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Headquartered just blocks from Dupont Circle, the Cornell in Washington program combines academic work with internships that offer real-world experience in a variety of venues—think tanks, trade organizations, media outlets, NGOs, government agencies from the State Department to the NEA. “In policy and politics, what you can do in Ithaca tends to be resolutely academic,” says associate director David Silbey ’90, “and the challenge is largely intellectual.” Cornell in Washington emphasizes the practical—and you never know when Joe Biden’s motorcade may come speeding by.

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JIM ROBERTS ’71

Board of Trustees Chairman Robert Harrison ’76 brings a varied background to the post. In his student days he was a College Scholar, a WVBR disc jockey, a Cornell trustee, and a Rhodes Scholar, before going on to careers in law and investment banking. He’s currently CEO of the Clinton Global Initiative, the nonprofit founded by the former president to “implement innovative solutions to the world’s most pressing challenges.” In a conversation with CAM, he describes how the board is addressing some of East Hill’s most pressing issues, from finances to faculty renewal.

*On the cover: Cornell in Washington students (left to right) Andrew Huang ’14, David Sadoff ’14, Jon Yuan ’14, Raj Kannappan ’13, and Roselle Bajet ’14. Photograph by Sam Kittner.*

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# The State of the University

**T**he strategic plan that we adopted to guide us to the sesquicentennial and beyond has as its overarching aspiration for Cornell to be “widely recognized as a top-ten research university in the world, and a model university for the interweaving of liberal education and fundamental knowledge with practical education and impact on societal and world problems.”

Cornell now has forty-seven graduate programs ranked in the top ten of their disciplines—more than any other American university, according to Academic Analytics data. We are also making progress on the strategic plan’s seven priorities: faculty renewal; building leadership in critical fields; support of teaching; stronger connections across colleges; cost-effective enhancements to infrastructure; a more diverse faculty, student body, and staff; and connecting outreach and public engagement with research, scholarship, and education.

With half of our professors over age fifty-five, faculty renewal is a top priority. We’ve been very successful in attracting rising stars as well as senior-level colleagues. On the Ithaca campus, with about 1,600 faculty, we made seventy-one new tenure-track appointments in 2011–12, up from just twenty-seven in 2010–11. During the same time at Weill Cornell Medical College, with 1,255 full-time, salaried faculty, we made eighty-five new tenure-track appointments, compared to fifty-four in the previous academic year. We have raised \$35 million for faculty renewal on the Ithaca campus over the past two years, putting us ahead of schedule toward our goal of \$50 million. In addition, Weill Cornell has raised \$42 million in endowment and current-use funds over the past two fiscal years for faculty recruitment.

Moving critically important departments and fields into positions of world leadership is also a priority. The humanities are well represented on this list, and the College of Arts and Sciences has made thirty-four new faculty appointments in humanities fields over the past two years. With the construction of Klarman Hall, expected to begin next summer, our humanists will have a beautiful, sustainably designed facility in which to pursue their scholarship and teaching in the heart of central campus.

Another priority is to “develop stronger connections across colleges.” Our new university-wide economics department brings together faculty from the Arts college and ILR, as well as selected faculty from other colleges. This new department offers a broader perspective on economics and helps us attract first-rate faculty and students.

A program linking the Department of Biomedical Engineering in the Engineering college with Weill Cornell provides clinical mentors for Ithaca-based PhD students in New York City during the summer. Cornell NYC Tech, currently in space donated by Google in Manhattan, will present additional opportunities for cross-campus—and multidisciplinary—collaboration by offering a distinctive model of graduate tech education fusing academic excellence with commercial success and societal good. And we’re delighted that a steering committee of distinguished tech entrepreneurs—New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg,

Qualcomm founder Irwin Jacobs ’54, and Google Executive Chairman Eric Schmidt—will help guide the development of Cornell NYC Tech. Plans are on track to open the Roosevelt Island campus in 2017.

Diversity in our students, faculty, and staff is another key priority. We remain among the most economically diverse American universities, ranking tenth in the nation, according to *U.S. News & World Report*. Our extraordinarily talented students come from a broad range of backgrounds and 124 nations. We have re-energized our diversity and inclusiveness initiatives through the “Toward New Destinations” program, which



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involves four broad areas: composition, engagement, inclusion, and achievement. In this first year of implementation, we committed to 158 initiatives that support diversity.

Thanks to administrative streamlining and other cost containment measures, we have recovered from the worst effects of the recession. We will continue to advance our priorities while living within our means.

Through all our challenges and opportunities, we are buoyed by the loyalty, devotion, generosity, and gentle (and not-so-gentle) prodding of alumni, parents, and friends. In the coming year, we will continue to stress participation with a new giving society—the 1865 Society—to recognize and celebrate those who support Cornell year after year. For more on our progress toward meeting our strategic goals, I encourage you to visit this website: [irp.dpb.cornell.edu/strategic-metrics](http://irp.dpb.cornell.edu/strategic-metrics).

Finally, as we prepare for our sesquicentennial, we will be inviting Cornellians to participate in activities on and off campus as well as in an essay contest and a video contest. I hope many of you will join in these activities and share your perspectives on what Cornell has meant—and continues to mean—to you.

— President David Skorton  
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Birds of a feather: The exotic avian residents of Papua New Guinea are the subjects of *Birds of Paradise*, a coffee-table book from the National Geographic Society and the Lab of Ornithology. Published in October, it features dozens of images by frequent *National Geographic* photographer Tim Laman and text by Cornell ornithologist Edwin Scholes. The thirty-nine species covered include (clockwise from above) the paradise riflebird, the red bird-of-paradise, the king bird-of-paradise, and the greater bird-of-paradise.





# Surviving Sandy

Cornellians find shelter—and much more—in the storm

For many Cornellians who were victims of Hurricane Sandy, the Cornell Club—New York was a most valuable resource. Although I was among the luckier of this group, the Club was indeed a refuge. I joined other members who were warmly (both literally and figuratively) welcomed as guests until our homes were once again provided with power and water. Many staff members of the Club were also

affected, some severely, yet the incomparable service appeared seamless.

During my six nights in residence, I saw many alumni, friends, and parents come in to ask if they could charge their phones, take a hot shower, study for grad school, or do just about anything else that seemed too difficult to do elsewhere. They were all warmly welcomed, offered some hot coffee, or more.

Near the end of my stay, I watched in awe as the Cornell Club management and staff geared up, “all hands on deck,” for their magnificent efforts to support the Big Red Band Sy Katz ’31 Parade in New York City. As always, the band members and cheerleaders were given the opportunity to shower and change, and to enjoy a delicious hot dinner. Hundreds of alumni, family members, and friends who followed the march down Fifth Avenue continued the celebration at a post-parade buffet at the Club.

It’s impossible to understand how all this was accomplished so flawlessly. And for me, it’s impossible to imagine “weathering” the storm without the Cornell Club’s support.

*Penny Haitkin ’65  
Upper Saddle River, New Jersey*

*Ed. Note: For more about Cornellians helping each other—and many others—after the storm, see page 10.*

## Ahoy There

On page 60 of the November/December 2012 issue, you showed the model of the U.S.S. *Essex* made by my classmate Bob Persons. Just think—10,000 hours of work. In past years, that would have been about equal to the work to earn a BChemE degree. I have known Bob for



sixty-plus years as our Class Curmudgeon, and I hope to see him in 2013 at our 65th Reunion. Congratulations, Bob, she is a wonderful work of art!

*Arthur Behrer, BCE '48  
Trent Woods, North Carolina*

## Summer Survey Inquiry

Civil Engineers, Forestry, and Landscape Architects—Class of '65 and earlier: Did you take the Summer Survey? It was a five-week course, usually taken during the sophomore year, conducted at Cayuta Lake. Until 1961, the course was required for civil engineers and open to majors in forestry and landscape architecture. The course was then dropped from the engineering curriculum and the camp abandoned. I'm trying to preserve the memory of the camp, and I'm looking for photos of student life and training there. Please contact me at [jwallen77@verizon.net](mailto:jwallen77@verizon.net) or call (302) 351-3915. Thanks!

*James Allen '69  
Wilmington, Delaware*

## Correction— November/December 2012

Currents, page 30: “Serving Society,” the interview with AAP Dean Emeritus Porus Olpadwala, failed to include his Cornell degrees. They are MBA '73 and PhD '79. Our apologies to Dean Olpadwala for the omission.

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## Goodbye, Chris—Welcome, Jim



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Changing of the guard: Jim Mazza '88 (left) is succeeding Chris Marshall as associate vice president for alumni affairs

**O**n June 1, 2008, Chris Marshall became the leader of the Office of Alumni Affairs—and he immediately shook things up. Chris came to Cornell from Lehigh University, his alma mater, where he had been the executive director of the alumni association for the past seven years. As Cornell's associate vice president for alumni affairs, he reshaped his operation from top to bottom, adding personnel in areas like metrics and social media and revamping moribund programs and procedures.

Under Chris's leadership, the CACO Mid-Winter Meeting was expanded to become the Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference, with much greater attendance and a wide-ranging program that embraced the interests of all alumni leaders, from recent graduates to centenarians. Homecoming became a bigger event, spanning several days and including a parade, concerts, and even a fireworks show. Reunion reached new heights, and Cornell clubs around the world got stronger support. Chris also served as a member of the Cornell Alumni Magazine Committee,

attending our meetings and offering insights and support. His leadership was widely hailed, internally and externally, for boosting alumni enthusiasm and engagement.

But as much as Chris enjoyed what he called his “dream job” here in Ithaca, his connections to Lehigh and Pennsylvania kept tugging at him. This fall, after much consideration (and anticipating the birth of a daughter), he decided it was time to go home. In early November, Charlie Phlegar, vice president for alumni affairs and development, announced that Chris would be leaving Cornell to move to Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, where he will have a position with the philanthropic management firm GG+A. His colleagues said goodbye at a farewell reception in Friends Hall on November 16.

Chris's replacement as associate VP for alumni affairs is Jim Mazza '88. An Ithaca native, Jim traces his connection to Cornell to 1979, when—as a high school junior—he played piano at a reunion reception. While he was studying communication in CALS he worked as a reunion clerk, and two years after graduating he returned to take a staff position in the Division of Alumni Affairs and Development. He has remained there since, working in an ever-ascending series of AA&D positions and eventually joining the leadership team, where he served most recently as associate vice president of colleges and units.

Jim's smiling face is a familiar sight to many Cornellians, and his outgoing personality and strong connections to the alumni community should serve him well in his new position. I met Jim soon after I came back to Cornell in 1999, and I look forward to working closely with him in his new position. I will miss the conversations I had with Chris Marshall, and I thank him for his steadfast support of CAM over the past four-and-a-half years—but I'm confident that the important work he began in the Office of Alumni Affairs will be carried forward and enhanced by his successor.


— Jim Roberts '71

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# From the Hill



Urban oasis: The NYC Tech campus will feature large swaths of green space and dramatic views.

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## NYC Tech Unveils Design

Cornell NYC Tech has released preliminary renderings of its first academic building, planned as a net-zero energy structure. “Just as Cornell Tech will be pioneering new approaches to graduate research and education,” says Dean Daniel Huttenlocher, “our campus won’t look like any other university campus that exists today.” With an eye toward creating a sense of openness and connection to the community, the campus is planned to have such elements as a pedestrian walk with views of the Manhattan and Queens skylines and an esplanade with extensive green space. The inaugural academic building will feature expansive windows offering dramatic city views and a large public café on the ground floor. Construction is expected to begin in 2014, with the project’s first phase—which also includes an executive education center with hotel facilities and a residential building for students, faculty, and staff—set to open in 2017. Last fall, the campus received its first endowed professorship, established by a \$5 million gift in memory of real estate developer Robert Tishman ‘37.

## Hurricane Sandy Spurs Cornellians to Action

When Hurricane Sandy struck New York City, it caused upheaval in the lives of some Cornellians—and spurred many others to acts of generosity. The storm displaced numerous alumni, staff, and students living in the metro area, prompting some to take refuge at

the Cornell Club on East 44th Street, either as overnight guests or simply in search of a phone charge and a cup of coffee. Flooding, power outages, and severe weather caused class cancellations or relocations for students in such programs as Cornell Financial Engineering Manhattan, Urban Semester, NYC Tech, and the Medical college. Cornell Cooperative Extension lost power in several of its offices—and some of its staff members lost their homes. As President David Skorton wrote in a message a few days after the storm: “This has been a life-changing event for many Cornellians and their families and friends.”

The hurricane’s aftermath saw an outpouring of support from Cornellians throughout the Northeast. Students organized trips to help with cleanup in heavily damaged areas like the Rockaways and Staten Island; the men’s lacrosse team raised more than \$25,000 for the American Red Cross through a bench-press marathon; a regularly scheduled sightseeing outing from Ithaca to Manhattan became a relief trip, with the coach loaded with clothing, food, water, toiletries, and more. Sandy also prompted the University, and many other schools, to extend its early decision deadline by five days to accommodate applicants affected by the storm.

With several city hospitals still shut even weeks later, the emergency room at NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital/Weill Cornell Medical Center found itself in high demand, prompting it to set up improvised patient-care areas in its atrium. The *New York Times* reported that with a 25 percent increase in ER visits, the “stretchers holding patients have been lined up like train cars around the nursing station and double-parked in front of stretcher bays.”

## Anti-Hazing Rules Approved

President Skorton has accepted the recommendations of a task force charged with exploring ways to end hazing in the Greek system. It was formed in response to Skorton's challenge to "end pledging as we know it" following the death of George Desdunes '13, which occurred after a night of heavy drinking during a fraternity ritual. "The recommendations in the report constitute important first steps toward eliminating the power differential that exists between members and initiates in the period between the acceptance of bids and formal induction," Skorton said, "a period that in the past has produced hazing."

The new rules include requiring approval for orientation events, shortening the orientation period, increasing alumni involvement, posting public notice of infractions, and transitioning from a pledge model to a membership development model that "focuses on the organization's core principles and extends through graduation." This spring, the University will consider other proposals, such as requiring live-in advisers in chapter houses; more work, such as establishing academic standards for the Greek system, is planned for 2014–15.

In November, the University announced that three chapters—Acacia, Pi Kappa Phi, and Tau Epsilon Phi—have been put on interim suspension due to allegations that include hazing and high-risk drinking. "The University has no tolerance for behavior that places the health of any member of the Cornell community at risk," says vice president for student and academic services Susan Murphy '73, PhD '94. "We also must address organizations that repeatedly disregard the rules and expectations. It is the University's responsibility to hold the organizations accountable for such actions when they do not hold themselves accountable."

## University-Wide Business Minor Starts this Semester

This spring, Cornell will launch a University-wide business minor open to all undergrads. It will require introductory courses in statistics and macroeconomics as well as at least twelve credits in such subjects as management, marketing, accounting, and finance. Students are expected to declare the minor between freshman year and their sixth semester.

## Give My Regards To...

### These Cornellians in the News

Arts and Sciences dean **Peter Lepage**, named by President Barack Obama to the National Science Board.

Physical sciences professor **Jonathan Lunine**, named co-chair of a National Research Council committee that will study the future of human space flight.

The **Cornell Forensics Society**, ranked first in the world last fall.

PhD candidates **Christopher Ahn**, JD '05 (Asian studies), **Tyson Vaughn** (science and technology studies), **Jessica Bliss** (nutritional sciences), and **Keenan McRoberts**, MPS '09 (international agriculture and rural development), winners of Fulbright-Hays scholarships to support their doctoral research.



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Twinkle, twinkle: Comprising nearly 12,000 LED bulbs, artist Leo Villareal's *Cosmos* lights up the ceiling of Johnson Museum's sculpture court.

## Grad Dies in Gorge Fall

A recent doctoral alumnus visiting from Los Angeles died in early December after an accidental fall from the Cascadilla Creek gorge trail. The body of thirty-two-year-old Alan Young-Bryant, who earned a PhD in English language and literature in 2011, was found at the bottom of the gorge by a dog walker the morning after he was reported missing by his girlfriend, a grad student who'd just successfully defended her PhD thesis. The couple had been celebrating at the Chapter House but left separately, and when he failed to return to their downtown hotel she called the authorities. Young-Bryant's adviser, English professor Jonathan Culler, called him "a brilliant young scholar with broad literary interests who completed a remarkable dissertation on Victorian poetry." An undergrad alumnus of Tufts University, Young-Bryant was working as an associate at an investment management firm.

Physiology professor **Robin Davison**, winner of the Corcoran Memorial Award from the American Heart Association for her work on hypertension.

The **Cornell ChemE Car** team, winner (for the third time since 2008) of a national competition to build a chemical-powered car the size of a shoebox.

Emeritus professor of chemistry **Jerrold Meinwald**, winner of the Franklin Institute's Benjamin Franklin Medal for pioneering work leading to the establishment of the field of chemical ecology.

Natural resources professor **Daniel Decker '74**, PhD '86, who received the Leopold Award, the highest national award from the Wildlife Society.

Nutritional sciences professor **Kathleen Rasmussen**, honored with the March of Dimes' Higgins Award for her extensive research on maternal-child nutrition.



LINDSAY FRANCE / UP

Green revolution: Students cramming during finals week got a taste of spring in Mann Library, where design and environmental analysis major Gilad Meron '12 spearheaded a project to create a pocket of green space—including plants and sod surrounded by comfy chairs—in the lobby.

## Net Value of Endowment Declines by 2 Percent

In November, Chief Investment Officer A. J. Edwards announced that the value of Cornell's long-term investments (LTI) was \$5.23 billion on June 30, 2012. This represented a drop of 2 percent from the end of the previous fiscal year, when the LTI—which includes the endowment and two smaller funds—had a year-end value of \$5.35 billion.

The net value of the endowment is determined by adding the value of investment returns and gifts received and then subtracting the payout, which supports operations and financial aid. This year, the University had a positive investment return of only 0.14 percent—which, even with more than \$100 million in gifts, was not enough to offset the payout; thus the decrease in net value. Cornell was in good company, as Harvard had previously announced a negative investment return and a 4 percent drop in its endowment, representing a loss of \$1.3 billion. Yale and Princeton also reported declines in the net value of their endowments.

## Businessweek Ranks Johnson School Seventh

The Johnson Graduate School of Management has jumped six spots in *Bloomberg Businessweek's* rankings of business schools. The school, rated thirteenth on the previous list (2010), is now number seven. It received an A-plus grade in all five categories the magazine considered: career services, teaching quality, critical thinking, leadership skills, and caliber of classmates.

# R&D

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

Many **Zambian girls face sexual violence and harassment** in school, finds a report by the Law school's Avon Global Center for Women and Justice. Noting that most incidents go unpunished, it called on the government to step up prevention.

**ILR researchers have found that social rejection** may spark creativity. According to organizational behavior professor Jack Goncalo, for those with a strong sense of self, "feeling different can help you reach creative solutions."

With funding from **DARPA**, Cornell engineers and computer scientists have developed a flying robot that can detect obstacles and maneuver around them. The work could lead to the development of advanced search-and-rescue vehicles.

Ergonomist **Alan Hedge** says that in addition to promoting energy efficiency, green architecture should prioritize human comfort. His study notes that factors like temperature, ventilation, and noise can affect worker productivity.

**Comparing the U.S. educational system** to that of other nations

can decrease interest in spending more money to remedy its shortcomings. Sociologist Stephen Morgan found that such comparisons can backfire by eroding support for schools.

**Professors Doug James and Steve Marschner, PhD '98**, and grad student Steven An, MS '10, are designing more realistic simulations of clothing sounds, like rustling and crumpling, for computer animation.

**Children born into poor families** have double the risk of developing arthritis and hypertension in adulthood, says policy analysis and management postdoc Kathleen Ziol-Guest. Her research suggests that financial support for such families can pay off by lowering future health-care costs.

**Vet researchers have developed** a much-improved test for *Salmonella dublin*, a bacteria that causes serious problems in cattle and is on the rise in the Northeast.

**Humans can communicate** in so many different types of languages due to a flexible learning system that our brains have evolved, says psychologist Morten Christiansen. His study included modeling effects of migration on language evolution.

**Nutritional sciences researcher Sera Young, PhD '07**, has been studying pica (eating nonfood items) and amylophagy (eating raw starches) among the people of Madagascar. She recently found a high prevalence in one region, contrasting prior studies.

## Two Win Rhodes Scholarships

Two seniors are among the winners of 2013 Rhodes Scholarships, which support two years of graduate study at Oxford. Kit Dobyms of Maryland is an Africana studies major with minors in inequality studies and law and society; he plans to pursue a master's in refugee and forced migration studies. Dobyms is a member of the Cayuga Heights Fire Department and a co-founder of Encore Planet, a company that makes solar-powered lights out of plastic bottles for people in the developing world. Daniel Young, a Virginia resident who plans to study philosophy at Oxford, is a philosophy major with a minor in South Asian studies. He's a College Scholar, a Cornell Prison Education Program volunteer, a backpacking guide with Cornell Outdoor Education, and a singer in the Glee Club.

## Alumni Post 4-3 Record in U.S. Congressional Races

Of the seven Cornellians who ran for Congress in November, four won and three lost. Re-elected were representatives Rob Andrews, JD '82, a New Jersey Democrat; Chris Gibson, MPA '95, PhD '98, a New York Republican; and Kurt Schrader '73, an Oregon Democrat. Oklahoma Republican Jim Bridenstine, MBA '09, defeated a six-term incumbent. On the losing side, New York Republican Nan Hayworth, MD '85, didn't win re-election and Pennsylvania Republican Joe Rooney '80 failed to unseat the incumbent. In a district that includes Ithaca, Democrat Nate Shinagawa '05, MHA '09, lost to a Republican incumbent.

## Big Red Marching Band Celebrates 40th Katz Parade

After the Big Red played Columbia in football in mid-November, Cornellians in New York celebrated the fortieth Sy Katz '31 Parade. Held every other year, the parade is known as the city's shortest—running just three blocks down Fifth Avenue, from Rockefeller Center to the Cornell Club. The event was led by grand marshals Cathy Dove, MBA '84, and Dan Huttenlocher, heads of Cornell NYC Tech.



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Kid lit: An illustration by Hendrik van Loon 1905 is part of "Wardrobes and Rabbit Holes: A Dark History of Children's Literature," through March 22 in Kroch Library.

## Hum Ec Fills Time Capsule

The Human Ecology Building is now home to a time capsule set to be opened in 2065, the bicentennial of Cornell's founding. Made of aluminum with a geometric design, the capsule is visible under glass inset into the lobby floor. It contains items meant to capture current students' social and academic lives, including receipts from Martha's Café, course syllabi, faculty-written books, fashion magazines, cell phones, USB drives, and even the *Twilight* novels.

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## Men's Soccer Wins Ivy League Title

The men's soccer team enjoyed unprecedented success in 2012, posting a 15-2 record, winning the Ivy League championship, and producing the program's first Ivy League Player of the Year. **Daniel Haber '14** was a unanimous selection as the top player after scoring 18 goals and making seven assists to lead the nation in goals (1.06) and points (2.53) per game. He was also named a first-team All-American and a semifinalist for the Hermann Trophy, college soccer's highest individual honor, which will be awarded in January. Five other Big Red players earned All-Ivy honors, with goalkeeper **Rick Pflasterer '13**, defender **Patrick Slogic '14**, and forward **Tyler Regan '14** joining Haber on the first team. Cornell, which was ranked as high as 10th nationally, earned its first outright Ivy League title since 1977 and made its first NCAA tournament appearance since 1996.

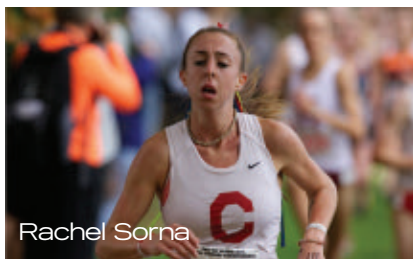
## Sports Shorts

**GARDEN FRESH** After an uneven start that left the team with a 3-3-2 record in mid-November, men's hockey posted three solid wins to close the fall semester. The stand-out was a 5-1 victory over Michigan in the Frozen Apple at a sold-out Madison Square Garden on November 24. Goalie **Andy Iles '14** made 26 saves against the Wolverines and was named the ECAC Goaltender of the Week. Senior forward Greg Miller had two goals and an assist in the contest, Cornell's first win at the Garden since 1976. Returning to Lynah Rink the following week, the Big Red notched 3-1 victories over ECAC foes Clarkson and St. Lawrence on successive nights.

**GRIDIRON GREAT** In 2011, quarterback **Jeff Mathews '14** became the first sophomore to win the Bushnell Cup award as the Ivy League's Offensive Player of the Year. In 2012, he was again named one of the two finalists for the award after throwing for a league-best 3,196 yards and finishing second in the nation with 355.1 passing yards per game. Mathews is now Cornell's all-time passing leader, and his career total of 8,331 yards is second in Ivy League history—with one more year to go. He was the second-team All-Ivy pick at QB behind Harvard's Colton Chapple, who won the Bushnell Cup this season. Offensive tackle **JC Tretter '13** and receiver **Luke Tasker '13** were unanimous picks for the All-Ivy first team; receiver **Grant Gellatly '14** joined Mathews on the second team, and

linebacker **Brett Buehler '14** received honorable mention.

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**SUPERIOR HARRIERS** A 13th-place finish at the NCAA Division I Championships capped an outstanding season for the women's cross country team, which also repeated as Heptagonal champions and posted the program's highest national ranking when it reached seventh in October. **Rachel Sorna '14** was the Big Red's top finisher at nationals, placing 34th with a time of 2:12.0 on the six-kilometer course; **Katie Kellner '13** was close behind in 36th, and both were named All-Americans.

**WIN/LOSE SITUATION** The 1940 "Fifth Down" game against Dartmouth is one of the most storied contests in Cornell football history. In their book *Honor on the Line*, **Robert Scott, MRP '73**, and Myles Pocta provide a detailed look at that famous game and the entire 1940 college football season, which saw Cornell contend for a national title. Extensively footnoted, the book relies heavily on contemporaneous accounts to explain what happened that day in Hanover—and afterwards. For more, go to [www.honorontheline.com](http://www.honorontheline.com).

**BEATING THE ODDS** Unlike most people who go to Vegas, the men's basketball team came home winners, earning the 2012 Continental Tire Las Vegas Invitational lower-bracket title. Led by all-tournament selection **Shonn Miller '15**, Cornell beat Presbyterian 89-55 and Longwood 84-78 to win the consolation trophy after losing road games to Wisconsin and Arizona State in the opening rounds. Miller was named Ivy League Player of the Week after averaging 12.3 points and 8.0 rebounds in those four games.

**HOCKEY HONORS** Field hockey players **Hannah Balleza '14** and **Carolyn Horner '14** were both named second-team regional All-Americans as well as first-team All-Ivy League. Balleza led the team in scoring with 35 points, second in school history only to **Cari Hills '98**, who scored 36 points in 1995. Goalkeeper Horner ranked fifth nationally with a save percentage of .796 and led the league in shutouts with five.

## Fall Teams Final Records

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Football	4-6; 2-5 Ivy (T-6th)
Sprint Football	4-3; 3-3 CSFL (4th)
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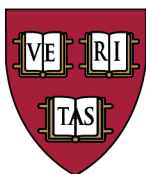
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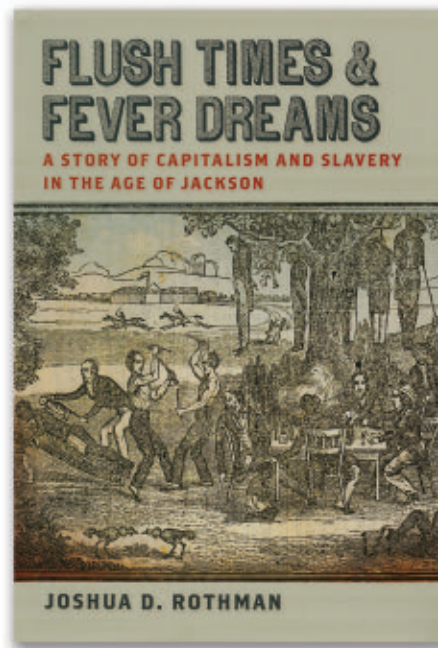


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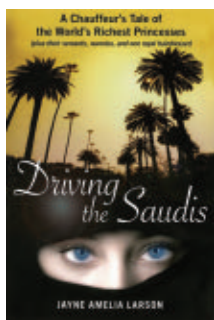
# Boom and Bust

**Flush Times & Fever Dreams** by Joshua D. Rothman '94 (Georgia)

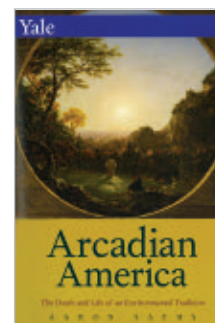
**T**he 1830s were turbulent times in Mississippi. Following removal of the Choctaws and Chickasaws, farmers, speculators, merchants, and confidence men poured into the state to seek their fortunes in the land rush and subsequent cotton boom. Against this frenetic backdrop, rumors of an impending slave rebellion alarmed plantation owners and led to several hangings. Rothman, an associate professor of history at the University of Alabama, shows how the combination of questionable financial practices, unsustainable debt, and reliance on slave labor underpinned the Panic of 1837 in antebellum Mississippi.



**Driving the Saudis** by Jayne Amelia Larson '83 (Free Press). When Larson—an actress moonlighting as a chauffeur—was hired to drive visiting Saudi royalty around Los Angeles, her gender came in handy in ways she could not have expected. As the only female in a group of forty drivers, Larson gained unique access to the daily lives of Princess Zaahira and her family and entourage. The book chronicles how she met a teenage royal obsessed with American pop culture, learned of the sacrifices of young servants who support extended families, and befriended a nanny who helped her navigate this secretive world.



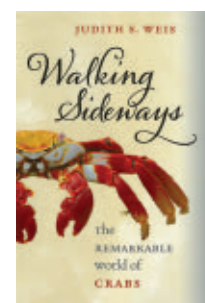
**Arcadian America** by Aaron Sachs (Yale). “Our forebears were obsessed with the possibilities of Arcadia,” writes Sachs, an associate professor of history at Cornell. “That ancient society of pastoralists who wandered free over a broad countryside of mountain meadows and forest glens also established the kinds of stable civic institutions that ennobled Aristotle’s Athens.” He argues that scholars have tended to dismiss nineteenth-century Arcadians—like Thoreau, or the landscape architect Andrew Jackson Downing—as dreamers or elitists who were ultimately complicit in the mainstream embrace of Manifest Destiny. Instead, Sachs sees them as both men of their time and environmental prophets.



**The Rich Don't Always Win** by Sam Pizzigati '70, MAT '71 (Seven Stories). Few Americans know about the struggle to create a middle-class society where average families could enjoy security and comfort. “Over the first half of the twentieth century, we beat back plutocracy, rule by the rich,” writes Pizzigati, a labor journalist. He warns that in recent years our economy has grown markedly more unequal. “By 2007, the nation’s top one percent was raking in 23.5 percent of the nation’s income. Back in 1928, on the eve of the Great Depression, this top one percent grabbed a nearly identical 23.9 percent.”



**Walking Sideways** by Judith S. Weis '62 (Cornell). Crabs are found all over the world, from shorelines to flotsam in the open ocean to deep sea volcanic vents, and come in a variety of sizes, from the quarter-inch pea crab that lives inside oysters and clams to the giant Japanese spider crab, which can have a leg span of twelve feet and weigh more than forty pounds. Weis, a professor of biology at Rutgers University, Newark, emphasizes crabs’ unique biology; examines the effects of overfishing, pollution, climate change, and loss of habitat; and analyzes their role in popular culture.



## Non-Fiction

**Inside Rehab** by Anne M. Fletcher '74 (Viking). Drawing on hundreds of interviews with patients and staffers, a medical writer investigates the current state of addiction rehab programs across the nation, from the Hazelden Foundation to the celebrity center Promises. She gives a realistic picture of what goes on in rehab, uncovers myths about treatment, and provides a guide for finding the most effective, affordable, and timely options for recovery.

**Lights! Camera! Action and the Brain** edited by Maher Bahloul, PhD '94, and Carolyn Graham (Cambridge Scholars). "From education to entertainment to revolution, the visual culture is fast growing," writes the director and general manager of the Education Through Arts Institute. He and his co-editor describe the neurological foundations for media literacy and ask why there isn't a "Hollywood" in every educational institution.

**Pay** by Kevin F. Hallock (Cambridge). A professor in the ILR school helps demystify such topics as wage differences across groups, how organizations set executive

pay, and the difference between compensation and the total rewards of a position, which can include insurance, retirement benefits, career growth, and job stability.

**Depression** by Ann Cvetkovich, PhD '88 (Duke). Combining memoir and critical essay, a professor of English at the University of Texas, Austin, tries to find ways to write about depression as a cultural and political phenomenon rather than relying on a medical approach.

**Sources of Vietnamese Tradition** edited by George F. Dutton, Jayne S. Werner, PhD '76, and John K. Whitmore, PhD '68 (Columbia). In this anthology, a group of experts on Southeast Asia select texts that illustrate two thousand years of Vietnamese history.

**The Circumcision Decision** by Susan Terkel '70 & Lorna Greenberg (Carrot Seed). Deciding whether or not to have your male infant circumcised can be difficult for many parents. A medical writer and her co-author explore the medical, religious, sexual, and cultural factors for making an informed decision.

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# What a Zoo



LUIZ CLAUDIO MARIGO

With an eye toward preserving endangered species, Cornell and the Smithsonian train grad students in conservation science

**A**t the National Zoo in Washington, D.C.—around the corner from the giant pandas, next door to the zebras, across the park from the orangutans—are some canines that resemble a fox on stilts: pointy snout, auburn fur, long legs with black socks. On one warm October afternoon, they’re nowhere to be seen—until a docent calls toward their enclosure, and a pair of giant ears pokes out from the den before retreating into the cool darkness. “Well,” says Cornell grad student Jennifer Nagashima ’09, “this is their time to sleep.”

Nagashima and the docent—a friendly woman toting a skull and pelt for demonstration purposes—strike up a chat about maned wolf conservation. Both are big fans of the animals, native

to Brazilian grasslands and designated “near threatened” due to habitat loss and a bad rap as chicken thieves. In fact, Nagashima notes, the wolves play a vital role in rodent control, and half their diet is plant-based. “Most of the canids here are on dog chow meal, because it’s got everything they need,” Nagashima observes, as a few tourists listen in. “But a researcher started supplementing it with more fruits and vegetables and noted that

Call of the wild: The maned wolf, the subject of reproductive research at Cornell and the Smithsonian. Opposite: Grad student Jennifer Nagashima ’09 with some furry friends.

their reproductive success was higher, so now there's a study where half have a normal diet and half have been supplemented. They're still collecting data, but a lot of people think it's going to be a good year for maned wolves."

Unlocking the secrets of canine reproduction is the doctoral focus for Nagashima, the first student in a joint graduate program in wildlife conservation at Cornell and the Smithsonian Conservation Biology Institute (SCBI). Students split their time fifty-fifty between Ithaca and SCBI—either the zoo or a research and breeding facility in Front Royal, Virginia—with the aim of schooling future leaders in wildlife conservation science. "The Smithsonian has access to these animals and the need to conserve endangered species, and a lot of students are interested in working on these problems—and training them is much easier if you have an academic partner," says Alex Travis, a professor of reproductive biology at Cornell's Baker Institute for Animal Health. "With this program, students get basic scientific training in Ithaca, address core problems, and apply those studies to endangered species management. But the idea is not that they get trained here and then go there; it's a real joint program where they're going back and forth, doing combined projects all along the way."

While the Smithsonian attracts myriad students through internships and affiliations, it's not a degree-granting institution; the Cornell collaboration gives it a more formal academic role. The University also has facilities—such as complex imaging systems and sophisticated molecular biology labs—that SCBI does not. "It's a symbiotic relationship," says Pierre Comizzoli, a reproductive physiologist at SCBI's Center for Species Survival.

"We bring our expertise in the physiology of reproduction in the unconventional species, and labs like Cornell's can investigate on the cellular and molecular levels. It's exactly what we need."

With funding tight, the program has matriculated just two students so far; Travis laments that it can't afford to accept a third for the coming academic year. Nagashima was followed by Lara Mouttham, a University of Guelph grad studying how eggs develop in the ovaries of various species. "I can take my lunch break next to the tigers," Mouttham marvels. "At Front Royal, the dorms are next to the buffalos, and you literally go to sleep listening to the maned wolves howling. You're surrounded by people who are into conservation and science, who believe in what zoos can do for wildlife." Mouttham notes that the program doubles the chances for grad students to network with future collaborators or mentors—not only academic scientists but those working for conservation organizations. "Also, it's two different mindsets," she says. "Cornell does a lot more basic science, trying to understand how things work. The Smithsonian is much more applied. 'Does this work for what we're trying to do? If we freeze the egg or the sperm this way, will it live?' You're looking at the same problem from different

angles, and it broadens your horizons."

Nagashima majored in animal science in CALS, inspired to become a vet after falling in love with the tigers she saw on Animal Planet. She eventually opted for conservation science instead, scoring two post-grad internships at the Smithsonian. "The first one was with African lions—but it was less exciting than I just made it sound," she says with a laugh. "Actually, I was crushing their poo. The keepers collect it but the interns sort it, freeze-dry it, crush it, and do a procedure to get the hormones out."

Nagashima is now exploring the mysteries of canine reproduction—which, as it turns out, is devilishly complex. While human *in vitro* fertilization has been common for decades, the procedure hasn't worked in dogs due to challenges of physiology. One factor is that when a canine ovulates, its egg is not yet fully mature; similarly, canine sperm doesn't become viable until it's exposed to the female reproductive tract. Even freezing embryos is difficult; last year Cornell was the site of the first birth in North America—and only the second in the world—resulting from a cryopreserved embryo. (The puppy, a beagle-Lab mix dubbed Klondike, was adopted by a Baker staffer.) That work, like other studies, is done in domestic animals, often using ovaries gleaned from spay-neuter clinics. "You don't want to be learning things for the first time in the endangered African wild dog or Ethiopian wolf," Travis says. "If you need to do an embryo transfer and spay an animal at the end of it, you don't want it to be one that's endangered."

Travis notes that for zoos around the world, assisted reproduction is essential to maintaining viable populations and preventing inbreeding. "As more species are becoming critically endangered, and you get fragmented populations—a couple in a



YEHUDI HERNANDEZ

zoo in Europe, a couple here—moving genes around becomes increasingly important," he says. "So the need for these techniques is going to grow dramatically." Since it's often not desirable or practical to move the animals from zoo to zoo for mating—in addition to causing stress, it can disturb pack order, and mate aggression is a concern—the current practice is to ship semen samples. At Front Royal, Nagashima has helped with sample collection in the maned wolf as well as in a threatened horse species. "That's done by electro-ejaculation," she says, "which is hard to explain to my parents."

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## There She Is

Maryland pageant champ Joanna Guy '13 is headed to Miss America

In reporting the outcome of a state beauty pageant, the dishy website baltimorefishbowl.com headlined its story thusly: “Miss Maryland 2012 Joanna Guy Less Annoying Than Your Average, Perfect Beauty Queen.” As the piece went on to say: “Now studying at Cornell, Guy majors in American studies and is a member of an all girls a cappella troupe. And while she obviously fits right in with pageant stock—tall, trim, toothy/smiley, striking, strong diction—there’s something refreshing about Guy. Not only is she science-smart and politically interested, she’s funny.”

Guy does indeed have a sense of humor about the pageant biz; she will even confide that, during the Miss Maryland competition, she mixed up two particular personal care products. It was the kind of mistake you don’t make twice. “I had never competed in ‘Miss’ before, so I never had to do swimsuit,” says Guy, a twenty-one-year-old senior who’d previously held the state teen crown. “In order for your swimsuit not to ride

up, you use something called ‘butt glue,’ and it’s a roll-on. But on the first night of preliminaries I accidentally used my butt glue instead of my roll-on deodorant. And, yeah—it’s funny.”

Guy’s poise under pressure came in handy in July, when a mass e-mail she wrote to her sorority, Alpha Phi, was leaked to ivygate.com, subjecting her to widespread mockery from Internet wags. Guy’s lengthy note—due to her Miss Maryland duties, she was resigning as vice president of recruitment and spending the semester off campus—went viral, with outlets from ABC News to the *Washington Post* taking her to task for what they perceived as an overwrought and self-serious tone. It must’ve been a slow news week, because the story went transatlantic: the UK’s *Daily Mail* slammed Guy’s letter as “excruciatingly self-involved.”

Then came the backlash, with Internet posters pointing out the missive was actually nobody’s business. (As one commenter on jezebel.com put it: “Give the girl a goddamn break.”) “If you put yourself in the public spotlight, you have to expect that stuff like that is going to happen,” Guy says. “Gabrielle Douglas won two gold medals in the Olympics, and

people were talking about how her hair looked bad.”

What the raft of Internet judges failed to note was that Guy wasn’t actually dropping out of college; she spent fall semester in the Cornell in Washington program, taking courses in government and Shakespearean drama while sticking close to her home state. And furthermore, though being Miss Maryland does involve wearing a sash and a tiara—for the record, the former requires constant cleaning and the latter is easy to whack while getting in and out of a car—it also entails fundraising for her chosen charities, the American Heart Association and the Children’s Miracle Network. “I used to have the same preconceived ideas about pageantry that a lot of people have—that it’s shallow,” Guy says. “They look at it just on the surface and maybe don’t understand the service that goes into the year after you win a title at any level.”

A former Miss Maryland’s Outstanding Teen—the little sister to the adult pageant—Guy was third runner-up in the 2008 national competition. (A music minor at Cornell, she sings show tunes for the talent portion of the contests.) Guy didn’t do pageants as a child à la

“Toddlers in Tiaras”; she started as a teen, seeing it as “a great way to practice my talent and hone my interview skills, as well as earn money for college.” After taking time off to concentrate on Cornell, she snagged the 2012 Miss Queen State title before being named Miss Maryland in June—winning, among other things, a \$10,000 scholarship. Her duties have ranged from serving as grand marshal of her hometown’s autumn parade to speaking at health fairs to visiting schools to modeling bridal gowns for a breast cancer benefit.

In January, Guy goes to the big show: she’ll compete in the Miss America pageant in Las Vegas. “It’s surreal,” she says of being in the iconic contest. “When I’m doing appearances, I still can’t get used to people wanting to take a picture with me.” And what of the backstage catfighting immortalized in films like *Miss Congeniality*? “One of the huge stereotypes is pageant sabotage—putting make-up on people’s clothes, ripping dresses,” Guy says. “But the girls genuinely like each other. It’s such an intense week that you bond with them, because they understand what you’re going through.”

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# Head Case

Patients struggle against the mental health system—and a man-eating monster—in the latest novel from **Victor LaValle '94**

*The American psychiatric system has figured prominently in the work of writer Victor LaValle '94, whose family has long struggled with mental illness. His first novel, *The Ecstatic*, followed an obese Cornell dropout with a family history of schizophrenia. His latest, *The Devil in Silver*, is set in a Queens mental hospital, where the beleaguered staff treat patients under conditions that range from unpleasant (constant boredom) to inhumane (the illegal use of restraints). Its protagonist, a fortyish mover named Pepper, has a short temper but isn't mentally ill—though the institution could drive anyone around the bend. And what's worse: a giant, shaggy, man-eating monster is wandering the halls. Or is it? "With *The Devil in Silver*, LaValle performs a dizzying high-wire act," said the *Washington Post*. "He balances social satire, horror, and mordant humor, but never jettisons genuine affection and empathy for even the most damaged of his characters."*

*A native of Queens, LaValle was raised by his mother and grandmother, both immigrants from Uganda; he majored in English on the Hill and teaches graduate fiction writing at Columbia. Much of *The Devil in Silver* was written at two Washington Heights donut shops, whose customers inspired numerous supporting characters. "If I'd worked on it someplace secluded and serene," he writes in the author's note, "I might've forgotten how bonkers and beautiful people can be."*

**Cornell Alumni Magazine:** Last fall you snagged what NPR junkies would call the ultimate coup: an appearance on "Fresh Air." As is often the case with Terry Gross's interviews, the segment was as much about your inner life—specifically, your family history of mental illness—as about your work. What was that like?  
**Victor LaValle:** The deal you're making is that you're coming on to talk, you have a book—but the whole point is that you're revealing yourself. If you fight against that, you're not going to be on. I had a half-hour pre-interview with a producer where we talked about the book for two minutes. That was when I realized if you want to be on "Fresh Air"—if you want to talk to Terry—this is the price. But I had a great time talking with her; it was a real treat.

**CAM:** As you mentioned on the show, your first book got you into hot water with your relatives. How did you avoid that this time around?

**VL:** I promised them I wouldn't show a one-for-one inspiration from our family stories. I told them the main character was going to be a white dude in his forties, and they said, "OK, I'm sure he's not related to us." In subtle ways things are based on real experiences, but I buried them in characters that are clearly not my family members. That was the deal I had to make. *The Ecstatic* was pretty autobiographical, and it really hurt and embarrassed my mom and sister. It would have embarrassed my grandmother too, but she had died by that point.

**CAM:** In your author's note, you express fury at the psych unit



ANDY FRIEDMAN

of a Manhattan hospital for its treatment of a relative. But in researching the book, you interviewed two psychiatrists. Were you striving for balance?

**VL:** I didn't want to rely purely on personal experience. I wanted the book to feel like more of an objective argument, if not a dispassionate one, about what's wrong with these places—and what's wrong is not just for the patients, it's also for the staff. To do that I had to make people believe that this is how things run. If you include a few details that sound jargony or procedural, people think you know what you're talking about.

**CAM:** The patient population in your fictional hospital is a veritable United Nations of colors and creeds. What role does race play in the book?

