (“cool,” “inspired,” “collaborative,” “spontaneous,” “endless reinvention”) that his music evokes. The NoMad—the boutique hotel that Guidara and Humm opened last year in a Beaux Arts former office building at the corner of Broadway and 28th Street—is similarly informed by the Rolling Stones. Its kitchen sports a Mick Jagger portrait and a word list that includes “loose,” “alive,” “glamorous,” and—naturally—“satisfaction.” “You think of the Stones as wild and crazy,” Guidara says. “But they were the most studied, contemplative, deliberate rock band I’ve ever learned about. When they were coming up in the U.K. they would buy every blues album that came out of America and learn every song, note for note—study it, break it down. And I like that—the idea that something is quote-unquote ‘chaotic,’ but nothing happens by accident. The word ‘deliberate’ is really important to me, in life and in work.”

The day after Labor Day, Guidara sits in the NoMad’s wood-paneled lounge; the room is styled as a library, complete with leather-bound volumes and a spiral ladder. Guidara and Humm were involved in designing every facet of the hotel, which has the air of an English club circa the Gilded Age. The bar is laden with dark wood and dominated by two carved elephants; the open kitchen sports a pressed-copper countertop. “About a century ago, back in the day in New York and London, the grand hotels—like the Waldorf and the Plaza—were the gathering places,” Guidara says. “Locals and visitors alike would be there. You’d know they had the best bar, the best dining, the best rooms. To me, there’s a sense of integrity that comes with that.”

The NoMad’s restaurant—which was awarded three stars by the *New York Times* in June—offers more casual and expansive interpretations of Eleven Madison Park’s fare. While one of the elder restaurant’s signature dishes is a whole roasted honey laven-

Eat your words: En route from the kitchen, servers pass a list of phrases that inform Eleven Madison Park. Opposite: A bird’s eye view of the Art Deco-style dining room.





der Muscovy duck—dry-aged for two weeks and served with each meal as a course for the table—the favorite at NoMad is the “chicken for two,” a whole roasted bird with foie gras, black truffles, and brioche stuffed under the skin. “We wanted a place to express the other part of our personality,” Guidara says. “Eleven Madison Park is very high end. We wanted somewhere we could maintain the same standards but turn the music up—to create an *à la carte* restaurant that’s just as excellent as Eleven Madison Park but louder, looser, more fun. We want people to be able to dine here a few times a month as opposed to, over there, a few times a year.”

Given that Eleven Madison Park is about to launch its new format in just three days, Guidara seems remarkably calm. When he migrates over to the restaurant, just a few minutes’ walk to the other side of Madison Square Park, he encounters a noisy hive of activity; the brief closure has enabled such projects as reorganizing the tables, refinishing the bar, and cleaning the dec-

orative fabric panels that dampen sound in the dining room. “I’m in love with this bar right now,” Guidara says as he runs a hand along its pristine surface. “They’ve sanded it down and put on new coats of polyurethane. It’s perfect.”

Over in the kitchen, Guidara encounters a trio of workers scrutinizing the lighting fixtures. “How many people does it take to clean these?” he jokes with them in Spanish. “Three?” On the way through a semi-public service area, he detours the long way around a central island even though there are boxes in the way; everyone at the restaurant is trained to walk a particular route to avoid collisions, and he can’t shake the habit. On the wall, in a corner, are frames displaying the James Beard Awards. “We have one more of those to go up,” Guidara says, by which he means Humm’s 2012 nod for Outstanding Chef. “In some restaurants they’re by the entrance, but I never wanted them in the dining room. It’s more for us. As we’re walking out of the kitchen carrying food, we’re reminded that we have a legacy to maintain.”

Porcini Salad with Autumn Greens and Peanuts

A recipe for the intrepid home chef

Eleven Madison Park: The Cookbook *features dozens of recipes, organized by season, that reflect the nature of the restaurant's cuisine—elegant and seemingly simple, but the product of complex, multi-step recipes. The following is one of the simpler dishes from its fall section. (Serves eight.)*

POACHED PORCINI ON BREAD ROUNDS

- 2 cups white wine
- 1 cup olive oil
- 2 tablespoons white balsamic vinegar
- 1 tablespoon minced shallots
- 1 tablespoon salt
- 8 peppercorns, crushed
- 2 cloves
- 1 bay leaf
- 8 porcini mushrooms
- 1 loaf white bread, frozen
- 1 egg

In a medium saucepan, combine the wine, oil, vinegar, shallots, salt, peppercorns, cloves, and bay leaf. Reduce the wine for 5 minutes to cook out the alcohol. Add the porcini mushrooms and cover with a cartouche (lid made of parchment paper). Simmer for 20 minutes. Remove the mushrooms from the poaching liquid and drain them on paper towels. Cut the porcini in half lengthwise.

Using a rotating deli slicer or a sharp knife, thinly slice the bread, about 1/8th inch thick, to yield at least 16 slices. Use a 3 1/2-inch ring cutter to cut rounds from the slices. Beat the egg with 1 teaspoon water to make an egg wash. Dip the cut side of a poached porcini in the egg wash and adhere the porcini half to a bread round. Repeat with the remaining porcini and bread rounds.

CLARIFIED BUTTER

Makes 1 3/4 cups

- 1 pound butter

Place the butter in a medium saucepan over medium heat. Simmer for about 30 minutes. Once the butter is clear, strain through cheesecloth to remove milk solids. Refrigerate in an airtight container until ready to use, for up to 1 week.

PEANUT PUREE

Makes 2 cups

- 3 cups jumbo salted peanuts
- 1 teaspoon salt

In a food processor, puree the peanuts until they become a smooth peanut butter, about 5 minutes. Pass the puree through a fine-mesh tamis [sieve] and season with the salt.

PEANUT VINAIGRETTE

Makes 1 1/2 cups

- 1 cup peanut oil
- 1/2 cup sherry vinegar
- 1 teaspoon salt

Whisk together the peanut oil and sherry vinegar. Season with the salt.

PICKLED PORCINI MUSHROOMS

- 4 porcini mushrooms
- 3 tablespoons White Balsamic Pickling Liquid

Use a mandoline to slice the porcini mushrooms paper thin (1/16th inch), yielding 24 slices total.

Place the sliced mushrooms in a *sous vide* bag, add the Pickling Liquid, and vacuum-seal. Marinate in the bag for 30 minutes. Remove mushroom slices from the bag and dry on paper towels.

Alternately, bring the Pickling Liquid to a simmer in a small saucepan over medium heat. Place the porcini slices in a bowl. Pour the liquid over the mushrooms. Allow to come to room temperature before drying on paper towels.

WHITE BALSAMIC PICKLING LIQUID

- 1 3/4 cups white balsamic vinegar
- 3 tablespoons salt

In a medium bowl, stir together 1 3/4 cups water and the vinegar. Add the salt, stirring until it dissolves.

TO FINISH

Poached Porcini on Bread Rounds

- 1 teaspoon Clarified Butter
- 8 teaspoons Peanut Puree
- 16 sprigs chervil
- 8 green frilly mustard greens
- 8 red frilly mustard greens
- 8 red sorrel leaves
- 8 baby green kale
- 8 green orach leaves
- 8 red orach leaves
- 8 parsley leaves
- 8 teaspoons Peanut Vinaigrette
- 24 slices from 4 porcini mushrooms

Pickled Porcini Mushrooms

- 2 teaspoons coarsely ground toasted, salted peanuts

To toast the Poached Porcini on Bread Rounds, heat the Clarified Butter in a sauté pan over high heat. Place the porcini, bread side down, in the pan and quickly toast the bread until it is golden brown, 1 to 2 minutes. Remove immediately and place on paper towels. Work quickly but gently so that the porcinis stay glued to the bread.

Spread 1 teaspoon of the Peanut Puree on a plate. In a small bowl, toss the greens in the Peanut Vinaigrette and arrange 1 of each leaf on the plate. Place 3 raw porcini slices, 2 Pickled Porcini mushroom slices, and 2 toasted Poached Porcini on Bread Rounds on the plate. Dot with a few drops of Peanut Vinaigrette. Finish the plate with 1/8 teaspoon ground peanuts. Repeat with the remaining ingredients, to serve 8.

Editor's note: Orach is a relative of spinach.





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For Guidara, restaurants are a legacy business. His father, Frank, is a longtime industry executive who has worked for Wolfgang Puck and headed Au Bon Pain; he currently serves as president and CEO of the parent company of Uno Chicago Grill. “I’ve wanted to do this since I was twelve,” Guidara says. “I’d go to work with my dad and I’d love it. Tons of kids like playing make-believe; I could do it for real. In restaurants, you’re creating a different world for people to walk into. I could put on an apron and be a part of it.” During the years when his father was an executive at Restaurant Associates—the industry behemoth that runs, among other things, the cafés at institutions like the Metropolitan Museum of Art—Guidara would head out with him at 5 a.m. for the two weeks of the U.S. Open tennis championship in Queens. “I’d get excited about waiting tables,” says Guidara, who grew up in the Hudson Valley and now lives in Manhattan’s Chelsea neighborhood. “I was the water boy, and I loved it. Later I was a soda jerk at Baskin Robbins, and I loved that too.”

Guidara got his first official restaurant job at fifteen, as a dishwasher at a Ruth’s Chris Steak House. He was quickly promoted to busboy; within a year he was a host. Guided by his father, his summer jobs during high school and college gave him a tour of the business, including work as a busboy at Puck’s legendary Spago in Beverly Hills and as a waiter at New York’s Tribeca Grill. “He was an extremely mature student for his age,” says his former adviser, Hotel school senior lecturer Giuseppe Pezzotti ’84, MMH ’96, who has brought his restaurant entrepreneurship class to Eleven Madison Park. “He had all the qualities of a successful restaurateur or hotelier. He was determined, focused; everything he does is methodical and organized. But he’s also a humble, compassionate, understated person. He can play in a band, serve a \$1,000 bottle of wine, and design a hotel. That tells you the kind of human being he is.” Guidara went to Spain after graduation, earning room and board at a hotel school in exchange for working as a morning prep cook. “I’d gut fish and chop vegetables,” he recalls. “I’d been prompted by my dad to learn Spanish, which is very helpful in this business.”

After returning home Guidara became the maitre d’ at *Tabla*; the tony Indian restaurant (which closed in 2010) was part of the Danny Meyer empire that includes Union Square Café and Gramercy Tavern. “That was the coolest,” Guidara recalls. “I was

twenty-one years old. I got to wear a suit; I had my first business card; I was at the front door. But after two years my dad effectively made me quit. He said, ‘You’re too young to commit yourself to one approach to running a company, and you can’t just be in the dining room. You haven’t solidified your foundation.’ ”

So Guidara went to work for Restaurant Associates, working twelve-hour days that started at 5 a.m., doing purchasing, receiving, and bookkeeping for the restaurants in the MetLife building above Grand Central Station. “I went from what I considered to be the most glamorous job in New York to the least,” he says. “But I got to learn the business.” He went back to work for Meyer in 2004, helping to open the cafés at the newly renovated Museum of Modern Art. Then, in 2006, Meyer decided to overhaul Eleven Madison Park. “It had been open for eight years as an upscale brasserie,” Guidara says. “It was always very good, one of the most popular restaurants in New York, but after its second two-star review in the *New York Times* there was a desire to make it something more.”

Having recruited Humm as chef, Meyer tapped Guidara to manage the restaurant, but he balked. “I never wanted to have anything to do with fine dining,” Guidara says, smiling to acknowledge the irony. “I was always put off by the stuffiness of four-star experiences.” Guidara had his heart set on working with Meyer on expanding Shake Shack, his successful chain of burger joints—but his dad pointed out that when Danny Meyer asks you to help him reinvent a restaurant, there’s only one right answer. He agreed to work at Eleven Madison Park for a year,



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then move to Shake Shack; twelve months later he didn’t want to leave. “I realized it didn’t need to be super stuffy or pretentious,” he says. “By taking a slightly different approach to that style of service, it could be fun. It’s about surrounding yourself with good, honest people who value hospitality as much as they do excellence—and who, while taking what they *do* seriously, don’t take *themselves* as seriously.”

While some restaurants ban substitutions and consider their dishes sacrosanct, Guidara and Humm take the opposite tack. For four of the tasting menu’s courses, guests choose among dishes denoted by their principal ingredient (such as beets, lobster, squab, parsnip, mushroom, and chocolate). “We go to the table and say, ‘Please select one course from each line and then tell us what you don’t like, what you’re allergic to,’ ” Guidara says. “Sometimes I have to lead the ordering process like an AA meeting and say, ‘My name is Will Guidara and I don’t like sea urchin. What don’t you like?’ ” And in contrast to, say, Anthony



Mick and Miles: The NoMad Hotel, inspired by the music of the Rolling Stones, features a library-themed lounge (far left) and an ornate dining room (left). Above: At Eleven Madison Park, inspired by Miles Davis's jazz, the staff gathers for a meeting before each four-hour meal begins. Right: Tasting courses in the Eleven Madison Park kitchen await their servers.



Bourdain's open disdain for vegetarians—in *Kitchen Confidential* he called them “the enemy of everything good and decent in the human spirit”—Guidara sees special diets as more of a creative challenge than a massive drag. “We have a team of thirty cooks,” he says. “If they can't figure it out, we have a problem. We're changing the menu every day based on what's available at the market anyway. If we're as good as we're supposed to be, we should be able to change it to suit a guest.”

In 2009, Eleven Madison Park got its fourth star from *Times* critic Frank Bruni, who praised it as “among the most alluring and impressive restaurants in New York.” That day, it did away with its dress code—and its high chairs. “We decided to become more accessible and less accessible in different ways,” Guidara says. “I just think there are some environments where people should be able to go and not risk hearing a screaming baby. That's a controversial thing to say, but I believe those places should exist. I also believe there should be a four-star restaurant where you can wear jeans and a T-shirt.”

Last year was an eventful one for Guidara and Humm; in

addition to opening NoMad and publishing *Eleven Madison Park: The Cookbook*, they bought the restaurant from Meyer. This fall, Eleven Madison Park and the much-heralded Chicago molecular gastronomy restaurant Alinea sparked a foodie frenzy when they swapped venues for five days. Tickets, which cost \$495 per person, sold out in under an hour. Asked what he thinks people are seeking in an ultra-high-end dining experience, Guidara says that although the food is the obvious draw, it's hardly the only one. “People spend that kind of money for a great meal, but they also want to be pampered, to feel cared for,” he says. “If you go to Eleven Madison Park, there's one price. It doesn't matter if you're a billionaire or someone who has been saving up—that night, you're equals.” 🍷



Cable news: Jeremy Schaap '91 on the set at ESPN

An award-winning journalist in his own right,
Jeremy Schaap '91 is following in the
footsteps of a famous father

Good Sport

By Brad Herzog

It was early autumn in 2000, and Indiana University basketball coach Bobby Knight had just been fired after twenty-nine years, three NCAA championships—and one too many temper tantrums. Given the choice of three ESPN reporters to interview him live in prime-time, Knight chose the son of a friend. He had known Dick Schaap '55 casually for years; Knight, Schaap, and their wives had socialized as a foursome, including going to dinner and a show.

Jeremy Schaap '91 was already making his mark as a serious sports reporter. But he knew that the Knight would be, as he puts it, “the hardest thing I’ve ever done, and the most scrutinized.” He flew to Bloomington, Indiana, and spent much of the day avoiding Knight, who wanted to discuss potential questions. As the interview started and Schaap tried to keep the famously volatile coach focused on the particulars of the firing, Knight grew frustrated, telling him he had “a real faculty” for interrupting. Then he mentioned his own son, Pat, an assistant coach who was also fired, calling him “the victim in this.”

“If you would have abided by the rules,” Schaap said, referring to a zero-tolerance policy that had been instituted at Indiana regarding any further misbehavior by Knight, “would he have been the victim? Would he still have his job?” The next day, the back page of the *New York Post* would shout, “ESPN’s Schaap Stands Up to Bully Knight.” But in the moment, Knight began to boil. He again chastised Schaap for interrupting. Finally, he just stared for a few moments, rubbed his chin and said, “You’ve got a long way to go to be as good as your dad.”

The younger Schaap has since earned a half-dozen Emmy awards—matching his famous father’s total. As a correspondent for ESPN’s primetime newsmagazine “E:60,” a frequent contributor to such shows as “SportsCenter,” “Outside the Lines,” and “Good Morning America,” the host of the award-winning weekly radio program “The Sporting Life with Jeremy Schaap,” and the author of bestselling books about track icon Jesse Owens (*Triumph*) and rags-to-riches boxer James Braddock (*Cinderella Man*), he is even approaching his father’s prolific output. “My father had a million different deadlines for a million different projects—books, TV, radio, magazines. He had a hard time saying no,” says Schaap. “I think the people I work with would probably say the same thing about me. I do a lot of different things, but when you measure yourself against one of the world’s great workaholics, which my father was, it doesn’t feel like much.”

Dick Schaap was once described by *New York Times* columnist Dave Anderson as “the most versatile talent in sports journalism.” But actually, he was a master storyteller in nearly every medium and genre—comfortable in sports and news, print and broadcast. The Bo Jackson of journalism (who, in fact, co-authored *Bo Knows Bo*, the best-selling sports autobiography ever), he served as the youngest-ever senior editor of *Newsweek*, city editor and columnist at the *New York Herald Tribune*, editor of *Sport* magazine, sports editor of *Parade* magazine, sports anchor for WNBC-TV in New York, and a correspondent for NBC’s “Nightly News” and “Today” and ABC’s “20/20” and “World News Tonight.” He wrote nearly three dozen books and

hosted several TV talk shows, including thirteen years on ESPN’s “The Sports Reporters” (which Jeremy now often guest hosts).

The first journalist inducted into the True Heroes of Sport Hall of Fame by the Northeastern University Center for Sport and Society, Dick Schaap is also a member of the Cornell Athletic Hall of Fame. (He was a lacrosse goalie on the Hill.) And if there were a shrine for name-dropping, he’d be a first-ballot choice. “I was able to get close to my subjects, to get to know them, to share their lives in a way that seemed mythic a generation later,” he wrote in his 2001 autobiography, *Flashing Before My Eyes*, published just months before he died at age sixty-seven from complications following hip replacement surgery. Over the course of his more than five-decade career, Schaap found himself—or put himself—in notable company remarkably often. “Often I am asked what my favorite sport is,” he wrote, “and always I say, ‘People.’ I collect people.”

When ESPN’s “SportsCentury” series ranked the 100 top athletes of the twentieth century, Dick Schaap calculated that he had interviewed seventy-five of them. He played golf with Bill Clinton, tennis with Johnny Carson, five-card rummy with Wilt Chamberlain. He shared a house with Chuck Barris, a meal with Jackie Robinson, and a joint with Joe Namath. He had breakfast with Jimmy Breslin and Hubert Humphrey, brought Norman Mailer to Henry Miller’s house and introduced Muhammad Ali to Billy Crystal (both posed with him on the cover of his autobiography). “Being out on the town with him,” *Washington Post* columnist Tony Kornheiser wrote, “was like walking



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Like father, like son: Dick Schaap '55 and Jeremy Schaap '91



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On assignment: Schaap reporting from the former site of a Union Carbide plant in Bhopal, India, where a gas leak killed thousands in 1984

through the fields of heaven with a tour guide.”

But his son inhabits a different world. “The athletes have become further removed from the lives of the people covering them,” says Schaap, who lives in Westport, Connecticut, with his wife, Joclyn, daughter Katherine, and infant son Winston. “But also, the reporter has become more adversarial. The entire dynamic has changed.” Which is not say that he dislikes the shift; when he does his job well, camaraderie’s loss is journalism’s gain. For more than a decade and a half now, ESPN viewers have grown accustomed to Schaap asking the tough questions. “I think there’s a great reluctance to do that in the sports world,” he says, as he settles into his nearly bare cubicle in Building 4 on the massive ESPN campus in Bristol, Connecticut. “The justification has been, ‘I have to preserve my relationship with this guy or that guy.’ But if all you’re doing is preserving your relationship in such a way that you can never ask the hard questions, what’s the point?”

While his father preferred to, in his words, “be probing, but not confrontational,” the son suggests that there is “an element of theatrical to what we do” in which the best interviewers—think Mike Wallace—are actor-journalists. Just this July, he sat across from former heavyweight champion Mike Tyson and took him to task for complaining that “Don King got a tax lawyer to defend me” in his 1992 rape case. “Now hold on, Mike,” said Schaap, his ears within biting distance. “I’ve heard you say that a lot over the years. Vince Fuller was not a tax lawyer. Vince Fuller was a very successful criminal defense attorney.” Wallace would have approved.

In Dick Schaap’s autobiography, published not long after the Knight incident, he declared that Jeremy had handled the interview with the coach “better than I would have.” When the book was published, ABC’s “World News Now” used some camera trickery to broadcast five minutes of Dick Schaap going face-to-face with just about the only well-known sports figure he hadn’t yet interviewed: Dick Schaap. One scripted exchange revealed

his self-deprecating wit.

“Is there anyone you *don’t* know?” he asked himself.

“J. D. Salinger,” he answered.

Pause. Wry smile. “You have a long way to go to be as good as J. D. Salinger.”

Billy Crystal once noted that one of the best things about Dick Schaap was his ability to obtain tickets to just about any event. “He’s more than a friend,” quipped Crystal. “He’s a concierge.” In 1960, he took Lenny Bruce to his first baseball game, which happened to be Game 7 of the World Series—the one in which Pittsburgh’s Bill Mazeroski hit the first bottom-of-the-ninth championship-winning home run in major league history. Eighteen years later, he and Jeremy attended a one-game playoff between the Yankees and Red Sox, sitting in seats provided by New York shortstop Bucky Dent. It was the game in which Dent hit a famous (infamous if you’re a Boston fan) pennant-winning home run.

Earlier that year, 1978, eight-year-old Jeremy Schaap made his television debut. His father was covering spring training for WNBC, standing on the field next to would-be Hall of Famer Pete Rose, and he handed his son a microphone. “How many more years do you think you’ll play?” the boy asked.

“Seven hundred more hits,” said Rose, who was en route to breaking Ty Cobb’s all-time record.

To Rose’s astonishment, the kid then brought up the fact that Rose had surpassed the greatest hitter of the nineteenth century, a first baseman named Cap Anson. “You know who he was?” asked the ballplayer, impressed. The back-and-forth went on for about a minute longer, ending with a high-five. WNBC ran the entire interview.



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Tough questions: In 2011, Schaap interviewed Sheik Ahmed bin Hamad Al Khalifa of the Bahrain Olympic Committee about allegations that his government tortured several prominent athletes.

It was that kind of childhood. Hall of Fame Green Bay Packer Jerry Kramer, with whom Dick Schaap wrote the diary *Instant Replay* (at the time the best-selling sports book ever), is his godfather. Hall of Fame pitcher Tom Seaver was a neighbor in Greenwich, Connecticut; the two families' Himalayan cats came from the same litter. A parade of New York Knicks—Earl Monroe, Willis Reed, Bill Bradley—would come over for dinner. It was heady stuff, but some of Jeremy's fondest memories were of a simple sound: the clickety-clack of fingers working a typewriter, often early in the morning. He describes it as the soundtrack of his father's life.

Many sons are reluctant to follow in their famous fathers' footsteps for fear that the prodigious shadows will obscure their own successes. When John Updike's son, David, wrote his first novel, one columnist likened it to "firing a water pistol while standing under Niagara Falls." But Schaap simply saw a father who loved his job—so why not try it? "I wasn't thinking, You're going into a business where your father's a big presence; it's going to be hard to achieve things that don't seem small compared to his achievements. None of that stuff entered my mind," he says. "Certainly, there are moments of frustration—that no matter what you do, it always comes back to a comparison. But the good always outweighs the bad."

His choice of college? That was more or less preordained, considering that his grandfather, father, aunt, two uncles, and two half-sisters had studied on the Hill. (His late mother, Madeleine, was the second of Schaap's three wives.) Schaap was a government major, but spent most of his time in the *Daily Sun* offices. His father had been editor-in-chief in 1954; that year, he and some pals hijacked the Syracuse student newspaper and substituted a bogus edition. Thirty-five years later, while sports editor, the son did the same—only to the *Yale Daily News*.

Still, Schaap describes his *Sun* tenure as marked by "a stub-

born refusal to lighten up." As a freshman, he covered women's basketball and persistently criticized a woeful team that went 0-14 against Ivy League foes. But he says he overdid it and has learned from the experience. "You have to be fair," he says. "Sometimes being fair, of course, is being tough on them. But you can't do it reflexively. You have to think about it."

One of his early *Sun* stories—published on the Friday of Parents' Weekend—revealed how easy it was for underage students to get into Collegetown bars. Almost nobody was happy about the piece—not his classmates, not the tavern owners, and not the University administration. "I thought I was Woodward and Bernstein for going undercover at The Nines," he says, laughing ruefully. "Certainly, I wasn't in it to make any friends, and I succeeded."

And then there was the Maxie Baughan affair. Having received an anonymous note about "strange bedfellows" in the Cornell football offices, Schaap—then all of nineteen years old—and editor-in-chief Jeff Lampe '89 uncovered a scandal involving head coach Baughan, who was allegedly having an affair with the wife of his top assistant. The story hit the media, including the *Daily Sun*, the *Ithaca Journal*, and the *New York Times*. Citing conflicts and distractions that "have engulfed the program," Baughan resigned just months after leading the Big Red to its first Ivy League title in seventeen years. "It was exciting, but it was also frightening because there was a lot at stake for these people," says Schaap. "That taught me a lot of lessons."

More than two decades later, he has covered much of the Penn State scandal, and he was one of the first TV journalists to take Joe Paterno to task, calling him "an accessory" to Jerry Sandusky's crimes. He summed up the fallout in a few dozen words: "That such a career should end in such ignominy, that such a man should be shamed so late in the game, that such a legacy should be so tainted can only be viewed as terribly sad. But ultimately, not as unjustified and not as tragedy. Something tragic

took place at Penn State, but it wasn't the fall of Joe Paterno."

Dick Schaap was a generalist—writing books about Robert Kennedy and the "Son of Sam" murders, profiling everyone from Spike Lee to Neil Simon, voting for both college football's Heisman Trophy and the Tony awards. His son, by contrast, focuses on sports, but primarily as a platform for storytelling. Among his recent "E:60" contributions are long-form pieces about an NBA executive, a major league pitcher, and a boxer. But these weren't ordinary sports profiles. The NBA executive had come out as gay. The New York Mets pitcher was willing to discuss how he'd been sexually abused as a child. And the boxer had died from injuries suffered during a title bout, his donated organs saving five lives.

But there are times, too, when Schaap veers into whimsy. He has covered everything from full-contact jousting to the world's fastest knife-thrower. (He rode the spinning "wheel of death" while the "Great Throwdini" tossed blades at him.) And one of the funniest malapropisms in sports history was the result of a Schaap query moments after Mike Tyson was knocked out by Lennox Lewis in 2002.

"Where do you go from here, Mike?" he asked.

"I don't know, man," said Tyson, his face swollen, his infant son in his arms. "I might just fade into Bolivian."

Schaap's pursuit of a story has him constantly on the move; that cubicle at ESPN headquarters is unadorned because Schaap is rarely there. He was recently in Savannah keynoting a charity event. Before that, he had been in Auschwitz and Krakow doing a story on an American hockey player, the great-grandson of Holocaust victims who is now a member of the German national hockey team. In the preceding months, there were forays to Brazil, Bahrain, and Bhopal.

At times, Schaap is very much an investigative reporter (a term his dad found redundant). He has filed stories about subjects ranging from the illegal horse-meat trade to allegations that the 1941 Lithuanian basketball team massacred Jews. In Bahrain, Schaap profiled male soccer players who claimed to have been tortured for protesting in support of governmental reform. In South Africa, he interviewed female soccer players who were beaten and raped, allegedly because of their sexual orientation. In India, he explored the lingering environmental and medical effects of the 1984 Bhopal gas leak that killed thousands. "Mostly I use sports as kind of a starting point," he says, "Going to Bahrain and telling a story about the athletes who have been tortured there, that's a way of talking about the Arab Spring. Doing a story about kids not having anywhere to play in Bhopal is a way of examining the consequences of the chemical spill. Telling the story about lesbian athletes being raped in South Africa is a way of discussing violence and homophobia."

One of Schaap's proudest moments came when he pursued a story that his father had first covered decades earlier. Dick Schaap had met chess player Bobby Fischer in 1958, when the fourteen-year-old prodigy won the U.S. national championship. Schaap later took him to ballgames, played tennis with him, even served as the master of ceremonies for Bobby Fischer Day after Fischer defeated Soviet grandmaster Boris Spassky in an iconic

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Cold War confrontation in Iceland. Then Fischer went into seclusion, only resurfacing in 1992 to play a \$3 million rematch against Spassky. Because Fischer violated U.N. sanctions by playing the match in war-torn Yugoslavia, he essentially became a fugitive from the U.S. Over the next decade, he reclaimed the spotlight sporadically, usually to give voice to anti-U.S. rhetoric and anti-Semitism that included Holocaust denial. "He discarded me," Dick Schaap wrote in his autobiography, "as he discarded so many friends, as if we were lower than pawns."

In 2004, Fischer was arrested for a passport violation in Japan, but he avoided deportation when Iceland offered him honorary citizenship the following year. Having tracked his movements since long before his father passed away, Schaap convinced his ESPN bosses that an interview with Fischer was a once-in-a-generation opportunity. They agreed, and he made it to Reykjavik in time to watch Fischer's flight arrive. He introduced himself only briefly as the sixty-two-year-old was whisked away. To Schaap's surprise, Fischer later held a press conference. While other reporters were asking if he would learn to speak Icelandic or go whale watching, Schaap asked why he went into seclusion.

"Your father was Dick Schaap?" Fischer responded suddenly. "He rapped me very hard. He said that I don't have a sane bone in my body. I didn't forget that."

"I don't think he meant it literally," said Schaap, who continued to ask more questions—about Fischer's reclusiveness and about his contention that 9/11 was a case of "what goes around comes around." Fischer then embarked on a diatribe, recalling how Dick Schaap had been "kind of like a father figure," and then later, "like a typical Jewish snake, he had the most vicious things to say about me."

"I have to object—" said Schaap.

"Did you read what he said in that article?" asked Fischer, his voice rising.

"I heard things about it . . ."

"Did you read the article where he said I don't have a sane bone in my body?"

"I'm not sure if I read it, but I know that he said it," Schaap replied, then added: "Honestly, I don't know that you've done much here today really to disprove anything he said."

The room went quiet. Fischer was speechless for ten, twenty, thirty seconds. Finally, Schaap turned and walked out of the room. "My dignity," he now says, "was more important than whatever answers he was going to give."

A few months later, for his feature report on "Finding Bobby Fischer," shown both on ESPN and ABC's "World News Tonight," he received an Emmy. It was called the Dick Schaap Outstanding Writing Award. ■

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An Update from the Cornell Association of Class Officers

The Cornell Association of Class Officers (CACO) represents more than 1,700 alumni volunteers spanning some seventy classes. We've asked president Rob Rosenberg '88 to provide an update on the organization.

This fall finds CACO busy with initiatives in each of our five strategic focus areas.

Communications—The CACO website has been redesigned and updated to ensure that class officers can readily find reference materials such as training webinars, resource manuals, and tip sheets. Board members recently spoke with class presidents to gather information on class officer efforts; mentor calls to help CACO shape initiatives will take place later this year. In light of Cornell's upcoming sesquicentennial celebration, the "Preserving the Past" project—a collection of audio and video interviews of alumni from the classes of 1922 to 1950—has been digitized. More than 150 interviews will be edited so they can be shared with the Cornell community.

Diversity and Inclusion—Upcoming initiatives include sponsoring more student leaders from multicultural student groups at the Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC), sponsoring a multicultural leadership reception during Homecoming, and holding a program on leadership training for student organizations. Tools and resources to connect with alumni, processes for nominations and succession planning,



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Far above: CACO initiatives on the Hill and around the globe are helping to increase Big Red spirit.

and other initiatives to increase the effectiveness of these already successful organizations will be reviewed.

Leadership—We continue to implement our class officer leadership development curriculum through training delivered via webinars and sessions at CALC. Sessions cover a broad range of topics including class budgets, membership, planning effective events,

nominations and succession planning, Reunion, young alumni best practices, and training for new officers. We will also continue to recognize outstanding class leadership through the Bill Vanneman '31 Award and some new initiatives.

Membership—Our biggest effort in this area includes the launch of the Cornell Big Red Marketplace as part of the
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MD Alumna Accompanies Undergrads to Honduras

Kelly Westbrooks Joyce '91 has always been an engaged alumna, but last spring she got to see how passionate and hard-working current Cornell students are. In May, Joyce was one of two alumni doctors—the other was Janice Pegels '82—who gave up time from their busy schedules to accompany a group of more than thirty premed students on a medical aid trip to Honduras. The mission was overseen by Global Brigades, which bills itself as the world's largest student-led global health and sustainable development organization. Students had raised money to cover the doctors' room and board, as well as the cost of medicines and supplies.

The first couple of days were spent teaching the students the basics of medical care, from taking blood pressure to prepping medications, as well as how to take a medical history and create the proper documentation. Then they traveled to some of the country's more remote, impoverished areas. "These students were able to get real-life experience," Joyce says, "something many don't get until medical school." For Joyce, the trip not only offered the chance to engage with Cornell students but also to take a step back from her suburban Cleveland pediatric practice. "When you have a practice, you're spending a lot of time in the business side of being a doctor," she says. "This took me out of my comfort zone. It was a wonderful trip."

Good medicine: Dr. Kelly Westbrooks Joyce '91 oversees students treating impoverished patients in Honduras (top). Bottom: The mission group poses for a portrait.



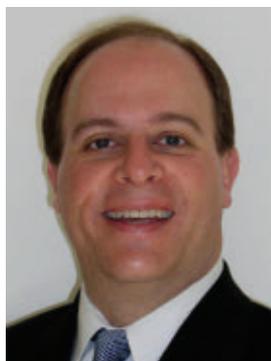
Alumni Association to Present First 'CAA Cup'

In an effort to recognize the hard work and creativity of Cornell alumni volunteer organizations, the Cornell Alumni Association has created a new award, the CAA Cup. "The goal of this award is to honor alumni groups and leaders for specific programs they have created in the name of Cornell," says CAA president Stephanie Keene Fox '89. "Even more important, the group receiving the award will be determined by volunteer leaders."

All Cornell alumni leaders were sent information over the

summer encouraging them to submit an entry form, along with a posted YouTube video that highlights their organization's success, by the November 1 deadline. This month, a committee of CAA board members will determine the top entries. When volunteer leaders register for January's Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC), they will be asked to review the finalists and vote for a winner. Says Fox: "This award will not only recognize one group, but showcase the time and commitment Cornell volunteers give to their alma mater."

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Rob Rosenberg '88

Class Dues Payer Rewards Program, which offers Ithaca-based discounts as well as those from national retailers, including a significant discount on insurance through a partnership with Liberty Mutual. CACO also recently implemented a new version of the Ezra Plan for class membership solicitations, saving money for class treasuries while stream-

lining the dues solicitation process.

Students and Young Alumni—Current efforts focus on developing a new program with undergraduate affinity organizations to train student groups to interact with their alumni and better integrate with the Office of Alumni Affairs, as well as sponsoring CALC attendance for representatives of the Senior Class Campaign, Class Councils, multicultural student groups, and more.

CACO thanks all class officers for making these programs so successful and applauds their continued volunteer efforts on behalf of their classes and Cornell.

Alumni Send Off the Class of 2016

Each summer, Cornell's regional clubs and the Cornell Alumni Admissions Ambassador Network host parties for first-year Cornell students and their parents. This year saw an increase in the number of send-offs in Asia, with the Cornell Clubs of Beijing, Hong Kong, Shanghai, Singapore, and Taiwan all hosting successful events.

Class of '16 Alumni Recruitment: The Numbers

Each year, alumni around the world volunteer to meet with applicants, work at college fairs, and host summer send-offs through the Cornell Alumni Admissions Ambassador Network (CAAAN). With a record number of applicants for the Class of 2016, Cornell alumni volunteers rose to the challenge.

Number of CAAAN volunteers:

Some 9,500 alumni from fifty states and fifty countries

Number of CAAAN Committee Chairs: 350

Total Applicant Count:

37,771 (up 4 percent from the previous year)

Applicants assignable to active CAAAN committees:

31,477 (CAAAN volunteers do not meet with Hotel or Architecture, Art, and Planning applicants)

Number of alumni assignments made: 24,472

Number of reports submitted by alumni after meeting with individual applicants: 19,645 (a record)



Off to the Hill: CAAAN and regional clubs held events around the globe, from Hartford (top) to Beijing (middle). Bottom: TV news anchor Dave Price '87 (left) spoke to more than eighty incoming freshmen at a send-off event at the Cornell Club-New York.



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37 There wasn't room in the last column to report on all of the '37 classmates who attended Reunion in June, so we'll wrap things up in this column. **Mary Clare Capewell Ward** attended Reunion with her daughter Tracy, with whom she lives in Melbourne, FL. They arrived in Ithaca on Wednesday night and started things off with a luncheon at the Plantations on Thursday afternoon. Other events on the itinerary were the Savage Club concert that night, the Olin Lecture on Friday morning, and a visit to the Lab of Ornithology later that day. We caught up with Mary Clare on Saturday at the All-Alumni Luncheon, where she told us she had had a visit with President Skorton and was impressed with his leadership. Mary Clare's late husband was **John Ward**, DVM '36.

We also had a nice long talk with **John Hough** during the Saturday's All-Alumni Luncheon at Barton Hall, but learned he passed away on July 29 in his hometown of Janesville, WI. John spent his professional life at Hough Manufacturing Corp. (later Hufcor), starting in 1946—when he became president upon the death of his father—to his retirement in 2009. The company grew from a porch shade business to manufacturing architectural partitions (moveable walls) with worldwide distribution and subsidiaries, including the architectural product market in China. In our conversation during Reunion, he was also enthusiastic about his involvement in Wisconsin politics, particularly his tenure as Republican National Committeeman in the 1960s and State Chair of the Republican Party from 1970 to 1972. We send our condolences to John's family, including his son **Gordon '65**, who accompanied his father to Reunion.

George Lauman was born on State Street, so he knew how to find his way to the Hill. He made the trip from Sedona, AZ, by himself, but met up with a Cornell staffer during a flight delay, and they traveled to Ithaca together. We joined them both at Saturday's Barton Hall lunch. George admits he spent only one year at Cornell before starting a job as an assistant personnel officer at Morse Chain. This was followed, in 1937, by a job at the Social Security office, helping people sign up for the program before it became mandatory. Two years later, in what George referred to as a stroke of brilliance, he enlisted in the Army Air Corps as a buck private. In 1947, the whole of the Army Air Corps was transferred to the US Air Force, and George remained in the military for 30 years, joining the Reserves after WWII and retiring as a lieutenant colonel. In 1959 he began an 18-year stint at the Arizona State Highway Dept. as a right-of-way agent, working with businesses and private property owners in the early years of building the interstate highway system. George was married in 1944 and has three children (two sons and a daughter), four grandchildren, and three greats. Although he doesn't fly much anymore, he is a member of the Vintage Sailplane Association and the Soaring Society of America.

Our best regards to all the members of the Class of 1937. If you would like to share your news, write us at: [Ithaca, NY 14850. Class Notes Editor e-mail, \[adr4@cornell.edu\]\(mailto:adr4@cornell.edu\).](mailto:Class of 1937, c/o Cornell Alumni Magazine, 401 East State St., Suite 301,</p>
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42 One of our foremost classmates, **Jane Smiley Hart** (Washington, DC), sadly passed away in July. Jane enjoyed a busy and successful life of service in the Middle East and Washington, DC, that most of us cannot imagine. She devoted most of the last 40 years of her life to volunteer service to D.C.-based organizations; she was the president and chairman of many committees and was awarded the Lifetime Service Award in October 2011. She had a long association with the Textile Museum and served as co-chair of its outreach New Horizons Committee.

After graduation, Jane worked for the Office of Strategic Services (OSS), the predecessor of the CIA. The OSS sent her to Cairo in British-occupied Egypt, where she worked with resistance fighters against the Nazis in occupied Greece from 1943-45. After the war Jane worked for Dean Acheson at the State Dept. and studied at SAIS (School of Advanced Int'l Studies, which later became part of Johns Hopkins U). In 1949 she married Parker "Pete" Hart, whom she had met in Cairo, and they were sent to Dhahran, Saudi Arabia. Later after a short stint in Washington, they returned to Cairo in '55, where Pete was deputy chief of mission in the US Embassy. While they were there, the Suez crisis of 1956 erupted and they were evacuated. Returning to Cairo, Pete became chargé d'affaires, then took an assignment as resident minister in Damascus, where he and Jane lived under virtual house arrest, guarded by Syrian security forces, during a period that included a coup in Iraq and a civil war in Lebanon.

Pete's various embassy posts in the early 1960s (many as US Ambassador) put them in Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Yemen, and Turkey. Jane published a chronology of Yemeni history in the *Middle East Journal* and compiled lists of birds of Arabia for the Cornell Lab of Ornithology. Jane served as president of the Turkish American Women's Club and introduced US musicians and modern US artists to Turkish audiences. Jane returned to Washington when Pete was appointed assistant secretary of state and she immersed herself in volunteer work, which she continued up to her 90th birthday. She also edited two books written by her husband. An accomplished pianist, she continued studying piano until a few weeks before her death. Jane is survived by two daughters and four grands. What an unbelievable and marvelous life.

How nice for me to receive the following from **Bessie Kaufmann Grossman**: "Think of you often and our days on Lexington St. in RVC [Rockville Centre]. In *Newsday* yesterday there was a reference to Sharon and her swimming days and the blurb also mentioned Mike and your granddaughter. I still live in RVC and keep very busy with local goings on." Thanks! **Jim Kiernan** (Morristown, NJ) attended the 70th Reunion. He continues to play golf several times a week and even won the Seniors Tournament. He winters at his condo in Naples, FL. No slowing down for Jim.

Lots of news from **Arleen Heidgerd Perry** (Sarasota, FL), who lives at the Sunnyside Village Christian adult retirement community; she volunteers as a "Helping Hand" driver-locator through her computer and phone. Her first love is serving the Lord through her church in Englewood, FL, where she lived before moving to Sarasota. "I'm still a 'people person' and spend a lot of time communicating with friends. My family is high on the list." And so are we. Thanks, Arleen, for keeping in touch. Thanks to all for sending me such interesting accounts of your past and present. Let's keep it going. Please contact friends also and ask them to contribute. We are all interested in any special events of your lives. They make interesting reading for all of us. E-mail, phone, write. [CarolynEvansFinneran](mailto:CarolynEvansFinneran@comcast.net), 8815 46th St. NW, Gig Harbor, WA 98335; tel., (253) 326-4806; e-mail, Carolynfinn@comcast.net.

43 "I was sorry to read that you were folded and spindled"—it was **Edy Newman Weinberger** via Ma Bell—"but happy that you have mended well and were not mutilated." Make that, Edy, "further mutilated."

Constance Austin Misener (Niagara Falls, NY) serves as her church's Missions Chair, and has been selling Avon products for 61 years. It's a wonder they have any left. **Lawrence Swezey** writes, "Still write for a monthly legal journal, and attend athletic and performing arts events in which any of our 21 grandchildren participate." We called **Dave Mertz** on the occasion of his 91st birthday. He and Nancy were closing their Lake Coxton, PA, cottage—lovely, but not to be confused with the cottages of Newport like Alva Vanderbilt's Marble House, for one—in preparation for their return to winter digs in Venice, FL. "Digs" here is not to be confused with the copper digs of Daniel Guggenheim.

From Ontario, NY, **Roy Herrmann** writes, "Exercise each day to try to hold my weight below 200. Just completed a six-year term as town supervisor. An active Rotarian, I've acted in, sung in, and directed shows for five different clubs over the years." Roy reminds us that his friend **Matt Urbanowitz '41** (later known as Matt Urban) was one of the two most decorated American soldiers of WWII. **Hedy Neutze Alles** (Haddonfield, NJ) fills in the News Form. Who at Cornell had the greatest impact on you: "Prof. **Frederick Marcham, PhD '26**. A warm, caring man." How I spend my time: "Strolling Wal-Mart." What I've been doing recently: "Chillin'." What I'd rather be doing now: "I'm doing it—chillin'."

Philadelphia Inquirer headline re: young man's death: A LIFE CUT SHORT. For us, the surviving Class of '43, it's LIFE CUT LONG. And reportedly GOOD, but dampened by the loss of so many friends and classmates. Me? I miss most those I knew best and who were part of my post-Hill life. **Knox Burger, Bud Kastner, Jim Lorie, Dick Nickerson, Wally Rogers, Champ Salisbury, Jack Slater, Parker Smith, Roy Unger, Pete Wait**. Alas, alack, and wellaway.

Can't end there. **Parker Smith**, sports editor of the *Sun* and the *Detroit Free Press* and the best layout man ever, put together, in his old age, 32 handsome and witty volumes of memoirs, photos, headlines, newsbreaks, scraps, etc., and published one handsome copy each at Kinko's, and lent them one at a time to me. On the arrival of the first, I called him. "I couldn't put it down," I said. "Couldn't put it down?" he crooned, pleased. "Right. I was reading it in the pool." ■ **S. Miller Harris**, P.O. Box 164, Spinnerstown, PA 18968; e-mail, millerharris1@comcast.net.

45 **Julie Kamerer** Snell is your correspondent for this issue. Of course you saw the glorious view of the world on the cover of the July/August *Cornell Alumni Magazine*, attributed to NASA. Imagine my surprise when son-in-law Bill Anselm, dropping by for a chat, said—also in surprise—"What's my photo doing on the cover?" Bill is the Suomi/National Polar Platform observatory manager at NASA and it was one of his photos that was used.

Nancy Nixdorf Rose (Lancaster, PA) moved to a retirement community in her hometown after 40 years in New Mexico. She has a lovely apartment near her brother and sister-in-law. She enjoys playing bridge, seeing old friends, and visiting her daughter in New Canaan, CT. Although it's been a beautiful spring with many blooming things, she still misses New Mexico. **William Berley**, BS '48 (New York, NY) has been taking courses at NYU and the 92nd Street Y, as well as attending theatre, ballet, opera, and lectures. He went to London on a CAU Theatre Week and then on to Paris for a few days, followed by a trip to Eastern Europe and a CAU week-long summer course. **Mari-on Scott Cushing**, BS '44, reports from Milford, NH. Her late husband was **John** '47, MBA '49.