**VL:** One great thing about growing up in Queens was that I was friends with people of just about every race and ethnicity. But we didn't pretend those differences didn't exist. In fact, we were the most racist-sounding kids; the ways we insulted each other would scandalize a Klan meeting. There's a scene in the book where the patients leave the hospital briefly and notice ethnic differences again; out in the world these things matter, but inside they have bigger concerns. And, frankly, I wanted to show I can write these kinds of people—a white dude, a Chinese lady—and not be limited to characters that look like me. If I can invest them with humanity and specificity, then I have a right to write about everybody.

**CAM:** One character at the margins of the novel is President



Obama. He's on TV in the lounge; the "birther" theory is mentioned; one patient constantly calls the White House. Why put him in the book?

VL: His whole pitch in 2008 was hope and change, and I wanted to wrestle with the idea that change takes time, and hope isn't always rewarded. I wanted him to be there not as a messiah or villain, but as someone who, like most powerful people, doesn't affect our day-to-day lives terribly much.

CAM: A surprise character is a sentient rat named LeClair—who, we learn, is alone because he's such a jerk that all the other rats ditched him. Where did that come from?

VL: I got a very lousy, tiny, mean-spirited review of my last book by a guy at the *New York Times* named Tom LeClair. And I thought, How can I get my revenge? So I said, "I'm gonna name the rat after him."

CAM: But even the rat does something heroic, right?

VL: Throughout the book, I tried to show

From *The Devil in Silver*

No nurse appeared, and for fifteen minutes Pepper just repeated the same words to himself: seventy-two hours. Seventy-two hours. You can stand anything for seventy-two hours.

The loud voices playing from a TV somewhere down the hall, deeper inside the unit, had changed to loud explosions. Maybe someone had switched the channel, or the show had come to a moment when the world starts blowing up. Pepper knew it was just a television show, but the sounds seemed to grow as they traveled from wherever the TV sat to where Pepper still stood in the long, empty hall of closed doors. The howl of human beings, the victims of those crashing sounds, played louder and louder. Like the people themselves were about to come flooding into view. Maybe not even people, but people's parts. A wave of blood. Dismembered limbs breaking the surface of that wave like sharks' fins.

Pepper knew this couldn't happen, but his chest felt tight.

He looked to his right and focused on that secure ward door. What if Dr. Anand hadn't locked it behind the cops? What if all Pepper had to do was give a little push?

Seventy-two hours. Seventy-two hours.

He couldn't stand this for that long. He couldn't even make it twenty minutes before he tried to escape. Pepper lurched toward the big door.

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that every character helps somebody. Because I have family members who've suffered with mental illness and I've managed to avoid it, I feel a great deal of survivor's guilt. So I'm obsessed with the idea that you can help people—even if you can't save them.

**CAM:** Another autobiographical element in *The Ecstatic* was the protagonist's struggle with obesity. You weighed nearly 400 pounds as a student but have been at a healthy weight for more than a decade.

**VL:** Actually, my wife and I each put on about twenty-five pounds when she was pregnant—but she lost it and I didn't. Now that she's pregnant again, my natural tendency would be to gain another twenty-five. But I'm working on it. I'm back on the Jenny Craig.

**CAM:** One theme in the book is that the hospital food is horrible; even the peanut butter and jelly sandwiches are disgusting.  
**VL:** I will say this: Jenny Craig is better.  
— Beth Saulnier

## The Birdman of Bermuda

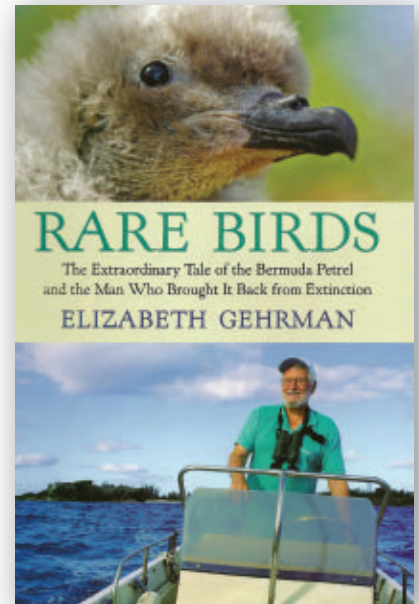
New book chronicles the endeavors of David Wingate '57 to save an endangered sea bird

The October 1967 issue of the *Cornell Alumni News* had a one-page article titled "Wingate's Cahows." In the story, Garrett Byrnes described the efforts of thirty-two-year-old David Wingate '57 to restore the population of the Bermuda petrel, also known as the cahow, which was thought to be extinct before its rediscovery in 1951. Wingate, then a teenage amateur ornithologist, had been lucky enough to take part in the expedition that found the living cahows. That serendipitous moment spawned a life-long obsession.

The story of Wingate's campaign to save the cahows and restore their native habitat is told by journalist Elizabeth Gehrman in *Rare Birds: The Extraordinary Tale of the Bermuda Petrel and the Man Who Brought It Back from Extinction*. The book's genesis was Gehrman's 2009 trip to the island country to write a travel story for the *Boston Globe*. While there, she was introduced to Wingate

—who was, she says, "like an open book, happy to share everything about the cahows." Fascinated by his account, Gehrman returned to Bermuda more than a dozen times. Her narrative focuses on the difficult work needed to increase the population of the birds—now firmly re-established—intertwined with a history of Bermuda, which was discovered and colonized by the English 400 years ago, and the story of Wingate's life.

After graduating from the Arts college with a degree in zoology, Wingate returned home to Bermuda and became a conservation officer. He spent much of his time protecting the burrows where the cahows lay their eggs and restoring the native vegetation on Nonsuch, one of the small islets where they nest. Nonsuch became his home in 1962, and over the ensuing decades Wingate planted thousands of trees, bushes, and flowers in an effort to return it to its pre-colonial state. Despite rough weather, bureaucratic hurdles, family tragedy, run-ins with the U.S. military, and a bad back, he persevered; today Nonsuch has been largely returned to its virgin state thanks to his work. Seventy-seven years old and officially retired, Wingate remains dedicated to conservation in his homeland—and to protecting the ocean-going birds that inspired his career. "If you just give the natural world a little help, it will bounce back," he told Gehrman. "That is the message of hope that I've gotten out of my experience with the cahows."



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Snow day: Kriya Dunlap '98 on a skjoring outing with dog Brahma

## Mush!

**Alaskan Kriya Dunlap '98 excels** at a little-known sport where cross-country skiing meets dog sledding

**D**uring the winter in Fairbanks, Alaska, there's an average of four hours of sunlight per day. Temperatures hover around minus-fifteen degrees Fahrenheit, but can dip to negative sixty; toss a glass of water in the air, and the drops will freeze before hitting the ground. "It's dark and cold—you have to do *something*," says Kriya Dunlap '98. To the thirty-six-year-old biology professor at the University of Alaska, Fairbanks, "something" involves stepping into cross-country skis, harnessing herself to a sled

dog (or two), and racing across the frigid landscape at speeds exceeding twenty miles per hour.

The sport is called skjoring, and Dunlap ranks among the world's best. A competitive sled dog racer since age four, she has won the Open North American Championship Sled Dog Race multiple times, both in one- and two-dog skjoring, and medaled twice in one-dog skjoring at the world championships. This year, she'll again represent the U.S. at the worlds in North Pole, Alaska.

Skjoring and its close cousin, dog sledding, comprise a broader

discipline known as mushing, Alaska's official state sport. In colder, flatter regions it's a pastime on par with rec-league softball—especially in “bush” Alaska, the vast network of small, isolated communities completely off the road system. There, dog sleds still serve as transportation.

Most Americans know mushing via the 1,150-mile Iditarod or the 1,000-mile Yukon Quest. By contrast, competitive ski-joring—as well as sprint dog sledding—involves short distances, typically between three and a half and twelve miles. And while the 2012 Iditarod winner mushed away with \$50,400, a good ski-joring purse is \$500. “It’s usually a gift certificate or something,” Dunlap says. “Obviously, I’m not in it for the money.”

Dunlap grew up with dog sledding; her father was a world champion musher and breeder. “You’ve never heard of him, but he’s a big dog sledding celebrity,” she says. “When I first arrived in Fairbanks, I heard people whisper, ‘Ooh, that’s Harris Dunlap’s daughter.’” The youngest of five, Dunlap helped out with the family’s 150 to 200 dogs at their kennel in a small town in the Adirondacks. Every winter her parents took her along while her father hit the dog sled racing circuit. “My parents home-schooled us on the road,” she recalls. “But if we stayed somewhere awhile we’d go to school there, in Alaskan villages, for weeks at a time.”

In the mid-Seventies, seeking a solution to the problem of dogs suffering cramps during races, her father began conducting nutritional research at the kennel. His work eventually led to what Dunlap calls “the paradigm shift in canine nutrition from a high-carbohydrate to a mostly protein diet.” Later, Arleigh Reynolds ’83, DVM ’86, PhD ’92, replicated and expanded on Harris Dunlap’s original studies during his graduate research on the Hill. When Reynolds became an assistant professor at Cornell, Dunlap joined him as an undergrad, mushing her way through school; in addition to managing the University’s sled dog kennel—running dogs on treadmills, training puppies, “picking up poop”—she raced the Cornell dog sled team. “The B team,” she notes. “Arleigh raced the As.”

In 1998, Purina built Reynolds a sled dog facility in Salcha, Alaska, forty miles south of Fairbanks. Dunlap, newly graduated, headed north for a one-year stint as Reynolds’s veterinary technician. Like many Alaskans, she never left. She eventually designed her own interdisciplinary graduate program in the nutritional biochemistry of sled dogs at the University of Alaska, Fairbanks, alternating summer

coursework with winter racing.

According to Dunlap, who earned her PhD in 2007, most sled dog research focuses on performance. But, she says, “I’m more interested in how culturally intertwined sled dogs are in the Alaska native subsistence lifestyle.” Specifically, she sees them as a model of the health benefits (and risks) inherent in a subsistence diet. “In rural Alaska, dogs eat what people eat: salmon, berries, caribou, seal, whale, whatever,” says Dunlap, whose current research involves the wild Alaska blueberry’s possi-

ble effect on Type-2 diabetes.

In addition to her academic work—and family responsibilities as the married mother of a three-year-old boy—Dunlap races every weekend from December through March and trains every day, year round. In the summer, for instance, she harnesses the dogs to a bicycle or even (in an exercise known as “counter-cross”) to herself. “It’s kind of stupid, because you can’t run as fast as a dog,” she says. “But it’s fun to try.”

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## Star Turn

For actor Adepero Oduye '99, medicine's loss is Hollywood's gain

**W**ith the release of an acclaimed independent film, New York-based actor Adepero Oduye '99 became an overnight sensation. And it only took her a decade to get there.

The CALS alum had been pounding the pavement since graduation—paying the rent with a litany of jobs familiar to unemployed thespians everywhere. “I did anything and everything,” she says. “I waited tables, worked at Old Navy, handed out papers on the street. I did toy demonstrations. I worked for the census. I temped. I guess I was used to being broke.”

Art is a fickle business. One breakthrough role—the lead in *Pariah*, about a seventeen-year-old African American lesbian coming of age in Fort Greene, Brook-

lyn—and Oduye found herself at the 2011 Sundance Film Festival, being fêted by the likes of Robert Redford and scoring free stuff in the storied “swag houses.” “People were coming up and saying how much they loved the film,” Oduye recalls. “You’re rubbing elbows with all these people you recognize, and it’s like ‘This is so crazy.’”

And to think: she was supposed to be a doctor.

The third of seven children of Nigerian immigrants, the Brooklyn-born Oduye was premed on the Hill—determined to follow in the footsteps of her

father, who went to medical school after a career in podiatry. He died suddenly her junior fall, prompting her to rethink her future. “I knew I was not going to go to med school; I was doing it because of him,” she says. “It forced me to ask myself, ‘What do I really want to do?’ And this little voice said, ‘Acting.’ It was weird, like it came out of nowhere.”

It was too late to change majors so she continued with premed, finally taking an acting class senior year. She loved it, and it solidified her plans—but she still had to break the news to her mother. “She literally thought I had gone crazy,” Oduye recalls. “She said, ‘Because your father died—that’s why.’ She tried to understand, but she couldn’t. She asked, ‘Why can’t you go to med school and act? Why can’t you go to med school first?’ My parents were immigrants, focused on the tangible; the joke’s that you’re either a doctor, a lawyer, an engineer, or in business.” (Her siblings, in fact, include an attorney, an MBA—and two physicians.)

Oduye studied acting under such teachers as Austin Pendleton and slowly began to get work; her first paying gig was for an antismoking ad in which she piled up corpses to symbolize tobacco-related deaths. In 2005 she made her TV debut on “Law & Order”—that erstwhile employment agency for New York actors—playing a violent addict who dies in jail after undergoing forced sterilization. The following year she had a tiny part in the indie film *Half Nelson*, starring Ryan Gosling as an inner-city teacher with a drug habit; she was listed in the credits as “Crack Smoker.”

Then came *Pariah*, which began as a 2007 short film; Oduye auditioned to be an extra and landed the lead. It was eventually developed into a feature, debuting at Sundance and garnering rave reviews. As reporters and critics noted, Oduye disappeared into the role so thoroughly that viewers were amazed to learn she wasn’t an awkward, androgynous teen but an Ivy League grad in her thirties. Said the *New York Times*: “At its heart is an incandescent performance by Ms. Oduye, who captures the jagged mood swings of late adolescence with a wonderfully spontaneous fluency.” In between shooting the two versions of *Pariah* she appeared onstage at Yale Rep, playing a fifteen-year-old girl caught up in the Liberian civil war.

*Pariah* earned Oduye a Black Reel award for best breakthrough performance as well as other kudos, including an Inde-

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Character study: In *Pariah*, Adepero Oduye '99 stars as a gay teenager struggling to come out to her family and community.

pendent Spirit nomination. It also landed her on the *Times's* list of five “star turns under the radar”; in the accompanying story, the paper noted the contrast between how she looks in her glamorous PR shots versus in the film’s opening scene. “We see the thirty-three-year-old actress in a funky New York strip club, looking every skinny inch an urban teenage boy, right down to the baggy pants and sideways cap, grinning like a fool and waving dollar bills at the dancers.”

Sitting in a Brooklyn café last fall, Oduye resembles neither extreme; she’s clad in a blue Nordic-patterned fleece sweater, neck swathed in a jolly shocking pink scarf. Nor does she satisfy the stereotype of the diet-obsessed starlet, happily chowing down on scrambled eggs, lox, French fries, salad, and what she describes as the world’s best pancakes. (To prove it, she gamely bisects the fluffy, buttery stack and gives half to her interviewer.) After Sundance, she says, people assumed that she was rich, that her phone was ringing constantly, that she had scripts stacked up to the ceiling. None of it was true; even indie accolades don’t change the fact that good roles for black women are few and far between. Earlier in her career, Oduye says, she was told to change her name and chemically treat her hair, advice she declined. “The one thing I knew was, ‘It’s gonna happen as me, as Adepero Oduye, or not at all,’” she says. “At times I struggled because I was getting all these messages that I had to change, but I knew that was not the way for me.”

Oduye’s first post-*Pariah* project was a made-for-Lifetime remake of *Steel Magnolias* with African American actors. (She was cast as the awkward cosmetician played by Daryl Hannah in the original.) Her next theatrical film comes out later this year. Called *Twelve Years a Slave*, it’s based on the true story of a free black man who was kidnapped into bondage in the Deep South. Oduye has a supporting role as a woman who lived free as her master’s concubine only to be sold to a slave trader by his jealous wife; the cast includes Brad Pitt, Michael Fassbender, and Paul Giamatti. “I’m so thankful that all of this happened now, at this age, and not when I was younger,” Oduye says. “At Sundance it would have been so easy, if I weren’t as grounded, to get caught up in it. People would say, ‘So-and-so agent wants to talk to you.’ And I’d say, ‘Well, until they actually talk to me I’m not gonna get all excited. I’m just going to live my life.’”

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# Beat Poet

**A**t the Ithaca nightclub known as the Haunt, it's no ordinary Tuesday evening. The dance floor is filled—but most people aren't dancing. Instead, they have their eyes glued to a large video monitor as vintage clips from TV shows and documentaries scroll across the screen. Images of James Brown, George Clinton, and other funk legends are occasionally interspersed with a younger version of the man standing center stage behind a massive DJ system: Afrika Bambaataa, widely considered the godfather of hip hop.

Throughout the night, Bambaataa showcases the skills that made him one of the formative forces in hip hop during the Seventies and Eighties. Alternating between vinyl albums on a turntable and digital files on his laptop, he creates a variety of funky grooves while overlaying sonic snippets from such artists as Aretha Franklin, the Four Tops, James Brown, AC/DC, Cee-Lo, and C+C Music Factory.

Bambaataa's Haunt show was part of his first trip to Ithaca since receiving a three-year appointment as a Cornell visiting scholar. He also lectured to students in

Hip hop legend Afrika Bambaataa makes his first foray as a CU visiting scholar



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the University's new hip hop course, met with young men incarcerated at the Finger Lakes Residential Center, and spoke at Ithaca College. Earlier that day, Bambaataa took part in a panel discussion in the Biotech building entitled "The Roots of Hip Hop." Organized by the curators of the Cornell Hip Hop Collection—now part of Kroch Library's Division of Rare and Manuscript Collections and considered the largest such archive in the country—the panel was hosted by internationally known DJ Rich Medina '92.

Africana studies professor James Turner introduced the panel, noting that Cornell's acquisition of the collection and Bambaataa's appointment come at an important moment as hip hop moves into its fourth decade. "Hip hop's currency has produced cultural shifts in performance art, theatrical drama, choreography, fashion, vernacular language, and social conscience," Turner said. Medina, who serves on the collection's advisory board, led off the discussion, calling hip hop culture "as important a piece of Americana as baseball, as important as any other race-related or motivated culture movement that any of us have experienced."

The panelists—who also included

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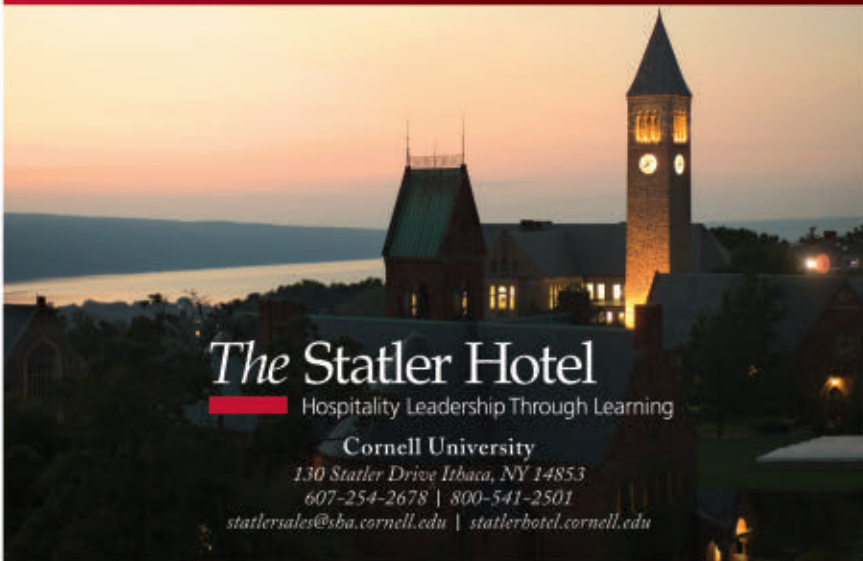
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Richard “Crazy Legs” Colón of the Rock Steady Crew and photographer Joe Conzo—talked about the early days of hip hop, describing how as teenagers they were looking for ways to escape their grim surroundings in the South Bronx. To emphasize that rap had long been part of popular music, Bambaataa cued up a string of YouTube clips that ranged across fifty years and a variety of styles: *The Music Man*, James Brown’s “Say It Loud (I’m Black and I’m Proud),” Three Dog Night’s “Mama Told Me Not to Come,” even Ray Stevens’s country hit “Guitarzan.” All had spoken-word lyrics that seemed to foreshadow the future sound of rap and hip hop. “Most people didn’t recognize it,” Bambaataa said, “but when it came to us, we recognized it and we called it hip hop.”

Both as a performer and a DJ, Bambaataa is known for working across genres. He noted his collaborations with funk masters James Brown and Bootsy Collins, punk legend Johnny Lydon, and rockers Sting and UB40; he also cited eclectic influences such as techno artists Gary Numan and Yellow Magic Orchestra, the soundtrack to the horror film *Halloween*, and Dick Hyman’s Moog albums as fodder for his sonic explorations. “I was for anything that had the funk of everything,” he said. “I tried to be progressive minded with the music and take the audience on a journey. It’s the same thing I do when I travel all over the world—take everyone on a musical journey.”

— Jim Catalano

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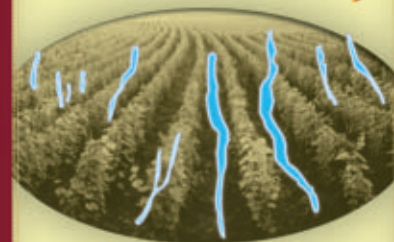
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Aim high: With an already-impressive résumé of human rights work, Dara Brown '13 has her sights set on Congress—and beyond. Opposite: CIW associate director David Silbey '90.

The Cornell in Washington program gives students an up-close look at government's company town

# Washington, District of Cornell

By Beth Saulnier      Photographs by Sam Kittner

**N**amed for the star that once guided escaped slaves on the Underground Railroad, the Polaris Project is a Washington, D.C.-based nonprofit dedicated to combating human trafficking. Its offices are located in one of the myriad townhouses in the vicinity of Dupont Circle, an elegant former residence with a fireplace in its marble foyer. But if the building retains a classical air, its contents are firmly twenty-first-century: its desks and tables are laden with laptops wielded by smartly clad young staffers, crammed elbow to elbow as they work to end modern-day slavery.

Among them is Dara Brown '13, who beat out some thirty applicants for one of three fellowships in Polaris's policy department. She's spending her fall semester on such projects as studying the effectiveness of "johns schools"—diversion programs for men convicted of soliciting prostitution. On a torrentially rainy morning in early October, Brown gives her supervisor an update on that work, then reports her progress on another assignment, researching the definition of involuntary servitude. "That's been kind of tricky," Brown tells her, "because I'm finding a lot of meanings for sex trafficking, and I didn't think you wanted that."

"If you look at the ways states draft their human trafficking laws, you have individual crimes such as involuntary servitude or debt bondage, and then the higher-level crime is human trafficking, which is forcing someone to do one of those acts," says her boss, Polaris policy associate Brittany Vanderhoof. "So you have two types of laws. The human trafficking laws, which are what a lot of states have, are just 'force, fraud, or coercion.' They don't define those other elements as separate crimes."

Brown nods. "That's what I'm finding. I just wanted to make sure you didn't want that information as well."

"No, you are doing perfectly," Vanderhoof says. "Awesome."

For Brown—stylishly clad in black leggings, patent leather flats, and a long beige cardigan over a diaphanous pink shirt—the Polaris gig represents another line on a burgeoning résumé. She's a government major with two minors; co-president of Alternative Spring Break; vice president of one student group promoting education for girls in the developing world and co-chair of another that fights domestic sex trafficking; and a longtime volunteer for a Harlem nonprofit that offers education and mentoring for young victims of the commercial sex trade. After graduation, she plans to earn a JD and pursue a career in social justice or family law; ultimately, she'd like to serve in elective office—"at the Congressional level, or even higher up."

Even higher? What might that be, pray tell?

"I'd love to be an adviser to the president," she admits with a smile, "or take his position."

Brown is in the right place. She's spending fall semester in the Cornell in Washington (CIW) program, which combines academic work with internships that offer real-world experience in a variety of venues—think tanks, trade organizations, media outlets, NGOs, government agencies from the State Department to the NEA. "Our aim is to give them both an intellectual and a practical experience," says David Silbey '90, the program's associate director and an adjunct associate professor of history. "In policy and politics, what you can do in Ithaca tends to be resolutely aca-



dem, and the challenge is largely intellectual. By coming down here, students can experience what they're learning on a practical level. When you're interning at a nonprofit that's looking at human trafficking and you're writing a paper on the subject, in addition to the scholarly research you're seeing how policy actually gets made. When you're sitting in the White House Office of Correspondence listening to people react to the violence in Libya, you're seeing the nuts and bolts of policy. If you're reading a book about the Reagan revolution in class, you can go to events where people mentioned in it are speaking."

**H**oused in its own building—the Wolpe Center, located a few blocks off Dupont Circle—the program comprises some thirty to forty undergrads each semester. Except for a few Ithaca College students, CIW is limited to Cornellians during the academic year, though its summer program accepts students from any institution. "Washington is a fantastic city to live and study in," says David Sadoff '14, a history and government double major from suburban New York. "Just the opportunity to be near the Mall and the Capitol, to see these buildings, to walk and work in them, is very exciting. And all the museums and monuments are free; I can go any weekend and have a ball."

A French speaker, Sadoff is interning in the European division of the Library of Congress; his duties have included creating online search aids for a collection of letters from Belgian schoolchildren thanking President Woodrow Wilson for providing food relief during World War I. "The Cornell in Washington building is centrally located; you can just walk out and experience something new," he says. "Ithaca is a fantastic town, but

it's in the middle of nowhere. Even though Cornell puts on great programs and brings in speakers, in Washington it's at a whole other level."

Soaking up the district's cultural offerings is a central part of the Cornell in Washington experience. The program takes students on outings to such venues as baseball's Nationals Park—last fall, they watched the home team clinch its division—and the Supreme Court, where they've met with Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg '54. The Cornell Club of Washington, which uses the Wolpe Center for its meetings, hosts events like a mountain hike in Virginia and a paddle on the Potomac. (The club also gives stipends to two students each year, offsetting D.C.'s higher cost of living.) Last summer, Silbey says, students created a "bucket list" of must-dos ranging from visiting the steep Georgetown staircase made infamous in *The Exorcist* to sampling the wares of D.C.'s many cupcake bakeries. "My friends and I have this agenda where we plan to go to a different museum every weekend," says Jon Yuan '14, listing recent outings to the national museums devoted to Native Americans, art, American history, and air and space, as well as a trip to Eastern Market, Capitol Hill's popular foodie destination.

Born in Montreal and raised in Allentown, Pennsylvania, Yuan is a double major in government and in China and Asia-Pacific studies, known as CAPS. (The latter requires students to attend CIW and dictates their program of study, which includes Chinese language and a class on U.S.-China relations.) Yuan is juggling two internships: one in marketing at the American Foreign Service Association, the other in PR at the Voice of America. "As much as the Cornell administration would like to think of the University as being united, there are definitely factions like racial groups or Greeks," Yuan observes. "One thing I've noticed here is that those lines of division are erased because we're forced to interact with each other in such a small group. To my mind, it's much easier to meet people because there are so few of us."

Junior Roselle Bajet seconds that notion. "It's definitely a more cohesive group because we do pretty much everything together, from studying to taking classes to recreational activities," says Bajet, a government major from Jackson Heights, Queens. "When I first got here, it was daunting—starting work and not having my friends, which was a big bummer. But then you realize that no one does, so we might as well hang out."

Bajet is working as an investigative intern in the D.C. public defender's office—which has meant interviewing witnesses, filling out subpoenas, serving as a Spanish translator, visiting jails, and venturing out (in pairs) into dicey neighborhoods to take statements or gather evidence. Shortly after she started, she and her partner went to a housing project in search of surveillance footage for a case in which the complaining witness was shot in the leg and the accused claimed self-defense. "We





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Opposite: Roselle Bajet '14, who  
landed an internship at the D.C.  
public defender's office.

needed to get the video, because the government was giving us a good plea offer, but they wouldn't tell us why," she recalls. "Trying to track it down was exhilarating. It was the day we had this monsoon, and I was running through the rain. Honestly, with the things I've been doing, sometimes I feel like I'm in a movie."

With classmates interning in such a wide range of fields, CIW students benefit from cross-pollination—which can be invaluable for networking, job-hunting, and personal growth. "Not only do you get your own connections through your work and interests, you can piggyback off your friends who are in different fields," says CAPS major Andrew Huang '14, who's interning at the White House Initiative on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders; thanks to classmates, he has attended events like a walkathon against human trafficking and performances at the Kennedy Center. "The community here can't be stressed enough. You're living in a dorm with thirty to forty people who all have working relationships in D.C. and have different fields of academic interest. So a lot of the cool things I've been doing are things that other people are interested in."

For Raj Kannappan '13—a self-described "big politico"—CIW offered an ideal way to explore his interests in politics and international affairs while conducting a D.C. job hunt. A naturalized American born in India, Kannappan is a past president of Cornell's College Republicans; as an intern at the State Department's Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs, his duties have included writing reports and talking points for officials in advance of media interviews or congressional testimony. "My office is small; I'm the only intern, and they treat me like a regular employee," says Kannappan, whose position required a security clearance. "It's pretty cool. A lot of time I'm in meetings, which is typical of any federal employment." Weighing his post-

grad options, Kannappan is applying to conservative think tanks and to consulting and PR jobs in Asia, as well as taking the Foreign Service test. While he rues a recent missed opportunity to attend a meeting led by Secretary of State Hillary Clinton—he had a class—he did get to hear her speak; he was in the audience when she and President Obama addressed the State Department in the wake of the killing of U.S. diplomats in Libya. "I've worked in think tanks before, in public policy-type places," he says, "but this is much faster, because things happen on very short notice."

Open to students from all colleges and majors, Cornell in Washington is geared toward juniors and seniors, with a 3.0 average generally required for admission; sophomores and those with a slightly lower GPA are occasionally accepted after an interview. The O Street building, a handsome brick structure with a Cornell-red door, houses not only classrooms and offices but also student apartments, each with its own bathroom and recently renovated kitchen. "It's a broader kind of learning than necessarily happens on campus," notes labor economics professor Robert Hutchens, the program's Ithaca-based director. "We're trying to develop an atmosphere where students are growing intellectually and learning more about the world outside the University. We're also trying to develop a community. Part of learning is talking to, arguing with, and relating to other people as you're working through academic issues."



Policy wonks: Course work and leisure time meld in the center's lounges (above) and apartments (opposite).

CIW students must take one of two core courses: either Public Policy, which has a social science bent, or American Experience, which takes a historical perspective. For fall 2012, both were built around the presidential election. (Silbey, who teaches the two, had students predict the outcome a week before Election Day; both classes called Barack Obama as the victor, though by a slimmer margin than he ultimately won.) The core courses are cross-listed in various departments including government, American studies, and history; a student's choice is often dictated by the requirements of his or her major. Both courses entail a comprehensively researched, forty- to fifty-page paper, which some students go on to use as the basis for an honors thesis. In addition to the core courses, students can choose from such electives as art history—with sessions conducted at the National Gallery—and a class on American interpretations of Shakespeare, which takes advantage of D.C. resources like the Folger Shakespeare Theater. “They are full Cornell courses, approved by departments who keep a close eye on them,” Silbey notes. “You don’t even have to apply to get the credits to count, as you do for study abroad. They go right on your transcript.”

Asked to name some of the program's notable alumni, Hutchens lists Cornellians in a wide variety of jobs. They include hedge fund manager David Einhorn '91; Michigan Congressman Hansen Clarke '84; Assistant Secretary of Defense Derek Chollet '93; journalist Amanda Ripley '96; microfinance guru Alex Counts '88; humorist Mark Katz '86; Democratic strategist Ilir Zherka '89; and nutrition policy expert Melissa Musiker '03. “In terms of actually obtaining a job, my CIW internship experience was maybe the most valuable line on my résumé,” says Olivia

Healy '12, who interned at one think tank (the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities) and now works for another (the Urban Institute). “It demonstrated that I had excelled in this field, that I knew what I was getting into, and that I had base-level competency in those skill sets. Even on the job now, it comes up. ‘Oh, you interned at the Center on Budget, you must know this or that researcher.’ A lot of the specific things I did there I’ve been able to translate into my current work.”

Healy notes that for many students, CIW offers the rare chance to do an unpaid internship without a worrisome financial burden. “Every summer, Cornell students are faced with the question of, ‘Do I intern, do I work, do I study?’” she says. “Not everyone can afford to do an unpaid internship—but they give you some of the best learning experiences and résumé building. CIW is a unique opportunity to do that, because you have the same financial commitment as other semesters.” And money aside, there are precious few plum internships within commuting distance of East Hill. “It’s one of those things that, as much as you love Cornell, you can’t get the same experience there,” Yuan says. “You can’t really intern while going to school because of the lack of opportunities around Ithaca.”

Anyone familiar with life inside the Beltway knows that much of the heavy lifting is done by young staffers and even interns—which is why CIW students often find themselves doing demanding, substantive work. That can give them a rare ring-side seat to the governmental circus. Silbey recalls one State Department intern who, working on the Middle East desk in spring 2011, got to observe a high-level discussion on potential U.S. intervention in Libya. “One day the Secretary comes in and they’re going to have a big joint meeting about this,” Silbey

recalls. “The heads-of-desk are at the table with the Secretary and each of them has a retinue—and sometimes that’s defined by how many people you have, so the interns get pulled in. Now, it was a big meeting, and he said he was pressed against the wall as hard as he could so nobody would notice him—but he was in the room. I think that gets at what we’re trying to do here.”

Governance, in other words, can seem theoretical; CIW shows students that policy is made by human beings who live in the real world. For Healy, that lesson was driven home during a threatened government shutdown in spring 2011. “It was a totally different experience to be in a city that was going to be affected and where the decisions were being made,” she recalls. “It made it all the more real. There was the Metro that needed funding for me to get to work; there was my weekend activity going to a museum that might not open. At Cornell, you’re reading about what’s going on in the country, but you’re insulated from it. Spending a semester in Washington, you see the direct lines between what you’re studying and what’s happening.”

One Thursday afternoon in early October, during a meeting of the American Experience class, the notion that D.C. is a company town whose business is government comes blaring to life. When sirens suddenly roar through the neighborhood, Silbey points out that the Wolpe Center is near one of Vice President Joe Biden’s regular motorcade routes. “The historian in me is always fascinated by how, here, you can watch the ordinary life of what you’re studying,” Silbey notes later. “Joe Biden has to get from Foggy Bottom to his house—so, like every guy, he gets in his car. Well, not *quite* like every guy; he has the Secret Service escort him at high speeds.”

When the sirens fade (it turns out to be an ambulance, not a head of state) the conversation returns to how previous electorates have viewed the economy—and how they are apt to rate the performance of a sitting president. “The argument in macro-quality research is that you don’t have to be an economist to know the economy’s doing badly; we have shortcuts,” says Desmond Jagmohan, MA ’11, a PhD candidate in government serving as a CIW tutor. “If you smoke, one of the obvious ways to know if the economy’s doing badly is if you look down and your cigarette is smoked all the way down to the butt; that’s a heuristic for how well things are doing. So voters experience the well-being of the economy very clearly.” Silbey takes the argument one step further, garnering laughs. “And you know you’re in a depression,” he says, “when you reach down and smoke the rest of a cigarette you find on the ground.”

Silbey taps some keys on his laptop, and maps depicting past electoral college results appear on the classroom’s flat-screen TV. He describes the stark contrast between 1976—when Jimmy Carter won the presidency—and 1980, when the incumbent was roundly trounced by Ronald Reagan. That year, Carter won only six states and the District of Columbia; he lost all of the South except his home state of Georgia. The map (oddly enough) shows Carter’s wins in red, leaving him a handful of rosy islands amid a sea of Reagan blue. “It’s almost like the water’s coming up to



his neck, and he’s holding Georgia over his head,” Silbey remarks. “People just didn’t like Carter. Fairly or not, that map is, ‘Jimmy Carter, go home to your peanut farm.’” Then development sociology major Greg Haffmans ’15 reads aloud from a book on the Reagan era; the passage details how Carter’s popularity plummeted during the energy crisis, when he prescribed the bitter pill of lower oil consumption, higher prices, and tax hikes. “He lowered the speed limit so it was fifty-five everywhere,” Haffmans says. “Telling people they have to use less and pay more—it’s not a popular message. And Reagan’s like, ‘You know what: Everybody just go eighty miles an hour.’”

After viewing the maps from 1984 (Reagan beats Mondale) and 1988 (Bush beats Dukakis), the conversation turns to the current polarization of American politics. “All the data says that Americans have become more partisan,” Jagmohan observes. “People always complain, ‘Congress members aren’t doing their jobs. They just fight, they don’t compromise.’ But the reality is that if you say you’re going to compromise, you’re not going to get votes. Our Congress actually reflects our preferences. It’s kind of contradictory, right? We’re unwilling to compromise with the other side—they’re fascists on the right and socialists on the left. Both sides are guilty. But we see Congress members as somehow shirking their responsibility, when in many ways they’re accurately reflecting their constituencies.”

Silbey chimes in with a laugh. “Several Congresspeople,” he says, “will now rush in and shake your hand.” Then he asks if the students want to hear “the most bizarre little trivia thing that backs up that point.” Naturally, they do; Silbey launches into an anecdote that reinforces the notion that politicians are people too.

“When Clinton raised taxes, it got through the House with a 218-to-217 vote,” he tells the class. “The last vote was a freshman Congresswoman from Pennsylvania. She didn’t want to vote for it, because she was going to get killed in her district. The Democratic leadership had about seven people they didn’t want to have to vote for this, and it finally fell to her. So she marches down the aisle to vote, and a Republican Representative starts singing, ‘*Nah-nah-nah-nah, hey-hey-hey, goodbye.*’ She loses reelection, goes back to Pennsylvania, goes into business, raises a family. Her son comes down to D.C. to work as a legislative assistant and meets, of all people, Chelsea Clinton—and *marries* her. So,” Silbey concludes with a smile, “the family got a little more out of that vote than they might have otherwise.” ■

By Jim Roberts

# World View

An interview with  
Robert Harrison  
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*Robert Harrison '76 brings a unique perspective to the post of board chair. A College Scholar (and WVBR disc jockey) as an undergraduate, he served as a student trustee during his junior and senior years. He went on to earn a BA/MA from Oxford University as a Rhodes Scholar and a JD at Yale Law School before embarking on careers as an attorney and an investment banker. Harrison returned to Cornell's board in 2002, first as an alumni-elected and then board-elected trustee. After serving as a vice chairman from 2006 to 2009, he was named chairman last fall. His two-and-a-half-year term began on January 1, 2012.*

*Harrison left Wall Street after twenty-two years and is now the CEO of the Clinton Global Initiative, which was founded in 2005 by former President Bill Clinton to “implement innovative solutions to the world’s most pressing challenges.” In addition to his work for the CGI and Cornell, Harrison is a member of the board of directors of the Association of American Rhodes Scholars and honorary chairman of the board of the Henry Street Settlement, a social service agency founded in 1893 to address the problems caused by poverty in New York City. I met with him at the CGI office in midtown Manhattan last fall; the discussion ranged from current campus issues to the University’s role in the state, the nation, and the world.*

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**Robert Harrison:** You’re right that the most important thing the board does is select the president. Beyond that, there are a number of committees and task forces—Academic Affairs, Student Life, Finance, Investment, Buildings and Properties, Alumni Affairs, Audit, Development, Diversity, and others—and those are the areas that the board gets involved in, providing advice and guidance to the president and the senior staff. The time commitment, at a minimum, is attendance at four board meetings a year plus some number of committee meetings, which sometimes coincide with the board meetings and are sometimes outside that schedule.

**CAM:** How active are most trustees?

**RH:** Our board is extraordinarily active. We have sixty-four members, and I would say that every one of them takes his or her responsibility to attend very seriously. And in addition to the current trustees, we have close to 100 trustees emeriti, many of whom also remain active. So we can have 100 people in the room at any given board meeting—and people stay very engaged. Beyond attendance at those meetings and committee meetings, many trustees get involved in alumni events in the town or city where they live, and they are generally available for guidance. Also, I get many e-mails and telephone calls—people providing advice or suggestions on what we might do better or differently.

**CAM:** Given the size of the board, I imagine that a lot of the real work goes on in the committee meetings. True?

**RH:** For sure. With sixty-four trustees and then another, say, thirty who attend as trustees emeriti, in a board meeting with presentations by various administrators to set the stage, there isn’t a lot of time for everyone to be heard. So the place where people dig in and develop an expertise to work with the administrator responsible for that particular area is in the committees. Initially, mine was Student Life. I’ve been on the board for ten years this time—since 2002—but I was a member before, as a student trustee. Several years after I came back to the board, I was asked to chair the Committee on Student Life. So I developed a level of expertise in some of the issues, like housing and health and safety, that affect students on campus. Everyone on the board tends to focus on some areas more than others, depending on their background and interests.

**CAM:** How would you compare your experience on the board this time with being a student trustee?

**RH:** In the Seventies, the students and all of the other members elected by some constituency viewed their role as representing that constituency. It was strong partisan representation, in a way that is unthinkable today. Back then, there were student trustees who sued the University, who leaked information to the *Cornell Daily Sun*. That kind of behavior is unthinkable today; trustees view their role as representing the interests of the University as a whole, while still making sure that a particular viewpoint is heard. There’s no question that the board looks at student trustees as having a better perspective on what students are thinking than anyone else. That’s also true of the faculty representatives and the employee representatives. But it’s not the case that they are expected to represent, in a voting sense, their narrow constituency over the University’s interests as a whole.

**CAM:** In his book *The Creation of the Future*, President Emeritus Frank Rhodes offers some thoughts about what trustees should and should not do. He says they should have “noses in, fingers out,” making a distinction between governance and management. How would you define those two roles, and where do you think the line falls?

**RH:** There’s no question that the concept of keeping noses in but fingers out has taken hold in general at the board level. But I don’t think there’s a bright line, and I think it’s the job of the president and the chairman of the board to establish, on an ongoing basis, where that line actually is, given the circumstances. There are going to be times when a president might actually want the trustees to stick their fingers in more than at other times. President Skorton is someone who very much feels that way. In 2008, at the peak of the financial crisis, he put together what he affectionately called a “rump group,” which was a half-dozen trustees who had a background in finance. He brought them in with the relevant administrators to look at the University’s financial situation and make sure we were under control, from a financial management perspective. This group was brought on the inside, into management, more than I had seen happen before in my tenure.

**CAM:** Who were the members of that group?

**RH:** Paul Gould ’67, Donald Opatrny ’74, David Zalaznick ’76, Peter Meinig ’61, BME ’62, Peter Nolan ’80, MBA ’82, and David Croll ’70. They picked apart the balance sheet and probed to the point where they uncovered things that were not transparent to the board. Here’s a great example: Back then, we had about a billion dollars in debt and 80 percent of it was variable-rate. In the course of analyzing that debt, the group learned that much of it was reset on a weekly or daily basis. In an economic crisis, you might not have access to the markets in a particular week, given what’s going on in the rest of the world. So now, as a result of that effort, on a monthly basis the board is given what’s called the “dashboard,” which shows all our major financial indicators, including the cash position. It was really as a result of that process, with the rump group looking at the University’s financial situation along with the administration, that we re-evaluated the approach to our budget. When we looked ahead, we saw that if we had kept doing exactly what we were doing, we would have had a \$215 million deficit by 2014. But as a result of a lot of decisions that were made because of this group’s exploration, we recently balanced the budget—a year earlier than we thought we could.

**CAM:** The Cornell endowment took a big hit during the financial crisis—a loss of more than a billion dollars. It has recovered since then, but the numbers released about the value of the University’s long-term investments (LTI), which include the endowment, showed a decrease in value from \$5.35 billion to \$5.23 billion in the fiscal year that ended on June 30, 2012. What happened?

**RH:** It’s pretty straightforward. The LTI realized a gain of \$6 million in a very volatile environment, and it benefited from an additional inflow of \$138 million, mainly from gifts. Those gains were offset by a distribution to the University in the amount of \$267 million, including \$35 million for incremental financial aid, which the board committed to at the onset of the financial crisis. That results in a fiscal year end value of \$5.23 billion.

**CAM:** There’s growing national concern about the rising cost of higher education, particularly as expressed in increases in tuition—increases that have been running well above the rate of

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**inflation for years. How is Cornell addressing that?**

**RH:** Many universities, Cornell included, are doing things to address that, partly through tuition and financial aid, but also through things like distance learning. I know that Cornell is taking a serious look at its online strategy—massively open online courses, eCornell, and other ways of addressing some of these issues. And my guess is that out of this will come some new thinking about how to teach, and that may have implications on the expense side.

**CAM:** I’m glad you brought that up, because there has been a great deal of publicity about these massively open online courses—MOOCs—recently. Some schools have jumped in with both feet. Does Cornell have some sort of study group that’s looking at this?

**RH:** Yes, this was a topic at the meeting of the Committee on Academic Affairs during Trustee-Council weekend. I’ve also asked Provost Kent Fuchs to include it as a major topic for discussion at our January board meeting. The provost has, appropriately, asked the faculty to take the lead in determining the direction that Cornell will pursue in this area.

**CAM:** Several years ago, ILR professor Ron Ehrenberg wrote a book called *Tuition Rising* in which he expressed alarm about the so-called “arms race” between universities, where everyone wants to have facilities that are as good as or better than the next guy, and everyone wants to have a faculty that’s the best that can be—and whether this competition is driving up costs in an unsustainable way. Is there a board committee that’s looking at this?

**RH:** It’s definitely within the purview of the Committee on Finance, and obviously of interest to Student Life and others. In fact, I would say that tuition and financial aid are two of the topics that more trustees are interested in understanding and weighing in on than any others. And I think the point about faculty being expensive is something that we must deal with, because our future reputation depends on the quality of our faculty. We have to figure out how to attract the very best faculty to Cornell. While it may be true that they are expensive, it’s a reality we have to deal with.

**CAM:** It’s an unavoidable expense.

**RH:** It’s an unavoidable expense, and if we really do plan to be

one of the top ten research institutions in the world, we are going to have to have the highest quality faculty. Period.