Arlene Loede Hanley is retired and lives in Rochester, NY. **Geraldine Dunn** Jennings (Gaithersburg, MD) is an ESOL volunteer and, with 18 grandchildren, busy sending checks for birthdays, graduations, Christmas, and weddings. Recently she was at Bethany Beach and Capon Springs, WV. **Al Brown**, BS '48, PhD '51, says he isn't doing much except taking care of his garden around the house, with the help of four younger women who do all of the hard work. He reads a lot of magazines and newspapers. What he'd like to be doing is going to Africa on safari. We can't help wondering what his wife, **Margaret (Smith)** '48, thinks of this. Professors **Brooks Naylor**, PhD '43, **Drew Baker**, PhD '38, DVM '40, and Jim Gillespie had the greatest impact on him at Cornell. He says his best years were his graduate years.

John B. "Jack" Rogers III, BCE '49, MBA '50 (Ithaca, NY) says he and wife **Ann (Mitchell)**, BA '44, lived at Kendal at Ithaca for 16 years. "Never knew how much we would need and enjoy living here. Ann lost her battle with Alzheimer's on October 21, 2011. We were friends for 83 years—classmates from first grade through grade school, junior high school, high school, and Cornell . . . and 64 wonderful years of marriage." You have our most sincere sympathy, Jack. **Alma Morton** Blazic (Cincinnati, OH) still does church work and volunteers at a shop that helps support a breast cancer detection center. She's been doing a bit of traveling and considers herself fortunate to be able to do as much as she does at this age. There aren't a lot of us left these days, she points out. The person at Cornell who had the greatest impact on her

was her sorority housemother. What a great lady! The professors were also important to her.

Doris Klein Lechhook (Newton, MA) chairs groups for seniors at her temple with weekly meetings offering stimulating speakers, a variety of musical programs, and refreshments. She also plays bridge, attends programs at the local senior center, walks, and exercises. She visited an exhibit on Pompeii at the Boston Museum of Science, which partly made up for not visiting the city itself. She was treated to an exhibition for those with low vision, with flowers to match paintings, sculptures, and photos at the Museum of Fine Arts. She'd like to be playing tennis, if she could see better and run better. (You have a lot of company on those points, Doris.) Her late husband was **Sidney** '44. She'd like to hear from **Betty Reiner** Kurman. The person who had the greatest impact on her at Cornell was Prof. **Fred-erick Marcham**, PhD '26, and his popular English class. **Frances Shloss** (Beverly Hills, CA) is doing the same as usual—tutoring in the grade school, golfing, and fighting City Hall re: overdevelopment. She visited Cornell early in March for the celebration of Milstein Hall and was honored for her contribution to the development of the new drafting studios on the third floor of Sibley Hall. She also took part in the critique of the students' competition for designing a food cart, for which she is the sponsor. The food cart will be located on the north side of the Milstein/Sibley buildings. Painting professor **Kenneth Washburn** '26, MFA '29, had the greatest impact on her at Cornell.

You've signed up for the class mini-Reunion on campus October 22 at the Statler, haven't you? Beloved class prez **Maxine Katz** Morse (maxine.morse@comcast.net) can fill you in on the details, if need be. Contact either of your correspondents any time of the year: ■ **Julie Kamerer** Snell, 3154 Gracefield Rd., Apt. 111, Silver Spring, MD 20904; e-mail, julie.snell@verizon.net; or **Bob Frankenfeld**, 6291 E. Bixby Hill Rd., Long Beach, CA 90815; e-mail, betbobf@aol.com.

46 I still have a few notes from your last News and Dues forms that I had to double check on.

Sometimes, my eyes give me a problem, due to my three strokes, and I have trouble reading your answers, so I appealed to my editor at the *Alumni News* and also contacted some of you directly. I hope I have the information correct now.

Madeline Kraushar Ogden, BS Nurs '46 (Sun City, FL), a graduate of the New York School of Nursing, wrote, "Trying to live up to the great CUNYNS motto and biblical command: 'Go and do thou likewise.'" I also heard from Richard Sheingold, a dentist and the son of our classmate **Rhoda Kasnowitz** Sheingold, BS Nurs '46 (Creve Coeur, MO) that Rhoda died on March 10, 2011. He writes, "You should know her love and loyalty to Cornell lasted her entire life." I owe an apology to **Evangeline Pearl Woodruff** Brown (Marblehead, MA). Somehow, with all my recent ER visits, I lost her news form. I had copied her phone number to check out some information, but have been unable to reach her. I hope she'll read this and call me.

Now some recent news. **Marianne Michaelis Goldsmith** (Bedminster, NJ) called to say she missed our reunion in 2011, but that her family was planning to join her at **Karl's** Class of '47 reunion this past June. AOPi **Charlotte Fry** Poor e-mailed from Peoria, IL, to say she was sorry to

have missed reunion. "It is such a hassle to get to Ithaca from Peoria." She had called **Mary Lou Rutan** Snowden and **Ann McGloin Stevens**, but both had personal concerns that prevented them from coming. Charlotte added, "I'm doing well, living independently in a small condo, playing bridge, and gardening. My energy level shrinks quickly about 4:00 p.m., but after a short rest, I'm ready to go." She can be reached by e-mail at peoriapoor@aol.com. I also got a call from AOPi **Marguerite Christensen** Drab '47 (Venice, FL) that her beloved husband had died.

I'll add news from yours truly: Three grandparents and two parents were surprised on Easter when our youngest called us on Skype. He is a captain serving with the Air Force overseas. Skype is a true miracle, everything was so clear. We even saw the new moustache he was sporting. Also, the University Glee Club of Philadelphia came to our retirement community this spring to give their farewell concert. They sang the Cornell Alma Mater in memory of two deceased Cornell members. Phoebe Berks Village residents **Keith** '56, DVM '59, and **Carol Ostergren Orts** '58 and I stood when it was played. A fourth graduate also lives here. One more update: a July fall in the apartment resulted in four stitches in my head and a five-day stay in our healthcare unit, plus lots of therapy for my balance. OLD AGE AINT FOR SISSIES! The fall News and Dues mailing should be coming soon, if it hasn't arrived already. Send me your annual news soon—I can hardly wait. ■ **Elinor Baier** Kennedy, 9 Reading Dr., #302, Wernersville, PA 19565; tel., (610) 927-8777, e-mail, mopsyk@comcast.net.

Robert Brodsky (Claremont, CA; foxbro@aol.com) and wife Pat moved into an excellent retirement community in Claremont, CA, after fighting off severe medical problems. Both had been in the hospital twice, followed by stays in the on-campus Care Center with heart problems, pneumonia, and the consequences of falls. Bob began as a WWII sailor, then jazz cornetist. A GI Bill doctorate led to more serious occupations. He has been an industrialist in the space industry and a distinguished professor at Iowa State and USC, concentrating on aeronautical and astronautical engineering.

In Claremont they scooter to the main dining room for three meals a day, and all cleaning and laundry is done for them. With all that free time, most "fellow geezers" participate in planned activities. Bob, instead, attacked and completed his prime project: his fifth book. It's titled *Catch a Rocket Plane: More Tales From the Cutting Edge* and is available from Amazon.com. Bob and Pat attempted to consolidate when moving from Redondo Beach, but their seldom-used car shares the garage, whose walls are hung with pictures and paintings. Friends, from Cornell days and onward, are cordially invited to visit after making arrangements by e-mail. If you plan to arrive by Metrolink, they'll even pull their chariot out of its art gallery storage to collect you.

Paul (San Carlos, CA; pblevine@juno.com) and **Lois Levine** may have made their last trip to Europe. Following stop-offs in the hometown of New Haven and at Wellesley College for **Lois's** 60th Reunion, they embarked from Copenhagen on a luxurious Baltic Cruise. "Our favorite excursions were to Gdansk, St. Petersburg, and Helsinki. We loved Gdansk for initiating dissent that led to the Soviet Union's breakup. St. Petersburg, which we last visited as Leningrad in 1968, was the jewel of the Romanov dynasty. The Hermitage Museum

alone would make it outstanding, even without its myriad other treasures. Helsinki and the Finns stood up gallantly to both the Nazis and the Russians in WWII. Today they have a vibrant society and many wonderful edifices.

“Our most touching experience was renewing our friendship with a Danish woman we’d last seen over 40 years ago. We exchanged e-mail photos and agreed to meet at Tivoli’s main gate. She’d recognize my red hat and we’d recognize her push trolley (walker). Over a leisurely Danish lunch of fish, meats, akvavit, and Elephant beer, Ellen revealed she’d taken a 5-1/2-hour bus ride from the Island of Mors to be with us.” The Levines have signed up for an “old folkery” slot, senior housing with continuing care available, in Pleasanton, CA, about 35 miles from San Carlos. They aren’t planning any further jaunts other than an October visit to Hawaii.

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 The news forms brought in regrets from people who couldn’t be on campus for our 65th Reunion in June. **Marvin Wedeen** (Sewickley, PA) couldn’t attend, but said he would “remember the

early reunions and those wonderful school years and the many Cornell friends we connected with over the years.” **Ursula Holahan** has turned 90 and is no longer traveling, so couldn’t get to Ithaca from her home in Charleston, SC. Before she hung up her traveling shoes, Ursula’s last big trip was in 2009 when she went to Antarctica.

Serena Ginsberg Hoffman, MA ’48 (Glen Rock, NJ) noted that she was unhappy that her roommates wouldn’t make it to reunion: **Henrietta Pantel Hillman** is in California and **Arlene Winard Lungen** lives in Israel. Similarly, **Robert Schultz** of Murrieta, CA, wasn’t able to make the cross-country trip in June, but had plans to travel east in September. **Margaret “Marmee” Parker** Noah in Ashburn, VA, also sent regrets about not getting to reunion. **David Barr**, MD ’50, of East Hampton, NY, hopes to get to campus next year, having missed our 65th because of his wife’s surgery. He reports that he is going strong, “playing piano, raising orchids, walking his golden retriever, and doing some gardening.”

Some of our classmates have memories of Ithaca that started well before college. **Joan Dall Patton**, who lives in Chico, CA, reports visiting Ithaca with her daughter Gail in 2012. “I had grown up in Ithaca so it was fun to show her around. The campus, as usual, looked lovely, but I was dismayed to see the bridges with screening obstructing the beautiful views of the gorges.” [Good news, Joan, the current fencing doesn’t block the views and will be replaced with even

less visually obstructive materials.] **Eileen Farley McDonnell**, who now lives in Massachusetts, also grew up in Ithaca and calls it “a wonderful town to grow up in.” She left Ithaca for NYC and the Government Cadet Nurse Program in February 1944 and writes that she loved every minute of her time at Cornell. “I also loved the nursing program at Cornell U./New York Hospital.” Eileen continues, “Each year when I return to Ithaca for my Ithaca High School reunion, I tour the university and am amazed at the expansion.”

It was nice to hear from **Barbara Bayer Silver**, BS ’46 (Boston, MA), **Kurt Nathan**, MS ’48 (Somerset, NJ), **W.R. Davies** (Ukiah, CA), **William Eberle** (Salem, NY), **Donald Buschman** (Derby Lane, VT), and **Malcolm R. Rankin** (mrr551@gmail.com), who reports that he is getting older.

I wish you all a happy holiday season and all the very best for the New Year. Please drop me a line to let me know how you are, what you are doing, and what you think of when you remember our days on the Hill. **Artie Williamson** Anderson, 238 Dorchester Rd., Rochester, NY 14610; **Sylvia Kianoff** Shain, irashain1@verizon.net; tel., (201) 391-1263.

48 **Herb Behrens**, New York City: “Thinking of Cornell a lot lately. Had my left hip replaced in spring 2011 and am learning to do things again. I was fortunate to attend the 55th and 60th

reunions and hoping to see you at the 65th. Save me a room while I go to rehab and continue to improve.” Rev. **James “Hoople” Howell**, Post Falls, ID: “Boating on Lake Pend Oreille. Northern Idaho is the best place: four seasons and no violent storms. Don’t meet many Cornellians out here, though. Most folks have not heard of Cornell. They ask, ‘Where is that?’ Costa Rica has great weather, friendly folks, and very little poverty.”

Peter Lovisa, Pelham Manor, NY: “Attend lectures at LIRIC (Learning in Retirement at Iona College), duplicate bridge, tennis, boating. I’m in a private home in Pelham Manor. Best place I’ve lived: small village, friendly people, 30 minutes to Grand Central Station, a year-round botanical garden, and excellent schools. Best visit is to Italy, land of my parents. The people, the food, the wine, and the antiquities are A-number-one. The country’s current spending policies will lead to our downfall. Our founding fathers studied the cause of democracy’s downfall. They wrote a constitution they hoped would lead to a lasting republic. They tried to avoid big central government that would dole out money to perpetuate itself. More and more money is spent until the country goes bust. A dictatorship soon follows to ‘save the country.’ This is paid for by loss of freedoms.”

Ted Fritzinger, Whitehall, PA: “Golf, gardening, and bird-watching. Slow increase in economy, more political hot air, no good leadership. Pennsylvania and Arizona are nice

Model Citizen

Bob Persons ’48

When Bob Persons began building a model ship in 1986, he never imagined it would take a quarter-century to complete. “I just worked on it in my workshop in the basement,” Persons says. “Nobody bothers me down there.” The retired forensic engineer estimates that he spent well over 10,000 hours on the model of the 1799 frigate *Essex*, a U.S. Navy warship. The model was on display at the U.S. Naval Academy Museum last summer as part of an exhibit on the 200th anniversary of the War of 1812.

Persons first got into model-building in 1949, a year after graduating from Cornell through the Navy’s V-12 program. He researched the *Essex*’s original construction methods to build the model—for example, using wooden nails known as “trunnels”—but also employed some modern techniques. He sculpted the thirty-eight crewmembers from acrylic after his dentist gave him lessons on using the material, common in temporary crowns and fillings. For the sails he used Tricot, a fabric usually found in lingerie and wedding dresses, which he sprayed with white paint. “I figured I wanted something real transparent and light,” says Persons, who lives on Long Island.

The *Essex* is the first ship model that Persons has built—he has also done cars and airplanes—and the third he’s made without a kit. How did it feel to finally finish the project? “Relief,” he says. “Ultimate relief.”



— Harriet Sokmensuer

places to live. Pennsylvania is green, and Arizona has colorful, sensational scenery and good weather. The Grand Canyon is an awesome place to visit, and I like the bird-watching areas. I founded a successful landscape design company in 1948 called Plantique Inc. and designed and built many landscapes, parks, and residential and commercial areas as a landscape architect in Pennsylvania.”

John Lillich, Charleston, SC: “Bocce ball, exercise. I hope Obama wins for the good of the country, in spite of the Republican roadblocks. Charleston is the nicest place I ever lived: lots to do and the weather’s great. Best visit is to Italy: history, art, and scenery. I’m going there again in 2013! (I speak Italian.) My wife, Helen, died in March 2010. I was desperately lonesome. Moved to South Carolina from Ohio in Feb. 2011. Good move! I live in a two-bedroom, independent living apartment in the same area as Molly, our third child.”

Elizabeth Alden Talpey, Washington, NH: “**Tom ’47** and I went back to the Arecibo Radio Telescope in Sept. 2011 for the **William Gordon, PhD ’53**, lecture and the party for all the employees. It was great to see the changes and additions, but sad to realize we probably will never go to Puerto Rico again.”

Constantine “Custer” Rockas, Winchester, MA, sends word that his wife passed away. **Rex Kastner**, MS ’50, La Jolla, CA: “Pestering wife Joan (in self-defense). My house, 800 feet above the Pacific Ocean in a congenial small town, is the best place we have ever lived. The Sir Francis Drake Channel in the British Virgin Islands has the best sailing in the world. My favorite vacation is racing a sailboat, which is a congenial and challenging sport. Best truism: ‘Everything in moderation.’ Most unimportant endeavor is ‘trying to keep up with the Joneses.’”

Jane Handforth Kester, West Valley, NY: “I enjoy five children, 19 grandchildren, and 13 great-grandchildren. West Valley is the best, with its friendly, caring people and beautiful scenery. Best ever visit was to Glendive, MT, with husband **Harland ’49** and **Harold ’47** and **Sandy Dewey Crittenden ’47**. I live in an apartment in former home. ‘Growing old ain’t no picnic,’ but useless to complain. Treasure family memories and pass them on.”

Sally McGowan Rice, Wolfboro, NH: “Go to the gym every day. Guilford, CT, was my favorite residence, where I had a little house right on Long Island Sound and moored my sailboat just off the beach. Go to Bedford, MA, for Halloween with my daughter’s children in their safe neighborhood for trick or treating. I enjoy traveling to see how much the grandchildren have grown. Not to worry. Thank God I’m not taking Freshman English.”

Louis Strick, Westport, CT: “Reading, making art (collage), listening to music. Westport is the best life: wonderful friends; beaches nearby. We’re in a condo development. Best visit was to Rome, Italy, for its ancient ruins, great food, and wine. Plan to go to London, England, sometime. We like pasta dishes and Indian cuisine, which we have at home weekly.”

Jackie Smith Flournoy, Westport, CT: “Sailing, crafting, contacting friends. We’ll probably still be in a recession through 2012. Too many jobs being done outside the US. Nicest home was in Wilton, CT: small town; friendly people. I liked Florence, Italy, with its many antiquities. May take a Mediterranean cruise—favorite vacation is a small boat cruise (no packing and unpacking). Take everything with a grain of salt and to heck with the chores. I’m happy to be healthy and to race my 34-ft. sailboat. I’m especially thankful for family who support me by being there when I need help.”

William “Zeke” Seymour, Hillsdale, NY: “We own our own house and another house on two acres, which we rent out. Helen and I belong to a senior group known as the Young at Hearters—55 years or older. We go on day trips (Saratoga races, Lake George boat rides, group lunches, etc.). Economy will improve somewhat with the end of the Iraq War. Both political parties in Congress have to act like grown-ups and work together to solve our problems. Nicest place we lived, for six years, was Cape Cod, with its good fishing and many senior citizens and activities. I’ve done some traveling to England, Scotland, Ireland, Australia, and New Zealand, and spent time in Japan with the US Army, but any of the states in the US are good. Can’t say which is the best to visit. Our country has to learn to take care of its own people first. Too many people are hungry here. We need to mind our own business and get our own government in order before we try to tell others how to run theirs. We need more jobs here without sending work or workers overseas for cheaper labor.”

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49 “You’d better be there or we’re going to talk about you!” The call goes out to all classmates, as **Carl Schwarzer** (Manlius, NY; cschwarz22@verizon.net), our 65th Reunion chair, reminds us that reunion, coming up faster than you can imagine in June 2014, promises to be a truly memorable one for our class. Always known for great attendance at reunions, our class’s 65th should be record-breaking. Several classmates who have not returned to Cornell since graduation have told us that they will indeed be there! We want each and every one of you!

Some of our veterans have connections with the military that continue today. **David Nagel** (Clifton, NJ), whose 35 missions as a flight engineer gunner with the 305th Bomb Group under General Curtis LeMay took him all over Europe during WWII, was shot down over Belgium and made his escape through the Netherlands. For the past 17 years, David has headed the Commanders Program at McGuire Air Force Base in New Jersey, where he serves with the base commander as an assistant and troubleshooter. David is not retired and goes to his office two days a week. He notes that he started and maintained the Pat King Endowment in the Ag college and contributed to the college’s Richard Church Endowment. David remembers with pleasure being active in the Ag School Round Up Club and showing sheep and swine in Cornell Cattle Shows. He’d like to get in touch with **Annie Seamon** (Hotel) in Florida.

Annette Hartig Schoenberg (Urbana, IL; schoenbe@illinois.edu) retired in May 2008. She gardens, is a member of the Champaign-Urbana Herb Society and the Illinois Club, and shares her space with aquariums (fish) and a cat. She would enjoy hearing from **Beverly Sher** Cohen (New York, NY). **David Westerman** (New York, NY; ndwesterman@aol.com) has been retired since 1995. He has been active in liberal and Democratic politics since 1957 and recalls with pleasure having conversations with Eleanor Roosevelt and Adlai Stevenson. “Still politically active and enjoying winters in San Miguel de Allende, Mexico. I collect replicas of owls in world travels,” he tells us, adding, “I’m lucky to have a wonderful wife, Nada, for over 47 years, and like just being with her and

our family and friends.” David’s fondest memories of Cornell are being on the sports board of the *Daily Sun* and having a close and helpful relationship with a “counselor of men,” Frank Baldwin.

Barbara Meldrum Vail (Southbury, CT) writes that she is “enjoying the good life.” Her fondest memories of life on the Hill are walking across the bridge to go to classes and the Straight. **Lyman Howe** (Webster, NY; w2tjhlyman1@aol.com) is retired, “enjoying senior living center, savouring memories, and talking to fellow ‘hams.’” Lyman is licensed and active on the air as Amateur Radio Station W2TJH. He has been “e-mailing family (seven kids, 24 grandkids, and 22 great-grandkids—all talking to each other and huggin’ me).” The hills and EE friends are Lyman’s fondest memories of Cornell. **Louise Newberg** Sugarman (Chevy Chase, MD) says, “Maintaining my health and living independently—that’s a big job.” She’s been listening to lectures and taking advantage of the shows and entertainment her area has to offer. “Have been at this residence for a year and a half and busy making new friends, playing bridge, etc.” Louise adds, “A widow’s life is not a happy one for me, but I can’t go back. Making the most of it. I moved closer to my children and grandchildren, which is a big help.” Of her happiest memories of Cornell, Louise says, “The area, the scenery, the Library clock, the hills, my courses . . . What a pity it was only four years. Loved every minute!” She would like to get in touch with her freshman year roommate, **Sondra Schilling** Greenberg.

Ted Levine, MA ’50 (Rye, NY; ted.levine@aboutDCI.com) wrote, “Happily, no current business card—just retired at 84!” He has retired from Development Counsellors Int’l (still chairman, though), the firm he started 50 years ago, now under the direction of his son Andy who, he writes, “is 1,000 times more effective as a leader. The company helps put countries, states, cities, etc., in the spotlight to attract investment and tourism. Going gangbusters!” Ted is a volunteer teacher of popular culture (specializing in Oscar-winning films) at Iona College in New Rochelle, NY, and at Palm Beach State College in Florida. Ted’s fondest memory of Cornell is starting *Cornell Era* with **Louise Spitzer** Albert, **Tony Geiss ’48**, MA ’50, **Lucille Oaklander** Herbert, PhD ’58, and **Armand Schwerner**, and Public Speaking class with Prof. Wichelns.

Mary Heisler Allison (The Villages, FL; mary.a@mailbug.com), our former class correspondent, is enjoying golf, bowling, tennis, and bridge. “Really tough!” she tells us. After-hours activities include girls’ night out, a game of Upwards with her “bro,” TV, shows, movies—entertainment at Freedom Pointe. Mary spent her 84th birthday at an Ormond Beach timeshare and then went to Tampa Bay Downs, promising to class president **Jack Gilbert**, “If I win, Jack, I’ll donate half to the class. Don’t hold your breath! Take care, all you ‘49ers.” **Alfredo Larin** (San Diego, CA), married to Maria, is retired from his architecture practice and misses working. He’s been dancing, keeping busy, and exercising, but would rather be traveling, he tells us. His fondest memory of his time at Cornell is of the campus. Alfredo would enjoy hearing from **Wally Rutes**, BArch ’50.

Richard Dietz (Chadds Ford, PA; chesuncook2@comcast.net) says that he would enjoy hearing from anyone interested. Claire, his wife of 54 years, passed away in May 2011, and Richard notes that people married that long are now “an endangered species.” At 84, he runs three miles

a day, hikes, and is a competitive skeet shooter, having been twice a member of the veteran class All-American Skeet Shooting Team and an elected member of the 2012 National Skeet Shooting Association. He keeps in touch with six children, seven grandchildren, and friends. He says he would like to be climbing up to a mountain lake in Montana with his daughter and two grandsons, whom he visits each Christmas. Sledding down the Libe Slope on a cafeteria tray is a treasured memory of his time on the Hill.

Our class mourns the passing of several classmates, including Class Council member **David Hardie** and his wife, **Joan (Dickey)**, of Lansing, NY, in July of this year; **Bill Barber** of La Canada, CA, on May 1; **Minor Casey Bond** of Williamsburg, VA, on March 29, 2011; and **Myron Davis** of San Diego, CA, on Oct. 15, 2011. Please keep sending all your news! Your classmates are eager to hear from you! ✉ **Dorothy Mulhoffer** Solow, 3608 N. Sunset Ave., Farmington, NM 87401; e-mail, vspeck@yahoo.com; tel., (315) 717-6003.

50 The peripatetic Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference—after meeting for four years here in Philadelphia and then for three years in Washington, DC—is now moving to Boston, to the Marriott Copley Place Hotel, January 18-20. Our annual mid-winter Class of 1950 dinner will take place on Friday, January 18, at 7 p.m., at the Algonquin Club, 217 Commonwealth Ave. To make a reservation, send \$85 per person to **Stan Rodwin**, Box 904, Scottsville, NY 14546. We will also have a class breakfast meeting the following morning, Saturday, Jan. 19, at 9:30 a.m., at the Marriott. So do come, one and all!

Sonia Pressman Fuentes (Sarasota, FL; sp.fuentes@comcast.net) has filed two cases with the commission at the Yad Vashem Holocaust Museum in Jerusalem that administers the so-called “Righteous Among the Nations” list, an honor roll of non-Jews who risked their lives trying to save Jews. In 1933 Sonia and her family fled Nazi Germany for Antwerp. In one of her cases, Sonia is trying to get one Robert de Foy removed from the Righteous list. De Foy was head of Belgium’s State Security Service and tried to deport Sonia’s family and many other Jews. In her other case, Sonia is nominating Camille Huysmans, then mayor of Antwerp, to be added to the Righteous list. Huysmans saved her family, Sonia explains, “by refusing to deport us when de Foy ordered him to.” The next year, in 1934, when Sonia was five years old, the Pressmans managed to sail from Antwerp to the United States. Sonia earned her LLB from the U. of Miami in 1957 and worked as a lawyer for the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and other organizations.

Dick Silver, MD ’53 (rtsilve@med.cornell.edu), a professor of medicine at Weill Cornell Medical College, chaired the Sixth Int’l Congress on Myeloproliferative and Myelodysplastic Diseases, held in New York. Last December, the then dean of Weill Cornell, Dr. Antonio Gotto, held a tribute reception for Dick, in honor of his lifetime of academic achievement, dedication, and service to Weill Cornell Medical College. **Jane Wigsten** McGonigal, PhD ’84, (Ithaca, NY; Jwm7@cornell.edu), our reunion co-chair, was one of the senior citizens interviewed by gerontology professor Karl Pillemer, head of Cornell’s Legacy Project, for his new book, *30 Lessons for Living: Tried and True Advice from the Wisest Americans* (Hudson Street

Press, 2011). Jane, you may recall, had a long career with Cornell Cooperative Extension.

Dan Chabot (Palm City, FL; dchabot948@aol.com) has chosen volunteer activities with an “environmental focus,” he says. He is vice chair of the Florida Oceanographic Society and on the board of the National Resources Foundation. Architect **Ray Matz**, BArch ’51 (Norwalk, CT; CFRM22@aol.com), after working for several large firms, ran his own architectural office, with 15 employees, for 20 years. Today, as a volunteer, he drives people to hospitals and doctor’s offices and packs and sends books to children worldwide. In WWII, Ray served with Gen. George Patton’s Third Army during the Battle of the Bulge. “I see and talk to **Tony Tappin ’49**, **Halsey Knapp**, and **Jon Ayers**,” he reports. “They all are doing pretty well.”

Dick Loynd (Springfield, NJ) is back from another trip to China. Dick, president of Loynd Capital Management, continues as a director of Joy Global Inc., a worldwide leader in the manufacture of mining equipment. “We purchased a large Chinese manufacturer of mining equipment, visited two plants that we built in the past several years, and received plans to build a third. I was impressed with the progress in that country. The growth in mining is unbelievable.” Dick, you’ll recall, played on the football team that won the Ivy League Championship our senior year.

John Mellor, PhD ’54 (jmellor@jmassocinc.com) still has astonishing physical stamina. This past spring he flew into Lukla, Nepal, and then spent 15 days hiking the nearly 100 miles, with a rise of some 9,000 feet, up to the Mount Everest Base Camp at 17,700 feet. John went no higher on Everest. “I hike, not climb,” he explains. John had visited the base camp previously, in 1968, and this time found it far more crowded; there were 700 people there. “The real change is the huge increase in prosperity. Tourism has been very good to the Sherpas. Some have been to the top more than a dozen times.” John is an agricultural economist with a consulting firm, John Mellor Assocs. Inc., based in Washington, DC. From Nepal, he adds, “I went straight to Ethiopia, where I am advising the government on agricultural growth.”

Sometimes you come across a classmate’s name in the most unlikely of places. I was doing the daily cryptogram in the *Philadelphia Inquirer*, and the solution turned out to be a quotation from the late **Maggie Gehlert Waldron**. Maggie was senior VP of Ketchum Communications, director of the Ketchum Food Center in San Francisco, and a prominent food consultant. The *New York Times* credited her with promoting “more tons of food a year than anyone else in the country,” including putting “kiwis in kitchens across the nation.” The solution to the cryptogram, Maggie’s quote, turned out to be: “It’s probably illegal to make soups, stews, and casseroles without plenty of onions.” ✉ **Marion Steinmann**, 237 West Highland Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19118-3819; tel., (215) 242-8443; e-mail, cjoiner@ix.netcom.com; **Paul H. Joslin**, 6080 Terrace Dr., Johnston, IA 50151-1560; tel., (515) 278-0960; e-mail, phj4@cornell.edu.

51 During Reunion Weekend, **Harry Merker** (Westlake Village, CA) was invited to speak to a class by **Mary Jo Dudley**, MRP ’96. Mary Jo, director of the Cornell Farmworker Program, had recently been named a Cesar Chavez Champion of Change by the White House Office of Public Engagement. Harry spotted this item in the CALS alumni magazine and

sent Mary Jo articles from his memoirs. In 1966, when Cesar Chavez was an unknown and trying to organize farmworkers, Harry was the only farmer (to his knowledge) who openly supported Chavez. (At that time, Harry had a ranch with 100,000 laying hens in Turlock, CA.) He felt honored to teach that class and tell his story. When asked what he would do if he could “do it all over again,” Harry said, “I’d be leading the march!”

Bob Ackerty writes from La Mesa, CA: “After my wife’s death from cancer in Jan. 2009, I began dating a friend of 35 years whose husband died in 2010. We completed the relationship by getting married on St. Patrick’s Day 2012. Still playing regional and national tennis tournaments and enjoying world travel on every continent throughout my life—Antarctica in December 2011.” **Jesse** and **Elizabeth Zobel Hannan** (Sarasota, FL) sold their house on Cayuga Lake and moved south, but usually rent a place on the lake for the month of August. They are very active in the Cornell Club in Sarasota, with more than 200 members, and the Ivy Club. Both Hannans have fond memories of Delta Upsilon activities.

Art Bingham and Ann Maley “continue to live life on a small island (Martha’s Vineyard) and in Hingham. Our 22-year-old cat just died so we can resume foreign travel!” **Frederick Thornton** (Drexel Hill, PA) writes that his grandchildren are getting married and that he is retiring from physically active work due to accident damage (hit twice by large trucks while volunteering in two conservation jobs). Now he just does phone work for two 501(c)(3) businesses and physical rehab four to five times a week. He received awards for ten years as head of Darby Creek Valley Association (72 square miles impacted by more than 500,000 people in 31 communities), and for 17 years as a board member at Heinz National Wildlife Preserve. He lists the following as being all part of a great experience at Cornell: “Looking out at Cayuga Lake from Willard Straight while the bells rang out the ‘Evening Song’; classes with Government department professors; all the gorges; football, track, and frat parties.”

Paul Baren, BArch ’51 (Cornwall Bridge, CT) says: “I continue to work part-time in our family business, Katonah Architectural Hardware. We now have three showrooms—NYC, Chicago, and Katonah, NY—with my two sons. We supply high-end door hardware to the rich and famous! Have given up travel except a few times to NYC. Very involved with our Congregational Church and local Democratic politics. Still in touch with **Ray Matz ’50**, BArch ’51—somewhat.” **Samuel Serata** (Bridgeton, NJ) celebrates four children, seven grandchildren, and six greats. He still practices law, has traveled to Spain and Hawaii so far this year, and enjoys opera in Philadelphia and NYC. **Frank** and **Jeanine Boynton Robertson** report, “All well here in Boise, ID.”

Marjorie Crimmings McBride (Newport, NH) writes that her husband, **Lyle**, died on Dec. 14, 2011, and adds, “Three of our grandchildren attend Cornell; two graduated in 2012 and one will graduate next spring.” **Raymond Firestone** (NYC) reports, “My granddaughter **Charlotte Firestone ’14** is studying Architecture.” **Rudy ’52** and **Florence Jessup Beaujon** (Monroe, OH) are grateful for their six children and seven grandchildren. “They currently live in different states and some attend various universities. On June 5, 2011, Rudy and I celebrated our 61st anniversary. We are active in a variety of volunteer activities at the retirement community where we reside and at the

church to which we belong." Cornell memories include growing up in Ithaca and a father who graduated from Cornell, but, adds Florence, "meeting Rudy at Cornell is obviously the fondest."

Paul Jones (Atherton, CA) is "holding out grimly in the old homestead in hopes that my children will have to clean it out. For an old coot, I still try to get around. I have a summer trip to Switzerland scheduled with Cornell alumni. It seems wrong, but Stanford recently posted a blog on their website and a full page in their alumni magazine featuring me promoting Stanford travel." Paul's fondest memory of Cornell: "Meeting the love of my life [the late **Nancy Jean Francis '52**] at the main library." **Chuck Ahrend** enjoyed the 60th Reunion in June '11 and hopes the 65th will be as good. He lives at the Mennonite Retirement Community in Harrisonburg, VA, and has been playing golf at least four times a week in good weather.

Elliott and **Marlene Siff** (Westport, CT) wrote following a CAU trip to Spain with Don Rakow, director of the Cornell Plantations. "We had a wonderful time and highly recommend the Cornell Alumni University trips." Son **Brian '87**, an intellectual property (i.e., patent) litigation attorney, has joined Schiff Hardin as a partner in their law firm. Marlene had a major solo exhibition of her work at the Walsh Art Gallery in the Quick Center for the Arts at Fairfield U. in Connecticut. Titled "Elements of Peace," it was the culmination of five years of work and encompassed 47 paintings, works on paper, sculpture, and mobiles. Please send your news to: **Brad Bond**, 101 Hillside Way, Marietta, OH 45750; tel., (740) 374-6715; e-mail, bbond101@suddenlink.net.

52 If you were at Reunion in June and saw anyone mentioned below, you will have more information than is reported here. In other words, it's back to the news you sent the last time you were asked.

Let's begin with someone who was definitely not at Reunion. In April 2012 **Tony Monte** (Recife, Brazil) sent his best wishes to all classmates at our 60th. Tony has not been back to the States since 1996, "a much too long time ago." He is retired, but still consults, whenever asked, on English/Portuguese and Portuguese/English translations. He also walks and exercises, reads, enjoys music, and travels whenever possible to Rio and São Paulo. He and Vera Regina, to whom he's been married for 57 years, try to be with their children and grandchildren often. In 1948 he flew from Rio to New York and then went to Ithaca by train, "a very long and tiresome trip, but worthwhile." What he carried with him: "A strong-minded determination to study very hard, considering natural difficulties of a second language, and the will to win the unknown, appealing challenge."

Dick Dye, MPA '56 (Pleasantville, NY; dickdye@verizon.net) was at Reunion and will co-chair the next one. Earlier he had written that he was combining retirement and professional agendas. "I have been fortunate so far to be active professionally, with the main focus being international education cooperation and development." **Phil Fleming** (Washington, DC; pafgsf@aol.com), also at Reunion, had earlier been working on a book of oral history interviews of former pastors at his Presbyterian church. Phil was also helping Bruce Blair, president of the World Security Inst., support the global non-partisan goal of achieving Global Zero. He and Grace had a great tour of

Spain and traveled with grandchildren—"one at a time." Way to go. **Irwin** and **Arline Braverman Broida** (Wayne, NJ; ibtroida@yahoo.com) each sent news. They were in Italy in the fall, had taken an eclectic Elderhostel, and enjoyed the Shakespeare theatre in Staunton, VA. They read and are active in community activities. Irwin follows his finances, and Arline plays bridge and canasta and does needlepoint. Each expressed gratitude that they are healthy enough to do what they do.

eight; watching TV in the evenings; and spending time with grandkids. He was also doing cardio rehab and going to doctors' appointments. He notes, "Retirement from Ford Motor Co. has been good!" But he also notes that he would rather be sitting on a beach in Hawaii. No news from them, but **Carol Lovejoy McNeal** is still in New Orleans, LA, and **Betsy Wade Freiberger**, MEd '53, in Indianapolis. **George** and **Evelyn Kunnes Sutton** (Rockville, MD; egsutton@verizon.net) live in a

‘The area, the scenery, the Library clock, the hills, my courses . . . What a pity it was only four years.’

Louise Newberg Sugarman '49

Barton Hayward (Camden, SC; hayward@camden.net) reports that he has finally retired from teaching at the U. of South Carolina, but added that he would rather be back teaching. He answered the "What would you have done differently" question like this: "Not really anything. I was a poor kid who worked my way through 100 percent! With God's help I had a wonderful time and graduated with no debt!" **Joan Jago** Townsend (Arlington, TX; d-jtownsend@sbcglobal.net) works with her church ministry New Day, an outreach to at-risk teens, and with Meals on Wheels. She also plays the baritone ukulele with a senior group. Joan had traveled to family events and spent a week in Maui with her son and family. She first came to Cornell in a 1939 Oldsmobile and brought a typewriter. **Marion Lotz** Rutan (Newark Valley, NY; wmrutan@stny.rr.com) is also involved in church work. The Rutans were hit by last fall's floods. As of January 2012 they were still involved in the clean-up. An Ithaca girl, Marion first came to Cornell by bus. She moved into the dorm junior year. **Edward Madison** (Boulder, CO; enmadison@comcast.net) spends time traveling and auditing classes at U. of Colorado. He also does volunteer work at U. of Colorado, Boulder Community Hospital and Fraser Meadows Retirement Community. He adds, "I'm also taking many pills per medical providers' orders."

Henry Borys (Mukilteo, WA) spends time each week on dialysis. The rest of the time he spends with family, plays a little golf, and reads to keep abreast of global affairs and politics. He's not happy with either and writes of re-entering politics. "Today's generation of 20- to 40-year-olds better wake up!" Hank notes that while his wife was not a Cornelian, she does have a diploma signed by Dwight Eisenhower. **Barbara Schlang** Sonnenfeldt (Port Washington, NY; barsonn@aol.com) plays bridge, attends lectures at C. W. Post, and enjoys ballet, theatre, and museums in NYC. She had moved from a house to a condo and was hoping to teach English as a Second Language when she had recouped from moving and surgery. Barbara visited her granddaughter **Ellen Kaminski**, a freshman at Cornell, and loved being on campus again. "Boy, has it grown!" **Richard Peel** (Northville, MI; rpeel@mi.rr.com) was recouping from a bout of pneumonia last fall and trying to stay healthy. Other activities: treasurer of his condo board; working with his Mac; keeping up with bills; going to church; playing cards in a group of

retirement community where they seem to be surrounded by Cornelians, a fact that delights them. They add, "The rest of our community have the feeling Cornell is taking over."

Abby Weitman Karp (Riverdale, NY; awkarp@gmail.com) is playing the same Martin acoustic guitar she brought to Cornell as a freshman. These days she enjoys her adult children, plays music, and does her art work. Abby was at Reunion. Her first time on campus, she came on the Lehigh Valley with her parents; with her came a small suitcase and that Martin guitar. **Charlene Bailey Cox** (Camano Island, WA; charcorose@gmail.com) moved to a Puget Sound island in 2008 after living more than 40 years in Kirkland, WA. She travels to British Columbia twice a year: "In the spring to go trout fishing, in late summer and early fall to kayak in the Straits of Georgia and go after the salmon." She is also "doing some writing: poetry and nonfiction—biographies of professional women." She thinks she might have been a more serious student at Cornell, and cites Mike Abrams as having had the greatest impact.

Dewitte "Tal" Kersh Jr., LLB '57 (Waterville Valley, NH; dtalkersh@people.pc.com) wrote, "Retired lawyer now out of trouble. Ski all winter; live at base of our mountain. Hike, bike, and golf all summer. Second home on island near Savannah, GA, for spring and fall activities. Several civic activities in each place and Rotary." He first came to Cornell by car and hitchhiked thereafter. **Steve Michelman** (New York, NY; stephenmichelman@mac.com) is still singing. He was at Reunion and I'll bet he was on stage during the Glee Club concert at Bailey Hall. He wrote of the four wonderful years with the Cornell Glee Club, "probably my most enjoyable memory at Cornell." **John Ash** (Chebeague Island, ME), also planning to be at Reunion, wrote beforehand: "Building a shop, driving a bus, driving for volunteer fire department, chairman of church trustees, maintaining a summer cottage." He was building a shop in order to get woodworking machinery and furniture out of storage. So there we are. Living our lives. **Joan Boffa** Gaul, joangaul@verizon.net.

53 In 1953, Joseph Stalin died, Queen Elizabeth II was crowned, the Salk polio vaccine and the innards of the DNA molecule became known, Mount Everest was conquered, Ike offered Earl

Warren as Chief Supreme Court Justice, the first issue of *Playboy* came out, the first color TV set was sold (December 30), and '53 came into the world of Cornell alums. Since then, a wall has risen and fallen in Berlin, the US economy has had its ups and downs, and Cornell has admitted many, many more women. Join us at the Spectacular Sixtieth Reunion, June 6-9, and see what else is new.

"Retired late (at 77)," says **Ruth Christoff Landon** (Roanoke, VA), "expecting to do all of the things I'd put off. Have discovered that they

the Wetlands Initiative. **Bill Welch** (Newtown, PA), another of coach Pat Filley's undefeated '49 freshman football team, enjoys boating and fishing off the Eastern Shore of Maryland. Striped bass, white and yellow perch, huge catfish, and three-foot carp abound, he maintains. He's a fisherman. Believe him. **Dick Jones** (Los Angeles) keeps track of freshman football teammates and oarsmen. He believes every day on a golf course is a great day, so usually makes it a couple of times a week. He admits to never having been to a reunion and believes next year would be a fine time to start.

blamed for the extremely hot weather and strange phenomena during the four weeks of mid-summer. The Romans, thinking the position of the star with the sun was culpable, came to the conclusion that the Dog Star was at fault and by way of appeasement sacrificed brown dogs. Therefore, we—and especially brown dogs—can be relieved that air conditioning came along to modify the effects of that big, bad dog in the night sky.

Harold Geering, MS '67, doesn't live as far away as the Dog Star, but about as far from Ithaca as is possible, in Sydney, Australia. He has, for many years, been a faculty member at the U. of Sydney in the Dept. of Soil Science and Plant Nutrition; his specialty is soil chemistry and physics. He is now, as he says, actively retired. For years he has volunteered with the local Salvation Army and continues to do so, along with conducting research in his specialty subjects. **William Bates** has yet to leave the 90-plus inches of snow that falls annually on Tonawanda, NY, where he is involved with the writing and correlating of database solutions using Filemaker Pro, along with working for his diocese and church. His grands, 3 and 5, are also very much a part of his life.

Samuel Alessi, whose home is Jamestown, NY—where the snowfall is a quarter of that in the Buffalo area—leaves the pit orchestra at the Little Theatre of Jamestown for the concert band of Scottsdale, AZ. He also volunteers for Habitat for Humanity, but I am not sure where. I believe **Robert Morrison** was abducted from New Hampshire to Florida by his family. The Sunshine State, more importantly the Everglades, should be overjoyed with his arrival. He has been involved with wildlife preservation for years and now has a huge challenge in front of him—the extermination of the Burmese and African rock pythons that are destroying the native species in the Everglades. These 20-foot invasive killers take all comers from pets to alligators. For those classmates who are unaware of this invasion I do suggest a Google search. Forget the sharks and keep your toes out of the Everglades, even if the snakes do not have a theme song.

Being involved in community theatre work, I am always interested to hear of **Willa Reed West's** latest roles. This time it was Ethel Savage in *The Curious Savage*, a delightful comedy that I have suggested to our board in Alexandria, VA. I received a delightful note from **Vincent Rospond**, LLB '58, describing the preparation Cornell gave him for a life of service to community and country. As to what part Cornell played in his retirement? All is the proper synopsis: "Enjoyed my life at Cornell in its entirety with no exceptions, except for a course with Vladimir Nabokov, which was fabulous." I do think we all felt it was a privilege to have been able to take his courses.

Linda Stagg Long is still pleased by her transplantation from her rocky perch over the Pacific to Dublin, OH, where her oldest daughter and three grands reside. She continues her work with Pilot Dogs in honor of two dear friends who are blind. She is still planning a "bucket trip" through the Panama Canal, something she has dreamed of doing since she studied it at Cayuga Heights Elementary School. **Dan Isaacson** is active in Democratic politics in the Boca Raton area, as well as singing union and protest songs. **Walt**, MS '63, and **Joanne Wilson Wietgreffe** are still delighted to be back in Ithaca, where they find a great deal to occupy their time. Joanne and her Havanese, who is a therapy dog, volunteer with Cornell Companions, participating at such diverse

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Jim Hanchett '53

are either unimportant or too difficult. Hard to believe that the body gets so tired every afternoon. I do teach parenting classes (Conscious Discipline) to young parents, garden, and take care of **Bill '52**, our Dachshund, and our cat. Hope to get to reunion in June." She speaks well of "lectures by Dr. Konvitz that, as I reflect, shaped my adult life."

From far off off-Broadway and a bit off the Cape Cod shore, **Dave Kopko** proudly touts the work of son Michael, who has founded the Nantucket-based White Heron Theatre Company. It made a smashing debut with George Bernard Shaw's classic play *Candida* on Nantucket in January. Then they were chosen to play it again at the noted Edinburgh (Scotland) Festival this summer. For an update, you might google White Heron Theatre Company. Michael's daughter Alexandra, a student of music and theatre at Manhattan Marymount College, is aiming for a vocal career. Hear for yourself online at YouTube.com ("Alexandra Kopko sings").