**CAM:** Another area of financial concern is New York State's support of the contract colleges. In an interview I did with AAP Dean Emeritus Porus Olpadwala, MBA '73, PhD '79 [published in the November/December 2012 issue], he said that there have been discussions going back many years regarding the contract colleges and whether they might have to become private some day. Is this being considered?

**RH:** I have not heard any discussion of privatizing the contract colleges. It is definitely important that we do everything we can to maintain good relations with the state, so that we are as fully funded in the contract colleges as possible. That's where the efforts have been—to do what we can to deliver on our side of the bargain and work closely with the state. For instance, President Skorton was co-chair of the Southern Tier Regional Economic Development Council, and in October he was appointed by Governor Cuomo to chair the New York Racing Association. Those illustrate ways in which we are trying to be as helpful as we can toward the state's economy. And hopefully, in the long term, the governor and the legislature in Albany will appreciate that Cornell can deliver tremendous value back to the state and therefore will strongly support the contract colleges.

**CAM:** I'm glad you brought that up, because David Skorton has quite a few appointments and other responsibilities in addition to being Cornell's president, and I sometimes wonder if there's enough time in the day.

**RH:** As part of the decision to accept the job with the Racing Association, he did give up being the co-chair of the Southern Tier council. I think that Governor Cuomo is respectful of the fact that President Skorton doesn't have unlimited time. Over the past couple of years, President Skorton has actually cut back on a number of outside activities, including his work with an NIH biomedical council, the board of the Business-Higher Education Forum, the NCAA Division I board, and others.

**CAM:** Overall, what is the board's evaluation of David Skorton's performance as president so far?

**RH:** The trustees could not be more thrilled by President Skorton, and we are particularly pleased that he agreed, last year, to renew his contract for another five years. This is the right person at the right time for Cornell. He is energetic beyond belief—completely “hands-on.” He has done an extraordinary job at fundraising; he has done an extraordinary job supporting the faculty and being a listener to student groups—and alumni absolutely love him. He has taken on a national role in a way that, I think, makes people feel proud that we have a spokesperson talking about important issues of higher education in New York State and Washington. And he has had some incredible,

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globally significant successes, including the New York tech campus and the new medical research building at Weill Cornell. We all hope he stays around a long time.

**CAM:** The NYC Tech campus is obviously going to represent a big change for Cornell for many years to come. What are your impressions about the role it's going to play in the University's mission?

**RH:** It's going to be transformative—I don't think there's any question about that. There is a tremendous opportunity in New York City, given the industries that exist here—publishing, finance, media, fashion—that are being transformed by technology. By having Cornell build an applied, commercial campus—that is, a campus where commercial intent is part of the DNA—we are taking advantage of an opportunity that will, I think, pay off for Cornell, for New York City, and for the country. There's tremendous demand for what we want to do, the place where we are located has phenomenal resources, and the talent we will be able to bring to this from Ithaca and elsewhere is going to be transformative. Positively transformative.

**CAM:** Some people are concerned about the cost, and the big question is: is this going to pull money away from Ithaca?

**RH:** The reality is that in the same way that Weill Cornell receives a great deal of philanthropy from grateful patients who have no other connection with Cornell, this campus will draw from the New York community, which wants to see it succeed, and from the tech community, which also wants to see it succeed. So I would not think that this will cannibalize; it will be additive from non-Cornell donors. In addition, I can easily imagine joint efforts in fundraising where Ithaca would benefit, in the same way that there are joint programs between the Medical College and the Ithaca campus, and these benefit both campuses from a philanthropic and academic perspective.

**CAM:** As CEO of the Clinton Global Initiative, you're involved with programs around the world—and on more than one occasion, I've heard David Skorton say that Cornell wants to be the land-grant university to the world. What does that mean for the University?

**RH:** I'm 100 percent in agreement with David Skorton on this. I think that Cornell has an important role to play in helping people around the world, both because of its history as a land-grant



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Moving forward: Robert Harrison '76 introduces President David Skorton at the Trustee-Council Annual Meeting in October 2012.

institution and because of the development of its college system to address global problems. I see examples of this in my current job regularly. For example, I was in an airport not long ago and saw Helene Gayle, the head of CARE, who was thrilled about the new partnership between Cornell and CARE. The kind of work we're doing in CALS and other places on the Cornell campus is going to be valuable to what CARE is doing to provide food security and fight poverty in Africa and Asia and elsewhere. There's no question that Cornell can contribute a huge amount to solving some of the great global problems. And with President Skorton's leadership, we are tremendously well positioned to become the land-grant university to the world.

**CAM: The sesquicentennial celebration is going to start soon. What is the role of the trustees and what events do you have planned?**


**RH:** The current plan is for the celebration to take an entire year, including a Charter Day event in April 2015 in Ithaca to celebrate the day of the charter being granted to Cornell in 1865. There are also plans for celebrations in New York City and across the country, so alumni who can't be in Ithaca will be able to celebrate the sesquicentennial.

**CAM: As you look ahead, to the sesquicentennial and beyond, what do you think are the biggest challenges that Cornell is facing?**

**RH:** Let me say that every one of these is an opportunity at the same time that it's a challenge. Number one is faculty renewal, because we have to replace—in advance, actually, of retirements—nearly one-half of our faculty that will be turning over as part of the baby boom retirement phenomenon over the next

decade. Getting that right is absolutely critical, and it is priority number one—because, as I said earlier, the stature of the University depends on our faculty. Second, I think that the focus on diversity and access to Cornell by great students of all means and all backgrounds is something we need to focus on as much as we ever have. That's partly for economic reasons, but also because of the Fisher case [about equal opportunity] that is now before the Supreme Court. It could present us with challenges that we can't imagine today, in terms of taking race into account with respect to college admissions.

Then, third, we need to focus on the health, safety, and well-being of our students. We're addressing it with the gold standard of service at Gannett, and we need to make sure that we don't take our eye off that. Fourth, there are the challenges and opportunities of international public engagement, which will be a major driver of what we're going to be doing over the next five to ten years—beyond the sesquicentennial.

Finally, there are the two campuses in New York City, Weill Cornell and the new tech campus. I think the tech campus, as I said before, will be transformative. And I think that the new Belfer Research Building at the Medical College will also be transformative, in that the kinds of scientists that Dean Laurie Glimcher is going to be able to recruit will be at the top of their fields—world-class scientists who will now have world-class facilities. That will both enhance the stature of our University tremendously and provide translational research that will produce real solutions for the problems existing in the hospital across the street. Those are the areas that I would put in the category of challenges, but also huge opportunities for Cornell as we move ahead. 

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## Honoring Cornell's Top Alumni Volunteers

In September, during an enhanced Homecoming weekend that featured fireworks and a laser-light show, another grand celebration took place—the ceremony honoring the recipients of the 2012 Frank H. T. Rhodes Exemplary Alumni Service Award.

Each year, the Cornell Alumni Association recognizes six individuals or couples for their outstanding alumni volunteer leadership over at least thirty-five years. The award is given to honor their philanthropy in terms of time given to their alma mater, not money donated.

This year, eight Cornellians received the award at a dinner celebration on the Friday night of Homecoming, in a ballroom packed with alumni as well as past Rhodes Award winners. The ceremony featured remarks from President David Skorton and a video about Cornell volunteers featuring President Emeritus Rhodes, who was in attendance along with his wife, Rosa. The evening was hosted by CAA president Stephanie Keene Fox '89, who highlighted the hard work and dedication of the honorees, who were nominated by their peers from among the 15,000 alumni who volunteer across more than 450 organizations.

### Percy Edwards Browning '56

Shortly after her marriage, Percy Edwards Browning got some advice from her mother-in-law. "She said, 'We're very fortunate with what we have, and you have to give back,'" Browning recalled in her Rhodes Award acceptance speech. "I thought about it, and it has become my mantra for the past fifty years and it will continue for as long as I am able." And

give back she has. Browning has been active with the Class of 1956, starting as its Cornell Fund representative. Her love of the arts has played a central role in her volunteer efforts: raising money for the Class of '56 Flexible Theatre in the Schwartz Center, leading fundraising efforts for the Lincoln Hall renovation, and serving on the Women's Chorus Advisory Council. She is a life member of the University Council, a frequent traveler with Cornell's Adult University, and a member of the College of Arts and Sciences Advisory Council; she has also worked with her sorority, Pi Beta Phi, on house renovations, redecoration, and maintenance.

### Rolf Frantz '66, MEng '67

Rolf Frantz is no stranger to the Rhodes Awards. He hosted the ceremony four times as president of the Cornell Alumni Federation (now the Cornell Alumni Association) and has chaired the committee that selects the recipients. But being president of CAF is just one of the many ways in which Frantz has donated his time to Cornell. Frantz has served in many roles with the Cornell Club of Northern New Jersey, including as its



At your service: Rhodes Awards attendees (back row, from left) Rolf Frantz '66, MEng '67, John Riley '55, BArch '56, Almeda Church Riley '58, Robert Staley '57, BME '58, MBA '59, Frank Rhodes, Stephanie Keene Fox '89, Martin Tang '70, and David Skorton. Front row: Carolyn Chauncey Neuman '64, Elizabeth Chapman Staley '60, Rosa Rhodes, and Percy Edwards Browning '56.

president. He is president of the Class of 1966 and has served in other class leadership positions as well. He is currently in his third term on the University Council and has served on the MOSAIC Executive Committee, the Committee on Alumni Trustee Nominations, and the Cornell VISA Partnership Committee. As Frantz said at the ceremony: "To the extent that I've been able to give anything back to Cornell, it has been because of the people I've met over the years who have made it possible."

### Carolyn Chauncey Neuman '64

Carolyn Chauncey Neuman's list of  
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A night to remember (clockwise from top left): Past Rhodes Award winner Alice Katz Berglas '66 greets Rolf Frantz and his wife, Nancy Nystrom Frantz '68; Carolyn Chauncey Neuman with her award; Martin Tang and son Christopher Tang '07; Robert and Elizabeth Staley at the podium.

alumni leadership positions is long and impressive. She has been a member of the Board of Trustees since 2001 and is a trustee emerita, a presidential counselor, and past chair of the University Council (of which she is a life member). She is past president of the Cornell Association of Class Officers and a member of the President's Council of Cornell Women. For her class, she has served as president and fundraiser. She currently serves on advisory councils for the Plantations, the University Library, the College of Human Ecology, and the Greek system. "Alumni service has complemented the pleasure of my family life," she said. "Giving back to Cornell has been a gift—to me." In her remarks, Neuman made special mention of the Alumni Affairs staff. "I just love

the spirit of alumni programs, the spirit of staff working with volunteers," she said. "It is the essence of reciprocity."

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

In a refrain that was heard throughout the ceremony, A.C. Riley said the reason she and John give back to their alma mater is that "Cornell has done a lot for both of us in our lives." A.C. and John Riley are a Cornell couple through and through, having met through CAU. Both are life members of the University Council and are active with the Cornell Club of the Greater Capital District. A.C. is a member emerita of the Arts and Science Advisory Council, having served nine years as a member, while John served for

ten years on the College of Architecture, Art, and Planning Advisory Council. She currently serves on the Student and Academic Services Advisory Committee and has been active with the Class of 1958 and PCCW. "How did I start volunteering for Cornell?" mused A.C. "I never volunteered. Cornell just envelops you and you're involved before you know it, and you're having such a great time that it's been more of a benefit to me than it's been for Cornell."

#### Elizabeth Chapman Staley '60 and Robert Staley '57, BME '58, MBA '59

Thanks to the commitment of the Staleys, many parts of Cornell have flourished. From Athletics and Student and Academic Services to the College of Engineering and the Johnson School, the Staleys have given the gift of their time. A member of the 1957 undefeated world champion heavyweight crew team, Bob has taken on advisory roles for both Athletics and rowing, helping to raise the money for the renovation and expansion of the boathouse. A trustee, trustee emeritus, and presidential counselor, he is a staunch supporter of global learning, helping to establish the Johnson School's partnership program at Nanjing University School of Business. For Liz, bettering student life has been central to her Cornell volunteerism. A member of the Student and Academic Services Advisory Council, she has served as chair of the Division of Campus Life Advisory Council as well as co-chair of the Committee for Campus Life. A life member of the University Council, she is a former president of the Cornell Club of St. Louis. In accepting the award, Liz said the best part was "to be honored with an award named for Frank Rhodes—someone I admire passionately."

#### Martin Tang '70

As the Rhodes Awards program noted, "Martin's love for Cornell is boundless." In Hong Kong, where he revitalized the local club, he is known as "Mr. Cornell," frequently hosting events for prospective students and their parents. His love for his alma mater is exemplified by his sixteen years of service on the Board of Trustees, and—despite living abroad—having a near-perfect attendance record. He has used his influence to help the University build bridges internationally; President Skorton has asked him to play a key leadership role in shaping Cornell's international strategy. He is a trustee emeritus and presidential counselor, and is immediate past chair of the CALS Advisory Council. "Cornell has changed my life in so many ways," he said. "It's given me a continuing education. It's given me lifelong relationships. And it's given me a chance to give back."

## Alumni Leadership Conference Moves to Boston

The 2013 Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC, previously known as CACO Mid-Winter Meeting) will take place January 18–20 in Boston—moving from Washington, D.C., where it was held the previous three years.

A full schedule of panels, discussions, and networking events will be offered to alumni leaders. They include

class officers, regional club leaders, heads of diversity and affinity groups, CAAAN chairs, and members of the alumni councils of many of the undergraduate colleges and graduate schools.

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# The Making of An Alumni Trustee Candidate

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By Scott Pesner '87

In February, Cornell alumni will once again be offered the chance to help elect two University trustees. By participating in the annual alumni trustee election—an opportunity offered by few colleges and universities—Cornellians help to determine the composition of the Board of Trustees.

Perhaps other alumni, like me, have wondered how these four individuals are placed on the ballot.

For the past four years, I have had the privilege of serving on the Committee on Alumni Trustee Nominations (CATN). Comprised of twenty-three members who each serve a four-year, non-renewable term (about a quarter of the committee cycles off each year), CATN includes representatives of each undergraduate and professional college and school, diversity groups, clubs, classes, and major boards. Among the numerous Cornell committees on which I serve, I have found this one to be the most meaningful of all, a view shared by

many current and past CATN members.

The process begins in the spring, when alumni are asked to nominate fellow alumni leaders they believe would make strong candidates. A committee including the CATN chair, a member of the Board of Trustees Committee on Board Composition and Governance, and the chair or chairs of the Board of Trustees Committee on Alumni Affairs, identifies approximately thirty to forty alumni that CATN will consider for the coming year.

CATN meets three times in the fall to review and discuss each nominee, with committee members sharing information about those they know or about special qualities they discover in reviewing the biographies provided by the Office of Alumni Affairs. Ultimately, the committee seeks to create a slate of candidates who have shown leadership in alumni activities and who, through their professional and personal experience, will bring unique contributions to the Board and to the University.

By the time this article is published, you should know whom CATN has nominated this year. Each candidate brings something unique to the table, and each is well qualified to be a member of the Board of Trustees. All have stepped up to volunteer for their alma mater; all have developed great credentials professionally and in civic engagement; all are candidates of whom you should be proud. Look at each résumé, read each statement, and vote for the two you believe to be best qualified. This is your opportunity to have a voice in the future of your alma mater—so vote and encourage your classmates and alumni friends to do so.

And if you're ever asked to serve on the Committee on Trustee Nominations, please do. It offers a great opportunity to make a difference on behalf of your beloved alma mater. It is an experience I will treasure.

*Scott Pesner '87 is a vice president of the Cornell Alumni Association*

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## An Update on the University Council

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By Katrina James '96

The University Council is a group of more than 900 alumni, parents, and friends. The council has more than 450 members who are elected to four-year terms in recognition of their service to Cornell, their profession, or their community. It's led by an administrative board consisting of the chair, five vice chairs, fourteen members-at-large, and ex-officio members who represent various University offices or other alumni organizations. In 2009, the council undertook an extensive strategic review under the leadership of our immediate past chair, Mitch Lee '90, JD '96. I'd like to provide an update on two key initiatives that the council has launched over the past year as a result of that strategic planning.

### Ambassador Initiative

The primary role of council members is to serve as ambassadors. They communicate timely information about key initiatives to the greater Cornell community and to their communities at large. Members also inform the University about questions or feedback they receive so Cornell may respond, as appropriate.

We launched our Ambassador Initiative at the 2011 Trustee-Council Annual Meeting (TCAM). Although members had always informally served as ambassadors,

we had never provided training or an organized set of resources to assist them in that role. Senior-level administrators from the Office of Volunteer Programs, in conjunction with University Communications, developed a script for members to use during ambassador talks to clubs, regional organizations, and other groups around the world. More than 200 members attended the training session, and more than sixty talks have been given.

We are continuing to explore ways to improve the Ambassador program. Vice chair Jay Carter '71, ME '72, is working closely with the Office of Volunteer Programs to streamline the process of finding appropriate events for members to give talks and to ensure that they receive timely updates to the ambassador message.

### New Member Orientation

Previously, orientation took place at the new member luncheon during TCAM. In response to requests for a resource to provide guidance before TCAM, we launched the New Member Webinars last year. The webinars provided a general orientation about the council and the responsibilities of membership, and introduced the Ambassador Initiative. We also asked the administrative board to call new members,

welcome them, and answer any questions.

Because new members received an orientation before TCAM, we were able to revamp the luncheon to provide opportunities for more networking and interaction. This year, we also have invited those in the fourth year of their term to share their experiences with new members. Additionally, we are in the process of developing a new structure for mentorship.

The first year of my term was a whirlwind, but I hope that we have put in place initiatives to make the council experience more meaningful.

*Katrina James is chair of the University Council.*



**In style: Katrina James '96 with Matilda Ceesay '13, who designed her dress for the Cornell Now banquet**

**42** How exciting to see the Cornell vs. Yale football game on TV! Cornell won 45-6! It was a fine game at Schoellkopf. Hope they are on again and win more games. President **Liz Schlamm Eddy** (New York City) is always looking out for us, so has sent all duespayers the New Student Reading Project Book, the *New York Times* best-seller *The Life Before Us* by Romain Gary, writing under the pseudonym Emile Ajar. (I'm not surprised he used a false name.) Hope you'll comment.

"A red letter day with the arrival of *Cornell Alumni Magazine* and the reunion picture," writes **Allen Shotwell**, MS '54 (Glen Cove, NY). "We had a good time at Reunion, but I was disappointed that some of my friends were not able to attend. Only six of the 11 showed up for the picture—three of the four men started careers as teachers of agriculture, but all moved into other jobs in education. Reunion cost me more than a year in college! I enjoyed being on campus again. Edna and I had a seventh-floor room at the Statler with a great view of the campus and the lake. Cayuga Lake has a special place in my heart, as I lived on a farm in Aurora while in high school and college and then spent 38 years on the faculty of Union Springs Central School, retiring in 1981. I moved to Long Island when I remarried in 1997. My daughter and her husband live in Auburn and both are Union Springs grads. He is retired from their faculty and his parents were '36 and '41 Cornellians. My first wife was Home Ec '42 and president of Sigma Kappa."

Hope everyone sends in the News Form from the recent class mailing. Thanks in advance to those of you who have done so already—the forms hadn't reached me yet when I wrote this column. Send your past and present news any time of year—can't have a column without your help. Thanks. **Carolyn Evans** Finneran, 8815 46th St. NW, Gig Harbor, WA 98335; tel., (253) 326-4806; e-mail, Carolynfinn@comcast.net.

**43** Your once roving, now rooted reporter will stop at nothing to submit a class column. This one comes to you—with the help of the editors at the alumni magazine—from Grandview Hospital in Sellersville, PA, where I am recovering from a rematch with pneumonia. The view out the window: pebbles on a rooftop.

A note about our 70th Reunion, June 6-9, 2013. You will certainly have received the "Save the Date" mailing by now, and registration material will come this spring, along with details of the various class-specific and university-general activities. HQ: the Statler Hotel.

Your latest round of news has revealed some not unexpected trends in reading habits, but also provided an unexpectedly long list of books—ten from **Jerry Batt** alone—that would keep you warm by the fireside for years to come. More on this in future columns, but we are *New York Times* readers all, matched by daily consumption of the local papers and weekly/monthly/quarterly enjoyment of magazines such as the *New Yorker*, *National Geographic*, *Smithsonian*, the *Economist*, various

alumni publications, and nearly a dozen other well known periodicals. Some of you read the *New York Times* online, but not all—the no's have it as far as computer literacy goes.

News mixed in: **C. Lawrence Swezey** (Palo Alto, CA) writes for a monthly newsletter on California Worker's Compensation. "I also attend dramatic and athletic events in which my grandchildren are participating." **Arnold Relman** (Cambridge, MA), former editor of the *New England Journal of Medicine* (1977-91), has been retired from the Harvard medical faculty for the past 13 years. "I now work at home, occasionally speak on healthcare issues, and contribute articles to magazines and newspapers on this topic." **Curt Strand** (Snowmass Village, CO) was recovering from hip replacement but looking forward to a trip to Berlin. Jerry Batt (Williamsville, NY) writes, "My wife, Dorothy, and I have been doing well at the age of 90, living at Canterbury Woods, a lovely home for senior citizens, rated very high at number three nationally. It is a beautiful 'campus-like' setting, landscaped with beautiful gardens and a lake that residents walk around, enjoying country-like scenes. Four times around is a mile—good exercise too." Jerry is currently reading *Great Adventures with National Geographic*.

Another great adventure: **Barbara Wahl** Cate (Maplewood, NJ) just completed a 300-mile tandem ride through all the New England states. "Most interesting were Cambridge, MA, and Connecticut. My two granddaughters just got married. Both at Yale." **Mary Jo Borntrager** Ray (Dallas, TX) writes, "I live in an independent living facility, which I like very much, and participate in most of the programs here. I still play a lot of bridge and travel (short trips) to visit seven grandchildren and four greats." **Barbara Larrabee** Johnson (Binghamton, NY) plays bridge, redesigns clothes, and volunteers at her church. "I also attend Fitness for Life classes (3x/wk) and classes at the Lyceum, a learning-in-retirement organization affiliated with Binghamton U. **June Gilbert** Klitgord (Haverhill, NH, and St. Augustine, FL), another weekly bridge player, also attends a Bone Builders exercise class once or twice a week. "I belong to our small hospital auxiliary. We do projects to raise money for hospital needs. I still spend four months every winter in my Florida condo." **Jarman Kennard**, BME '47 (Fairview Park, OH) has been reading, walking, and watching the world go by. "Thankful I'm still alive and healthy enough to enjoy my family."

**Gordon Jones** and his wife are comfortably located at the Plains at Parish Homestead, a senior living community in Oneonta, NY. **John** and **Ann Buchholz Alden** '45 (Delmar, NY) are still attending Elderhostel (now called Road Scholar) programs. "The latest one was in September at Chautauqua, NY, but we no longer can drive that far. I'm also still working on US submarine operations in WWII and writing occasional articles for the *Submarine Review*." **Ted Morse** (White Plains, NY) still plays a little golf, but drives on the highways too: "Drove to Durham, NC, to visit a friend, to Maine for a wonderful week at an adult music resort called Quisisana, to Saratoga Springs, NY, in late September, and to Lenox, MA,

where we saw the play *Satchmo at the Waldorf*. It is marvelous." **John Casale** (Vero Beach, FL) is also playing golf, "but from the 'green' tees. I'm painting with oil and watercolor—have sold a few. Returned from France and Belgium trip, including a barge through the French canal and lower Rhone Valley, etc." Thanks to **Aline Snyder** Raisler, who sent a nice note of commiseration shortly after my previous bout with pneumonia. Ali spends half the year in New York City and the rest in Palm Beach, FL. "I try to attend all Cornell events in Florida and frequently see **Annette Fox** Levitt '42."

**Mary Louise (Snellenburg)** '45 and I celebrated our 70th anniversary last September, dining at Shawn Doyle's splendid Savory Grille in nearby Macungie, PA. During the meal, I told her that if I had to do it all over again, she would certainly be on the short list. Afterwards, with food still left over, the waitperson asked, "Should I put that in a box for you?" "Keep the scraps," I said. "Put the chef in a box!" **S. Miller Harris**, P.O. Box 164, Spinnerstown, PA 18968; e-mail, millerharris1@comcast.net.

**44** Ithacan **Howard Evans**, PhD '50, writes, "The Veterinary college held a surprise party for my 90th birthday with a speech by the dean and food for everyone—almost 200. I still have an office at the college and invite anyone to visit." Howard, a professor emeritus who joined the faculty in 1950, included a photocopy announcement of his latest effort: Elsevier Health has published the fourth edition of *Miller's Anatomy of the Dog*, co-authored with **Alexander de Lahunta**, PhD '63, a professor of clinical sciences at the college. "Still alive and busy with family, church, library, clubs, etc.," writes **Marian Stout** Lynes-Bouck (Middleburgh, NY; mbouck@midtel.net). "My Lynes children (three) and Bouck children (three) put together a gala 90th birthday party in August, in conjunction with the 300th anniversary of our village—still lovely, even though we suffered severe damage from Hurricane Irene. My home is like new now."

Continuing in the birthday vein, **Barbara Van Slyke** Anderson (Glendale, AZ; dba86505@gmail.com) celebrated her big day in May. "I find that astonishing, but also something to boast about. A little upgrading on my general health might be nice, but my head seems to be on straight still, and keeps me going with my several interests. I live independently in a CCRC and still drive locally and in the daytime. Water aerobics and walking keep me out of the rocking chair—except when I am reading, reading, and reading. I am still a compulsive writer and love my Apple. No other gadgets, however, except a cell phone. My top priorities are my two wonderful daughters and their families, one living up in the beautiful Rim Country of Arizona and the other in stimulating Austin, TX." In December 2011, **Bill Elkins**, BA '47, LLB '49 (Burdett, NY) retired from a wonderful job as law clerk to the local county judge, and he and wife **Irene (Sutphen)** are now enjoying retirement. "Our Lord has blessed us with wonderful health for our years, but we move a bit

slower. We are both active in our grange and in the Conservative Party, in our church, and a few other things." When they wrote, they were looking forward to spending the winter in Florida. Irene asked after **Helena Nickerson Wiley**.

**Norma Hirshon Schatz**, BA '43 (nrma520@yahoo.com) made the big decision to sell her condo in Connecticut and spend year-round (more or less) in Sarasota. "So much to do here—and I'm enjoying it all while I can." Fellow Sunshine Stater **Robert Miller**, BS Ag '48, PhD '51, a resident of Orange City, does lots of reading and plays nine holes of golf three times each week. "Good health," he writes. "91 years old last July." **Erma "Gale" Nightingale Wiggin**, in Sarasota (gwiggin@juno.com), continues working at the company she and her late husband, **Bud**, BS ORIE '43, founded 57 years ago. "Both the company and I are still going strong. All the family are well, but I'm still looking forward to my first great-grandchild. Since none of the grandkids is yet married, it won't be right away, but hope springs eternal!"

**Jeanne Neubecker Logue**, DVM '44 (Poughkeepsie, NY; jcllogue1@hotmail.com) reports emphatically that she and husband **Joseph**, ME '49, have now joined the ranks of great-grandparents! **Maryann Trask Whitcomb** (Cape Elizabeth, ME) can certainly relate to that: "My 20th great-grandchild arrived in September!" Maryann moved to Cape Elizabeth, ME, in September. She adds, "Love hearing all your news." Also changing addresses in September: **Sigmund**, MFS '48 (shsales@aol.com) and **Serena Ginsberg Hoffman '47**, MA '48, have moved to Ridgefield Commons, an assisted living community in Ridgefield, CT. "This is a central location, within easy reach of six children."

**Carl Yunker**, BS Ag '47 (Elba, NY) is enjoying retirement on the family farm operated by son **Craig '72** and grandson **Christian '02**. Carl studied Animal Science in the Ag college, while Craig and Christian majored in Ag Economics and Business. The diversified dairy/vegetable/sod operation operates as CY Farms LLC. **Marilyn Wise Douglass** (San Jose, CA; marilyndouglass@comcast.net) also reports an extended web of affiliation with the university: "Cornell is becoming a family tradition. My husband was **Gael '43**, my grandson is **Patrick Douglass '02**, and now I understand that my nephew's son John will be going to the Architecture school. We all love the place." More news to come in the next issue. ☐ **Class of 1944**, c/o *Cornell Alumni Magazine*, 401 East State St., Suite 301, Ithaca, NY 14850. **Dorothy Kay** Kesten, 1 Crestwood Rd., Westport, CT 06880; e-mail, dotkes10@optonline.net.

**45** The son of **Eleanor Strum Braendel**, BA '44, notified us of her death in August and sent an obituary from an Alaska newspaper. Eleanor met her husband, Art, while she was at Cornell and they moved to Alaska in 1946, where they homesteaded in a cabin at Eagle River. The centerpiece of the cabin was a grand piano where Eleanor gave lessons for more than 50 years. She and Art were two of the original 17 members of the Anchorage Symphony Orchestra and played with the group for six decades. In 1984 they founded the Alaska Fine Arts Academy, which has slowly grown to offer courses in music, art, theatre, dance, voice, and even pottery. It will eventually have a campus of its own on six acres of the Braendels' homestead donation. The Braendels' love of music has been carried on by their children and grandchildren. During their

lifetimes, Eleanor and Art were presented with the governor's award for lifetime achievement in the arts, as well as several others. An Eagle River subdivision—Braendelwood—bears their name. Our class salutes Eleanor for a meaningful life well lived and sends condolences to her family.

**Saul Levinson** (NYC) spent July and August in Paris with wife Natalie, avoiding New York's heat and humidity. **Jean Adolphi Snyder** (Spencer, NY), MS '55, enjoys family and friends, reading, and TV. She attended the wedding of granddaughter Dr. **Kristie Synder '97** to John Baush, also a PhD. Jean's sewing hobby is curtailed by trouble threading the needle. When she started at Cornell she brought only clothes and a portable typewriter. **Richard Weishaar**, BA '49, MD '52, is learning to live a normal (!) life after breaking his neck two years ago. He also has Lyme disease and other assorted ailments. His home overlooks the Chesapeake Bay, a mere 50 feet away. He still does the weeding and mowing as part of his gentleman farming duties. Over the years he wintered at his Key Biscayne apartment and explored the Far West by auto. He concludes his note by wishing Cornell would stop trying to be "bigger and better," since bigger doesn't always end up better.

**Mary Meter Carter** (Dowling Park, FL) writes that husband **David**, BCE '44, suffered a stroke with paralysis in February 2011 and that they moved shortly thereafter to a senior center on their 65th wedding anniversary—she to a ranch home there and he to the nursing facility. "I arise at 6:30 a.m. to have breakfast with Dave at the facility, and still go to aquatic classes three days a week and Concerned Citizens meetings. I'd rather be traveling, but those days are over. We have been to more than 60 countries." Mary brought to Cornell some books and clothes, as well as a cello, all of which could fit in the back seat of a sedan. She would like to resume contact with **Bob Bencotter**, BCE '44, and wife Phyllis, and concludes her note with this: "Life is short. Eat dessert first." **Alma Morton Blazic**, BA '44 (Cincinnati, OH) spent two months in the hospital because of a broken hip, but her condition is steadily improving. Of Cornell friends she would like to keep in touch with, she writes, "Luckily, I still do." On carting in "stuff" to Cornell as freshmen, she reports, "Not nearly as much as my granddaughter."

As I write this column in mid-October, it will be less than a week until the Class of '45 will have dinner at the Statler Hotel after hearing the chimes play the "Evening Song." We are having a unique "mini-reunion" and possibly starting an event for other classes to imitate. You will read all about it in future columns. Please keep in touch with news of yourselves and loved ones. ☐ **Bob Frankenfeld**, 6291 E. Bixby Hill Rd., Long Beach, CA 90815; e-mail, betbobf@aol.com; **Julie Kamerer Snell**, 3154 Gracefield Rd., #111, Silver Spring, MD 20904; e-mail, julie.snell@verizon.net.

**46** **Richard Beard**, BME '45 (Fort Wayne, IN) continues to increase his record as the Lou Gehrig of Talking Books for the Blind volunteers. He must have repaired thousands of their cassettes since 1997. We wonder if his rookie card is being actively traded. Dick would love to hear from old friend **Charles Sterling**, B Chem E '49. **William Dilger**, PhD '55 (Freeville, NY) lists winter jobs of making and repairing furniture, birdhouses, benches, etc., and painting natural history

subjects. In summer, he grows and harvests food and cares for chickens. Bill would be delighted to hear from **Fred Hilton '47**, BS '50.

**Gabriel**, BCE '49, MS '51, and **Lois Pesce** (Port Hueneme, CA; gvpplct@aol.com) have tallied up their travels during the last year. Included were a 10,000-mile, ten-week tour of the US, which included 65th Reunion stops at both Brown and Cornell (he graduated from both simultaneously). They toured the Southwest twice for another 3,000 miles and also cruised the Danube. Despite their 20,000-mile travel schedule—and Gabe's recent serious abdominal surgery, from which he is recuperating nicely—he was home enough to complete two home improvement projects and other household chores, plus stay active in veterans' associations. Culturally, he's writing a memoir and some humorous essays. He paints in many media, primarily landscapes and portraits.

We received notes regarding the deaths of two class members from their families. **Gerhard Westphal** died on June 11, 2011 and **Richard Younge** on December 13, 2011. We would be pleased to insert a suitable note about either of them from any column reader.

Our annual reminder: If you have scrapbooks, diaries, letters, photographs, or mementos from the 1940s at Cornell, send them to **Elaine Engst**, MA '72, University Archivist, Carl A. Kroch Library, Ithaca, NY 14853-5302; tel., (607) 255-3530; fax (607) 255-9524; e-mail, ee11@cornell.edu. Your survivors will probably toss out such materials, but the university might very well display them. It's better and more ecological to direct them to the university now. Elaine advises that they have lots of material from the really early days, but very little from the 1940s.

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

I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas with your family and that 2013 will make all of your wishes come true. At our age, every new day is a gift to be cherished. This article ends my news, so I am waiting patiently for your dues and news notices to come. I hope everyone makes an effort to write—remember this news must last a year unless you contact me between times. (Feel free to contact me directly at any one of the options listed at the end of this column.)

**Marianne Michaelis Goldsmith**, BS HE '45 (Bedminster, NJ) contacted me several times and sent along an article about the bench that her family donated to the Plantations in honor of her husband, **Karl '47**. She has two sons and a daughter-in-law who also attended Cornell. I also heard from three of my sorority sisters. **Charlotte Fry** Poor's update from Peoria, IL, appeared in the last column. **Mary Lou Rutan** Snowden (Madison, WI) is, like Charlotte, also living in a condo, but is having a lot of back problems. She enjoys visiting with her two daughters and three grands. **Ann McGloin** Stevens (Wyndmoor, Pa) said she is still living in her house, just a few blocks from her daughter—whose husband is Ann's doctor. She is planning on attending her grandson's Cornell graduation. He spent his junior year studying in London, but was glad to get back to the discipline at Cornell. Ann must be in good health, as she continues to go on walks with her youngest son, who lives with her.

I don't usually report any deaths, as they appear in the back pages of the *Alumni News*, but if you hear of a death, please send the newspaper notice or ask the next of kin to notify Cornell. They must have an official notice. Remember, you can send your news directly any time of year: ☐ **Elinor Baier** Kennedy, 9 Reading Dr., Apt. 302, Wernersville, PA 19565; tel., (610) 927-8777; e-mail, mopsyk@comcast.net.

**47** I heard from a few more classmates who weren't able to attend Reunion. **Lillian "Lee" Gorton** Spiece (dclg22@comcast.net) played tennis until she was 80—"but stopped chugalugging beer many years ago"—and has had five back operations, making it difficult to get around. **Martha Rausch** Ohaus couldn't make it back for reunion, but was planning a river trip to Russia for the summer with daughter **Marjorie Ohaus** Lillard '73. After Russia, they were going to visit more family in Switzerland, including a grandson-in-law (I think I got that right!) who is employed by Lindt Chocolates. As Martha said, "Yum, yum!" Martha has a grandson in the graduate program of Human Ecology in the Dept. of Fabric Science and another relative who is a Human Ecology freshman.

**Joe Leeds** (Riverdale, NJ) also wrote that he was unable to attend reunion, but remembered our 60th, which he attended with his wife. Joe is in an assisted living community, where he tends the gardens and dotes on a dog that he got from a rescue shelter a year ago and has become "the pet of the whole home"—the only one in the building. Class president **Pete Schwarz**, BEE '46 (pds67@cornell.edu) reports that grandson **Joey**

**Vinegrad '15** is in the sesquicentennial class on the Hill. Pete and Elaine are still active in Rotary, playing tennis, and even doing a bit of skiing. **Shirley Buck** Rabeler (Cortland, NY; rcrabeler@odyssey.net) counts two daughters, one son, two sons-in-law, one grandson, and one granddaughter among the Cornell grads in her family. She keeps up with church activities, the Cornell Club of Cortland County, and lots of nearby family. She also tries to keep the flowers growing in her garden. **Jessie Leitstein** Weitz, BS Nurs '47 (Whitestone, NY; mynetsuke@gmail.com) has a granddaughter living in London who visited Cornell and "loved it." She was hoping to enter the Arts college in the Class of 2016.

Congratulations to **Jerome Hausman**, BA '46 (Evanston, IL; jerryhausman@gmail.com), a recipient of the Eisner Lifetime Achievement Award from the National Art Education Association last March. And brava to **Teddy Liebman** Marten of Great Neck, NY! After a long career in education, in 1993 Teddy started to write the lyrics and music for songs that were performed in cabarets and earned her membership in ASCAP. She now has about 40 songs to her credit. Three years ago, her "Let the Bells Ring" was accepted as a gift by UNICEF and last spring it was performed by a children's choir and hand bell choir at a church in Floral Park, NY.

With this column, I turn the Class of '47 column back to **Sylvia Kianoff** Shain. Send your news to her at irashain1@verizon.net. I wish you an easy winter and an early spring! ☐ **Arle Williamson** Anderson, 238 Dorchester Rd., Rochester, NY 14610.

**48** 1948 CLASSMATES ALERT! MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW FOR JUNE 6-9, 2013. Let's join together for our 65th Reunion in Ithaca—an amazing opportunity to be back on the Cornell campus. **Frank Collyer**, **Jean Genung** Pearson, and **Marty Clark** Mapes, MS '49, are swinging into action to make it a fun and rewarding time. We're the class who helps support a needy Cornell student, dedicates shells, relishes our visits with President Emeritus Frank Rhodes, and wants continuing insights on Cornell today. We'll be centrally located in June at the Statler—steps from the action. We'll make it fun for you. PLAN NOW TO COME!—Your Ithaca Committee.

**William B. Kent**, MBA '54, Broomall, PA: "Doing very little here. Grew up in NYC. Live in a private home, which is great—I own it! Favorite eatery is McDonald's—little for less. Don't travel much." **Gerry Haviland**, Norway, ME: "Watching the generations go by. Nicest place I ever lived was in Naples, ME. Nice community and committees. Best place ever visited is the Cornell campus. Don't travel much nowadays." **Margaret Smith** Brown, Lincoln, NE: "Trying to stay healthy. Lived once in Toft, England, in a nice 1700s cottage. Best visit was to Zimbabwe, with its nice people and animals. Travel lately has been to visit husband Al in hospital. Keep your sense of humor."

**Mary Jane Burkholder** Fredricksen, Harrisburg, PA: "Playing bridge. I like London and its pubs. Most unimportant thing in life is going to the dentist." **Lee Rothenberg**, Longboat Key, FL: "Tennis three times a week; swim in my pool on non-tennis days. Expect more bad economic news because of politics and European problems. Longboat Key is the best place I've ever lived: perfect weather, beautiful surroundings, stable local

politics, excellent restaurants, top medical facilities. Favorite visits were to Tahiti and the Marquesas Islands: gorgeous and fascinating. Live in private home; no plans to move. I like adventure cruises best. Some people can look up at the sky and see the stars, but just can't see the light. I am busy writing a modern book about Hernando de Soto's four-year journey through 11 southern states—90 percent done."

**Vincent Greci**, Olympia Fields, IL: "Busy eating Italian food and playing with grandchildren. Nicest place I've ever lived is Naples, FL—and not Chicago, IL, where I now live. It's corrupt. Naples is quiet and friendly, and it's easy to get anywhere. Local government is good. Best travel has been to Italy. The wines were fantastic, and residents are warm and friendly. Too old to travel now. Every year is a new beginning. Every day is a new gift. Criticizing other people is unimportant. Be nice. Love God and let him know it. Play and talk with your grandchildren and your wife. Forgive everyone (even politicians)." **Richard Brown**, Rockville Centre, NY: "Traveling, theatre, reading, plus sailing, kayaking, and swimming in the summer. I like Jamesport, Long Island, in the summer, but it's not as good as it used to be. Best visit was to Turkey: a ton of historical stuff; friendly people; the great city of Istanbul. Also, southwestern France for its scenery and food. Hope to go somewhere in Europe with daughter and family on 'spring break.' I still put up storm windows and remove screens, and vice versa. No plans to move. Vacation of choice is driving a car or small-vessel cruising; very flexible and relaxing."

**Vivian Hoffman** Miller (aka Vivian Grey), Haverford, PA: "Flunked retirement! Continue to teach various writing workshops at Temple U., Rosemont College, and Long Beach Island Art Foundation, and am a writing coach author. Play tennis and bridge, row my boat, and am active in widow and widower groups. Recently opened the 45th annual writers conference at Rutgers U. Council on Children's Literature, which I founded. I live in a condo in Haverford and a house on Long Beach Island. Do all my own cooking. Any place I eat with daughter **Leslie Grey** Schneider '74, BFA '75, and granddaughter Rebecca is my favorite restaurant. Leslie teaches art in the Camden, NJ, public school system. When not on 'the Island,' my favorite trips are to Central and South America."

**Menko "Mickey" Rose**, Carmel, CA: "Swimming, writing, watching grandkids grow. We will progress further to a peaceful world. World leaders are learning the importance. Carmel is the nicest place: the ocean, cool climate, the fog . . . and kids and grandkids nearby. Yosemite Park is the best: beautiful at its base and at its top. I live in a private home. Next move is to the grave. I used to vacation at the World Federation Conference and hike in Switzerland. It's intellectually, emotionally, and physically stimulating. Despite bad news on TV and in the papers, the human condition is improving. Nothing in life is unimportant." **Doris Wolfe** Schultz, Shelter Island, NY: "Swimming, golfing, travel, garden club, church, and enjoying family. Going to Chile and Argentina in February. I like touring—for the in-depth knowledge about the country and the people who live there."

**Barbara "Bookie" Bookstein** Brandt, Roslyn Heights, NY: "Grandson and father live with me now and are wonderful. Have lived in some private home for over 60 years. Husband **Norman '44**, BCE '47, had Parkinson's disease and died in November 2011. He was originally Civil Engineering Class of '44, but graduated '47 thanks to WWII." **Joan**



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**Kaplan** Davidson, Silver Spring, MD: I like Silver Spring, where my family grew and did well. I like to visit Rome for its beauty, history, and friends. Going to Durango, CO. **Richard Mittenthal**, Longboat Key, FL: "Reading, writing, thinking. Best place I ever lived is Planet Earth for its life, energy, and love. Was ill for eight months with bacterial meningitis—grateful to be alive."

**Walter Baurle**, Dryden, NY: "Reading, violin playing. Dryden is really home (sweet home) and the weather isn't too bad. Best visit was to Prague and Vienna: friendly, scenic, interesting. Life is interesting and comfortable in Dryden." **Jane Bowers Bliss**, Concord, NH: "Plays, choral concerts, opera. Still sing in a choir, but I'm sure they wouldn't miss me! Nicest place I lived was Burnt Hill Farm in Warner, NH: gorgeous view, large 1787 house. I now live in an apartment in a large historic home built by Mary Baker Eddy." **Francis Weigle**, Quaker Hill, CT: "Sitting in recliner, dog on lap, cat on arm of chair. Just might sing a duet with wife Joan because I couldn't find anyone else. Favorite town was Groton, CT, where I was born in 1925. Nice bunch of kids to play with in 1930. Best visit was to Mt. Katahdin in Maine, on a camping trip when I was 11. I climbed it with my brother Jim. I've lived in the same private home for 61 years. Favorite vacation is camping in our RV, where I can take a nap and get a snack anytime I want to. 'A day without laughter is a day wasted' (Charlie Chaplin). Written on my wife's 82nd birthday card was, 'Let's have another life together.'" **Bob Persons**, 102 Reid Ave., Port Washington, NY 11050; phone and fax, (516) 767-1776; e-mail, bobpersons48@gmail.com.

**49** For many in our class, retirement as a way of life just won't do! **Alvin Silvey** (Fort Lauderdale, FL; as202@cornell.edu) tells us, "We are endeavoring to develop new lines of business since retirement has become a little too tame. We miss the excitement and stimulation of business!" He and wife Estelle, who hails from England, "go to theatres, travel, go to England, etc." Alvin's favorite memories of Cornell: "The great people I met in Ithaca and the trips we had." He would enjoy hearing from **Helen Tetter Kennedy '47**. [Editor's note: I've discovered that Alvin and Estelle live a few buildings down from my son in Fort Lauderdale!] **Marilyn Gruenberg Luebeck** (West Bloomfield, MI; alvinmarilyn@comcast.net) is a substitute teacher and active in a retirement group. In addition, she is a facilitator for a movie group and a biography group, tutors at the Oakland Library, and has founded a theatre group, So You Want To Act. She and husband Alvin wintered at Delray Beach, FL, but Marilyn said that she doubts they will do so again. Her fondest memory of her time on the Hill is of sledding on a tray down the Slope behind the Straight. Marilyn would like to hear from **Bill Selling**, to whom she was pinned while at school.

**Jacques Zakin** (Worthington, OH; zakin.1@osu.edu), married to Laura, is engaged in teaching and research as the Helen C. Kurtz Professor Emeritus in the chemical engineering department at Ohio State U. He's been publishing research papers and traveling. His "after-hours" activities include book groups, tennis, and softball. His fondest memories of his time on the Hill are of Laura coming up for "big weekends." Jacques hears from **Lawson Singer** (Scottsdale, AZ). **James Henry** (Jimhenry@epheny.com) and wife

Natalie live in Naples, FL. Jim says his "day job" is "golf." He's been spending holidays and summers with children and grandchildren in California ("all over the state") and Hawaii. Last year he had dinner with fellow Phi Delta Theta **Willie Mahoney '52**, MBA '53, in Santa Barbara.

**Betty Willenbucher** Lincoln lives in Niantic, CT. **Catherine Cook Powell** (San Francisco, CA; graypanther-sf@sonic.net) writes that she works part-time for the Gray Panthers, "putting out the newsletter and taking an educational playlet on the Universal Declaration of Human Rights to schools. I get to play Eleanor Roosevelt—fun." She marches and demonstrates against cuts to Social Security and Medicare. "I've been renovating a historic (Jack London hung out here) wreck in the Sonoma wine country. We will either attain B&B polish or go bankrupt, not clear which." Catherine would rather be performing in a Brecht play or traveling to Italy, "which I did with sorority sisters **Ginny Mueller Fox** and **Peggy Hagan Strsburg** in 1949, both of them now gone." She expressed her memories of Cornell thus. "Haiku: January breeze / Up the gorge by Willard Straight / Brings one to one's knees." (She adds, "I don't know about 'fondly.'") She would enjoy hearing from **Barbara "Bobby" Way Hunter**.

**V. Joseph McAuliffe** (Shoreview, MN), married to June, writes, "As a retired 'senior citizen' I've been spending most of my productive time sorting years of 'papers' to add to files established at the USDA, Beltsville, MD, as part of the 4-H Fellows Collection. Enjoying the Mid-West Country Theater in Sandstone, MN, and on national TV (RFD TV)." Joseph has also been reading, relaxing, and "keeping house," as his wife has been in and out of medical facilities. Fondest memories of Cornell: "Stimulation to learn more and assist people of the world. Tremendous faculty and staff." He adds, "Thanks to our class correspondent, I made contact with **Don Briggs '51**, whom I identified as 'one to hear from' a couple of years ago."

Class Council chairman **Jerry Alpern**, MBA '50 (Englewood, NJ; jerralpern@aol.com) writes, "Still working as a business and financial consultant and accountant." ("Incidentally," he asks, "why would you ever need a computer when you still have a No. 2 pencil to prepare income tax returns?") After work on Tuesday nights, Jerry plays tennis—"singles, no less, with a 72-year-old kid." Jerry's fondest memory of his days on the Hill is "meeting that beautiful coed **Enid Levine '47** in the Ivy Room in the spring of 1946." They celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on June 21, 2011. He adds, "It took me five years (1946-51) to get her to say YES! Love at first sight for me! Enid needed glasses."

**Sydelle Hamburg Hirsch** (Pompton Plains, NJ) tells us that her grandson **Jacob Hirsch '15** is a sophomore in ILR. "It's nice to have a family member at Cornell again." **Norman Baker** (Windsor, MA; capnorm@aol.com) writes, "I am yielding management of Howard & Norman Baker LLC to my children (only guiding and advising now), the death of my brother, **Howard Baker '51**, in February 2011, having taken the fun out of it." Norman has been re-elected to the board of the Explorers Club and as chair of the Ethics Committee. He skied Diamond Double Black trails with his grandchildren last winter and is still flying long cross-country flights and riding Thoroughbred horses over fences. "I'd like to be doing all of the above with my lovely wife, or do the nearly impossible and find another like Mary Ann. Single, of course." Speaking of wonderful Cornell memories,

Norman says, "Nothing beats the lasting bond of rowing on the '49 Lightweight championship crew." He would enjoy hearing from the Cornell Pilots Club's **Sabra "Piper" Baker Staley '51**.

**George Weikart** (Pasadena, MD), retired from DuPont for 27 years, writes, "I am grieving for my wonderful wife, Anne, who died from a massive stroke on March 2, 2011, while we were vacationing at Ft. Myers Beach, FL." He wishes he could still be enjoying his 61 years of marriage. **John Hannon** (Wilmington, DE) graduated from Cornell, then from Duquesne Law School in 1953. He spent many years working for DuPont and retired in 1985. His wife, Dorothy, tells us that he "opened John L. Hannon & Assocs. and managed that until 2000, when he retired. John fondly remembers Cornell and the Sig Eps; distance made it difficult to stay involved. He did keep in touch with Sig Ep brother **Jim Eichner '48** and his wife, Dottie, in Richmond, VA, until Jim's passing. John is in a healthcare facility now, content and well cared for." **George Hovey** (Mifflinburg, PA; ghovey@dejazzd.com) is retired. He and wife Dorothy, who were married in 1946, celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary in Fairfield Methodist Church. George's happiest memories of his time at Cornell are of the Big Red Band.

Thanks, everyone, for all your news. I look forward to hearing from each and every '49er and to meeting all of you at our great reunion in 2014! **Dorothy Mulhoffer Solow**, 3608 N. Sunset Ave., Farmington, NM 87401; tel., (315) 717-6003; e-mail, winspeck@yahoo.com.

**50** In the "It doesn't seem possible" category, the alumni office has notified our class officers that planning should soon be under way for our 65th Reunion in 2015. This will be a very special reunion time because the university will be celebrating its sesquicentennial with special events. So stay healthy and make plans now to be there. Arrangements will, as usual, be handled by a special group of talented, dedicated classmates who generously, and at their own expense, volunteer their time and effort to make our class the very best—and, as we say, "The Class of the Century."

To acknowledge the work of this faithful group we insert here a report, the details of which were absent from a previous column: On Friday, May 11, 37 classmates, spouses, and guests met in the Cornell Club in Manhattan for our annual class dinner and business meeting. Class officers on hand were: president **Pat Carry Stewart**, up from Florida; vice president and reunion co-chair **Stan Rodwin** with friend **Joyce Wisbaum Underberg '53**, BS HE '52, from Rochester (along with Stan's son Brian); vice president **John Marcham** and wife **Jane (Haskins) '51** from Ithaca; and reunion co-chair **Jane Wigsten McGonigal**, PhD '84, also from Ithaca.

Also present were: **Dave and Susan Dingle**; **Walter and Dorothy Helly**; **Eve Weinschenker Paul**; **Jack Richard**, MD '53; **Dick and Annette Savitt**; and **Henry Schneider** (all from the NYC area), as well as: **Bill Brownlee** (Chevy Chase, MD); **Bruce Davis**, MBA '52 (Coopersburg, PA); **Bob Fite** and **Betty Steger** (Cape May, NJ); **Lori Hymen Gordon** (Falls Church, VA); **Howie Heinsins** (Shrewsbury, NJ); **Ginny Davenport Judson** (Wethersfield, CT); past president **Dick Pogue** with **Pat** (Cleveland, OH); **Bob and Jane Post** (Mantoloking, NJ); **Daniel and Betty Rosenberger Roberts** (Stamford, CT); **Nels**, MBA '51, and **Nancy Schaanen**

(Madison, NJ); co-correspondent **Marion Steinmann** and husband Charles Joiner, up from Philadelphia; **Alan** and **Linda Goldstein Towbin '63** (Bethany, CT); and **Libby Severinghaus Warner** (Bryn Mawr, PA), with her daughter **Elizabeth Warner '87**.

**Robert Morrison** (edgelake@aol.com) reports that at age 86 he is in good health and loves to canoe and power boat on the lake he lives on in Connecticut, and sail his 30-ft. Catalina on Long Island Sound. After his wife of 52 years passed away, Robert remarried. He and wife Lynn enjoy attending plays in New York City. He also enjoys stained glass and carpentry projects in his barn. **Eugene Jacobs** (ejacobs28@nc.rr.com) lives in a retirement resort in Southern Pines, NC, where he plays golf regularly. He retired from GE, where he was an aircraft engine engineer. His favorite Cornell memory is coffee at Johnny's. He'd like to hear from **Norman Jennings**, MS '51, and **Frank Bradley**.

**Ed Kinne**, MS '55, spent 25 years with GE in market development, then 20 years as exposition manager for the Society of Automotive Engineers. After his wife died he gave his home to his daughter and moved to Sherwood Oaks in Butler County, PA. His take on a Cornell education: "It puts you in the winner's circle." And on the public scene: "Fighting too many wars; bring the troops home and put them to work on our aging infrastructure." **Lawrence Greenapple**, JD '52 (Pittsfield, MA), a Korean War veteran, was a corporate finance lawyer in New York City. Now he does part-time lecturing on law and finance for a lifelong learning institute. He credits Cornell for his success as a lawyer and making possible lifelong colleagues and personal friends.

As a senior citizen you have heard funny jokes, as well as not-so-funny sayings, that remind you of your increasing dotage. I got a reminder as I was discarding old files. As an Agricultural Engineering major in 1948, your aging co-correspondent got college credit for harness repair! I was enrolled in a required course listed as Ag Eng 42, actually a course in Farm Shop. In addition to harness repair, we had units in rope splicing, welding, and forge and anvil use. Using hand tools only, we each constructed a small wooden step stool; mine remains in use in our kitchen. The course was taught by Prof. Louis Rail, a sharp and spry guy in his late 70s. Normally he would have retired about the time WWII began, but because prospective profs were in the military, he remained on the staff until replacements could be hired.

This sounds crazy unless we think about that time after a devastating war, which had put modernization on the back burner. It was a time of remarkable transition: with Agricultural Engineering gradually becoming indistinguishable from Mechanical Engineering; a time when many farms were not yet electrified and tractors had not yet taken over for horses; when the simple "engineering" parts of a farm operation were not much changed from the mid-19th century. Consider the difference between the simple farm tools and machinery then and today's massive, complex tractors, planters, sprayers, and harvesters. "It was," to paraphrase the well-known line, "the worst of times and the best of times." Remember them lovingly.

In the "time flies" department: As you think about our 65th Reunion, note that when we started on the Hill in 1946 Cornell was only about half as old as it is now. And going back 65 years from that time would have been the year 1881—only 16 years from its founding! **Paul H. Jostlin**,

6080 Terrace Dr., Johnston, IA 50131-1560; tel., (515) 278-0960; e-mail, phj4@cornell.edu; **Marion Steinmann**, 237 West Highland Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19118-3819; tel., (215) 242-8443; e-mail, cjoiner@ix.netcom.com.

**51** **Charles** and **Judith Moore** moved from downtown Manhattan to midtown in May. "We are both still working full-time, but we're making plans to slow it down! Our nine children and 14 grandchildren are all doing fine. We have two grandchildren at Cornell; they're loving it. We went to the Summer Olympics in London in August and plan to go to Myanmar and Bhutan in January 2013; very excited. Visited **Noel "Buzz" deCordova**, JD '56, at the Country Club of Florida to play in their member-guest golf tournament. In regular touch with **Stu Campbell**. **Henry, JD '52**, and **Phyllis Fein Bobrow** have moved to Oviedo, FL. Their granddaughter **Rebecca Bobrow '15**, daughter of their son **Richard '79**, entered Cornell this fall—"the fourth generation of our family to be a Cornellian," writes Phyllis. "Have not traveled much since coming to Oviedo. Enjoying warmth in the winter, not the heat in summer. Love the Met big screen opera series movies that come here in season. Almost as good as being there. I speak to **Fran Goldberg** Myers and **Shelley Epstein** Akabas. My husband, Hank, the friends we made, and activities we attended are fond memories of Cornell."

**Samuel** and **Phyllis Hochberger** had their house destroyed completely by fire on Nov. 15, 2010. "Lost 57 years of stuff. Forced to travel to our vacation home in Savannah, GA, where we had stuff. Now we are Georgia residents and don't miss Upper Saddle River or New Jersey. We enjoyed the 60th Reunion and appreciated all the work done to make it a success; looking forward to the 65th." Lincoln Hall and professors Thatcher, Burroughs, Gates, and others, 1947-52, are fond memories of Cornell. **Joan Falconer** (Iowa City, IA) was looking forward to a paddlecraft trip on the Kongakut River in Anwar, at the northeasternmost corner of Alaska. "Foxes, bears, and mosquitoes, oh my!" Singing in Sage Chapel Choir under Donald Grout is her fondest memory of Cornell.

**William Grevelding** (Paw Paw, MI) writes, "Twenty years of retirement have just flown by. Had some good times and some not so good times. Have nearly recovered from a second open heart surgery to replace one aortic valve and repair another. Back to bowling and maybe I will be able to swing the golf club again. Just happy to be around and see our great-grandson grow up." **Howard Hyde**, BArch '51's wife, Helen, died last July from the ravages of Alzheimer's. "We were blessed with 55 years of wonderful marriage, three children, three grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren. At 93, I am fully retired from my life as an architect in both the US and Australia. Would love to hear from some fellow classmates here in Clark's Summit, PA." Howard had fond memories of "architects' parties down in Fall Creek Gorge!"

**Alvin Ries** (Highland, IN) keeps busy singing barbershop music with the Chorus of the Dunes and the Hoosier Grandpas. Ice skating on the frozen-over Beebe Lake in the winter with his girlfriend, **Betty Ellen (Wood) '49**, MNS '50, whom he married between his last two terms, is his fondest memory of Cornell. **John Roberts** (Sedona, AZ) spent two weeks touring Turkey in 2011. "Best tomatoes anywhere except my backyard. Also visited Kodiak Island and Homer in Alaska, with a stop-off in Victoria, BC, to view Butchart Gardens." **Donald** and

**Ann McNamara** (Ponte Vedra, FL) have four children and eight grandchildren spread out from New York to California. Don remembers the magnificent views of the gorges, particularly from the large rooftop sun deck of the Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity house.

**Larry Smith**, BArch '52 (Northport, NY) celebrated the first birthday of twin boys (future Cornellians?) born to son **Mark '87** and wife Stefanie. Larry took a rigorous but interesting three-week tour of China. "The urban development is amazing. It's difficult to find traces of the 'old' China." Fondest memory of Cornell: "Tossing a football with Architecture classmate and 150-lb. (now sprint) football teammate **Jim Bell**, BArch '52, now deceased, in the wee hours of the morning under quadrangle lights after we were forced to leave the drafting room in White Hall." **Harold** and **Rose Gould** (Pavilion, NY) and **Jeanne MacLeod Berry** (Arlington, TX) check in with no news.

**Marian Roberts** Woodhead (Lake Jackson, TX) reports that her youngest granddaughter graduated in May, with honors, from Denver Theological Seminary. Marian still teaches English as a Second Language, made a trip to Israel, and is part of a woman's prison ministry. **Bill Kilian** sent a "Broadmead Welcomes" column from Cockeysville, MD, reporting retirement from "continuous worldwide travel on every continent for Merck—conducting market development programs for a fungicide used to control decay on major crops." Now a widower, Bill raised daughter Amanda, who now has two children, with his wife, Gloria. Since retiring, Bill has devoted more time to his life-long hobby of painting oil portraits, many of which depict family members. He reads and studies daily an inspirational book entitled *A Course in Miracles*. **Albert** and **Judith Glassenberg** (New London, CT) report on son Charles, who has daughters Roxanne, Stella, and Josephine; a daughter Jacqueline with twin daughters Ellis and Jordan; and a happy retirement with travel and loafing. "Lost my dear friend **Ken Jaffe** this past year. Still keep in touch with college friend **Dick Savitt '50**. Also see **Bill Phillips** quite often, as he lives close by in Old Saybrook, CT." Please send your news to: **Brad Bond**, 101 Hillside Way, Marietta OH 45750; tel., (740) 374-6715; e-mail, bbond101@suddenlink.net.

**52** Late for leaves, but today is a glorious fall day. It is remarkable for November. Remarkably nice days sometimes bring bad news. This one did. Tom Foulkes, he of the great smile, died of a very recently diagnosed illness on November 5. Tom had been our reunion co-chair, our class president, and almost forever the man at the piano who made our "afterglows" so enjoyable. He was an all around good guy who will be missed by just about anyone who knew him or worked with him.

Other recent news: **Walt Harrison** (Stanford, CA; walt@stanford.edu) writes, "I was delighted to hear that Cornell will have the new tech campus on Roosevelt Island. Although I've spent more than half my life at Stanford, I think it is much more appropriate for Cornell to do it. I hope it goes well!" I had a note from **Evelyn Kunes Sutton** in the last issue; since then, her husband, **George** (Rockville, MD; egusutton@verizon.net) has written with the following: "My invention of the successful ablation heat protection material for hypersonic re-entry into the earth's atmosphere is included in a new book, *Intelligence Evolution 1960*." Though initially needed to record the performance of G.E.'s first nose cone, on a gambit, a

16mm camera was installed. The data capsule was ejected at 300 miles' altitude and took the first photos of earth from space. The Air Force then used the material to survey the Soviets' ballistic missile installations at the time of the so-called "missile gap" of 1960. The results showed that the Soviet Union only had a few in place. George's material was used on other re-entry vehicles, including the Mercury manned satellite, and variations of it have been on every re-entry vehicle since then. George also pioneered in the field of aero-optics and wrote a book on magnetohydrodynamics. Engineers, please note: I include e-mail addresses so you can contact each other and learn more than this English major can possibly express.

So, to the mailbag, which dates from last fall, but is still pretty full. Apologies to the 37 whose news has not yet been published. You will be close to first next year. Walt Harrison raised a question about questions. If you pay your dues and send news online, you get different questions from those on the paper form. The online questions, it turns out, are not class-specific, so that explains the difference. Both sets of questions will also change from time to time. I welcome any ideas on new ones. My e-address is at the end of this column.

**Jim McKnight** (East Longmeadow, MA; jamesmcknight@gmail.com) was "still going into work late, coming home early, and taking a long lunch." He was also dealing with his large house, acreage, and animals, and keeping up with the church and community affairs that were a legacy from his wife. To Cornell he first took "mostly aspirations and a minimum of earthly goods," but adds, "It took two SUVs to get my granddaughter's 'stuff' to college this fall. Didn't have room for gramps to ride along." **Luis Montero-Pinillos** (Lima, Peru), who is still in international finance, came to Cornell bringing "two big trunks and two suitcases," bought at Macy's in New York. He was staying at the McAlpin and reminisces about "the post-World War years!"

**Judith Rosenberg** Bernstein, MA '54 (Albuquerque, NM; rosen@unm.edu) keeps doing what she had been doing, including "practicing Tai Chi with a 'master' for ten years." In 2011, she camped for five weeks in a tiny camper van, visiting Arizona, Utah, Washington, Victoria, Banff, Jasper, and national parks in Montana and Colorado. She was planning a five-week trip to Bhutan and Nepal for spring 2012. **Mary Shear** Brennan (Schenectady, NY; saranacmary@yahoo.com) sounded cool: "Reading my mail (when it interests me) and enjoying choices life still affords me." Her note echoes what she brought to Cornell the first time: "Tremendous enthusiasm and optimism regarding Cornell and its opportunities for me." **Gordon Gowen** (Alstead, NH; egandgg@wildblue.net), one of CALS's outstanding alumni, was pattering around the farm, gardening, landscaping, driving the tractor, and so forth. Back in 1948 he came in his parents' car with an Army duffel bag.

**Arthur Franz** (Bolton Landing, NY; artonie@iee.org) and wife Tonie were honored by the Lake George Land Conservancy for "their many contributions to the protection of Lake George and the leading role they played in the creation of the Conservation Center in Bolton Landing." The news clip Art included told much more and included many nice quotes as to why the Franzes have done what they have for their area. **John Geurtze** (Selkirk, NY) reported that he was "still a farmer producing hay and straw for the horse people." With the Delmar Kiwanis, his "major help is

fundraising—BBQ and pancake breakfasts for community projects." **Edward Greenstein**, DVM '52 (Alexandria, VA; etgreen@erols.com) is still a lab animal vet part-time. A year ago he was recovering from a fractured elbow and had very good things to say about his two-and-a-half-month stay in a "wonderful" rehab center. Back in 1948 he brought furniture and his wife, Betty, to Cornell. She taught in the Ithaca public schools.

**James MacKellar** (Newport Center, VT; jmacellar@myfairpoint.net) writes, "Singing classical music with a community chorus and weekly anthems with a church choir." He had accepted a short-term post as acting state clerk of the Presbyterian Synod of the Northeast, an office he held in 1975-96. **Robert Eberhart** (Port Matilda, PA) writes, "Doing what I can to protect the Earth from our selfish and short-sighted activities." He first came to Cornell in a neighbor/upperclassman's car and didn't bring a typewriter, or even a radio. **Joan Aten Beach** (Lantana, FL; joanabeach@gmail.com) reported that she and husband **Sandy '51**, BCE '53, have welcomed home their son **Jeff '76** from nine years with the Peace Corps in Thailand, where he taught English at Rajabhat U. The Beaches attended Sandy's 60th Reunion. **Robert Scott Stahr** (rsstahr@gmail.com) volunteers, writes, repairs and refinishes furniture, and plays tennis. He also attends a Post-Polio Support Group once each month. When he first came to Cornell, in addition to the usual things, he brought "two canes and a book-bag (made by my Mom to help me negotiate the long walks between 5 Grove Place and the Quad. The canes were necessary because polio had taken half of the muscles in my left leg."

**Edwin '50** and **Carol Singer Greenhaus** (carolgreenhaus@gmail.com) were in their winter home

in West Palm Beach. Carol wrote, "Nothing new except that there are two great-grandchildren and two of our grandsons have become engaged! We're growing!" **Donald Collins** (Ft. Lauderdale, FL; ibdrc@aol.com) had been boating, traveling, investing, and going to doctors. He belongs to three yacht clubs, but his boat is for sale. He and Patricia like cruises—they had cruised on the *Queen Victoria*—because they have walking difficulties. In 1948, he lived at home in South Lansing and ate his meals at his fraternity. "I brought a drive to succeed and work hard, and later enjoyed the fruits of my efforts." He flew in from Ft. Lauderdale for our 60th Reunion.

You can now find a video of our 60th Reunion on the class website, but there are no individual photos. As almost everyone at Reunion was taking pictures, there must be some out there. Please look yours over and send some to our webmaster **Paul Blanchard** at pwbanchard@twcny.rr.com. Paul will appreciate it and so will the rest of us. **Joan Boffa** Gaul, joangaul@verizon.net. Class website, <http://classof52.alumni.cornell.edu/>.

**53** Welcome all to the year of our three-score reunion. May it bring health, contentment, and a joyous revel under friendly Ithaca skies June 6-9. Reunions aren't what they used to be. Most of us will stay in the comfort a modern Cornell freshman deserves—at Mews, a dorm that is a middling distance from the Arts Quad tents, has elevators, and is air conditioned. It's where we stayed last time. All meals will be indoors. Co-chairfolk **Caroline Mulford Owens** (cmo62@cornell.edu) and **Dick Halberstadt** (trh47@cornell.edu) have arranged

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for a class visit to the Libe's collection of rare books and multi other good things. Stay tuned. Did you know there are buses from NYC to Ithaca for reunion? But the main attraction is each other. So why not contact old friends? For more information, check out our frequently updated website.

The 45 points the Big Red team poured on Yale were the second most Cornell has managed against Old Eli since the 48 of '49. Some of those who nailed Yale in that freshman autumn were back for Homecoming 2012 (aka Teammates Day). Hundreds of former players, their families, and

professional contacts. Active with statewide Oregon groups supporting women's rights and reform of the criminal justice system."

**Eugenie Gilbert** Taub, MEd '54 (Westfield, NJ) reports, "First grandchild got married—at 19!" Gender not revealed. "Took up Zumba (can't walk, but I can dance and do aerobics activities. I'm too old for middle-aged spread.)" Asked for her most unforgettable memory, she replies: "Is NOT of Cornell. Most memorable moment was birth of first child—such excitement and sheer bliss!" **Felice Bernstein** Burns (NYC) writes that

Regardless of the reasons, life can still be a calipoe of events—many of which we hold dear.

During this past month your correspondent's life and its contents have tried to match Mr. Roemer's discovery of 1676. For a mere Cornell co-ed it never reached the speed of light, but it accelerated enough to sail past this column's deadline. I shall be back in March with my hand on the brake and a fist full of your notes. Till then, stay well and please let me know the color of your horse and its trajectory through your day. ☐ **Leslie Papenfus** Reed, lesliejreed@me.com. Class website, <http://classof54.alumni.cornell.edu>.

## 'Al Pyott has been well and truly committed to wetlands restoration.'

Jim Hanchett '53

friends paraded the playing field perimeter at half-time to celebrate Cornell's 125 years of football tradition. Along the way, they dodged some traditional drops from above. Our contemporaries, being the senior players present, led the march. Guys like **Frank Bradley '50**, **Walt Bruska '50**, **Dick Loynd '50**, **Dick Clark '50**, **Jeff Fleischmann '51**, MEd '55, **Rip Haley '51**, **Bill Scazzero '52**, MBA '56, **Vinnie Giarrusso**, **Todd Kolb**, **Gene Renzi**, MD '57, and **Clarence Fauntleroy '54** were in the lineup for the day and heard the roar of the Crescent one more time. The six points yielded to Yale were the least by our troops to those puppies since 1993.

It was the Granny of All Homecomings, with events for the whole family, full tailgate tents and, as noted, some Ithaca precipitation, and 15,333 in the stands—far above current norms. In the evening, Fifties classmates dined graciously at the Country Club of Ithaca, thanks to **Paul Blanchard '52**, BCE '53, and warbled the old songs again with **Tom Foulkes '52** at the keyboard. It's a sad duty to report that Tom died about a month later. He had been an esteemed colleague in the Office of Alumni Affairs, super piano player at all sing-alongs, reunion chair and president of his class, and friend to many.

It's a pleasure to report a communication from **Jean Van Kleek** Pettigrew (Tryon, NC), from whom we have seldom heard these many years. "I am content," says she. And active, we observe from an assortment of occupations, i.e., programs chair for a contemporary art gallery, development work for Tryon Fine Arts Center, entertaining, travel, walk/hike, read, write, taking courses in philosophy and art—a historical, sometimes hysterical, perspective. "As a Writing major at Cornell, I enjoy reading and discussions of trends in writing (and writing)." The travel includes annual visits to her kids and their families in London, the Black Forest of Germany, St. Lucia and Guanaja, Honduras, plus side trips. It is to be hoped that her 2013 travels will include Ithaca in June for our Splendid 60th." **Jim Dolliver**, PhD '60 (Kent, WA), settling into a new retirement home, is hoping to get back next spring. Activist **Sylvia Hart** Wright (Eugene, OR), author of *When Spirits Come Calling: The Open-Minded Skeptic's Guide to After-Death*, based on 78 interviews with everyday people, published in 2002 and still going strong, is busy polishing a political and personal memoir. "Also keeping up with friends, family, and

grandson **Brendan Burns '09**, JD/MBA '12, received both JD and MBA degrees from Cornell in May. Granddaughter **Leah Colmenares '14** has finished two years of Engineering. **Lynn Rosenthal** Minton (NYC) proudly notes that her granddaughter **Rachel Minton '15** is a third-generation Cornellian. Her father is **Tim Minton '79**, former NBC-TV newscaster for a dozen years in NYC. **Ruth Burns** Cowan (NYC) notes, "My current interest is in tribal courts. To those who share this interest, please contact me at [ruthcowan@aol.com](mailto:ruthcowan@aol.com)."

Since leaving the steel business, says **Al Pyott** (Winnetka, IL), he's been well and truly committed to wetlands restoration in the upper Midwest, particularly on an Illinois River area that had been drained for farming more than a century ago. He co-founded the Wetlands Inst. in 1994 to return developed areas to their pre-settlement natural states. The intergovernmental Ramsar Convention, which promotes the wise use of wetlands through local action and international cooperation, designated one of Pyott's Wetlands Initiative projects as "a wetland of international significance" this summer. One of 34 Ramsar sites in the US, it's now 2,750 acres of rejuvenated waterfowl habitat and biodiversity with less danger of flooding.

**Steve Franken**, most recently seen by many of us as Dobie Gillis's TV rich-boy foil when we were very young, was mostly seen around the Collegetown brand of Bohemia and as Joxer Daly of Sean O'Casey's *Juno and the Paycock* on the boards of Willard Straight in the bright college years we shared. A lifelong stage, film, and TV actor, he died late this summer in Los Angeles, the *New York Times* reported. We rue his passing and extend condolences to his widow, Jean. ☐ **Jim Hanchett**, 300 1st Ave., #8B, New York, NY 10009; e-mail, [jch46@cornell.edu](mailto:jch46@cornell.edu).

**54** Merry-go-rounds. How long has it been since you enjoyed a ride on a Dentzel magic machine? Do you remember its trajectory as your grin widened and you listened to the familiar music? It was probably up and down and round and round as you looked for the brass ring while astride your brightly colored mount. I think our days are mimicking that childhood ride. Familiar places, habits, people, and activities seem to move at accelerating speed through the days. Or perhaps it is we who have slowed a tad over the past eight decades.

**55** What I found interesting in writing this particular column was that so many classmates wrote about where they most enjoyed living during our undergrad years, yet how few duplicate comments there were! And our question about looking back at your classes—and whether you have continued on that career path—elicited many good answers, too. Everybody, it seems, had a favorite best place, best friend, and best year. **John L. Riley**, BArch '56, recalled an apartment on South Cayuga Street, shared with fellow architects **Gale Brooks '54**, BArch '55, **Peter Romeo**, BArch '56, and **Richard Hutman**, BArch '56. **James Liedell** said, "My best times socially and residentially were at Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity." **Barbara Burg** Gilman enjoyed living in Sage with **Caryl Salomon** Bernstein. "The dorm was centrally located and we had a suite." **Bob Leader** also lived in Sage. **Sara Smith** Ellison, like several others, praised the Circle Cottages. "The location was ideal: next to Bailey Hall and close to everything." **George Brayman**, BCE '57, liked being in a freshman dorm with **Tom Rooney** and spending '52-'53 in Sigma Nu. **Alden Hathaway** lived in Lenroc with **Jim Ballentine** and **John Harreys**.

**Joseph Gulia** liked his time in Collegetown, as did **Martha Gorman King**, who fondly recollected, "I loved our little apartment, where you could hear the water rushing through Triphammer Gorge." With her husband, **Bruce**, PhD '57, Marty spent her junior, senior, and grad school years there. **Sue Spooner** Olsen and I share great memories of our sophomore year in Comstock, with roommates **Sophomore** "Bunny" **de Forest** Csege, **Marianne Oehrlein** Van Dijk '56, BS Nurs '56, and **Vera Steiner** Simon. Our location, across from Riskey, was handy for meals, and being right next to Theta Xi—and Louie's lunch wagon—meant that a fun group of guys was always around. **Judith Ettl** Hazen appreciated "the home atmosphere" at the Delta Gamma house and her friendship with **Pat Herrington** Singley. **Marlene Medjuck** Green has good memories of Clara Dickson with **Florence Schehr** Grinnell. **Rona Kass** Schneider was happy living in Balch for two years ("It was so handsome and comfortable") and sharing good times with **Elissa Shapiro**. **Charles Hofsass** lived in Algonquin Lodge, where he found "good fellowship and the maturing influence of ex-GI's." **Peter Hoss** met "people from very different backgrounds" during his tenure at Cayuga Lodge. In **Len Ladin's** senior year, he lived off campus, "way down near the railroad area," where they had "great parties and hosted many pros for dinner."

A variety of courses and professors made a lasting impression on us, too. **Karl Wendt**, BArch '61, studied Architectural Design in the attic of White Hall and sculpture in Morse Hall, adding that in his opinion, Cornell is "still the top architecture school in the US." **Harvey Knaster** liked Government and



Constitutional Law with Prof. Cushman, held in Goldwin Smith, where **Phil Harvey** studied Money, Currency, and Banking with **Kirk Reid '20**. **Donald Robinson** mentioned Organic Chemistry in Baker Lab. **Joan Reider** Frischman says “all Art History courses” were her favorites. John Riley remembers Prof. Hugh Baxter, “who held forth in the basement of White Hall with the clanking of steam radiators. He instructed us in descriptive geometry and structural design.” **Ann Busch** Githler said, “I’m sure that being an English major at Cornell was a huge help when I worked for New York State poets in the schools (before becoming a paramedic/EMT and physician’s assistant).” **Robert Mules’** favorite subject was Dairy Husbandry, taught by Prof. George Trimberger in Wing Hall, and led to his lifetime career in the field of dairy herd improvement. **Sylvia Verin** Mangalam, MA '57, commented, “My memory is a bit dim, but I do remember freshman English with Dr. Sale, who made me feel I could do it.”

**Sue Liebrecht** Joyce made use of her undergraduate major only for a short time professionally as a dietician, but found it wasn’t much help at Morgan Stanley, where she worked as a financial planner for 20 years! **Lynn Cohen** said, “I majored in Psychology and became a social worker in private practice and a hospital social worker, and then worked in a women’s health clinic.” Music major **Evelyn Barber** Lance referred to “Prof. Donald Grout in the old Music building” and said music has been a big part of her life as an amateur chamber musician. Echoing that sentiment, **Veralee Hardenburg** McClain commented that “the outstanding Music department (Grout, Austin, Falkner, Kirkpatrick, Campbell) gave me a background in music that has given me enjoyment all my life.” **Gerald Gordon** wrote, “Ever since Cornell, I have been fortunate enough to survive—and at times do very well—in my chosen profession, show business. See you at the movies!” Next time we’ll bring you up to date on what your classmates are doing today—and also, what they’re looking forward to in the future (e.g., Reunion 2015). I have a growing list of those who are planning to come back to the Hill for our 60th! **Nancy Savage** Petrie, nancypetrie@optonline.net. Class website, <http://classof55.alumni.cornell.edu>.

**56** As you read in the Nov/Dec issue, **Jim Quest** spent this past summer teaching his specialty, “entrepreneurship,” in Beijing at the U. of Int’l Business and Economics. We want to share some additional details about that experience. Jim was the first English speaking teacher most of them had experienced. The majority of his students read and wrote English, but were hesitant to speak it—largely, he thinks, due to their fear of pronunciation in public places. He learned that Chinese students can no longer be admitted to top Chinese universities without English fluency, which many begin to learn in kindergarten. In addition, he was teaching students who were accustomed only to the “professor speaks and students listen” philosophy. Jim taught for four weeks on how to discover startup ideas and validate them, and how to write a business plan for a startup. He said his first day of teaching was the toughest—lots of blank stares—but by the last day he was very proud of his students’ accomplishments. The big question, says Jim: “How do you teach pricing strategy to a culture that bargains for everything?” He also suspected that there was a student “spy” assigned

in class to make sure he was teaching politically correct subject matter. His final comment: put Shanghai and Beijing on your bucket list.

I sat with Jim and wife Leslie at the dinner to honor **Percy Edwards** Browning in Ithaca. Percy was the fifth classmate to receive the Frank H.T. Rhodes Exemplary Alumni Service Award, the highest award for a Cornell alumni volunteer. Previous honorees from our class are **Ernie Stern**, **Mike Nadler**, BCE '58, **Curt Reis**, and **Joe Henninger**, MBA '58. Percy’s mantra: Give back and don’t be anonymous. Other classmates there to celebrate were **Ed Berkowitz** and **Carole Rapp** Thompson.

Ed Berkowitz remains busy working as a docent at the Smithsonian’s Museum of American History in Washington. He specializes in exhibits on the American presidency and US military history, but also has an occasional gig demonstrating the operation of Eli Whitney’s cotton gin. He reports that a passing tourist made a video of his demonstration a couple of years ago and put it on YouTube, where it has gotten more than 32,000 hits. Check it out on YouTube at “Learning About the Cotton Gin.” I caught up with **Margot Lurie** Zimmerman between her travels. Margot and Paul had been in Mexico at their timeshare, and I know they are going to a jazz festival in Cuba. Somewhere in their schedule is or was a trip to China.

**Orlando Turco** is a retired teacher and wrestling coach and now works with Warren Real Estate in Ithaca. He still goes to all Cornell and NCAA wrestling meets and attended the Ithaca High School Class of '52 reunion with **Dorothy Zimmerman** Bynack last August. **Janet Booth** Anderson (Fairport, NY) is retired and continues to travel and spend summers on Canandaigua Lake. When she wrote in early September she was about to leave for a trip—cruising the fjords of Norway. **Tom Kerr** (Westerville, OH) is active in his local Rotary and had been attending sports events and activities of three grandsons in the area, as well as visiting six others in Texas and Arizona. **Bonnie Smith** Whyte (Reston, VA) retired from the USDA and continues to volunteer her time on a lengthy list of Reston-based community services. Mini-reunions of Cornell and Rutgers classmates (husband Bill’s alma mater) take place once a year or so, in addition to the five-year reunions at both schools. “In August, we boarded an Alaskan ferry to run up the Aleutian chain of islands, Dutch Harbor to Homer. This is an area of the world we have wanted to travel through for years.”

**John Long**, MS '57 (Albion, NY) is fully retired from farming and enjoying every day of it with wife Loretta. John continues to serve on the board of directors of a mutual insurance company. He also wants to submit his list of professors whose instruction and association had a lasting influence of his thinking throughout all those years since taking their courses: B.A. Jennings in Ag Engineering, H.B. Hartwig in Agronomy, and **S.W. Warren '27**, PhD '31, and L. E. Cunningham in Ag Economics. **Carol Blicher** Gartner (Valley Center, CA) describes her retired life in a rural area near San Diego as wonderful. “I’m on the board of the Library Friends in Valley Center and balance that with board membership in the Athenaeum Music and Arts Library (La Jolla, CA), one of the few membership libraries with an active program of concerts, lectures, and much more.” Carol went to Alaska last year with her daughter and family—cruise, visits, and city life—and was heading to Scotland in September.

**Richard Meier**, BArch '57, has been tapped as an honorary member of the Quill and Dagger

Senior Honor Society. Richard designed the Getty Center in Los Angeles and Cornell’s Weill Hall for the Life Sciences. He received the Pritzker Prize for Architecture in 1984, and in 2010 a generous gift from him and a consortium of his friends endowed the Meier Professorship, a tenure-track appointment in Architectural Design at the rank of assistant professor. It should be noted that Q&D was the first of the Ivy League societies to open its membership to women. We are saddened to report the passing of **Milton Lendl** on September 1, 2011. Milt retired from Agway in 1993 as regional manager in Pennsylvania and was involved in numerous civic activities. Our sympathy to his family.

**James Yates** is now Pennsylvania’s longest acting plastic surgeon, and in 2012—as well as the past five years—received *Harrisburg Magazine’s* honor for “Simply the best plastic surgeon in Central Pennsylvania.” His wife, Debra, is the state’s first skin esthetician to work with a plastic surgeon. In July, **Bill Purdy** (Scotia, NY) played something called “pickleball” (reported to be America’s fastest growing sport) in the MidSouth Tournament in New Orleans. “I was fortunate to play with Anne Harrington—who turned out to be a high school classmate of **John Anderluh**—and we won the 70-year-old-and-above mixed category.” **Sandra Rodetsky** Slipp (Englewood, NJ) reports that the book she co-authored in 1994, *Voices of Diversity*, is still in print. Sandra is active in Democratic politics in Englewood as an elected official. She continues to see **Judy Roberts** Seto, **Thelma Landau** Markowitz, **Susan Warhaftig** Brownmiller, and **Carmela Suckow** Ackman. Next time, Sandra, please send us their news for this column.

**Nancy Fowle** Morse (Urbana, IL) still accepts assessments for candidates earning a child development associate credential, and in her spare time is a docent at the Krannert Art Museum at the U. of Illinois. She adds, “Grandchildren range in age from 22 to an infant—lots of fun.” **Gail Gifford** Rudin (Manhasset, Long Island) met with her sorority sisters at their annual fall luncheon at the Cornell Club for the classes of '52 to '57. In addition, her entire family—“children and grandchildren, 11 of us”—traveled to Costa Rica over spring break. **Law Klotz** splits time between his homes in Teaneck, NJ, and Boynton Beach, FL, and last May made a two-week trip to Israel. Lew’s grandson **David Grossman '15** is studying Engineering on the Hill and joined Sigma Alpha Mu. His mother is Lew’s daughter **Paige Klotz** Grossman '82. God willing, he says, he’ll be back for reunion in 2016! **Phyllis Bosworth**, 8 East 83rd St., New York, NY 10028; e-mail, phylboz@aol.com.

**57** Happy New Year! It’s hard to believe it’s 2013 already. Seems like only yesterday that most of us were high school seniors, planning on taking our SATs (do you think we could still pass them?) and sending in our applications to college (long before “early admission” came into existence). If you were like me, there was only one choice: Cornell. Well, I did apply to Michigan—just in case. And now all these years later the ties to our class remain strong for many of us. In fact, the class officers will meet this month at the annual Leadership Conference, which is being held for the first time in Boston. It takes place the weekend of January 18 at the Boston Marriott Copley Place and we usually have a class dinner or gathering of some kind to which those of you who live in the

area are invited. As of this writing (October) I don't have specific details, but you can contact me via e-mail when you read this.

Marty and **Susan Breslow** Dillon were at Reunion in June and enjoyed seeing their daughter **Eleanor Dillon** Petigrow '87 receive the Helen Bull Vandermosten Alumni Achievement Award from Human Ecology. And now a third generation: **Samara Petigrow** is in the Class of '16. **Sue Davidson** Braun was sorry to miss reunion as she was recovering from shoulder surgery. She continues to do volunteer work from her San Diego home via the computer.

**Marj Nelson** Smart sent me a report on Homecoming weekend in September, where the football team stunned Yale, 45-6. There were a number of activities for alumni and members of the Ithaca community to enjoy. A highlight for our class was the Rhodes dinner at which **Bob**, MBA '59, and **Elizabeth Chapman Staley** '60 were honored with the Frank H.T. Rhodes Exemplary Alumni Service Award for being "true champions and ambassadors for Cornell." In addition to Marj, other '57 attendees were **Tony Cashen**, MBA '58, **Ed Vant**, **Al Suter**, MBA '59, **Phil McIndoo**, **Judy Richter** Levy, LLB '59, **Vanne Shelley Cowie** and **Bob** '55, MBA '57, **Sue DeRosay Henninger** and **Joe** '56, MBA '58, and **Nancy Krauthamer Goldberg** and **Stan** '55.

Last fall **Bill Schmidt** had two of his paintings juried into the Sunrise, Sunset Silent Auction at the prestigious Salmagundi Club in New York City. Bill is a juried artist-member of the club, which is dedicated primarily to the exhibition of fine art created by living American artists such as N.C. Wyeth, George Inness, and Howard Chandler Christy, among others. Before he headed to California on a painting trip in October, Bill had his work featured at the McBride Gallery in Annapolis, MD.

**Betty Starr** King had enough energy after reunion to go through the process of moving out of her Washington, DC, home, where she had lived for almost 50 years. Betty moved to an apartment in Ingleside that is part of the Presbyterian Home in D.C. "Way too much to do, but I am learning to pick and choose," writes Betty. Water aerobics, drawing class, golf, bridge, and volunteer work with her church keep her very busy, as does travel and attending grandchildren's soccer games. In October Betty enjoyed a cruise on the Aegean and the sights in Istanbul, Ephesus, and Athens. **Bill** and **Jan Charles Lutz** also cruised last fall along the Dalmatian coast and then to Athens.

If you're trying out your new iPhone, maybe you can use it to send an update on your latest

activities. ☐ **Judy Reusswig**, JCreuss@aol.com; **John Seiler**, suitcase2@aol.com.

**58** Happy New Year! Plans continue for our 55th Reunion, June 6-9! Our able reunion chairs have organized affinity groups (fraternities, sororities, honorary groups, athletic teams, etc.,) so everyone should get a call or notification. Let's make it a good turnout!

**Denny Tyler** is a member of the Sons of the American Revolution and plays a lot of golf—he played on the Robert Trent Jones course with **Hugh Hoff**. Denny is considering moving to California to be with his cousin Jack Waggoner. Jack has another book out: *Bird Nest*. **Scotty Wetstone** downloaded the book and said it was a good read! **John West** (johnhwestardley@gmail.com) and wife Joyce moved to Jacksonville, FL, in 2011, after 33 years in North Palm Beach, to be near their sons. "In June I had a heart bypass, and it was good to be near our doctor (radiologist) son. In recovery now; doing lots of walking. Best to all." **Liz Fuchs** Fillo (Princeton, NJ; lizfillo@yahoo.com) writes, "I did a one-woman cabaret show for my 75th last November. Broke my hip skiing in March, had a partial replacement, but have my ski pass for this season. Yes, crazy. I did manage to do quite a bit of hiking in Glacier, Yellowstone, and Grand Teton national parks in September." She adds, "Much too busy with board work: Young Audiences of New Jersey, McCarter Theatre, and Planned Parenthood. Back at Cornell every June, singing with the Cayuga's Waiters."

**Joyce Halsey** Lindley (Rochester, NY; Jllindley@rochester.rr.com) spent weekends in Ohio and Pennsylvania as a volunteer in the Obama campaign. "I'm a retired teacher with five great grandkids, with whom I spend a lot of time when I'm not traveling or working in the Obama campaign. I would love to hear from **Dottie Gibson** Bremner and **Jean Kelley** Rolles, BS '75—who, by the way, attended the same prep school as President Obama!" **Lucie Wallace** Robbins (wppwr1@gmail.com) writes, "We seem to have started a dynasty with our oldest grandson now a Cornellian—Class of 2016! Daughter **Heather Robbins** '83 was a potent factor in **Asher Robbins-Rothman** '16's choice. As a singing teacher she is constantly singing the praises of Cornell and the Nothing but Treble ensemble that brings her back for every reunion. Our new freshman sent me the following comment: I am representing the Robbins Cornell tradition in a few ways: 1) I usually take the back way from North Campus down to Central Campus like Heather said she always used to do; 2) I joined the Bridge Club and go to every meeting; and 3) I'm taking classes to represent each family member who went here: Chemistry 2070 in Baker Labs, a writing seminar in Goldwin Smith, and Calculus for Engineers on the Engineering Quad."