Linda Mitchell Davis (Cimarron, NM), the only classmate member of the Cowboy Hall of Fame whose name comes immediately to mind, operates the many-thousand-acre CS Ranch in the foothills of the Sangre de Cristo Mountains. The historic ranch has bred horses favored by Tommy Hitchcock—the Babe Ruth of polo—Will Rogers, and many herds of prime cattle. The spread has produced all-around ranch horses, cavalry mounts, and hunter-jumpers, not to mention the elk, mule deer, and antelope, that play there and are sought. But the area has been plagued by drought for years, and it is devoutly to be hoped that there's been significant relief between the historically arid time when these lines are composed and when they arrive in your hands. Linda says she has "enjoyed ten years of association with the President's Council of Cornell Women." And a great-grandson "celebrated his first birthday in March." Prized memories: "The wonderful friendships that developed in our undergraduate years and are still special after 65 years."

Vinnie Giarrusso (Marblehead, MA) stays in touch with the Big Red through the Cornell Football Association. He made it to receptions that featured coach Kent Austin at Marco Island, FL, and Boston while waiting for pigskins to fly. Golf with **Bill Whelan** is a favored outdoor activity. **Al Pyott** (Winnetka, IL) strives for clean water through the environmental nonprofit he founded,

Attentive readers of this space see the name of Dr. **Julian Aroesty** from time to time, often concerning his youngest (and almost '53's youngest). They may have noticed that in the last edition of this publication, Julian moved far forward to page 24, ahead of features concerning political satirist **Bill Maher '78** (who says he didn't have any fun at Cornell) and President Emeritus Frank H.T. Rhodes's view of what science and Fate have in store for this planet we all inhabit, not always so wisely. Aroesty is an expert witness in cardiologic malpractice cases, usually for the defense. As a practitioner, he was "the guy who puts stents in coronary arteries during a heart attack—often at 3 a.m." As an expert witness, he was on the winning side in all but one of his 45 defense cases as of when the piece was written. "When I'm sent a case," he observes, "if I can't support it firmly, I say so." "Settle it or send it to someone else," he tells some plaintiffs. "If I recommend settling, they usually do." Dirty Lit, Vladimir Nabokov's European novel course, is a favored memory. Julian followed the prof's suggestion. He figures he's read *War and Peace* six or seven times, *Anna Karenina* five times, and he has gone back to Dickens, Jane Austen, and Flaubert once or twice apiece. "My Kindle helps." You may not see many columns that contain both Austen and Austin.

If Native American Summer arrives, can the Winter Solstice be far behind? **Glenn Crone** (Ashland, VA), who made his 49th seasonal appearance as S. Claus last year, will be making lists and checking them twice any day now. So be good, for goodness' sake, everyone. Is it true that he has produced four books about the tradition of jolly old Sinterklaas? He gives a nod, but doesn't rise up any chimneys that we know of. We do know Father Yule girdles the globe—the Air Force tracks him and alerts TV.

The Internet says there was just one person in the US named **Ingvar Tornberg**. Swede was truly one of a kind. It's a sad duty to report his demise in July. ☐ **Jim Hanchett**, 300 1st Ave., #8B, New York, NY 10009; e-mail, jch46@cornell.edu.

54 As I write this column in August, the dog days of summer are upon us, and Sirius, the Dog Star, is again lurking close by the sun. Sirius, being the brightest star in the sky and in the constellation Canis Major (Large Dog)—thus its name—has been

venues as the Lansing Girls Reformatory and stress reduction sessions at finals time in all three area colleges. Joanne's creative hours involve the fiber arts, writing her memoir, dreaming of a balloon ride over Letchworth State Park, and envisioning either Cornell men's or women's hockey in the Frozen Four games. **Charles Schulz** and **Allan Griff** live across the San Francisco Bay Bridge from one another, but they both are involved in a cappella madrigal singing groups. Charlie lives close by Stanford, and Allan, new to the joys of the Golden State, lives near UC Berkeley. Perhaps a cross-bay concert is in order. Meanwhile, Charlie is overseeing the ever-growing Palo Alto Community Fund he started more than 30 years ago and has seen grow to more than \$4 million in assets.

Our class co-president **Jack Vail** would like to remind you to please return the update form that was mailed to you in May. It is to update our records for addresses, phone numbers, and e-mail addresses, etc., so that we may communicate (or not) with you on class and Cornell matters in a manner you direct. If you have misplaced it, contact him at jdvail@aol.com for an online form. **Les Papenfus** Reed, lesliereed@me.com. Class website, <http://classof54.alumni.cornell.edu>.

55 It's been just great hearing from so many of you. Luckily, our memories don't appear to be too elusive, even all these years later! So right to the news. **Joan Murray** Jobsis recalls a collective bargaining course in ILR, held in a Quonset hut. She says she remained interested in her major field, but has been (and continues to be) a clinical psychologist in private practice. She enjoyed living in Riskey with **Renee Kirsch** Bergner. **Peter Hoss** felt that his major, Philosophy, was "the best undergraduate study for law, because it teaches critical thinking rather than regurgitating information." For **Howland "Swiftly" Swift**, Jerry Wanderstock's class on Meats in the Hotel school was memorable. "He was clever, funny, always entertaining. I remembered everything he taught."

Jane Trynin Feder recalls that she was one of very few women Chemistry majors and that Chem 101 was a favorite course, not least because of her crush on Prof. Michael Sienko. Jane adds, "I recall that we women always got the highest marks on all tests!" She worked in chemistry labs until her sons were born. "I planned to go back to work, but motherhood was even more enjoyable." **Al Blomquist**, MBA '57, remembers heading off to Baker for his class in Organic Chemistry, taught by Prof. John Johnson, the father of **Keith Johnson '56**. "A hard science education develops good analytical skills for business." **Rick Hort** named Prof. Silk in Accounting; Prof. Stuart Brown in Philosophy was cited as an influence by **James French**.

For **Rex Boda**, there were "too many to recount—but every course was profitable." **Phil Alkon**, PhD '74, remembers "memorable Natural History courses," with Arthur Allen (Ornithology), Bill Hamilton (Mammalogy), and Cedric Guise (Forestry). By the way, Phil and Sally are "busy and happy in southern New Mexico." They visited **Don Buckner** and his wife, Kathy, in Mesa, AZ, and **Vic Gilinsky** in Venice, CA. **Joan Fellerman** Hartz learned about the Romantic Poets with Prof. Mike Abrams, to whom she wishes "Happy 100th birthday." **Dave Cook**, MPS '86, studied Farm Management with Prof. Stan Warren and felt

it definitely prepared him for his post-college life: farm accounting, income tax preparation, and his work with FarmNet, adding, "Cornell is one of the best universities in the world." **Don Bay** would agree, calling Cornell "a great university with excellent teaching." He particularly remembers Botany with Prof. Petrie in the Plant Science building.

Tara Prince Goldman majored in Art History and worked briefly at Parke-Bernet Auction Galleries before getting her master's and becoming an elementary school teacher. "Cornell has a great deal to offer; it was a varied and wonderful four years." She lived with **Hilda Bressler** Minkoff at the Cottages during our junior year and in Balch senior year, and studied literature with Prof. Nabokov in Goldwin Smith. **Shirley Sanford** Dudley majored in Psychology, then continued with an MA in guidance and student personnel administration. At Cornell, she enjoyed living with **Flora Smyers** Lathrop in Balch and **Ann Overbeck** in Alpha Phi.

Mort Kolko called Beta Sigma Rho home for three years, and Dave Cook says he and **Dick Luce**, MBA '58, enjoyed the fellowship at Delta Chi. **Eleanor Greig** Downing remembers her course in Institutional Management, aka "Quantity Cooking." "The lab was six hours, working in Martha Van cafeteria doing preparation for the noon meal. The Hotelies did that lab with us and Amy Moore was the prof." Nowadays, when Eleanor's whole family convenes, her quantity cooking experience comes in very handy! She was a member of "a fun freshman corridor" on the third floor of Riskey, with **Eileen Dearing** Feeney and **Peg Stewart**. Living in Balch suited **Ruth McDevitt** Carrozza, who praised the dorm's architecture and convenience to campus.

We asked, "Would you recommend a Cornell education to a young person today?" Some, like Joan Murray Jobsis, were not sure, feeling that the expense of attending Cornell has become prohibitive. "It's too big!" commented **Rona Kass** Schneider, although she did enjoy living in Balch—"so handsome and comfortable." Rona credits Prof. Alan Solomon (Art History) with setting her on the path leading to her current fine art prints business. Al Blomquist feels "there are better values for the dollar." According to Peter Hoss, "It depends on what experience students want, and what career they want to train for."

Ruth McDevitt Carrozza said she'd encourage any student interested in Cornell to "work hard in high school, since the competition for admission is so difficult these days." **Elaine Rose** Cerny would recommend Cornell, "but only if a student were interested in the intense life at Cornell. At graduation, I promised myself I would never work that hard again!" Shirley Sanford Dudley suggests, "An incoming student should be aware of the size of Cornell and be well-prepared and interested in one of the special courses of study (e.g., Engineering, Human Ecology, ILR)."

Many of you have already heard that our class lost one of its most loyal members. **Joe Simon** has died—and our '55 world seems smaller without his infectious laugh, outrageous pranks, and unfailing enthusiasm for Cornell. He and **Vera (Steiner)** could always be found at reunion, at Athletic Hall of Fame inductions, and at get-togethers with old coaches and football buddies. We send our love and sympathy to Vera and their four children. **Nancy Savage** Petrie, nancypetrie@optonline.net. Class website, <http://classof55.alumni.cornell.edu>.

56 A short column this time while we await the next round of updates from the annual News and Dues mailing (they were just starting to come in when I hit my deadline). If you haven't sent your latest news in yet, we'd love to hear from you. Send in the News Form (return envelope provided), or give the online news form a try at: <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>. Stay in touch.

Jim Quest (Ithaca, NY) wrote this at the end of August: "*Ni Hao*, classmates! I have just returned from a summer of teaching in Beijing at the U. of Int'l Business and Economics (UIBE). My six-year career of teaching entrepreneurship at the Hotel school was completed this past spring, coinciding with an invitation to teach my subject matter to Chinese undergraduates attending summer school. It was an extraordinary experience. Leslie joined me at the end of my session, and we toured Beijing and Shanghai to close out the summer trip."

Jim continued, "Those of you who have visited China in the past ten years know that you are witnessing the future face of commerce, and those who visited prior to that will hardly recognize the dynamics that continue to take place in the two major cities—each approaching 25 million residents and each several thousand square kilometers in size. For you statistics junkies, I was told that 75 percent of the world's supply of construction cranes are still being utilized within China." Jim hoped to see classmates at Homecoming or otherwise visiting Ithaca. He is now considering what form his next reinvention will take.

Gerald Cunningham, MBA '60 (New Rochelle, NY) wrote in early September. He is semi-retired and out of the taxi business, having sold his fleet, and says he is now a landlord. **Joseph Frankel** (Iowa City, IA) is in the midst of a phased retirement and still working half-time in the Dept. of Biology at the U. of Iowa. He has a 1-year-old grandchild. **Curtis Reis** checked in from Rolling Hills, CA. He is currently planning a winter cruise from Los Angeles to Miami through the Panama Canal, with stops in Mexico, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Colombia, and Key West. "In late July, the whole family spent a week at Sandy Bar Ranch in Orleans, CA (check their website), on the Klamath River. Great rafting, swimming, berry-picking, etc. Six redwood housekeeping cabins—11 of us in all." Back home, Curt is director of the California Council on Economic Education and active in the Center for Philanthropy and Public Policy located on the USC campus. More news to come! **Stephen Kittenplan**, catplan@aol.com. CAM digital edition, <http://www.cornellalumni magazine-digital.com>.

57 Remember as kids when we used to play "Pickle in the Middle," or pickleball? **Tony Tewes** still fits it into his life during winters in Florida, augmenting this exercise with golf. Assuming we are still ambulatory next summer, Tony, **Al Suter**, MBA '59, and your high-handicap correspondent are going to play golf in Northern Michigan. **Gerard Tate** writes from Ridgewood, NY, that he is active with the Friends of the Ridgewood Library, having helped open a children's floor and supply it amply with books. He is active in county (Democratic) politics and remembers well Economics courses with Prof. Alfred Kahn and political courses with Prof. Andrew Hacker.

The puck drops at 8:00 p.m. on the Saturday after Thanksgiving (November 24) at Madison Square Garden for the Cornell-Michigan hockey game. As she did last year, **Judy Richter** Levy, LLB '59, is organizing dinner at Niles Restaurant at 5:00 p.m. (31st St. at 7th Ave.). Any questions? Contact Judy at: judyrlv@aol.com.

Thanks to chairpersons **Stu Mackay**, **Jan Nelson** Cole, **Bert Grunert** DeVries, and class president **Phil McIndoo**, ably assisted by **Tony Cashen**, MBA '58, **Jerry Dorf**, **Rick Freeman**, **Sue DeRosay** Henninger, **David Hirsch**, **Bill Lutz**, **Adele Petrillo** Smart, **Mina Rieur** Weiner, and the aforementioned Judy Richter Levy, over \$9 million was raised by our class for the support of the university, with 441 classmates involved, 63 of them at the Tower Club (\$5,000-plus) level. Congratulations and thanks to those who made it happen. 📧 **John Seiler**, suitcase2@aol.com.

Many thanks to **Marj Nelson** Smart for writing the column last issue and reporting on Reunion activities. I was sorry to miss such a wonderful event, but my mother, who had been living with me the past eight years, was failing (she almost made it to 105), so I stayed home. But I'm looking forward to the 60th in 2017—hope you are too.

Did you visit our class website to check out some photos from Reunion? **Bob Watts** is hoping you'll send more. The following link will forward right to our CornellConnect site, where you can view them: <http://classof57.alumni.cornell.edu>.

Gloria Welt Sage drove down from her Syracuse home to attend Reunion. Gloria is active in a number of organizations, but the one that takes up most of her time these days is as president of her neighborhood association. Gloria's husband, **Martin '55**, passed away in February. **Chris Carlson** Ford traveled from her California home to be with her classmates for the 55th. She also spent some time visiting with **Judy Richter** Levy, LLB '59, in New York City. **Pat Podesta** likewise enjoyed her first reunion with '57 friends. Judy has once again arranged for a class get-together at the Cornell-Michigan hockey game, November 24, at Madison Square Garden. The plans call for dinner about 5 p.m. preceding the game at Niles Restaurant, 31st St. and 7th Ave. If you decide at the last minute to join in, you can contact Judy at (212) 982-3287. Another Judy, **Judy Bird**, has moved to Lakeside, CA.

Please send a line or two about what's happening in your life if you haven't done it yet. Our annual News and Dues mailing should have arrived this fall! 📧 **Judy Reusswig**, 19 Seburn Dr., Bluffton, SC 29909; e-mail, JCreuss@aol.com.

58 This column features a special note from **Jim** and **Annette Fogo Harper**:

Coming Back to the Hill, June 6-9, 2013.

Our 55th Reunion is going to be pip. Between our class schedule and university events, we can choose adult immersion in forums, lectures, concerts, Sherwoods, and culture. On the camaraderie side, there will be plenty of moments to sit under a tent with some familiar faces and recall precious memories. Let's do some of each. We will headquarter in the luxurious Alice Cook Residence, which features air conditioning, elevators, and a quota of en suite bathrooms. And our ample day room has space for a piano, where **Britt Stitt** (or someone) can sit and play into the evening. Reunion chairs

Renni Bertenthal Shuter and **Meyer Gross** will have an events schedule and registration form in our hands momentarily. In the meantime, here's news from classmates who even at this point (this submitted in August 2012) are likely to join us in Ithaca.

Dick and **Nancy Hoeft Eales '60** (ndeales@comcast.net) say, "In fact, we do plan to attend." They've been in touch with **Cartan Kraft** and expected to see **John Webster '59** in September. They also hope to challenge **Al Podell** in number of countries visited. Between the 50th and the 55th, they will have visited 27 countries, many of them in connection with birding expeditions, which Dick does not recommend unless one is "somewhat demented," as he says. (Ed. Note: Research reveals that running second to Podell are Meyer and Karen Gross, who explored #82 Iceland and #83 Greenland this summer. Only 100 more to go to catch up with Al's now-completed escapades.)

Johnny, BS '61, and **Mary Pagnucco** (jpgagnucco@visi.com) are likely to be with us next June, although for now he's hedging. "Reunions present a timing problem," is how he puts it. Pags is generally in Bordeaux or playing golf at Pine Valley in early June. He's on the board of *Commanderie de Bordeaux*, a convivial group that takes four days to complete a three-hour meeting, according to Pags. "In any case, we wine and dine at the great chateaux." He has also formed an online retail business called Spirit of Sports and is involved with a half dozen early-stage high-tech and med-tech companies. A guy with this kind of time management skill will surely free up four days for upstate New York.

Chuck and **Suzu Hunt** (echunt@aol.com) are coming (like, we could have one of these without them?). They're enjoying their new home in Vero Beach. Apropos of our 55th, Chuck says, "Whoda think it? Where did all those years go?" Prolific scholar **Bob Eisenman**, now professor emeritus of Middle East religions and archaeology at California State U., is taking a group out to Jerusalem, Qumran, the Dead Sea, down to Eilat, and up to the Galilee, walking the areas where the Essenes, Zealots, John the Baptist, and James the brother of Jesus walked. Bob will explain in person all the way (see <http://www.bloomingrose.org>). His new e-books, *James the Brother of Jesus* and *The Dead Sea Scrolls I and II*, are now out on all the usual outlets. Also, keep an eye on his blog lines at both the Huffington Post and Jerusalem Post. Bob will be with us at reunion and may add a talk to our schedule, circumstances permitting.

Peter Bloom (pbbloommd@verizon.net) notes that five years go by quite fast. "Since our 50th, I have shared Sherwood time with **Art Brooks**, **Bill Hazzard**, MD '62, **Doug Lee**, BArch '60, MRP '66, PhD '68, **Jack Wade**, JD '61, and **Karl Deppe** as we have gathered several times a year to sing in each other's hometowns. We are saddened by the loss of **Lee Minnerly '57**, March '61." Peter and Marcia look forward to catching up once again with good friends on the Hill.

Thanks, Jim and Annette. By the time this column is read, all class members should have heard by postal letter from President **Bill Standen** and Membership Chair **Connie Case** Haggard, encouraging your return next June and also a return of a small portion of your assets to support your class's events and activities, along with News updates. As to others returning for reunion, we can report that **Marilyn Zeltner Teel** and husband **Larry '57** plan to be there, along with the Haggards and also, health permitting, **Roger Metzger** and

his stalwart, caring wife, **Irene (Rizzi)**. It was great to see Rev. **Barry Grevatt** and his wife, Mary Lou, at Chautauqua Inst. last July; he is retired and, wonderfully, nearly recovered from a major stroke two summers ago. The Grevatts also said they will seriously consider returning to the Hill next June. We hope many of our classmates will do that. Meanwhile, Happy Holidays to all, with annual wishes for a great New Year. Now, on to our 55th! 📧 **Dick Haggard**, dhaggard@voicenet.com; **Jan Arps** Jarvie, janjarvie@gmail.com.

59 What a class! We continue to hold attendance records for Cornell's 25th and 50th reunions. And there's no reason we cannot add to the history books. This year our class officers will begin organizing the planning committee for our 55th Reunion on June 5-8, 2014. To ensure that you receive all important communications, send address updates to alumni-updates@cornell.edu.

While on the subject of reunions: **Ellie Applewhaite**, **Arnie Levine**, **Bernie Ferster**, **Steve** and **Barbara Benioff Friedman**, and **Harry Petchesky** were among those attending the Columbia Law School's 50th Reunion this past June. "As part of the proceedings, the 50th Reunion class was invited to join the academic procession at the Law School graduation," reports Harry. "Ellie, Bernie, and I participated. When we were announced, the large audience stood and applauded us, probably in surprise that we can still walk." June also marked the appearance of Harry's first letter in the *New York Times*—a charming recollection of attending Carl Erskine's no-hitter on June 19, 1952.

Also in June, **Ratan Tata**, BArch '62, received a lifetime achievement award for innovation in philanthropy from the Rockefeller Foundation. Judith Rodin, president of the foundation, said: "We are honored to celebrate Mr. Tata—for his vision, the Tata group's leadership, his commitment to innovation in the area of corporate social responsibility, and for his commitment to the poor and underserved." At Cornell, the Tata Group has established the Tata Scholarship for Students from India to make Cornell accessible for talented Indian students with limited means, as well as the Tata-Cornell Initiative in Agriculture and Nutrition to create programs in India to increase crop yields, introduce new agricultural technologies, and improve livelihoods.

Robert Markovits, JD '62, continues to keep active as an attorney and business and tax consultant, with offices still in Middletown, NY, and now also at his home in Stockbridge, MA. Stamps remain his hobby and part-time business. He has exhibited his collections internationally and has won seven large gold awards and many top prizes nationally. He was inducted into the hall of fame of the US Stamp Society—only the 13th inductee since 1932. Robert also is a trustee of the Cardinal Spellman Philatelic Museum at Regis College in Weston, MA. **Dan Brock** of Newton, MA, is the Frances Glessner Lee Professor of Medical Ethics in Harvard's Dept. of Global Health and Social Medicine, director of the Division of Medical Ethics at Harvard Medical School, and director of the university's Program in Ethics and Health. He is the author of more than 150 articles in bioethics and in moral and political philosophy, which have appeared in books and refereed scholarly journals, as well as the author or co-author of three books, all published by Cambridge U. Press. Dan's current research focuses on ethical issues in

health resource prioritization, with a special focus on cost-effectiveness analysis, and on genetic selection for enhancement and to prevent disability.

Among those traveling to Alaska this year were **Rhona Werman Botnick** and her family of 12 (three daughters, plus their husbands and children). Rhona, a psychotherapist in Norwich, CT, before retiring in 2004 and moving to St. Augustine, FL, wanted to do something in her new home that related to her previous experience, so she happily agreed when contacted by the St. Johns County Council on Aging to run a support group for newly single seniors. In her retirement career, **Mary Ella Harman** Feinleib works out of her home in Cambridge, MA, for Tzell Travel Group, planning trips for clients—and for herself. She recently returned from the South Pacific, where she and a friend spent time on Tahiti, Mo'orea, Bora Bora, and Tikehau (a small coral atoll made up of tiny islets called motus). In Mo'orea and Bora Bora they were staying in over-water bungalows and planning to do a lot of snorkeling, some of it right off their own deck.

Other recent travels: **Ardith Wenz** Nance of Sun Lakes, AZ, to New Orleans and on a cruise up the Mississippi. **Ken Rand** of Savannah, GA, in Maui for a month. **Jim Grunzweig** of Beachwood, OH, in California for six weeks. **Carol Vieth** Mead of Palos Verdes Estates, CA, to South America, where a highlight was a wild boat ride into and under Iguazu Falls. **Carole Parnes** of Alameda, CA, “swimming, hiking, snorkeling, and eating our way through the Galapagos and Quito, then lots of walking, sightseeing, and climbing in Peru.” **Peter** and **Carol Horowitz Schulhof**, MEd '61, to Patagonia: “Seeing a penguin rookery, standing on Cape Horn, sailing the Straits of Magellan, visiting glaciers, and traveling with new friends **Thurston '60**, MBA '62, and **Nancy Duif Hartford '60** made for a great trip,” writes Peter.

Many of you have written of serious illnesses you or your loved ones are struggling with, of deaths of people dear to you, of difficulties resulting from aging, financial pressures, and other hardships. On behalf of all '59ers, your class officers wish to express compassion and sympathy for all those forced to deal with adversities. And to everyone, we send best wishes for a New Year filled with peace and love. ■ **Jenny Tesar**, 97A Chestnut Hill Village, Bethel, CT 06801; tel., (203) 792-8237; e-mail, jet24@cornell.edu.

60 After more than 40 years at Siegel+Gale, the firm he founded, **Alan Siegel** has started a new company in New York City, Siegelvision. Its focus will be providing strategic marketing and communications solutions for all types of public and private institutions; in a recent communiqué, Alan writes, “One of my first clients at Siegelvision is CornellNYC Tech. I'll be helping them with their identity, positioning, and communications.” Alan plans to build on the success of his past work in developing a “brand voice” for clients such as American Express, Xerox, 3M, the National Basketball Association, and Carnegie Mellon U., and will continue to emphasize clarity of speech—he developed the Plain Language movement—and innovative strategies. The subject of a 2007 biography, *Alan Siegel on Branding and Clear Communications*, and of a volume on his impressive photography collection, *One Man's Eye: Alan Siegel*, he is also notable for the help he has given to the Class of '60. Alan created our striking class logo

and generously loaned major works from his collection to an exhibition at the Johnson Museum during our 40th Reunion.

Class president **Sue Phelps Day**, MEd '62, experienced a highly unwelcome interruption during a month-long trip to Europe that began in early June. After a week in Copenhagen, where **Bill '59** attended a technology conference, the Days went on to Halmstad, Sweden, to visit friends. They

‘Rhona Werman Botnick runs a support group for newly single seniors.’

Jenny Tesar '59

planned subsequently to tour Berlin and take a long cruise on the Elbe River, ending up in Prague. But shortly after their arrival in Halmstad, Sue was whisked away to the local hospital for emergency surgery for an intestinal blockage, which turned out to be life-threatening. Serious post-operative complications, including internal bleeding, ensued, and Sue remained in intensive care for several days and in the Swedish hospital for an entire month. She was finally well enough to make the long flight back from Sweden to San Francisco on July 17. After the return, says Bill, “I was playing the role of a nurse in addition to my normal role as a consulting engineer,” helping Sue recover from her ordeal. Although corrective surgery will be necessary in the near future, Sue's diligent work at physical therapy was successful enough that she and Bill left California in early August for three weeks at their condominium in Cape May, NJ, where they were joined by their daughter **Carolyn Day** Flowers '89 and son and grandchildren. Looking back on her unwanted adventure, Sue wrote, “It was an incredible experience, but thankfully I was in Sweden for medical help and not on a river cruise (as planned) in the middle of nowhere!”

Dan '58 and **Barbara Cyrus Martin** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary by gathering all of their children with their spouses, plus the grandchildren, for an April week at a waterfront house in Discovery Bay, Jamaica. The 18 Martins—including sons Dan, **Alex '89**, chief business officer at a medical equipment company, and **Chris '91**, MD '99, an internist in Westchester, along with their wives and the ten Martin grandchildren—had a fine time together enjoying many outdoor activities. A high point of the celebratory week was the night a steel band came to the house and the owners put on a lobster and suckling pig feast for the family. Back home in Hartsdale, Barbara reports that she has officially retired after several years as president of the National Aphasia Association and appeared in a recent PBS documentary, “After/Words,” a depiction of the struggle faced by persons with aphasia, as well as the challenges faced by family, friends, and health-care providers. Barbara was also interviewed for a follow-up to “After/Words” that will shortly be aired by PBS and says, “You can see a preview at www.aphasia.org/afterwords.html.”

An even larger all-family gathering was reported by **Dick Ewing**, who brought together 23 relatives, including his four children, their spouses, and their children, for more than a week in Park City, UT. Dick says, “It worked out wonderfully. Mountain-biking was our main activity (what

a tough sport that is!), followed closely by hiking, running, and swimming,” and visits to the summer amusements at Olympic Park and elsewhere. Dick reports that he also spent time with Lujan and **Roger Kaufman**, who chose Park City as their destination after Roger retired from his career as a judge and corporate litigator in Arizona. Reportedly the Kaufmans are still delighted with their choice of a retirement venue. Dick

says, “Both enjoy the variety of outdoor activities Park City offers. Roger is an avid skier and periodically serves as a mountain guide for skilled skiers (such as **Tom Dandridge**, MBA '62, and **Dan Bidwell**, MBA '61), as well as, I am informed, for more challenged skiers.”

Dolores Furtado writes from Overland Park, KS, that in November 2010, she lost her campaign for re-election to the Kansas House of Representatives. “Kansas politics have become very conservative; however, I remain positive and regard my two-year term as a success. I helped pass regulation to restrict smoking indoors in public places, voted against construction of a coal-powered electricity-producing plant, and voted for a three-year increase in sales tax to avoid even more severe cuts in education and services. You can tell why I was unsuccessful in pursuing re-election.” A professor emerita at the U. of Kansas Medical School, where she taught microbiology and molecular genetics, Dolores previously completed a four-year term as Johnson County commissioner and has also helped the Cornell Club of Mid-America in its efforts to recruit outstanding high school students to the university.

Dave Dresser, MEd '66 (ddresser@ithaca.edu), a retired college administrator, writes, “As a University Council member, I am increasingly involved in the life of our alma mater, as an ambassador, student mentor, and an alumni member of the Sphinx Head honorary society. Living 25 miles from campus and Cayuga Lake, I get back often to Cornell.” Dave and wife Judy had planned to host a class picnic at their home on the lake before the Homecoming football game in September, but the unexpected change in game time to early afternoon made that impractical. He's hoping for another chance to gather classmates together. He also generously offers to host any '60ers looking for a place to stay when they are headed to Ithaca.

Fellow Cornell devotee **Robert Schnur** (Verona, WI) writes, “I can't stay away!” He returned as a visiting adjunct professor at Cornell Law during the spring semester of 2012 and plans to do so again in the spring of 2013, which will be his seventh stint on campus. Earlier in his career, Bob also taught at the U. of Wisconsin Law School and practiced law on a part-time basis. **Ralph, PhD '62**, and **Margaret McPhee Miano**, MS '61, now spend half of their time in New Providence, NJ, and the other half in Naples, FL. Margaret reports, “Last year, we had a lovely trip through the Northwest national parks, up through Canada to Banff and Lake Louise, and on to Seattle and

Vancouver." She continues to see **Betsy Poit Cernosia** and husband **Tom '58** on a regular basis, as they live not far from the Mianos in both New Jersey and Florida. Keep the news coming! **Judy Bryant** Wittenberg, jw275@cornell.edu.

61 Greetings, classmates. As I write it's August here on the coast of Oregon, and while many of you have had very hot summers, it's been mild here, with temperatures in the 60s and 70s. The rain makes the Oregon coast very beautiful, so you might think of a visit sometime.

Hal Binyon (hbinyon3@aol.com) checks in from Bonita Springs, FL. **Mark Schimmel** is in Wentzville, MO. **Mark Witkin** (mwitkin@globalhockey.net), an attorney, lives in Chestnut Hill,

‘I am still sorting through the 1,700 pictures I took!’

Robert Siewert '62

MA, and is a partner with Bloom and Witkin. **Andrew Thomas** (andyjuil@aol.com) is in NYC. He is director emeritus of the pre-college division of the Juilliard School. He's also on the composition faculty. After hours he's "composing, conducting, and teaching (China, Korea)."

Frank Gray (fgray_pat@msn.com) is out here with me in Oregon in Lake Oswego. He's a retired part-time patent attorney/consultant and enjoys golf, reading, plays, concerts, ballet, and travel.

May Lee Ling writes from Laguna Woods, CA. She's retired and traveled to Holland for two weeks with Bike and Barge, then later to Greece. Her route, she reports, "followed the footsteps of Paul." **Ruth Elcan** writes from Pelham, MA (rvelcan@comcast.net). She's retired and is painting. "Just participated in open studio weekend with other artists in the building and now planning for a March show in the Amherst, MA, library. Also cleaning up yard and nearby hiking trails after the freak (2011) Halloween snowstorm in the Northeast." She'd like to hear from **Susan Wainger**.

Helen Trubek Glenn is a retired RN. "I taught with the Poetry in Schools program in Connecticut, but have now remarried after my first husband's death (**John Glenn, MD '65**) and am (mostly) living in Florida." **Douglas Dedrick, DVM '61** (drdoug316@aol.com) lives in East Aurora, NY, and is retired. He spends his time "reading, exercising, riding bicycle or horseback, and volunteering at church." Also: "Yard work around my home and barn and preparing to be a counselor for the Franklin Graham Crusade in September." He's helping his son build a new log house and writes that he'd rather be playing tennis. He'd like to hear from **Beverly Wickesser Lee**.

I managed to contact **Don Young** (notleh74@gmail.com) because I missed him at Reunion. He's retired from his career as an institutional investment manager and chairman of Invesco's Global Structured Products Group, which he started in 1982. The Group was international and managed \$23 billion for more than 300 clients. That work not being enough, Don has written two books, *You Can Do It: An Easy Step-By-Step Guide to Financial Security*, and *Restore the Future: The Second*

American Revolution. Details of his life and career and books can be seen on his website: donaldhyoung.com. Don lives in Montclair, NJ, with Karen, his wife of 40 years.

Since I needed more from you out there, I phoned my friend **Judy Reamer Cox**. She tells about how proud she is that her children (and their father, **Bill Cox**) are all Cornellians: **Jim '86, Ted '88, and Kate Cox Seidenwurm '93**. She enjoys visits with Jim (a gastroenterologist) in Plano, TX, Ted (a certified financial analyst) in Richmond, VA, and Kate (a landscape designer), who is nearby in San Diego. So what about Judy? She lives in Carlsbad, CA, and leads an active life. Her main interest is playing the oboe in a concert band composed of seniors who played years ago and are relearning and playing again. She still works at a department store and for fun she plays

mahjong, bridge, and Bunco. She's also in a book club and dances in a Zumba class. Having grandsons nearby finds her at soccer, baseball, and football games. There you have it!

I've come to the end of my column. If you don't send your news, we may be forced to phone you as I have done with Judy. Please send us your news as soon as you read this. **Susan Williams Stevens**, sastevens61@gmail.com; **Doug Fuss**, dougout@attglobal.net.

62 The 1958 Freshman Cross Country Team used Reunion as an opportunity to get together and WALK the Moakley Gorge, notes **Paul Deignan, MPS '74** (pbd7@cornell.edu): "**Warren Weber** sent us an e-mail with a picture of himself finishing a 10K race in San Francisco expressing his wishes on the day of our jog." Returning teammates included **Bill Arnst, Jim McSweeney, MD '66, Chris Coggeshall, Henry Betts, John Munday, Pete Slater, Bruce Rogers, Lynn Kasin, Bob Strahota, MBA '64, and manager Dick Graybill, MD '66, plus Mike Adams, MBA '64, from Arizona, and Eric Groon** from Colorado. Their wives, including **Mary Davis Deignan** (mdd23@cornell.edu), and McSweeney's dog joined the group. "A remarkable and very up-tempo group! For me, it was truly a treat to learn what each of these student-athletes did in their lives. Fourteen of the original 15 team members finished their undergraduate degree in four years and without student loans. All but two went on for advanced degrees, in addition to being IC4A champs and being undefeated in the regular season. Our challenge next is to be recognized by the Cornell Sports Hall of Fame!"

Toni Rogers Black (toniblack@comcast.net) tells us that husband **Jonathan '61** admitted to being a failure at retirement and is now teaching again. He has an adjunct appointment in Biomedical Engineering at Cornell. They have been commuting between Ithaca and their home in Pennsylvania, with occasional outings to California to visit daughter **Chris Black Zable '86, husband Harold, MS '92, and their daughters, now**

almost 5. The Blacks bought a house in Ithaca as a second home and closed just before Reunion. "When we sit still long enough I teach Silver-Sneakers exercise classes, subbing at clubs here and in Ithaca."

Among those ruing failure to contribute to our fabulous 50th Reunion yearbook is **Dick Veith** (dick.veith@verizon.net), who retired from Sunoco Inc. in 2000 after a career in financial management and concentrated on fundraising for two charities: Boys & Girls Clubs of Philadelphia and International House, on whose boards he had served for many years. "Carolyn and I have two children, Barbara, a decorative arts scholar and curator in New York, and Doug, a TV producer in Los Angeles, and three grandchildren. Thanks to my wife's great AFS experience in France, we've been a host family to four AFSers over the years and have visited them in their native countries: Chile, Norway, Uruguay, and the Czech Republic. I appreciate Cornell today even more than 50 years ago, because I recognize that the critical decisions I made there shaped the rest of my life." Another ruer is **Peter Wadsworth, MBA '65** (pwadsworth@optonline.net). He's created a page formatted like the pages in the DVD you all received. E-mail him to see it.

Sue Peery Moore (sbishopm@comcast.net) passed along well-deserved kudos to reunion organizers from the 12 Pi Phis in attendance: "A perfect chance to see and connect with everyone, as well as a stimulating and fun occasion. The Thursday night film and yearbook stand out. (There may be DVD copies of the Thursday program yet available from **Frank Quirk, MBA '64**. E-mail him for details: fbquirk@verizon.net.) Interesting programs and activities were provided and it was easy to navigate the campus. We must have sung the 'Evening Song' and Alma Mater at least four times! They brought tears to my eyes. I felt really proud of our university, where it is presently, and its vision for the future." The 12 '62 Kappas and 12 '62 DGs attending could echo those sentiments.

Robert Siewert, MS '64 (bob.siewert@sbcbglobal.net) retired from the General Motors R&D Center in November 2008 after 42 years of engine research. He was elected to the honorary grade of fellow in the Society of Automotive Engineers to cap off his technical career. Robert has been "enjoying retirement, including travels to visit our three kids and six grandkids. Volunteer work—particularly in our historical museum and with the Int'l Visitors Council, photography, and soccer refereeing keep me quite busy. This January, **Coco (Annalee), MED '65, and I** took a three-week trip to the Holy Land and I am still sorting through the 1,700 pictures I took! Although Coco has retired from Wayne State U., she is busier than ever giving parliamentary procedure workshops throughout the country, and frequently I travel with her."

Linda Himot (shelteringmountainfarm@htcnet.org) divides her time between her Bluegrass, VA, farm and a home in Tallahassee, FL. In both places, Linda hikes and writes poetry. She's turning the farm into a wildlife habitat. Sharon and **Bob Slagle, MBA '64** (rflslagle@aol.com) divide their time between Pittsburgh and their ocean-front home in Palm Coast, FL. They golf. The Slagles traveled to Russia and Scandinavia with friends after Reunion. Santa Monica, CA, is home to **Jim Bernet** (jimbernet2012@yahoo.com), where he writes, blogs, and exercises. He hopes to find **Jeremy McKenzie '63** and a list of others. If you know Jim, contact him. North Easton, MA, is

home to **Paul and Merilyn Klorman Schreiber '65** (pschreiber33@gmail.com). Retired, he works part-time with incarcerated youth and spends time with eight grandchildren.

Julie Peck Burmeister (julieburmeister@earthlink.net), of Bridgehampton, continues to teach and tutor science in addition to organizing science workshops. Julie gardens and was preparing for her son's wedding when she wrote. Elizabeth and **David Dameron** live in Henderson, NV, where he teaches lifelong learning courses in civilization and Russian history at UNLV. They enjoy travel and theatre. Chairman of the President's Advisory Council is the title on **Stanley Kozareski's** card (kozareski@gmail.com). He met with **Joe Skladanek** of Northfield, NJ, and Joe's son, Stanley, who lives in Goshen and lists golf and dining as his favorite activities. **Robert Lieberman**, MS '65 (RHL10@cornell.edu) continues to teach physics at Cornell. He also writes novels and makes feature films, one of which was shown at Reunion. *They Call It Myanmar: Lifting the Curtain* has sold out in theaters across the country. You can see a trailer at theycallitmyanmar.com.

I am sad to report that **Don Shaffer** passed away in July. His athletic accomplishments included captaining the Cornell basketball team and being elected into Haverford's Athletic Hall of Fame. Don was in the textile business, first with E.I. DuPont, and then J.P. Stevens, international division, where he served as president from 1985 to 1992. Don is survived by his wife, Susan, two sons, and four grandchildren.

Here's the annual plea for a copy of your holiday letter, if you send one. By the time this appears, I'll have a new address, below. Or just e-mail your news! Happy holidays to all! ☒ **Jan McClayton** Crites, 2430 76th Avenue SE, #331, Mercer Island, WA 98040-3351; e-mail, jmc50@cornell.edu.

63 **50th REUNION in 2013 / SAVE the Date: June 6-9!** If not now, when? Come back to campus for a good time—reminiscing, intellectual challenges, entertainment, fine dining, and more! Your **ReunionTeam63** is working on planning the many activities that take place, but we need volunteers to assist **Paula Trested** Laholt (PTL9@cornell.edu). The Class of 1963 is having a class art show. If you are a professional artist who has engaged in prior exhibitions, please contact **Marjorie Walker** Sayer (marjorie.sayer@gmail.com) to discuss your entry. We are also soliciting classmates to make contact with campus groups from your life on campus. If you want to help us do this, please contact **Dick Clark** at RWCclark@aol.com. While on campus in June, we will need many classmates to assist in hosting our class events and meals. If you want to help during reunion, contact **Nancy Bierds** Icke at icke63@gmail.com. We hope to hear from you.

Garry Demarest has chosen to reduce his work at the Ken Blanchard Companies to part-time so he can devote time to the work that he loves—consulting in leadership and organizational development. Garry spent this past spring rehabbing from a knee replacement. He was hoping to be able to travel to Singapore and India for business in May. His new partner of a year has introduced Garry to the world of cats, and Garry's photographic art has received some recognition in juried shows at the San Diego Art Inst. **Denise Skelly** Heinemann retired in May after 23 years with the Florida State U. System. Previously

tenured at the U. of Florida, she is a founding faculty member of Florida Gulf Coast U. and served as dean of the College of Health Professions there for seven years, returning to the faculty three years ago. Denise and her husband celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary on April 1. **John Daly** has retired from Wells Fargo Bank and is settling down in Ashburn, VA, and Sarasota, FL, in the winter. He has three kids and five grandchildren. He was planning a reunion with Theta Xi brothers **Douglas Wilcox**, **Stephen Bush**, **Paul van Almelo**, and his twin brother, **Dan Daly**. He plans to be at reunion.

Notes from both **Sara Hart Olson** and **Sandy Luburg Beeman** reported that six Pi Phi and their spouses went to Croatia in September 2011. The group included Tony and **Gwen Sibson** Porcaro, Bob and **Sue Justin** Werst Garmston, Robert du Domaine and **Barbara Strong** Winslow, Sara and **Dick Olson '61**, **J. C** and **Bobbie Boicourt Richards**, and Sandra and **John Beeman**. In September 2011, they sailed on a gulet (two-masted sailboat) with a captain and three crew along the Dalmatian Coast. Sara also mentioned that she and Dick welcomed their first grandchild last December, son of their son **Dan '96** and his wife, Beth. Sara works as an epidemiologist at Sloan-Kettering and Dick is semi-retired but consults at New Jersey Inst. of Technology. Son Dan works for Chobani yogurt in upstate New York and daughter Liz works as a geriatric social worker in Boston.

Bruce Craig, MEd '65, lives in Alexandria, VA. He retired last September after 47 years with the Dept. of Health and Human Services, the last 37 with the US Administration on Aging. He now lives in the "northern neck" of Virginia volunteering for Habitat for Humanity. He is also a docent for the Fisherman's Museum celebrating boat building and watermen on the Chesapeake Bay. An e-mail from **Harvey Rothschild** last week announced the death of his Watermargin friend **Marc Kornfeld** from massive injuries suffered in a car accident.

A lot of news from **Marcy Bergen** Pine who, like all of us, celebrated her 70th birthday in 2011. She celebrated with husband Chuck and her children in Los Angeles. Son Chip lives in Telluride, CO, with wife Shawn and son Carlo. Daughter Kathy, husband Mike, and three children live in Annapolis, MD. The entire family went to Hawaii to continue the celebration. Chuck and Marcy also took a 2011 Big Adventure Road Show with friends to Seattle, Victoria, Whidbey Island, and Vancouver. Marcy is involved with the Guild for Planned Parenthood. This year she chaired its major fundraiser, Food Fare, and is now president of the Guild. She also works with the Women's Political Committee, which supports pro-choice, progressive women candidates.

Gary Orkin, MS '66, is in semi-retirement as a financial planner and investment advisor for Orkin Financial Planning. He earned his certified financial planner license in 2001. He is also a model railroader, gardener, and on-and-off runner and walker. His wife, Martha Ramey, teaches French at Berkeley High School. Daughter Rachel Orkin-Ramey (Amherst '01) is married and is business manager for Christie's in Manhattan. Son Joel (Hamilton '05) is married and lives in Boston. Apologies to many of you who sent lots of news to me as a result of an e-mail blast from Cornell. Eventually you will see your news in the columns. Have patience! ☒ **Nancy Bierds** Icke, 12350 E. Roger Rd., Tucson, AZ 85749; e-mail, icke63@gmail.com.

64 It may be because our upcoming 50th Reunion is getting closer (it's certainly not the weather), but I've received a rich supply of news from you folks lately. Let's get right to it. First, I received a News Form from a classmate who provided news, but neglected to include her (or his, but likely a her) name, address, or any other identifying information. Anyway, if any of you is retired, has a spouse who's a land developer, has a daughter named Allison who's an eye surgeon, and took a river cruise from Amsterdam to Budapest, please contact me with your name and location so we might file a full report.

Ada Dot Hayes is a retired physician who lives in Hendersonville, TN, and is enjoying her retirement immensely, "traveling, reading, gardening, visiting friends, going back to Cornell, doing courses, working as a docent at the Nashville Zoo, and doing part-time consulting." Her far-flung travels include Africa (twice), Antarctica, a medical mission in the Philippines, two summers in the Northeast (mainly Cape Cod) "to escape the heat," several visits to her home state of California, Paris and London last spring, and many visits to friends on the East Coast. Of all these meanderings, she writes, "the most astounding was probably the Antarctic. The power of nature was ever-present and magnificent. And I fell in love with the penguins." Ada Dot says that seeing a penguin in a zoo, while important, doesn't convey their real habitat or their life the way seeing them in nature does. "I was also surprised at the underwater life, which didn't look all that different from the life in tropical waters, just adapted to freezing water."

On the retiree front, we have a split decision in one household. **Barbara Conway Scheaffer** is retired, but husband **Norman**, ME '67, still works a couple of days a week in land development engineering and CAD projects. Barbara writes that she spends her time quilting, walking, and skating. The Scheaffers became grandparents for the first time, so journeyed to Australia, where their daughter lives, to see their new grandson. They also made a side trip to Tasmania. Their other big news was a downsizing move from their four-bedroom house in Bellingham, WA, to a two-bedroom condo in the same area. Barbara writes, "Now, without a yard to manage, we can spend more time near the water and traveling."