**Sonja Kischner** Wilkin lost her husband, Kim, last year. They were married at Anabel Taylor the afternoon of our graduation 54 years ago. She has been living in Clayton, CA, for 25 years and she plans to stay there. It's a small community and she has been singing in a women's chorale for many years. She writes, "My challenges are getting accomplished things that need to be done and balancing that with being with special friends and enjoying my family." **Robert Mayer** is enjoying his young granddaughter and trying to get used to retirement. He has been doing some traveling and

bought an iMac, iPad, and iPhone all in one day; he's had a lot of fun and frustration trying to learn all they could do. **Paul Wiley** continues to do volunteer programs for Heifer Int'l. He has volunteered for 14 years at Skye Farm Camp, which provides animals for three weeks for kids to learn about the organization. His other activity is caring for four family members who are in their 90s. "We feel we are getting our doctoral degrees in elder care."

**Carol Boeckle** Welch writes about the amazing friendships that were formed at Cornell and how they have endured. In October, several Class of '58 Tri Deltis enjoyed a memorable reunion at the Beachmere Inn in Ogunquit, ME. The generous hostess was **Louesa Merrill** Gillespie, who still has a hand in running the inn with her daughter. The Beachmere has been in Louesa's family for generations. A West Coast contingent was represented by three Californians: **Sue Swanson** Hueber, **Suzanne Davis** Hjerpe, and **Mary Bardwick** Sisson, BArch '59. Everyone else journeyed from locales in the East: **Barbara Mader** Bonthron and **Cindy Rogers** Heimbach (Florida), **Pat Malcolm** Wengel (New Jersey), **Audrey Wildner** Sears (New Hampshire), and **Norma Edsall** and Carol from New York.

**Muriel King** Taylor, MD '62 (Lakewood, WA; jamur4321@hotmail.com) writes, "I traveled in May to Holland with my Girl Scout/Girl Guide group's 58th Reunion, and also enjoyed the Landscape Painting workshop at CAU's summer sessions with my sister. Challenging issues have been adapting home and lifestyle to the reality of aging—including my 91-year-old husband's needs and reduced mobility. When his needs exceed my capacity to provide adequate care, I'll likely sell house and garden and rent in Tacoma near my sister." Muriel adds, "My Risley corridor-mate **Sonja Kischner** Wilkin visited this summer, which was a joyful three days. Last year my former roommate **Lenore McGee** Luscher visited, which was also fun."

**Larry Kaufman** (Golden, CO) went on a cruise to Alaska on the Inland Passage, which completed his bucket list of going to all 50 states. "Unlike another Alaska resident," he writes, "I was unable to see Russia! At age 76 I am still writing—for any publisher who will pay. I continue to specialize in railroads and transportation policy issues and have not yet run out of ideas. My work appears regularly in *Railway Age Magazine* and in the *Rail Business Report* newsletter published by Argus Media. Having lived and worked through the period in the 1970s when it appeared that US railroads would end up nationalized, as the railroads are in much of the world, it has been gratifying to see the steady improvement. US freight railroads are the only transportation mode that does not rely on government for capital or operating subsidies." Larry looks forward to seeing classmates at reunion this June. My husband, **Chuck Jarvie**, MBA '59, was out in California last week at the FTV conference and sat at dinner with **Ken**, MBA '60, and **Donna Mettler Derr** '60—nice to catch up on things! ☐ **Jan Arps** Jarvie, janjarvie@gmail.com; **Dick Haggard**, dhaggard@voicenet.com.

**59** I'm delighted to report several recent gatherings of '59ers. Over the Columbus Day weekend in early October a group got together in the Boston area for a communal 75th birthday celebration. It was a "terrific weekend," writes **Frank Mead**, BArch '60. Events included the Cornell-Harvard football game, museum-hopping, Revolutionary War sites, and two lively dinners, including one at the Blue

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Ginger, an acclaimed restaurant in Wellesley owned by **Ming Tsai, MPS '89**. Among the attendees were Frank, **Joel Birnbaum, Neil Janovic, Nelson Joyner, Marly Lehman, BArch '60, Harry Petchesky, Dick Seegel, Phil Getter '58**, Prof. Roger Trancik of the AAP college, and wives.

For the sixth year in a row, several '59ers and members of adjoining classes gathered at **Phil McCarthy, JD '65's** summer home in the Penobscot Bay area of Maine. Those usually attending include **Arthur Wise, Bob Bouton '63, Bruce Pfann, MBA '65, Carl Muskat, BArch '60, Carl Hedden, Dave Dunlop, David Warner, Dick Vincent, Don Dewey '60, BA '65, John Murphy, LLB '62, John Pagnucoco '61, Lee Honda, Paul McCarthy, MBA '65, Phil Winters, Terry Wilson, DVM '67, and Vic Samuelson**. Writes David Warner: "Over the three-day period, activities consisted of golf and tennis at the Blue Hill Country Club, boating along the rocky Maine coast, and hiking in nearby national parks. Evening events included timely political banter, Cornell reminiscing, cocktails, buffet meals, and a traditional Maine lobster bake. John Murphy, a professor of law at Villanova U. School of Law and a well-known expert in the field of international law and terrorism, gave an insightful after-dinner talk on recent developments in the Middle East."

During a trip east this past summer, **Dale Rogers** Marshall was able to get together with **Rachel Jacoff, Stefanie Lipsit** Tashkovich, **Med '64, and Sherry Walther** Kaplan. Dale has finished a two-year stint on the Alameda County (CA) Civil Grand Jury—"a busperson's holiday for a retired political science professor!" Now she has increased her volunteering efforts at an Oakland high school, where she helps to coordinate the use of volunteers.

While in Mumbai, India, to receive the Distinguished Service Gold Medal from the Bombay Ophthalmologists' Association and the Int'l Academy for Advances in Ophthalmology in appreciation of his three decades of service and teaching eye surgery in India, **Gerald Schultz** met with **Ratan Tata, BArch '62**, and had a wonderful time reminiscing about their experiences at Cornell. Ratan was named Cornell Entrepreneur of the Year and was honored on October 12 at the Cornell Entrepreneurship Summit in NYC. Ratan has retired as head of the Tata business empire, but not before the announcement that Tata's Nano minicar will be released in the US within the next three years. The inexpensive car is being redesigned for the North American market and will be more sophisticated than the original Nano, with items such as power steering and a bigger engine. "We hope that the sub-\$10,000 car has appeal," Ratan told *Automotive News*.

**Allan Hall** and his wife divide their time between Prairie Village, KS, and Sanibel Island, FL. **Doug '56, MS '59, and Nancy Justin Dalrymple** are spending ten months in Denver so they can be close to their granddaughters. "We're enjoying the sunshine, mountains, and low humidity—quite different from Indiana," says Nancy. "Grandfathering" was a main activity this past summer for **Ken Rand** as he taught his two grandchildren how to sail. "Grandmothering" is high on the list of how **Beth Weinstein** Newburger-Schwartz spends her time—together with traveling, working to re-open the National Children's Museum (scheduled for this past December 14), and, through her company, commemorating the Civil War Sesquicentennial. **Albert Mauri, BArch '60**, who lives in the Poughkeepsie, NY, area, has retired after 47 years as a principal in various architectural firms. "Over the years we

have produced a broad range of projects, from bank buildings, health clubs, firehouses, and offices to residential structures such as single-family homes and multi-family apartment buildings. Recent work included the Hyde Park Police and Court Facility, the Esopus fire house, the Hudson Valley Federal Credit Union's Beacon Branch, and the Astor Home Gym and Resident Facility in Rhinebeck."

**Otto Keil** continues to work every day in the family wholesale florist business, which has four locations on Long Island. The business was begun by Otto Keil Sr. and his brother soon after their emigration from Germany in 1925. Now the next generation is carrying on the tradition, with Otto's sons helping to run the facilities and daughter Gail growing herbs and vegetables. Otto and wife **Carol (Cooper) '62** have 17 grandchildren—11 nearby on Long Island and six in North Carolina and Montana, "giving us reason to travel to those beautiful states." The senior grandson, **Colin Keil '15**, is a sophomore in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. Another sophomore on the Hill, in the College of Engineering, is **Chris Rogers '15**, the oldest grandson of **Carolyn Hill** Rogers. "He loves being there," she says.

**Tom O'Malley**, president and owner of Global Financial and Management Resources LLC, headquartered in Pasadena, CA, has been visiting China for both business and recreational reasons for the past 15 years, sometimes three or four times a year. He is eager to hear from Cornellians who are interested in joint investment, business partnering, investment banking, and other opportunities, and can be reached at [tomalley2@charter.net](mailto:tomalley2@charter.net). **Jenny Tesar**, 97A Chestnut Hill Village, Bethel, CT 06801; tel., (203) 792-8237; e-mail, [jct24@cornell.edu](mailto:jct24@cornell.edu).

**60 Jim, MBA '63, and Becky Quinn Morgan** had a rewarding few days when they were at Cornell in September for a meeting of the Presidential Councillors. "We couldn't have been more excited by a visit to our alma mater," says Becky. She notes that their time on campus was marked by "perfect weather and time to learn and meet with people working on projects of interest to us." She reports that the university appears to be thriving, despite recent budget and staff reductions, "thanks to outstanding leadership." There have been several recently completed construction projects, including the LEED-certified Human Ecology building, and plans are proceeding for the first new Humanities building in a hundred years. The Morgans also saw the handsome results of their latest gift to Cornell, an Asian garden outside the new wing of the Johnson Museum; its layout echoes the design of a 17th-century scroll in the museum's collection. Enthusiastic about their trip, Becky says, "Let's hope we all get to Cornell for our 55th Reunion."

En route to Ithaca from California, the Morgans stopped off in Nantucket to spend a long weekend of tennis and conversation during a micro-reunion with several classmates at the home of Larry and **Margaret Osmer** McQuade, who had just completed the difficult move of their entire house from a bluff—where it had been seriously threatened by erosion from recent nor'easters—to a new location about a mile away. On a smaller scale than the recent procession of the spaceship *Endeavour* across Los Angeles, perhaps, but still challenging, the complicated move entailed the acquisition of innumerable permits, chopping

apart the house, and temporarily removing telephone and electric wires for the slow trip across part of the island. The group of September visitors, which also included **David and Michaelin Reamy Watts, Dan '58** and **Barbara Cyrus Martin, Gretchen Zahm** Babarovic, BArch '60, and your correspondent and her husband, was impressed at how completely the house has been restored to its former comfort and attractiveness, thanks to the tireless efforts of the McQuades.

Another micro-reunion was reported by **Don Milsten**, who joined several classmates at the Annual Cornell Club Crab Feast on the Eastern Shore of Maryland during the summer. The gathering, hosted by **Bill Eaton '61**, was attended by **Letitia "Tish" Heller** Davidson, **Ruth Berberian** Hanessian, **Linda Jarschauer** Johnson, MS '63, and **Jan VanHeiningen**. Don says he's "looking forward to an even greater turnout there next summer." Don and wife Barbara subsequently drove from Baltimore to Cape May, NJ, to visit with class president **Sue Phelps** Day, **Med '62**, who seems to be recovering well from her emergency surgery in Sweden earlier in the summer. "Sue looks great," says Don, "walking with and without her '31 cane (a classic that belonged to her father), and is already keeping Cornell's alumni office on its toes regarding class business and events." Sue told him that **Gale Jackson** had also been to visit her during the summer.

Still working full-time, **Ronald Young** (Houston, TX) is a professor of gynecology at the Baylor College of Medicine and chief of the Menopause Center there. "Lots of teaching, research, and patient care," he says, though he found time for trips to Panama and India and also frequently travels to Switzerland. Ronald and his wife, who serves as consul general of Switzerland in Houston, have four children and six grandchildren. **Arthur Block** reports that he is now "straddling the cultural gulf between San Juan, PR, and West Palm Beach, FL," spending half of his time in each place. His October plans included a vacation in Spain, with trips to the Basque country around Bilbao, Asturias, and Galicia, followed by a visit to Portugal. He reports that both daughters are doing well; Frances works in real estate development and sales, and Karin serves as professor of geology at CCNY. Arthur says a favorite Cornell memory is "Prof. Philip Morrison's lovely and pithy lectures in classical mechanics."

**Fred Block** (Lake Bluff, IL) continues his involvement with the New Tradition Chorus, and in September sang with his choral group at the Glenbrook Pops Concert, which also featured the Northbrook Symphony. Anticipating the concert, Fred said it was meant to be "a celebration of American music," and he was sure it was going to be "absolutely fantastic." Fred, who has lived in the Chicago area for more than 20 years with wife Nikki, spent most of his career in real estate services, but has reported that he has always made time for his hobby of performing in musical theatre. Now retired from a career in banking, **Kevin Pickard** writes from Fredericksburg, TX, that he and Hetsy have five grandchildren and are "enjoying life in a rural environment and practicing wildlife management."

In a previous round of news submissions, two classmates reported on a long bout of both medical difficulties and natural calamities. **Carolyn Carlson** Blake (Allendale, NJ) made a vacation trip to Quebec, landing, she says, in time for Hurricane Irene, then had a total knee replacement in October 2011 and returned home from the hospital just in time for the nor'easter that left her without

power for a week. It was all a real challenge, she says. "The experiences made me appreciate how hardy our ancestors were in overcoming the elements." Late in 2011, **Sue Wood Brewer** reported from Chapel Hill, NC, that both she and **Don '59** had been out of commission for a while with illness, and then a 90-foot tree from their wooded lot fell on the house. "Fortunately it hit the porch area," she says, "but it still took months to get things back to normal." Carolyn and Sue, we all hope these events are well behind you and now fading from memory.

**Dave** and **Mary Quick Flinn** sent a newsy update from their farm in Lansing, which is about ten miles north of the Cornell campus. After 40 years of raising Clydesdale horses, they have decided to downsize in a serious way, so have sold almost all of them and are down to one Clydesdale, a Percheron, and a Cleveland Bay stallion. Dave says they now run a breeding operation for a foundation called Personal Ponies Ltd., which takes Scottish Shetland ponies around to nursing homes and also makes them available to disadvantaged children. The Flinns currently have nine ponies, only one of which they own, on the farm. Dave has left the board of trustees of the Hangar Theatre, after serving more than 20 years, but is still on a committee there and attends all of the summer performances. He also remains very involved with Rotary. Both of the Flinns' sons, **Dale '84** and **Glenn**, "still live very nearby," says Dave, "and Glenn actually works for us on the farm. Glenn's son Corey also lives and works locally, and Dale's daughter lives in Auburn, so we're all still pretty close together and see one another often."

I'll report later about the class meeting in January, which will take place in Boston as part of the Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference. Meantime, keep the news coming! ☒ **Judy Bryant Wittenberg**, jw275@cornell.edu.

**61** Late in September, you received an e-mail introducing new ways of submitting your input to our Class Notes. Clearly, as we move forward with technology, there are many new and efficient mechanisms for communication beyond the traditional News Form that we associate with dues renewals. We appreciate your current responses and encourage you to use any and all of the social networking options, as well as those offered in the e-mail from Alumni Affairs and the Class Notes team.

**Joanne Schapiro** Koch responded promptly to the e-mail request with a lengthy note, as follows. Her musical *Soul Sisters*, which has toured 30 theatres and universities, including Cornell, was to have its 31st production October 19 through November 11 at the Clockwise Theatre in Waukegan, IL. (*Soul Sisters* is published in the ten-play anthology *Shared Stages*, with *Driving Miss Daisy* and *Fires in the Mirror*, with SUNY Press and is available at Amazon.com.) Lainie Kazan will star as bawdy '50s comic Belle Barth in Joanne's original musical *If I Embarrass You, Tell Your Friends* at the Falcon Theatre in Los Angeles with Garry Marshall and John Landis among its fans. In April 2013, the musical *American Klezmer*, with composer Ilya Levinson and lyricist Owen Kalt, will be presented in Evanston, and a new musical with Honey West, Myrna Petlicki, and Ilya Levinson called *Genderella* will debut, also in Evanston. Joanne also directs the graduate writing program at National Louis U. in

Chicago. She is the artistic director of the Chicago Writers' Bloc, which has brought hundreds of plays to Chicago and beyond, and is dividing her time between teaching and working on new plays and musicals.

Joanne adds, "My daughter Lisa manages and shares ownership, with husband Michael Kornick, of the famous MK Restaurant in Chicago. Daughter Rachel is an attorney in the Illinois Public Defenders office and married to investment counselor Daniel Ernst. Son Josh and wife Jane are sound editors for TV shows including "The Good Wife" and "Breaking Bad." Grandchildren Zachary, Sophie, Samantha, Ann, and Matthew are at various stages of school, kayaking, volleyball and baseball championships, Tae kwon do, and bringing much joy to Grandma Joanne and Grandpa Lew." Joanne reflects on her undergraduate days. "I vividly remember having my first play, *Family Dinner*, produced at Cornell, as a winner of the Forbes-Heerman Playwriting Contest. This launched me on my playwriting career. Since then I have had 17 plays produced around the country." Lastly: "I love hearing from any Cornell alums. **Gail Margolis**, my former Cornell roommate, and I have re-connected and now see each other regularly."

And now, a few words from your class correspondent. Several years ago, I stumbled on the Travelers Century Club, which, among other things, lists roughly 300 eligible "countries" that could be visited on the way to the magic century mark. My wife, Sue, and I had been traveling extensively for years and I discovered that we indeed were approaching this threshold. We kept this in the backs of our minds as we continued our plans. This summer we embarked on a month-long tour of Southeast Asia. The highlights included many Buddhist temples and shrines, much gold leaf and gilt, and enough rice and noodles to last a lifetime. Along the way, we visited Laos, Cambodia, Thailand, Myanmar, and Vietnam.

Some comments from our travels: Cambodia is one of the saddest stories in history. Although the country is recovering well, the Pol Pot regime eliminated 25 percent of the population in the 1970s. The Killing Fields were chilling. Myanmar is emerging from years of repressive dictatorships and has only recently opened to tourism. Our advice is to visit this beautiful country soon before the tourists overwhelm the scene (e.g., Thailand). Finally, we found that Vietnam and Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon) were bustling and prosperous. By chance, I did not spend time in this country during the years of conflict. The Vietnamese refer to this period as the "War of American Aggression." In addition to visiting their museum of the same name, we also toured the Cu Chi Tunnels, a battle area near Saigon, now restored as a national monument and a popular attraction for the Vietnamese people. The pace of the trip and the heat and humidity left us near exhaustion. As you have probably guessed, though, at the conclusion of this excursion we had visited more than the 100 countries we had originally intended. Our return by way of Taiwan and South Korea was crowded but uneventful. We now look to a new adventure in the coming year.

Please take a moment to send us information on yourself, Cornell classmates, family, travel, or whatever. We enjoy reading and publishing your exploits. E-mail us at: ☒ **Doug Fuss**, dougout@attglobal.net; or **Susan Williams** Stevens, sastevens61@gmail.com. Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

**62** Happy New Year! If you've sent news via e-mail in the past few months, please resend it—a computer crash wiped out my electronic folder. The good news is that snail mail still works. Many thanks to those who sent news with their class dues.

**Tony Hitchcock** (tony.hitchcock@yahoo.com) sent along two business cards. He is COO of the Washington, DC, Int'l Horse Show and senior vice president of HITS Inc., a Saugerties-based event management company for equestrian sports. Tony and Jean live in Sagaponack, where he actively volunteers. They enjoyed a trip to Italy. **Paul Regan**, MBA '65's card tells us that he's chairman of the Arthur Child Heritage Center at Historic 1000 Islands Village in Ontario. He is a wooden boat aficionado and collector. Paul and Susie have three children and five grandchildren.

Serving as co-chair of the ILR Association for Westchester/Fairfield County keeps **Marion Janel Zinman** (Tarrytown, NY; mjzinman@yahoo.com) busy. She and Robert delight in visiting children and grandchildren in California, Virginia, and New Jersey. **Nancy McConnell** Davidian (nancy.davidian@rcn.com) enjoys gardening, "including with the Bethesda (MD) Community Garden Club, which keeps up the grounds of two libraries, does winter bouquets for shut-ins and institutions, and provides an intriguing experience for profoundly disabled children." **Robert Gillen** (chiller919@aol.com) retired five years ago from Gillen Assocs. in Raleigh, NC. He now accompanies his daughter to the gym, where she trains for power lifting competition in the Special Olympics. Lee Ann and Robert visited their son's family in Hawaii last Christmas. Golf, fishing, and work on their second home in The Villages, FL, occupy **Ted O'Neill's** retirement. First home for Ted and Kathryn is in Danbury, CT.

"Training newer lawyers in my firm" is a focus for **Neil Lipton** (nlipton@spivaklipton.com). He and Joan visit their country home near Ashokan Reservoir every other weekend and return home to Brooklyn. **Robert C. Miller**, LLB '65 (rcmiller@davidsondawson.com) continues as partner in his New York City law firm. He spends much time running the Hurford Foundation, supporting international policy organizations, and as an officer and director of the National Endowment for Democracy in Washington, DC, and as senior vice chairman of the Foreign Policy Association in New York. Robert and Katarina live in Colts Neck, NJ. Attorney **Brian Coyne** (lawyr@comcast.net) continues full-time practice in intellectual property law, largely patent prosecutions and some patent infringement litigation. He's also an arbitrator for Olympia, WA, Superior Courts. Brian plays semiannual piano recitals; he and Fumiko live in Olympia. Mediations, arbitrations, and volunteer work at a local community college keep **Frank Clemens** (frankclem@aol.com) from spending all of his time golfing, sailing, skiing, traveling . . . Kathy and Frank live in Larchmont, NY.

**David Lloyd** (dlloyd1940@gmail.com) is "writing memoirs about my misspent youth, playing golf, sleeping later, singing in an 'adult' chorale group, and playing with grandsons who live five minutes away." David and Andrea live in Washington, DC, and spend time at their Maryland shore townhouse. Potomac, MD, is home to **Bob** and **Barbara Garson Stern** (bbstern40@verizon.net and bstern40@gmail.com, respectively). Both are retired; Bob does some consulting. They enjoy traveling and have most recently been to East Africa and to Southeast Asia. The Sterns have seven grandchildren and a house in Bethany Beach, DE.

Just in from **Helen Rabinowitz Anbinder** (anbinders@verizon.net): “**Paul ‘60** and I had a wonderful time at our 50th Reunion in June, but the big milestone was the wedding on October 21 of our son **Jeffrey ‘94** to **Daina Schatz ‘03** in Simsbury, CT. More than 50 of the wedding guests were Cornellians, encompassing several generations and including many family members as well as friends! Jeff’s brother **Mark ‘89** was a groomsman. Please see Jeff’s column (Class of 1994) for more details.” A long-held dream to build his own airplane is being fulfilled by **Ron Apfelbaum** (Ronald.apfelbaum@hsc.utah.edu). He’s building a modified Super Cub-type plane. Since retiring as professor emeritus of neurosurgery at the U. of Utah, he’s been pursuing an active lifestyle, including hiking, camping, and backcountry flying in Idaho and Utah. Ron and Kathy live in Salt Lake City.

**Laszlo Szerenyi**, BEE ‘65, was married to Kristina last April and they enjoyed a Mediterranean honeymoon cruise on a three-masted schooner. They returned to their new home in Saint Pete Beach, FL. He is a supporter of the Tampa Opera and fondly recalls his time on the Cornell fencing team. Encinitas, CA, is home to Robert and **Lynne Williams** Colyer (lwcolyer@att.net). Lynne enjoys gardening, reading, cooking, and especially Monday night dinners with her daughter and son-in-law. Retired from Chrysler, **Bob Simpson** is maintaining, renovating, and remodeling his two older homes, in addition to golfing and sailing. Bob and Dianne live in Rochester, MI.

Improving her golf game was the goal of **Anne Kaczmarczyk** Evans (Ashland, PA; evans25@ptd.net). Anne works part-time for the Pennsylvania Dept. of Health as Delaware County nursing supervisor. She also participates in ballroom and polka dancing. Visiting their 11 grandchildren, ages 2-18, from California to New Jersey, keeps Gerald and **Maxine Schulman** Swartz, MEd ‘64 (maxswartz11@gmail.com) on the go from their home in New York City. The Swartzes took a Cornell-sponsored riverboat trip in Russia last summer. Delray Beach, FL, is full-time home to Guiti Arian and **Cyrus Yeganeh** (cyeganeh@hotmail.com), from which they enjoyed a summer auto trip through Italy and southern France. Sue and **Charles Slutsky** (ekinetics@hvc.rr.com) spend one-third of the year in Delray Beach and the rest of the year in Middletown, NY. Their interests are “golf, real estate, golf, grandchildren, GOLF.”

There’s more, but it won’t be complete without *your* news! ☐ **Jan McClayton** Crites, 2430 76th Ave. SE, #331, Mercer Island, WA 98040; e-mail, jmc50@cornell.edu.

**63** Our ReunionTeam63 is hard at work planning our 50th—yes, you read that right—our 50th Reunion. We will be staying in the Court/Kay/Bauer dorm on North Campus, air conditioned and within a short walking distance of reunion buses. The team can always use more help as we hone details for class activities, menus, and entertainment. If you would like to assist, contact our reunion chair, **Paula Trested** Laholt, at PTL9@cornell.edu. Our class council will gather in Boston for Cornell’s Alumni Leadership Conference. Much of our conversation will center on our big reunion in June 2013. **Dick Clark** is looking for people to head up affinity groups (fraternities, sororities, clubs, etc.), so e-mail him at CUreunion2013@aol.com if you are interested in helping.

**Carol Bagdasarian** Aslanian’s daughter **Elizabeth ‘06** was married to Paolo Lorenzoni on September 22 in Verona, Italy. At the wedding was **Marcia Beiley** Laris and **Donna Forsman**, BFA ‘64, and a host of Liz’s Cornell friends from the Class of 2006. A wonderful and joyous time was had by all. **Marion Travalini** Rodd lives in Ventura, CA, and is adjusting to the retired life. Music is her great love—she is into choral singing and flute playing in the Ventura County Concert Band. Marion played in the Cornell Concert Band. Daughter **Allison Rodd** Ceppi ‘92 was at Reunion in June with her family. Her younger daughter, Amy (Colgate ‘94), and her husband are both physicians in suburban Philadelphia and have two children. Marion sees **Karen Kraengel** Evenden and **Kathy Reimer** Hartnett, MA ‘67, since they live nearby. **Cliff ‘65** and **Christine Householder Schneider** visit in the winter to get away from their home in Cape Vincent, NY.

**Mike and Kathy Nohle Moyer ‘65** are snowbirds between Grand Traverse Bay, MI, and Tucson, AZ. Their grandchildren are in Phoenix and Cleveland. In Arizona they enjoy hiking, western dancing, and early music recorders. In Michigan they bike, sail, and kayak. They also sing in barbershop choruses and quartets and community choruses in both places. They aren’t slowing down but speeding up! **Bill** and **Debbie Seyl Wycoff** live in Pittsburgh, PA. Last February they had a wonderful ten-day safari to Botswana. It was a small group and they focused on photography. They saw lots of fantastic animals, birds, and plants, including a pride of lions feasting on a giraffe one evening. After Botswana, they spent a few days in Cape Town taking the cable car ride to the top of Table Mountain and visiting the surrounding wine country.

In last issue’s column I mentioned **Harvey Rothschild**, but I didn’t add the following: Harvey and wife Robin celebrated his dad’s 95th birthday with a trip to Maui in March. Most of the family was able to be there—four children, six of nine grandchildren, and three of nine great-grandchildren. Harvey is still a practicing tax accountant. He and Robin celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Labor Day weekend. **Allan Lines**, MS ‘69, has retired as a professor of agricultural, environmental, and resource economics at the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences at Ohio State U. In recent years, he has worked in nearly 40 countries assisting agricultural producers, agribusiness managers, communities, and policy makers with decision making. Allan and his wife, Betsy, live in Worthington, OH. Son **Glenn**, GR ‘93-94, lives with his family in Trumansburg, NY. Son Luke and family live in Cazenovia, NY, and daughter Heidi and family live in Worthington. Allan and Betsy spend time in the summer at Chautauqua Institution on Chautauqua Lake.

Ed and **Carol Lowy** Roberts have moved within Charlottesville, VA, from a 200-year-old farmhouse and 33 acres to tending pots on a terrace. Carol said that downsizing almost killed them, but after trips to Goodwill, used bookstores, auction houses, and consignment shops—plus the rental of a dumpster—they did it. Carol keeps in touch with **Marcia Dicus** McInerney and **Ruth Morgan** Kaufmann ‘62, MA ‘63. **Joan Brown** Winston has also just moved to Charlottesville. **Fred Parkin** reports from San Francisco that **Peter Lee**’s golf game is getting back to his Cornell golf team level. They play almost weekly during Fred’s six months on the West Coast. They joined **Dick Bradley** at the

San Francisco Golf Club this past winter. Fred and Wendy spend the other six months a year at their home in Litchfield, CT.

**Albert Berger** officially retired from his 33-year faculty appointment at the U. of Washington School of Medicine in Seattle. He had a rewarding career combining teaching, basic research in neuroscience, and administration, including as acting departmental chair and vice dean for research and graduate education at the UW medical school. He now works part-time focusing on his research program. Albert and wife **Marilyn (Epstein) ‘65** look forward to the 50th Reunion next June!

I will be organizing a group of hosts to welcome people at our reunion headquarters and at the events around campus. E-mail me if you are planning on being at reunion and want to interact with classmates in this way. See you in June! ☐ **Nancy Bierds** Icke, 12350 E. Roger Rd., Tucson, AZ 85749; e-mail, icke63@gmail.com.

**64** Our 50th Reunion is a mere 17 months away (June 5-8, 2014). Hope you’ll join us there for the fun!

Our next class mailing will arrive in the spring, along with our specially designed news form that we hope encourages you to share lifestyle details of interest to all of us. Although our class website includes a link to an online news form, here is a special request that you send your news either on the snail mail news form we have been using for the past nearly half-century, or, especially if you are on the automatic dues renewal program, by e-mail to the address listed at the end of this column. On to your news.

Veterinarian **Josef Powell**, DVM ‘67, lives with his wife, Linda, on a farm outside Conewango Valley, NY. Josef is still working and also spends time volunteering, restoring vintage tractors, and engaging in tractor-pulling contests. Another veterinarian, **G.E. Fackelman ‘62**, DVM ‘64, was not in our undergrad class, but did get his DVM the year we graduated and filed a news form with our class, so . . . welcome! “Bud” lives with wife Kate in Saratoga, WY, where he keeps busy consulting (about what, he doesn’t say), editing, hiking, fishing, and competing in dog agility events. He also helps organize fly-fishing trips for a local outfitter.

**Nancy Cohen Nowak**, who was widowed when husband **Michael ‘63**, BArch ‘64, died in July 2011, lives in Englewood, CO. She writes, “I’m taking classes, working as owner/director of the local Center for Divorce and Parenting, writing poetry, socializing, enjoying nature, finding things to laugh about, being a grandmother . . .” Nancy also says she’s “learning how to live alone” after being married for nearly half a century. Like many of us, **Joan Kather Henry** turned 70 this year. She wanted to celebrate this event with physical activity to show she was still “young,” so she hiked 300 miles across Spain last May on the Camino to Santiago de Compostela. In addition, during a three-week period in August and September, she invited friends to hike with her near her home on the Olympic Peninsula in Washington for 70 miles—one mile for each year of her age. Cornellians who joined her for some of the hikes included her husband, **Bill ‘60**, BCE ‘63, **Mary Deitrich** Capra, **Pat Hammond** Pearson, BS Nurs ‘65, and **Jim ‘63** and **Chris Newton Dauber ‘63**.

Architect **Robert Butler**, BArch ‘64, has published *Architecture Laid Bare*, his seventh (!) book

on his profession. He writes that the tome, which is 458 pages long and includes 240 drawings, “describes how you can better your life with better architecture.” He adds, perhaps tongue in cheek, that his book “should interest anyone who lives in buildings.” Robert and wife Janis live in Mahopac, NY. **Enid Cantor Goldberg** is an English teacher and the author of more than a dozen books for adults and teenagers. She and husband **Allan '63** (still CEO and president of Aracyn Pharmaceuticals) live in Teaneck, NY. They have a grown son and daughter and two young grandchildren. **Merle Metcalfe** is an adjunct English professor at Edison State College in Naples, FL, where she lives. Merle moved to Naples right after retiring from Microsoft in 1999. She says of her diagonal cross-country relocation: “I came as far away from Seattle’s gloomy climate as I could get.”

Attorney **Richard D’Amato** has been appointed by US Sen. Harry Reid to his fourth two-year term as a commissioner at the US-China Economic and Security Review Commission. Dick and wife Dorothy enjoy skiing in addition to sailing—easy access, as home is still Annapolis, MD. They enjoyed a week-long sailing charter in the Adriatic Sea off the Croatian coast with **Russ Stevenson '63** and wife **Margie Axtell '66**. **Hans and Arenda Spiele Weishaupt, MS '60**, both retired and living in Rehetobel, Switzerland, come back to America to visit their daughter, **Stefanie Weishaupt Prelesnik '92**, who lives in Virginia. **Janet Warren Fatherley** (Bradford, VT) retired in 2005 after working 20 years as an administrative assistant at the Dartmouth U. Medical School. Perhaps indicative of our getting older, Janet did not provide any information on her children, just her two grandchildren. Janet enjoys reading, history, and genealogy. Her travels have included Scotland in 2010 and Dominica last February. Janet writes, “Thanks to the class officers for all their work on our behalf.” From all of us, thank you.

Speaking of travel, my husband, Jim, and I spent two weeks skiing in Aspen in February, then two weeks in (sunny and mild!) London in March in the flat of an old friend. We visited Glacier National Park in September, where I discovered huckleberry ice cream and we took long, sometimes arduous hikes to walk off the goodies. Also, while I gardened, Jim attended the CAU Summer Session Golf Clinic in July for the third time—and is even more enthusiastic about it. He highly recommends attendance at CAU on campus. 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](http://www.cornell1964.org)); class webmaster **Bruce Wagner** 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](mailto:blamont64@comcast.net).

**65** Wonderful! Lots of news! As before, 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?”

**George Arangio**, MD '69 (Fogelsville, PA; [casarangio@aol.com](mailto:casarangio@aol.com)) and a host of football players who played throughout their Cornell years gathered in Ithaca during Trustee-Council Weekend to celebrate the life of beloved football coach Ted Thoren, who died in 2012. Of the many tributes to the coach, George remembers Ted as a father figure: “Very loyal to his boys, but he demanded

that the guys he recruited put out. I showed up quite out of shape for pre-season drills one year and Thoren gave me holy hell. He had put his reputation on the line by standing up for me. He put me on the training table with Doc Kavanagh and that got me shaped up and back on the first team. I owe my medical career to him.” George went on to become an eminent orthopedic surgeon in the foot and ankle field. Those in attendance included classmates **Bob Baker**, **Joe Ryan**, **Dave Mellon**, **John Borhman III**, **David Carr**, **Tom Carley**, **Dick Fenton**, ME '66, **Walt Gadkowski**, **Duke Grkovic**, **Dennis Harder**, **Clarence Jentes**, MBA '67, **Roger La Barre**, **Frederick Leick**, **Dave Miles**, **George Norman**, and **Joe Schneider**. I look forward to sharing time with George and wife Judy to hear all the details of the weekend.

Joe and Eileen Ryan (JRyan9778@aol.com) spend May to mid-November in Buffalo, NY, and then travel to Venice, FL, for winter and early spring. They manage a small condominium complex in Venice. Joe exercises, reads, watches movies, and enjoys fine dining with family and friends. **Dick Rosen** (Jericho, NY; [RLR@rosenlawpllc.com](mailto:RLR@rosenlawpllc.com)) credits his lightweight football coach, Bob Cullen, as having had a great impact on him. Dick is senior law partner in the Richard L. Rosen law firm, specializing in franchise law. Managing work/life balance, he coaches children in track, plays the guitar, and writes and sings music. He also visited his daughter in Florence, where she was studying. CF: **Bryan Westfield**.

We’ve received sad news: **Jan DiMartino Foreman** (Greensboro, NC; [jan4man1@gmail.com](mailto:jan4man1@gmail.com)) writes that her husband, **Bob**, died in May 2012 of brain cancer. Another wonderful classmate, **Arnie Rabinor**, died in September. His wife, Irene (Lido Beach, NY), tells us that he lost his battle with pancreatic cancer. Our sympathy goes out to Jan and to Irene.

“I love adventure travel,” writes **Diwan Chand** ([chand2839@hotmail.com](mailto:chand2839@hotmail.com)). Diwan and wife Anita live in Ottawa, ON. He went on an overland trip in Africa from Capetown, South Africa, to Nairobi, Kenya, by truck and camping. He still runs his real estate business with his son. GI: the university itself—to be able to go to an Ivy League school! **Nicole Librandi**, MA '72 (NTL3@cornell.edu), and husband Bill Brown lived aboard a 42-ft. sailboat on Lake Champlain this past summer. Nicole taught Italian at the Scuola Italiana at Middlebury College. Teaching Italian, travel, Zumba, and photography keep her busy. She comments that she brought “way too much stuff” when she first came to Cornell. **Roberta Kupfrian** Tarbell ([rtarbell@comcast.net](mailto:rtarbell@comcast.net)) and spouse **Karl Miller '64** live in Philadelphia, PA, and enjoy traveling to visit four grandchildren in three states. Roberta works as a visiting scholar at the Philadelphia Museum of Art in the Center for American Art. She is the co-author, co-editor, and co-curator of the exhibition and book *Rodin and America*.

“We have six beautiful grandchildren and are blessed by our family,” writes **Bruce Hawley** ([brucelaurie@juno.com](mailto:brucelaurie@juno.com)). Bruce and wife Laurie enjoy Vero Beach, FL, in the winter, and this past summer led teams to help restore a town hit by Hurricane Irene in Prattsville, NY. Reading, walking, volunteering, and eating out are all pleasurable pursuits of **Ruth Roehm** Pease, BS Nurs '65 (Moraga, CA; [DrRuthRN@gmail.com](mailto:DrRuthRN@gmail.com)). She leads a caregivers’ support group for the local Alzheimer’s Association, which provides valuable guidance and compassion for those facing the challenges of the disease. **Clifford Schell** ([del.sol.b.c@gmail.com](mailto:del.sol.b.c@gmail.com))

and wife Barbara can be found in Evans Mills, NY, a small town 80 miles north of Utica.

**Bill Vanneman Jr.** ([williamvanneman@yahoo.com](mailto:williamvanneman@yahoo.com)) continues his medical practice in gastroenterology in Winchester, MA. Up, up in the air, you can see him flying his Cessna to Vermont and other fun locations. **Michael Schwarting**, March '68 (Port Jefferson, NY; [ms.casa@verizon.net](mailto:ms.casa@verizon.net)) and spouse Frances Campani of Campani & Schwarting Architects are celebrating Michael’s retirement as the director of the graduate program in urban and regional design at the New York Inst. of Technology, although he will continue to teach. Michael comments, “This will be my fifth year of visiting the urban design program at the Politecnico di Milano,” a renowned school of engineering, architecture, and design.

It is a joy to read of the various pursuits you’re all engaged in, but often difficult to decipher some of the handwriting—so please consider submitting your news via e-mail to Ron or me following the guideline questions on the news form. Thanks! **Joan Hens Johnson**, [joanhpj@comcast.net](mailto:joanhpj@comcast.net); and **Ron Harris**, [rsh28@cornell.edu](mailto:rsh28@cornell.edu).

**66** What do you remember about Cornell winters? I remember how long they seemed and how many days it “Ithacated”—that combination of windy rain and snow that made the walkways slippery. However, I also remember hot beverages that warmed us up at the Straight, or elsewhere. Ah, “those were the days!” (From “All in the Family.”) Several people wrote in using the new online news form (<http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>). Please check it out—the questions change periodically—and send your news any time of year. Here’s what we received for this issue.

**Larry Eisen**, ME '67 (Hackensack, NJ; [fipublish@aol.com](mailto:fipublish@aol.com)) writes that he is the chief executive of a graphics firm and adds, “The good part of growing older is having grandchildren. We have four. The bad part is the body’s decline. I have had a kidney transplant.” Larry’s daughter is in Florida and is a manufacturer’s rep in the tabletop industry. His Cornell son finances natural gas exploration. A favorite Cornell experience: “Seeing my wife in Uris library before I even knew her.” **Joanne Pakel** Ikeda (San Leandro, CA; [jikeda@berkeley.edu](mailto:jikeda@berkeley.edu)) writes, “Daughter Jennifer is a graduate of the Juilliard School drama program and appeared in *Seminar* with Jeff Goldblum at the Ahmanson Theatre in Los Angeles from October 17 to November 18.” That is awesome, Joanne!

**David Lande** (New York, NY; [dlande@landepc.com](mailto:dlande@landepc.com)) writes, “Still living in Manhattan and actively practicing law when my wife, Fern, and I are not preoccupied with visiting our four grandchildren (ages 10 months to 11 years). I will be included in the upcoming (December 2012) ‘Top Rated Lawyers’ edition of *New York Magazine*.” **Mark Litman** still practices patent law, now in higher ed. “I am at UNLV as the technology transfer officer and working to create jobs in Nevada based on advanced technology developed at the university. I met with Harry Reid’s office in September to get support on one technology (genome surgery) that could create a new medical paradigm for treatment of viral and bacterial diseases, including HIV/AIDS.” Mark adds, “I have three employed daughters: one finishing a term clerking at the US Supreme Court, the next at Goldman Sachs, and the last at the Corporate Executive Board of America. I’m also still swimming

competitively and playing (reasonably) good golf." A favorite Cornell experience was building and charging for use of a toboggan run when finals were canceled in 1966 because of record snows. He'd like to hear from **Martin Cohen**.

**Stuart Peterfreund** (s.peterfreund@neu.edu) published his third critical book in August 2012. *Turning Points in Natural Theology from Bacon to Darwin: The Way of the Argument from Design* was published by Palgrave Macmillan in August 2012. He writes, "The book attempts to historicize the arguments for intelligent design in the context of a nearly 500-year conversation between theology and science. Chris, my wife, has almost persuaded me that non-academic readers can follow the argument, which I will not recap here." Stuart is a professor of English at Northeastern U., in Boston, MA.

One of the places you can go to catch up on our class news is the Facebook page "Cornell Class of '66." One of the threads in the fall of 2012 dealt with pranks. **Richard McKee** wrote, "Speaking of pranks, who remembers the huge banner hung from Libe Tower by the residents of the first floor of U-Hall 5 in 1962 on (I think) Homecoming weekend?" You can keep up with many of your classmates on Facebook, but however you send your news, we always need to hear from you. Thanks. **Pete Salinger**, pas44@cornell.edu; **Deanne Gebell** Gitner, dgg26@cornell.edu; and **Susan Rockford** Bittker, ladyscienc@aol.com.

**67** A 2012 Reunion item worth recalling, as we look toward our own 50th in 2017, arrives from my special correspondent at the Class of '07 5th Reunion. The young folk stayed in Dickson Hall on North Campus, close by the 50th gathering of the Class of '62. In the best Cornell tradition, '07 partied hard, still going strong at 3:00 a.m., when some '62ers—only five years older than we are, mind you—called the cops on them.

**Harriet Hecht** Gould (Newton, MA; gould@globe.com) retired as vice president/labor relations for the *Boston Globe* early last year, which, she says, "allows me more time to enjoy my grandchildren, Samantha, 8, Brady, 4, and West, 3, and to travel with the Cornell Alumni Travel Program. This summer I went to Ireland, where it rained every day, and I am now leaving for Italy." Besides consulting for the *Globe*, Harriet keeps her mind active by taking courses at Brandeis U. through Osher Lifetime Learning Inst. "Cornellians I see regularly are **Paul '62** and **Meri Klorman Schreiber '65**, **David Schreiber '65**, and my roommate **Karen Kaufman Polansky** and her husband, **Steve**, when they were here for the marathon."

**Jan Garden** Castro (Brooklyn, NY; jancastro1@gmail.com) had her post "In the Studio: Tony Feher Turns Things into Art" published at <http://blog.sculpture.org/2012/09/26/tony-feher/>. "Tony's art deserves wider audiences!" she adds, noting, "I have an artist interview in the *October Sculpture*. I write poetry, fiction, essays, and interviews, and I also present PowerPoint art talks and share poetry at various venues and institutions. My son Jomo is an AT&T executive and his daughters are very active in soccer, baseball, and other sports." **Marvin Marshak** (marshak@umn.edu), the Morse-Alumni Distinguished Teaching Professor of Physics at the U. of Minnesota, has two grandkids on the Upper West Side of Manhattan—Jordan, 3, and Jesse Lee, 7 months—and a new granddaughter, Yaira Lieba, in Newton, MA. "I'm still trying to convince

undergraduates that they like physics." Beyond that, Marvin founded the residential college, with up to 450 undergraduates and integrated academic and residential activities; represented the 3,000 faculty members in interactions with the governor and legislature; served as senior vice president and chief academic officer during the 1996-97 conflict between the university regents and faculty regarding tenure policies; and helped reorganize the biological sciences programs. He

forest/wildlife conservation in Kalimantan, Indonesia. For more information about his activities, see [www.rea.co.uk/conservationobjectives](http://www.rea.co.uk/conservationobjectives). **Diane DeGeorge Nichols** (diane-nichols@urmc.rochester.edu) still works full-time as a data manager for the blood and marrow transplant unit at the U. of Rochester Medical Center. In addition, she enjoys reading, exercise, and spending time with her grandchildren. Diane looks forward to attending our 45th Reunion!