Barbara Pollack Adolf is still active as a consultant and coach to business leaders, a profession in which she has won many awards for her work, most recently for creating a volunteer program for helping nonprofit organizations with their HR issues. Barbara lives in NYC with husband Gerald Jonas, with whom she shares five granddaughters. Long-retired stockbroker **Gretchen Noelke**, MBA '65, still lives in San Angelo, TX. **Neal D'Agostino**, still living in Lake Forest, CA, retired in February '09 after what he terms four different careers over the years: student, pharmaceutical marketer, financial planner, and sales manager. Neal's now into home and car repair and maintenance, plus reading, motorcycling, and assisting the disabled, whose numbers include his wife, Linda, who has been afflicted with MS for some 30 years.

Rev. **Douglas Garland**, who retired five years ago after 38 years of parish ministry, now resides in an independent living retirement village in Canton, OH, after battling many health issues for 18 months. He teaches Bible study classes in a nearby assisted living center and nursing home and also promotes various activities for the residents.

Doug writes that he paints and draws for relaxation. Physician and psychiatrist **Steve Piczenik**, MD '68, now lives in South Miami Beach, but is as busy writing, publishing, and otherwise keeping active as ever. Steve writes that he has four new book contracts at present, this after having 26 books on the *New York Times* best-seller list. He is also a senior advisor to military intelligence and has been seen on TV.

With our 50th Reunion a year and a half from now (June 5-8, 2014!), 18 of our classmates met in August to finalize some of the plans for our celebration. In early 2013, the questionnaire that will be a basis for our reunion yearbook will be mailed to you. Please complete it and send it back as soon as possible. As many classmates have written books, we'd like to have a "meet the authors" reception (at the campus store perhaps), where they can sell and autograph copies if they wish. Authors, if you'd like to participate, contact **Linda Cohen** Meltzer (LCM12@cornell.edu). On a pre-reunion social note, Linda would also like to know if any classmates will be in the Boston area in mid-January and would like to attend a '64 get-together dinner. Many class officers will be in town, participating in the annual Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference.

That's all for now. Please take a few minutes to share your news via this column. Also be sure to visit our class website (www.cornell1964.org). Class webmaster **Bruce Wagner**, ME '66, has many additions. Send news directly to me at home or online at: **Bev Johns** Lamont, 720 Chestnut St., Deerfield, IL 60015; e-mail, blamont64@comcast.net. Thanks!

65 Another wonderful bundle of news forms has come in, as well as e-mail submissions directly to me. Thank you! To conserve space, I will utilize the abbreviation CF to reference "Who is the old Cornell friend you would most like to hear from?" and GI to reference "Who at Cornell had the greatest impact on you."

Nancy Felthousen Ridenour, MAT '73 (Ithaca, NY; nridenour@twcny.rr.com) retired from teaching high school biology and has developed a second career as a digital photographer. From Lotus Studios she sells giclée prints and porcelain tiles and in the past year has participated in 20 art shows in the Ithaca area. Nancy is a member of the Ithaca Garden Club and Cornell Campus Club, as well as a docent at the Johnson Art Museum and Cornell Plantations. "In February I took a vacation to Florida with my partner Sam, traveling to several cities to visit friends and family. We also took a cruise in the western Caribbean and at Easter visited NYC for a few days." CF: **Laura Huberman** Ben-Schmuel. GI: Dr. Joseph Novak. **Jan Dimartino** Foreman (Greensboro, NC; jan4man1@gmail.com) mourns the loss of her husband, Bob, on May 22, from brain cancer. They had been married 46 years. Jan would like to hear from **Alison Bok** Pettingall.

Belated applause to **Howard Romack** (Cambridge, NY; biosearch@verizon.net), who was a state finalist in 2003 as State Conservation Educator of the Year in the NYS Teacher of the Year competition. Since his retirement as a science teacher, Howard has worked as a volunteer conducting enrichment activities and summer science programs for sixth, seventh, and eighth graders in Cambridge, NY, and other area schools. He focuses on ecology, vertebrate anatomy, and taxonomy of

plants and animals. "Kids today are over-influenced (negatively) by technological gadgetry." Howard strives to encourage students to "look beyond their noses" at issues that will concern them now and in the protection of our Earth. He works as a biologist at the NYS Museum, collaborating to publish papers on new species and conduct taxonomic biosurveys of arthropod populations throughout New York. Travels to collect insects and other arthropods for a variety of museums and educational institutions have included Costa Rica, French Guiana, Guatemala, Cameroon, Liberia, and Zambia. He actively describes the benefits of Cornell to his students. In fact, one of his students chose Cornell and is now pursuing a PhD. Howard focuses on showing children that school makes a difference in their lives and that Cornell graduates make a difference in the lives of many.

Entrepreneur **James Walzer**, ME '66 (Boca Raton, FL; JLWalzer@mrmicrochip.com) owns Mr. Microchip Software Center Inc. and has developed some unique websites, including: 1) www.lockyourdocs.com, which acts like a safe deposit box on the Internet for copies of birth certificates, tax returns, etc.; 2) www.qrdatacenter.com, which allows companies to get involved in QRcodes that are fully programmable; and 3) www.qwipit.com, which uses your browser to send protected information securely over the Internet. James has commuted to his company in Carle Place, NY, from Boca Raton every other week for 35 years. Golf, tennis, and flying occupy his spare time. He works out with a trainer twice a week and watches what he eats to stay in shape. Another technology entrepreneur is **Susan Lehrer** Jones (Chevy Chase, MD; SLJones301@aol.com). Her startup, Quad 2 Quad, is a mobile app for the iPhone dedicated to taking the hassle out of college visits.

Music and investments are key to **Judith Russell** Davidson (judithdavidson@comcast.net), who lives in Orleans, MA, with husband Arthur. "Besides managing investments for my family foundation and myself, I represent a few classical musicians and play chamber music in amateur ensembles. I enjoy tennis, swimming, gardening, and duplicate bridge." Judith is a board member of Sant Bani School, the Academy of Performing Arts in Orleans, and the Cornell Club of Cape Cod. A short note, "Still farming," arrived from **Donald Dana** (jddana@wildblue.net). Donald and Janet live in Moira, NY. **Frank** and **Carol Gibbs Stover** (Chicago, IL, and Ft. Myers, FL; user015697@aol.com and FStover@thechicagoclub.org) will retire to Ft. Myers and Boston, MA, eventually. Currently, Frank is general manager of the Chicago Club on Michigan Ave., and Carol enjoys a writing career after 30 years in the hotel business. She's published three nonfiction books and one novel and is shopping her second novel. The Stovers often travel to their home in Ft. Myers. Those of us who get together during winter in Florida will definitely include you in 2013!

We received sad news from **Ivor Moskowitz** that **Marshall Salzman** died August 7, 2012 from complications of multiple sclerosis, which had challenged him for 20 years. He and his wife, Martha, lived in Berkeley, CA, where he had retired as an attorney for the US Dept. of Labor in San Francisco. Ivor states, "We will all miss his wit, intelligence, and humanity."

Naples, FL, is home to **Joe** and **Kathy Schneider** (joeschneider@earthlink.net). They love retired life: golfing, traveling, reading, and doing volunteer work with St. Vincent de Paul Society in Naples. Trips in the past years included the

Panama Canal, Australia, New Zealand, Lake Tahoe, Reno, Yosemite, and the California wine country. They enjoyed a visit from **David** and **Chris Miles**. CF: **Joe** and **Joyce Villata Baressi '67**. Political action, environmental protection, and anti-fracking efforts occupy **Natasha Soroka** Green (Sewickley, PA; natashasoroka@aol.com). "I just built a four-acre Western Pennsylvania naturalized park (www.mrrmaturepark.org) in memory of mystery writer Mary Roberts Rinehart." CF: **Supo**, MS '66, and **Pat Kaplan Ladipo**.

There is more news, but no more space. More coming in the next issue! **Joan Hens** Johnson, joanhpj@comcast.net; or **Ron Harris**, rsh28@cornell.edu.

66 **Marian Wood** Meyer writes that she is working for her third New York City councilmember. She does constituent service and reports that the best thing is that her work is only a few blocks from where she lives. She and her spouse have two grandsons, 5 and 3, who are the joy of their lives. The Meyers have done a lot of traveling and planned to go to Morocco in October. "I can't believe that my 50th high school reunion is this August," she wrote. "That also means that in four years it will be 50 years since we all graduated from Cornell." **Allan Rubenstein** is a clinical professor of neurology and pediatrics at Langone Medical Center in New York. He is also vice chairman and lead director of Cooper Co. (NYSE). Allan and spouse Jane Halperin visit their other homes in Pennsylvania, Canada, and France. **Joel Edelstein** is a child and adolescent psychiatrist and psychoanalyst. He and his wife live in Elkins Park, PA. He recently saw **Barry Milberg '64**, BEE '66, for the first time in 48 years.

Ronald Berenbeim writes that he lives in New York's Upper East Side. He is a senior fellow at the Conference Board and an authority on business ethics and corporate governance issues. Also on the Upper East Side, **Richard Greene**, ME '66, says his day job is as a "reconnective healer"—a huge change from chemical engineering. Richard is a classical music enthusiast. **Richard Turbin** is an attorney with Turbin and Chu, living and practicing in Honolulu, HI. He specializes in plaintiff's personal injury, litigation, and arbitration. He is a member of the board of governors of the East-West Center, an institution dedicated to improving understanding, knowledge, and better relations between the US and Asian nations. He is also co-chair of the advisory board of the Rule of Law Inst. He is a surfer, plays tennis, and travels with his spouse, Rai Saint Chu. They travel to visit their children in New York and San Francisco.

Michael Chiu lives with wife Shirley in Palo Alto, CA. He is chairman and president of Prima Donna Development Corp. and stays busy with real estate and hotel projects. He would like to hear from **Jim Becker** and **Ken Hamlet**. Elaine and **Les McCarthy** live in Ancramdale, NY. While he says he is retired, he also says that he is the operator of Pop's Cabin LLC, a guest home, "Located Where the Hudson River Valley Meets the Berkshires." He is heavily involved with ALS Walks in the Hudson Valley, stemming from his experience with **Lowell E. Smith** and Lowell's courageous battle with ALS, which ended in 2005.

Dale '62 and **Marion Krause Benedict** live in Commerce Township, MI. Marion is a retired dietician and full-time grandma for her four grandchildren. She stays busy delivering and doing

assessments for Meals on Wheels, in church activities, and as an usher at the Fox Theatre. **Linda Duman Nack** relocated to Oakland, CA, after 43 years in Michigan. She is now close to her two daughters and granddaughter. She is a retired college counselor (second retirement) and says she is still busy unpacking. She encourages all Cornellians to get in touch with her. **Michael '65, ME '66,** and **Carol Rollins Lynch** are in Greensboro, GA. Carol is a homemaker and a fundraiser for nonprofits, as well as a "personal investor." She likes tennis, cooking, reading, and enjoying her grandchildren and is a member of various local organizations. She would like to reconnect with former roommate **Judy Burke Stephenson**.

Stuart Peterfreund is a professor and acting chair of the communication studies department at Northeastern U. He and wife Chris live in Cambridge, MA. His hobbies include eating, cooking, and drinking wine. Stuart advises that he has finished a new book, *Turning Points in Natural Theology from Bacon to Darwin: The Way of the Argument from Design*. **Lochie Emerson Musso** writes from Monsey, NY. She is retired and active in the Committee on Teaching about the United Nations (CTAUN), which puts on conferences in various places. She traveled in Mongolia with son Jason, who is teaching English there in the Peace Corps. She would like to hear from all her Cornell friends. **Nancy Kurtz** of Moab, UT, is a student/practitioner of Ortho-Bionomy, a non-invasive healing therapy. She is also involved in various musical endeavors.

Susan Maldon Stregack, a part-time professional photographer, lives in Silver Spring, MD, with husband Rollin Fraser. They attended daughter Sherry's wedding in New Orleans with son Howard, his wife Ellen, and grandson Ethan. Susan writes that she and Rollin are in good health. Class correspondent **Susan Rockford Bittker** (Katonah, NY) is a lab research coordinator at New York Medical College and is involved with the Westchester Cornell Club. She and husband Don are glass art aficionados and have attended exhibitions and conferences, most recently in the Northwest. They enjoy collecting and have met interesting people. My husband, Gerry Gitner, and I are now full-time residents in Highland Beach, FL. **Deanne Gebell** Gitner, dgg26@cornell.edu; **Pete Salinger**, pas44@cornell.edu; and **Susan Rockford Bittker**, ladyscienc@aol.com.

67 "Paying two Cornell tuitions," reports **Marc Harwitt** (Los Angeles, CA). "I currently have two sons in Arts and Sciences—one a freshman and one a senior." Marc's a gastroenterologist in Santa Monica. **Kim Howell** (Dar es Salaam, Tanzania; kimhowellkazi@gmail.com) writes, "I'm teaching undergraduate and postgraduate students in the Dept. of Zoology and Wildlife Conservation, U. of Dar es Salaam, Tanzania." He'd like to catch up with **Lew Halpern**.

"Since retiring from full-time civil liberties law practice, I have been writing, teaching, and maintaining the Free Expression Policy Project website (www.fepproject.org)," notes **Marjorie Holt Heins** (New York City; margeheins@verizon.net). "Current project is a book on how the Supreme Court responded to the anti-Communist investigations in New York in the 1950s and '60s by developing important First Amendment principles of academic freedom." **Richard Weisman**, PhD '73 (Bethlehem, PA; rnw@lehigh.edu) is professor of civil and

environmental engineering at Lehigh U. He writes, "I play trumpet in a brass group, a mariachi band, and the university orchestra. I'm also heavily involved in our chapter of Engineers Without Borders and working to create a program in sustainable development at Lehigh."

Emilie Gostanian Marchant, MPS '85 (Clinton, SC; emarchant2@earthlink.net) is a volunteer and community representative for the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network there. "I am focusing on attaining my five years as a pancreatic cancer survivor, which occurred on Nov. 24, 2011, and working to help achieve passage of the Pancreatic Cancer Research and Education Act (S. 362/H.R. 733)." She's also active in the Laurens County Master Gardener Association. **Frank Wagner** (Falls Church, VA; frawgn1@aol.com) reports, "We traveled the Blues Trail from Memphis to Clarksburg and down the East Coast from Toronto to Charleston, visiting old friends." Frank retired as "the 15th Reporter of Decisions of the US Supreme Court from 1987 until 2010, when I retired with more volumes of the official *US Reports* to my credit, 82, than any previous reporter." He was president of the Association of Reporters of Judicial Decisions in 2002-03 and was nominated to the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame, Northern Anthracite Chapter, in 2003.

Phyllis Bell Jonas (Atlantic Beach, NY; phyllisbjb@aol.com) is in her 31st year teaching kindergarten at the Brandeis School in Lawrence, NY. "I'm enjoying my grandchildren, 'cutting the rug' with my significant other, Jerry Oster (for the past seven and a half years), and traveled to Glacier National Park in Montana with Road Scholar (formerly Elderhostel)." Phyllis went to the wedding of **Joan Solomon Weiss's** son, along with **Toby Tucker Hecht** and **Fran Keller Fabian**. **Edwin "Ted" Howard** (Cleveland Heights, OH; tedpilot@yahoo.com) is retired and writing a Latin text, as well as "reading, gardening, swimming, flying, sailing, walking, concertizing, and chatting with friends." He'd like to hear from **Deborah Bliss '69**.

Eugene McGuire, BArch '67 (Rye, NY; egm25@columbia.edu) is a retired attorney who is engaged in "organizing and researching the annual historic walking tour for the Rye Historical Society." He and wife Pam have spent time in Bordeaux, France, and in their 1723 Nantucket house. **Jaye Goodman Roter** (New York City; jayewiz@aol.com) is a real estate broker dealing in Manhattan co-ops, condos, and townhouses. She's also in a book club with Cornellian '65ers **Donna Ressler** Laikind, **Marlene Krauss**, **Liz Gordon**, **Lynn Korda Kroll**, **Jayne Solomon** Mackta, and **Billie Schildkraut**. **Richard B. Hoffman**, derhoff@yahoo.com.

68 **Rebecca Johnson** Irvine (knrirvine@gmail.com) is now retired and able to babysit for three of her eight grandchildren who live nearby. Rebecca is also active in her church as a deaconess, mission committee member, and women's Bible study coordinator. Her most recent trip was to Granada, Spain, for six weeks; there she helped her daughter care for the newest grandchild and did some painting on the family's home. Back at home in Ephrata, PA, Rebecca enjoyed a visit from **Cheryl Marlette** Christensen, who was traveling in the area.

Frederick Scholl, PhD '76 (fres@monarch-info.com) lives in Brentwood, TN, where he works in information security management with Monarch Information Networks, providing risk analysis and

expert witness services. He also teaches information security at Lipscomb U. in Nashville. In his free time, he has helped his sons navigate the transition from eighth grade to high school and attends soccer games, baseball games, and tennis matches. Frederick would enjoy hearing from Cornellians visiting Nashville. **Steven Zimmerman** (SZimmerman@ownf.org) works with NYC Charter Schools at the OWN Foundation in Long Island City, NY. He has also been working on development of a Web app for K-12 education. He continues to focus on his family, too, as a father, grandfather, and husband.

Gloria Pessirilo Jurisic (glo4biz@gmail.com) has retired from her position as marketing and contracting director at UCLA's Jules Stein Eye Inst., but remains connected through its UCLA Affiliates program. She lives in Los Angeles with her spouse **Nikola, PhD '70**, and is an active volunteer—she has begun the docent training program at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art and also volunteers at the Venice Family Clinic's annual art walk and auction. **Bill and Nancy Schweinsberger DeCou '70** live in Missoula, MT, and experienced the worst winter there in 30 years in 2011. After 34 years as a residential landlord, Bill has been selling his properties. His hobbies, developed at the Cornell Lab of Ornithology and the Cornell Plantations, are birding and gardening. Bill also serves as a board member of the Audubon Society, as it protects wildlife habitat.

Mary Sander Janaitis Alden married husband Don last April. Don is a California ME (Berkeley '70) and works at Intuitive Surgical helping design the next generation of instruments for the da Vinci robot. The couple met online several years ago and found they had many things in common, including a love of the ocean, East Coast roots, and daughters of the same age. They went to Greece for a honeymoon after their Los Altos wedding and participated in the wedding of Don's older daughter to her Greek husband. Mary continues to work in HR consulting in the San Francisco Bay Area. When **Mimi Herwald** visited, they enjoyed an exhibit at the de Young Museum together, followed by a lunch at Chez Panisse. Here's hoping we see both of them at our reunion next June!

Robert Brandon, BArch '69, sold his architecture/engineering firm two years ago, but continues as a senior principal at Kleinfelder with a national practice. He travels frequently to Cambodia, China, Vietnam, Korea, Italy, and France. He and his wife, Carol MacLean, have a granddaughter, 5, and live in Boston. **Richard and Karolyn Kinsinger Mangeot** live in Corydon, IN, and have been retired for four years. Karolyn volunteers for community and church organizations, gardens, and does Tai Chi. In fall 2010, they spent three weeks touring in China. They can both be reached at Richard.Mangeot@usa.net.

Another Cornell couple, **Joel Negrin** (Joel@JNegrin.com) and wife **Linda (Schwartz) '69**, have moved from one end of Mamaroneck to the other so that Linda can live on the water. Joel still practices law and enjoys tennis, traveling, and his volunteer work with the American Jewish Committee, Diplomatic Outreach. He would like to hear from **Jack Eisenberg**. **Lois Gartlir** reports that she and **Joan Smiley Libshutz**, who were friends and SDT sorority sisters at Cornell, now play bridge together on a fairly regular basis and do quite well as a team. Lois takes advantage of all the benefits of NYC such as its museums, theatre, ballet, etc., and visited Paris with friends for her sixth annual Thanksgiving visit.

Send your news! I would especially appreciate news 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 Special note: It seems an envelope with Class Notes updates may have gone missing between Ithaca and my home in Midland Park, NJ, so if you don't see your news, please resend or e-mail to the address below. Also, thanks to all who sent news through the online form (www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm). If you don't see your news in this column, it will appear in the next.

It seems our "retired" classmates are busier than ever. **Paul Fox**, PhD '83, heads a molecular biology research lab at the world-renowned Cleveland Clinic investigating cardiovascular disease and, more recently, cancer. Last year he was named the Robert Canova Endowed Professor of Inflammation Research. Well done, Paul. Keep us posted. In 2010, **Andrew Goldstein** joined a startup medical device company, HydraDx Inc. (based in San Francisco) as chief technology officer. "I set up a product development laboratory in a Portland business accelerator. We're developing a rapid, point-of-care test for measuring salivary flow rate and certain saliva proteins that correlate with dehydration. Saliva flow rate can be greatly reduced by certain diseases and by many medications, and low flow rate causes dental diseases. It's fun working in

an environment of startup companies where most people are less than half my age! Yes, I've thought about retirement, but it's hard to stop when opportunity knocks. I do want to spend more time with our two grandchildren. Whether working or retired, there's so much more to learn and do and so little time. If only I could get back to playing guitar and banjo!"

Marianne Goodman laments, "Psychiatrists never retire, they just die in the chair! So I continue in private practice in Manhattan and love what I do in spite of the growing medical insurance nightmare. My support of the cultural arts remains undiminished and I can be found shuttling between Lincoln Center, Carnegie Hall, and the various theatres on and off Broadway most days or nights. My older daughter works for a company that manufactures children's accessories and she has just returned from visiting her boyfriend, a Cornell '09 Hotelier, in Singapore. My younger daughter just graduated from Bucknell U. as a chemistry major and completed the summer as head counselor at Timber Lake Camp, where she was responsible for the teen girls. Something like Dante's fourth level of hell, I suspect! She will be living with her older sister in Manhattan and working with Dr. Moses Chao at the Skirball Inst. at NYU in neurological research. She seems to want to follow in her mother's footsteps and go to medical school. Amazing! My husband is now practicing trusts and estates law with Seyfarth Shaw in their New York office and he, too, shows no signs of retiring. Our seven cats, on the

other hand, have every intention of retiring at the first opportunity. That said, I must work to keep them in tuna fish."

Mike Natan retired three years ago and he and his wife have split their time between Philadelphia and Lake Sunapee in New Hampshire (where they built a house). "Last summer while sailing on the lake, I received a call from my old CEO asking me to consider returning as CIO for my old company as my replacement had not worked out. I returned for a six-month stint and, after hiring a replacement, was able to re-retire. Life has been good as both my children have moved to nearby Boston and have each had a daughter. My son is Cornell '97, but my daughter strayed and graduated from Princeton in '99. We expect to spend more than just summers in New Hampshire as a result of its proximity to Boston. While home in Philadelphia, I see a lot of fraternity brother **Ken Lawrence**, who retired earlier. He is also a grandfather of two children, with a third on the way. We hope to make it to the 45th Reunion in 2014."

John Mitchell, MD '73 (Tuckahoe, NY), writes, "My third play, *Big Al and A Few Good Men*, will be read at the Dwyer Cultural Center on West 123rd St. at 8th Ave. in NYC on September 30." **David**

Shannon, in New Zealand since 1984, writes, "I retired from compensation consulting at the end of December 2011, but that old saying 'I've never been so busy as I have been since I retired' is so true! First of all, I do enjoy retirement. However, I continue to do some independent consulting to a few former clients (mostly small charities), and a few

weeks after I retired, I started writing a monthly newsletter for a large shopping centre. I also help out at the local community arts/culture center with shows/openings/concerts, etc. They have now asked me to be on the board of directors, so there's another activity that will grow. We are currently building a new house (the third one!) and when it is finished, we will hit the road. Our bucket list of places to visit is long and varied, so we have a lot of traveling to do. I was contacted by **Bill Fogle '70**, who is writing a history of the Abolition Student Government movement in 1968. As one of those elected to student government on the "Abolitionist" platform, my name made it to his contact list. As it turned out, I traveled back to the US in June, so I met with Bill in Phoenix and we had a good chat about those events. I have written him my memories to add to his work in progress, as have other members he contacted."

Echoing David's sentiments, **Judy Ruchlis Eisenberg** (Manhattan Beach, CA) writes, "I have been retired for ten years and am busier than ever. I am a docent for Asian art exhibits at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art and the Pacific Asia Museum in Pasadena. We attended the wedding of **Greg Korn '98**, son of **Henry '68** and **Ellen Schaum Korn '68**. My daughter **Lauren Eisenberg Krusch '02** gave birth to a little boy, Max Gerald, the day after Thanksgiving. We are enjoying our first summer as grandparents." **Dave Pollak**, MBA '70, writes, "**Margo (Williams) '70** and I are deep into our eighth harvest at our winery in Charlottesville, VA. We were excited to learn that our

Cabernet Sauvignon won a gold medal in San Francisco and our Viognier and Meritage won golds at the Eastern Seaboard Int'l. Virginia is becoming a great place to be in the wine business. We urge Cornellians to come see what we do." Will take you up on that, Dave. **Kenneth Kohn** (North Bellmore, NY) has two grandchildren, Zachary, 4, and Avery, 1-1/2. He is a partner with Equinox Financial Partners in Lake Success, NY (financial, estate, business planning, etc.), which he formed a little more than 18 months ago with four partners.

My husband, **Jeff Riedl '70**, and I were the proud and happy parents of the bride when daughter **Alexis '00** (Hotel) married Brian Twomey on July 6. **Bob '68**, MBA '70, and **Barbie Schultz Spencer** flew in from Chicago to help us celebrate. The lovely reception was held at the Boston Public Library, a must-stop on any visit to Beantown. Enjoy the holidays! Please note my new e-mail address: ✉ **Tina Economaki** Riedl, triedl048@gmail.com.

70 The end of yet another year is drawing close. May all of you have happiness and many blessings during the upcoming holidays. Be sure to check out our class website, cornell70.org, and remember that our 45th Reunion is just two and a half short years away, June 4-7, 2015, in Ithaca. Our News Form came in two versions this year. One asked, "Who at Cornell had the greatest impact on you?" and the other asked, "Considering what today's freshmen care in, what did you bring to Cornell when you first came?"

Bella Pace, MD '74, continues to practice pediatrics full-time. She also spends time reading, biking, tending her garden, and enjoying live jazz. She and her husband, Henry Lesnick, live in Scarsdale, NY. Bella attended her older son's applied-math, award-winning thesis defense presentation at Stanford U. She is enjoying spending time with her younger son, who works in the technology business and lives in NYC. She would like to hear from her freshman corridor-mates. Bella does not remember what she brought to Cornell for freshman year, but she does recall that women were not allowed to cross Triphammer Bridge and go onto campus wearing pants! **Neil Murray** (nvm@cs.albany.edu) is still working, playing a little golf and pool, and skiing. This past June he attended IJCAR 2012 (Int'l Joint Conference on Automated Reasoning) in Manchester, UK. He is presently working on the 24th conference on automated deduction, CADE-24. He is co-chair of the conference, which will be held at the Crowne Plaza in Lake Placid, NY, in June 2013. Neil says that retirement is looking better! He would like to hear from **Alex Skutt**, a fellow Engineering Physics major. Freshman year, Neil brought a clock radio, clothes, and not much else to Cornell. He and wife Janet live in Niskayuna, NY.

Elaine Chasen Garrod and husband **Jeffrey '69** (Fairfield, NJ; egarrod2@gmail.com) took their first CAU trip—to Cuba—in March 2012. Elaine says it was interesting and fun. The added dimension of a CAU trip is meeting and bonding with people from so many different decades at Cornell and they found that outstanding! They heartily recommend these trips. **Gerhardt Krammer** (Concord, MA; GerhardtKrammer@yahoo.com) is now semi-retired while working 25 hours per week and pursuing his master's in philosophy. He spent two months in Zululand, South Africa, to volunteer in Durban. Since he came from France, Gerhardt

brought nothing with him as a freshman! **Bruce Baird** (bbaird@cov.com) still practices white-collar criminal law at Covington & Burling in Washington, DC. He and wife Nikki Heidepriem live in Bethesda, MD. Last spring, Bruce took his son William to see Cornell; he became a junior transfer this fall, majoring in Asian Studies. Bruce would like to hear from **John Stanley**, who bet him he could not go a semester without missing classes! (Hey, who won the bet?) Professors Allan Bloom and Walter LaFeber—as well as the brothers of Pi Lambda Phi—had the greatest impact on Bruce while he was at Cornell.

Martha Mattus, PhD '74 (memattus@comcast.net) lives in Portland, OR, with her husband, William Flynn. Martha works as a bookkeeper, and during tax season (early February to mid-April), she works full-time for a CPA. She has been doing this since 2006 and says she will continue into 2013. In addition to occasional consulting jobs for people who need set-up help, she has a couple of bookkeeping clients for whom she works a couple of hours per month throughout the year. Martha and her husband enjoy traveling. He still works part-time and travels with his job doing educational consulting. They attend various local wine- and beer-related events, including working several beer festivals in Portland each summer. Martha's major indoor recreation for the summertime is sewing and jewelry making. She would like to hear from her former roommate, **Martha Heller** Miller, PhD '76. Martha says that Scott McMillin of the English department was the most entertaining teacher she ever met. And **Marvin Carlson**, PhD '61, in the Theatre department, her major professor, led her into a short academic career teaching theatre history.

Jeff Berkowitz (jberkowitz@berkowitzdev.com) is the chairman and owner of Berkowitz Development Group Inc., located in Florida. For 30 years he has been engaged in the development (land purchase, zoning, and construction) and management of large commercial real estate shopping centers and is recognized as one of the pre-eminent retail developers in Miami-Dade County. He pioneered vertical retail centers, such as the recently completed Fifth and Alton Shopping Center in Miami Beach, which has won various local, national, and international design and construction awards. Check out his website at www.berkowitzdevelopment.com.

Kathy Landau Cornell was delighted by the arrival of her first grandchild, Elliott, born Aug. 2, 2012 to her daughter Mandy and her husband. All are doing well. Greyhound "big sister" Lolo gave her approval to the new arrival with much sniffing and a quick lick on the head. I am thrilled to announce the arrival of my fifth grandchild (all in the San Francisco Bay Area) and second grandson, Travis John Paves—Cornell 2030?—born on Aug. 9, 2012. Big sister Brooke Holiday turned 2 on July 30. The happy and proud parents are **Bethany Meyer-Paves** '96 and husband Mike (Cal Poly '94). Their grandfather is **Glenn Meyer**. **Connie Ferris** Meyer, cfm7@cornell.edu; (610) 256-3088.

71 **Jude Ferber** Lubrano (info@lubrano.music.com) is actively engaged in the rare book and manuscript business (specializing in music) that she founded with husband John 35 years ago. When she's not at her desk, she can be found in their gardens, walking in the nearby Caumsett State Park, playing her antique Steinway grand piano, or just hanging

out with her family around the dinner table. An avid traveler, she journeyed to Sydney, Australia, to see friends and family (John is originally from Sydney). This winter (what winter?), she traveled to Siesta Key, FL, with her 98-year-old father (Cornell DVM '39). In answer to the question of what she brought to Cornell when she first arrived, Jude reports that her star possession was a little green Olivetti portable typewriter. She "took in typing" at 50 cents a page and proudly watched her bank account swell! That would be a hard way to make a buck these days!

Bill Duthie, MBA '73 (duthp@aol.com) lives with wife **Diane (Muka)** '75 in Lansing, NY. He has been spending a lot of his time expanding a warehouse and storage business, landscaping, putting up new buildings, and operating his commercial painting business. Most recently, he has been working on the new Collegetown Terrace project (student apartments) in Ithaca. Bill reports that he showed up for his first year at Cornell with just one suitcase and \$1,000 from his summer job. How many of you brought only one suitcase?! **Michael Scheibel** (scheib49@optonline.net), who also reports a single piece of luggage when he arrived at Cornell, lives with wife Lynne in Brookhaven on Long Island. Mike works for the Nature Conservancy on Eastern Long Island. He is also a captain for the South Ferry Co., which provides service between Sag Harbor and Shelter Island. He is an avid birder and has traveled to Costa Rica, Montana, and Florida. Upon reading that Mike is a ferry captain and birder, this reporter was overcome with curiosity. A quick Google search turned up a 2005 *New York Times* article that described Mike's multiple sightings of an adult bald eagle while he was piloting the ferry that year. Mike would love to hear from old Cornell friends **Nicholas Mariani** and **Joseph Walker** '70.

Louise Wolfe (ljwolfe@verizon.net) lives in Belmont, MA. She would like to hear from **Deborah Tenenbaum** Vine and **Hazel Sims Freeman**. On the opposite coast, **Jain Elliott** reports that she has retired from teaching in Oakridge, OR, "a former mill town in the Cascade Mountains, struggling to re-invent itself as a forest recreation destination." (Classmates: This sounds like a great place to check out for next year's summer vacation! Outdoor activities include mountain biking.) With her new free time, Jain has been working with Occupy Eugene and volunteering with the Oregon Country Fair. For those who aren't familiar with this Eugene event, it is not a showplace for prize-winning dairy cattle, homemade apple pie and jam, and midway attractions. Founded more than 40 years ago, the Oregon Country Fair is a cooperative, philanthropic arts festival that involves some 20,000 volunteers and donates most profits to Oregon groups providing education services, food for the needy, and support for the arts.

Another retiree, **Gilda Klein** Linden (GKL4@cornell.edu) of Fair Lawn, NJ, keeps busy with the local volunteer ambulance corps. Gilda has been a volunteer EMT since 1991. She went on the "trip of a lifetime" to Antarctica with husband Jeff and son **Eric** '02. She saw "hundreds of thousands of penguins, plus whales and seal and sea birds—and fabulous icebergs." **Pamela Peterson** Leventhal (peterspamw@verizon.net) lives a busy life in Bloomfield, NJ, with her husband, Jack. Pamela is associate general counsel for UBS and in her non-work hours she is treasurer of the Hurdy Gurdy Folk Music Club, an avid gardener, and a performer (guitar) in "various northern New Jersey living rooms!" Most recently she has been building picture frames

for a friend's photo exhibit at John Jay College of Criminal Justice in NYC. Pamela notes that her broadcasting colleagues at WVBR-FM had the greatest impact on her at Cornell. She would love to hear from her old friend **Michael Greene**.

Robert Crystal (crys24634@aol.com) of Rochester, NY, is now the coordinator of volunteers at the Rochester Interfaith Jail Ministry. **Bob Beleson** (BBeleson@gmail.com) writes from NYC. He keeps busy with travel, a house in Connecticut, and consulting on Bulldog Gin, a premium spirit startup. We've enjoyed hearing from several of our classmates. Let's hear from more of you! **Gayle Yeomans**, gyeomans@gmail.com; and **Linda Germaine**-Miller, LG95@cornell.edu. Online news form: <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

72 At our 40th Reunion, conversations seemed inevitably to turn to who was retired and who was working. It was apparent that those who have left jobs are enjoying active retirements—traveling, pursuing hobbies, and some even embarking on second careers. At the same time, a large number of those still working continue to find great enjoyment in their occupations. One of the happily retired is **Logan Robinson** (loganr@comcast.net), who spent 30 years as a lawyer, mostly as a general counsel in the US auto industry. Logan and wife Edrie live in Bloomfield Hills, MI. In 2008, Logan became a law professor at the U. of Detroit, but he's far from sedentary. He has climbed Kilimanjaro and Aconcagua with his son; has bareboat-chartered sailboats in the B.V.I. and barges in France; and has skied all 30 of *Ski Magazine's* "Top Resorts of the West." Logan's four children include a Cornell Hotel grad.

Another active retiree is **Marilyn Rocco Mandigo** (mmandig2@tcwnc.nyrr.com), who lives in Pulaski, NY, with husband **Daniel** '71. Marilyn retired after 25 years teaching family and consumer science, but now works as a Mary Kay beauty consultant and volunteers at her church and local library. She enjoys gardening, golfing, and travel. She travels to L.A. frequently to see her grandson Alexander, 3, daughter Kristy, and son-in-law Michael. Marilyn remains in touch with **Licia Banks** Hazzard, **Jane Rappaport** Diamond, **Marcia Houdek** Jimenez, and **Eddie Vandercar**, and would like to hear from **Holly Howe**, MS '74. Exotic travels abound with our class. Last winter **Jay Branegan** (branegan@aol.com), who lives in Washington, DC, took an expedition cruise with wife Stefania Pittaluga to Antarctica, where they saw thousands of penguins, albatrosses, killer whales, and other indigenous animals amid stark polar scenery. International culture can be found close to home as well. **Julia Kosow** Grosberg (juliaekg@aol.com) lives in Yorktown Heights, NY, and participates in international music and dance festivals (Cajun/zydeco, Balkan, bluegrass, contra dance, and fiddling music), and attended Cornell's own international folk dance group's gathering following Reunion.

Sarah Sutro (artssutro@yahoo.com) returned from six years in Asia and now lives in North Adams, MA, with her husband, Michael Bedford. Sarah works as an artist and writer and is on the faculty of Union Inst. and U. **Steven Seifert** (sseifert@salud.unm.edu) is a professor at the U. of New Mexico medical school and medical director of the New Mexico Poison Center in Albuquerque. Steven co-chaired conferences: in Hawaii

of the Int'l Society on Toxinology (natural toxins) and Venom Week 2012. He also plays tenor saxophone in a jazz quintet. Steven's wife, Sandy Mishkin, teaches psychiatric nursing and volunteers in a community mental health center and with the Democratic Party. Daughter **Sara Seifert '07** (CALS) graduated from the U. of Miami medical school in May and is a resident in ob/gyn at Johns Hopkins. You can bet that **Michael Halbert**, who lives in Valley Stream, NY, enjoys travels. Michael goes to racetracks around the world and in the past several months visited Lima, Peru, then Idaho and Oregon, following the horses and watching the races. **Sara Lazaroff Geballe** (sarageballe@comcast.net) lives in Bellingham, WA, with husband Steven and has two part-time jobs—helping people write personal histories in book form (Memoir Crafters), and serving as a sign language interpreter (Visualize This). Sara has enjoyed three successful home exchanges in the US and France and is planning one to Australia.

Gerald Howard is executive editor at Doubleday and lives with his wife, Susanne Williams, in Tuxedo Park, NY. Gerald has recovered from ankle fusion surgery, although that didn't deter his gardening hobby, and he would like to hear from **Warren Mullison**. **Dirk Dugan** (ddugan@cayuga.med.org) practices orthopedic surgery in Ithaca and works with Cayuga Medical Center, bringing other orthopedic surgeons to Ithaca, where he and wife Wendy Kimble-Dugan live. Dirk gives a shout out to **Bucky Gunts**, who produced the Olympics for NBC. **Arthur Fried**, JD '75 (arthurfried@aol.com) lives in Chappaqua with wife Kym Vanderbilt and is a partner at Epstein, Becker, and Green, one of the country's premier healthcare, labor, and employment law firms. Arthur also enjoys masters lacrosse and tennis. **Jim Vaughn** (jim@vaughn.business.com) runs an equipment and service business in Hilton Head, SC, and succeeded this year at his pet project of getting a 1964 Triumph TR4 on the road—the same model, type, and color as the one he drove for three years at Cornell. Jim fondly recalls his days at Alpha Delta Omega, which he credits with teaching him leadership, loyalty, and world perspective, and would love to hear from old friend **Susan Deitz** Milmoe '71.

Diane Donnelly (ddonnelly30@gmail.com) lives in Kentfield, CA, with husband Bert Faerstein, and has a psychotherapy and psychoanalysis practice in the San Francisco area. Last year, Diane graduated from the San Francisco Center for Psychoanalysis after five years of training; she is preparing a paper for publication entitled "The Function of Suffering as Portrayed in *The Scarlet Letter* and Reflected in Clinical Work." **Raisa Scriabine**, MA '74 (asciabine@aol.com) lives in Pottomac, MD, with husband Miles Benson. She is executive producer for Earth Focus, an environmental news magazine broadcast on Link TV, and also produces a foreign policy program focused on Iran. **Robert Blye** (rblye@comcast.net) is an environmental consultant at Normandeau Associates in Stowe, PA. He and wife Carol enjoy their seven grandchildren, including three who are the children of daughter **Amy Blye Cohen '97** and husband **Jason '97**. They recently traveled to Ireland. I am sorry to report that **Bill Copacino** passed away earlier this year after an illness. I'm sure all who knew him will recall his gentle nature. He will be missed.

It's been a transformative year for me. Daughter **Hillary Ross** Posternak '02 moved to Scarsdale with husband Dan and my grandson, 2-1/2; daughter Melissa moved to L.A.; and daughter

Lindsey graduated from medical school at U. of Miami and was married in the fall. As a result of juggling my job as general counsel at Hachette Book Group in NYC, teaching at CCNY, and family travels, I will be turning this column over to my wonderful co-scribes **Alex Barna** and **Gary Rubin**. Please continue to send all news to them at the addresses below. Cheers! **Carol Fein** Ross, hilltop80@aol.com; **Gary Rubin**, glr34@cornell.edu; **Alex Barna**, alexbarna@comcast.net.

73 The mailbag is currently empty—so look for the class's annual News and Dues appeal this fall and send in your news. Also: your class dues now support both the print edition and the new digital edition of *Cornell Alumni Magazine*. Check out the digital version at: <http://www.cornellalumnimagazine-digital.com>. It's a beautiful representation of the whole magazine, and there are other benefits: no special access or registration is required to view the Class Notes (but they are NOT searchable by Google), and all e-mail and website links are active hotlinks. Send in your news and see your name in digital print!

Apologies to **Mark Liff**, whose news from early May didn't fit into the last column. He writes, "Am just back from the National College Lacrosse League championship in Annapolis, MD, where my son, **Noah '15**, and his teammates were among the Elite Eight. Noah had a super day in the face-off circle and the entire team played great, holding a slim lead late into the third period. But Cornell fell to number-three Delaware, 10-8 (which finished the tournament and season as number two overall). Among those cheering with me (and my wife, Nancy) were **Bryan Stuke '80**, who played varsity lacrosse at Cornell for Richie Moran, and his wife, Barbara. Bryan and Barbara's son **Michael '15** also had a standout day on defense. The club team practices and plays mainly on grass fields adjacent to campus and traveled to its road games by car. Championships were played along the water at the US Naval Academy on a turf field, something our guys hadn't seen much during their season. Cornell bested previously undefeated Cortland to avenge an earlier loss to gain the Annapolis invite. The club lacrosse men loaded back on the bus after the tournament to return to campus for finals. Can't wait until next season!"

It's been 39 years since we first stepped onto campus as students. It was warm and only partly cloudy. I remember running all over campus trying to get registered, get an ID, and get books. My parents left late that afternoon and I was left to figure out the rest for myself. The first floor meeting in my dorm, Donlon (brand new, I might add), found me wondering what I was doing living in the middle of a field with so many strangers. Perhaps you regale your children with reminders that we had curfews, couldn't invite boys up to our room, and would find reserve articles carefully sliced from books. Cornell considered allowing computer programming to count as a foreign language for graduation. Yes, we did have to complete a foreign language requirement, as well as pass a swimming test, in order to leave those hallowed halls. Then again, we also had someone to launder and change our sheets.

A year later, everything had changed. No more curfews, visiting restrictions, or differential admission for men. Protests that began before we arrived did not abate during our first two years. Surely we could end the US's involvement in all

wars—make peace and not war, for all times. The glorious desires of youth rang out all around us and possibilities seemed endless. Then we graduated into the oil crisis that foreshadowed the economic turmoil that has not left us yet. So many graduates, so few jobs. The careers we boomers created for others, including greatly expanded higher education, eluded us as we careened between being the system and changing it. Eventually, we settled down and made our peace with the freedom and the realities we'd created during our heady years at Cornell.

New generations—our own children and now grandchildren—arrive at Cornell every year. The time we thought would never catch up with us, has. We're mostly over 60 now. Years ahead no longer seem as endless, or as fraught with uncertainty. Sure, many of us have no idea when or even if we'll be able to stop needing the income from our daily toil. No matter that we know we need to make room for new graduates here in the economy; we don't have the desire or often the means to do so. We were wired for hard work, even as we longed for a simple, communal life.

The triplets graduated on time from college last year. Mitchell graduated from Occidental College, Christine from Grinnell College, and Anna from Stanford. They remain scattered to the wind, along with their older sister, Kate, and her husband, Ben. California, Africa, Massachusetts, and who knows where else they'll live and work over their next 40 years. They're all worried about jobs, even though they each have one. How can one possibly afford to be an adult when rent takes half your paycheck? Grandchildren, forget about it! How can they bring children into such an uncertain world? As frightened as I might have been to find and start a "real job," it's peanuts compared to what new graduates face. Yet, face it they do, just as we did.

As summer draws to a close, I find myself wistful for the days when fall meant a new start each year. The rhythms of college still resonate and I want to start new courses, dive into obscure philosophical debates, and rage around the gorges. Those pleasures are still within my grasp, albeit raging is a bit less strenuous these days. In June we'll be back on campus for our 40th Reunion. I'm thinking about what to put on my list for this "college visit." Perhaps I'll stop by a bookstore and buy the books for a course I wish I could take. I'll search out classmates who love a good discussion about the meaning of life or the home of the soul. Wander around Morrill Hall and celebrate 150-plus years of land grant universities. Look for the answers to life's persistent questions. Oh, and rage around a few gorges.

Hoping to have news in the mailbox for the next column. Send your updates and thoughts to: **Phyllis Haight** Grummon, phg3@cornell.edu.

74 Thanks to all of you who tried out the online news form at <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>. Most of this month's column comes straight from those e-mail responses.

Morris Diamant reports that he is now the chief of radiology at Harvard U. Health Services. Julia Diamant, daughter of Morris and **Lisa '76**, received her MA in Counseling from Rhode Island College. **William Oppelt** (william.oppelt@gmail.com) has two children, Jared, 22, and Sarah, 19, who are both in college. He has retired from the

regular work world and has been a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints since 1986. William reports that he is “divorced going on three years and just got into Facebook.” He would like to get in touch with **Eloise Guzior ’75**.

Leslee Carver (Chicago, IL) attended CAU for the first time this year, studying Natural History in the Field (led by Charles R. Smith and Jeffrey Keller), and had a great time. She got a “two-fer by visiting with college friends who live in Syracuse: **Carol Bradford** and husband **Jim Greenwald** (married since April of our senior year) and **Jill Cummings.** **Frank Ruiz ’72** and **Peg Cangilos-Ruiz** (Skaneateles, NY) enjoyed Frank’s 40th Reunion and visiting with fraternity brothers **Joe Connolly** and **Jay Branegan**. Peg also enjoyed reconnecting with **Bonnie Brier ’72**, who was her freshman RA and now who serves as senior vice president and general counsel for New York U. Peg and Frank’s son, Sebastian, graduated from Georgetown U. Law Center and, after taking the NYS Bar, will work at Cahill Gordon in the City. Daughter **Rebecca ’08** is at the *New York Times* and was slated to work as a member of the team covering the Republican National Convention in Tampa. The whole family looks forward to an upcoming trip to Havana, Cuba.

John McGrail reports that all is well in Southern California. His new book, *The Synthesis Effect: Your Direct Path to Personal Power and Transformation* (Career Press) was released in late spring. Early reviews have been very enthusiastic. John reports that he is “currently in the middle of a nationwide media tour and will soon be presenting Synthesis workshops and seminars around the country; I love helping people empower their lives.” Fellow author **Ron Pies** published a chapbook of poetry (*The Heart Broken Open*) with the Harvard Bookstore/Paige M. Gutenborg. **Sean O’Leary** and wife Arlene Levin of Park Ridge, IL (outside Chicago) have two kids, Faye, 18, headed off to College of Wooster, and Benjamin, 12, studying engineering at Northwestern U. Center for Talent Development. Sean is a Web developer and owner of the website CatastropheMap (<http://catastrophemap.com/blog>). He has published *True Scripture: The Book of Genesis (The Bible Stories You Thought You Knew)*, the first in a 66-book series. According to Sean, “*True Scripture* condenses exactly what is written in the Bible into concise and entertaining prose, including all of the surprising, amusing, and sometimes disturbing details. The running footnotes provide additional historical and linguistic perspectives for murky or ambiguous passages.”

Wendy Goldberg, BFA ’74 (Fairfax, CA) is a professional artist and art installer who creates and exhibits her artwork in venues across the country. She notes: “My work is in the Drawing Center’s viewing program in NYC, the Quicksilver Gallery in Forestville, CA, Sanford Smith in Great Barrington, and KALA in Berkeley, CA, represented by LBD in Chicago, IL. I also have installed two large fine art painting and sculpture shows for the county where I live AND I’m featured in a short video promoting the 25th Anniversary of the Marin Community Foundation (<http://youtu.be/sztIDE3AXk0>).” On the personal side, Wendy’s husband is retiring from teaching special ed and they have a grandson, 2-1/2. One challenge is that art sales are slow and that she has lost one of her main art installation jobs. Wendy would like to hear from ANYONE in our class.

I just finished helping my mother, **Charlotte Smith Moore ’48**, finish packing up and distributing the contents of our family home in

Binghamton. My other siblings helped too, as it was a challenge to dispose of 57 years’ worth of stuff, ranging from treasures and useful items, to “trash.” My mother is moving to a retirement village of 1,800 senior citizens (!) in Peabody, MA, close to my three Boston-area siblings. We shipped a bunch of Cornell memorabilia to Olin Library for evaluation by an archivist, but set aside a vintage felt Cornell banner for **Kris Rupert** and **John Foote** to add to their Cornelliana collection on display in Forest Home. **Mary Ellen Smith** was in my town (Cazenovia, NY) on a similar mission to help her siblings transition their mother, Helen, to a nursing home. M.E. thanks all of our classmates who sent her mom a card for her 90th birthday.

Many 60th birthday events are taking place this year in various parts of the country, as you have no doubt learned from regular Cornell mail and e-mails. Regarding the Upstate New York version, co-host **Mary Berens** reports, “In mid-August,

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Phyllis Haight Grummon ’73

eight classmates celebrated our 60th birthday at the Ithaca home of Kristen Rupert and John Foote in the good company of dozens of members of the Class of 2016, along with many of their family members and other returning classmates. Mother Nature cooperated and the sun came out moments before the first guests arrived, including **David Miller** and Anne Wenzel and their two children, **Emily ’16** and Jeremy. Other classmates at the picnic in Forest Home were **Renee Alexander**, **Andrea Paretts** Ascher with son **Michael ’16** and husband **Paul**, LLB ’65, **Jim Schoonmaker**, **Barbara Smith** Usher, PhD ’84, and Mary Ellen Smith. A highlight of the picnic was meeting our new Class of 1974 Scholar, **Garrett Guillen ’16**, a freshman in ILR from Upland, CA. Kudos to **Bob** and **Joan Saltzman Oelschlagler** for creating our Class of 1974 Scholarship Fund in the 1990s and to the scores of classmates who have supported it over the years. Garrett is the fifth scholar supported by our class scholarship.” Kris notes that this year there are six new students who are children of classmates, down from a high of around 40 back in 2005.

Keeping with this celebratory vein, Mary Berens continues with the news that last February, she and six DG sisters kicked off their 60th year with a four-day cruise from Miami to Cozumel. The festivities included **Betsy Beach**, **Barbara Johnson**, **Carol Monro** Selig, and **Diane Kopelman** VerSchure. Also on the cruise were **Elyse Byron ’75** and **Karen Seidler** Goodwin ’75. Pre-departure, Barb and her husband, Jeff Fischer, hosted a gourmet dinner for the cruisers plus **Stefanie Sokol** Beck and Anita and **Jay Hyman ’55**, DVM ’57. A highlight of the cruise was racing Dennis Conner’s boat, *Stars & Stripes*, in Cancun. The Cornell crew came in second.

We mourn the sudden death in August of **Mike Sansbury** in Florida. Mike, a Hotel grad, was a member of our Class Council and active as a class leader. He will be missed. Let’s do our best to stay well and start thinking about our 40th Reunion, which will be here before we know it. Keep

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

75 As the end of the year is quickly approaching, I’m fondly looking back on so many Cornell friends that I’ve been able to see this year—including many of my DG sisters from across the country. It’s great to live in the Washington, DC, area where so many Cornellians travel. As the “radio voice” for the team, **Jack Corrigan ’74** accompanied the Colorado Rockies when they played the Washington Nationals in July. I thoroughly enjoyed the game and having time to reminisce with Jack, who is in his 27th season as a broadcaster for Major League Baseball. If any of you happen to be in the D.C. area, do be in touch!

Jim Thul (jt@thulmachine.com) spent a great weekend with his former roommate **Mark Dewey**

and wife Kim at their home on Keuka Lake. Their reunion also included **Jim**, JD ’79, and **Beth Wright Seeley ’76**, **Lou John Rossi**, **Stephen Bigalow**, **John Schabowski ’74**, ME ’75, **Deb Yelverton ’74**, **Dan ’76** and **Kathy Jones Brammel ’77**, **Benny Peyton**, and others who had all shared great times at the DU house. Jim’s daughter graduated summa cum laude from the Fashion Inst. and landed a fabulous job with Jessica Simpson designing shoes for the Vince Camuto apparel empire. Son Garrett will be a Firstie (senior) at West Point and is a two-time All-American in lacrosse with one more season to go. Jim pulls for the Big Red . . . except when they play Army!

News from New England classmates includes an update from **F.X. Flinn** (FXFlinn@gmail.com), who was elected to a two-year term on the Hartford, VT, Board of Selectmen in March. Congratulations! And congratulations are also in order for **Gary** and **Sherry Burnett Young** in nearby Concord, NH, who are celebrating their 34th anniversary, having been together for 40 years—since their early days on campus. A star on the Cornell hockey team when we were students, Gary is still very much involved in hockey, now as a college referee. Sherry (sby@rathlaw.com) and Gary still see many of their Cornell buddies including **Monty** and **Beth Miller Templeman ’76**, **Tony Zieno**, **Pat Davis ’74**, and **Bob Schulman ’72**. And if keeping up with those friends weren’t enough excitement, they’ve also been on an African safari, a trip to Victoria Falls, and a visit with their son in Swaziland this year.

Travel has also been on the agenda of **Michael Rosepiler**, ME ’76 (mrosepiler@gmail.com), who spent three weeks in China, a very long way from his home in Matthews, NC. He toured Beijing, the Forbidden City, the resort of Qingdao on the northern coast, and the site of the 2008 Olympics, and admired the terra cotta warrior army at Xi’an. Michael was intrigued by the Chinese history and culture and amazed at the tremendous amount of growth and technology that he viewed

everywhere in the country. He would love to hear from Engineering grad **Brian Glover**, ME '76.

We've received news from another engineer from our class, **Genal Reese** (genalr@gmail.com), a senior test engineer for Varian Medical Systems working in the X-ray flat panel detector side of the business. His career has taken him through several engineering and management positions with National Semiconductor, Motorola, Level One Communications, Intel, and Lattice Semiconductor. Living in South Jordan, UT, Genal's best friend is still his sweetheart of 34 years, **Christine (Tanner) '77**. Together they have five children and 16 grandchildren. He tries to interest those grandchildren in science and engineering by doing fun projects such as building a hovercraft on which they could sit and ride across the garage floor. This sounds like fun for us adults, too!

‘My home is in Charlotte, NC, but my job is in Kansas City, MO!’

Brian Boland '76

Vickie Vaclavik (vickie.vaclavik@utswestern.edu) has finished writing her third book this year. A nutrition major in Human Ecology and former Class of '75 officer, Vickie is an assistant professor and registered dietician (retired) at the U. of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas in the graduate department of clinical nutrition. Her new book was written for use by college student chefs, while previous textbooks were focused on food science and nutrition, and include two foreign translations. Living with multiple sclerosis has posed a real challenge for Vickie, but she has turned to her nutrition training to adjust her diet to improve her health. Vickie has one married son who works in athletic training, another married child with two children who is applying to medical school, and a third who is just finishing college.

Also in a university setting, **Paula Amols** (pamols54@gmail.com) retired after 30 years at Cornell and moved to Murray, KY, to become the director of dining services at Murray State U. Paula says that Murray State is a great place and she loves her new job. Just prior to moving she traveled to Churchill, Manitoba, for a polar bear expedition, where she had some “up close and personal” encounters with these amazing animals as well as other Arctic/sub-Arctic wildlife. In May, Paula traveled with a group from the university to China, where they marveled at sights in Beijing, Xi'an, and Luoyang and were delighted with the fantastic and authentic food—truly a “foodie's dream!” Despite the 900-mile move from Ithaca to Kentucky and her fabulous travels to Manitoba and China, Paula still considers Ithaca “home” and misses the memories and friends that she left behind.

Pam Hanna (pjh24@cornell.edu) still enjoys life in Ithaca, exclaiming that it has been a great place to live and raise a family. All of a sudden she and husband Greg have found themselves parents of three adult sons in college, with an empty nest looming. Pam's youngest son, **Joe Menzenski '16**, graduated from Ithaca High School in June; he was captain of the crew and hockey teams and is now rowing men's heavyweight for Cornell. Matt is a senior at U. of New Mexico in Albuquerque with a double major in linguistics and Russian.

Son Mark is a fifth-year mechanical engineering technology student at Rochester Inst. of Technology and did his co-op at Borg Warner. It was a crazy and chaotic summer with all three boys at home, not to mention the extraordinary grocery bills! While the sons have now left home, Pam's mother has just moved from Cleveland to Ithaca, and Pam is glad to have her nearby. Pam would also enjoy seeing her Kappa sisters and other friends from “back in the day,” so get in touch via e-mail, Facebook, or LinkedIn, or plan to meet her at upcoming Cornell events in Ithaca.

After 30 years as a science educator, middle school principal, and director of education at the National Zoo in Washington, DC, **Joseph Sacco** (joe@sacco.us) has embarked upon a new career as an entrepreneur. As owner of several Miracle Ear stores in Montgomery County, MD, he even offers

special discounts for Cornell alums. He and his wife have five sons; the oldest is proudly serving in the Navy, another is graduating college this year, one is in high school, and the twins are in middle school. Joe would like to hear from any and all friends from his four years on the Hill.

Jeff Craver (jlcpath@aol.com) and his wife have put in more than a few hours remodeling their home in St. Louis following damage from a 100-year-old post oak tree falling on it three years ago. While they've lived in the home for 28 years, since the renovation it feels “brand new.” Jeff also reports that they have a watchful eye on the neighbor's post oak tree, which is tall enough to hit their home if it falls! Their daughter **Mary Pat Craver** Stangl '02 and her husband, Jason, welcomed the newest Craver family addition, Charlie, in June. A Sigma Pi from our days at Cornell, Jeff invites all of his brothers to be in touch.

Please take a few minutes to send us highlights of your life after Cornell, friends you have seen, and memorable moments on campus, and we'll share the news in our upcoming columns. **Joan Pease**, japease1032@aol.com; **Deb Gellman**, dsgellman@hotmail.com; **Mitch Frank**, mjfgator@gmail.com; **Karen DeMarco** Boroff, boroffka@shu.edu.

76 It's great to receive a lovely sheaf of alumni news forms! Keep it up, friends! **Kari Weil** writes from Middletown, CT, where she is university professor of letters at Wesleyan U. She reports that she spends most of her time “working, working, working” and any free time “riding horses and watching my daughter grow.” This spring Columbia U. Press published Kari's latest book, *Thinking Animals: Why Animal Studies Now?* It sounds like a fascinating, philosophically wide-ranging work; the publisher says the book “charts the presumed lines of difference between human beings and other species and the personal, ethical, and political implications of those boundaries. . . . [Kari's] course, ‘Animal Subjects,’ which she first taught at the California College of the Arts, won ‘Best Course

Award’ from the US Humane Society.” Kari has also written on feminist theory and literary representations of gender. What would Kari rather be doing right now? “Riding a horse through Mendocino.” She'd most like to hear from old Cornell friends **Peggy Lee '77** and **Stephanie Schilling '78** and says that the person who had the greatest impact on her at Cornell was Richard Klein.

Chris Cosentini is also an animal person. She lives in Golden, CO, with husband **Don Sherman '75**, MPS '81, and writes, “After 14 years in Golden (previously Arizona, Texas, Montana), and two kids (twins) in college, I am enjoying walking, time with the dogs, and taking care of my daughter's horse. Continue to be involved with the growth of youth lacrosse in Colorado. After 20-plus years in environmental consulting, I am now an engineer with the US Environmental Protection Agency.”

In Columbia, MD, **Wendy Alberg** says she is also “retooling for an environmental second career.” She finished an AA degree in environmental science in 2010, receiving one of two scholarship prizes for top 4.0 students. She completed a program on environment (HOLLIE) training at the Howard Legacy Leadership Inst., and spent more than 150 service hours leading college students on stream macroinvertebrate surveys for Howard County. Wendy writes that she spends her time on the executive committee of the local Sierra Club chapter; is studying for her Maryland Master Naturalist (Piedmont) certification; sings in two groups; and belongs to a Unitarian Universalist church. She volunteers at a cold-weather overnight homeless shelter, does roadside trash pickup, serves on an environmental committee, and is involved with environmental political action. She also does water aerobics. What would she rather be doing? Orienteering, singing 16th- or 17th-century music a cappella, learning to play cello continuo, or finding someone to manage her Ithaca house as a sabbatical home. Wendy would love to hear from **Martin Westman**, **Paul Diedrich**, ME '77, and **Steve Kalikow**, PhD '77.

Chris and Wendy are not the only classmates who are changing or adapting a career. **Brian Boland** reports, “Living in the new economy, my home is in Charlotte, NC, but my job is in Kansas City, MO! So I visit the airport often. I have a great position as senior vice president and corporate counsel at UMB Financial Corp. and its subsidiary banks. Very good colleagues and clients. But stuck in the real estate mess. We do what we have to do and life is good. No complaints.” A few of us have managed career adaptation to the point of retirement. **Philip Loud** and wife Jennifer live in Northport, MI, which, as a fellow Michigander, I happen to know is a gorgeous spot on Lake Michigan, on Grand Traverse Bay. Philip says he is “early retired, so much of my time is spent on projects, traveling, learning, etc.—skiing, boating, walking, a house addition, visiting sons in L.A.” Lately he has traveled to Maine, Los Angeles, and Florida, taken an East Coast motorcycle trip, worked on car, boat, and dock repairs, and labored in the yard and garden. He's also a volunteer with the Inland Seas Education Association, teaching chemistry and stewardship on a beautiful 80-foot schoolship schooner that plies the Great Lakes. If there's anything Philip would prefer to be doing, it's “more travel, more reading, more fun exercise—tennis, skiing, bicycling.”

Lisa Marshall is quite the opposite of retired; she's in the thick of work and family. She and husband Sean Gallagher live in Wyndmoor, PA, and Lisa works at Pfizer as senior medical director and

publications head for Enbrel in the inflammation specialty care business unit. Enbrel is a treatment for arthritis. Lisa wrote last spring that daughter Tess was then 12 and in sixth grade at Springside School in Philadelphia. Amazingly, Lisa also has time for gardening, stained glass, working with the Chestnut Hill Historical Society, going to museums, and traveling. She would love to hear from **Alice Mascette**, **Nate Kerner**, and Gigi. We assume you know who you are, Gigi, and that you'll get right on it. Lisa gives the senior faculty in CALS credit for having the greatest impact on her at Cornell.

I have just a few more tidbits to pass along for the next column and we'd love to have more. Please send news of your work, family, travel, and avocations! ■ **Pat Relf** Hanavan, patrelf1@gmail.com; **Lisa Diamant**, ljdiamant@verizon.net; **Karen Krinsky** Sussman, krinsk54@gmail.com.

77 Thanks to **Rob Glidden** for the moving and inspiring story of how a Cornell reunion changed his life. During college, Rob rowed crew and although he hadn't rowed since college, he decided to do the Reunion Row at our 30th Reunion in 2007. That led to a reengagement with the sport, which he describes as "arguably one of the most intense aerobic sports. Competitors tend to think of it not so much as a sport, but as a pain contest . . . with the balance required akin to sliding along the edge of a razor blade." But he was hooked and now successfully competes on a national level. How often do we get to relive the glory of our youth? As Rob says, "Cornell has given me a loving spouse, a successful professional career, lifelong friendships, and now the blessing of a special community."

Continuing our report on Reunion 2012 . . . **Cathy Marschean-Spivak** and **Fran Giaccio-Spivak**, BS '76, BS Nurs '78, are sorority sisters, best friends, and sisters-in-law, having married twin brothers John and Gus, respectively. They took a Farm-to-Table tour of Ithaca. This is a group that started the eat-local movement. The tour included a winery, where they learned about wine and food pairings, an artisanal cheese producer who showed them the manufacturing process, and then lunch with a chef who appeared on the TV show "Chopped." **Maria Reyes** Schoen and husband Dave went on the zipline across Beebe Lake twice, took the bike tour of the Plantations, and went to the Walker Exhibit at Olin Library. They still sing with various groups in Texas and indulged their passion for music by going to a chimes concert (where three people played Beethoven's 7th Symphony), and then happened upon a concert at Sage Chapel. They also attended the Chorus and Glee Club concert Friday night and Cornelliana Night on Saturday, then heard the a cappella groups performing in Goldwin Smith, where the marble stairs and walls enhanced the sound. **Mark Mayrsohn** and **Corky LaVallee** ably represented our class with the Cayuga's Waiters.

Mike Nolan did not know **Dave Dickieson** before reunion, but they were introduced by mutual friend **Brooke Schumm**, who put them together because they both play squash. Somehow Mike and Dave arranged to play on campus with the squash coach. Dave Dickieson and his wife stayed at the delightful City Lights B&B and went canoeing on Beebe Lake. They also went to the **Michelle Rhee '92** Olin Lecture about the changes she feels need to be made to the D.C. school system, to the CornellNYC Tech Campus talk by Provost Kent Fuchs, and to the Johnson Art Museum. They

described a Kandinsky sculpture of a naked woman with translucent skin as extraordinarily realistic. **Susan Warshaw** Ebner, JD '80, and husband Gene made sure to check out the new clock donated by **Bill Nye** and the fantastic rare book and memorabilia collection donated by **Jay Walker**. Reunion was especially memorable for them since their daughter **Casey '14**, a rising junior in Arts and Sciences, was also up at Cornell—as a reunion clerk for the Class of '82.

Brenda Jacobs took part in the wine tasting event on campus, and **Joe Reina** challenged Bill Nye to an Ultimate Frisbee game. **Cheryl Nagel** Fialkoff and husband Rich hiked through Taughannock. Rich and my husband, Ken, somehow figured out that they attended the same public schools in the Bronx. **Cindy Leder** also knew my husband independently—they used to play softball in a New York City league. **Kathy Bard** Levine, husband Josh, and their daughter kept themselves busy every minute. They went rappelling down the back of Schoellkopf Stadium, took a zipline across Beebe Lake, went to Treman Park and Buttermilk Falls and a beer tasting at the Ithaca Beer Company, and rode bikes around the Plantations. **Betsy Greenblatt** Frank and husband Mitch sold their suburban New Jersey home and now live in New York City, where they say they walk pretty much everywhere. They put that skill to good use and walked for miles all over campus.

Jim Farrell, ME '80, who founded For Real Smoothies & Milkshakes, also rowed crew as an undergrad and took part in the Reunion Row. According to **Michael-Vincent Crea**, the crew won the championship in 1977. **Al Philoon** gets the award for the alum who came the furthest to attend reunion. He works for Chevron in Aberdeen, Scotland, getting shale gas into Eastern European countries. So far, he's been to Poland, Romania, and Bulgaria. **Steve Johnson**, who has a wind turbine business in South Carolina, attended two events at Delta Chi, went to the Mechanical Engineering breakfast, and participated in the Reunion Run. He and **Marcus Loo**, MD '81, formed a new friendship after learning that both had lived in Hong Kong.

And of course, a lot of people came to reunion to be with old friends. **Jan Fassler** notes that she met up with roommates **Jeanine Fisher** Alexandro, **Anne Mayer**, **Beth Goldbaum**, and **Paula Schaeffer** Sawyer. Jeanine was delighted by two events in particular over the weekend: the reception at the Clock Tower that concluded with the Big Red Marching Band escorting us down the hill to dinner in one of the new buildings that replaced the U-Halls and the post-dinner performance by the Hangovers. Corky and **Donna Fulkerson LaVallee** came from California and met up with a lot of their U-Hall 3 dormmates, sorority sisters, and fraternity brothers. Ken and I were lucky enough to be their reunion roommates and participated in the soirees they held each night in the townhouse. Reunion attendees from U-Hall 3 include **Tom** and **Joan Pope Kokoska**, **Tom Mangán**, **Carl Franceschi**, BArch '78, with wife Lynne, **Carol Benson** Antos, **Jan Hendershot**, **Deb Lathrop** Lechner, and **Karen Lipton** Wellin.

The LaVallees and the Kokoskas attended the new technology talk about ethics and then did the campus scavenger hunt with Deb. Jan took a walking tour of Sapsucker Woods, and Carol said she cried at the Glee Club concert. The Franceschis liked the observatory and the art museum, but were really impressed by the new Architecture building. Corky and his fellow Navy ROTC guys at

Reunion—**John McCarthy**, **Rob Glidden**, **Rob Mitchell**, MBA/ME '83, **Steve Kurth**, and **Matt Brown**—went to Barton Hall, where they used to drill, and then adjourned to the Statler bar for drinks and sea stories. Other Cornell couples also used Reunion as an opportunity to get together. Our Saturday night reception was held in the Schoellkopf Field Hall of Fame Room and on the terrace overlooking the field. **Jeff Bialos's** son Jeffrey, 11, thought it was really cool and when we took our class picture down on the field, Jeffrey ran all over the field and up into the stadium. Jeff says that all his son wants to know about Cornell is, "Is there much homework?"

I am pleased to report that we set all kinds of new records with our fundraising activities. As of this writing, we raised more than \$9.2 million, with gifts from 657 classmates, including 107 Tower Club members. Not only did the class set a new all-time Tower Club record for a 35th Reunion, but this is also a new class best for dollars raised (at more than double the class's previous best of \$4.2 million raised for our 30th Reunion).

The last word on Reunion goes to Rob Mitchell: "This was my first reunion with the Class of '77, but it won't be my last. Yes, all the clichés about reuniting with classmates—and the camaraderie—are true and more than clichés. It was truly a delight reconnecting with classmates and even some professors. For me, though, the best part of Reunion was reuniting with Cornell itself. I sat in on lectures (Bill Nye on sundials, Dr. Frank on economic myths, etc.). I walked through the campus, re-absorbing the views—Fall Creek, Libe Slope, etc. I admired new buildings and smiled with nostalgia as I viewed 'old' buildings that had been the center of my life way back when. And oh, the chimes! I had such an invigorating, uplifting time, I anticipate I'll be back for every reunion from now on. It's that rewarding!" See you all in five years! ■ **Lorrie Panzer** Rudin, lorrierudin@comcast.net; **Annette Mulee**, annette@mulee.com; **Howie Eisen**, Howard.Eisen@drexelmed.edu.

78 I have a healthy stack of news forms from this year's dues solicitations, so I'll dive right in. **Brian Meagher** (Jamestown, NY) is president of the Chautauqua County Medical Society. His younger son graduated in May from Embry-Riddle in Daytona Beach and his older son graduated from Cazenovia College in December 2011. Brian has traveled to Beaver Creek, Steamboat, Whistler, and Powder Mountain for ski trips. He would most like to hear from his freshman roommate **Gary Holcomb**. Also in the proud parent department, **Ann Warner Lill**, DVM '82 (Honeoye Falls, NY) and husband **Charles '79** have two Cornell alumni sons. **Luke '10** works in his father's business, and **Jake '12** graduated from the Dyson School. Ann owns her own veterinary practice in Victor and remembers bringing "mini-skirts and tie-dyed shirts" to campus with her as a freshman.

Mike Bernard (Albuquerque, NM) is a senior analyst for the Air Force Research Lab's Directed Energy and Space Vehicles Directorates. He has briefed assistant and under-secretaries of defense on ionospheric modification and superliminal ultra-wide band radiofrequency technology. He's set to chair a session at the Directed Energy Professional Society's symposium on technological assessments. Mike said, "I should be gearing down since I plan to retire in three to seven years, but work

is keeping me busy.” Also “working non-stop” is **John Hannan** (Skaneateles, NY), who provides insurance services to large employers. **Clara Chang** Nin (Fort Thomas, KY) retired in June after 34 years with Procter & Gamble. Clara is an alpine ski patroller and spends much of her leisure time on the slopes during the winter. What Mike, John, and Clara have in common is a love for golf. I foresee the makings of a foursome at our 35th Reunion, which happens to be June 6-9. Mark your calendars and don't forget the golf clubs!

Phyllis Spivak Greenberg (Boynton Beach, FL) entered the BS Nursing program at the age of 45 after her children were grown. She worked as a nurse in Hartford, CT, and then partnered with her husband in real estate in Florida. These days she studies Spanish and volunteers in a literacy program. Phyllis reports, “At 81 (almost), I'm happy with the quiet life.” She'd like to hear from **Barbara Miller** Margolis, also a '78 graduate of the Nursing program. **Barbara Ford** (Murfreesboro, TN) is principal at her own market research and strategic planning firm, Savage LLC. She's worked with Sandia National Laboratories and several emerging consumer brands. She'd like to hear from **Suzanne Taylor** Whitescarver. **Rich Cavanagh**, ME '79, transferred to St. Petersburg, FL, for his position with Draper Laboratories.

Laura Collyer Carlson (Valencia, CA) works as a writer at Advanced Bionics and volunteers on the board of a youth orchestra. Laura would like to hear from **Catherine Komar** Outlaw, who once drew or painted a picture for her. **Alexandra Swiecicki** Fairfield, PhD '85 (Silver Spring, MD) retired from the National Institutes of Health and teaches biology at a local community college. In June, she and her family went to the Galápagos Islands—“a last family vacation before the children end up who knows where in the future.” Her daughter is a freshman at Bryn Mawr majoring in archaeology. On the other side of the Potomac, **Jody Katz** (Arlington, VA) volunteers for the Virginia State Bar Disciplinary Board and teaches water aerobics. She'd rather be gardening at her home on the Eastern Shore of Maryland and wants to hear from **Kitty Cullina**-Bessey.

The LinkedIn group yielded the following updates. **Bob** and **Diana** “Sunshine” **Lorenz Wegger** provided an update on their empty nest, mentioned in the last issue. “Our youngest, Pearl, graduated from high school a year early and is enrolled at Bard College at Simon's Rock for the fall, while the two middle children both work in California. We would have an empty nest except that our oldest, **Ryan '06**, lives with us part-time in Vermont and Bob's mother is coming to stay with us full-time. Welcome to the sandwich generation!” **Walter Milani** finished working on the general management team on Mike Tyson's Spike Lee-directed Broadway show *MIKE TYSON: Undisputed Truth*. Walter found him to be “a joy to work with backstage; he was always equally patient and kind with numerous guests, whether they were celebrity VIPs, old friends from childhood, or fight enthusiasts he'd never met before. He's got a new fan now.”

Jeanne Arnoldschwetjje (Mattituck, NY) became a grandmother of a baby boy. She's been performing as a trio with her brother and husband, working out, and researching and teaching the Bible. **Elliot** “Chip” and **Linda Joy Baines** (Naperville, IL) now have two granddaughters via daughters **Emily Baines** Heidt '07 and Katie. **Connie Chamberlain** Maatta (Plymouth, NH) has a granddaughter in Key West. During growing season,

Connie does “landscape design that is in keeping with the beautiful New Hampshire environment.” She'd like to hear from **Wilson Sitonik, PhD '84**, who was in the Biometry department circa 1981-84. Connie remembers bringing lots of three-ring binders and pens to Cornell with her. That's it for this issue. Keep the updates coming, LinkedIn and otherwise. Enjoy the holidays, and stay well. **Cindy Fuller**, cindy@cindyjfuller.com; **Ilene Shub** Lefland, ilefland@snet.net.

79 Many classmates have children who are just starting college or beginning their careers or graduate school. The Class of 2016 enrolled 29 of our classmates' progeny, including **Wayne Meichner's** oldest son. Wayne lives in New Canaan, CT, and visits Cornell regularly. He remains active with the university and is a member of the Dyson School Business Advisory Council. In his spare time, Wayne is involved with lacrosse, having coached his sons through eighth grade, and occasionally plays in tournaments for old guys. Of course, he remains a big fan of Cornell lacrosse. Last December, he celebrated his 20th wedding anniversary with wife Lisa. Their two sons, Jared, 18, and Justin, 15, play football and lacrosse. He is so proud that **Jared '16** just started in the Dyson School and is playing sprint football. After 23 years at Saks Fifth Avenue, Wayne has been with Ralph Lauren for ten years and is the president and COO of Ralph Lauren Retail.

Bill Minnock, MBA '83, is happy to report that there are now three Cornell graduates from his family. His son **Billy IV '12** is the fourth generation of Bill's family to attend Cornell; he graduated from Arts in May with majors in Economics and History. They are thrilled that their daughter **Katie '14** is a junior in the Hotel school. **Ruth Trezevant**-Cyrus has been an enthusiastic supporter of Cornell, along with **Deborah Arindell** and **Conrad Kenley '74**, MBA '75. The three of them co-chaired a campaign that raised more than \$200,000 to develop and fund the James and Janice Turner CBAA scholarship endowment. The endowment was presented at the 2012 reunion festivities and will provide scholarships to qualifying African American students who attend Cornell.

As usual, many of our classmates are involved in interesting endeavors. **Bob Lubarsky** lives in Florida and spent seven weeks during the summer at the Isaac Newton Inst. in Cambridge, England. They had a special half-year program that was dedicated to Alan Turing on the centenary of his birth. Turing founded theoretical computer science, then cracked the German code during WWII, a major step toward the Allies winning the war. After the war he was arrested for being gay and killed himself shortly thereafter. Bob gave two talks in June at various associated conferences. **Jennifer Koch** Gaskins lives in Huntersville, NC, and is the assistant director of communications and marketing at Johnson C. Smith U. in Charlotte, NC.

Richard Stearns is in Santa Monica, CA, where he founded a residential real estate company in September 2009. His firm grew to have associates in offices in Brentwood, Santa Monica, and Beverly Hills. **Jay Lieberman** moved back to California from Connecticut when he was named professor and chair in the Dept. of Orthopaedic Surgery at the Keck School of Medicine at USC and orthopaedist-in-chief of the Medical Center. He plans to work closely with USC's Dept.

of Athletics. Jay is an internationally recognized clinician and researcher and is a leading authority on total joint arthroplasty and the treatment of osteonecrosis of the hip.

Debbie Zimmerman Kotloff lives in Elkins Park, PA, and is a veterinarian practicing small animal medicine. Her husband, Rob Brown, is a pulmonologist at the Hospital of the U. of Pennsylvania. This year they were thrilled to see their three sons graduate from different schools. Their oldest, Eric, graduated from Villanova Law School and is an associate at Dechert in Philadelphia. Middle son Brian graduated from the U. of Pennsylvania and started his career in sports journalism. Youngest son Ethan graduated from the William Penn Charter School and is a freshman at Penn. They also enjoyed their first trip to Hawaii. Her family loves professional sports and doting over their two pugs. **Reisa Mukamal** also lives near Philadelphia, in Swarthmore. She received a master's from the Harvard Graduate School of Education in 1981 and is a freelance writer and educator. Oldest son Zachary was a researcher for Errol Morris and entered Yale Law School this fall. Her son Ben just received a history degree from Boston U., Sam is a junior at Harvard, and Noah is in his last year of middle school. Reisa gives a shout-out to **Chakameh Habibi '80**, MArch '83, **Blanka Kmoch** Suchanek, and **Joan Kao**. **Diane Pietrucha** Fischer, BFA '79, lives in Allentown, PA, with her husband, James. She is the chief curator of the Allentown Art Museum.

Julia Hafftka-Marshall resides in Fayetteville, NY, near my hometown of Syracuse. She is an associate at Holmes King Kallquist & Assocs., Architects in Syracuse, NY, specializing in the programming, design, and renovation of libraries, civic structures, and historic buildings. Her daughter Daniela is a junior at Brandeis U. and her son Noah has started high school. She started running again, something she has not done since her Cornell years. She has also reached out to old friends to reconnect. Julia would love to hear from any and all she has lost touch with over the years and is surprised at how fast the years move. She says that being an architect, mother, and wife is challenging at times, but worth every moment. She and David celebrated their 22nd anniversary.

Barbara Polan sends news from Gloucester, MA. She suffered a stroke about three years ago and has been working hard to regain her previous abilities. One goal is to return to “gig rowing” in Gloucester Harbor. Visit her blog about her stroke recovery at www.barbpolansrecovery.blogspot.com. She would enjoy hearing from other Cornellians who likewise are recovering from a stroke. Barb is proud of her son, who works in Louisiana as a programmer, and her daughter, a customer advocate for Vendini after earning her undergraduate degree in 2010 from Columbia. Barb would like to hear from **Mary Ellen Guido** Dean.

Please remember to keep in touch with your class correspondents so we keep this column filled with your news. Your classmates would love to hear what is going on in your life. You can also keep up with class events by joining CornellConnect (<http://www.alumniconnections.com/olc/pub/CEL/homepage.cgi>), our Facebook page (“Cornell University Class of 1979”), and the Cornell Class of '79 LinkedIn group. 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; and **Cynthia Ahlgren** Shea, cynthiashea@hotmail.com.

80 We are again facing tumultuous economic times and a riveting presidential election as President Obama runs for reelection and Mitt Romney challenges him on the bread and butter issues of our era. By the time this column is published, we may know the identity of our next president, and will be looking forward to the epic Thanksgiving battle at Madison Square Garden between the ice hockey teams of Cornell and the U. of Michigan. These are also unique and exciting times for Cornell and the Class of 1980. Classmates reunite at informal reunions and also share the Cornell legacy with their offspring.

Cornell is a particularly poignant place to return to as both an alumna and a parent of an incoming freshman. With my son starting in the College of Arts and Sciences this August, I experienced Cornell through his eyes, 32 years after our graduation and the endless possibilities of those college years. **Esther Elkin** Mildner writes that she and husband Mark traveled to Ithaca in July to meet the rest of the CANMEL gang for a reunion to celebrate the 30th wedding anniversary of Mark and **Nancy Schlicht** Hall. Nancy and Mark live in Brooktondale, just outside Ithaca and have two sons: Spencer, a sophomore at Clarkson U. and Zachary, a seventh grader.

Candy Crocker Warren and husband George live in Bethel, CT, and recently became grandparents to Sterling, who was born to their son Dan, a medic in Afghanistan, and his wife, Bianca. Candy develops children's books in both traditional and electronic formats for *Reader's Digest*. **Mary Farrell** lives in Manhattan and divides her time between human resources/compensation consulting and the performing arts. **Lisa Privett-Wood** and husband **Gary** live in Eastport, NY (in the home where Lisa grew up) with her two daughters, Kate, a junior studying classical vocal performance at Westminster College of the Arts, and Allie, a high school senior. **Martha Francis** Fischer and husband Mark live in Reston, VA, and have two boys, Luke, a junior studying engineering at Case Western Reserve U., and Greg, a freshman at the College of William and Mary. Martha is working toward a master's degree in marriage and family therapy from Virginia Tech.

David Michaels writes that an annual reunion of his Kappa Sigma brothers for "Boys' Day" has occurred for the past 32 years since their Cornell graduation. This summer ritual, predominantly organized and hosted by **Steven Potolsky**, includes waterskiing, golf, tennis, and reminiscing together about memorable Cornell times. This year the reunion took place in July on Lake Waramaug in Connecticut and was attended by **Tom Foster '81**, **Gary Gertzog**, **George Hudson**, MBA '81, **Marc Kurzman**, Jordan Metzger (husband of **Ronni Pine Metzger**), **David Michaels**, **David Parkes**, **Steven Potolsky**, **David Ritter**, and **Brad Tolkin**. The Cornell legacies included **Allison Gertzog '12**, **BS '11**, **Bryan Gertzog '14**, **Rachael Metzger '15**, **B.J. Michaels '12**, **Emily Michaels '14**, **Lizzie Potolsky '14**, and **Sean Tolkin**, heading toward a master's in 2013.

Jean Ellis (jle26 @ cornell.edu) attended graduation in May to watch son **Daniel Katz '12** graduate from the Hotel school and daughter **Julia Katz '12** graduate from Arts and Sciences. Her third child of the triplets, **Emmie Katz**, graduated from the U. of New Hampshire. Jean works as a middle school teacher and lives in Manchester, MA. **Linda Ripps** Feder writes that her son, **Kenyon**, graduated from Wesleyan U. this spring and is

working as a fellow for Connecticut Voices for Children. Daughter **Lauren** is a sophomore at the U. of Pittsburgh. **Daniel Simpkins**, ME '81 (dan @ hillcrestlabs.com) returned to campus with **Len Sanders** to judge the Big Red Ventures-Cornell Venture Challenge at the Johnson School. Dan spends his time with wife **Irene Simpkins** and daughter

Foundation, VP of the Assistance League of Tustin, and busy working with church, school, and community arts organizations. She has a high school senior who has decided to stay in the Golden State and is headed to Santa Clara U. Unfortunately, no East Coast schools "made the cut." Having relocated to Lithia, FL, **Debby Matthews** Loveland is

‘Donald Neel likes to drive his tractor around his tree farm.’

Betsy Silverfine '81

Nina running Hillcrest Laboratories and boating, swimming, and playing tennis at his family's home in Easton, MD. He would like to hear from **Vince**, ME '81, and **Kathy Leskovec Splett**, ME '81.

Ed Stratton was appointed chief human resources officer for Berry Plastics Corp. (headquartered in Evansville, IN) in 2011 and relocated from Albany, NY, to Newburgh, IN, with his wife, Janice, and family. **Mark Steckel** is an ophthalmologist with a sub-specialty in pediatric ophthalmology practicing in Fairfield, CT, and living in Westport. He writes that he attended the ECAC hockey tournament in Atlantic City with **Brian Levey** and enjoys golf and working in his vegetable garden. **C.J. Allan Murphy** (amurphy @ newenglandland.com) works as executive vice president for New England Land Co. in Greenwich, CT, and enjoys reading, exercising, and volunteering. He would like to hear from **Steve Dalton '78**.

Hillel has transformed into a dynamic and vibrant organization reaching out across campus to the diverse community of Jewish students through social justice, political action, and educational, social/recreational, and religious programming and activities. Hillel had an inspiring orientation program with 200 freshmen and their families attending Shabbat dinner on North Campus on August 17 and 60 students attending Freshmen Fest before orientation. Prof. **James Maas**, PhD '66, gave a presentation on the importance of sleep, discussing his two books, *Sleep for Success* and *Power Sleep*, at a reception in the spring attended by nearly 100 alumni including **Lauri Feldman** and **Steven Potolsky** from our class. For those of us with fond memories of sitting in Bailey Hall with hundreds of fellow freshmen in Psych 101, Prof. Maas retired last spring after teaching at Cornell for 48 years.

Please send us your news and continue to keep in touch as our class prepares for our 35th Reunion in 2015. □ **Leona Barsky**, leonabarsky @ aol.com; **Dik Saalfeld**, rfs25 @ cornell.edu; **Dana Jerrard**, dej24 @ cornell.edu; **Cynthia Addonizio-Bianco**, caa28 @ cornell.edu.

81 News is all around us—and it's almost time to ring in another New Year! I am busy with my daughter **Ella's** elementary school as VP of fundraising for the Morikami Park PTA. It is a pleasure to help raise money for such a wonderful place! (They originally asked me to be the PTA president, but I declined for now. Maybe in the future!) **Brayden** has been enjoying pre-K and I love watching them grow.

Debbie Hirsch Ewing volunteers as well. Out in California, she is the past president and a board member of the nonprofit Tustin Public Schools

a senior account executive for Salesforce.com in Tampa. She is enjoying the move to Florida and writes that she is "parenting two super teens." **Bob Zeidman** (Cupertino, CA) has published his third novel, *Good Intentions*, a political satire about a future where the government controls all businesses—and controls our lives. He is managing multiple businesses, creating and selling software and novelty items, and consulting on intellectual property litigation.

In North Carolina, **James Tulskey** is a professor of medicine at Duke U. Medical Center and chief of Duke Palliative Care. He runs a clinical service, does research on provider-patient communication and quality of life, and teaches Duke med students, residents, fellows, and undergrads. He is delighted that his older son, **Noah '16**, started at Cornell in the fall! It brought back a flood of memories. He had dinner with **Christopher Garcia**, MBA '82, JD '90, his freshman-year roommate, whom he hadn't seen since graduation. Now, that's a long time! **Alan Lieber**, MBA '82, is president of the Overlook Medical Center in Summit, NJ. He celebrated his 25th wedding anniversary with wife **Alice** by traveling to the Galápagos Islands, the Amazon rainforest, and Machu Picchu. Sounds amazing! Also in New Jersey, **Elisabeth Tendrup** Burns has been rebuilding since Irene hit in August 2011. **Tim Shapiro** likes to hang out with his family—wife **Karen** and kids **Becca**, 15, and **Jordan**, 13. **Leila Hor** Miller volunteers with the Therapeutic Riding Program for kids in New Jersey. **Mary Kieronski** Brown, in Princeton, works as a communications consultant. She enjoys spending time with husband **Kenneth**, family, and friends, and in her spare time she volunteers as a deacon at her church and raises a small herd of Hereford cattle.

On Long Island, **Amy Kretz** is employed at Stony Brook U. Hospital. In Setauket, **Pamela Hurst** Della Pietra has retired from pediatrics to do philanthropy related to children's causes. She is involved in building a children's hospital and a math/science series for high school and college kids. She is also trying to start a national dialogue on the impact of technology, especially videogaming, on today's youth. **Velda Breckon** Ward (Delphi Falls, NY) operates two businesses: the Delphi Falls Golf Course and Field House Farm. The golf course is an 18-hole public facility, and on the farm they raise grass-fed Hereford beef cattle!

Donald Neel (Willington, CT) is vice president of administration and finance for an organization that builds and finances group homes and non-residential facilities for other nonprofits. He likes to drive his tractor around his tree farm and happily gets to fish and sail in Narragansett Bay. **Lori**

Schifrin (San Rafael, CA) is busy raising a miniature Goldendoodle! She loves the fact that her nephew **Aaron Schifrin** is part of the Class of '14. **Clinton Warne** (Eugene, OR) is a partner in the Oregon Anesthesiology Group and an assistant professor on the clinical faculty at Stanford U. He has three children, ages 16, 14, and 10, and this summer took them to Hawaii, England, and France! Also in Oregon, **Debra Kolodny** is teaching and practicing taiji, swimming, cycling, and hiking. She adds, "I was ordained as a rabbi in the Jewish Renewal movement in January 2011 and serve the wonderful community of P'nai Or of Portland."

Lastly, **Sandra Waring** Holloway is the founder and president of Tasteful Connections Inc., a family-owned catering business in Rochester, NY, still going strong after 28 years. In May, she received the Silver Spoon Award from the Rochester chapter of the NYS Restaurant Association for her "hard work and dedication to the industry and community." Sandra says she loves catering and creating unique, memorable events and celebrations for each client. In her spare time, she enjoys traveling, knitting, reading, scrapbooking, spending time with family and friends, and volunteering. That's all the news for this column. Here's wishing you a wonderful 2013! Stay happy and let us know what's going on with you. ☑

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82 Thanks to our classmates for continuing to provide fascinating reports on their activities. Please keep them coming.

Apologies to several of our classmates whose e-mails from early this year hadn't made it into the column till now. When **Clare Ludgate** (clare@gate-advisors.com) wrote, she was still in London, where she's been for 12 years, and looking forward to the Olympics! "I work in the hedge fund business and am active with the Cornell Club in London, including our annual expat Thanksgiving dinner, British style!" **Hans Kunze** (Hans.Kunze@steubentrust.com) lives in Wyoming, NY, with wife Leslie and their three children. The oldest is considering going to Cornell. Hans is a banker with the Steuben Trust Co., a privately owned smaller commercial bank in western NYS, where he does farm and commercial lending. He writes that he is very active in many local business and community organizations including his church, Perry Rotary, Cornell Alumni, and the NYS Ag Society. Hans and Leslie also have a small home business that specializes in wild bird feeding and home gardening and operate a small greenhouse. Hans had been writing on the subject of birding and nature for local newspapers for more than 20 years. He also enjoys dabbling in farming. He'd love to hear from his old Cornell friends at lesliekunze@aol.com.

2012 was a milestone year for **Nannette Nocon** (nannette.nocon7@gmail.com). "Besides our 30th Reunion, I'm turning 50, celebrating my 20th wedding anniversary, getting inducted into the Ameriprise Hall of Fame, and producing our third children's book—an alphabet book on values called *A Book of Characters* (such as A for Achievement, B for Bravery . . .). Congratulations to **Fred Foote** (frederi825@me.com), who wrote and produced *Alleged*, winner of the San Diego Christian Film Festival and the Anthem Libertarian Film Festival in 2011. Set against the background of the Scopes Monkey Trial in 1925, it stars Brian

Dennehy (as Clarence Darrow), Sen. Fred Thompson (as William Jennings Bryan), and Colm Meaney (as H.L. Mencken). See www.allegedthemovie.com.