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Marvin Marshak '67

also played a significant role in the \$225 million sale of the University Hospital and also helped with raising \$4 million to endow a Theoretical Physics Inst. and \$500,000 for the Abigail and John Van Vleck Lectureship in Physics, which has attracted nearly 20 Nobel-laureate lecturers.

**David Yewell**, ME '68 (St. Helena, CA; dave@yewellfv.com) "moved to Napa Valley full-time in 2007, where to stay active you need to get into the wine business. So I came up with my own label—Porch Wine. I made 200 cases and sold them all in two months. Nice Sauvignon Blanc. I am also involved with Napa Valley Grapegrowers and am now president of Appellation St. Helena, where we grow our Cabernet Sauvignon. It's available through Corley Family Vineyards, with a Yewell Vineyards designate. I have two super grandchildren, Helena, 2-1/2 (son Erik) in the San Francisco Bay Area, and Olson, 1-1/2 (son **Scott '98**, ME '99, MBA '04) in Newburyport, MA. I love going back to reunions; this year the Fijis had a great turnout. **Paul Schlenker** has been out to see us several times. Come to Napa—I'll help you find some real winery gems."

I enjoyed a wonderful NYC downtown wedding in September. The bride, **Jana Schulman '97**, is a first cousin once removed of my wife, **Eileen Barkas Hoffman '69**. Her new husband is **Todd Jacobson '97**. The wedding party also included **Jonas Grossman '97**, **Eric Kusseluck '97**, and **Penny Zacharias '97**. I met two more fun folks from the D.C. world: **Josh '98** and **Jennifer Behar Seiff '97**. **Richard Hoffman**, 2925 28th St., NW, Washington, DC 20008; e-mail, rhoffman@erols.com.

**68** Reunion chair **Henry Siegel**, registrar and class VP **Nancy Nystrom** Frantz, and **Kathy Maney** Fox attended Reunion Kickoff in Ithaca in September. Plans are under way for a fun weekend, so keep June 6-9, 2013 available for a return to the Hill. And check our class website (<http://classof68.alumni.cornell.edu>) and Facebook page ("Cornell University Class of 1968") regularly for updates!

**Lucy Mueller** Young (Northampton, MA) enjoys being an art therapist and artist in Northampton, but looks forward to retirement in 2013 to Sunapee, NH. Last year she illustrated *Pink Bear*, a story about a bear who finds happiness and realizes the value of being different. Her website is [www.lucymuelleryoung.com](http://www.lucymuelleryoung.com). **Rob Stuebing** (rs888@aol.com) works as a consultant/technical advisor in

**Mona Deutsch** Miller '73 has written to report that her brother **Laurence Deutsch** passed away last August of complications from leukemia, which he had battled for several years. Larry, a member of Sigma Alpha Mu fraternity, was an Electrical Engineering student at Cornell and worked at Raytheon and in the Coop program while in school. After graduating from Dalhousie Medical School in Nova Scotia in 1973 and briefly practicing with his first wife (who was also a physician) in New Hampshire, he established a general practice in Ottawa, where he was a family practitioner for nearly 40 years. He became known for utilizing hypnotherapy in his practice to help patients stop smoking, deal with the pain of childbirth, lose weight, cope with anxiety, and more. He authored *Caloric Wars: Fat, Fact, and Fiction* with Dr. Jeff Schweitzer. I am also sorry to report that **Richard Parsons**, BS '73, passed away in February 2012.

**Pete**, JD '71, and **Debbie Kates Smith**, MA '71, live in Naples, FL, but spend part of the summer on Long Beach Island, NY, and in NYC. They enjoy spending time with their three grandchildren and have seen **John Gross**, JD '71, and his wife in Manhattan and at their home on Marco Island, FL. **Jack Eisenberg** and his wife, Sue, visited Pete and Debbie this past winter in Naples. After **Herb Fuller** retired three years ago, he and wife Martha took a month to drive around the US making a video documentary, "Proceed 8,397 Miles." They visited **Rick '70** and **Deborah Cheney Lazar '70** in Las Vegas, as well as Martha's aunt **Janice Briwa** Dechadenedes '50. Herb (hfuller01@comcast.net) and Martha live half-time on Prudence Island, off the coast of Rhode Island, and urge sailors in the area to check in with them. Herb drives fire engines for the Prudence Island Volunteer Fire Department and also volunteers with environmental and historical nonprofits.

**John Grocki** (arc-jmg@yahoo.com) writes that he is still consulting and traveling for business. This past year he enjoyed a lot of hiking due to the warm weather during winter and spring in his home state of Connecticut. **Leonard Rubin** (leonard.rubin@gmail.com) is also consulting. After a long stint as an IT executive, he retired from Pfizer two years ago. He has also gotten involved with education reform. **Thomas Noble** (thndrcroft@aol.com) is still involved in a full-time clinical practice as a gastroenterologist in Virginia. However, he is transitioning his practice to a new location in Bluffton, SC. In his free time he enjoys golf, gardening, and his family, including two grandchildren. **Lisa Wasielewski** Fox lives in Macedon,

NY, and works part-time doing calligraphy at a personalized gift store in Webster, NY. She also volunteers for various educational nonprofits.

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

**69** **Ray Goodman**, PhD '79, has retired from his full-time, tenured position at U. of New Hampshire after 30 years in the Dept. of Hospitality Management. Twenty-three of those years were as department chair. He'll teach one course in the fall without any other responsibilities. He and wife Helen have been traveling: 50th high school

‘I’m basically a talent scout for the State Department.’

**Patricia Guy '72**

reunion in Laredo, TX, as well as visiting friends Kathy and **Udo Schlenrich '70** in New Braunfels and family in Austin, and attending a conference in Dallas. Then they spent ten days in Switzerland for a friend's wedding. Enjoy your free time, Ray. In March, **Pamela Thurber** Duncan, MA '85, became president of the Anne Arundel County (MD) Historical Society Inc., with a three-year term. They run the Benson-Hammond House Museum near BWI Thurgood Marshall Int'l Airport and a library for historical and genealogical research. In June she traveled with a group of ten to Turkey for sailing and touring. "Istanbul is exotic," she writes. "The food is fresh, the water blue, the Greek ruins unexpectedly thrilling."

**Ron Tober** (rtober2@carolina.rr.com) is semi-retired after working 40-plus years managing public transit systems in Charlotte, Cleveland, Seattle, Boston, and Miami. He is now doing part-time consulting work on transit system development in Honolulu, Indianapolis, and Raleigh and also keeping a close eye on his investments for retirement. He'd love to hear from his brothers at Sigma Chi. In May, **Jeff Olesen** retired after 25-plus years as a Foreign Service officer with the US Dept. of State. He has set up house in Sarasota, FL, a beautiful and culturally rich town on Florida's west coast with a large and active Cornell Club. He is also having lots of fun playing golf and tennis, as well as participating in a number of organizations in the area. He was elected president of the Sarasota-Manatee Chapter of the United Nations Association of the US and tells us, "If you like warm spring weather and baseball, note that spring training for the Baltimore Orioles begins here in only seven months!" Sorry about the Orioles/Yankees series, Jeff.

**Timothy** and **Barbara Green Savage '67** have lived in Queens, NY, since returning from the Peace Corps in Peru (1969-72). Tim has been involved in graphic design, fine art painting, and marketing communications. He's also developed an e-commerce website for a local school uniform business (www.pennyschooluniforms.com). Nearing retirement, he's figuring out life's next steps

and would like to hear from **John Long** and **John Carmichael**. **Norman Coe** (normcoe@gmail.com) and his wife moved to Tennessee last November after being lifelong New York residents. He says climate and cost of living were the drivers and they are pleased with the results so far, having experienced most of the seasons. "A move like this is a big deal for us older folks," he writes. "I'd be glad to chat about the experience if anyone is considering a retirement move."

For **Ann Agranoff**, "it's time to slow down and have some fun." She and husband Fred spent three weeks traveling around Switzerland in February, skied the Alps near the Eiger, hung out with Fred's Swiss cousins, and celebrated Fastnacht in Lucerne and Basel for the "trip of a lifetime!" Daughter April is a river guide and has taken people down the American River in California and the Kaituna in New Zealand. Ann lived through two

extreme weather events in the past 12 months: flooding in the Catskills after Hurricane Irene and a Halloween snowstorm in NYC that took down a 100-year-old tree right in front of their building. **Rob Kaufelt** (kaufelt@gmail.com) enjoys summer at their small farm in Stockton, NJ. Rob's wife, Nina Planck, just submitted the third book in her 'Real Food' series: *The Real Food Cookbook*. Rob's company, Murray's Cheese, has opened its first restaurant, Murray's Cheese Bar, in Greenwich Village. They're also opening 35 shops in supermarkets this year, including Fred Meyer, King Soopers, and soon to come, Ralph's. His twins, Jacob and Rose, recently turned 3; son Julian is now 6. "Yes," he writes, "running a growing business and raising a very young family as I turn 65 is very challenging!" He'd love to hear from **Myles Itkin**, **Frank Cardaci**, MBA '72, **Chris Rush**, BFA '71, **Chuck Noble**, and **Marvin Liebling**.

**Jim Ramakka** retired at the end of 2007 after 32 years of federal service. His wife, **Vicky (Bovee) '70**, retired in 2008 from San Juan College in Farmington, NM, as director of university and graduate programs. At the end of 2011, Jim put his natural resource consulting firm into hibernation when the Bureau of Land Management recruited him back to be the national leader of the agency's wildlife program. They built their retirement home near Aztec, NM, and have no plans to establish permanent roots elsewhere. So he now keeps a small apartment in the D.C. area and is home once a month or so. Vicky stays well occupied with a myriad of projects including freelance writing, perfecting her photography skills, and serving as the president of the board of the Aztec Historical Museum.

We enjoyed Homecoming Weekend in September on campus—even the weather cooperated and cleared up for our win over Yale. The Cornell Football Association celebrated 125 years of Cornell football at halftime, and my husband, **Jeff Riedl '70**, was happy to see so many former teammates there. The highlight of the weekend was the tour of Milstein Hall, the new home for the College of Architecture, Art, and Planning.

Kent Kleinman, the Gale and Ira Drukier dean of the college, conducted an informative and fascinating tour of the facility. His enthusiasm for the university, college, students, program, and new building was amazing. Please put a visit to Milstein on your list the next time you are on campus. You'll be glad you did! With all best wishes for a healthy and happy New Year: ■ **Tina Economaki** Riedl, triedl048@gmail.com.

**70** Here we are once again at the beginning of a new and hopeful year. I wish you all a good and healthy 2013. This also means that our 45th Reunion is only two and a half years away. Mark down the dates: June 4-7, 2015—in Ithaca, NY. Start connecting now with friends from the class to make plans to attend our next major party weekend! And be sure to check out our new website (thank you, class webmaster **Jeff Haber**) at: <http://cornell70.org>. Look at the class officers' page to see the good-looking and "young" leadership team of the Class of 1970!

**Joyce Thompson** (joyce@launchismo.com) writes that she is finally integrating the high tech marketer of the last 17 years with the novelist, poet, and teacher of 1977-94. In addition, she is a distance runner who does several half marathons each year. Joyce adds, "I'm also a Reiki master. Giving treatments and attuning others is my brand of philanthropy. My (third) marriage has been goofily blissful for the last 17 years and I love the Bay Area. In 2010, I started my own business, Launchismo, a marketing services boutique for new companies, new products, and new times. We've got great clients, interesting work, and a STEEP learning curve. *How to Greet Strangers*, my sixth novel and the first in 20 years, will be out in February 2013. I'm at work on another one now." Last May, Joyce's daughter, Alexandra, received her JD from Loyola Law School. Son Ian is in Egypt researching his doctoral dissertation in cultural anthropology through UC Berkeley. Son Farrell is a creative executive with Zucker Productions in L.A. Joyce's favorite memories from our time on the Hill are "happy Saturdays when lots of folks got together for brunch, games, and wild adventures!" She would like to hear from any and all friends from Cornell.

**Richard Williams** (rdwilliams@comcast.net) retired at the end of 2012, winding up a 19-year career with HVS Food and Beverage Services. "I am still an owner of the historic Buckhorn Exchange Steak House located in Denver, CO, in operation at the same location since 1893. I married **Karen Smith '73** in 1987 and we celebrated our 25th wedding anniversary in Santa Fe, NM, in May. We are ready to start a new phase of our lives in retirement. We have a full schedule planned, including lots of skiing this winter at Beaver Creek and Vail, a trip to Glacier National Park next July, and hours spent with our twin granddaughters, Madison and Mackenzie, 5. I have also been serving on the HOA board of the Hyatt Mountain Lodge in Beaver Creek, CO, which takes more of my time than it should, but Karen and I get up there about 40 nights a year and we enjoy seeing all the friends we've made there over the past 15 years." Son **Rob '91** has two children, Caroline and Christopher, who live in the Park Slope neighborhood in Brooklyn. Richard has fond memories of inexpensive meals with classmates at Johnny's Big Red Grill, the Chapter House, and the Straight, and of football games at Schoellkopf



Field and hockey games at Lynah Rink, watching the great goal-tending of **Ken Dryden '69**. He would like to hear from **Rob Thayer '69**, **George Loeb**, and **Barry Best '69**.

**Lawrence Somer** (somer@cua.edu) won the Josef Hlavka Prize for the best scientific book published in the Czech Republic in 2009! The category was the Science of Inanimate Nature and the book was *Kouzlo Cisel (Magic of Numbers)*, co-authored with Michal Krizek and Alena Solcova and published in Czech by Academia Publishers. The prize was awarded in Luzany Castle near Pilsen in the Czech Republic on June 21, 2010. Congrats! Lawrence is in the Dept. of Mathematics at Catholic U. of America in Washington, DC. **Craig Balaban** (cbalaban@earthlink.net) and wife Paula have six wonderful grandchildren! In 2006, Craig retired from a career in the electronic media manufacturing industry and they now split their time between Long Island, NY, and Carmel, CA. "I have turned my longtime hobby into a new career at Exotic Classics in Syosset, NY, dealing in exotic and collectible automobiles." Craig's best experience at Cornell was his time as an officer at Tau Epsilon Phi, where he learned skills that served him well as he entered the business world.

**Charlie Adelman**, JD '73 (charles.adelman@cwts.com) is now senior counsel at Cadwalader, Wickersham, and Taft in NYC, where he has practiced law since graduating from the Law School. His wife, **Debbi (Gerard) '71**, MS '74, is a managing director and senior risk manager at Citigroup. In their spare time, they are major ballet fans. Charlie is chairman of the New York City-based ballet company Morphoses. In August 2012 he organized a mini-reunion that took place at the Vail Int'l Dance Festival for Pi Lambda Phi fraternity brothers **Art Litowitz**, **Steve Meyerson**, **Steve Steinberg**, and **Becky Baer**, widow of **Jeff Baer**, along with spouses and significant others. Another get-together is planned for this winter in South Florida for the Miami City Ballet season, where Charlie supports new artistic director Lourdes Lopez. In May 2011, Charlie and Debbi's son **Mark '06** graduated from Emory Medical School and was married to **Amy Green '06**. Mark is now a second-year resident in internal medicine at NYU Medical Center in NYC, while Amy, who received her veterinary degree at Ohio State U. in June 2011, has joined a vet practice in Brooklyn. Their daughter, Karen (Harvard '07), received her MFA from the U. of Southern California and is now a practicing artist in Los Angeles. ☐ **Connie Ferris Meyer**, cfm7@cornell.edu; tel., (610) 256-3088.

**71** September was an important month for future Cornellians. My college roommate, **Diane Brenner** (dbrenner50@aol.com), became a grandmother for the third time. Diane lives in Palm Beach Gardens, FL, where she is a real estate associate and often meets fellow Cornellians as they consider a move to a warmer climate. Our dear friends **Jeff '69** and **Sandi Taylor Eisenstein** (sandieisen@mac.com) also became grandparents, to a baby girl who lives in Seattle with her older brother and parents. We wish the grandparents heartfelt congratulations!

We've got lots of news in our mailbox from our New York classmates. **Laurie Berke-Weiss** (berke-weiss@bwp.law.com) lives in Manhattan and continues to practice employment law at Berke-Weiss & Peckman LLP. Laurie enjoys her involvement in Cornell activities. She is a past president of our wonderful Class of '71 and completed

a term on the Cornell Council. Laurie is also a member of the President's Council of Cornell Women's administrative board. She has been named one of the top 50 women Super Lawyers in Metro New York and has also earned a place on the list of 100 Super Lawyers for Metro New York. Congratulations! Laurie's daughter, **Alex '06**, is in her second year at Fordham Law School, and Laurie's niece, **Haley Finnerty '16**, has matriculated in CALS. Laurie keeps in contact with many Cornellians and recently visited with **Lorraine Schaffer** in London and **Debbie Korenblatt Matz** in Washington, DC.

**Jeff Liddle** (jliddle@liddlerobinson.com), also a New Yorker and a lawyer, serves on the board of directors of the Int'l Wine and Food Society's New York Chapter. In addition, he is a trustee at his daughter's prep school. He spends leisure time playing tennis. **Carol McDonald** (cmcdona@health.nyc.gov) lives in Forest Hills, NY, and is pleased to report that last year she traveled to Italy and also attended the marriage of her daughter, Kimberly, in Germany. Carol is the director of clinical services for the NYC Dept. of Health Immunization Bureau. She would love to locate **Terry Patrick Godinez**, who graduated from the New York Hospital School of Nursing.

The US Army has selected **Hotelie Kenneth Kuscher** as the 2013 field officer for the Philip A. Connelly Awards Committee. Food service professionals play a valuable role in the armed services. The Connelly Awards Program honors those professionals, soldiers, and Dept. of the Army civilians who rise above the standard and continually demonstrate excellence in food service. Ken was the only civilian chosen to serve on this special committee of three experts. During his tenure on the committee, he will travel with the rank of Brigadier General. The committee will evaluate facilities in Germany and Hawaii, as well as bases within the continental US. Ken is a financial advisor with ING Financial Advisors in Boca Raton. In addition, he runs Brunswick Food Service Educators in Palm Beach. Congratulations, Ken! Fellow Floridian **Nathaniel Quick**, PhD '76 (nquick@applicote.com) founded and works as CTO of Applicote Assocs. LLC, a research and development company. In his leisure time Nathaniel enjoys practicing martial arts and is a first-degree black belt.

**Gary Gilbert** (gary.gilbert@tatrc.org) works at Fort Detrick, MD, where he leads medical robotics and technical telemedicine research at the US Army Telemedicine and Advanced Technology Research Center. In his off hours, Gary helps to raise funds for the Cornell Club Hockey team on which his son **Matthew Coster '15** plays, and which beat Syracuse in the 2011-12 Northeast Collegiate Hockey League Championships last February. Gary reminisces that Prof. **L. Dale Van Vleck**, PhD '60, in the Dept. of Animal Science, was an extraordinary professor and had a great impact on him as a student. When asked what he'd rather be doing now, Gary responds that he'd be "running a family farm and health and conservation retreat for guests from urban areas on my family's farm in New York State."

**Marcia Wities** Orange (Marcia.Orange@gmail.com) reports that "life is grand." She had such a wonderful time at reunion last year that she returned to Ithaca for the Continuous Reunion Club. Marcia reports, "It was a blast with the Savages, the Glee Club concert, Cornelliana Night, and President Skorton's State of the University address, as well as presentations from **Michelle Rhee '92**, **Bill Nye '77**, and the hundreds of other events all

around our beautiful campus." Marcia suggests that if you are interested in CRC, you should contact **Jim Hanchett '53** (jch46@cornell.edu). Marcia is happily retired and relocated to Hoboken, NJ, where every day feels like a weekend. She is enjoying theatre, bridge, yoga, swimming, book clubs, and more.

This is a reminder to all of our New England-based classmates. On Friday, January 18, 2013, please join your class officers, who will be in Boston attending the Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference, for drinks and dinner. This will be a fun evening and a great opportunity to reconnect with classmates and maybe make some new friends. Details for the evening should have arrived in your mail early in January. If you have not heard about our event, please feel free to contact me (lg95@cornell.edu) or our class president, **Jan Rothman** (jsr33@cornell.edu), for more information.

We are interested in all of your news, so send it along via e-mail or the online news form (<http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes>) and we will write about you. ☐ **Linda Germaine-Miller**, lg95@cornell.edu; and **Gayle Yeomans**, gyeomans@gmail.com.

**72** To mark the 2,000th anniversary of the birth of Christianity, **Alan Koman** (akoman2@juno.com) has written a monumental book: *A Who's Who of Your Ancestral Saints*. Alan's publisher, Genealogical Publishing Co., announced: "For anyone interested in his or her own genealogical links to medieval Europe and early Christianity, this book offers an extraordinary opportunity. For the first time, the lives of 275 early European saints are retold and accompanied by lineages connecting those saints to 24 of the great men and women of medieval Europe. Today, those 24 men and women have hundreds of millions of living descendants. Anyone living today who can connect to these medieval personages can claim forefathers among the princes of the Earth, as well as ancestors among the princes of Heaven. Readers can consult any of the standard works on colonial American genealogy to help make the connection." *A Who's Who of Your Ancestral Saints* is Alan's first written work in the fields of genealogy and hagiography. According to the publisher, all of the saints discussed in the book are in Alan's own family tree. When he is not tracing the lives of the saints, Alan works as a lawyer in private practice in Atlanta.

After a series of far-flung assignments as a Foreign Service officer for the US State Dept., **Patricia Guy** is now the State Dept.'s diplomat in residence, based at City College of New York in Manhattan. "I'm basically a talent scout for the State Dept. in New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, and Pennsylvania," she says. Pat's most recent assignment was a three-year post as the counselor for public diplomacy at the US Embassy in Bucharest, Romania, after previous assignments in Almaty, Kazakhstan; Minsk, Belarus; Kyiv, Ukraine; and Munich and Berlin, Germany. Pat was still in Romania at the time of our 40th Reunion, but hopes to reconnect with classmates in the New York City area. Classmates and prospective diplomats can reach her at pthguy@aol.com.

**James Kozuch** is an intellectual property attorney in Philadelphia with extensive experience in cases involving patent infringement, trademark infringement, misappropriation of trade secrets, breach of non-competition agreements, and

breach of technology service contracts. Before practicing law, he worked in engineering, strategic planning, and financial analysis for several Fortune 500 companies, including major energy and chemicals firms. He has been a licensed professional engineer in Pennsylvania since 1977 and is a member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers. **David Kimball**, BArch '72, has not been back to Ithaca for 25 years, but is planning a long visit in spring 2013. "Cornell was one of the high points of my life," he says. "The campus and bucolic setting were wonderful and the diversity of people was amazing. I got a great education from the College of Architecture, Art, and Planning, and all of the visiting instructors from NYC, the US, and Europe kept us in touch with the 'real world.'" David retired a couple of years ago, "after 35 good years in the architecture profession," working in Boston and Baltimore.

We report with sorrow that **David Jackson** died suddenly at his Evergreen, CO, home on Easter Sunday 2012, according to his wife Gloria. David had retired in June 2011 from W.W. Williams of Columbus, OH. ☒ **Gary Rubin**, glr34@cornell.edu; **Alex Barna**, AlexBarna@comcast.net.

**73** As we approach our 40th Reunion this June 6-9 ([www.cornell73.com](http://www.cornell73.com)), it's time to invite you, our classmates, to participate in managing our class by joining us as a class officer or council member. These voluntary jobs are most appreciated and you help shape them with your

ideas on how leadership works in that position. If you have an interest in serving Cornell and our class, please contact **Rick Saltz**, MBA '74 ([rick.saltz@gmail.com](mailto:rick.saltz@gmail.com)) or **Wayne Merkelson**, JD '75 ([wayne.merkelson@novartix.com](mailto:wayne.merkelson@novartix.com)). A slate of candidates is presented to the Class of 1973 for a vote at our reunion in June. If you are interested in learning more, please let Wayne or Rick know and they will contact you. We need your participation and support!

Thanks to all of you who answered our request for news. Here are the results of your efforts! **David Oertel**, BS '75, lives in Bangor, ME, with his wife, Pam. He'd rather be living in a log home back in Washington and hiking the mountains there. David would love to hear from **Robert Cartin** '75, DVM '79. **Norman Lange** writes from North Olmsted, OH, where he and his wife, Ruth, live. Norman oversees financing for municipalities and school districts in northeastern Ohio for the First Merit Bank. Presently, he's training a saddlebred gelding called A Worthy Top Shot for trail riding. He visited **David Berwald** '74 in Silver Spring, MD, where they were joined by **Keith Kennedy** '74, who flew in from Maine. After six years as a project finance leader for Perkins Eastman Architects, first for the healthcare studio and later for the entire multinational enterprise, **Jim Sawyer**, BArch '74 (Brooklyn, NY) is now looking for a new opportunity. Feel free to get in touch with him at [jls52@cornell.edu](mailto:jls52@cornell.edu) if you know of an organization in need of financial leadership.

**Paula Smith** Avioli is pleased to announce that she was promoted to the position of executive

director of the School of Psychology at Kean U. **Shelley Grumet Schimelman** let us know that her husband, **Mark** '72, sold his urgent care/family medicine practice in Troy, NY, and looks forward to retiring at the end of 2012. Shelley and Mark were looking forward to traveling and visiting children and a granddaughter who live all over the country. Shelley lost both of her parents this year in less than ten weeks and is still struggling to come to grips with the suddenness and enormity of the loss. Our hearts go out to her and to all of you who have friends and loved ones who have died. **Phyllis Schroeder** Rector, who lives in Paradise Valley, AZ, let us know that her dear friend **Lynn Darsh** died on August 23, 2012, after a three-year battle with lymphoma. Phyllis and Lynn met on the Quad during freshman orientation and became fast friends. Phyllis started a spot factoring company five years ago as a niche business that is still thriving in a difficult credit environment.

**Thomas Quinn** has published his third book, *The Machiavelli Letter*. It's a thriller that begins in Ithaca with a Cornell history professor as its protagonist. His first two novels were historical fiction set in Venice during the Renaissance. "As a graduate of the ILR ('I Love to Read') school, I find it ironic that I now love to write!" Thomas has moved from El Paso, TX, to Berlin, MD. If you've read his books, he would love to hear from you at [comments@thomasquinnbooks.com](mailto:comments@thomasquinnbooks.com). **Laurence Bernstein**, a friend from my freshman year, lives in Toronto and is a managing partner in a consultancy. Laurence is still with his long-term partner and, like many of us, dreaming of "Freedom 95" (a post-modern, realist retirement plan). **Miriam** (formerly Norma) **Reiss** ([Miriam@wisdomcoaching.com](mailto:Miriam@wisdomcoaching.com)) continues her work as a Los Angeles-based marketing and career coach. She works with women to help them shift from unsatisfying work to careers that better match their values and "true spirit." Her clients' successes have been profiled on NPR and in the *Wall Street Journal*.

Only a few more months before reunion! Be sure to find the latest news on our website, [www.cornell73.com](http://www.cornell73.com); like us on Facebook (Cornell Class of 1973); and follow us on Twitter (@cuclassof73). We'll be housed on West Campus in Keaton House and eating in new and familiar spaces on campus, including Milstein Hall, Beebe Lake, and the Statler. Send your news to: ☒ **Phyllis Haight** Grummon, [phg3@cornell.edu](mailto:phg3@cornell.edu); **Pam Meyers**, [psmeyers@fuse.net](mailto:psmeyers@fuse.net); or **Dave Ross**, [dlross6@msn.com](mailto:dlross6@msn.com).

**74** In our 60th birthday year, our classmates continue to be involved in diverse activities from retirement travel to new business ventures and celebrations of family growth and milestones. **Beth Saltzman** Aaronson is proud to inform us that while not yet retired, she is preparing by spending time with her first grandchild—son Benjamin's daughter Abby, 2. She also happily reports that her family can now boast of a new generation of Cornellians. Her brother

## Well Versed

### Julie Kane '74

In the fall of 1972, a timid Cornell junior ventured into Goldwin Smith's Temple of Zeus café and, for the first time ever, read one of her poems in front of an audience. Julie Kane had long been reluctant to venture into the café, known as the campus hangout for student writers and poets. "I felt that my poetry exposed my deepest soul," she recalls, "and I was scared to death for anyone to read it." But that first poem garnered a standing ovation. "After that," she says, "I was hooked."

Flash forward nearly four decades—and the former English major is Louisiana's poet laureate. Serving a two-year term that ends in spring 2013, Kane gives an annual public reading in New Orleans and offers talks and workshops across the state. "Unofficially, the way I think of my job is to help bring poetry to a broader audience," she says, "and to reach out to people who might not normally attend a poetry reading."

A professor of English and creative writing at Northwestern State University of Louisiana, Kane hopes to offer her students the same encouragement that her Cornell professors once gave her. "Read all the poetry you can, both past and present," she advises. "Find other writers that you can share your work with, be part of a writing community—and go to every visiting poet's reading."

— Jennifer Pierre '13



**David Saltzman '79**, BArch '80, has a daughter in the Class of '16.

**Robin Resch Charlton** (Antioch, CA) is a senior regulatory scientist at Valent USA Corp. "I also enjoy singing in my church choir, playing guitar at church, and teaching Sunday school. This year I was elected co-lay leader and as one of our church's delegates to the regional annual conference in the United Methodist Church. My husband, **Mark**, is on leave after 20 years in the United Methodist ministry. He's working on finding out what happens next. We enjoy living in the San Francisco Bay Area, about an hour east of the city. We attended a Giants baseball game last season and saw a concert with Ringo Starr and his All-Star Band—all ages at the concert." Robin and Mark's first grandchild, Marius, arrived in February 2012, son of their oldest, Andrew, and wife Lunar. Son Dante is finishing an associate's degree after graduating from the Solano College Actors Training Program, which is well known in the field. Their youngest, Stephen, is finishing his associate's degree in engineering and plans to apply to a four-year college. Robin would love to hear from **Barbara Greenbaum Venella** and **Kathy Ann Tonnesen**.

**Mike Hallas** (Metuchen, NJ) is married with four children: one in the Air Force, twin daughters in college, and his youngest in high school. Mike has been unemployed for a while and is looking for work in the areas of decision support and/or project management. **Esteban Rosas** is in Durango, Mexico, continuing on his PhD thesis through Edinburgh Napier U. in the UK and working as deputy minister of economic development in Durango. "Cycling and playing guitar in bars helps blow off steam," he writes. Esteban adds that he has three kids, two grandsons, and lots of white hair. Son Steve works for Tyson Foods, daughter Rosa works for Delphi, and Annie teaches kindergarten. "I'm still wearing my Cornell hat (and a stent). My stent and blood pressure slow me down, but not enough!" He'd like to hear from **Donald G. Gross**, **Robert Hoff**, and **Blaine Rhodes**.

**Bob Baldini** has relocated to Delaplaine, VA. Not downsizing, though, as he moved to a horse property. He is the neighbor of **Jim Dolphin '71**, MBA '74, who operates Delaplaine Cellars winery. Bob invites everyone down to enjoy the great views and great wines from Jim. Bob's son Rory is a senior at U. of South Carolina. Bob asks, "Where is **George Fastuca**?" **Stanley Freerks** sold his business, which he owned and operated for 32 years, and is now a member of the "downtrodden working class." He has been spending time in Sedona and continues to take his annual horseboat excursion on Lake Powell. **Herbie Robinson** resides in Newton, MA, where he has been writing computer software and playing music since graduating with his EE degree. He is trying his hand at politics by running for the US House of Representatives in the 4th Congressional District because he has "always been one of those people who tries to fix things that are broken!"

From Columbus, OH, we hear from **Jodi Sielschott** Stechschulte. Jodi is enjoying life as a wife, mom, drama director for the Upper Arlington City Schools, and volunteer. She also kept herself busy preparing for the wedding of her oldest child, daughter **Lisa '04**, who married on July 7. The effort included finishing the sewing of Lisa's wedding gown despite a power outage for three days the week before the big event. Jodi finished the sewing only in the last three days before the nuptials. The celebration was enhanced by music from four of the bride's Cornell Chorus friends: **Aja Falker '05**,

**Anne Jones-Leeson '04**, **Kristin Maggi '04**, and **Jacqueline Conti Rimschnick '05**. Lisa's sister **Lynn '09** and brother **John '06** were there, as well as brother Paul (Purdue '10) and sister Lauren, a high school senior. Good friends and neighbors **Walt**, MBA '75, and **Lynda Roth Guenther '76**, BFA '76, were also present. Jodi visited Jackson Hole, WY, with side trips to Grand Teton and Yellowstone national parks, after accompanying husband John to a board meeting of the American Academy of Ophthalmology at Jackson Hole Lodge.

**Dana Woroniecki** Jurak, ME '75, invites all Cornellians to visit two beachfront vacation rental villas that were just opened at Coconut Beach Villa on Providenciales in the Turks and Caicos Islands and Cruzan Sands Villa on St. Croix, US Virgin Islands. These two join Crystal Sands Villa in Provo. **Eric Keller** decided to celebrate his 60th by hiking the John Muir Trail—more than 200 miles from Yosemite to the summit of Mt. Whitney. During the hike he encountered thunderstorms and hail and endured freeze-dried food. He claims he was well trained by the years of trekking up Libe Slope. He caught up with **Bob Dolinko**, **Cynthia Barnes Slater**, and **Karen Canfield Carnali**. He is keeping up with graduate school tuition for his sons Nate (Penn '08) and **Sam '10** by being a partner in the venture capital firm of Kleiner Perkins Caulfield & Byers.

Here's hoping everyone had a happy and healthy 60th birthday. Now on to our 40th Reunion! Please continue to send news to: **Jack Wind**, jjw@mwhlawfirm.com; **Helen Bendix**, hbendix@verizon.net; and **Betsy Moore**, emoore@cazenovia.edu.

**75** I was able to virtually attend Cornell Homecoming last fall as the Cornell-Yale football game was on national TV! It was great to watch the 45-6 thrashing that the Big Red gave to the Elis. It was a really fun game to watch and brought back some great memories. I hope the following notes will do the same for you. I sent out a request for news last summer and this month's column is a result. I apologize ahead of time for the late posting of the responses and potentially out-of-date news, and urge you all to continue to send news. It eventually gets in the column!

**Doug Pollack** (doug.pollack@idexperts.com) writes us for the first time (way to go!) from Portland, OR, where he lives with wife Cindy and three children: Brooke is a graduate of OSU and works as a financial analyst; Andy is in his third year at U. of Oregon's Law School; and Rebecca is a senior at the U. of Puget Sound. Doug still works (alas, not retired) as chief marketing officer for ID Experts, a leading national provider of data breach solutions. He transplanted to the West Coast in 1976 to attend Stanford Business School for an MBA and never returned. He keeps in touch with **Gerry Langeler '72**, a fellow Phi Gamma Delta fraternity brother. Doug would like to hear from any Cornellians who are in or visit the Portland area. Another first-time writer is **Peter Kaestner** (pg.kaestner@yahoo.com). Peter has seen his 8,300th species of bird (Puerto Rican Nightjar). In the universe of world bird watchers ("birders"), he ranks in the top ten, and there are no living Americans ahead of him. He has worked for 30 years as a Foreign Service officer, which has not only given him an opportunity to represent this great country and its traveling public abroad, but also has allowed him to see birds around the world.

Former class correspondent **Barbara Foote** Shingleton (bfshingleton@gmail.com) tells of daughter **Elizabeth Shingleton** Glomsrud '00 giving birth to their first grandchild, Soren Leith, in 2010—that puts him into the Class of 2032 or '33! They enjoy using the house they built in St. Thomas at the Preserve at Botany Bay, which is probably a huge relief from the Boston winters of their first home. **Joe Sacco** (saccoj@si.edu) writes from D.C., where he spent most of his career in formal education as a middle school principal. He is now the associate director of education at the National Zoo, where he puts his Animal Science degree to good use.

**Alexandra Hawrylak** Soluk (cornellhello@hotmail.com) is thrilled that son **Andrew '15** followed her to the ILR school. It's great to have another legitimate excuse to come all the way from California to visit Cornell! Daughter **Renee '07** (Hotel) lives in Boston and is studying for her master's at the Harvard Graduate School of Education and working full-time as a manager at Harvard. Daughter Tanya also lives and works in Boston and graduated from HBS in 2010. Alex, meanwhile, loves her job as a labor relations representative for the California State U. Employees Union. Another ILR alum, but from NYC, **Steve Semlitz**, MBA '76 (semlitz@hetco.com) is keeping busy. In addition to his "day job" as a founding managing partner of Hess Energy Trading Co. (HETCO), a global energy trading company, his wife **Cathy Glaser '74** and he founded the Migraine Research Foundation, a nonprofit, in 2006 to raise money to fund migraine research grants. With the help of a world-renowned medical advisory board, MRF research has already made international news. Check them out at [www.migraineresearchfoundation.org](http://www.migraineresearchfoundation.org).

**E. Lynn Dunn**, PhD '89, (dunnl@cobleskill.edu) writes from upstate New York, where she and husband Alan Griffith live. Daughter Leah graduated last December with a BS in biology, and son Seth graduated from high school in 2011. Lynn taught for the last 23 years at SUNY Cobleskill in the ag business/animal science department and is department chair with teaching responsibilities in the equine program. She enjoys endurance riding, gardening, reading, and renovating her home. She would love to hear from classmates and find out what they have been up to. Also in academia, **Lew Incze** (lewincze@gmail.com) is a research professor in the School of Marine Sciences at the U. of Maine. He is in an academic rotation, serving as a program director in biological oceanography at the US National Science Foundation in Arlington, VA. He finds the environment fascinating, challenging, fun, and inspiring.

**Andrea Gould** Robertson (andrea.robertson@td.com) hails from Toronto, Ontario, where she services nonprofits and charities for TD Bank. Daughter **Cassie '09** has a master's in international education policy from Harvard, worked at Save the Children in Bangladesh, and continues on her PhD at Harvard. She still roots for Cornell at Cornell/Harvard hockey games. Daughter Jessie is at Queens U. in Ontario. Andrea completed the Ride to Conquer Cancer, a two-day, 200-kilometer bike ride from Toronto to Niagara Falls to support cancer research. She visits New York City frequently to see family and hopes to get to Ithaca sometime soon! Andrea would love to thank **Jeanne Fattori Smith**, who sent a lovely picture of Cassie and her from the last reunion through the mail, with no return address or e-mail! Maybe Hotelie **Reinhard Werthner** (reinhardw5101@gmail.com) can do the honors, as he writes of dining with Jeanne and

husband **Nick '74**, MBA '75, in Naples, FL. He also keeps in close touch with **Fred Hirschovits**, as they run into each other frequently at the Pelican Bay Beach Bar. **Bernie Brown** came to town after a long South American cruise assignment and invited Fred and Reinhard to a wonderful lunch at the Bayside Seafood Grill & Bar. Reinhard received a letter by "snail" mail from **Uwe Christiansen**, who has moved to Palm City, on the east coast of Florida, but keeps his home in Germany. E-mail exchange also has started again with Prof. **Jim Eyster '69**, PhD '77, who celebrated a big birthday. A trip to Europe includes plans to see classmates in Berlin, Copenhagen, Hamburg, and Munich.

Another *Hotelié* reports from the Phoenix, AZ, area. **Rex Griswold** (Anzio123@aol.com) lives there with wife Mary Ellen, whom he married his senior year at Cornell! They sold Anzio Landing Italian Restaurant about six years ago, after Rex was elected to city council in Mesa, AZ. They kept the building, so he is now a landlord. He also does commercial real estate and works with some banks—busy market with lots of investors for distressed properties at the right price. Their youngest daughter got married in Seattle. Their three daughters are now married and the Griswolds have four grandchildren—the oldest is now 12! **Brad Jordan** (bpjordan@aol.com) lives in Glen Rock, NJ. His younger son, **Eric '14**, is in the Hotel school, pledged Chi Psi, and loved his freshman year in Donlon. **Ed Edelson** (ededelson@charter.net) lives in Southbury, CT, where he operates a bed and breakfast (www.cornucopiabnb.com) with his wife and has welcomed a few alums. But the big news was that he ran for public office—his first time—and won last fall! Ed is now the first selectman (CEO) of Southbury, CT, a town of 20,000 residents in the northwestern corner of Connecticut. Check out [www.southbury-ct.org](http://www.southbury-ct.org). Continue to contact your class correspondents with news and we will be thrilled to share. **Deb Gellman**, [dsgellman@hotmail.com](mailto:dsgellman@hotmail.com); **Mitch Frank**, [mjfgator@gmail.com](mailto:mjfgator@gmail.com); **Karen DeMarco Boroff**, [boroffka@shu.edu](mailto:boroffka@shu.edu); **Joan Pease**, [japease1032@aol.com](mailto:japease1032@aol.com).

**76** Welcome to 2013! Our thanks to all of you who have sent in news for the class column. **Peter Einset** (Geneva, NY) analyzes his time this way: "Work: 38 percent; sleep: 42 percent; pleasure, TV, travel . . . 20 percent." Peter's current hobby is trying to learn Urdu. In fact, what he'd rather be doing right now is going to school. Peter would most like to hear from his Cornell pal Cooper—we trust you know who you are, Cooper. Peter lists the late Prof. **Richard Leed, PhD '58**, who taught Linguistics and Russian and Slavic languages, as having the most influence on him at Cornell. **Amy Lubow** Downs and her husband, Daniel, live in Brooklyn. Last spring Amy wrote, "I work in Macy's Herald Square in NYC. I'm happy to report that my son **Ian '12** graduated last May and is going on to medical school. I have fond memories of Cornell professors Kenneth Everett, **Zevi Blum '55**, BArch '57, and **Gillian Pederson-Krag, MFA '63**. Gillian Pederson-Krag, I would say, had the most impact on me. She was brilliant, kind, and very perceptive."

**Jeryl Dansky** Kershner writes, "My oldest daughter, Shaina, got married at Mirasol Country Club in Palm Beach Gardens, FL. In attendance were 1976 classmates **Ann Rosovsky Beaton**, **Dale Brodsky Bernstein**, and **Maria Sperando**." Jeryl and husband Robert live in Palm Beach Gardens,

FL. **Leslie Sheldon**, MBA '78, writes that she is working and enjoying living—and boating—at the beach in Ocean City, MD. "I am still with the same company, almost 34 years since graduating from Cornell. Just the name keeps changing: Western Electric, AT&T, Lucent Technologies, and now Alcatel-Lucent." Leslie is currently director of supply chain planning for Sprint. **Steven Stein** works in real estate development, renovations, and mortgage management, and vacations in Costa Rica. He and wife Nora live in Mansfield Center, CT, and, as of this spring, had two more grandchildren on the way. All is as it should be: Steven says there's nothing he'd rather be doing.

From Montpelier, VT, **Susan Sussman** writes, "After a long career in the practice of civil rights law, I have spent the past six years as a staff member for US Sen. Patrick Leahy. This very rewarding work involves constituent services and policy regarding immigration and other issue areas dealing with the Dept. of Homeland Security and the Dept. of State. My spouse, Scudder Parker, is deeply involved with energy efficiency-related programs around the US as the director of the consulting division of the nonprofit Vermont Energy Investment Corp. When not working we dote on our three young grandsons and are looking forward to another on the way! There is nothing better than being a grandparent. We did manage to make time this past spring for a once-in-a-lifetime adventure in the Galápagos Islands with eight friends on a sailboat (including **Eileen Blackwood, JD '86**). Almost more live birds than this birding enthusiast could count (OK, it was 30 species)." **Edwin Mendez-Santiago** started Mendez-Santiago Consulting LLC, focused on providing assistance to health, mental health, and not-for-profit organizations. Ed is pursuing a doctorate in social welfare at the Silberman School of Social Work at Hunter College, CUNY.

Congratulations to classmates **Jonathan Levine** and **Mitchell Kornet**, DVM '79, who received Outstanding Alumni Awards from CALS last fall. Jonathan, a practicing dentist in NYC for the last 30 years, is an oral health expert, author, social entrepreneur, and inventor. He is also an associate professor at the NYU School of Dentistry and founder of the GLO Good Foundation, which helps build oral health initiatives in underserved populations globally. He sits on several boards, is a member of the CALS Dean's Advisory Council, and has appeared on national TV to discuss the latest oral care and aesthetic products and techniques. Jonathan and his wife, Stacey, live in Purchase, NY. Son **Julian '10**, like his father, played lacrosse at Cornell, and his brother **Cody '14** is a current team member.

Veterinarian Mitchell Kornet is also on the CALS Dean's Advisory Council. Owner and director of Mid Island Animal Hospital, a five-doctor companion animal practice in Hicksville, NY, he has received awards from the Long Island Cat Fanciers and Long Island Veterinary Medical Association, the latter in recognition of his work with the Disaster Preparedness Committee and scheduling 24-hour veterinary care for search dogs at the World Trade Center. Mitchell's other volunteer activities include chairmanship of the Vet college Dean's Leadership Committee, membership on the University Council, and nearly every leadership role in the CALS Alumni Association. He and his wife, Renee, have two daughters, **Allison '04** and **Robin '08**, who are both CALS grads in the Dept. of Communication.

Keep sending your news! Write to any of us at the addresses below, or check out the online

news form at: <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>. Happy New Year! **Lisa Diamant**, [ljdiamant@verizon.net](mailto:ljdiamant@verizon.net); **Karen Krinsky Sussman**, [krinsk54@gmail.com](mailto:krinsk54@gmail.com); **Pat Relf Hanavan**, [patrelf1@gmail.com](mailto:patrelf1@gmail.com).

**77** **Jim Weisenstein**, ME '78 ([jim@graystoneconsulting.com](mailto:jim@graystoneconsulting.com)) and **Mark Petracca** ([mark.p.petracca@gmail.com](mailto:mark.p.petracca@gmail.com)) wrote in the spring last year, and we apologize for the delay in getting their news into the column. Jim and wife Carol live in Scotts Valley, CA, where Jim is a business consultant as president and founder of Graystone Consulting, helping new business startups in the Monterey Bay region. He is also an organizer and board member of Lighthouse Bank, a community bank in Santa Cruz, as well as an early investor and board member for Nextspace Coworking and Innovation Inc., a local startup. In his after-hours, Jim skis, golfs, bikes, and plays tennis. And he is on two advisory councils: for the Cornell School of Electrical and Computer Engineering and for the Monterey Bay Marine Sanctuary. Mark writes from Irvine, CA, where he lives with his wife, **Terry (Schuster) '76**: "After 13 years as chair of the political science department at UC Irvine, the torture finally came to an end in June 2011. But ever the beast of burden, I accepted the position of associate dean of the School of Social Sciences starting in fall 2011." Mark's extracurricular activities: "Fishing, cooking, and fishing."

Also in California, **Craig Gold** ([tennislaw@netzero.net](mailto:tennislaw@netzero.net)) recently ran as a deputy district attorney candidate for the L.A. County Superior Court opening for Seat 3 in the primary election on June 5, 2012. "My 5-year-old twins, Jared and Lucas, began kindergarten in the fall at Kenter Canyon School in Brentwood and are adjusting to the changes." **Boris Schaffer** ([boris.schaffer@gmail.com](mailto:boris.schaffer@gmail.com)) returned to Mexico after graduation and worked there for five years. In 1982 he moved to Canada and had various businesses, including—for the last 21 years—his own insurance office. Last April, he sold a book and started a new venture. "I am now president and CEO of a cooperative I helped start in 2011. Canadian Ethical Restoration and Construction Cooperative was formed with a commitment to excellence in the restoration and construction business. Our goal is to reduce costs to clients, improve industry service standards, and provide jobs to disadvantaged inner city residents in partnership with community agencies and organizations. We are also committed to promoting environmental deconstruction by selective dismantlement of building components, specifically for re-use and recycling."

Thanks to Boris and all the other classmates who checked out the online news form (<http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>) and sent news. **Roy Cohen** ([RoyCohen@careercoachny.com](mailto:RoyCohen@careercoachny.com)) writes, "I am a career counselor and executive coach. My book, *The Wall Street Professional's Survival Guide*, was released in June 2010 by Financial Times Press. It is the only career resource for people who work on Wall Street, or for those who want to, and it continues to generate considerable attention. I have appeared several times on the 'Today' show, 'CBS This Morning,' 'Good Day NY,' Fox Business, Gayle King Radio, Martha Stewart Radio, Bloomberg TV, and CNN, and was featured in the April 2012 and July 2009 issues of *Money Magazine* (cover stories). I have also been quoted a number of times in the *New York Times*,

the *Wall Street Journal*, *Crain's*, and other publications." **Vally Kovary** (Ithaca, NY; vnk1@cornell.edu) has been named to the board of directors of the newly independent Young Judaea-Zionist organization—"a highly successful youth movement that connects young people to Israel and their peers in meaningful ways and builds their capacity for leadership. Known for its pluralist ideology and activism, the civil society achievements of alumni of Young Judaea were recently highlighted in the *Ha'aretz* newspaper in a series of articles."

**Mary Burke Vincent** (westieluvr@mac.com) and her husband, **Lester '78**, an electrical engineer and patent attorney, didn't know each other at Cornell. "We met for the first time in L.A. in 1995. We now live in Silicon Valley and I stay at home. I am very involved in our schools, especially with the education of underrepresented minorities, and am somewhat involved in local politics. Our family went to Europe for the month of July and visited Paris, Strasbourg, Nice, and Ireland. We had an unscheduled stop in Montreal, due to a cracked windshield in front of the co-pilot, so we toured Montreal for two days until the plane was fixed. The city is lovely. Daughter Isabelle is 14 and a freshman in high school, and our son, Gabriel, is 8 and in third grade." Mary remembers bagels from the Hot Truck, canoeing around Beebe Lake, being a member of Kappa sorority, 9 p.m. cookies at the Straight, and working on the yearbook.

**Ron Wechsler** (wechsler.ron@gmail.com) sends this note: "Our family news is that we are now a 100 percent Cornell family. Wife **Debbie (Biegelson)** and I are Class of '77. Our oldest, **Rachel**, is Class of '07, **Bennett** is Class of '11, and our youngest, **Jordan**, is now a Cornell freshman, Class of '16. A full Cornell house!" More to come in the next issue. Have news to share? Send it online, mail in a news form from the class mailing, or write to either of your correspondents at: **Annette Mulee**, annette@mulee.com; **Howard Eisen**, howard.eisen@drexelmed.edu.

**78** Happy 35th year of our graduation, fellow '78ers! Our reunion co-chairs, **Laura Day Ayers**, MBA '86, and **Suzanne Bishop** Romain, are cooking up a fine time for us on June 6-9. Watch for your invitation in the mail and keep checking our LinkedIn group for more details and buzz on who's planning to attend. I can hear those voices from my side of this page: "I don't know anyone who's going." You might see your long-lost Chem 207 lab partner or that person who camped out next to you for hockey tickets junior year. Or you might meet someone you admired from afar all those years ago. You never know . . . Now for the news.

Fellow former South Bakerite **Elaine Zajac Jackson** (Wilmington, DE) works for the Kendal Corp., which operates continuing-care adult facilities in Ithaca and elsewhere on the East Coast and in the Midwest. Her oldest son, **Aaron '06**, earned his PhD from Illinois, daughter **Meredith '08** is working on a PhD at George Mason U., and daughter **Becca (MIT '13)** spent the last summer working with Engineers Without Borders in Uganda.

The youngest is applying for colleges in computer science and Cornell is on the short list. Husband **Scott '77** has worked for DuPont since graduation. **Matt Sadinsky** (Charlotte, NC; matt.sadinsky@prepintl.com) is "finally back in Boy Scouting after four daughters, with a backpack 25 years heavier than everyone else's." Matt will serve as a base camp administrator for the Jamboree in West Virginia. He's also working on a US Dept. of Energy committee to explore the best way to put veterans to work in energy technology. While we're in the energy sector, **Bob Warther** has been named deputy program manager of the American Centrifuge research, development, and demonstration program. Bob spent nearly ten years with the Dept. of Energy and at Oak Ridge, TN, with B&W. **John Fitzpatrick** (Bradenton, FL) is retired and takes occasional visits to Key West. He'd like to hear from **Al Lyons '79**.

**Dave and June Drake Hayford** (Alpharetta, GA) just settled child number four, **Jack '16**, at Cornell. Jack follows sister **Allison '08** and brother **Tom '11**, ME '12, to Ithaca.

One state over, **Betsy Dart** Spencer, MS '82/'98 (Baileytown, AL) manages protective clothing and equipment development for Army Aviation. Betsy's free time is spent "feeding horses and chickens because I married an Alabama farm boy." Fellow Animal Science major **Ann Connor** Ottobre (Worthington, OH) teaches, advises, and does research in the animal sciences department at Ohio State U. She's been redesigning the curriculum as the university transitions from quarters to semesters. Between quarters/semesters she and husband Joe visit their daughter in Colorado and son in Texas. **Frank Muehleman** and wife **Nicole Cormier '83** live in Austin, TX. Frank and Nicole are also going through the college search process with their two children. Frank would most like to hear from **Joe Marletta** and **Warren Allderige**.

**Meg Garrett** Beutel (Ridgefield, CT) operates a home daycare business and claims that her profits go to tuition for son **Chris '11**, who will be finishing his Cornell MBA in 2013. She'd like to resurrect her freelance writing career, mostly in food, nutrition, and lifestyle. She recalls bringing to campus freshman year a manual typewriter, slide rule [Note to youngsters: the slide rule predates programmable calculators], hot pot, and Kodak camera—"How times have changed!" **Debbie Slotnick Miron** (Greenwich, CT) is busy with her consulting business and her Shaklee franchise. She and husband **Michael '77** enjoy being empty-nesters now that their older daughter graduated from Emory and the younger is a student at Syracuse. **Susan Baker** Sheridan, MPS '80 (Trumansburg, NY) and husband Tom operate Taughannock Farms Inn, and cordially invite classmates to come visit. Happy New Year! Hope to see you in Ithaca in June. **Cindy Fuller**, cindy@cindyfuller.com; **Ilene Shub** Lefland, ilefland@snet.net.

**79** Greetings from the Hamptons, where Superstorm Sandy has recently visited. With scarce spots to find electricity, I want to thank my editor at

the alumni magazine for collaborating and helping to pull this column together. I hope that all of you affected by this hurricane/nor'easter have seen a dramatic improvement in your situations by the time this column is published in the New Year. I also want to encourage you to send us your news. Social media have given us other ways to keep in touch, but the Class Notes still have a special appeal.

**Steve Fontana** (Ithaca, NY; saf25@cornell.edu) sends this good news: "I married Carla Galbraith this summer, and was pleased to have **Hans '80**, BArch '80, and **Dari Strauch, Byron and Jen Barthelemy Widger**, and **Brad and Mary Maxon Grainger**, MPS '87, attend. Byron was our wedding officiate and seems to have lost none of his ability to charm the crowd from his college days on the Phi Sig dining room tables." Also in Ithaca, **Karen Jewett-Bennett** (kjewett79@gmail.com) moved back to join her sweetheart, Hal Bennett, a junior high school boyfriend she reconnected with at her 35th Ithaca High School Reunion. "We married on July 28 in Anabel Taylor Chapel, with Rev. Janet Shortall (Student and Academic Services) presiding. We had our reception at the Haunt. Cornellians present included my dad, **Don Jewett '50**, **Ricky Berger**, **Leslie Lewit Milner**, **Karen Weinreich Weiss '89**, **Greg Dziem**, MS '81, and Hal's brothers-in-law." Karen adds, "I'm working in downtown Ithaca with Sustainable Tompkins—come see me!"

**Mark Chen**, BArch '80, recently joined Heery Int'l in Atlanta, GA, as the new director of design, responsible for leading Heery's national architecture and design practice. Still an active designer, he is currently working on a new project for the U. of Florida. Shortly after moving to Atlanta from New York, where he ran his own architecture and planning company, he was appointed to the board of directors of the Museum of Design Atlanta. MODA is the only museum in the southeastern US dedicated exclusively to the study and celebration of design. Mark has been an architect, designer, and planner of commercial, education, and healthcare buildings for more than 30 years. His urban design and planning work has allowed him to work around the globe, including China, Beirut, Saudi Arabia, and Kazakhstan.

**Dina Tevas** (dinatevas@gmail.com) is currently in a Master of Family and Child Therapy program and is looking at doctoral programs. **Robert Lubarsky** (Robert.Lubarsky@alum.mit.edu) writes that he is happily on the math faculty at Florida Atlantic U. "I just spent most of the summer doing research and teaching in England and Poland. I'm also trying to get a band together to play trashy rock music." On that note, I'd like to wish you all a Happy New Year, and we hope to hear from you in the months ahead. Our thoughts are with those of you who were in the path of Sandy. Don't hesitate to share your stories with us. **Cynthia Ahlgren** Shea, cynthiashea@hotmail.com; **Kathy Zappia** Gould, rdgould@comcast.net; and **Linda Moses**, mosesgurevitch@aol.com. Online news form: <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

**80** My lovely wife, Kelley, and I are proud to be Washington Nationals season ticket holders. We are still reeling from the ninth-inning playoff implosion that sent our Nats home to watch the rest of the post-season on television. I must announce that I now know approximately one-one

scillionth of the pain involved in being a Cubs fan—their team last won the World Series in '08, which is not so bad until you realize it wasn't the most recent '08.

We begin with a heartwarming tale from **Terri Ann Lowenthal**. She writes that life has come full circle, for she has reconnected with a significant other from her college years, with whom she is creating a blended family in Cayuga Heights. Her daughter, **Joelle Milton '11**, graduated as a third-generation Cornellian. Terri is in her 38th year as a figure skating coach. She is still involved in legislative and policy consulting, although she moved from Washington, DC, five years ago. A favorite Cornell memory is the camaraderie among the folks protesting Cornell's investments in companies doing business in apartheid South Africa.

**Beth Anderson** reports having had dinner with her swim team pal **Karen Sing '79**, BS '82. Karen was in New York City for the Ironman Competition, although she was not competing this year. A note from **Sharon Key Beals** tells us that she moved to Canada a few years ago to manage food safety and quality for Maple Leaf Consumer Foods. Her children are in college and high school. A favorite memory of hers is "belonging to Feta Feta Blue Cheese—the Greek cheese sorority!" **Leslie Mackenzie** Vasbinder is the marketing and special projects coordinator at *Florida Trend Magazine* and "enjoying the excitement of working at the premier business publication for Florida." Daughter Kelly is a sophomore at Florida State U., preparing for a career in marine science as a biological oceanographer, and daughter Kimberly is a sophomore in the Int'l Baccalaureate program at St. Petersburg High School. "Husband Rick and I have been volunteering with the high school marching band to support Kimberly." One of Leslie's best Cornell memories was the graduation week party she co-hosted: "The theme was 'Come As You Think You Will Be in Five Years,' complete with predictions for all the guests. Costumes were great!"

A storm-tossed tree destroyed the house next to ours in Georgetown, reviving interest in the story of Yarrow Mamout, the first freedman property owner in the District of Columbia. Yarrow—Mamout was his given name—was born in Africa to a Muslim family, came to the colonies as a slave, and lived a long, ultimately prosperous life. He owned land on our block and is buried here, although the location of his grave is long lost. The property abutting ours may see some archeological activity, as local historians are keen to take this opportunity to do some research. Historian Jim Johnston has published a book on Yarrow, *From Slave Ship to Harvard*, which tells the story of this fascinating man, as well as his descendants.

**Janet Moran** reported, "I was recruited by Krapf Bus Co. as corporate vice president, human resources. I spent my formative years with the Campbell Soup Co., then Lourdes Health System." Her career summary: "Feed 'em, treat 'em, and move 'em!" **Manny Schecter** e-mails that he is chief patent counsel at IBM and that his son **Adam '16** is a freshman in Engineering. Meanwhile, **Jeff Axelbank** says that he was named 2011 Psychologist of the Year by the New Jersey Psychological Association for his work on behalf of mental health patients. His acceptance speech can be seen at [vimeo.com/33135179](http://vimeo.com/33135179). Opera singer, voice teacher, and writer **Nanette Cooper McGuinness** reported that her ensemble, the Jewish Music and Poetry Project, was to perform in

Berlin on Oct. 21, 2012. Her Baroque chamber group, the Vinaccesi Ensemble, will release a CD of solo cantatas in 2013. Her spouse, **David '79**, has left banking to start his own business in elder care placement, while her son, Nicholas, graduated from UC San Diego with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. He works at Hewlett Packard.

A note from **Shinichi Nakano** tells us that he spends half of his time in Asia and half in the US, working on behalf of his company, Nakano Warehouse and Transportation Corp. The company ships goods by container ship and provides storage as well. **Michael** and **Nancy Widderspan Rogers '78** still live in Owings Mills, MD, where Michael runs Security Hunter Inc., an electronic security company serving the federal government. He plans a fishing trip to the Pacific Northwest to unwind from the stressful demands of his work. **Tim O'Connor** and **Beth Santa** announced that they tied the knot in October. Tim's fellow class officer, president **Jill Abrams Klein**, is proud to have brought the lovebirds together and says, "Mazel tov!"

Remember to connect with your classmates on our Facebook page ("Cornell University Class of 1980"). The aforementioned Tim O'Connor has posted a stunning wedding picture in which his bride looks radiant and he is wearing a boutonniere. **Dik Saalfeld**, rfs25 @ cornell.edu; **Dana Jerrard**, dej24 @ cornell.edu; **Cynthia Addonizio-Bianco**, caa28 @ cornell.edu; **Leona Barsky**, Leonabarsky @ aol.com.

**81** Happy New Year! I hope you'll all be able to relax after the holidays, find a comfortable chair, and escape from winter's clutches! We have been spending a lot of time in NYC watching our son Chris (Columbia College '16) as he morphs into a collegiate tennis team member. We are learning to say, "Go, Lions!"—though when Cornell plays Columbia in November I will have to cheer for the Big Red. The words to the fight song "Roar, Lion, Roar" are not nearly as catchy as the Alma Mater or "Davey."

I caught a glimpse of **Kathleen Buckley Boak** last summer as we both were touring the Kip's Bay Boys and Girls Club Show Houses on Riverside Blvd. in New York City. Each room in the two penthouses was decorated by a different designer and the proceeds supported a great cause: after-school programs for children in need. Kathy (klb312@yahoo.com), who's married to **Charles '80**, looked fabulous and I'm sure she gathered lots of ideas for her own home! **Alison Spear**, BArch '82, works full-time at Ennead Architects. She is "trying to keep up with children, travel, and farming" on their Hudson Valley farm, while also working on the NYU Langone Medical Center, which requires her to live in NYC Monday through Friday. As a result, she is learning a lot about hospital and healthcare design. Alison is married to Alexander Reese. She would like to hear from her classmates in the BArch program. "So many missed the wonderful weekend of events for the building induction!"

**Lisa Todes Meyer** (Lisa.todesmeyer@aol.com) is busy as a dentist in Bethlehem, PA, and taking care of her family. Last spring she traveled to visit her older daughter, Laura, who is working for the Carolina Conservancy for AmeriCorps and living in Asheville, NC. Lisa also traveled to Pittsburgh to find an apartment for her middle daughter, Rachel, who graduated from Lehigh U. in 2012 and now attends Carnegie Mellon U. for a master's in computer systems security, policy, and

management with a scholarship for service. Lisa's youngest daughter went to sleep-away camp in the Poconos last summer and is now in seventh grade. Lisa loves to hike in North Carolina with her family in the beautiful Blue Ridge Mountains. She would like to hear from **Stacy Jackson**. **David Kahn** (DKahn@QuotientConsulting.com) is also in Pennsylvania, at Quotient Consulting in Holland.

It was fun to hear from **Dave Stevens** (resurrect@comcast.net)! Dave has a graduate degree from U. of Michigan in human factors and astrophysics and was a Navy commander and fighter pilot who test-piloted new F-18s. During the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait, he served as the strike operations officer for the Persian Gulf. He led classified defense programs and patented an altitude warning system designed to reduce crashes and save lives. Dave's book, *Resurrect*, an apocalyptic thriller, was scheduled for publication in late October in the US, Canada, UK, Australia, and South Africa. "Unlike most thrillers," he writes, "this trilogy is designed to raise public awareness. It is based on real threats facing humanity, ones that we can actually do something about, and it proposes solutions. It also delves into metaphysics. A Colorado Gold finalist for best action thriller of the year, it has been optioned for a major motion picture by producer Fred Miller. Of course, the hero is a graduate of Cornell ([www.ResurrectTrilogy.com](http://www.ResurrectTrilogy.com)). We heard from **Steven Mossey '08** that his father—and Dave's colleague—**Christopher Mossey** retired as commander, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Chief of Civil Engineers on Oct. 26, 2012, having served for more than 30 years.

**John Willis** (jwillis@ftsystems.com) and wife Julie are in Rochester, MN. In San Francisco, **Amy Bach** co-founded and runs the nonprofit United Policyholders. It is a voice information resource for insurance consumers in all 50 states. Amy has been teaching disaster recovery workshops in Colorado and Texas, and publishing educational materials to help insurance buyers navigate insurance buying and claims. United Policyholders is expanding its board of directors and would welcome a Cornell alum with an interest in promoting financial literacy and insurance fairness. Amy's daughter Dara is a sophomore at Lowell High School, and her son Jordy was one of only a few in his grade to be selected for his middle school baseball team. Amy would like to hear from **Jane Blumberg '82**.

**Bob Zeidman** writes that he is an award-winning novelist, screenwriter, and filmmaker who is also a software engineer, parallel entrepreneur, mathematician, and expert witness. "I live in Silicon Valley, where these kinds of activities are the norm." Bob's new political satire novel, *Good Intentions*, has been published to great reviews. "I have been favorably compared to Ayn Rand, Voltaire, George Orwell, Kafka, Jon Stewart, and Monty Python." **Ferne Mecklowitz Moschella**, MBA '85, president and CEO of Warm Hearth Village, sends the big news that son **Matthew Moschella '16** is now a freshman in Arts and Sciences! **Reene Miller-Mizia** is proud to share that her son **J. Colin Mizia '12** graduated last May from the Arts college with a degree in Chemistry. "A group of 17 family members (including **Alyse Mizia '09** and **Dennis Miller '91**) traveled to Ithaca to attend the graduation ceremony and celebrate over the long weekend." We love hearing from all of you! Thank you for sending news and keeping in touch. **Barb Amoscato Sabaitis**, beachba@hotmail.com; **JoAnn Minsker Adams**, joann@budadams.net; **Betsy Silverfine**, bsilverfine@comcast.net.

**82** We are still catching up on reporting your news, after devoting a column to our fantastic 30th Reunion, so some of what follows was received as far back as late last spring. Nevertheless, it is all exciting and as always it is a pleasure to read about the diversity and success of our great class. Keep the news coming!

**Stephen and June Horning Swallow '81** live in West Kingston, RI. Stephen reports that he has moved from the U. of Rhode Island to the U. of Connecticut, where he is a professor in the Dept. of Agricultural and Resource Economics. He loves to spend time fishing at Chippewa Bay on the St. Lawrence River. **Ariana Pancaldo**, MD '87, writes, "I quit my job of 20 years as a family doctor at a rural community health center a year ago to become a full-time master's student in nutrition public health at the UNC Gillings School of Public Health. I want to address the obesity epidemic in a more effective way." She would love to hear from **Judy Chiang Hlawitschka** and **Maura Malarcher '83**.

**Martha Daniels** (Belfast, ME) is writing a children's book, "Bright Penny," about Annie, 10, the events leading up to the death of her older sister's horse, and its consequences. She attended a great Highlights Foundation workshop to revise her novel. From Cornell, she remembers the Committee on US/Latin American Relations (CUSLAR) and "all the folks who worked there!" She would like to make contact again with **Mark Hansen '83**. **Karin Bain Kukral** lives with spouse John in Old Greenwich, CT. She tells us, "I've been in the commercial real estate business since graduating from Harvard Business School in 1987. We have moved around a bit among New York City, Chicago, London, and here. I'm building my fifth structure in the last 14 years. It's been a way to keep in the real estate development business with more flexible time. I'm also on the Cornell Athletic Alumni Advisory Board—lots of fun." Speaking of London, **Alan Roth** checked in from there and sent along a couple pictures of himself—with refreshing beverage in hand and sporting our nifty reunion retro football jersey—at the Summer Olympics beach volleyball action.

**Robert '81** and **Bethana Connell Ross** report that their younger son has entered Harvard as part of the Class of 2016. Thana says, "Don't send my boy to Harvard, the dying mother said . . ." Can't get that song out of my head. Hope it's not a curse!" Don't worry, Thana, I hear that Harvard is an OK school. Perhaps less conflicted is **Robert Blackburn** of Wexford, PA, who had to pass up our 30th Reunion to attend his daughter's high school graduation, but is happy to report that he will have many more opportunities to visit campus because said daughter is now a member of Cornell's Class of 2016.

Beta Theta Pi man **John McDaniel** wrote to outgoing correspondent and friend **Steven Crump** to thank him for his efforts and to let us know that he is "still in Baltimore, MD, continuing to hope for a return to the regular-season Hopkins/Cornell lacrosse games. When it starts again I'll host the Cornell pre-game party—I live a few hundred feet from the Hopkins campus. Now that we're 30 years out, I'll have enough chairs for all of us old-timers." John enjoyed seeing the name of Chem 207 lab-mate **John McDermott** in the July/August column, marveled that John now has three Cornell offspring, and wondered if that was a class record. He says the last time he saw him, at a reunion long ago, John was pushing one of

those offspring up Libe Slope in a stroller. He also enjoys reading about freshman roommate **Chris Hanson** and **Jonathan Poe**.

We heard from not one, but two classmates who call Alpharetta, GA, home. **Robert Brandes**, ME '83, MBA '84, is executive vice president for global products at FleetCor of Norcross. He spends his work time helping FleetCor's global businesses on product strategy and his family time swimming, playing water polo, enjoying his sons Alex, 7, and Perry, 14, and helping his wife, Tricia. My fraternity brother **Mark Portera** has been building a company while also taking time to play golf and travel for fun. He is raising two boys, aged 17 and 19, and part of his traveling involves trips to Massachusetts to watch his older son pitch for the Worcester Polytechnic Inst. varsity baseball team.

**Dave Blackwood**, JD '85, lives with wife Lindsay in Irvine, CA. He says he left McGladrey after ten years to become a partner at Innova Counsel, a firm that provides part-time general counsel solutions for small and midsized companies. He writes, "Fun (but stressful!) being an entrepreneur for the first time." He gives best regards to all fellow '82 classmates from sunny SoCal and invites you to reconnect with him at david\_blackwood@yahoo.com. Another lawyer (Georgetown '87) also checked in. **Leslie Fields** of Washington, DC, is director of the Environmental Justice and Community Partnerships program at the Sierra Club. She says, "Sometimes Harvard Law lets me teach their international environmental law class." In her job, she adds, she is "making sure the environmental community becomes more democratized through environmental justice (EJ)." Leslie made a trip to the Bahamas sponsored by the US Dept. of State to "spread the gospel of EJ" and also traveled to the Rio+20 Earth Summit in Brazil. "After many years of hard work and uncertainty I have my dream job." She would love to hear from **Barbara Ingram-Edmonds** and **Loretta Clarke**.

From Algonquin, IL, where he lives with wife Kelly, **David Efken** writes, "I am a bereavement coordinator/grief counselor/spiritual caregiver for Heartland Hospice Services of Rockford. I minister to dying individuals and their families and provide bereavement support as a licensed professional counselor. I returned to formal academia at age 46 to earn a master's in counseling psychology from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School and served as a hospital and hospice chaplain for the oncology unit and the emergency room. It's taken me three long decades since entering Cornell in 1978 to study psychology to serve as a counselor . . . to finally arrive exactly where God designed me to serve. Ah, the scenic route!" He would like to get in touch with Rockledge fraternity brother **Thomas Hagerty**. ■ **Mark Fernau**, mef29@cornell.edu; **Doug Skalka**, dskalka@npmlaw.com.

**83** Happy New Year! Our 30th Reunion is only a few short months away. We would love to see you on campus, so please put it on your calendar. Until then, here is the news.

**Susan Bisom-Rapp** (susanb@tjssl.edu) is a professor of law at Thomas Jefferson School of Law in San Diego, where she has lived since 1996. Her husband, **Charles**, has started a new job as director of infoimage solutions at Unisys. The second edition of Susan's co-authored casebook, *The Global Workplace: International and Comparative Employment Law* (Aspen/KLI 2012) was published in March 2012. Susan has been

traveling to Modena, Italy, every year since 2007 due to her affiliation with the Marco Biagi Foundation at the U. of Modena. She collaborates with a colleague from the United Kingdom on a series of law review articles on age discrimination and aging in the UK and the US. Oldest son Skylar, 22, graduated from UC Berkeley in May 2012 and began studies in the Master of Architecture program at Columbia U. last fall. Younger son Ezra is in eighth grade and they celebrated his bar mitzvah in October 2012. Susan's favorite Cornell memory is living in U-Hall 5 freshman year. "That's where I met my husband in 1979; we've been married 29 years." Congratulations!

**Imran Ahmed** (imranahmed61@yahoo.com) writes from Karachi, Pakistan, where he has worked for Exxon since graduation. "I am now in business as a distributor with Infineum, an Exxon subsidiary, as well as doing business with Dredging Int'l of Belgium. My daughter Zulekha is at Waseda College in Japan and my son Zulfiqar is at LUMS U. in Pakistan." Imran would like to hear from **Jim Edwards**, ME '84, **Mark Brown**, and **Scott Walter**. **Steven Ciabattoni** (sciabattoni@yahoo.com) is a radiologist; he's been living and working in Zurich, Switzerland, since 2006, and spends his free time traveling in Europe and Asia. Steven remembers the men's gymnastics team and working out in Teagle gym. He'd like to hear from **Catherine Keib Johnson**, **Andrew Schrauth**, **Mark Morrissey**, **Patricia Morrissey '82**, and **Beth Tremer Herrick '82**, MD '86.

**Wendy Ford** (wendy.j.ford@gmail.com) has moved with sons Tyler, 15, and Ben, 13, to New South Wales, Australia, after spending the past six years in Florida near her mother (Cornell '60) and sister, Heidi (Ithaca College '91). "I studied for and obtained an elementary teaching certificate and taught in schools till late 2011, when I had a hip replacement, got together with a new partner, and moved to Australia—for the second time! I am now studying for a diploma in Remedial Massage while offering private music instruction and performing professionally." Wendy's standout memory is of attending the first Ivy League conference against nukes at Dartmouth as a Cornell delegate. She was a Kappa, but also enjoyed living in town. She'd love to hear from any Kappas or anyone else from her years on campus.

**Julie Doig McPeck** (Deer Park, IL; jjsbk mcpeek@msn.com) is working again at her own company, Provisor Marketing, with **Kate Howard-Johnson Jones '86**. They do marketing for small and mid-sized consumer product brands. "My husband **Jeff '82** works for SAP. I am adjusting to a quieter house with two of my three daughters away at college. **Brenna '13** can't believe this is her last year on the Hill! She is a dual English and Film major looking for opportunities in the magazine, TV, film, or music industries. Shannon (Purdue '16) is a nursing major and really enjoying her freshman year. Kiley, a high school junior, is considering a major in hotel management. Could Cornell be on the horizon?" Julie writes that she had a reunion in 2011 with a few of the women in her KD pledge class. "It was like old times when we got together: **Holly Wietgreffe**, MS '86, **Nancy Imhof Schneider**, **Susan Finmore Brennan**, **Erin Whiting Tolchin**, and **Martha Slocum '82**. Hoping to do it again soon."

**Liz Meller Alderman** (New Rochelle, NY) is an adolescent medicine physician at Children's Hospital at Montefiore Medical Center and professor of clinical pediatrics at Albert Einstein College of Medicine. Active alums, Liz and husband **Eric '81**

serve as CAAAN chairs for New Rochelle, Mt. Vernon, and Pelham, and led a group of high school senior prospective applicants on a trip to Cornell. Their daughter Sara is graduating Tulane this year, and son **Jeremy '16** is a CALS Bioengineering freshman. "I just celebrated big birthdays with my 315 College Ave. roomies **Diane Barsky**, **Susan Drechsler** Rosenzweig, **Lisa Krollick** Tager, **Jana Wino-grad** Cayne, **Jayne Trachman**, and **Madlyn Gleich** Primoff '84 in NYC. The weekend was topped off by a surprise ladies' lunch for me, organized by my husband, which included all the gals above plus **Patti Rose** Mandel, MBA '85, **Suzy Meltzer** Rosenberg, **Michele Karver** Preminger, MD '87, and Cornell friends I've made since graduation."

“The wilderness has never seen a more skilled group of cribbage and Spades players!”

David Kim '84

**Robert Nelson** (bnelson@udel.edu) lives in Drexel Hill, PA, but this spring he will be on sabbatical from the U. of Delaware's hotel and restaurant management program and will return to Cornell as a visiting scholar at the Center for Real Estate and Finance. While there he will be working with Prof. **Jan deRoos '78**, PhD '94, conducting economic modeling of various structures for public-private partnerships to encourage hotel development. Please keep the news coming (<http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>), follow us on Facebook (Cornell Class of 1983), and join our group on LinkedIn. See you in June! **Alyssa Bickler**, [cousinalyssa@yahoo.com](mailto:cousinalyssa@yahoo.com).

**84 Jan Seiden** is a musician and audio producer who tours the US giving concerts and presenting programs, using Native American flutes, for people with disabilities. She also composed, recorded, engineered, and produced the soundtrack for *Te Ata*, a play based on the life of Chickasaw storyteller Mary Thompson "Te Ata" Fisher. Jan had received a grant from the Ford Foundation in partnership with the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian, where the play was performed.

**Emily Liu** Filloramo is a nutrition, lifestyle, and image expert, and a certified holistic health coach. She reports, "After a 27-year career in pharmaceutical sales with Pfizer, I was fortunate to get downsized from corporate America. This event gave me the springboard to launch my gifts out to the world—that is, helping professionals who are tired of being out of shape become lean and healthy so that they can confidently be more visible and magnetize their success and happiness. I feel like this is what I was meant to do. Having the experience in pharmaceutical sales provides me with a unique platform from which to understand clients' health concerns and ultimately customize a health and nutrition plan that will serve them for the rest of their lives." Emily's son, 20, is a junior at Tufts with a double major in psychology and music. **Cheryl Hoffman Yanuck** is a psychiatrist with a holistic orientation. With her

husband, **Sam '82**, she runs the Yanuck Center for Life and Health, a medical clinic. She has also been singing, exercising, and working on the Obama campaign. Son Sol is a junior in high school who is starting to think about colleges that have good Ultimate Frisbee teams, and daughter Sarah is a sophomore at Vassar in environmental studies, with concentrations in human rights and medical biology. Cheryl would love to hear from **Lynne Jenkins** McGivern.

**Fred Feuerbach** is a non-invasive cardiologist in a private group practice on the Upper East Side, affiliated with NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital/Weill Cornell Medical College. **David Kim** is an emergency physician in Boise, ID. He writes that he

"floated fabulously wonderful Middle Fork of the Salmon River for six days with **Rana Kayal** and honorary Cornellian Brian Gilmore. The wilderness has never seen a more skilled group of cribbage and Spades players!" David sent his oldest son, Zachary, to the U. of Idaho. He would love to hear from **Carol Lucet** Cousins. Child psychiatrist **Maya Koopman**-Bechtel enjoys working in clinic settings. She and her husband bought a house built in 1900 and have so far gutted out 8-1/2 tons of plaster and lath. She writes, "We are making progress in the kitchen, but have a LONG way to go. Daughter Kari, 22, is studying Hebrew in seminary and plans to go to Norway next year for a master's program. Son Brant, 19, is in his second year at Hope College as a math and computer science major—loves it!" Maya would love to hear from **Jennifer Merritt** Chantz.

**Catherine Scarlett** is the executive vice president of human resources for NBT Bancorp. In her off-work hours, she enjoys serving a number of nonprofits. She says, "As an ILR grad, I still love reading!" She would love to hear from **Chris Jogwick** Shankar, who "was always finding ways of making homework fun!" **Man Bui**, MS '85, completed the eCornell certificate program in Executive Leadership in May 2012. This is his second eCornell certificate in three years. Man is in his 27th year at IBM since being hired during a campus interview in Hollister Hall. "I'm the global business development executive for IBM's newly introduced virtual server recovery cloud service offering. Doing lots of international travel to help country teams plan and launch the offering. Oldest son Brian is a plebe (freshman) at West Point. He was offered admission by Cornell, but will have to take it up later for graduate school. He'll still be rooting for Cornell lacrosse, as he has been for the past five years. 2013 will be THE year for Big Red lacrosse!" Man says he had a fantastic time hanging out with the Cornell Club of Atlanta, watching the Big Red crush Yale in the Homecoming game.

**Carolyn Seim** lives in Dubai and works at the consulate. She wonders if there are any fellow Cornellians there. In her free time, she likes to garden and jog. **Bill Cummins** owns and operates

an IT outsourcing business with development offices in the Ukraine; his wife, **Anne (Westa) '85**, runs an interior design firm out of their home in Westford, MA. "Our son **Brian '16** started at Cornell this year studying Landscape Architecture. He joins his brother, **Jamie '14**, a junior in Materials Science Engineering. Anne and I visited Ithaca a few weeks ago to take the boys to dinner and spend an afternoon with them." Favorite memories of Cornell are: "1) Tossing a Frisbee on the Arts Quad on a gorgeous fall afternoon; 2) hurtling down Libe Slope on a tray at 4 a.m. with the snowflakes glittering from the street lamps above and a looming Calculus exam waiting for me later that morning; and 3) Cornell hockey, both home and on the road."

**Van Tran** is an application engineer in optoelectronics at California Eastern Laboratories. He and his wife love the Bay Area with its mild weather and diversity. He writes, "After several years of hard work and taking care of the family, my goals are to share my working experience and knowledge with young people and to prepare for retirement with reasonably good health." Van's daughter is a senior at UC Santa Barbara with a major in communications. His son is a junior in high school who wants to go to college on the East Coast.

**Kalyani Madhu** teaches mathematics at the U. of Rochester, where she finished her PhD in 2011. She and her husband have lived near Rochester, NY, for the past 25 years. Their son, **Noah Chhibber '11**, is a Peace Corps volunteer in Senegal. Their three daughters are all in school: Hannah attends the U. of Rochester, Joanna attends the U. of Guelph in Canada, and Susanna is still in high school. **Karla Sievers** McManus, [Klorax@comcast.net](mailto:Klorax@comcast.net); **Janet Insardi**, [insardij@hotmail.com](mailto:insardij@hotmail.com). Class website, <http://classof84.alumni.cornell.edu>.

**85** This month's small but fascinating stack of news forms brought word from artists, architects, engineers, entrepreneurs, entrepreneurially minded engineers, and, yes, one registered dietician/sales representative. We are truly an interesting bunch.

Our RD/sales rep is **Julie Frost** Goldblatt, who works at Kraft Foods, lives in Chestnut Hill, MA, and spends her time playing sports, reading, and cooking with her two sons, ages 12 and 7. All things considered, Julie reports that she'd rather be "playing tennis." **David Eingorn** would rather be talking to a Cornellian who will "publish my novella and give me advice on starting an online poetry magazine." If you can help, please contact him at [eingorn.david@gmail.com](mailto:eingorn.david@gmail.com). Through the magic of the class column, I can at least connect David with a kindred spirit, **Chriscinthia Blount**, a "poet, playwright, and mixed-media artist" who is grateful for the teaching and mentorship she received from English professor and poet **Ken McClane '73**, MFA '76. Although Chriscinthia has experimented with other literary genres, she still considers poetry "the most sacred of American letters." Her collection *Making My Own Rainbows: Poems of love, life, and lamentation* is now available as a Kindle edition from Amazon.com. She invites classmates to visit her author fan page on Facebook at: [www.facebook.com/AuthorChriscinthiaBlount](http://www.facebook.com/AuthorChriscinthiaBlount).

Other classmates who share Chriscinthia's love of the arts are balancing that passion with work in other fields. For example, **Dave Jaroslaw**, a partner in the law firm of Jacob, Medinger, and



Finnegan, sings and plays saxophone and guitar in a band called Big Dog Party. Dave's band was the closing act at Hedge Fund Rocktoberfest, a gig he describes as "very different from my occasional reunions with the Cayuga's Waiters." He sees **Paul Haskel** often, "both at Citi Field, when it's baseball season, and in London when it's not." While Dave balances a day job as a lawyer with a night "job" as a rock musician, **Neil Katz** reports that he is combining work as a real estate developer and investor with forays into film production. Neil, who lives in Westport, CT, with wife Amy and two children, co-founded 10th Hole Productions in order to "develop and invest in meaningful independent films." The company has produced three films, including *The Kids Are All Right*, which starred Annette Bening, Julianne Moore, and Mark Ruffalo, and won the Golden Globe Award for Best Picture. Neil has remained in close touch with **Jack Flyer**, a cardiologist in the D.C. area, and **Rob Kapel**, MD '89, a gastroenterologist in Weston, CT. Not only do Neil and Rob see each other frequently, they also returned to campus together to move in their oldest children—Rob's son **Brandon '15** and Neil's daughter **Jaclyn '15**—who entered Cornell together "30 years after we did the same."

**John Barradas**, BArch '87, doesn't have to go far to see the Cornell campus: he lives in Ithaca, and, through his award-winning architectural practice, Barradas and Partners, has contributed significantly to the local built environment as a designer of the Ithaca College Science Building, the Children's Drop-in Center in downtown Ithaca, the Robert Trent Jones Golf Course Pro Shop, the renovation of the *Cornell Daily Sun* offices, and, most recently, the local Transonic factory. John is also associated with Hunt EAS in Horseheads, NY, where he served on the architectural design team for the Alternative School for Math and Science in Corning, NY, adding 38,000 square feet of classrooms, a gym, a music room, and a cafeteria to an existing 25,000-sq.-ft. structure. To connect with John about an architectural design project, contact him at [barradasj@hunt-eas.com](mailto:barradasj@hunt-eas.com).

The annual Dragon Day parade on campus may have given us the impression that architects and engineers are rivals, but in this column they shall co-exist peacefully. No water balloons, epithets, or acts of sabotage here: only good tidings from, and congratulations to, **Andrew Draudt** and **Bruce Gretz**. Andrew has been hired as senior mechanical engineer in the Center for Energy and Propulsion Technology at Billerica, MA-based Aerodyne Research Inc., "a provider of scientific research and development services and advanced instrument and software products." In neighboring Worcester, MA, Bruce was hired as senior technical salesperson for PremaTech Advanced Ceramics, "a leader in the design, engineering, and machining of high-purity silicon carbides and other advanced ceramic materials and components." **Eugene Chen** is putting his engineering training to entrepreneurial use. He's now general and founding partner of Medenovo, a medical device venture capital firm that backs makers in need of \$1-\$2 million in funding in order to bring their products to market. Eugene is also CEO of Spiway LLC, a neuro-endoscopy-focused medical device company, and CEO of FRESKA medical, a sleep apnea company. He holds 14 US and two international patents, serves on the board of trustees of the Pacific Ridge School in Carlsbad, CA, and is also a director of MicroFabrica Inc.

I like the idea of ending this column on an entrepreneurial note, and especially like the idea

of giving a shout-out to a classmate who is dedicated to bringing the magic of gelato to her fellow man. By day, **Valisha Graves** is an executive director at MorganStanley, where she manages the technology portfolio for the Global Capital Markets Division and oversees product management of related financial analytics applications. By night (probably very late at night!), Valisha is the brains and heart behind GoGo Gelati, a future gelato stand that she will launch next spring at the Brooklyn Flea in Fort Greene, Brooklyn. Says Valisha, "Making gelato has been a lifelong passion since my first trip to Italy, so the flea market is a great launching pad, and I can still keep my day job!" If Valisha promises to allow me to be a special taste tester, I will promise to let the rest of you know when GoGo is a "go." Thank you, as always, to the classmates who read this column and send us news. Please keep the cards, letters, e-mails, Facebook posts, tweets, and smoke signals coming. We love hearing from you. **Risa Mish**, [rmm22@cornell.edu](mailto:rmm22@cornell.edu); **Robert Zwibel** Farhi, [rfarhiesq@aol.com](mailto:rfarhiesq@aol.com); **Joyce Zelkowitz** Cornett, [cornett0667@comcast.net](mailto:cornett0667@comcast.net).

**86** Happy New Year! How fast the years are going by! We have a lot of news to share in this issue. **Hope Haskell** Jones has been running Hope, Faith, and Gluttony Bakery for the last seven years in NYC. "We are an online bakery that ships cookies, brownies/bars, and other sweets across the country and makes local cake deliveries in the NYC area ([www.hopefaithandgluttony.com](http://www.hopefaithandgluttony.com)). I also became a partner in Baking for Good bakery. I was their main baker and took the plunge as a partner/owner and am very excited to help run this company. A part of every sale goes to a cause of choice upon check out." Hope writes that this is her way to give to charity through her baking ([www.bakingforgood.com](http://www.bakingforgood.com)).

**Joe Coleman** wrote in from Tampa, FL, where he and his wife have lived for the past ten years. "We celebrated 26 years of marriage. We have two sons, 20 and 23, and over the summer I hit my 16th service anniversary with AT&T." **Raymond Barnes**, MS '90 (Waterville, NY) has a new position as a software engineer for Emdeon (healthcare IT). He is also adjunct teaching in the Watson School of Engineering at Binghamton U. "In May 2012 I traveled with ten Binghamton U. engineering students to a rural Honduran village, as academic advisor, to implement the students' design for an improved and sustainable water delivery system. I later co-authored a paper on the experience at the first annual SISE conference in Washington, DC."

**Kari Blinn** (San Clemente, CA) writes, "I live at the beach in California and consult with universities in Boston—the best of both worlds! My nephew and I took a trip to Zambia. We work with Northrise U. in Ndola. He led their first basketball camp and I taught a seminar on business process analysis. The students are brilliant and engaging—and the kids at camp had a blast. I continue to believe that education is the path out of poverty. After our time in Ndola, we headed to the Luangwa River Valley in eastern Zambia to go on safari. Unbelievable! Lions, leopards, crocs—up close and personal!" Kari's favorite Cornell memory is quarterbacking the winning women's intramural flag football team.

**CJ Glynn**, ME '87, MBA '88, joined Shocaroo, an emerging company in the wearable technology space, as their chief marketing officer. CJ lives

in San Francisco and is excited about the new company. **Roger Van Loveren**, BArch '86, works at home as an architect and also enjoys sailing and playing soccer. He celebrated his 50th birthday in 2012 and dropped off his son **Christopher '16** at Cornell last August to start his first year in Engineering. Robert remembers bringing his hi-fi system to Cornell as a freshman—with huge speakers. **Carol Wells** remembers bringing her cat! Carol lives in Saratoga Springs, NY, and focuses her time designing her sea-inspired jewelry ([cwcollection@hotmail.com](mailto:cwcollection@hotmail.com)) and renovating homes. **Charles Vite** brought a piano to Cornell that he still has today! He lives near me in Media, PA, and works as an associate professor of veterinary medicine at Penn. He is married to Susan Volk, also a veterinarian, and they have three boys, Julian, Elias, and Gabriel. They vacation in New York or Bermuda and say that, overall, "life is good!"