Patricia Morrissey (pattimor@gmail.com) has lived in Northern Virginia since 1986, and went to work at the State Dept. in April 2011 as the US Representative to the Global Futures Forum. "The GFF is a group of 23 countries working together on global security issues. I was elected global coordinator by our steering group, which means I get to develop the substantive program and work with partner countries to hold conferences in cities all over the world. Very inspiring job working with a tribe of strategic thinkers working together to help build a more prosperous and stable world." **Collin Clark '14**, son of **Susan Bower** Clark (suebc@comcast.net), is a junior in the ILR school. He is a member of the sailing team and interested in pursuing economics and business management. His sister Maddy should now be a freshman at Ithaca College, studying integrated marketing communications at the Roy H. Park School of Communications. "Our two other children, in high school, keep us jumping with their interests in snowboarding, football, sailing, skeet shooting, and riflery. I am currently working toward becoming a special education advocate in Massachusetts to help parents navigate special education and the IEP process for their children with learning disabilities. We reside by the sea in beautiful Duxbury, MA."

More recently, **Michael Greenberg**, MBA '83, sent word that he is president and CEO of Broomfield Education Group. He also serves as co-chair of the Lone Tree Cultural Arts Foundation. "I continue to serve on the board of directors of 93.5 WVBR-FM, which is a great way to stay connected to the Cornell community. Last winter, I enjoyed teaching my 4- and 8-year-old to ski. Do I get the award for having the youngest kids in the class? Probably not." **Veronica Curran** Lawrence (VLawrence@TexasBack.com) wrote from Dallas, TX: "I am a physician assistant (since 1997), working part-time for an orthopedic spine surgeon—both clinic and OR assistant. Could not be happier! Husband Tom and I are enjoying being empty-nesters. As of June 5, 2012, we've been married 25 years! Oldest daughter Victoria graduated from Texas A&M and moved to Santa Clara, CA, with her husband for his job at Google. Our second daughter, Stephanie, is a junior at St. Edwards U. with an accounting major—and kicking butt." Veronica would love to hear from **Darcy Curran-Walsh '83** and **Tom Ayers**. **Rebecca Hamilton** is also in Dallas. She is retired and fills her time with her husband, **Allan King, PhD '72**, traveling, writing, and gardening. Details of her travel adventures can be found on her blog at www.somenotesfromabroad.blogspot.com.

Kenneth Acer (ken.acer@msanet.com) is living in Pittsburgh, PA, with wife Dede and their two children, Will and Jasper. Will is in the filmmaking school at UNCSA, and Jasper is a high school sophomore playing soccer, baseball, and lacrosse. Ken's job as director of international marketing for Mine Safety Appliance Co. allows him to travel internationally throughout the year. **Carl Rohr** (tinman972001@yahoo.com) is employed by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Water Quality Improvement Projects. In his free time, he enjoys working on his farm. **Steve Thomson** (steve@mailboxesunlimited.com) also likes to travel. He lives in Bermuda, where he continues to run his various businesses. His travels over the past year have taken him to Hong Kong, New Zealand, China, the UK, and Ireland. Son Nick is at Florida State U. on a swimming scholarship, and son **Kenny '15**

is in his second year at the Hotel school.

Unfortunately, we received some sad news regarding one of our classmates. **Bill Basuk** passed away suddenly at his home in San Diego, CA, on April 28. Bill got his MD from the Duke U. School of Medicine and completed his residency in ophthalmology at the Montefiore Medical Center/Albert Einstein College of Medicine in NYC. He then spent a year as a fellow with Project ORBIS, a volunteer group that brings eye care services to areas in need throughout the world. Bill later practiced ophthalmology as a corneal specialist in San Diego and served as chief of ophthalmology at Scripps Memorial Hospital beginning in 2005. We send our sincere condolences to his family.

We enjoy receiving your news. More to come in the next column. ☑ **Doug Skalka**, dsalka@npm.com; and **Mark Fernau**, mef29@cornell.edu.

83 I hope you are all ready for a wonderful holiday season, including attending the Cornell-Michigan "Frozen Apple" hockey game on November 24 (8:00 pm) at Madison Square Garden. Are you planning on attending our 30th Reunion, June 6-9, 2013? It will be here before you know it!

Sean Duffy (sean.duffy@fcps.edu) and wife Pam are raising three kids (20, 18, and 15) in Reston, VA, by attending lots of soccer and lacrosse games. Sean is teaching fifth grade in Fairfax County and using his Cornell experience to create a "conservation school" for the kids: "in effect, a 'land grant' institution for elementary aged students." He works lots of hours to ensure that No Child Is Left Behind and to raise money for his school. He and his family would rather he had more time at home to pursue bird-watching and travel on marine conservation trips with his kids. Bird-watching is not a new pursuit. Along with envelopes and stamps (remember those?), Sean packed his birding binoculars when he first came to Cornell. Any men's and women's rugby players from the late '70s and early '80s out there? Sean would love to hear from you.

In nearby Washington, DC, **John Salatti** (lawriters@hotmail.com) is running his company, LAWriters. He teaches professionals, especially lawyers and judges, how to write more effectively. He also serves his community as an elected commissioner and on the neighborhood civic association board. When time permits, John and wife Acacia travel the country to spend time in forests marveling at the trees and learning how to nurture them and strengthen their ability to thrive. **Gary Bullis** (gwbullis@yahoo.com) is also in the D.C. metro area. When he's not working, he says he plays on his new 39-foot boat. Cruising Chesapeake Bay provides a recreational escape from Beltsville, MD. Gary recalls **Mark Novello**, who roomed with him in U-Hall 1 and at 611 E. Seneca and passed away shortly after graduation. Get in touch with Gary if you also lived at 611.

In New York, **David Menapace** (davemena pace@yahoo.com) says hello from Minoa, where he lives with his wife, Maria. **Michael Goldstoff** (mgolds@nycap.r.com) is in practice at Schenectady Anesthesia Associates. He and his wife, Joan Thompson, reside in the Schenectady suburb of Niskayuna, where they are raising their four children. Son TJ is in his second year at Hobart, and Kelsey, 16, Owen, 13, and Jack, 10, keep them busy with activities after work. Michael took a belated 50th birthday golf trip to Orlando with **Tae Cha**, **George Chung**, and **Phil Tsung**, ME '84, MBA '87.

Erica Taylor '15, the latest Cornellian in the family of **Jim and Shelley Macklin Taylor** (shelley.mtaylor@comcast.net), is a sophomore in CALS. Their oldest daughter, **Alex '09**, is with the Foreign Service, currently posted to the US Embassy in Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire. Middle daughter Casey is a professional dancer with the Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre. Shelley is working part-time at the Katz Business School at the U. of Pittsburgh, where she works with closely held and family businesses. Jim is president and CEO of ABARTA Oil and Gas and chairman of ABARTA, a diversified holding company. Continuing west, in Frankfort, IL, we find **Michael Prospero** (tkprospero@gmail.com) and wife Terri. Michael is busy consulting at nuclear power plants from South Africa to Nebraska. **Doug Pratt, Bryan Thompson, Jim DeCou, and Chuck Artymovich**, if you are out there, Michael would like to hear from you.

Dinah Lawrence Godwin (dinahgodwin312@gmail.com) and husband Griff are based in Bellaire, TX, raising their daughters Anne, 21, a senior at UT Austin, and Sarah, 17, a senior in high school. After spending several years in a supervisory role at a large public hospital, Dinah decided to return to her roots as a pediatric social worker. She finds her current position at the Meyer Center for Developmental Pediatrics at the Baylor College of Medicine much more satisfying and less stressful. Dinah would like to hear from **Michael Sheldon**. Maybe Dinah will have honed her packing skills in time for our upcoming reunion. When asked what she brought to Cornell the first time she came to campus, Dinah replied, "Way too much stuff—I was clueless!" **Lois Gans Kemp** (lkemp1989@yahoo.com) and her husband, Lee, are in Flowery Branch, GA. When not working, Lois is a busy mom with an active 13-year-old. The family's favorite recreation spot is nearby Lake Lanier.

Finally, I am proud to shine a spotlight on **David Brown** (dbrownpix@gmail.com), who lives in Ithaca with his family. David was awarded a TogetherGreen Fellowship for his work as a videographer and environmental educator. His project, entitled "BASELINE," is a comprehensive underwater video documentation of the Finger Lakes watershed, ahead of potential changes from gas drilling and the intrusion of invasive species. Go to www.togethergreen.org/fellows/fellow-david-brown for more about this important work. Keep the news coming! Connect on our class Facebook page ("Cornell Class of 1983") or LinkedIn group ("Cornell University Class of 1983") or send me an e-mail. Happy Holidays! **Alyssa Bickler**, cousinalyssa@yahoo.com.

84 The Olympics are (sadly) over. It's time for the back-to-school rush for some and I have time to write this column. Thanks to all who sent in news. Our e-mail addresses are below and we look forward to receiving more.

Although **Steve Murray** (murrmortar@live.com) would rather be flying, he is busy traveling, skiing, hiking, and exercising. He is currently training for a 10K personal best! Steve lives in Marietta, GA, and would love to hear from **Jeff Morgan, Jennifer Lauro** and spouse **J.D. Phillips '83** are busy with a recent family trip to the Pacific Northwest and college visits for their daughter. When she's not working, Jennifer enjoys doing yoga near their home in Topsfield, MA. **Julie Scheib-Feeley** is also researching colleges with her daughter and working on her master's

in early childhood special education. When she's not teaching pre-school near her family's home in Chicago, Julie is busy running, biking, watching her children's soccer, baseball, and basketball games, and going to cross-country meets. I can't type the words "cross-country meet" without thinking of **Kitty Cantwell** and **Kevin McCormick**. Their daughters, **Meghan '16** and **Kate '16**, will be running for the Big Red. They join older brother **Nicholas '13**, a senior. Kitty and Kevin will have an empty nest, with all five of their children in college!

On the West Coast, **Daniel Kammen** is a professor of energy at the U. of California, working on renewable energy research. When he's not working with Secretary of State Clinton and UN Secretary General Moon on energy issues, he is installing solar panels for poor families, traveling across Borneo with his family, researching in the Arctic (via Norway), and hiking in the Sierras with his wife, two daughters, and their dog. Former Donlonite **Karen Pauls** (karenpauls7@gmail.com) worked in the solar industry for more than 20 years and is now in Palo Alto volunteering for environmental organizations and community and youth groups. Her youngest will leave the nest next year, leaving Karen and her husband with more time for gardening, hiking in the Sierras, or swimming and snorkeling in the ocean. She would like to hear from **Lori Thomas McConnell, Donny Lein, and Bill McGinnis**. **James Mann** lives and works in Vallejo, CA. He's working to pay those bills and save for retirement and trying to get in some travel when he can. Like a lot of us, he'd rather be retired!

Linda Singletary (annie1926@aol.com) is a radiologist in Montclair, NJ, whose time is spent on family and work. She has been collecting African American and Latin American fine art and would love to own an art gallery. She would also love to hear from **Wendy Bethel Cleare, Meredith Brown Bryant, Gregory Brewer, Anthony Bonet, and Tangelea Tucker**. **Amy Allen Moorman** (amooman3@elon.edu) teaches law at the graduate and undergraduate levels at Elon U. in Elon, NC. She enjoys summering at her seasonal home in New York's Thousand Islands. She would love to hear from **Mark Bogomolny**.

Ruth Loree-Houser, DVM '88, works as a relief veterinarian in the Capital District area of New York, serves on emergency clinic boards, rides her horse, does yoga, and chauffeurs teenage girls to track meets, horse shows, and pony club. **Julie Helitzer Shubin** (julie.shubin@cox.net) is working on her blog, HelitzerBlouseGirl, a modern American labor journal that addresses what it's like to work in today's American labor force or to own a small business. She credits Prof. Gerd Korman with having the greatest impact on her at Cornell. When she's not conducting blog interviews, Julie is planning her daughter Rachel's high school graduation, attending blogging conventions (the latest in Salt Lake City), and working at her old job as a hearing officer for the Fairfax Civil Service Commission. **Jane Kow** is the principal and founder of HR Law Consultants, a San Francisco-based employment law and human resources consulting firm that provides legal advice, training, and workplace investigations for employers of any size in any industry. Jane just launched the 2012 HR Law Consultants Conference for employment lawyers and HR professionals. It features leading industry experts on a variety of cutting edge topics and best practice tips. Although she would rather be retired, she says this is a pretty good gig. Thanks for sending along your news. We look

forward to more! **Janet M. Insardi**, insardij@hotmail.com; **Karla Sievers McManus**, Klorax@comcast.net. Class website, <http://classof1984.alumni.cornell.edu>. Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

85 As the brutal heat of the summer subsided, the greenness of the world turned yellow, red, and orange, and children returned to school, here's what we have been doing over the summer and now into the fall. **Richard Shapiro**, an elder law and estate planning lawyer, and wife Terri are busy with their fifth grade son and his basketball, baseball, and soccer. Their daughter, in her senior year of high school, is checking out colleges. Richard would love to hear from **Paul Gillard** and **Scott Schapper**. **Julie Jerome McCallen's** hobby of bow-hunting keeps her busy working out and practicing in anticipation of her next African safari. She is also building and running her medical practice and shepherding her daughters through high school. She would like to hear from **Shirley Fox** and **Melanie Holtz Wilson**.

Mark Greany wrote in from Del Mar, CA. A criminal defense lawyer, Mark spends spare time at the beach with his family and coaching his son's ice hockey team. He misses Group Therapy at Dunbar's, as he has been busy working on SEO for www.gandgcriminaldefense.com. Check it out. Mark wants to hear from **Michael Johnson, Jake Vigoda, Rick Petri**, and "anyone else from Watermargin." **Martin Lubell** of Wooster, OH, has been auditing classes in preparation for a master's in bioinformatics that he will start in the fall at Johns Hopkins U. His "other" spare time is spent as soccer referee and coach for his sons' teams and as an assistant scoutmaster with Cub Scouts and Webelos. Facebook has brought him back in touch with **Peter Ang '86**. In the "What I'd rather be doing now" category, Martin writes, "I'm content." 'Nuff said.

Jerry Janove, from my home state of New Jersey, is busy working and coaching baseball, hockey, and soccer for his 8-year-old son. He says he is enjoying exactly what he is doing now! **Steve Garrison** said he would love to be a sportscaster for ESPN, but continues working at Marriott Vacations—"Because I have to!" He and wife Lisa have two girls, one in college and the other in her senior year of high school. He coaches girls' high school and travel club lacrosse. **Brian Lynch** (Horseheads, NY) is running the family business, Winchester Optical Co., with brother **Mike Lynch '87** and semi-retired dad, **Ben Lynch '59**. Brian and wife Deborah have two girls in college and one in elementary school.

Jill Jarvis is in New Hampshire and has enjoyed being the president of the Cornell Club of New Hampshire. **Frederic Johnson**, in Chicago, spends a good deal of time volunteering at the Adler Planetarium, doing Tai Chi, running, and working to launch a rocket from a weather balloon into outer space. He would like to reconnect with **Bill Shillue**. **Jonathan Teplitz** (NYC) had a spring break vacation in Rome with family. He is the Cornell recruiting captain for IT&T JPMC and the COO of the division. **Scott Clifton** writes, "I am ruling my country from my new palace, building and improving the infrastructure, initiating health plans for the people, and rebuilding after an attempted coup." I think the FB games are getting to ya, Scott.

Fred Schwartz, wife Sylvia, and daughter Sydney travel from their home in Illinois wherever and

whenever possible. They have gone to Israel and London and spend time at their place in Palm Beach Gardens, FL. He plans more golf, photography, and tennis. My wonderful husband, Mike, and I are active in our son's Boy Scout troop, attending campouts and going white-water rafting and to Civil War re-enactments. We've also enjoyed skiing in Maggie Valley, NC, fishing in the Florida Keys, hiking in Chattanooga, TN, and having friends and family visit here in Georgia. I've gotten to reconnect with many Cornellians and have stayed in touch with my besties from U-Hall 1, Statler Hall, and Collegetown living.

The most recent news form posed the question, "Considering what today's freshmen cart in, what did you bring to Cornell when you first came?" Some answers: "My stereo, clothes, a mini-fridge, a popcorn machine, posters and tapes, a Selectric typewriter . . . and Jerry's red Honda." I remember moving in to the dorm with my clothes, a poster, my comforter and sheets, and my bucket to carry my stuff to the shower. Oh, and that cool little coffee cup warmer that was probably contraband. Luckily, my roommate Bethany brought her stereo and James Taylor albums, so we had music. And I think it was Debbie that had the air popcorn machine. So long ago. Send your class news to: [Joyce Zelkowitz](mailto:Joyce.Zelkowitz@cornell.edu), cornett0667@comcast.net; [Risa Mish](mailto:Risa.Mish@cornell.edu), rmm22@cornell.edu; [Roberta Zwiebel](mailto:Roberta.Zwiebel@cornell.edu) Farhi, rfarhiesq@aol.com.

86 As a class correspondent I enjoy hearing what so many former classmates and teammates are up to as adults. The best part of writing the column is hearing about the pursuits of classmates I never knew. Sometimes I even get to befriend these classmates as an adult at reunions, Big Red sporting events, and alumni functions.

While I don't think I ever knew **Roman Schwartsman** as a student, I definitely want to befriend him as an alum. Roman (Boise, ID) writes that he is busy building a new horse farm (I love riding horses) and working as an orthopedic surgeon. He also enjoys skiing—my favorite winter sport—in Sun Valley. Also writing in from the far west is **Julie Bick Weed** from Seattle. She is loving life working as a freelance writer for the *New York Times* business section and the *Seattle Times*. She just finished a series on "Teens, Tweens, and Technology" for the *Seattle Times*. She also attended Cornell's Adult University with her two kids this summer for the first time. Another West Coast post comes from **Gary Schwendig** in San Diego, where he is medical director of trauma at Scripps Memorial Hospital in La Jolla. He says that after 20 years he could no longer avoid the administrative responsibility. In Los Angeles, **Jeff Winikow** has been appointed to serve as a judge in the L.A. Superior Court by Gov. Jerry Brown. Jeff started on July 1 and had to close down his law practice to accept this appointment. Jeff also served many years on the Cornell ILR Alumni Board and when he came to Ithaca for meetings he would often camp in the park near Buttermilk Falls instead of staying in a hotel.

Other classmates making job changes include **Eric Trachtenberg**, who joined McCarty Assocs. in January 2012; he works with companies and other organizations as an advisor and advocate worldwide specializing in resolving problems in the food and agricultural sector. Eric is located in Alexandria, VA. **John Ware**, ME '87, has started

his own architecture and engineering firm (Ware-Associates.com) in Oakland, CA. He and his wife are also busy with two kids and take bicycling trips with friends.

Lisa Spector Safon from Merrick, NY, joins many of our classmates with a child enrolling in Cornell this fall. Lisa's son **Keith '16** started in ILR (like his mother) in August. Lisa, tell your son to look for my daughter, Alexandra, next year in ILR. She was admitted, but was granted a deferral until 2013 because she is spending this year in Kenya teaching English to grammar school children outside Nairobi.

Mary Metcalfe Hall writes that she has released her first novel, *Amberly*. **Eve Saltman**'s day job is general counsel at OnLive, a cloud technology startup in Palo Alto. She also joined the board of the nonprofit Women's Initiative for Self Employment, which helps low-income women start their own businesses. **Dean Pearson** was nominated by the Colorado Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects to serve as a fellow on the ASLA Council for 2012. Dean is the president of the Archterra Group in Littleton, CO. Also receiving professional accolades is **Peter Quinter**, who has been recognized as one of America's best attorneys in their practice fields by Chambers USA. He specializes in international trade and customs at GrayRobinson in Miami and Ft. Lauderdale. In July, Peter was elected secretary of the Int'l Trade Law Section of the Florida Bar. Also an attorney, **Steven Getman** has been named a part-time assistant county attorney for Schuylar County, in Watkins Glen, NY. Steven continues his private law practice in Ovid, NY, where he represents private clients and municipalities. **Dom Albanese** is continuing his career in vacation ownership with Marriott in Singapore, where he has been for the past several years. However, with his son a sophomore in college in Cleveland at Case Western Reserve U., he now he spends even more on airfare back to the States.

Special recognition goes out to **Chris DiNapoli**, who found a great reason to visit Cornell as an adult. In June, Chris was on campus for the fifth annual home winemakers conference at the Statler Hotel. Chris attended the first annual conference in California and when he heard this year's was in Ithaca, he had to go. My wife, **Lori Spydell Wagner**, and I have known Chris since his Lambda Chi days, but we never knew he made wine until this year. We look forward to sampling some of his work when we visit him in Newport, RI. Keep sending news. [Michael Wagner](mailto:Michael.Wagner@wowway.com), michaelwagner@wowway.com; [Holly Isdale](mailto:Holly.Isdale@mac.com), Isdale@mac.com.

87 Hello, Class of '87! This is my first column as one of your new class correspondents. It's hard to believe I'm writing this during a typical sweltering August heat wave and you'll be reading it while the fall chill is in the air! Did you make it to Ithaca for Homecoming, go to any tailgate parties that rival Cornell's, attend your first parents' weekend, or begin touring colleges? We want to know, so don't forget to send us your updates. Meanwhile, here is some of the news we've received since the spring!

Gail Stoller Baer reports: "One of the best things about living in sunny Scottsdale, AZ, is all of the vacationing visitors we see from back East. We ran into **Steve Wells '86** at the AIPAC Summit in Scottsdale in October. **Rich Friedman** visited us while on a business trip. **Peter Moss '88**, his wife Georgie, and their two sons spent Passover

with us. I had a mini-SDT reunion on the occasion of the b'nai mitzvah of the twin sons of **Faith Mervis Katz '88**. **Stacey Smith Ross '88** and **Jenny Serkin Rubin '88** made the trip to Arizona." Gail stays very busy as the development officer for new corporate partnerships at Valley of the Sun United Way. Her husband, **Michael '88**, MBA '89, is managing director of fuel administration for US Airways. Son David is a sophomore at George Washington U. in D.C. Still at home are Rachel, a senior, and Amy, a sophomore in high school.

Jessica Irschick lives in London and writes, "I work as chief treasurer at Norges Bank Investment Management, the organization that manages the oil wealth of Norway. When I am at home, I am very busy with my daughter Elisabeth, 1. My life is really fun and balanced now!" **Vincent "Jack" Curran** is ministering to a parish family as a Catholic priest at St. Christopher's Church in East Hartford, CT. He admitted that sometimes he would rather be playing Frisbee on the Quad with **Brian Schwab '86**. He would also like to hear from **Peter Metz '86**. **James Vincens** reported that his daughter **Cynthia '16** has started her freshman year in the College of Engineering. **Sarah Gilman '16**, daughter of **Gregg '85** and **Debbie Garkawe Gilman**, is a freshman in the ILR school.

Patricia April Baumann (Gulfport, FL) has changed jobs. She is now the chief of orthopedics at Bay Pines Veteran's Administration. She would like to hear from **Tina Lamont Kramer '88**. **Carol Dittenhofer** Denysshchen lives with husband Martin in Orchard Park, NY. She told us that the person at Cornell who had the most impact on her was Mary Basl, "a wonderful genetics teacher." **Avery Katz** and wife Linda live in Wyckoff, NJ. Avery is a neurologist in a group practice and spends his time with work, golf, and kids. He said that Carl Sagan had the greatest impact at Cornell. **Kimberly Frederick** is a registered architect and a member of the American Inst. of Architects (AIA) and the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB).

Anne Levin Marsh writes, "I live in Los Angeles, staying busy with my two daughters, Ali, 15, and Olivia, 11. We celebrated the 102nd birthday of my grandfather (**Morton Weill '30**) in NYC!" She offered to share pictures of her grandfather and his great-granddaughters—all in their Cornell sweatshirts. Alas, we are unable to include photos in the column, so we will have to imagine that! In contrast to what today's freshmen bring to Cornell, she remembers bringing her Smith-Corona typewriter with the removable ink and correction cartridges. **Debra Pollack** (Newtown, CT) reports, "I work part-time now as a physician consultant to several sleep-disorder programs." Debra had been preparing herself for daughter Joanna's graduation from high school; she is now a freshman at the U. of Pennsylvania. Debra says that Prof. Davydd Greenwood had the greatest impact on her at Cornell.

June Bell is a freelance writer and editor. "I write regularly for VC (Venture Capital) *Journal*, the *National Law Journal*, and the alumni magazines of Harvard, Cornell, Stanford Law, and Harvard Law. I've recently put my passion for organizing into a business as a professional organizer in the San Francisco Bay Area. I'm also the mom of a tech-savvy 9-year-old, Sam." **Mike Elliott** lives in Los Angeles and works in the film and television production industry. Most of his work is currently overseas and he'd rather be working in the US! He wrote: "When I came to Cornell, I only brought my Bob Marley poster, but during

fall semester I bought my first Mac, which I still have!" He'd like to hear from all of his Cornell friends. **Ellen German** is a veterinarian in Kuna, ID. She is raising three daughters and learning new treatments for her veterinary patients.

According to mediabistro.com, former "Early Show" weather and features reporter **Dave Price** has been named co-anchor of "Good Day New York," the morning show on Fox-owned WNYW. We are happy to have Dave back in New York! Big congratulations to **Melissa Hodes** as well, on the occasion of her August wedding. Melissa had the unique challenge of planning her wedding at the same time she was planning our 25th Reunion. At reunion, she admitted to me that planning the wedding was easier!

Keep sending us your updates. We can be reached through our Facebook page ("Cornell University Class of '87"), through our e-mail addresses below, or by sending in those paper forms Cornell mails to you while soliciting your Cornell dues. ✉ **Whitney Weinstein** Goodman, wwg5@cornell.edu; **Liz Brown**, etb29@cornell.edu; and **Heidi Heasley Ford**, hhf6@cornell.edu.

88 A good journalist never buries the lede. So here it is: SAVE THE DATE. OUR 25th REUNION is June 6-9, 2013 in Ithaca, NY. And here's something else worth writing down: our class website address (<http://classof88.alumni.cornell.edu>). Details of reunion will be posted there, as well as on Facebook. And now the news from our classmates.

Michael O'Hara has been busy traveling to his kids' games, races, and meets (soccer, baseball, basketball, lacrosse, crew regattas, and swim meets). He spent time with friends and family at the Statesbury Regatta, took his kids to their first major league baseball game (Phillies vs. Red Sox), and had a weekend with Chris and **Sue Brody Ciampaglia** and family. On Memorial Day weekend he hung out with three generations of Cornellians, including **Brendan O'Hara '46**, **Mary O'Hara '80**, **Joe O'Hara '87**, **Martha O'Connell '09**, and **Theresa O'Connell '10**. Michael would like to hear from **Krista Ainslie** Stafford.

Angela Thompson Hart works at NASA and supports numerous kids' sporting activities. She has been busy preparing for the first commercial launch by SpaceX to the Int'l Space Station (but would rather be enjoying the beauty of Texas). **Mary Barber** has been going to her kids' events, running a state psychiatric hospital, and teaching. She co-edited a book on LGBT mental health, *The LGBT Casebook* (American Psychiatric Press, 2012). **Cynthia Knudson** Creech has a short but sweet update: "I've started raising backyard chickens!"

Cynthia isn't the only one with interesting animals running around. **Eric Gunther** and wife **Jodie (Yeaple)** are enjoying life in Maine with two llamas and five sheep! (And by the way, they also have three children.) They've been in Maine for the last 11 years, since Eric completed his residency in general surgery. **Lisa Widmier** has been spending quite a bit of time in Vail as she is completely renovating her ski home. She loves summers there, too. Recently Lisa has been growing her commercial real estate advisory company. She writes, "We specialize in senior housing and focus on the large-scale institutional investment marketplace. We are hiring! Looking for associates/financial analysts." Anyone interested can e-mail her at lwidmier@vantagepointe.us.com.

Ernesto Lopez-Soltero supervises the white-collar division of the US Attorney's office in San

Juan. He has three children: Sofia, 14, Gabriel, 12, and Maria, 6. **Erron Silverstein** is CEO and founder of Yellowbot.com, a local search and online reputation monitoring service. Recently he took a cruise down the Rhine and Danube from Nuremberg to Vienna, spent a week and a half in Bologna and Modena, and consumed lots of prosciutto di panna, wine, and cheese. Right now he'd "rather be spending time in Sicily or Malta. Or Scotland, if it's warm." **Jay Dubowsky** and family (wife Debbie and twins Shaun and Evan, 4) wrote shortly after returning from an extended vacation. They sailed their boat from its home port in Port Washington, NY (Long Island) out to Rhode Island. Jay writes, "We spent one week living on the boat and exploring beaches and harbors. The highlight of our trip was a visit to Dutch Harbor near Jamestown, RI, and also Block Island, RI. We plan to attend the 25th Reunion next year!"

David Tsui, ME '89, is "taking middle age easy." He left the Boeing 787 flight test program for work on a 737. He's been a commander in the Navy Reserve for the past seven years and he married Heng-Yu Sherry Hsieh. They now have a son Isaac, 2. **Kim Henry** has been running, doing aerobics, and spending time with her kids and dogs. She'd really like to hear from **Lorene Lamothe '87** (and added a couple of exclamation points to that in her update). In the beautiful Pacific Northwest, **Andrea Stein** King has been spending time with husband Dwayne and kids Lucas, 11, and Ainsley, 8. She's been very active—running, biking, hiking, skiing, and gardening. Recently she completed a graduate certificate in executive leadership at Seattle U. She'd like to hear from **Howard Grier**. **Mark Unger** has been spending time with family, running Empire Golf Management, and playing drums with his band, Underground.

Guess who's been traveling to and from Japan? **Ed Drimak**. On a recent four-week trip, he got to see his Chi Phi brothers. He had some serious play time with **Jeff Drimak '91**, as well as **Jay Rietz**, ME '89, on his way to Japan, and once there, he was able to reconnect with **Ken Masaichiro Matsushita '86** and **Keith Lostaglio '87**, after 25-plus years. Reading the update from **Pamela Darer** Anderson, it's clear that she's a real food expert. She's started a small business selling a variety of chocolate bark in different flavors and gingerbread houses for the holidays. She has four daughters: Rebecca, 15, Allison, 13, Sarah, 11, and Katie, 6. When not making yummy treats, Pamela plays on a women's tennis team.

I've been writing these class columns for a few years now and realized that I've never included my own update in any column. So here it goes: **Brad Mehl** lives in New Jersey with his wife and three daughters: Aliza, 11, Maya, 9, and Shira, 6. He recently moved to a new home in Livingston, NJ, and is busy with painting and the general fix-up that goes with any new house. It's sort of like a giant arts and crafts project. Brad is vice president of audience development at Penton Media and blogs at bradmehl.com. Hope you're having a great fall season! ✉ **Brad Mehl**, bradmehl@gmail.com; **Sharon Nunan** Stemme, sen28@cornell.edu; **Steven Tomaselli**, st89@cornell.edu.

89 I'm wishing everyone a very happy holiday season (as I write this on a hot and humid day in August!). We have a lot of news to report, so without further ado . . .

Daphna Roth e-mailed that she is a neuro-psychologist in private practice in Teaneck, NJ. She has four children and has published a cookbook, *Temptations: Kosher Recipes for Every Occasion*, with all proceeds going to charity. The project involved testing more than 200 recipes and learning about food photography, food styling, graphic design, sales, marketing, inventory control, and accounting. "Not exactly what they taught me in graduate school, but a lot of fun!" Check out the cookbook at www.ketertorah.org/cookbook. Also an author, **Jonathan Lane** is married, has a son, 2, and lives in Southern California. His first-ever manuscript, *Being Santa Claus: What I Learned About the True Meaning of Christmas*, will be published this month. He co-authored the biography with Sal Lizard, a professional bearded Santa Claus with two decades of captivating stories of real-life Santa encounters. He worked with literary agent **Scott Waxman '90**, who sold the book to Gotham Books in less than two weeks! **Ilir Zherka** is the executive director of DC Vote, trying to secure voting representation in Congress and full local control for D.C. residents. He has built a new home and has published a book, *Winning the Inside Game: The Handbook of Advocacy Strategies*.

Ellen Graap Loth is an environmental consultant and has worked for the same employee-owned company for the past 14 years. In September she participated in a four-mile race. She writes, "The two people in the world who can make my day just by smiling are my wonderful daughters! Rheannon, 10, is an avid reader and aspiring writer. Faron, 7, started taking violin lessons this year and had her first recital in May." **Scott Best** has been appearing in commercials for his company, Rambu. View them at www.youtube.com/watch?v=MXD14NZioKs.com. When he's not in front of the camera, Scott hangs out with his family in Palo Alto, CA. **Bob Lis** joined Towers Watson in their business development department focusing on the Philadelphia market. He, too, enjoys spending time with his offspring: three daughters, in his case.

Sherry Peck Kirsche retired from the Navy in March 2011 and relocated to northern Florida. She is now a stay-at-home mom, volunteering with the PTO, Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts, and other kids' activities. She loves spending time with her kids (who are 18, 16, 12, and 8), and giving back to the local community. Her oldest child is a sophomore at the U. of Central Florida (UCF), attending on a full scholarship and double majoring in math and computer science. **Tom Vantien** spends his time either piloting with JetBlue or parenting in South Carolina. In February, they had another baby, Vivian, who joins two brothers and one sister. **Roger Pilc** lives in Connecticut with his family and works at CA Technologies. **Thomas Yau** is busy "fixing cataracts and going to meetings at our kids' school!" For the third consecutive summer, he visited Cornell, where he met **Ben Lee '90** and his wife, **Sharon (Lam) '94**, BArch '94. **Erik Lukens** joined the *Oregonian* newspaper in June as editorial/commentary editor.

Please keep sending us your news! ✉ **Stephanie Bloom** Avidon, savidon1@hotmail.com; **Anne Czaplinski** Treadwell Bliss, ac98@cornell.edu; **Lauren Flato** Labovitz, lflato@comcast.net; and **Kim Levine** Graham, KAL20@cornell.edu.

90 From Old Bethpage, NY, **Gail Hoffman** Limmer writes, "I am a librarian at Walnut Street

School in Uniondale. I took a different path after my BS in Nutrition from Cornell. I love working with kids and helping them find that ‘great book!’ In my spare time I love to read (of course). I have also tried quilting and am currently in the middle of my second quilt. Each block is a windmill-type pattern.” Gail looks forward to her family vacation on the *Disney Magic!* Author **Larry Boyer** is building a new business in Oakton, VA, and hanging out with his son, who is an active Boy Scout.

‘I love working with kids and helping them find that “great book!”’

Gail Hoffman Limmer '90

He has redesigned his website and is writing a book on successful career development in the 21st century.

Meanwhile **Marta Bechoefer** studies a lot! Currently in her last semester of classes in communication disorders and sciences (speech language pathology), Marta realizes that at 44 years of age she definitely needs her beauty rest in order to understand and retain material. (What? Sleep? No mad dash to a 9:05 class after a late-night party?) But some habits die hard because she also admits to “trying to squeeze an extra two hours from an already packed 24,” probably because she would rather be swimming in Santa Cruz, CA. “The ocean temperature is now more than 59 degrees—perfect for a wetsuit-less off-shore jaunt.” At school, her greatest influence was Zulma Iguina, a Spanish instructor. “I remember her as being joyous, brave, and eminently down-to-earth—an excellent role model!”

In addition to great students, Cornell also produces great instructors. **Elizabeth Wayner** Boham is a physician practicing functional medicine in Lenox, MA, at the Ultra Wellness Center. She has taught medical students and faculty at the U. of Miami about nutrition and functional medicine. She met with **Christina DiPiero-Berry** and **Kartini Collier** Moran for a girls’ weekend. Elizabeth has two children, Tismark, 9, and Ana, 11. Prof. T. Colin Campbell, who taught Nutrition, continues to influence her current teaching efforts. **Winifred Lloyds** Lender researches and writes about parenting and cyber issues. She works as a psychologist in Santa Barbara, CA, and keeps up with three active boys aged 14, 10, and 6. Winifred also plays inter-club tennis. She is happy with what she is doing now, although she’d love a meal from the Greek House! (Who wouldn’t!)

From Sharon, PA, **Susan Portman Price**, MRP '91, proudly announces that husband **Rob** was named to the Aspen Inst.’s 2012 Class of Henry Crown Fellows. “The Henry Crown Fellowship is designed to engage the next generation of leaders in the challenge of community spirited leadership.” See www.aspeninstitute.org. Previous fellows include Massachusetts Governor Deval Patrick, former FCC Chair Michael Powell, and CEO of Netflix Reed Hastings. Rob has been chief marketing officer at CVS/Pharmacy for more than five years. Sue is happy to be finishing up her time as chair of the Sharon Planning Board and looks forward to relaxing with their three sons at the beach in Charlestown, RI.

Happy anniversary (almost two years!) to **Debjani Mukherjee**. **Elizabeth Ledkovsky** wrote earlier in the year that several Cornellians attended Debjani’s fabulous wedding in December 2010. She married Joydeep Mitra in an unforgettable traditional Hindu ceremony, at sunset, on the shores of Sanibel Island, FL. In attendance were **Laura Samberg** Faino, **Maria Massi** Dakake, **Laura Ehrlich '89**, **Rini Sinha '92**, and **Christina Gee '93**. They had a great weekend

celebrating on the balmy Gulf Coast. **Greg Morrison** (gmmorrison@flowserve.com) writes, “I’m working for Flowserve Corp. as a product manager and have been with the company nearly 20 years. I work in Phillipsburg, NJ, but live in nearby Nazareth, PA, with my wife, Judy. She and I enjoy sailing and other outdoor activities such as cycling, running, and hiking. During the winter we volunteer with the Pennsylvania Center for Adapted Sports in their adaptive ski program. We also enjoy traveling, including our most distant trips to Australia and New Zealand, but also many places in the US and Caribbean.”

It has been a busy time for **Robert Reilly** (rreilly@nysutmail.org): “I was promoted into the ranks of management with the title associate general counsel of the NYS United Teachers Union. And, covering the other side of the street, my wife, Alexandra Streznewski, was elected to the school board here in the City of Albany. Our daughter Kelly skipped mid-year from seventh grade honors to eighth grade honors, competed in her first speed skating meet, and joined the Empire State Youth Orchestra’s Wind Ensemble playing the trumpet. Daughter Fiona’s ice hockey team won the league championship, and she enjoys singing in the elementary school chorus and riding her unicycle. Both Kelly and Fiona, who also plays the trombone, are in the school district’s marching band. Of course, this means my wife and I spend a lot of time driving to and from games, meets, practices, concerts, parades, etc., but I also volunteer for the Cornell Alumni Admissions Ambassador Network (CAAAN).”

In spring 2012, **Bhisham Bherwani** (bbherwani@gmail.com) conducted a workshop on nature in poetry in Ithaca at the Saltonstall Foundation for the Arts, where he was a residency fellow in 2009. His poetry volume, *The Second Night of the Spirit*, was published in 2009 (CavanKerry Press), and he has edited an anthology of modern and contemporary poetry in English (including translations) from India that was published in April (Atlanta Review). Congratulations! **Peter Pruyn**, MS '92, (pwp@airmail.net) was living in Cambridge, MA, when he wrote earlier this year. “I am a master’s student in counseling psychology at the Massachusetts School of Professional Psychology, with an interest in adult development.” Visit Peter’s blog at: <http://developmentalobserver.blog.com/>. Well, that’s all the fitting news to print. Write us at: kelly.roberson@lightswitch.net, **Amy Wang** Manning, aw233@cornell.edu; **Rose Tanasugarn**, nt28@cornell.edu.

91 It’s challenging to write for the holiday season when it’s 90 degrees outside! This time of year I’m reminded of the summers I spent working in Ithaca and the afternoons in the gorges and on the lake. And working doubles in restaurants to pay for road trips. It seems like yesterday. Have you all figured out yet that we’re old? I’m still waiting to be convinced; my time at Cornell was just a blink of an eye ago.

Consistent with previous columns, it seems our class balances work and life on a razor’s edge—and on both coasts and in a few different time zones. **Lewis Wheeler** started a new theatre company in Wellfleet, MA, on Cape Cod. Visit www.harborstage.org, or better yet, drop by and see a performance. **Anna Doyno** Tague (Orinda, CA) writes that **Maria “Cha-Cha” del Mar Ortiz** Fournier hosted a get-together in Bahia, Puerto Rico, where several '91 women rested and relaxed. **Meg Heaney** Wise, **Kirsten Blau** Krohn, **Stacey Neren** Lender, **Lori Attanasio** Woodring, **Jodi Rogoff** Gonzalez, **Debi Epstein** Fried, and Anna all attended. She had a blast.

Benjamin Goody is living large with wife Edith and their infant daughter. There’s nothing like that first year! **Carolyn Torras** Warszawski, ME '94, and husband Tom live in E. Amherst, NY. **Amy Gellert** Lebovitz reports that she spends much of her time running after her kids, which is excellent training for the half-marathons that she pursues as a hobby. She’d love to hear from any of her buddies. **Noel Matos** lives in Switzerland these days. **Maria Tillis** Connor, husband **Eric '90**, and their two girls moved to Katy, TX, in January. They are enjoying their new home and life in Texas. Speaking of Texas, **Julie Welch** Alvarez and husband Chuck are raising two fine sons and a beautiful daughter in Fredericksburg. It’s a beautiful part of the world, a budding wine country, and carpeted with wildflowers early every spring.

Jit Singh made it to reunion in 2011 with his daughter and son. He enjoyed the family activities, but was especially psyched to see Chowder play. **Danny Espinoza** and wife **Lisa Trovato '93** moved from D.C. to San Mateo, CA, with their daughter, Eva. **Doug Fudge**, MAT '92, is on sabbatical from the U. of Guelph, in Ontario. He and wife Esta and their daughter Gemma are in Los Angeles for a year of artistic exploration and scientific collaboration. Hope they don’t get too used to the weather!

Lee Winters would love to hear from **Jeri Maerz** Rippon '92, **Tommy Lee '89**, and **Adam Langworthy**. **Agna Varinia Guzman** writes that she’s relocated to Irvine, CA, in May 2012. She’s still practicing business immigration law and loving it. **Barbara Wilinsky** Selznick (Tucson, AZ) writes, “I spend my time teaching at the U. of Arizona, driving my kids around, and re-learning elementary school math. We had a great summer: went to Mexico for a family vacation; Beaver Creek, CO, for a week of violin camp with my daughter; and New York to visit my parents. Would love to be back in Mexico!”

Lastly, **Tamar Cohen** writes that she is hard at work using both her degree from Cornell (BS in Computer Science) and her MFA from George Mason. Tamar works at NASA Ames Research Center in the Intelligent Robotics Group, where she writes software to help with planetary exploration. Her work supports the development of remote operation rovers. She is a survivor of cancer, having been diagnosed at age 27, and is working at keeping a healthy balance of work and life.

So our theme comes full circle . . . We are all looking for that balance between our work and our personal lives. I truly hope you find it in 2013—and that the holiday season brings you good cheer and peace. Best of luck in the New Year, and if you have a moment, please think of your poor class correspondents who write these columns—which are more interesting than the more news we receive! Our class's annual News and Dues appeal should arrive this fall. Send your news anytime! ✉ **Wendy Milks** Coburn, wmilkscoburn@me.com; **Charles Wu**, ccwu@mac.com; **Tom Greenberg**, twg22@cornell.edu.

92 Before we move on to current class news, as one of your reunion chairs I'd like to thank the following people for a fabulous reunion last June: all of our classmates who made the time and effort to attend our 20th Reunion; our fellow class leaders and volunteers for all your support, especially **Laurel Beverley** (VP, affinity chair), **Maureen Coughlin** Torelli (registration chair), **Amy Okurowski '91** (special volunteer), **Betty Eng** (social networking volunteer), **Kate Buehl** McMahon (Fun-in-the-Sun coordinator), **Mindy Gardner** (webmaster), **Alyssa Handler** (children's lounge coordinator), **Jon Simon** (nominating committee chair), **Karen McCalley** (our outgoing president); Class of 1992 officers, Class Council members, and Cornell Annual Fund representatives; our "Go Team" volunteers; our fantastic class clerks Josh, Ethan, Sarah, Erin, Ivana, Yamira, and Dana; and my co-reunion chairs **Todd Kantorczyk** (who's also my husband) and **Ian Kutner** (my new love).

We had about 600 adults and 200 kids join us and it was wonderful. Our Class of 1992 Reunion Campaign totals as of June 9, 2012 were: \$1,143,922 raised (exceeding our goal of \$1,000,000), 48 Tower Club members (our previous class best was 37), and 595 donors. Our 25th Reunion will sneak up on us before we know it, so please firmly plant your fond memories of our 20th in your hearts and minds. Get involved in Cornell activities in your area now and plan to join us on the Hill in 2017!

We received class forms from classmates all over the country. Moving from west to east, let's start in California! **Gregory Spin** practices nephrology (functions and diseases of the kidney—I looked it up!) in Northern California. His wife also practices medicine and they have busy kids who enjoy music, sports, and school. Like many of us, Gregory tries to "sneak out exercise and play time for myself and time with my wife." He writes that "life is good" and that he loved his time at Cornell. In San Jose, CA, **Elizabeth Vega** writes that she makes her husband, **Doug Carroll**, and daughters "be the best they can be by being trophy wife extraordinaire and slacker mother of the year" to their three kids. They relocated to Silicon Valley from Los Angeles and love it there. In Las Vegas, **Andre Carrier** is president and chief operating officer at Eureka Casinos. He is also president and founder of Christmas Can Cure, a foundation that works to provide dream Christmas holidays for wounded veterans. He and wife **Charlotte (Kanstrup) '93** have two boys and he's been teaching them how to ski and play baseball. Andre would like to hear from **Tommy Bell**.

In Missouri, **Greg Della Rocca** is co-director of orthopaedic trauma at the U. of Missouri and has been promoted to associate professor of orthopaedics there. Greg will be volunteering and

taking care of wounded US troops serving in Afghanistan at Ramstein Air Force Base in Landstuhl, Germany. Thank you, Greg! Greg and wife Kelly have a daughter and a son. **Eric Keune** is a director at the architectural and engineering firm Skidmore, Owings, and Merrill LLP in Chicago. He spends his time "on conference calls with developers in China." He is also renovating an apartment for his wife and son. Also in Chicago is **Tomitra Latimer**. She is a doctor and likes reading, traveling, and studying Spanish.

Moving east, **Anne Wilfer** is in Georgia. **Lisa Burton** Radzely lives in Potomac, MD. She writes, "While visiting Williamsburg over spring break, I ran into **Thu Trang Du '93**, husband **Joe Kirschner '93**, and their two lovely children. We've stayed in touch since our days in Ithaca, but we didn't realize that we had made the same spring break plans. I am thrilled that we happened to be at the same spot in Busch Gardens at the same time. Our families enjoyed exploring Colonial Williamsburg together." In Delaware, **Brian** and **Meg Valentine Tallman** have a son and a daughter. Brian travels internationally in his marketing role at W.L. Gore and Assocs. (makers of Gore-Tex fabrics). Meg works part-time in an oral surgery practice and keeps up with the kids' activities. Their daughter is part of Team Delaware Synchronized Skating and their son designs robots for competition as part of FIRST Lego League. **Kurt Voellmicke**, MD '96, and wife **Lisa Ipp**, MD '96, are both doctors in the New York area. Lisa was promoted to associate professor of pediatrics at Weil Cornell Medical College. Kurt and Lisa live in Connecticut. **Neil Zwiebel** is also a doctor in NYC. He is a podiatrist and spends his time like this—"family, family, family, work, running." He'd like to hear from **Jonathan Kay**.

Finally ending our class coast-to-coast tour in Malta, NY (mid-state), **John Balet** spends his time chasing his two kids. He also teaches high school science and sustainability classes in Ballston Spa, near Saratoga Springs, NY. Recently, he has been researching plans to convert a small truck to a fully electric vehicle as a project for his son. "He'll be driving in three or four years and if he's anything like me, he'll need this project to keep him occupied and out of trouble." Amen! All my best to you and yours for the holidays! Please keep the news coming. ✉ **Jean Kintisch**, jmk226@cornell.edu; **Lois Duffy** Castellano, LKD2@cornell.edu; **Megan Fee** Torrance, mtorrance@torrancelearning.com. Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>. CAM digital edition, <http://www.cornellalumnimagazine-digital.com>.

93 Autumn is here already, but I'm still stuck a little on summer—in large part due to the lack of tomatoes in our garden this year. We always have a short growing season up here on the mountain, but it was aggravated this year by our now 2-year-old Labrador, Nickerson, who recently discovered the joy of stealing tomatoes and green peppers from the garden. At least he saved me the effort of canning our summer bounty. I suppose.

It's amazing to think that in just a few short months we'll be celebrating our 20th Reunion on the Hill. Whether you've never made it back to a reunion, or if you've never missed one, I hope you'll join us. Our reunion chairs and class officers have been hard at work to come up with an amazing event, but the highlight of the weekend will be catching up with friends—new and old. We

have a common bond as Cornellians, and it's wonderful to take a weekend to celebrate that spirit.

Lou Hom had a great visit to Ithaca in July. "Awesome storms, amazing fireflies. Even got to hit an early blueberry season." He adds, "I currently lead the Evolutionary Engineering Group at LS9 Inc., a renewable chemicals and fuels company. I live in San Carlos, CA, in the San Francisco Bay Area, with my wife, Karen, and our two kids, Molly and Jack." **Robert Bruckheimer** (Roslyn, NY) has been working for the past 17 years in the financial software industry. "I am currently a software development manager at SunGard Data Systems in NYC. I am happy to report the birth of our third daughter, Rebecca Maxene, in July. She joins her sisters Jordana Etta, 5, and Valerie Tova, 3."

Whit Watson (whitjwatson@gmail.com) is still making a living as a sports announcer—six years at ESPN, seven years at Fox Sports Florida, and currently enjoying his second year as anchor and reporter for Golf Channel. "I attended the Masters, the US Open, and the PGA Championship for the first time last summer, and added play-by-play duties to my usual schedule of hosting and reporting from events. Son Zachary, 12, plays JV golf at my alma mater, Trinity Prep in Winter Park, FL, and my summer has included several stints as his caddie at junior golf events. Ellie, 9, is an aspiring singer, musician, writer, costume designer, veterinarian, and astronaut who plays soccer in her spare time. I am a serious yoga addict, along with my wife, Tracey, and also have a cycling problem."

Robb Tretter (robb_tretter@yahoo.com) writes, "I'm still living in NYC with my wife and kids. I've now been working at Bracewell & Giuliani for over six years and am co-head of their corporate department here in New York. My wife, Elizabeth, and I had a baby boy, Reese, on May 9. He joins his older sisters Stella, 8, and Lola, 5. Everyone is doing well and enjoying the summer with the new addition. My grandfather **George Tretter '34** turned 101 on July 4. We threw a party for him—which wasn't as big as his 100th, but still had a good turnout. Both George and his wife, Ruth, were very excited to meet their eighth great-grandchild at the party." **Sasha Deveaux** and **John Comissiong** eloped on June 2, 2012. They had a beautiful private ceremony in Florence, Italy, and are now living in Milwaukee, WI. Check out their wedding page at www.comissiong-deveaux.us.

Stefee Sloane Knudsen, BArch '93 (stefeesk@gmail.com) is a PA/PM at THA Architecture (www.thaarchitecture.com) in Portland, OR. "My current project is a bus/vehicle inspection facility on the southern border, with incredible design issues of how to maintain safety while being welcoming; showing our strength as a nation while also showing respect; and creating a low-stress environment for a staff in a high-stress job and challenging climate. We're pushing for net zero energy and water in a building that will need to become a cultural icon for the city. I also recently built a house for my family that I designed in 2008. It took four years to overcome the financial hurdles of the economy, but it's amazing to live in a house that I designed! And my family, aka the client, loves it. My son Alex is now 3 and showing absolutely no interest in architecture (blocks, Legos, etc.), but he sure wants to know how things work!"

Maybe it's because I've hit my 40s, but I've decided to seek out some adventures that have long interested me. I don't really like the term "bucket list," but I suppose it's apropos. This year I competed in my first triathlon and earned my CPA license, two things I've wanted to do for some

time. Funny thing is, for everything I cross off my list, I add two more. One of the things that remains on my list is coming to Ithaca this June for reunion, and I hope very much to see you there! **Melissa Carver** Sottile, mtcottile@yahoo.com; **Yael Berkowitz** Rosenberg, ygb1@cornell.edu; **Melissa Hart** Moss, melimoss@yahoo.com.

94 Hi, everyone. As the seasons change from autumn to winter, it is always nice to reflect on the year that's about to end and acknowledge all of the changes in our lives. I, for one, seem to be increasingly remarking about how old I feel! Cornell was so long ago! Yet I have been able to connect with some fellow alums recently as I changed jobs and now work for Time Inc. In my division alone I've met several, including **Christine Dumas** Austin '95, **Christine Hennessey** Goldstein '93, and **Adam Goldstein** '96—and many others across the larger company. Meeting a fellow Cornellian is always a nice icebreaker!

Sean Alexander, MBA '01, reports on what he's been doing recently: "Visiting London for the 2012 Olympics and training for the Clipper 2013-14 race." Sounds like he had a fun summer! **Michael Wilhelm** wrote in August: "Michael and Kristin Wilhelm are enjoying their summer and having fun with their three boys: Andrew, 13, Xander, 10, and Abner, 9. It was a much-needed break after a long baseball season where Xander's and Abner's team (Phillies) fought hard to win the district championship with Michael as the team's manager. In addition, Kristin gets her annual break from teaching for the summer. The Wilhelms also made a trip to Texas to visit family, and the boys saw their first rodeo. Michael's financial planning company has been very successful and is growing. If anyone is ever in southwest Florida, don't be afraid to give us a call."

Congratulations are in order to **David Levine**, who was promoted to associate professor and tenured at Elon U. School of Law. In addition, hearty congratulations to **Lisa Keswick**, who, along with her husband, welcomed son Andrew Keswick Borges on May 21, 2012. Lisa writes, "El-iot, 2, is a great big brother. Although I enjoy my pediatrics practice, I have loved the time off with both boys this summer." **Philip Soo** writes from Sierra Madre, CA, where he is a part-time patent agent at the 3M Co. He is also attending evening law classes at Loyola Law School in downtown Los Angeles and expects to graduate and take the California Bar exam in 2013. The latest addition to the family, daughter Elena, was born in 2009.

Christina Betanzos Pint, MArch '00, of Knoxville, TN, sends this: "After taking an extended maternity leave, I will be returning to my work as design manager at the Lewis Group Architects." Anton Emilio, Christina's third child, was born in July 2011. Also on the East Coast, in Leesburg, VA, are **Sandip**, ME '95, and **Carly Powell Tarafdar**, enjoying the "not so quiet family life." The two former Civil Engineering majors have two children, Satya and Caden. Sandip is a logistics and supply chain specialist working predominantly in the Federal sector. He reports, "Carly and I met up with **Jeff Lawrence**, **Eric Dickstein**, **Sergai Delamora**, **Ariel Alvarado**, **Steve Cremin**, and **Scott Pfindler** at Key West to celebrate our 40th birthdays." Best wishes for a safe and happy holiday season! **Jennifer Rabin** Marchant, jar1229@yahoo.com; **Dineen Pashoukos** Wasylik, dmp5@cornell.edu; **Dika Lam**, dikaweb@yahoo.com.

95 Interestingly, the news worked out such that this column could be broken down into five distinct groups: doctors, captains of industry, authors, do-gooders, and new parents. It's always wonderful to hear from classmates and reaffirm our ties to each other as we pass the years together. Speaking of which, can you believe we are on the verge of 2013? And what's with turning 40? 40?! 40!! I still don't accept the passage of time.

What are some of the doctors in our class up to these days? **Patrick Grady** lives in Copley, OH, with his wife of five years and their son Patrick John, 3, the love of their lives. Patrick is an internal medicine doctor growing his primary care medical practice. Mrs. Grady is a special education teacher in Cleveland. **Christopher Hansen**, if you see this, please contact Patrick at pgrady01@roadrunner.com. He'd love to hear from you! **Melissa Lewin** Kashlan works as a family physician at a rural community health center in Pennsylvania. In her off-hours, Melissa enjoys hiking, P90X, and spending time with her children. **Shin Ru Lin**, of New Haven, CT, is physician who likes cooking and farm volunteering.

Captains of industry: Living in New Canaan, CT, **Matthew Shulman** is a senior vice president with Arch Insurance Group, a commercial specialty insurance company. When not at work, Matthew spends time with his wife, **Jennifer Visco** '98, and their twins, Matthew and Allison, 5. Busy as the chief marketing officer at ConferenceDirect in Las Vegas, **Lisa Gray** Messina likes to spend her off hours traveling, running, cycling, and with her new husband, Joe. The couple were married on October 1, 2011. **Mindy Goodman** Sickle's company, Indrosphere, was acquired by Deloitte Consulting in August 2011. Mindy writes, "We went from a company of 150 to a company of 150,000. It's been an interesting ride." Mindy and husband Jason live in New York City with their three children: Preston is in second grade, Jordyn is in kindergarten, and Spencer is a pre-schooler. Fellow NYCer **Staci Strobl** is an assistant professor of criminal justice at John Jay College of Criminal Justice.

Class authors: **Brenda Janowitz** sold her third novel in a two-book deal to St. Martin's Press. *Recipe For a Happy Life* will be published in the spring of 2013. You can find her on Twitter (@BrendaJanowitz) and say hello! A picture book called *Big Mean Mike* came out this past fall, authored by **Michelle Knudsen**. The book features Mike, a big, tough dog, and some adorable bunnies. The plot revolves around friendship. There are also a few monster trucks. What's not to like?

Suzanne Ehlers, one of our class humanitarians, writes, "I'm leading a vibrant nonprofit dedicated to promoting and advancing women's reproductive health, Population Action Int'l." She had been in Yogyakarta, Indonesia, and was headed next to Dakar, Senegal, to advance the cause. Suzanne spends as much time as possible with her two daughters, ages 4 and 17 months, and husband Laurent. **Brian Wildstein** is an attorney in a real estate practice group in Washington, DC. He likes to spend his free time rehabilitating historic homes on the Charleston, SC, peninsula. Additionally, he's been shrimping and crabbing in the tidal creeks of the Charleston Low Country.

New parents **Anna Molander** and husband Kai welcomed a son, Langston Kaimana, this past February. Big sister Harper is thrilled about her baby brother and creates new nicknames for him on a daily basis. Anna works as a litigator in Sacramento, CA, and serves on the local planning and

design commission. And that's all the news we've got to print. Please send updates when you have the chance. Our annual News and Dues mailing should have arrived this fall. I hope you have a wonderful holiday season and all of your wishes come true. 40?! **Abra Benson** Perrie, amb8@cornell.edu; **Veronica Brooks-Sigler**, vkbrooksigler@gmail.com. Class website, <http://classof95.alumni.cornell.edu>.

96 We've got some suggestions for your Kindle reading list. Turns out our classmates have been doing a fair amount of book publishing!

Eric Sinoway's book, *Howard's Gift: Uncommon Wisdom to Inspire Your Life's Work*, will hit the bookshelves in October (www.facebook.com/HowardsGift). Based on conversations and interactions that occurred over the past six years, the book is an attempt to preserve "what had almost been lost" when Harvard Business School icon (and Sinoway mentor) Howard Stevenson suffered a near-fatal heart attack—Stevenson's lessons for planning a life's work. Having read a short preview, I give it my endorsement and promise you will find several fond Cornell references throughout.

Lisa Wright Stasse (Santa Monica, CA; lmstasse@yahoo.com) has had her first novel published by Simon & Schuster. *The Forsaken* is a young adult dystopian book—like *Lord of the Flies* meets the TV series "Lost." **Henry Neff** '95, BA '96 (Montclair, NJ; henry.neff@yahoo.com) has left consulting (McKinsey & Co.) to teach and write/illustrate children's books. He reports, "I'm now writing and illustrating full-time and finishing up a series of fantasy fiction called *The Tapestry* (published by Random House)." His fourth book in the series (*The Maelstrom*) will hit shelves on October 23. His first baby, Charles, was born in June 2011. "He's now tottering around like it's Slope Day."

Kevin Saunders, ME '00 (kds1@cornell.edu) loved Cornell and Ithaca enough to stay another two years for a master's. "I worked at Sage Dining until they turned the lights off to complete Sage Hall's renovation. After achieving my MEng in environmental engineering, I ended up with a career in video game design and production. Through my career, and now my family, I have found myself in Southern California. I work in serious games, designing and managing software products that train in communication skills, such as learning foreign languages and cultures. The second edition of my book, *Game Interface Design*, was published in March 2012." Kevin has a son, 3, and daughter, 6 months.

In New York, **Marci Levine** (marci.levine@gmail.com) and her husband welcomed the arrival of daughter Ilana Leigh on June 19, 2012. She has dark brown hair and grey-blue eyes. Ilana is already a lifelong Mets and Giants fan, living on the Upper East Side of Manhattan. **Jessica Dalewitz** Zwerling (jlzwerling@yahoo.com) lives with her family in Bayside, NY. She directs the multidisciplinary Geriatric Neurology Center for Excellence at Albert Einstein College of Medicine, which is the first center of its kind. Her subspecialty is aging and gait disorders. She says she'd rather be touring by bike in Europe and/or driving to every ballpark in the US [My husband wants to do this as well!], but in the meantime she's gone to Disney with the family.

After many years at Weill Cornell, **Doodnauth Hiran**, MD '00 (dhiraman@med.cornell.edu)

started a new position as vice chairman of emergency medicine at St. Vincent's Medical Center in Connecticut. Along with spouse Jean, he spends as much time as possible playing with his three boys, Michael, 4, Scott, 3, and J.D., 1. **Smitha Vishveshwara** (smeevish@gmail.com) spent six idyllic years in Santa Barbara, where she did graduate work under the supervision of **Matthew Fisher '81**. She then joined the Dept. of Physics at the U. of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign (UIUC), first as a postdoc and now as faculty. She has also dabbled in writing, music, and capoeira; immersed herself in nature in various ways including hiking and swimming in almost any sea she sees; jumped off a plane, explored the globe, re-found dear friends from Cornell; and much more. Last year, she and her spouse, Madhu Parthasarathy (also at UIUC), became associate professors. They have joyfully welcomed their son Soma (named after the moon) into the world.

Burnell Goldman and **Nicole Vernon-Goldman** (nmvg710@yahoo.com) have relocated once again, this time from Indianapolis to St. Louis. Burnell was promoted to general manager of the Omni Majestic Hotel and celebrated his sixth anniversary with the company, while Nicole is enjoying her contract coordinator role at a local, major pet care company. These Cornell college sweethearts are loving life in "the Lou" and taking advantage of all of the great sights and attractions the city has to offer. They have also been entertaining a host of family and friends, including past CBAA and Class of 1996 president **Katrina James**. **Erica Siegel Henning**, MPA '97 (erica.henning@gmail.com) ran into **Mike Tomlinson** at a reception in Charlotte, NC. Mike lives in Charlotte and is a partner at K&L Gates. Erica still lives in Raleigh with husband Gary and their twins, 4. She writes, "Between my job at SunTrust Bank, where I manage part of the bank's real estate portfolio, and running after the kids, I'm pretty busy. I'd love to connect with other Cornellians living in the Raleigh area."

Thank you so much for responding so generously to our recent e-mail blasts for news! We actually had more news than could fit, so if you didn't see your name in this column, it'll be in the next issue. ☐ **Carin Lustig-Silverman**, CDL2@cornell.edu; **Liam O'Mahoney**, liamom@yahoo.com; **Ron Johnstone**, raj6@cornell.edu. Class website, <http://classof96.alumni.cornell.edu>.

97 Customarily, we use the close of one calendar year and the start of another to think about ways to make improvements to ourselves and our lives. Consider adding "Send an Update to Class of '97 Column" to your list of New Year's resolutions. It just might be the quickest and easiest to complete, and you can cross it off and feel like you've accomplished something before 2013 really gets under way! Send an update to either Sarah or me at the addresses below, or go to the online news form (<http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>), fill in the blanks, and hit "Submit."

Jennifer Moldoch Smiljanich manages client services for SJS Investment Consulting Inc. in Sylvania, OH, just outside of Toledo. She shared news of son Jacob Ryan's birth on July 12, 2012. Ryan joins big sister Sophie, 4, and big brother Alex, 2. **Emin Ozgur**, MS '98, continues to live in Istanbul, working with the family business manufacturing concrete, steel, and plastic foam-based construction materials, as well as automotive parts. Emin's boys, Orhan, 5, and Deniz, 2, have grown and it

looks like we'll be seeing them when they're bigger still at the 20th Reunion in five years!

Since leaving the Hill, **Teri Hinds** has completed graduate work in social service administration at the U. of Chicago and worked in higher education for the past seven years, specifically in institutional research and assessment. Most recently, Teri was director of institutional planning, assessment, and research at Winona State U. in

the road race start and finish at the Mall and the time trials at Hampton Court Palace. She also volunteered for the mayor's office as one of his Team London Ambassadors. Enjoying all the international sportsmanship and goodwill along with Leah was **Lori Kessler**. **Albert Yu** (albert.b.yu@gmail.com) invites all Cornellians to visit him while he is in China for the next year. Enrolled in the China Int'l MBA program through the U. of

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Whit Watson '93

southeastern Minnesota. Earlier this year, Teri accepted a position as the director of research and policy analysis for the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities (APLU) and as the associate director of the Voluntary System of Accountability, and planned to relocate to the Washington, DC, area in the fall. Teri wrote, "I'm excited to be joining APLU and look forward to working on behalf of our nation's land grant and public universities." **Sam Unglo** has founded a nonprofit, the Michael R. Unglo Just Be Foundation (<http://www.justbefoundation.org/>), to honor his brother's legacy and speak out against child sex abuse in the Roman Catholic Church. Sam encourages classmates to check out the site.

In our final update, **Shoham Filhart** sings the praises of his wife, **Marisa Dolled-Filhart '00** (Yale PhD '05). Marisa has been working at a startup called Rare Genomics Inst. (<http://raregenomics.org/>), a group of scientists dedicated to assisting rare disease patients find hope for a cure. The nonprofit works with patients and their families, providing them with the necessary tools, knowledge, and connections—including genome sequencing and expert analysis—so they can better understand the cause of their disease. In July, RGI research partners noticed a mutation in a gene, active during fetal development, that has never been documented in medical literature before, possibly uncovering the genetic basis of a rare disease. Shoham shared this link to the press release describing the breakthrough: <http://blog.ted.com/2012/07/17/newly-discovered-gene-may-explain-4-year-olds-rare-disease-thanks-to-ted-fellow-jimmy-lin/>. Keep up the great work, Marisa and colleagues!

Remember to make and fulfill that New Year's resolution: contribute your news and keep class columns interesting! 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 (Cornell Class of 1997)! And, lastly, you can use your iPad or smartphone to check out the new digital edition of the alumni magazine at <http://www.cornellalumnimagazine-digital.com>. No special access or registration is required to view the Class Notes. ☐ **Erica Broennle** Nelson, ejb4@cornell.edu; **Sarah Deardorff** Carter, sjd5@cornell.edu.

98 Here's the latest from the Class of 1998. At the London 2012 Summer Olympics, **Leah Hershberger** worked two events for the cycling team:

Hawaii at Manoa, he headed to Guangzhou in August. **Lori DeGeorge** Ulrich loves her job as the director of membership at the Galápagos Conservancy, a nonprofit dedicated to environmental conservation efforts of the islands. She writes, "Yes, part of my job description is visiting the islands on occasion. The biodiversity of wildlife and the sweeping landscapes do not disappoint!" Lori is mother of three: Chelsea Allison, born May 1, 2012, Nolan, 2, and Keenan, 4.

Having earned her MPH at Georgia State U. in 2008, **Michelle Marcus** Rushing has started working as a research associate at the Georgia Health Policy Center, assessing plans that affect human health and the built environment. Her son Carter was born April 13, 2012. **Stephanie Love** Burton celebrated her 14th anniversary at Dow AgroSciences. She ensures that Dow products meet agency standards for sale globally. Stephanie and her husband became first-time parents in August 2011 with the arrival of Kayla. Beatrice Hope Dorfman was born on Oct. 17, 2011 to **Alissa Isikoff** Dorfman and her husband, thrilling big sisters Eve and Vivian. **Livingston Cheng**, ME '99, and his wife, **Ruth (Chen)**, PhD '01, welcomed baby Melinda Anabel on July 24, 2012; she joins older brother Nicolas.

Jesse Lefton Zilberstein has been working as an international board certified lactation consultant in L.A. She has three boys of her own: Gideon, 1, Oren, 4, and Zeve, 6. **Erica Frenay** works part-time for the Cornell Small Farms Program, managing the Northeast Beginning Farmer Project (<http://nebeginningfarmers.org>). She and husband Craig Modisher started Shelterbelt Farm (www.shelterbeltfarm.com), raising pastured chicken, pork, and turkey—and raw honey—for their Brooktondale, NY, community. They have plans to add beef, sheep, and berry enterprises in a few years. Erica and Craig are building their own home on the farm to share with children Phoenix, born Nov. 26, 2011, and Rowan, 5. **Byrke Sestok** is a CFP with Barnum Financial Group in White Plains, NY. He is enjoying married life and parenthood. Daughter Samantha is 2. Byrke would like to hear from **Heather O'Dea** and **Rob Polemeni**.

The Rev. **Ann Dedrick** Tillman serves as rector of Saint Matthias' Episcopal Church in East Aurora, NY. She received her Master of Divinity degree in May 2008 from the General Theological Seminary. **Eric Heath** re-joined the Air Force Reserves and works at Andrews Air Force Base at the 69th Aerial Port Squadron. He was accepted into Georgetown's Master of Professional Studies

program with a concentration in technology management. Thanks to his academic advisor, Prof. Rosemary Avery, for writing a recommendation! Prior to this, Eric was on active duty from 2000-07, during which he earned his master's degree in logistics while being deployed to the Middle East and many other places around the world. In 2009, he moved to the D.C. area and became a certified PMP working for Amyx Inc., where he still works. Eric writes, "Managing people at work is very challenging. The best advice I can give in this area is to set and communicate clear expectations with your people from the beginning. Also set defined and achievable goals that will both help your business and help you achieve buy-in for what you want to accomplish with your people."

Gabe Heafitz, ME '04, married Karen Rando (Union College '96) in May 2012. Gabe is developing an iPad point of sale at ShopKeep, a Wall Street startup. **Kristine Yee**, DVM '03, a veterinary cardiologist, finished her post-doctoral fellowship at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center and returned to private practice. **Kris Anderson** would like to hear from Stuart Arrowsmith Davis, senior lecturer in the English department. **Nadia Wong** is an ophthalmology researcher at Johns Hopkins Hospital. In addition to building a startup in San Francisco, **Matthew Myers** is the director of concept management, infrastructure upgrade at Pacific Gas & Electric. As always, thank you for sharing your news with us! Keep it coming to: [Uthica Jin-vit Utano](mailto:UthicaJin-vit@cornell.edu), udj1@cornell.edu; [Molly Darnieder Bracken](mailto:MollyDarnieder@cornell.edu), mbd4@cornell.edu; or [Karen Dorman Kipnes](mailto:KarenDorman@cornell.edu), kld8@cornell.edu.

99 I traveled to UVA with my girlfriend for her 10th Reunion in June and was ecstatic to pull into a Wegmans on the Virginia border on our way from D.C. Just the smell of Weggies as I walked in brought me back to the good old days with CT Bochau, D. Loesch, F. Pape, and M. Wurm.

Thanks for all of your fantastic updates! **Carolina Maharbiz** and **Mahesh Netravali '98** (Saybrook, CT) announced the birth of their first child, Ariana Lucia, on April 5, 2012. Despite the lack of sleep, they are thrilled to be parents. **Edward Utz** checks in from Japan after an intern year in otolaryngology in San Diego. He attended US Navy Undersea Medical Officer School in Groton, CT, and has assumed the position of senior medical officer in Yokosuka, Japan, where he cares for our sailors on submarines and treats dive-related casualties for our Navy divers and explosive ordnance disposal operators. **Ryan Cook** now resides in Berkeley, CA, and has decided to add to his pedigree by finishing his PhD in film studies and Japanese literature at Yale. After ten years in NYC, **Shira Klapper** made the move to D.C. and can report that she is thoroughly enjoying the relative calm and quiet of the capital's charming neighborhoods. She adds, "I am at George Washington U.'s Center for Aging, Health, and Humanities, using oral history methodology for a study on meaningful activity in nursing homes, and am also coordinating a multimedia oral history project."

Shira was on track to get her master's in public health and aging from Columbia in October.

Jennifer Babbitt Claclin (Wayne, NJ) had a baby boy on July 6, Jonah Matthew. Older son Luke, 4, loves his new role as big brother. **Alexa Rezelman** Sabanegh made the move to Norway this past December, after six years in London, for a job opportunity with Coca-Cola. They made it through the dark winter and are now enjoying the mid-night suns in the summer months! (Talk about culture shock!) Alexa and her husband have a daughter, Cecilia, 4, and in April welcomed twin sons Oliver and Emiliano. **Kristina Bullard** Phipps (Elmhurst, IL) decided to switch careers after 13 years in research and development for the food industry. Officially, she is a "homemaker," but prefers the title Phipps Family Event Coordinator! She has two children, Elsie, 3, and Duncan, 1. Kristina looks forward to seeing the old Eddy St. crew (**Tara Flegel Tibbs**, **Matt Gamage**, **Rob Futrick**, **Louis Lovis**, and honorary member John Ievollo) in a couple of summers at our 15th Reunion!

Shannon Tiffany Ruppel has had a busy year! She married, sold her home in Ithaca, and relocated to South Carolina for her husband's new position at USC (assistant professor of organic chemistry). She writes, "Having spent most of my adult years in Ithaca, living in 'red state' South Carolina is strikingly different, but I've enjoyed the southern hospitality for which this state is so famous and am eager to attend some fall and spring outdoor music festivals." In Rochester, NY, **Colleen Vogt** Trevisani is going into her third year teaching theology at Our Lady of Mercy High School for young women and getting involved musically in her local Catholic parish. Her son turned 1 over the summer.

Motherplants Ltd., the business run by **Alexia Hain** and wife **Marguerite Wells**, continues to grow many of the plants now found on Cornell's green roofs—seven and counting. "It's exciting for us both to green the alma mater," writes Lexie. "We are also on the board of directors for Ithaca's community-owned Black Oak Wind Farm, and Marguerite is the project manager." Baby Petra Schuyler Wells was born May 14, 2012, joining big sister Phoebe. Also in Ithaca is **Amy Lee Hetherington**. After ten-plus years of IT and management consulting, she's an MS/PhD student in the Dept. of Natural Resources at Cornell. Her research focuses on climate change impacts on the quantity and quality of fresh water. This summer Amy worked with the chief of the Small Island Developing States (SIDS) unit in the Sustainable Development Division under Economic and Social Affairs at the United Nations in NYC. **Wenbi Lai**, ME '00, has been enjoying Dayton, OH, where husband **Keigo Hirakawa**, PhD '05, is an assistant professor in the electrical and computer engineering department at the U. of Dayton. They are proud to announce the birth of fraternal twins Justin and Jason on June 29. Older son Stephen is 3-1/2.

Amy Hutton Spaziani (Landenberg, PA) switched jobs after 11 years and now works for Parexel, a clinical research organization, focusing on clinical trial feasibility (i.e., do the patients exist, what countries/sites to go to, and how long

will it take). She is home-based and will get to see her oldest child get on/off the bus for kindergarten this fall. **Greg Zumas** moved to Los Angeles more than a year ago and is lucky to be living near several Cornellians while running his business, Study-Point, with **Rich Enos '98**. Last but certainly not least, **Benjamin Brault** and his wife, Leah, met as Animal Science majors. He went on to vet school at Kansas State U., and she earned a master's in animal science and a PhD in genetics at UC Davis. They celebrated their 10th wedding anniversary in May and have two children, Keira, 5, and Evan, 2. Benjamin adds, "In July I was promoted to chief of staff at Fresh Pond Animal Hospital in Belmont, MA. Leah found a position teaching and designing/evaluating curriculum for the Dept. of Genetics at Harvard Medical School and also teaches biology and genetics at Framingham State, Brandeis, and Suffolk U. We bought our first house in September 2011 in Milford, MA!"

Thanks again to all of you who wrote in. If your update was not included here it will be in the next issue. Keep the updates coming. [Taber Sweet](mailto:TaberSweet@cornell.edu), tabersweet@gmail.com; [Beth Heslowitz](mailto:BethHeslowitz@cornell.edu), beth.heslowitz@gmail.com; [Liz Borod Wright](mailto:LizBorod@cornell.edu), lizborod@gmail.com; [Melanie Grayce West](mailto:MelanieGrayceWest@cornell.edu), mga6@cornell.edu.

OO Have you seen *Pitch Perfect* yet? The movie, based on **Mickey Rapkin's** nonfiction book *Pitch Perfect* (Gotham, 2008), is about the wild world of collegiate a cappella. The feature film inspired by the book was released on October 5. The comedy, with a script adapted by "30 Rock" writer Kay Cannon, was produced by Elizabeth Banks (*The Hunger Games*) and stars Anna Kendrick (an Oscar nominee for *Up in the Air*) and Rebel Wilson (so great in *Bridesmaids*). Gotham will also re-issue the book with a movie tie-in edition.

Mike Kulis married Nicole Casey on July 22, 2012 in Kutztown, PA. They wed at St. Mary's Church and celebrated with family and friends at a reception at Bear Creek Mountain Resort in Muncie, PA. Mike and Nicole live in beautiful Chapel Hill, NC, and Mike is now a research faculty member at UNC, Chapel Hill in the Dept. of Pediatrics. Mike wrote, "Our research group's main focus is developing therapies for peanut (and other food) allergies. In the lab we are investigating the immunologic changes associated with the therapies to better understand the mechanisms involved in successful desensitization." Writing from Jersey City, NJ, **Howard Katzenberg** reports that he is married, with twin boys who turned 1 in June. He works in NYC as CFO of On Deck Capital, a company working to reinvent small business lending. Howard loves all things entrepreneurial, as well as the Knicks, Mets, Giants, and Bruce Springsteen.

Rosa McLean Harris shared some exciting life changes. In December 2010 she married Calroy Harris in Grand Cayman, and in July 2012 she earned an MBA from Manchester U. in the UK. "Life has been super busy with marriage, business travel, keeping up with a part-time MBA program, and becoming the founder of a new startup retail business," Rosa writes. "I love receiving *Cornell Alumni Magazine* to keep up with the hospitality industry, my classmates, and their achievements! Hope to see some of you soon in the Cayman Islands on vacation!" **Howard Goldsmith** is the rabbi of Congregation Emanu-El of Westchester in Rye, NY, a 400-family Reform congregation. He and wife

Jennifer have two children, Lev, 3, and Talia, 1. The family lives in New Rochelle, NY. **Chad Nadler** works in trauma and hand surgery at Delray Medical Center in Delray Beach, FL, and Broward Health Imperial Point in Ft. Lauderdale, FL.

Many of our classmates do amazing work for the benefit of others. **Marisa Dolled-Filhart** is sharing her talents with Rare Genomics Inst. (<http://raregenomics.org/>), a group of scientists who are dedicated to assisting rare disease patients in their search for a cure. The nonprofit organization gives families afflicted by rare genetic disorders access to genome sequencing and expert analysis. RGI works with patients and their families, providing them with the necessary tools, knowledge, and connections so they can better understand the cause of their disease. In July, a breakthrough came when RGI research partners noticed a mutation in a gene, active during fetal development, that has never before been documented in medical literature, possibly uncovering the genetic basis of a rare disease. Our thanks to Marisa's husband, **Shoham Filhart '97**, for sharing this news.

Daniella Leifer has lived in NYC since 2004. She earned an MBA from Baruch College in 2010 and is now the manager of training programs at the CUNY Building Performance Lab, an applied research group focused on energy efficiency in the building sector. Daniella reports that she loves her career and is working on a variety of exciting sustainability-related initiatives, including helping the Mayor's Office of Long-Term Planning and Sustainability to run an Energy Benchmarking Help Center; participating in an energy-efficiency training initiative for 1,100 NYC Dept. of Education facilities staff; and developing programs in partnership with the Pacific Northwest National Lab to train building operators in advanced energy diagnostics.

The Miami Fellows program is designed to engage a new generation of leaders. **Malik Benjamin**, BArch '00, is one of 17 members of Miami Fellow Class VI. As a fellow, Malik is working to steward a \$1 million grant from JP Morgan Chase to build an aquaponics lab at Miami Northwestern High School in partnership with Florida Int'l U. to promote STEM professions—science, technology, engineering, and math—and help revitalize distressed neighborhoods around the high school. Since joining the program, Malik was promoted to director of program innovation at the Florida Int'l U.'s CARTA School of Architecture, voted onto the technology committee for the faculty senate at FIU, and chosen as a *South Florida Business Journal* 2012 "40 under 40" honoree. He credits much of his recent success to the Fellows program and his mentor Jaret Davis.

Lastly, baby news! In July, **Linnea Carter** Matulat welcomed a beautiful daughter, Anna, into her family. **Samara Guzman** Romo and husband Nick celebrated the birth of their first son, Nicolas Fernando, on Oct. 27, 2011. Samara says, "He recently started crawling and getting into everything! We are proud and happy parents!" Thanks for sharing your news with us! Keep the updates coming! ☒ **Christine Jensen** Weld, ckj1@cornell.edu; and **Andrea Chan**, amc32@cornell.edu.

01 Writing this column while watching the wacky London Olympics closing ceremonies—from my couch in Seattle, alas!—I'm reminded of our Slope Day and graduation festivities. Some of these athletes will

reunite at future competitions, but otherwise it's up to them to stay in touch with their "classmates." Fortunately, in our age of social media, it's much easier to track down and keep up with old friends, even those who have ended up in unexpected places!

Doing my part to check in with a long-lost pal, I Facebook-chatted with **Adam Kerzner**, now in his 12th year teaching middle and high school science in New York City. He enjoys every free moment he can spend with his son, Henry (Class of 2032?) and hanging out with **William** and **Julie Boden Adams**, JD '04. **James Brief** finished his pediatrics residency at Maimonides Medical Center and is starting his pediatric gastroenterology fellowship at Stony Brook. He's still in touch with **Joshua Goodman**, **Andrew Mehler**, ME '02, **Uri Moszkowicz**, ME '02, **Daron Schreier '02**, and **Alan Noah**, but misses his other Cornell friends, the campus, College-town, "and—of course—Wegmans!" Don't we all!

Also in the Big (Red) Apple, **Jeff Ting**, ME '02, has taken a fascinating career turn, to indie pop rock! His new Mayday Radio album, "Don Quixote," is "centered around social progress (racial tolerance, global poverty, human rights) and influenced by bands like Coldplay and Kings of Leon." Take a listen at <http://www.maydayradio.com>. Across the state line, **Joseph Gregorio** is also making beautiful music: he's in the DMA program in music composition at Temple U. on a presidential fellowship and part of Ensemble Companio (<http://www.ensemblecompanio.com>), a new choir composed predominantly of Cornell Glee Club and Chorus alumni. They've had several concerts, including a Cornell reunion show, and advanced to the final round of the 2012 American Prize competition for choral performance. Perhaps his lovely lullabies can distract his daughter Olivia, 3, who has been demanding a little sister named "Fire Engine." Good luck with that, Joe!

In other baby news, **Kris Saha** and wife **Michele Bernius** welcomed daughter Mackenzie Anjali on February 3. Kris finished his postdoc at the Whitehead Inst. at MIT and has started as an assistant professor of biomedical engineering at the U. of Wisconsin, Madison. If any alumni are in their neck of the woods, let them know. **Kimberly Mescher** Butler is another new mom, reporting that daughter Madeline Skye "always keeps us smiling and laughing!" The Butlers live in Steamboat Springs, CO, where Kimberly is a camp director in summer and runs childcare for the Steamboat Ski Resort in the winter. **Jillian Brevorka** has been named Young Lawyer of the Year by the North Carolina Bar Association in recognition of her work as co-chair of the state's Wills for Heroes program, which provides free estate planning services for firefighters, police officers, and other first responders. She also chairs the Elder Law Committee of the Bar Association of Erie County (NY), and is a co-author of "Death and Taxes," a column appearing in the *Bulletin*, the monthly newsletter of the Bar Association of Erie County.

Out west, U. of San Francisco assistant professor of philosophy **Quayshawn Spencer** has a Ford Foundation fellowship to spend the year at Stanford U. (where he earned his doctorate), working on his first book—"on whether we can define 'race' as a biological kind in light of new findings in genetics and evolutionary biology. I've also started a new business, Spencer Philosophical Consulting, specializing in proofreading manuscripts, tutoring, and advising book publishers." Quayshawn has been married to **Bryna Chen '02** since 2008. Just up 101, **Otto Krusius** lives in

Burlingame, CA, with his bride, Lauren. Several Cornellians attended their Texas wedding in May, including **Paul Krusius '93**, **Leo Krusius '05**, **Jennifer Lee '05**, **Rick Reilly '02**, **Eric Neumann '96**, **Nick Carlisle '99**, **Katie Diemert**, and **Navid Zarinejad '00**. Otto works in management consulting for the Boston Consulting Group.

The award for farthest-flung alum this time goes to **Elizabeth Henry**, who writes in from Stockholm, where she works as HR leader for the P&G Nordic business, responsible for Sweden, Norway, Denmark, and Finland. Anyone want to help her learn Svenska? Or we can pick up some Latin and Greek from **Sally Marshall** Eliot, who teaches in the Classics department of the United Kingdom's Brighton College. Sally presented her paper, "The Crimes of the Capitol: A Productive Moment for Student Discussion of Roman Games," at the American Classical League annual meeting. "Many thanks to the Cornell Classics department, especially Prof. Ahl, for getting me into this fascinating subject," she writes.

Well, back to the Olympics. Incidentally, has any Cornellian ever won gold and yelled "Red!" from the podium at the appropriate time during the National Anthem? If not, can we make that happen for Sochi 2014? We're bound to have some hockey players there, right? Don't be strangers! You can tweet me @BeliefBeat, or reach either of your correspondents at the e-mail addresses below. In between columns, stay connected via our Twitter feed (@Cornell2001) and Facebook page (www.facebook.com/Cornell2001). ☒ **Nicole Neroulis** Gupte, LEW15@cornell.edu; **Lauren Wallach** Hammer, LEW15@cornell.edu.

02 Well, they talked me into another five years writing the class column, so here we go again. Fortunately, a lot of you wrote in and this will be an easy one for me. I won't have to include my usual filler about mundane things like the small kink at the end of my kitten's tail or my recent affinity for creating one-man-band covers of Dolly Parton songs with GarageBand. So, let's get right into it.

The first e-mail I received came from **Ruthie Levy**, who is finishing her MBA at the U. of Cambridge and will start work with BP in the Netherlands in October. Coming in a close second was **Nick Magnuski**, an automotive engineer working for Freightliner Custom Chassis in Gaffney, SC. Nick welcomed his first child, son Everett, back in December. The baby is growing fast and was able to join his mother traveling with Nick to our 10th Reunion—it was Everett's first visit to Cornell. **Rachel Isaacson** Margolis, on the other hand, did not make it to Reunion, but for a good reason. Her second daughter, Adaya, was born in May. Rachel lives in North Carolina now and works as a Jewish education consultant.

Katie Cody Becker left her job in corporate America to start her own business, which is hilariously named Cougars and Cowboys Nutrition. She helps her clients adopt a lifestyle that fosters their health and wellness. On top of that, she herself has lost 75 lbs., all while raising her daughter, Hannah, 1. If I weren't already such a healthy, buff stud, I'd join. **Marc** and **Kate Furfari Martinez** moved up to Rochester, NY, from Atlanta, GA. Kate is a commercial litigator with Nixon Peabody, specializing in international dispute resolution, and Marc is now a board-certified forensic psychologist looking to start his own practice this fall. In March, two months ahead of schedule, Kate and

Marc welcomed twin sons Asher and Coen. Fortunately, the month-long NICU stay was eased by the support of many Cornell friends, including Coen's godparents, **Jed and Lauren Bernhardt Sullivan**.

Now, while some choose to have babies two at a time, many go with a one-by-one approach. **Susan McAvoy** Owens took that route, giving Ethan, 2, a little sister, Ivy Margaret, on July 5, 2012. **Matthew Murphy** and **Maura Rockcastle** had their first son, Owen Garth, on Oct. 6, 2011. They are thoroughly enjoying parenthood, which blows my mind since it always seems absurdly difficult to me. **Julie Katz** Karp did it, too, and she's a medical professional. She gave birth to Rachel Evelyn on March 13, 2012, and according to Julie, her favorite bedtime lullaby is the Cornell Alma Mater! Julie is a pathologist at Thomas Jefferson U. Hospital in Philadelphia; she specializes in blood banking/transfusion medicine. **Todd Muhlfelder** also joined the baby bandwagon, welcoming daughter Olivia Jade on Jan. 9, 2012. Even though Todd is a busy father, he would still like to hear from **Carolyn Stein**.

Also looking to reunite with old Cornell friends in her area is **Nicole Freeman** Womack, who has returned to the US after six years in the UK. Nicole came back to work for Starwood Hotels and Resorts, but she didn't come alone. In September she married an Englishman in her hometown of Novato, CA. Cornellians in attendance included **Michael Nestor**, **Jen Leeds** Simon, **Kallie Speller '01**, **Lizzie Andrews**, and **Cory Putman, JD '04**. Nicole and her new husband now live in Stamford, CT, where they have bought a house.

In our solicitation for news there was a question that only one person was brave enough to answer. "Are there any challenges you've faced that you'd be willing to share?" **Brett Joshpe**, thank you for responding. Brett is an attorney, author, and entrepreneur in New York City, where he has been building a boutique, full-service corporate and litigation law firm with a particular focus on serving startups and small- to medium-sized businesses. Brett says, "I have found navigating the dynamics between work-life balance, security, risk, and compensation in a traditional career versus a more entrepreneurial one to be an ongoing challenge and inner dialogue, especially in this economic environment." I don't know about you, but I think that pretty much sums it all up. I couldn't have said it better.

Going from one Brett to another, **Brett Scott** has earned his MBA from the Rady School of Management at UC San Diego. Brett founded the BioInvaders, Invasive Species Marketplace, and he's been hard at work on the website, <http://www.bioinvaders.com>. Now, **Tsee Yuan Lee**, I'm not sure what subjects you're teaching in NYC with the Teaching Fellows program, but you might want to check out Brett's website. I just spent some time there myself and it looks like it might be a great educational resource. Lastly, with extreme jealousy, I report that **Stephanie Spann**, MA '05, published book one of her paranormal romance series, *Haute Pursuit*. It's available on Amazon and Barnes & Noble along with her comedy *Love, On-Site*. Stephanie has been traveling the world: India, Morocco, Jamaica, Mexico, and France. She is enjoying everything and taking notes to include in her novels. Stephanie, I want your life.

I didn't get to all the news, but I have a word limit. So if you didn't make it in this time, look for it next time. And keep it coming. Send your news to: [Jeff Barker, jrb41@cornell.edu](mailto:JeffBarker_jrb41@cornell.edu); or **Carolyn Deckinger** Lang, cmd35@cornell.edu.

03 Jennifer Farley has been working as an assistant curator at the Museum at the Fashion Inst. of Technology in New York City for several years now. She is currently assisting with an exciting new exhibition called Ivy Style. Ivy Style will explore the history of the "Ivy League Look" since the early 20th century and its many reinterpretations in contemporary fashion. The exhibition will also feature historic memorabilia such as university reunion and class jackets—including some examples from Cornell, of course! Jennifer hopes that many fellow Cornell alumni will visit the exhibition, which runs from September 14, 2012 until January 5, 2013.

Adrienne Dutt Buhmann lives in San Francisco and has had a busy summer. Adrienne writes, "I'm a wife and now a mother, as of last spring. In addition to my family life, I am passionate about building technology that enables online advertising to become more relevant and effective. On the side, I love to run, ski, and travel." Adrienne has been at Google for the last year, building their display advertising division after the acquisition of Invite Media in 2010. She adds, "**Tina Parris** is also on the team with me; it's been fun to work together!" Adrienne has also started a Bay Area networking group call SF DAP (Display Advertising Professionals), with more than 300 members to date. "Our mission is to bring together those in the fast-growing real-time bidding niche industry for knowledge sharing and to develop business relationships."

Maki Grossnick has moved to Berkeley, CA. Also in California, **Rachel Criscitiello** is a labor attorney working for a healthcare workers union, SEIU-UHW West, in San Francisco. Back East, **Amanda Schlager** Wick serves as an Assistant US Attorney in the Northern District of Alabama (Birmingham). She works in the criminal division and focuses on financial crimes. **Eva Moore** and Brian Robertson were married on Nov. 5, 2011 in a private ceremony at National City Christian Church in Washington, DC. The couple resides in Rockville, MD. **Sarah Jensen** Racz writes, "I received my PhD in child clinical psychology from the U. of Washington. I just started a postdoctoral fellowship at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, working for the Center for the Prevention of Youth Violence."

More classmates have been bitten by the entrepreneur bug! **Stephen Glasgow** writes, "I have started a new online retail company, www.CountryClubPrep.com, which endeavors to be 'Zappos for preppy clothing.' We sell all your favorite preppy brands in one location, with an emphasis on customer service. Shipping and returns are free. Please check us out and enjoy promo code 'CORNELLPREP' for a discount on your first order." **Daniel Lachs** started DML Hospitality Group in April 2011, with a focus on food and beverage operations and consulting. In January 2012 the group opened its first restaurant, on 12th St. and University Place in NYC. Tortaria Restaurant is a quick/casual Mexican sandwich shop and tequila bar modeled after an old-style Mexican bodega. In September 2012, the group took on the project of reviving and re-branding a group of restaurants in NYC known as Yushi Bento Bar. Daniel writes, "We re-launched as Yushi Asian Kitchen, a quick-service concept with a focus on pan-Asian flavors on Wall St. at 100 Maiden Lane." When Daniel wrote, he was scheduled to appear in October on "Chopped," the competitive cooking show on the Food Network!

Hilary Scruggs is the founder of Operative Ventures LLC and has been focused on sustainable urban development in Texas. She writes, "Our firm recently completed a short documentary, 'Southtown Greenbound,' which discusses our experience designing and building the Biering Project, an award-winning prototype for sustainable and affordable urban living in San Antonio, TX. 'Southtown Greenbound' features conversations with an inhabitant, a builder, a sustainable building science expert, a developer, a realtor, and the designer herself—touching on issues of sustainable design and development. Please visit www.southtowngreenbound.com to view the film."

Meredith Reilly writes, "I graduated from Human Ecology in Bio and Society, which gave me such a powerful sense of how our health is rooted in our relationships—with ourselves, our loved ones, our community, and our world." Meredith is a manager and massage therapist at Rasa Spa, a holistic day spa in downtown Ithaca. She adds, "Helping people come home to their bodies every day is truly an honor. This year we will begin massage therapy with patients at Cayuga Medical Center, which will be an amazing step toward bridging Western and alternative medical approaches." Meredith also sends a congratulatory note to **Ari Moore** Evergreen '02 and **Shira Golding** Evergreen '02, adding, "You ladies are incredible!" More to come in the next issue, including tons of baby news! [Samantha Buckingham Noonan, swnoonan@gmail.com](mailto:SamanthaBuckingham Noonan, swnoonan@gmail.com); **Sudha Nandagopal**, sn58@cornell.edu.

04 Happy Holidays to all! Here is some of the news from the online news forms, with more to come in the next issue. Thanks to all for sharing!

Erin Cohen was profiled as a young philanthropist by the organization Charity Happenings. She co-founded and co-chaired the American Cancer Society's "Young Friends of the DreamBall." Check out her success at: http://charityhappenings.org/classified/erin_cohen.html. **Dave Miller** writes, "I finished my master's degree at New York U. this spring, studying behavior design and environmental sustainability, and will move to Palo Alto to start my PhD in communications research at Stanford this September. As I will be leaving New York, I am sadly finishing my time as chair of the New York Chapter of the Industrial Designers Society of America. I would love to be a part of the Cornell community in the Bay Area; please be in touch." **Jesse Yu** sends this: "I work as head of international business development for Cogenra Solar, a solar cogeneration company targeting commercial customers, with systems that have a less than five-year payback period. Our customers include Facebook, PepsiCo, Intercontinental Hotels, and the US military. We are funded by KhoslaVentures. Go solar!"

Christina Ling Chiu works as an oncology dietitian at Newton-Wellesley Hospital. When she wrote, she was preparing to speak at the American Society for Enteral and Parenteral Nutrition's Clinical Nutrition Week conference in 2013. She writes, "We welcomed our first child, Nathan, in September 2011. Raising a child is probably the most difficult thing I've done, Cornell prelims included!" **Marc Almendarez** Stutzel (ORIE) writes, "I married in April 2010 and took my wife's last name (which is why I have a 'maiden' name!). Two years ago, I went back to school, studying

to become an ordained minister in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). I've studied at the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia (LTSP) and General Theological Seminary in New York (GTS). In September, I start a one-year internship at Advent Lutheran Church in Manhattan. My big news is that on July 12, my wife and I celebrated the birth of our first child, a baby boy named Oliver!"

Marc Zawel was married to Charlotte Birkner on August 4 on Chebeague Island in Maine. His groomsmen included **Burt Weiss** and **Josh Goldstein '05**. Also in attendance: **Aaron Shapiro**, **Adam Caslow '05**, **Brett Berkowitz '05**, **Liza Silverman Goldstein '05**, **Keith Greene**, **M. Scott '03** and **Rachel Lubin Berkowitz**, **Mike Pessiki**, **Sebastian Colella '05**, and **Stephen Friedfeld '95**. Marc runs AcceptU (www.AcceptU.com) with Stephen, who also worked in Cornell's undergraduate admissions office. AcceptU connects college and grad school applicants with former admissions officers at schools they are interested in attending. These counselors provide one-on-one "virtual" support—by phone, Skype, and e-mail—that gives applicants a competitive advantage in the admissions process.

Jeff McCaffrey, MAT '07 (jm298@cornell.edu) is in Ithaca, coordinating a diversity program for undergraduates in Biology at Cornell. **Jessica Garay** and **Amy Smith**: if you're out there, Jeff would love to hear from you. **Lucas Morgan** writes, "I am three years into a clinical psychology PhD program at UMass Boston. My wife and I are from Honolulu, HI, and we plan to move back in a year if all goes as planned. She finished medical school at Tufts this year and we hope she will be able to do her residency at the U. of Hawaii next year. This past year was a clinical training year—I was doing substance abuse and mental health treatment with veterans at the Boston V.A. I am studying and doing mindfulness and acceptance-based behavioral treatments for anxiety and substance use problems. I've also been trying to get out as much as possible—on the ocean, hiking, birdwatching, enjoying the East Coast's precious short summer. We have a community garden plot that we love, and from which we get tons of home-grown veggies."

Sintana Vergara writes, "Professionally, I am following a path inspired by a course I took at Cornell during my senior year: Prof. **Douglas Haith**, PhD '71's 'Garbage' (technically, Solid Waste Engineering). I finished up my PhD at UC Berkeley in energy and resources (my dissertation was focused on the greenhouse gas benefits of reuse and recycling as a waste management strategy) and am now working as an environmental engineer at the World Bank in Washington, DC. I am working in the Sustainable Cities unit, working on improving waste management in developing country cities. My boyfriend and I just moved back to the East Coast after seven years in California; we live in a cooperative house in Columbia Heights. D.C. has changed a lot since my childhood—it seems to be filled with bike lanes and great food!" ☒ **Anne Jones-Leeson**, CU2004Correspondent@gmail.com.

05 Greetings, fellow '05ers! I hope some of you were able to make a trip up to Ithaca to enjoy the fall foliage! Thanks to all who responded to our e-mail request for news. The updates for this column come from all around the country.

Out on the West Coast, **Parijat Sharma** has moved to the Bay Area to be closer to the technology scene in Silicon Valley as legal counsel for Palantir Technologies. She is excited to be a part of a startup company that provides software to clients to help them make sense of their data and solve their hardest problems. Prior to this opportunity, Parijat earned her law degree at the U. of Michigan and practiced intellectual property law at Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP in New York.

Down South, **Bradley Albright** is a visual artist, illustrator, graphic designer, and music enthusiast based in Dallas/Fort Worth, TX. From Cornell, you may recall his surreal comic strip, "Tangent Thoughts," that ran weekly in the *Cornell Daily Sun* from 2004 to 2005. Since graduation, Bradley has been working as a full-time graphic designer for the alcoholic beverage industry, as well as a freelance illustrator creating logos, gig posters, shirt designs, portraits, graphic novels, product labels, and even 3-D designs for red/blue glasses. He is currently an MFA candidate at Hartford Art School and an active exhibiting gallery artist and community arts proponent in Dallas. He also enjoys teaching private drawing lessons to students ages 10 and up.

Also in Texas, **Carlos Hill** finished interning at ExxonMobil in Houston and will return to business school in the fall at the U. of Texas, McCombs, to complete the second year of his MBA. Carlos would love to hear from **Gabriel Newell**, ME '06. **Portia Mills** moved from NYC to Atlanta in March to take a job with a governance, risk, and compliance software company based in Brazil. She has now worked in risk mitigation for three years and finds it interesting how she's been able to combine her undergraduate background in comparative literature with her master's in international economics to become a valuable team member for companies in the field.

In the Midwest, **Lauren Kerr** is a third-year associate at a boutique litigation firm in Troy, MI, that specializes in product liability, commercial, and employment law. She and her fiancé have finished an eight-month-long renovation of their house. Lauren did all of the design and decorating and her fiancé was the general contractor. On the East Coast, **Daniel Goldin** started a new company, Glossi, in March that has made a lot of progress, welcomed paying clients, and been accepted into a startup accelerator in NYC. Daniel has been spending his time speaking with clients, improving his product, and hiring. **Alexandra Turisi** was promoted to director of social media at Kelliher Samets Volk. She was also named social media columnist for the *Burlington Free Press*, Vermont's statewide daily newspaper. She plans to start her MPA at the U. of Vermont. Alexandra would love to hear from **Jennifer Bellor**, who she's heard is doing some amazing things in the world of classical music.

Lastly, we have several classmates who are starting families! **Adrian Zurca** welcomed his second child, Adrian III, in February. Daughter Lia is 2 and is teaching her little brother all sorts of tricks. Adrian is pursuing a fellowship in pediatric critical care medicine at Children's National Medical Center in Washington, DC. **Jill Sollenberger Megli** had beautiful twins Jane Annabelle and Mark Robert on Sept. 24, 2011. Keep the news coming and we'll keep printing it! You can share your latest happenings with us via e-mail or on the news form in our class mailings. ☒ **Johnny Chen**, jc362@cornell.edu; **Hilary Johnson**, haj4@cornell.edu; **Michelle Wong**, mrv29@cornell.edu.

06 Have you tasted Dang Coconut Chips yet? If so, you are savoring the product of a classmate.

Vincent Kitiiratragam, ME '07, is competing with the likes of PopChips and Lay's with his new snack company, Dang Foods. With the tagline, "Dang, that's good!", Dang is focused on bringing healthy, delicious snacks to the US from Thailand. As Vincent tells it, Dang was born out of San Francisco's Underground Farmer's Market, where he cooked progressive Thai dishes for local foodies while keeping his day job as a sustainability manager at GoodGuide.com. One day he chose to cook a recipe handed down by his mother for Thai lettuce wraps. It required toasted coconut, which he snacked on and found to be crunchy, sweet, and packed with energy. Inspired, he decided to start a company to make and distribute the coconut chips and name it after his mother, whose Thai name is "Dang." Vincent is thrilled to have Whole Foods among his first retail customers. He is also committed to environmental responsibility.

Asked about Cornell's influence on his palate, Vincent writes, "The resources and facilities at Cornell are an asset to anybody interested in turning their passion for food into a profession. Personally, I loved the Cornell Dining Club and the Ithaca Farmers Market. Once at the Statler Dining Hall, I built my own toasted sandwich. The manager at the cashier station told me it looked delicious and offered me a job on the spot! At the time, I wanted to focus on my engineering curriculum, but in retrospect, I wish I had taken it." Check out www.dangfoods.com and "Like" or "Share" these great chips on Facebook at facebook.com/dangfoods.

Time to give shout-outs to classmates who checked in from around the country. **Alex Meister** lives in Manhattan. **Melanie Pugmire** works at PricewaterhouseCoopers in Miami. **Adelya Akhatova** lives in Minneapolis. **Arzoo Bhusri** is the assistant vice president of corporate finance at iStar Financial in Manhattan. **Sheldon Dunn**, who is involved in the military and looking forward to the day he finishes paying off student loans, lives in Honolulu, HI. He spends his free time cycling (mountain and road biking). **Joshua Fenn** is a manager of marketing and communications. **Rebecca Armenteros** Allen (Los Angeles, CA), married to Christopher, is a corporate services manager at Campus Explorer in Santa Monica. **Andras Szeles** is in medical school. **Heather Cringan** graduated from the U. of Minnesota veterinary school and has taken a small animal veterinary internship at Tufts U. **Adinna Augur Smith** and husband **Adam** live in Barnardsville, NC.

Larue and **Caroline Nyenke Robinson '07** welcomed a baby girl, Corrine, in July 2012! **Matt Rogers** married **Ashley Barry '07** last November 2011 and honeymooned in Australia. They live in New York City. **Jason Clemmey** has moved to Tampa, FL, to work as a commercial real estate portfolio manager at Regions Bank. **John Mayers** accepted a job with the National Weather Service in Cleveland, OH, as a meteorologist. He's also a meteorology officer in the Navy Reserves working out of Monterey, CA, part-time. Since graduating, John has lived in Hawaii, Florida, Colorado, and New York. While in Hawaii he worked as a tropical cyclone forecaster for the Joint Typhoon Warning Center. Now he forecasts snow in Cleveland!

Ryan Morris, ME '08, has moved to San Francisco and since 2009 has been running his activist hedge fund, Meson Capital Partners. They

took over the board of InfuSystem Holdings Inc. (NYSE:INFU) with a proxy contest and he is executive chairman of the company. At 27, he became the youngest chairman of a NYSE-listed public company. Ryan is also still supporting Cornell's VideoNote, now in its fourth year, used by thousands of students each semester to review their lecture materials. **Elie Track**, formerly the webmaster for the Cornell Alumni Association of Atlanta (CAAA), was elected president of the club in July. Additionally, he mentors a senior and a sophomore through the Cornell Alumni Student Mentoring Program, and has refereed high school soccer playoff games in his area.

Marielys Garcia lives in Washington, DC, where she is transitioning into a new role as dean of students at a D.C. charter school. She spends her free time reading all the magazines she subscribes to, painting pottery, and training for the Mid-Atlantic Tough Mudder. **Erin Imhof** is a talent acquisition specialist at Devry Inc. in Mission Viejo, CA, where she recruits professors for Devry Medical Group. She has a master's in human resource management and is working on another master's in public administration. Erin has traveled to Japan, Thailand, Hong Kong, the Netherlands, Sweden, the Cook Islands, New Zealand, Malaysia, and Australia in the past year. In the upcoming months, she looks forward to going to Hawaii, Bali, and Singapore. Send your news! And be sure to check out the magazine's digital version, <http://www.cornellalumnimagazine-digital.com>. **Nicole DeGrace**, ngd4@cornell.edu; **Tory Lauterbach**, tory.lauterbach@gmail.com; and **Katie DiCicco**, kad46@cornell.edu.

07 **Angelina Ang Lee** (Long Island City, NY; angelina.ang@gmail.com) sent news in early July: "I married my best friend, **Brian Lee**, on May 26, 2012, in Pasadena, CA. Our Cornell friends traveled from all over the country to attend our wedding—it was so much fun! We also spent our honeymoon traveling to the islands of Bali and Lombok in Indonesia (where I grew up) and Hawaii." Angelina is product development manager at L'Oreal in Manhattan and would love to hear from her ORIE classmates **Antoine Cossart**, **Victoria Leontieva**, and **Christina Wang**. "Miss you all!"

Lonny Schaefer (Deposit, NY; lonny@catskillcattle.com) and his wife, Liz, won the Young New York Farmer of the Year Achievement Award from the Farm Bureau! Lonny continues to work on his produce/beef facility, Catskill Cattle Co., and spends time with his brand new daughter, Lin. **Andre Van Rynbach** (avanrynbach35@gmail.com) is spending his time with research, travel, and sports/outdoor activities. He is in Durham, NC, right now, on track to earn a PhD in electrical engineering at Duke U. He'd like to hear from **Mark Li**. **James Kirby** (jmk957@gmail.com) graduated from Columbia U. Law School in 2012 as a Harlan Fisk Stone Scholar and is now in Los Angeles. **Mary Montague** is living in Milford, MA (mary.e.montague@gmail.com) and cooks at the very first Wegmans in New England! "We see lots of 'Cornell' and 'Ithaca is Gorges' T-shirts on the customers. My fiancé and I recently bought our first home."

That's all for now. Don't wait till the next class News and Dues mailing comes—send your news now. Write your class correspondents directly at the e-mail addresses below, or give the online news form a try at: <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>. Happy holidays

to all! **Dana Scolnick**, dana.scolnick@gmail.com; **Nina Terrero** Groth, nina.terrero@gmail.com. CAM Digital Edition, <http://www.cornellalumni magazine-digital.com>.

08 Time flies! Not sure about you, but to me it seems like it was summer only yesterday and now the holiday season is about to begin—crazy! To top it all off, our 5th Reunion is in a little more than six months! Here's the news.

Bernardo Menezes, ME '08, spent some time relaxing on his honeymoon in Greece and England with his bride, **Stephanie (Hiciano)**. Their wedding took place in NYC on June 2 and there were about 30 Cornellians in attendance at their fete—including at least 20 from the Class of '08. **Steve Pelley**, **Noah Brozinsky**, **Stefan Mitropolitsky**, **Alison Chen**, **Cathy Radonic**, and **Jeannille Hiciano '11** were in the bridal party.

Jeanette Pérez Gasca and her husband celebrated eight years together (including 18 months of marriage). They met during Cornell's Pre-Freshman Summer Program and have been together ever since. Jeanette writes, "We're really enjoying our time as a couple before any babies are in the picture (although we do have a fur-baby: DeNiro the Pug). We've done a bit of traveling and look forward to adding London and Paris to our list of cities visited in 2013." Although Jeanette is located in Philadelphia, she's been traveling a lot. She works as a merchandise planner for a nationwide retailer, which requires her to go to new-store openings, on competitive shopping trips, and on a lot of visits to NYC. She would like to hear from her old AEM friends: "**Pablo Aponte**, **Ariel Pérez-Almodovar**, **George Wilson**, and **Charles Mitchell** . . . Let me know what you've been up to." **Amanda Smith** completed her first Ironman triathlon in Lake Placid, NY. It consisted of a 2.4-mile swim, 112-mile bike ride, and a 26.2-mile run. "I wanted a challenge and this was a formidable one, but with so much support from friends and family it was a really amazing experience!" Congrats, Amanda!

On the grad school front, **Justin Orr** is a student at UC Berkeley School of Law. **Allison Fritts-Penniman** is pursuing a PhD in ecology and evolutionary biology at UCLA. "My research is on nudibranch speciation in the tropical Pacific and I do most of my field work in Indonesia. I also plan to collect specimens in Hawaii, Mexico, Panama, and the Philippines. My lab-mates and I made a music video about our research in the Coral Triangle and it caught the attention of astrophysicist Neil deGrasse Tyson on Twitter, as well as Billy Joel, who posted it on his website. Here is the youtube link: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9B12m3QoaS8>." Allison has also been reporting on her progress in the field this summer on her blog: <http://afrittspenniman.webs.com/apps/blog/>. Check it out! Fun fact: California is the third state Allison has called home since graduation. Before California, she lived in Georgia and Washington! **Christine Camilleri** is at the Pratt Inst. in New York for a master's degree.

Matthew Nulty earned his master's in public health and works for New York U. as a project coordinator for a public health research project funded by the NIH. He is enjoying his time in New York, sampling the numerous restaurants and cuisines in the city, as well as going to the theatre. **Rob McCormack** writes, "After a stint as an

Alaskan fly-fishing guide/world explorer, I completed a master's in environmental law and policy at Vermont Law School. Now I live in Boulder, CO, and work as an environmental services consultant." **Mina Hasman**, BArch '08, lives in Istanbul, Turkey, where she participates in architecture competitions, reads, paints, and rides horseback. George Hascup, a professor in the School of Architecture, had the greatest impact on her during her time at Cornell and she would love to hear from him. **Stephen Yanchuk** lives in Alexandria, VA. He says he is working hard and busy holding parties in his backyard.

Brandon Kerns is spending his time working in private equity in New York City with General Atlantic. He also finds time to do charity work: he's involved with both Summer Search and Kenya micro-finance development. **Chandra Ghosal** moved to Chicago to pursue a career in public finance. He likes to spend his outside-of-work time watching sports and movies, biking, and going out with friends. He tells us that he would rather be traveling than working full-time . . . or going back to the first day of freshman year at Cornell and starting over! I think many of us would agree with his sentiment. As always, please send us your news! **Libby Boymel**, lkb24@cornell.edu; and **Elana Beale**, erb26@cornell.edu.

09 **Jimmy Suarez** got his BS in Development Sociology, with a minor in Education and a concentration in Latino Studies. When he wrote this summer from his new home in Hoboken, NJ, he had recently received his master's in higher education and student affairs from NYU. "I now work as a program administrator at the NYU Center for Multicultural Education and Programs." **Robert Gottlieb** (Columbia, SC; gottlier@email.sc.com) graduated with a BS in Atmospheric Sciences and earned an MS in meteorology in December 2011 from the U. of Oklahoma. "This fall I started as a PhD student in geography at the U. of South Carolina. My research is about vulnerability to meteorological hazards." In April Robert returned to Cornell for the first time since graduation to attend the annual Alumni Weekend of his fellow Atmospheric Sciences majors. "I was thrilled to see students I'd taught in freshman lab nearing their own graduation. Walking around campus made me feel as if I'd never left."

Brynne Calleran (Binghamton, NY; BCalleran@gmail.com) writes, "I'm a psychiatric graduate nurse for the NYS Office of Mental Health, writing pop music professionally, and getting involved in dog rescue. I received my second BS degree, this time in nursing (May 2012), and started a doctorate psych NP program in the fall. I'm also writing pop music for multiple upcoming artists. I love what I'm doing! I'd also love to be doing more international travel, but life is busy for a NYS OMH nurse—no time off! Brynne would love to hear from **Luis De Lencquesaing '10**, BA '09. She remembers bringing two acoustic guitars with her freshman year—and a wardrobe of Cornell merchandise! **Lara Loveman** (Washington, DC; lara.loveman@gmail.com) would like to hear from **Ben Figoten '10**, **Daniel Shem Fuerst '10**, BS '09, **Yasmin Emrani '10**, BS '09, and **Kylen Fitzpatrick '10**. She works at an EdTech startup, EverFi, as director of business development, and also volunteers at an animal shelter, hangs with friends, travels a lot for work, and enjoys sightseeing in D.C.

Send news to your correspondents any time of year (e-mail addresses below), or give the online news form a try at: <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>. Best wishes for the holidays—and stay in touch! ■ **Caroline Newton**, cmn35@cornell.edu; or **Julie Cantor**, jl252@cornell.edu.

10 Happy Holidays, Class of 2010! Depending on when you read this, you are either getting ready to stuff yourself with turkey or still recovering from having stuffed yourself with so much turkey. The presidential elections may have ended, but regardless of whom you supported, one thing to note is that there has never been a US President who graduated from Cornell . . . yet. Here are some emerging global leaders from our class who may put that streak to an end.

Melanie Stewart, an ILR grad, entered her third year at Howard U. School of Law. She worked as a summer associate at Franczek Radelet PC, a boutique labor and employment law firm in Chicago. She wishes to pursue labor and employment law, and her decision is largely based on her experiences at the ILR school. **Andrew Brady**, who graduated from AEM and was a member of the Business Opportunities in Leadership and Diversity (BOLD) program, as well as president of Kappa Sigma, left his job to realize his longtime dream of joining his father's leadership development consulting company, the XLR8 Team Inc. Since its founding in 1996, the company's focus has been on helping executives enhance their leadership competencies and achieve a higher, more fulfilling level of success. When Andrew was president of Kappa Sigma at Cornell, he tailored the XLR8 Team's leadership development process to foster the growth of young leaders in the fraternity. He is now working to further customize this approach as a program for college students and aspiring leaders to connect with their passions and realize their potential.

Since graduation **Amanda Sieradzki** has been working at a civil engineering consulting firm in Westchester, NY, doing a combination of bridge inspection and design. She travels to inspect bridges all over New York State. As she describes it, "I get to climb New York's signature bridges, such as the Verrazano-Narrows, Throgs Neck, and Robert F. Kennedy bridges! From the top of the towers I have the best view of the city!" Amanda started her MEng studies this fall in structural engineering. She has also had the opportunity to visit **Jillian Gorsuch**, ME '10, in California, travel to Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, with family, and ski Jackson Hole, WY, with **Thomas Murray**. This past summer, Amanda and **Michael Hesenauer** thoroughly explored New York State, from the beaches of Long Island to the 1000 Islands,

with a stop at the alma mater along the way. Please drop Amanda a line if you would like to go skiing this winter (abs65@cornell.edu).

After completing her two years of Teach For America in Baltimore, **Kelly Durkin** decided to stay in the classroom at her placement school teaching 11th grade English. She and her husband, Scott Sussman, have bought a house in Columbia, MD. They married on August 4 and spent their honeymoon in France. We congratulate them on their nuptials and wish them the best of luck in their new home. Believe it or not, **Ami Stuart** walked at graduation nine months pregnant! She had her baby girl, who is now 2 years old, a few weeks later. Last February she organized Cornell's inaugural Startup Career Fair, which was attended by representatives from more than 40 companies and more than 1,000 students. Former NCAA Division I Wrestling Champion **Troy Nickerson** has accepted an assistant coaching position at Iowa State U.

In addition to the much-publicized NYC Tech Campus, Cornell partnered with the Qatar Foundation approximately ten years ago to establish Weill Cornell Medical College in Qatar (WCMC-Q).

Since graduating, **Vanessa Leonhard** has been working there as a teaching assistant. While she misses the incredible atmosphere, people, and, of course, food in Ithaca, she describes life in Qatar as a unique experience. Vanessa has also been heavily involved in building an athletic community for women in the region over the past two years and has made many great friends along the way. She writes, "I have also been able to explore the Middle East, Asia, and Europe during this time and have realized how welcoming and culturally rich these areas are—and I can't complain about the food."

After graduating in 2010, **Kristine Heiney** wasn't quite ready to leave Ithaca. After a couple of road trips during the summer, from Nova Scotia to Seattle, Kristine returned to a Buffalo Street apartment (near the wonderful Chapter House) for another year of living with her closest friends. She worked at Maxie's and wrote for the Finger Lakes Community Newspapers, a group of weekly papers under the *Ithaca Times* organization. She says, "That year gave me some time to enjoy a different side of Ithaca, one with less homework." In the summer of 2011, Kristine joined Vanessa in

Natural Beauty

Meryl Gabeler '10

Meryl Gabeler has always loved beauty products. But growing up with sensitive skin, she wasn't able to fully enjoy them. So during her senior year at Cornell, the veteran entrepreneur—who'd run smoothie stands and car washes as a child—co-founded Anjolie Ayurveda, an organic skin-care line focusing on aromatherapy, fair trade, and environmentally sustainable business practices.



The company's products—which Gabeler puts in the category of "mid-level luxury"—are made from organic herbs and flowers grown in the foothills of the Himalayas. Available online and at more than 120 retail stores, including Whole Foods, the products are formulated using the ancient Indian medicinal practices of ayurveda; they range from sweet lime cardamom soap (\$10 for a 150-gram bar) to sandalwood saffron body butter (\$18 for a 60-milliliter jar) to lavender hair elixir (\$24 for a 110-milliliter bottle). "Ayurvedic herbs are healing, therapeutic, and gentle on sensitive skin," says Gabeler, who majored in communication and minored in applied economics and management. "I personally want to use something that doesn't have a lot of chemical additives. It has been important to me to keep the ingredients simple and easily identifiable, like sweet almond oil."

Gabeler (whose middle name is "Anjolee") founded Anjolie Ayurveda with her mother. She stresses that the company, based in Hastings-on-Hudson, New York, has a social mission, promoting fair trade and sustainability. Its products are handmade at a woman-owned facility in India, with those ingredients not sourced from the company's own fields bought directly from farmers. "There is such poverty there at levels we can't even comprehend," Gabeler says, adding that rather than maximizing profits, "it is more important to us to pay a higher price and allow the farmers to have fair wages."

The brand has been featured in *Oprah* magazine, which called it "low-key and committed to ensuring that their beauty company gives back." The online home décor magazine *Lonny* named Anjolie Ayurveda to its list of "ten companies that give back globally," and its aromatherapy body butter was named best new product in the natural/organic category at the 2012 New York International Gift Fair. "People love our soaps and can't believe they're so richly scented with no added chemical fragrances, because we use a high level of essential oils," Gabeler says. "I have people tell me they never want to use another soap again."

— Alexandra Kirby '15

Doha, Qatar, also to work at WCMC-Q as a teaching assistant for English. She liked it so much that she decided to stay another year, though her classes are now Calculus and Biochemistry. "It's no Ithaca," she says, "but it's been fun."

Now, if you would like to see your name here, send us your news! It takes relatively little effort and we would love to hear from you, so give it a try. Send your updates to either Mike or me at the addresses below, or go to the online news form (<http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>), fill in the blanks, and hit "Submit"! 📧 **Rammy Salem**, rms84@cornell.edu; **Michael Beyman**, mjb262@cornell.edu.

11 Thanks for your news over the summer! **Evan Carney** (edc56@cornell.edu), writing from his new home in Middletown, CT, graduated from a master's program at Harvard and just signed on as an assistant dean of admission at Wesleyan U. "Part of my recruitment territory includes upstate New York. The Ithaca area is definitely on my itinerary!" **Katherine Mooney** (kem99@cornell.edu) and her fiancé, **Daniel Shaw '09**, BA '11, currently reside in Washington, DC. Daniel began law school at Georgetown in the fall, and Katherine works at an architecture firm in D.C. **Colleen Thurman** (Houston, TX; cet39@cornell.edu) was working at a cat hospital until the fall, when she started at the Tufts U. vet school. **Emily Richer**, BS HE '10, sent this in early August: "I am wrapping up the last two months of a Fulbright scholarship teaching English at a little school in a rice paddy in Ubon Ratchathani, Thailand. When my grant is over, I plan to travel Asia for three months before returning to America."

Mac Bishop graduated from CALS in the Entrepreneurship program, and writes that he's living in NYC with four other Cornell guys. "I have a day job that pays the bills, and then I've been working on a side business, NATIVE(X). Since 2010, I've worked with Native American artists to help tell their stories and market their designs to a larger audience. With each purchase, you are supporting the creative pursuits of Native artists. Everything is 'Made in the USA' and sold on www.nativex.com. I'd love to get some feedback from fellow Cornellians." Write to Mac at mac.bishop4@gmail.com.

From the world of technology, **Chuck Moyes** sends this update: "I started a Web business with longtime friend Anthony Diepenbrock (UPenn '13) called GraphMuse.com, which clusters your Facebook friends and suggests friends to invite to Facebook apps. We were featured in the *Technically Philly* newspaper and were listed on the front page of *Hacker News* as one of the trending start-ups. Also, my final project (with **Mengxiang Jiang '13**) for **Bruce Land, PhD '76's** Spring 2012 ECE 4760 Design with Microcontrollers course was recently featured in the August 2012 print issue of *Popular Science* magazine. Our project was a brain wave-controlled Pong video game."

Have news to share? What's been happening in the year-plus since graduation? Send an e-mail to your correspondents anytime, or go to <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>, fill out the online news form, and click SEND! Happy holidays to you all! 📧 **Michael Stratford**, mjs465@cornell.edu; **Lauren Rosenblum**, LCR46@cornell.edu; and **Kathryn Ling**, KEL56@cornell.edu. CAM Digital Edition, <http://www.cornellalumni.com>.

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'30 BA, MA '31—**Reine Bobrowe** Blakeslee, New York City, May 29, 2010

'32 BS HE—**Alice Avery** Guest, Seattle, WA, June 10, 2012

'33 BA—**Deane A. Dunloy**, Pound Ridge, NY, October 22, 2010

'33 BA—**Angela Donnelly** Hemenway, Rockledge, FL, February 16, 2007

'33 BA—**Arthur H. Hemmendinger**, Manhattan, KS, June 17, 2012

'35 BS Ag—**Jean Farnsworth** Pinson, La Mesa, CA, April 20, 2012

'36 BS HE—**Anna Kefauver** Roderick, Frederick, MD, May 20, 2012

'36, BA '37—**Eleanor Irvine** Volante, Oneonta, NY, June 12, 2012

'37 BA—**Elnor Sisson** Furnival, Pfafftown, NC, October 8, 2010

'38—**Charles R. Lounsbury**, Ithaca, NY, June 6, 2012

'38—**Robert K. Slusser**, Merrillville, IN, July 14, 2007

'39 BS HE—**Anne Bull** McNail, Allegany, NY, June 1, 2012

1940s

'40 BS Ag—**Mark V. Goodyear**, San Luis Obispo, CA, October 29, 2010

'40, B Chem E '41—**Warwick McCutcheon**, Akron, OH, June 8, 2012

'40 MS—Brig. Gen. **Thomas B. Simpson**, Peoria, AZ, October 13, 2006

'41 BME—**John G. Barrows**, Wilmington, NC, June 7, 2012

'41 BA—**Robert C. Emerson**, Columbus, OH, August 8, 2011

'41 BA—**Harold Goldenberg**, Deerfield Beach, FL, June 1, 2011

'41 BS Hotel—**William P. Mathers**, Pinehurst, NC, June 2, 2012

'41 BS Hotel—**J. Russell Mudge**, Atlantic Beach, FL, May 6, 2012

'41—**Robert B. Whyte Jr.**, Lauderdale-by-the-Sea, FL, August 1, 2011

'42 BA—**Ellen Friedman** Douglas, San Mateo, CA, November 23, 2010

'42 BME—**Charles T. Henrich**, Cheshire, CT, June 15, 2012

'42—**Gilbert H. Johnson**, Vero Beach, FL, May 23, 2012

'42 BS HE—**Ruth Dillenbeck** Kiligas, Moretown, VT, June 4, 2012

'42—**Harris R. Morrison**, Ocean City, NJ, April 7, 2012

'43 BS Ag—**Gerald N. Bowne**, Sidney, NY, June 22, 2012

'43 BA—**Ruth Russell** Faulkner, Kokomo, IN, June 7, 2012

'43 BS HE—**Elizabeth Call** Kingsley, Southbury, CT, June 9, 2012

'43 BA—**Jocelyn Holt** Marchisio, Bellevue, WA, June 12, 2012

'44, BA '47, MBA '48—**Thomas R. Barker**, Sparta, TN, June 5, 2012

'44 BS Chem E, B Chem E '47—**Gordon Howe**, Tucson, AZ, March 22, 2011

'44—**Glenn Rose**, Galway, NY, May 24, 2012

'45, BS Chem E '44, B Chem E '47—**David Hogin**, Wilmington, NC, May 25, 2012

'45—**William E. Zielinski**, Bainbridge Island, WA, June 3, 2012

'46-47 GR—**Walter D. L. Boyle**, Winston-Salem, NC, June 5, 2012

'46, BME '45—**Alan R. Goodyear**, Pompton Plains, NJ, June 9, 2012

'46 BA—**Anna Spears** Hayes, Utica, NY, June 10, 2012

'46-47 SP Ag—**Harold D. Hoffman**, Bettendorf, IA, May 23, 2012

'46, BS Nurs '48—**Frances Palmer** Humbert, Sylvania, OH, August 9, 2009

'47, BA '46—**Jack M. Levene**, Lake Worth, FL, June 11, 2012

'47 BS HE, MS HE '50—**Peggy Schiffman** Marcus, Stamford, NY, June 3, 2012

'47—**Robert N. Parker**, Newport News, VA, January 6, 2011

'47—**Ephraim Propp**, New York City, August 7, 2010

'47 PhD—**Arthur M. Squires**, Blacksburg, VA, May 18, 2012

'48 BS ILR, JD '51—**Eugene J. Hayman**, Mequon, WI, June 16, 2012

'48 BA—Fred R. Studer, Clarks Summit, PA, April 15, 2012

'49 BS Hotel—James M. Bersbach, College Park, MD, May 26, 2012
'49 MA, PhD '51—Ronald A.C. Goodison, Winchester, VA, June 21, 2012
'49 BME—Joseph C. Jamieson, Mesa, AZ, June 20, 2012
'49 BA—Frederick M. Lane, New York City, June 12, 2012
'49 BS ILR—Glenn L. McAvoy, Spring Hill, FL, June 21, 2012
'49—Guy E. Myers, New Port Richey, FL, November 28, 2011
'49 PhD—Harold N. Taylor, Baltimore, MD, October 14, 2011
'49 BS Hotel—Robert W. Whitney, Sequim, WA, June 6, 2012

1950s

'50 MD—Francis E. Browning, Rochester, NY, December 2, 2008
'50 B Chem E—Bruce Hoitt, Newhall, CA, and Tiverton, RI, June 10, 2012
'50, BS Ag '54—Walter H. Kahabka, Troy, NY, June 7, 2012
'50 BCE—Norman R. Mathisen, Longmeadow, MA, April 12, 2012
'50, BCE '51—Alexander D. McDonald, Stamford, CT, May 31, 2012
'50 BME—Oliver L. Smith, Denton, MD, June 6, 2012
'50 SP Ag—John H. Tanges Jr., Ormond Beach, FL, May 6, 2012
'50 MD—Charles R. Williams, Essex, CT, April 24, 2012

'51—Francis G. English, Andover, MA, June 15, 2012
'51 MA—Lois Phillips Hudson, Redmond, WA, December 24, 2010
'51 PhD—John Skory, New London, CT, June 5, 2012
'51 BA—Rev. Connie Pirnie Sternberg, Brooklyn, NY, May 27, 2012
'51 MA—Jean G. Taylor, Washington, DC, May 27, 2012
'51 BA, MD '54—William A. Vincent, Evansville, IN, June 18, 2012
'51 BS Ag—Harold J. Wilder, Bay Village, OH, February 27, 2007

'52 BA—Norman Ballin, Atherton, CA, June 9, 2012
'52 BS Ag—Col. Barton M Hayward, Camden, SC, June 12, 2012
'52 BS Ag—William G. Hoffmann, Sayville, NY, June 13, 2012
'52—Martin L. Johnson, Plainfield, VT, May 21, 2012
'52 BA, PhD '60—Herbert L. Pick Jr., St. Paul, MN, June 18, 2012

'53 LLB—George F. Ellison, Truro, MA, May 17, 2012
'53—Joseph R. Johnson, Palm Desert, CA, October 24, 2009
'53, BME '54—Carl G. Pfeiffer, Hermosa Beach, CA, May 17, 2012

'54—Reeve M. Brown Jr., Salem, SC, June 6, 2012
'54 BS ILR—Harry W. Jacobs, New York City, May 15, 2012
'54 BS HE—Helen T. Kinslow, New York City, May 9, 2012
'54 BS Nurs—Cynthia Cali Priebe, Old Field, NY, October 17, 2011
'54, BS Ag '53—Daniel W. Sherman Jr., Tully, NY, January 24, 2012

'55 BS ILR—Ronald M. Decker, Alpharetta, GA, June 17, 2012
'55 BS Ag—Bernard A. Knopf, Canandaigua, NY, June 18, 2012
'55 BS Ag—Norman H. Shimp, Bridgeton, NJ, June 3, 2012
'55 BS Ag—Clark D. Webster, Brockport, NY, May 31, 2012

'56, PhD '67—Julian C. Holtzman, Lago Vista, TX, April 23, 2012
'56 BA—John R. James, Moon, VA, May 13, 2012
'56—Charles R. Richmond, Mechanicsburg, PA, June 6, 2012
'56 MD—Robert E. Whalen, Wake Forest, NC, April 25, 2012

'57 MBA—Charles Avedikian, Cherry Valley, MA, May 29, 2012
'57 BS Hotel—Frederick A. Hahn, Roswell, GA, June 13, 2012
'57 JD—Norman F. Lent Jr., Arlington, VA, June 11, 2012
'57 MD—Anne Shannon Morgan, Westmoreland, NH, April 5, 2012
'57 MS HE—Alice Hall Mosher, Black Mountain, NC, September 9, 2010
'57 PhD—Stanley Wearden, Morgantown, WV, June 8, 2012

'58 BS Ag—Joseph F. Niedbalski, Ladue, MO, June 6, 2012
'58 PhD—Robert W. Silsby, Kenmore, NY, June 16, 2012

'58 BFA—Marlene Medwin Taft, Great Neck, NY, May 25, 2012
'58 BS Hotel—William N. Trimble, Bethlehem, PA, June 12, 2012

'59 BA, PhD '66—Richard M. Harris, Teaneck, NJ, May 23, 2012
'59 MS—Richard L. Hoffman, Blacksburg, VA, June 10, 2012

1960s

'61 PhD—Homer M. LeBaron, Heber City, UT, June 12, 2012
'61 BA—Rev. John H. Smith, Brunswick, ME, June 2, 2012

'62 BA, MEd '67—Jane Morhouse Breiseth, Ticonderoga, NY, June 16, 2012
'62 BA, MD '66—Michael L. Lichtig, Shrewsbury, NJ, June 9, 2012
'62 BS Ag—Alan B. Rogers, Vershire, VT, December 8, 2010

'63 MPA—Robert W. Chamberlin, Ramsey, NJ, June 4, 2012
'63, BArch '64—Michael A. Nowak, Englewood, CO, July 18, 2011

'64 PhD—Alexander Chajes, Amherst, NY, June 13, 2012
'64—William D. Kennedy, Princeton, NJ, June 23, 2012
'64 BS Ag—Fred E. Winch III, Pisgah Forest, NC, April 22, 2012

'66 BS Ag—Darrell C. Miller, Westbury, NY, October 14, 2010
'66 BA, MD '70—George L. Wineburgh, Frankfort, IN, May 15, 2012

'67 BS Ag—Lt. Col. Bruce M. Tansey, Loudon, TN, June 20, 2012
'67 BA—Margaret Tyler-Bee, Chipping Norton, UK, May 15, 2012

'68—Elliot W. Childs, Yarmouth Port, MA, June 19, 2012
'68, BA '69—Frank A. Morisano, Canton, CT, May 26, 2012
'68, BS Ag '73—Richard S. Parsons Jr., Newfield, NY, February 12, 2012

1970s

'71 MA, PhD '75—Lowell E. Johnson, Bemidji, MN, December 7, 2011
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'77—Mark L. Sheehan, Horseheads, NY, June 2, 2012

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'83 BS Hotel—Lawrence J. Kelly, Ho-Ho-Kus, NJ, May 30, 2012

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Dapper Duds

Exhibit celebrates the sartorial styles of the Ivy League (yes, even at Cornell)

This is one angry bear. In a museum off Manhattan's Seventh Avenue is a vintage sweatshirt emblazoned with an image of the Big Red Bear smoking a stogie, wearing a sailor's cap and ripped denim overalls. He's got glowing yellow eyes and a hostile expression, and one paw clutches a billy club with a spike sticking out of it. He looks less like a beloved college mascot than a longshoreman on his way to a labor riot.

With its isolated location, land grant roots, and egalitarian bent, Cornell has always been an iconoclast among the Ivies—so maybe it's fitting that one of the University's entries in "Ivy Style," an exhibition of Ivy League fashion, is such a delightful sartorial oddball. The show, which runs through January 5 at the Fashion Institute of Technology, focuses on menswear (since, unlike Cornell, most of the schools were single-sex for much of the twentieth century). It features dozens of outfits—some vintage, others contemporary but traditional, and a few by current designers melding preppy with punk. "One of the interesting things about Ivy style is that we think of it as a static way of dressing—all these classic pieces like polo coats, khakis, oxford button-down shirts," says Jennifer Farley '03, an assistant curator at FIT. "But in its early years it was trendsetting, not a staid way of dressing."

The show—which includes reunion jackets from the classes of 1918 and 1926 on loan from the Cornell Costume and Textile Collection—features such iconic

apparel as madras blazers, Bermuda shorts, polo shirts, tweed suits, argyle sweater vests, even a raccoon coat. There are current and/or vintage examples from such purveyors as Brooks Brothers, J. Press, Ralph Lauren, and Tommy Hilfiger—and given their classic lines, it's often hard for the untrained eye to discern the antique from the modern. "It's really English upper-class dress that was emulated by American college students going to elite schools beginning

in the nineteenth century," says fiber science and apparel professor Charlotte Jirousek, curator of the Cornell collection. "It's conservative, with high-quality materials and attention to small details in terms of tailoring."

Princeton, Yale, and Harvard were the primary stylemakers among the Ivies (and are most heavily represented in the FIT exhibit); Cornell was arguably at the other end of the trendsetting spectrum, for reasons that include its coeducational status



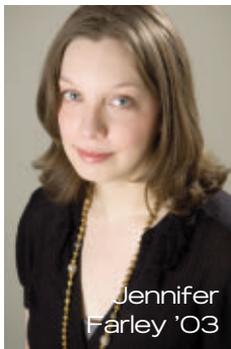
and its inclusive mission. "Its culture was that everybody could come and get an education as opposed to a relatively elitist separation," Jirousek says. "There was more diversity of dress, more variety." And while classic Ivy looks still abound, she notes that even among self-styled elites, the Sixties upended the idea that clothes denote class. "When you democratize society in the way that this social movement did, clothing also becomes democratized," she says. "So the distinctions between upper- and lower-class dress decidedly changed."

That scrappy Big Red Bear sweatshirt, as it turns out, is a product of the Sixties—if barely. It was loaned to the exhibit by

Roger Sharp '64, a retired schoolteacher who bought it at the campus store in the fall of 1960. He never actually wore it; he bought it for his girlfriend, a nursing student in Pennsylvania. How did it come back into his possession? Easy, says Sharp: "I married her."

Contemplating downsizing to a smaller house, Sharp—an inveterate packrat—passed the sweatshirt on to his son. "He also wanted my varsity jacket," Sharp says, "but time had taken its toll on it." The fact that his Cornell sweatshirt is on public display has sparked a certain amount of good-natured ribbing. "My son said, 'I hate to tell you this dad,'" Sharp recalls, "'but you're in a museum.'"

Clothes make the man: The show features a sweatshirt from the early Sixties (above) and jackets from the classes of '26 (below left) and '18.



Jennifer Farley '03

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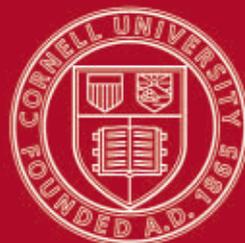
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