**Anne Rosecrance** Wilson Sinclair is in Concord, CA, where she is raising daughter Sarah, 4, and teaching year-round, including summer school, at Las Juntas Elementary School. She is delighted she is able to preserve her skills over the summer. She is using a SMART board now in classes and teaching social feelings using the Kimochis program. This is an interesting approach using stuffed animals to teach children about their feelings and how to manage them. **Regina Franco** is in Palo Alto, CA, with husband **Michael Goldgof**, ME '88. Their son **David '16** is also in Engineering! **Jan Bernstein** Chargin (Gilroy, CA) is director of public information at Gavilan College in Gilroy, CA. She writes, "Over the past two years I have been facilitating the creation of services for the homeless in rural Santa Clara County, CA, and working with like-minded community members to start a nonprofit organization, the Gilroy Compassion Center. The Gilroy Compassion Center provides basic needs services during the day, along with connections to resources, and is seeking funds to provide year-round overnight shelter." Jan is mother to twins, 10, and a foster daughter, 9. She would love to hear from **Denise Smith '87**.

I hosted a lunch this past fall for some local Cornellians in the Philly area to meet Dean Alan Mathios of Human Ecology. The conversation was quite stimulating and varied, and it was fascinating to hear about the changes on campus. In New York, class president **Margot Tohn**, **Gavin Landry** and his wife, Marea, **Moira Dolan**, and **Dan Ramsden** had lunch with Prof. Robert H. Frank when he was in NYC. They talked Cornell, politics, economics, and education. If you would like to meet with a Cornell professor who is in your area, let us know; we can help facilitate these events. Margot also took a tour of the site for the 12-acre Cornell NYC Tech campus on Roosevelt Island. Scheduled to open in Summer 2017, the Phase I four-story, 150,000-sq.-ft. building will be the first academic building in the US to use no more energy than it produces, thanks to solar panels and underground geo-thermal wells. The campus buildings will center on a "pedestrian spine" to encourage collaboration and give the campus an open feeling.

Please drop your faithful correspondents a note at our e-mail addresses below with an update on your lives. Alternatively you can go to the Cornell page and submit news there (<http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>). Many of the updates in this month's column came through this link. **Holly Isdale**, [Isdale@mac.com](mailto:Isdale@mac.com); **Michael Wagner**, [michaelwagner@wowway.com](mailto:michaelwagner@wowway.com).

Your class correspondents wish you and your loved ones a Happy New Year!

**David Gruen, MD '91**, wrote that he received his first non-Cornell degree—an MBA from the Isenberg School of Management at UMass, Amherst. He also started a new job at the Tully Center at Stamford Hospital in Stamford, CT, as director of women's imaging and co-director of the Women's Breast Center. Congratulations, David! Our 25th marked the first time **Rob Goldberg** had made it back to reunion in 15 years. He has a good reason, though. He lives in Hawaii with his wife, Candle, and their daughters Julie, 11, Mollie, 9, Lili, 7, and Karlie, 4. According to Rob, Reunion was "totally worth the long journey from Hawaii." **David Zaremsky** sent news that he married his partner of 14 years, George Schumacher, in June. David, George, and their two daughters take trips every few months so the girls can experience new things.

In May, **Michael Revenson** was recognized by US Representative **Nan Hayworth, MD '85**, as an exemplary first responder for his work as a paramedic for the Mahopac Volunteer Fire Dept. in Mahopac, NY. Michael is an adjunct professor of chemistry and forensic science at Syracuse U. He also teaches SUPA college chemistry for the Mahopac Central School District and the New York State Emergency Medical Technician program for Dutchess Community College. As if that weren't enough, he is also a paramedic with Westchester EMS and Transcare EMS. Michael writes, "I work at finding ways to keep my teaching of chemistry and EMT exciting." He hopes to hear from **Chris Sciarra**. Another teacher from our class, **Risa Weinberger Miller** has been busy writing the curriculum for the new Common Core Standards.

**Michael Strickland** is an adjunct professor of communications at the College of Western Idaho in Boise. He is also a noted author, poet, and anthropologist of literature for children and young people. Michael, who is married with three little girls, writes, "The mountains of Idaho may be beautiful, but I still miss the gorges of Ithaca." **Lisa Scheuermann Crosson** is the assistant controller for the Int'l Speedway Corp. in Daytona Beach, FL. Son Zachary, 12, plays hockey for the Florida Junior Bolts Hockey Club. The team is coached by **Melissa Gambrell Baumann '90**, who played for the Cornell women's hockey team. Our very own international man of mystery (and former class president) **Gligor "G" Tashkovich, MBA '91**, traveled to Tbilisi, the capital of the Republic of Georgia, in late September to monitor the parliamentary elections, which took place on October 1. Earlier in September, he went to Mauritius, an island nation off the southeast coast of the African continent, where he met up with **Matt Martini** to attend the second annual ICT-BPO international conference. Gligor spoke on two panels and chaired a third.

And speaking of class presidents, our current president, **Tom Tseng, ME '94**, who serves as director of the international division of Stanford U.'s development office, wrote that on September 8, Duke U.'s football team came to Palo Alto to take on Stanford. Tom was able to briefly catch up with **Jim Knowles**, defensive coordinator for the Blue Devils, after the game. On September 25, Tom met up with **Karl Townsend, Donna Lee McMaster**, and **Carolyn Prior Koehle** for Indian food in Mountain View, CA. Karl is involved in a startup mobile gaming company, Green Throttle Games, which he co-founded in early 2012 with Charles Huang, one of

the co-founders of RedOctane, the publisher of Guitar Hero. The company expects to roll out their first product before the holiday season. Carolyn has worked for more than a decade as a technical sales representative at Fourfront Sales, a sales force for leading semiconductor and technology device manufacturers, and Donna is a busy stay-at-home mom. Immediately after attending Reunion, Donna and her family went to Paris for a vacation. At Donna's recommendation, Tom and wife Rebecca dined (twice) at Cafe Constant in the 7th Arrondissement during their subsequent trip to Paris.

**Mark Nicoletti** reports that he spends his time "outside!" rock climbing. Lucky guy! **Christopher Harris** is the chief operations officer for Clean Diesel Technologies in Ventura, CA. And **Caroline Wellens Silver** and husband **Jeff '86** are proud that their son **Jordan '16** is a freshman in the College of Arts and Sciences. Jordan is also playing tuba for the Big Red Band.

The family and friends of the late **Amy Perez Friedlander** and her children, Molly and Gregory, have announced the formation of Amy's Kisses Foundation, a nonprofit, 501(c)(3) organization, created in loving memory of Amy and her children and dedicated to enriching the lives and education of students with financial need. Amy co-founded a successful college test preparation organization shortly before her untimely death. Amy was known to praise her students by tossing them chocolate candy from the bowl she kept on her desk. In addition, she frequently spoke of wanting to establish a formal, need-based scholarship program for her services before her life was cut short. The website for the foundation, [www.amyskisses.org](http://www.amyskisses.org), is expected to be fully operational by November 1.

Please be sure to send us your news via the Cornell University Class of '87 Facebook page, a Class of 1987 news form, or by e-mailing any of us at the following addresses: **Liz Brown**, [etb29@cornell.edu](mailto:etb29@cornell.edu); **Heidi Heasley Ford**, [hfh6@cornell.edu](mailto:hfh6@cornell.edu); and **Whitney Weinstein Goodman**, [wwg5@cornell.edu](mailto:wwg5@cornell.edu).

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Ever wonder what it would be like to park on the Slope? While you couldn't back when we were students, you can at our 25th Reunion. Mark June 6-9, 2013 on your calendar! The class is busy planning reunion and you can be involved! To help, contact the reunion co-chairs: **Angelica Watson Botkin** ([aw73@cornell.edu](mailto:aw73@cornell.edu)) or **Pam Darer Anderson** ([pjd26@cornell.edu](mailto:pjd26@cornell.edu)). If you'd like to spread the word and network with fellow classmates, contact our affinity chair, **Lisa Pasquale Semmes** ([lap32@cornell.edu](mailto:lap32@cornell.edu)). This reunion will be the best yet!

June will be here soon and we will be able to catch up with our classmates, but until then here is some news to keep you up to date. I received most of this material via the Cornell News Forms—thanks to all of you for filling them out and to those of you who answered the fun questions too.

**Marcelle Joseph** still resides in the UK, but had a great summer visiting old Cornell friends, including **Adam** and **Dawn Levy Weinstein** in New York and **Jill Katz Wolf** and husband Phil in Boston. After being a corporate lawyer for 11 years at Davis Polk & Wardwell, Marcelle went back to school to earn a degree in art business from Christie's Education in London and started a new business in 2011. Marcelle Joseph Projects, a roving contemporary art projects company devoted to promoting contemporary art in different

venues or found spaces across the United Kingdom, mounts five exhibitions each year. The core activity of this commercial venture is to showcase contemporary work by emerging to mid-career international artists who work in a variety of media. Check out her company's website, [www.marcellejoseph.com](http://www.marcellejoseph.com). She is also editing a book on Korean contemporary art to be published by TransGlobe Publishing and Thames & Hudson in April 2013. If in the UK, feel free to get in touch with Marcelle at [marcelle@marcellejoseph.com](mailto:marcelle@marcellejoseph.com). Coincidentally, Dawn Levy Weinstein also wrote in. She and David and their three kids traveled to London over spring break to visit Marcelle.

In Palo Alto, CA, **Aileen Cleary** Cohen likes to hike, ski, cheer on the Giants, and have fun with her kids, Beth, 20, Emily, 10, and Erik, 8. She also works part-time as a clinical scientist and volunteers as an adjunct member of the faculty in pediatric oncology at Stanford. Aileen wrote that life is good; she would love to hear from Jacy and BA. All of her friends were the ones who had the greatest impact on her at Cornell. **Janet Helms, MBA '07**, also resides in California. She works for Pfizer Animal Health and enjoys gardening, reading, swimming, and hiking. Janet visited the Canadian Rockies and plans a trip to Iceland with **Jennifer Chang, MBA '07**. She is also working on a reunion trip with **Ron Cammarata, DVM '91, Ann Beebe, Kim Henry, and Gerry Connors**. Janet would like to hear from **Stacey Dowden**.

There's also plenty of news from the East Coast. **Elisa Diamond** Perreault is busy running her optometric practice in Albany and raising four teenagers, one of whom entered Cornell this year as a freshman in Human Ecology. In Elmira, NY, **Mari Delaney, DVM '92**, works at her veterinary hospital, Compassionate Companion Care; she purchased the building and renovated for the ultimate pet care. She would like to hear from **Mary Ann Borrelli, Susie Page, and Lisa Strelow**. Mari remembers bringing clothes, music, and paper to Cornell as a freshman. **Ruth Darrigrand Haag, DVM '92**, is a veterinarian in Rockaway, NJ. Also in New Jersey, **Amy Moses** Coates is busy driving her kids to their many activities and working as a private college planner, while attending college online for a certificate in college counseling. She remembers bringing the following items to campus as a freshman: bedding, fridge, clothes, toaster, posters, and laundry and bathroom items. **Theresa Roemer Lipsky, in Tully, NY**, has been named president of Family Care Medical Group (FCMG), a 65-physician, multi-specialty group practice in Central New York.

**George Frangos** wrote from Atlanta, GA, where he has lived for six years. He spends his time as follows: "work, kids, cows, farm, repeat." He started Farm Burger Restaurant in 2010. He would like to know what **Clifford Rohde '87** is up to, and in answer to the question of who at Cornell had the greatest impact on him, George replied, "The bartender at the Palms." **Karen Ludis Gundrum** wrote from North Carolina, where she is working as a veterinarian, raising two children, ages 3 and 6, and taking care of two large dogs and one diabetic feline. She is also taking Tae Kwon Do, something she always wanted to do, and setting up a jumbo-sized chicken coop. She would love to travel more, spend more time with her kids, and live in Disney World. What did she bring to Cornell freshman year? "Myself, extreme excitement, and a small refrigerator, which was not allowed at the time."

**Sheryl Lindros** Dolan works full-time, combining her Chemistry and law degrees in the field

of chemical product regulation. She also works full-time as a mom to Tom, 12, and Will, 6. She has been busy renovating another part of their 1948 house; they gutted the basement and are looking forward to new space (eventually). She would rather be traveling and hopes to indulge in that in another year or two when her younger son is a bit older. She has stayed in touch with many Cornell friends, but has lost contact with **Jennifer Krasnoff**. She remembers bringing a typewriter to Cornell—my, how times have changed! She quickly learned to use a Mac. **Amy Drum** Caruso is busy raising her two kids and would love to be traveling in Italy and Europe. **Kenneth Foster** is the chair of the president's sustainability council of Concordia College and led the Concordia Concert Band on a performance tour of China.

Thanks again to all who sent in their news. It's very helpful to the correspondents and more importantly it's fun to see your name in the magazine and have old friends know what you've been doing. We hope that many of you will come to Ithaca for our 25th Reunion—it's a great time to get together with friends you stay in touch with but don't see often, and a fun time to reconnect with those with whom you have lost touch over the years. My family and I have been going to Cornell for the past few winters to catch the hockey games, but I can't wait to go when it will be warm . . . well, at least better than the weather in February. □ **Sharon Nunan Stemme**, sen28@cornell.edu; **Steven Tomaselli**, st89@cornell.edu; and **Brad Mehl**, bradmehl@gmail.com.

**89** Happy New Year, classmates! If you're the type who plans a couple of years ahead, be sure to save the date for our 25th Reunion, June 5-8, 2014! It's coming up fast! Along with the exciting personal and professional news classmates have sent in, I've included some favorite Cornell memories. Send us yours (see the contact info at the end of this column) and start getting excited about heading back to campus!

Congratulations to **Kathleen Spencer** Erickson, who earned a Presidential Award of Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching through the National Science Foundation! Kathy has taught math at her alma mater, Monument Mountain Regional High School in Great Barrington, MA, for the past 15 years. She is also the director of the Berkshire Crafts Fair, which raises more than \$25,000 annually to benefit students and faculty of the Berkshire Hills Regional School District. **Jonathan Lane** writes that he's married with a son, 2, and living in Southern California. What he's been doing: "Currently, I'm a stay-at-home dad working from my home office. In November, Gotham Books published my first-ever manuscript, *Being Santa Claus: What I Learned About the True Meaning of Christmas*. I co-authored this biography with Sal Lizard, a professional bearded Santa Claus with two decades of amazing and captivating stories of real-life Santa encounters with both children and adults. I spent two years recording more than 50 hours of phone conversations with this inspiring man and turning his heartwarming tales into a full-length memoir. My literary agent (**Scott Waxman '90**) managed to sell the book to a major publisher in less than two weeks! We're all very excited."

**Elizabeth Siczka** summarized her last 23 years: "I graduated from NYU Med School in 1993 and did my training in general, head and neck, and plastic surgery. I'm now in private practice in

Manhattan, doing cosmetic (tummy tuck, breasts) and reconstructive (cancer, trauma, infection) surgery. Recently I've been running around to several hospitals, as well as taking care of two boys and one husband. Alex, 3, just started at his 'favorite' preschool, and James, 5, feels very grown up in kindergarten." Elizabeth's favorite Cornell memories include climbing up the hills in the snow and 202 Eddy Street. **Elysa Graber-Lipperman** writes, "My family lives in West Hartford, CT, a charming and lively suburb. We have also been fortunate to live in Washington, DC, Maryland, Florida, and California. I am a self-employed attorney practicing in the area of estate planning. We love New England, particularly the Berkshires. The hiking and

deal of work revamping their compliance programs to meet the highest standards. When not working, he heads for the beach, boat, golf, pool—"anything with my little boys."

**Doug Emlen** e-mailed from Montana, where he's a professor in the Division of Biological Sciences at the U. of Montana (and has a very cool "Emlen Lab" website—check out the bugs): "I teamed up with award-winning science-writer Carl Zimmer to author a revolutionary new textbook in evolutionary biology, *Evolution: Making Sense of Life*. We fashioned this book from the first page to be an enjoyable and engaging read. *Evolution* reflects our shared vision for what modern textbooks can be: exciting, relevant, concept-oriented, and

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kayaking are terrific. We have a daughter who will graduate from high school in June, so we have been busy looking at colleges. We also have two sons—a sophomore and an eighth grader."

**Karen Davis** e-mailed, "As well as continuing with my solo law practice, since February I have been volunteering as part of the grassroots team to re-elect President Obama. I have also been taking fashion design classes at an area community college and just love it. I will soon graduate with three certificates: in custom dressmaking, technical apparel, and theatre costuming. Last semester we worked on new costumes for Gilbert and Sullivan's *HMS Pinafore* for the San Francisco Lamplighters. My son, 12, joined an AAU basketball team, which has brought us into the previously foreign world of youth sports." **Tami Seaman** is a busy family physician in Latham, NY. "Daughter Emma, 12, is in seventh grade and loves to read, and son Adam, 9, is trying out cross-country running this year. I am a partner at a practice that is participating in medical home initiatives and working with insurance companies on new models for reimbursing primary care physicians. This summer I visited Seattle, WA, where **Laura Seaver** hosted my family and showed us the sights. We also had dinner with **Jenna Beardsley-Smith** and her family. None of us look any older than the day we graduated!"

**Bruno Nardone** sent this update: "I started a new position as vice president of connected health solutions at Allscripts, an industry leader in healthcare software and solutions. I'm working to develop solutions for complex network/community environments. It's exciting to be in the thick of health reform initiatives aimed at improved coordination of care and patient outcomes through the effective use of health information management systems. The family is doing great and we are in the middle of the college decision process for our older son, Brian (a high school senior this year). Our other son, Paul, is a sophomore and benefiting from the advance scouting." **Ben Carroccio's** yellow news form reported that he's enjoying life with his wife, Kathy, and their two boys, Nathan, 6, and Nolan, 3. Ben is vice president/general counsel to the Sunrise Family of Companies, a BPO that works with many large creditors, including banks, and has spent a great

gorgeously illustrated—a reading adventure designed to grab the imagination of students, showing them exactly why it is that evolution makes such brilliant sense of life. We also have worked closely with a programmer to develop this text as an interactive app for the iPad and other tablets. The first eight chapters were released through the App Store in October (Chapter 1 is free)." One of Doug's favorite Cornell memories: "Late (late) night pepperoni subs at Johnny's Hot Truck."

Congratulations to fellow correspondent **Kimberly Levine** Graham and her husband, Barry (U. of Bristol, England), who welcomed baby Rachel on September 26, 2012. Rachel joins big sibs Shira Leah, Naphtali Tzvi, Avraham, Yoseph, and Chana Rivkah. They all play just outside Washington, DC. "Anyone visiting Washington, come say hello!" says Kim. □ **Anne Czaplinski** Treadwell Bliss, ac98@cornell.edu; **Lauren Flato** Labovitz, cu89\_news@comcast.net; **Kimberly Levine** Graham, KAL20@cornell.edu; **Stephanie Bloom** Avidon, savidon1@hotmail.com.

**90** Happy 2013! As you make your New Year's resolutions, how about resolving to send more news for Class Notes? You can shoot an e-mail anytime to any of the Class of 1990 correspondents listed at the end of this column, or just fill out an online news form at <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>. With that hint dropped, on to the news from 2012.

Congratulations to **Winfried Denk, PhD '90**, director of the Max Planck Inst. for Medical Research in Heidelberg, Germany, who won the Kavli Prize in Neuroscience. The prize honors pioneering research in several fields; Dr. Denk was cited for two imaging techniques that have helped answer questions about how information is transmitted from the eye to the brain. He is a former student of Watt W. Webb, Cornell's Samuel B. Eckart Professor of Engineering. Congratulations also to **Elizabeth De La Peña**, who wrote from The Woodlands, TX, that she and husband John Veaser are enjoying a new daughter, Marisa. I hope they're all getting some sleep! My fellow Oregonian **Paul Hunt** and his wife, Sarah Danforth, also welcomed a new daughter, Ellen, in 2012; she joins big brother Henry.

**Eric and Laurie Levinson Wenger** (Bethesda, MD) reported both happy and sad news in 2012. They celebrated their 22nd wedding anniversary, but lost their 12-year-old daughter, Kayla, who passed away in March after a five-year battle with brain cancer. Kayla was the middle child—her siblings are Sam and Madeleine. Our deepest sympathies to the whole Wenger family. You can learn more about Kayla, as well as her parents' fundraising work to fight brain tumors and brain cancer, at [www.kisses4kayla.org](http://www.kisses4kayla.org). **Andy Lewis**, if you're reading this, Eric would like to hear from you.

At the other end of the matrimony spectrum, **Michael Karangelen** is still a relative newlywed: he and **Kerry Motelson '08**, MS '09, were married in July 2012 in Katonah, NY. The wedding guests included nearly two dozen Cornellians, among them **Jeff Bershada**, **Robert Lynch**, MBA '91, **Matt Rubins**, and **Mark Miller**. Michael told us, "Kerry and I met when I was doing fundraising for the eLab, a business accelerator that Student Agencies started at Cornell in partnership with [Entrepreneurship@Cornell](mailto:Entrepreneurship@Cornell)." Congratulations!

**Steven "Slip" Rueben** wrote from Las Vegas to say he started a golf and utility vehicle-related business two years ago that is continuing to grow and has ten employees now. He claims to have brought "way too much beer and rum" to Cornell, misses Hot Truck and Ruloff's, and would like to hear from **Paul Rudick**. **David Mattson** of New York City started a new career as director of East Coast sales for an Internet startup based in Los Angeles. He loves where he is and what he's doing—"no desire to change." Lucky man! Also making a career change was **John Cayer** of Thiensville, WI, who is now vice president of rolled products for Kimberly-Clark after 21 years at S.C. Johnson, "a great company with many Cornell connections." (Cornell's Samuel Curtis Johnson Graduate School of Management was renamed for the company founder in 1984 after his great-grandson, **Samuel Curtis Johnson Jr. '50**, made a \$20 million endowment gift to the school.)

If you're a soccer fan, **Tom Glick** has quite an intriguing new-job announcement: he is now chief commercial and operating officer of the Manchester City Football Club. According to the *Daily Mail*, Tom previously led the Derby County Football Club and before that worked in the NBA and minor league baseball in his native US. He lives in Cheshire, England, with wife Maria. **Jennifer Dilworth** works and is a mom in Tacoma, WA. She composes green building grants for Habitat for Humanity, but says she'd rather be a third-party verifier.

**Stacey Madoff** wrote from Pleasant Valley, NY, to let us know that she and husband Peter Kolos have bought a new house. Stacey spends her free time cooking, skiing, hiking, and riding motorcycles. She'd like to catch up with **Rich Esposito**, ME '91, and **Chris Shuck**. Also reporting an address change, but no other news, was **Brendan Kinney**, writing in from Malibu, CA. **David Cohen** sent us a bundle of news from San Jose. He is senior manager of reactor modeling—"now at Lam Research, as a result of the merger of my company, Novellus, with Lam. We design and sell equipment to manufacture semiconductors." David is also in his second term as trustee of the local school board and serves as communications director for the Santa Clara County Democratic Party. His children, Mia and Reed, are in fourth and first grades.

In internal Cornell news, my fellow class correspondent **Rose Tanasugarn**, BA '95, is a new member of the Cornell University Council. I'm

sure her invitation to join the council came about thanks to her passion for and dedication to Cornell to these many years. She's a great addition to the group. Congratulations, Rose! ☑ **Amy Wang** Manning, [aw233@cornell.edu](mailto:aw233@cornell.edu); **Rose Tanasugarn**, [nt28@cornell.edu](mailto:nt28@cornell.edu); **Kelly Roberson**, [kelly-roberson@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kelly-roberson@sbcglobal.net).

**91** Happy New Year! I hope that it finds you and yours in good spirits. I would like to welcome **Jennifer Leeds** and **Rob Hess**, who share that they have moved from Boston to my neck of the woods here in Northern California. Jennifer is the executive director/head of antibacterial discovery at Novartis. Rob is a patent attorney with Solazyme, an "oil from algae" company in South San Francisco. He is enjoying the change from working in a Boston law firm to this in-house opportunity. Their two sons, Maximilian, 11, and Tjaden, 14, love the Bay Area and have adjusted well to the move. **Jessica Lifland**, BFA '92, is also in the area. She moved out of San Francisco and is now enjoying the sunshine in Marin County with her daughter Katie, 1-1/2. Jessica is a professional photojournalist/photographer. **Susan Lipetz** Brown also moved. After ten years in NYC, the family moved to Connecticut just in time for their oldest son to go to kindergarten. They are not far from past reunion chairs **Jeff**, MD '95, and **Robyn Lipsky Weintraub**. "We had them and their great kids over for brunch, with the hope for more visits in the future."

I went to Ithaca in September and caught up with **Shelley Stuart**, who now oversees the social media efforts at *Cornell Alumni Magazine*. She writes, "I also write screenplays, manage bees, and grow commercial mushrooms. I will soon realize an agroforestry endeavor growing organic, gourmet Shiitake and Lion's Mane mushrooms on maple logs. I started with 100 logs, and plan to add about 50 logs a year for a steady production. I never thought I'd return to the family business of farming, but agroforestry fits my style perfectly! Next summer I anticipate good things from honeybees. I started with three beehives as a hobby, mostly to make my own mead, but this summer I jumped to eight hives for a more commercial venture. If the winter is kind, next year I will be able to sell a respectable amount of honey, small bees colonies, and queen bees." My visit coincided with Homecoming, which is a really big deal now—lots of family activities, great tailgates, and for the first time this year, a fantastic laser light show on Schoellkopf Field, where the Big Red later routed Yale 45-6 on nationwide television. If you can make it back, I highly recommend it.

Class entrepreneurs include **Deb Moreau** Dihel, who announces the launch of her app GeoReader ([www.mygeoreader.com](http://www.mygeoreader.com)) for iPhone and Android, a must-have for any road trip with the kids. The app reads historical markers out loud as you pass by them on the road. **Kim Brown Bixler** has published her latest work of nonfiction, *Growing Up in a Frank Lloyd Wright House*. Read about it at [www.kimbixler.com](http://www.kimbixler.com) and watch for a PBS documentary about the Wright-designed Boynton House in Rochester, NY. Kim lives in Manhattan Beach, CA, with husband **Tim**, JD '93, and two teenage children. **Carl Thorne-Thomsen's** Kansas City restaurant, Story, won a Wine Spectator Award of Excellence, an honor that's been bestowed on only ten Kansas restaurants!

**Karen Rosenberg Marks** launched North Star Admissions, a consulting business in Hanover, NH, to help applicants get into college and business

school. She was previously the associate director of admissions at the Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth, leading diversity recruiting. She and husband **Jeff** have three kids: Hannah, 13, Emma, 10, and Ian, 7. In a similar vein, **Grace Lee** Sawin, BArch '91, has started Chicago School GPS to help families find the right school fit for their kids. "We serve families looking for public and/or private school options, from preschool to high school." Grace's two daughters, ages 13 and 10, are in the Chicago public school system—and happy to be back to school after the strike last fall. Grace also works part-time as an architect. **Geoffrey Moskowitz** opened his third business in Russia, Tip-Top Alpinism, high-level cleaning services using climbers. "We clean equipment, silos, beams, facades, and windows! It has been a big success, complementing our regular and technical cleaning businesses."

Other members of our class finding themselves far from Cayuga's waters include **Jennifer Caci**, an active duty lieutenant colonel in the Army's Medical Service Corps. She is in Afghanistan for the fourth time, this time as the deputy surgeon for the Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force, Afghanistan. Thank you for your service, Jennifer. **Tim O'Hara** writes, "Our project, Rancho Mastatal, entered its 12th year in November. My wife, Robin, daughter Soledad, 4, and I continue to live most of the year in Costa Rica working at our sustainable living center, but are starting to spend a bit more time in the US each year as we become involved with food security and regional food production issues both here and in Central America."

**Carolina Maduro** is the executive director of a family foundation that works to promote quality, efficiency, and equity of education in Honduras. "We seek to influence public policy in education and carry on initiatives and programs that improve the quality of education. We have become specialized in nontraditional methodology for preschoolers in very poor communities." In addition to her work at the foundation, Carolina spends time with her six children, ages 15, 13, 12, 9, 7, and 1. **Linda Craugh** (Annapolis, MD) has completed her PhD in mechanical engineering and is headed to the US Naval Academy as a permanent military professor! **Joanne Kaufman** earned tenure in the Dept. of Sociology at the U. at Albany, SUNY. She remembers meeting friends for Sunday brunch at the dining hall in Willard Straight during our years on the Hill.

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**92** My husband **John Torrance '90** and I have completed our annual fall trip to Cornell with our daughter, Emily, 10. Every October, the Entomology department pulls out all the stops—and all the bugs—for Insectapalooza, a daylong arthropod extravaganza that completely takes over three floors of Comstock Hall. There's everything from ladybugs, butterflies, and face painting to scorpions, centipedes, tarantulas, and packs of social hunting spiders. In between, there are honeybees to pollinate the orchards and wineries, bugs that damage crops—and insects that damage the insects that damage crops.

As one of your dedicated class correspondents, I took it upon myself to tour campus a bit and bring you news from the other Hill outside of Comstock Hall. It was also Parents Weekend and the sidewalks were filled with freshmen and their families. What astonished me the most as we cruised around campus was the relative lack of construction! Oh, sure, there were projects going on at Hoy Field and the new library at Myron Taylor Hall is still a gigantic pit in the ground. The expansion of the Food Science facilities is still under way, with a glass front on Tower Road offering a peek into the large processing equipment inside. And more apartment buildings are going up in Collegetown. But the big projects of prior years (and prior controversies) are completed. The West Campus community looks like it's been there all the time—all traces of the U-Halls are gone. Milstein Hall, nestled between Sibley and Rand, reaches quietly out over University Avenue. If I didn't know about the long debates over the bridge safety fences, I'm not sure they would have struck me as noteworthy. I chuckled when my daughter said Sage Hall looked new, given its many reincarnations. Collegetown seems more urban and less unique, but it's still impossible to find parking. Rumor has it that the Alfa Room in Warren Hall is now used for storage.

And some things never change. Stewart Ave. is a bumpy mess. We listened to Saturday night's hockey game on WVBR. An incredibly eager reporter from the *Daily Sun* was interviewing folks at Insectapalooza. The men's lacrosse team was doing some killer cardio out on the field. The sunny, breezy fall day gave us a beautiful view from Uris Library, down the Hill to West Campus and out over Cayuga Lake. The Ivy Room still sells beer. Parents still spend money on their kids at the Campus Store.

And now for some of your updates! **Jennifer Kaminsky** and husband Mark Brock are in Concord, MA. Jennifer's desperately trying to keep up with her kids, 5 and 8, and has returned to playing tennis after a 25-year hiatus. She'd love to hear from **Felicia Wiener**. **Cengiz Belentepe** and wife Tomoko live in the UK, where he is a managing director at Barclays Capital. **Natasha Halmi** Goins works part-time as a pediatrician and full-time as a mom. She and husband Alan live in Charlotte, NC, with their two daughters, 11 and 15.

**Beth Yancey** Storz and husband Shawn play a lot of baseball and soccer these days with their two sons. Elizabeth became part-owner and president of the innovation consulting firm Ideas To Go. You can check them out at [www.ideastogo.com](http://www.ideastogo.com). Here's my favorite quote of Beth's from the Ideas To Go site: "My favorite ideation excursion is the line-dance. It gets people on their feet, increases the interaction, feels like chaos, and results in a lot of great ideas." Line dancing at work? Sounds like fun! (I'm sure there's more to it than the Electric Slide, but you'll have to talk to Beth

about that.) **Susan Sperry** has a new job! She's now the senior director of communications and marketing at Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health in Baltimore, MD ([www.jhsph.edu](http://www.jhsph.edu)). **Silvia Serpe**, JD '95, co-founded Serpe Ryan LLP, a law firm that represents individuals and businesses in business litigation in New York. The firm also focuses on white collar criminal and government enforcement defense, employment counseling, and litigation. Check them out at [www.serperyan.com](http://www.serperyan.com).

**Karen Kirschenbaum** Cestari reports that she had "the BEST time at Reunion" with **Michelle Cohen** Felner and her family. She really enjoyed getting back to Ithaca, running into her old friends (hey, who are you calling old!) and sorority sisters on campus. She's already counting down the days until our 25th Reunion. **Dylan Willoughby**, MFA '95, has hit the airwaves. His synthpop song "Growing Circles" was played on a Los Angeles-based radio station. You can give it a listen at <http://snd.sc/OxeDBh>. I met up with **Michele Benton** while I was visiting family down in North Carolina over the summer. Neither of us made it to Reunion, so we had our own mini-reunion over breakfast, sharing stories of our strangely similar

backgrounds in small-town Upstate New York, our career trajectories, family life, and approach to learning and work. Michele's working on a PhD in creativity studies, and as her day job she is the director of the marketing capabilities team at GlaxoSmithKline. She and husband Kem Smaini have two awesome children.

Are you fully connected with all things Class of '92? You can find us on Facebook ([www.facebook.com/cornellu92](http://www.facebook.com/cornellu92)), Twitter ([www.twitter.com/CornellU92](http://www.twitter.com/CornellU92)), and on the Web ([www.cornellclassof1992.net](http://www.cornellclassof1992.net)). Or just drop one of your correspondents a line and we'll get your news into an upcoming column. **Megan Fee** Torrance, [mtorrance@torrancelearning.com](mailto:mtorrance@torrancelearning.com); **Lois Duffy** Castellano, [LKD2@cornell.edu](mailto:LKD2@cornell.edu); **Jean Kintisch**, [jmk226@cornell.edu](mailto:jmk226@cornell.edu).

**93** Happy New Year—and welcome to 2013! Also known as the year of our 20th Reunion! Pack your bags, mark your calendars for June 6-9, 2013, and get ready for a great time! In advance of reunion (where you can get your updates in person), here are the latest updates on some of our classmates.

## Om, Om, and Away

Michelle Dortignac '91

**M**ichelle Dortignac has always had a love for movement. As a child, she did gymnastics, was a cheerleader, and performed as a dancer. Years later, she has taken that love to new heights—literally—by creating a variation on yoga in which participants are suspended from a fabric sling that hangs several feet from the ground. She dubbed it Uunata Aerial Yoga, noting that the Sanskrit word "uunata" has a double meaning.

"It could mean you're literally above something else," says Dortignac, "or that you're spiritually elevated."

Inspired by an aerial acrobatics class Dortignac once took, Uunata Aerial Yoga is designed to allow people to perform poses that might be too difficult or straining if done on the floor. "It's not as scary as some people would think," says the former French major. "The practice itself wasn't developed to be really challenging, but to be a tool for the student." For example, a pose called the Full Wheel (a backbend where the feet and hands are firmly on the ground with hips lifted) is an almost inaccessible position for a beginner in yoga. "When you have the support from the hammock, it can help you to attain these challenging positions," Dortignac says. "Using your core strength, you find just where to bend from and let gravity allow your body to fold into the positions."

Dortignac splits her time between teaching at a studio in Manhattan's West Village and training other yoga enthusiasts to become instructors

in her discipline. Uunata Aerial Yoga is now offered around the globe, including in Brazil, Italy, Germany, and Russia. "People should never be satisfied with just a plain old fitness class," Dortignac says. "Go for something that will change your whole life, not just the shape of your body."

— Jillian Knowles '15



**Fernando Botelho** (Fernando.botelho@f123.org) writes, "I have spent a few years as a professional nomad moving from a small company in Houston to an NGO in New York to a UN agency in Geneva to a bank in Zurich—until I started something of my own. We are leading a project that seeks to help persons in developing countries who are blind, like myself, with low-cost software, training, and community mobilization. We call our initiative F123. We have received an award for technological innovation from the Inter-American Development Bank, have launched our product in Portuguese, Spanish, and English, have reached users and testers in more than 20 countries, and have been recognized by Artemisia and Ashoka as a social business. Please get in touch if you want to join forces in helping the blind around the world."

**Luz Roman** Shulgin celebrated 15 years of service at Pfizer. She writes, "I am working as the head of quality operations for oncology products. It's a very exciting time for therapeutics and biologics. I am also running for Putnam County (NY) legislator in the November elections. My first go at politics! I am trying to make a difference in my community. Campaigning is very hard work but energizing and rewarding. I would love to connect with alumni living in Putnam County." **Rachel Markus** writes, "I've been enjoying the summer with my son, Avery James Milan, 15 months, and in June we hosted the fourth annual NYC Kicking + Screening Soccer Film Festival, which I co-founded in 2009. Next up, we'll head to Portland for the first West Coast edition of the festival. Living and working now in NYC."

**Calin Moucha** is also in NYC, where he has lived since graduation. He is the associate chief of joint replacement surgery at Mount Sinai Medical Center. When he's not busy tackling complex hip and knee replacement cases, he spends time with his wife, Emily Zimmerman, an ophthalmologist, and their two children, Jack, 6, and Clarisse, 4. He also sees **Michael Palese** all the time. Mike is the director of minimally invasive urology at Mount Sinai. Calin also keeps close touch with former roommate **Nathan Deames**, who resides in Virginia. **Esther Semsei Greenhouse**, MS '03, writes, "At the end of June my husband, **Brooke '91**, and I had the honor of celebrating our son Sam's bar mitzvah. We are still beaming with pride! Dinner and dancing were at the Statler and made more special by the attendance of longtime friends and DEA classmates **Pay Ru Wu '92** and **Nancy Snell Weislogel** (along with husband **Andrew**, PhD '00) and both families. Uncle Jordan Greenhouse, who received an Executive MBA from Cornell in 2005,

and family came from San Diego and had a lot to talk about with **Larry Wasser**, MBA '06, who joined friends from our congregation **Greg, PhD '96**, and **Rebecca Abeles Couillard '91**, PhD '98."

**Randall Wood** writes that he is pleased to announce the publication of his third book, *The Dictator's Handbook: A Practical Manual For the Aspiring Tyrant* (<http://dictatorshandbook.net>). "This has been a project that I began in 2009; it has somewhat consumed me over the past three years. It's been published in paper and e-book versions. Mostly it's been a labor of love. It purports to be the instruction manual tyrants, despots, and dictators have been using since time eternal to seize power, divide the opposition, steal elections, make a million bucks, install their successor, and die a legend. Much of it is based on my experience living and working overseas." Best wishes for the new year and see you at reunion! ☑ **Yael Berkowitz** Rosenberg, yg11@cornell.edu; **Melissa Hart** Moss, melimoss@yahoo.com; **Melissa Carver** Sottile, mtcossottile@yahoo.com.

**94 Jeffrey Anbinder** and his new bride may well have set a record for Cornellians in attendance at a single wedding. Jeff married **Daina Schatz '03** on October 21, 2012 in Simsbury, CT. The couple met while watching a Cornell hockey game at a bar in Manhattan in March 2009. In honor of the circumstances of their first meeting, their wedding cake was topped with a custom-made bride and groom, depicting Jeff and Daina wearing Cornell hockey jerseys. All four parents are alumni: **Robert Schatz '73** and **Phyllis Landsman Schatz '74** and **Paul '60** and **Helen Rabinowitz Anbinder '62**, as well as Phyllis's fiancé **Raymond Benzinger '74**. The couple's attendants included **Amy Sommer**, **Kate Brody Nachman '95**, **Mark Anbinder '89**, **Edward Negron**, and **Michael Shappe '91**. Among the 50 Cornell alumni attending the wedding were **Fred Archer III**, **Chris Manly** and wife **Celisa (Mettler) '93**, **BS HE '94**, **Robb Newman**, ME '95, and wife **Myriam (Qureshi) '01**, ME '03, and **Christine Quinn Sinkewicz**.

**Sandip**, ME '95, and **Carly Powell Tarafdar** went down to Key West in July for a 40th birthday celebration with **Eric Dickstein**, **Jeff Lawrence**, **Sergai Delamora**, **Shawn Shannon**, **Ariel Alvarado**, **Steve Cremin**, and **Scott Pfendler**. "Carly and I are now back to our suburban family life in Leesburg, VA, carting our kids to soccer practices, Brownie meetings, etc." **Terry Chi** joined CJ Foods' marketing division, where she oversees the company's dumpling and wonton food business. Her husband, John Chiang, is serving his second term as California's state controller and has announced his intention to run for state treasurer in 2014.

**Arielle Hecht Schiffman** (North Caldwell, NJ) has started volunteer work as a court appointed special advocate for children in foster care in Essex County, NJ. Last summer her family, including children Lucas, 11, and Samara, 8, vacationed in Hawaii, where highlights included a visit to Hawaii Volcanoes National Park and learning to SNUBA and surf. **Tara Parmiter** writes from Brooklyn, NY: "We had our first daughter, Aubrey Ella Ratliff, on Dec. 2, 2011." **Marc Itskowitz** (Pittsburgh, PA) reports, "After Cornell, I attended medical school in Philadelphia and completed an internal medicine residency and chief residency in Pittsburgh. My wife and I have been married for 16 years and we have five children (four girls and a boy)." Marc

is now associate professor of medicine at Temple U. College of Medicine; director of didactic education at Allegheny General Hospital; director of the Center for Perioperative Medicine; and on the medical staff of the Pittsburgh Pirates. He remembers sliding down Libe Slope in the winter, hiking and exploring the Plantations and the gorges, and great food and memories at the Kosher Dining Hall/Center for Jewish Living.

Also in Pittsburgh, **David Huang** is an emergency medicine/critical care medicine physician at the U. of Pittsburgh. He says he spends most of his non-clinical time conducting clinical research and clinical trials centered around biomarkers and resuscitation of acute infection and sepsis. **Meg Feury** Ragland has made a big move, both personally and professionally. She writes, "My family moved from Brooklyn, NY, to Asheville, NC. Big change. Any other Cornellians here in Asheville? I'd love to connect! I've never lived south of 4th Street in Brooklyn, so I expect to miss the snow and I already miss the bagels. But the mountains down here are almost as beautiful as the gorges of Ithaca." She continues, "Earlier this year I launched Plum Print. We take all the piles of artwork that kids produce, digitize it for their parents, and turn it into a beautiful coffee table book to treasure forever. My good buddy **Matthew Diez '93** wrote our winning tagline, "From Messy Piles To Books With Style." We offer our services to schools as a fundraiser. Parents LOVE these books. Check us out: PlumPrint.com." Meg and husband Gar (a UVA alum) have a daughter, 6, and twin sons, 1.

**Susan Nissle**, BS Ag '96, reports that after graduating with honors from Tri-State College of Acupuncture, she is now a licensed acupuncturist and has opened a business in her hometown of Huntington, NY. She notes, "This is an exciting career change after many years in the patent litigation trenches." Just before the grand opening of Stone Lion Acupuncture, Susan traveled north to the Boston area, where she visited with **Jose**, ME '95, and **Heidi Glockler Niell '95**, and **Debra Kemp** DeFilippo and husband Rich. Much fun was had and much pizza and beer was consumed. Earlier in the year, Susan met up with her college roommate **Erica Andersen Conway** and husband **Chris '93** and their three children when their 47-ft. sailboat *S/V Patronus* stopped in Port Jefferson just days after the start of their year-long sailing adventure. "Hope to see everyone again at Reunion in 2014, if not sooner!"

Indeed, we hope to see everyone at Reunion 2014. The 20th anniversary of our graduation from Cornell is coming up faster than you think! Start making plans now to meet up with old friends and enjoy some lovely time "far above Cayuga's Waters." ☑ **Dineen Pashoukos** Wasylik, dmp5@cornell.edu; **Dika Lam**, dikaweb@yahoo.com; **Jennifer Rabin** Marchant, jar1229@yahoo.com.

**95** Believe it or not, the lack of seasons in a region can be depressing. Of course Hurricane Isaac hit the Gulf, but I'm talking about colorful leaves and piles of snow. I probably would not be writing any of this if I were drowning under a pile of slush the size and weight of an infantry tank here in New Orleans. Maybe someone will send me a snow globe.

This past year, **Sophia Lee**, chief counsel in litigation at Sunoco Inc., began her second consecutive term as secretary of the Philadelphia Bar Association. In her "spare" time, Sophia serves as

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vice chair of the Mayor's Commission on Asian American Affairs and on the boards of the Philadelphia Education Fund, Philadelphia Volunteers for the Indigent Program, and the Women's Law Project. With her chef-husband, Michael O'Halloran, Sophia is co-owner of *Bistro 7*, a contemporary French restaurant located in Old City Philadelphia. In 2010, the *Philadelphia Business Journal* recognized her as a 2010 minority business leader. Sophia also served as co-chair of the litigation committee for the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association and is a past president of the Asian Pacific American Bar Association of Pennsylvania.

**Patrice Winter** Rousell and husband James welcomed son Mackinley this March. He joins sisters Savanna and Alyssa, who, according to a joyous e-card, "are thrilled with their baby brother!" In other baby news, **Scott Klein**, wife Michelle, and daughter Naomi welcomed little Isabel in February 2012. **Debra Tjoa's** family also said hiya to a new addition: baby Noah. Coco, 4, "loves her little brother, who is actually a hungry hippo and not such a little baby!" **Mikki Knudsen** published a picture book in September 2012 called *Big Mean Mike*. "It is about a big, tough dog (named Mike) and some adorable bunnies," she writes. "And it is also about friendship and knowing/deciding who your friends are. Also, it involves some monster trucks. It is illustrated by the wonderful Scott Magoon. The art is AMAZING and you will love it."

**Anne Catlin** Johnson (aecjohnson@gmail.com) sent in one of the most amusing updates I've seen lately. Leaving her "secure defense industry job" to start her own business in residential real estate, Anne questions whether or not she may be having a midlife crisis on the early side. She writes, "Meanwhile, I'm still in the USAF Reserve, as a lieutenant colonel and internal consultant at AF Personnel Center, and an oft-single mom since my husband is flying for Delta. I don't sleep enough, but can see the light at the end of the tunnel!" Anne has two children, Natalie, 7, and Ryan, 4-1/2. "Natalie pulled out three of her teeth and picked up/played with a tarantula in the garage, all in one week. My kid can beat up your honor student." A career in arachnological dentistry for little Natalie, perhaps? **Jill Pitko '96**, Anne would like to hear from you!

**Christine Chang** married Eric Withrow in a destination wedding on Bermuda (the couple actually had time to golf before the ceremony) and then had a Chinese wedding banquet back home in New York. Later, they traveled to New Zealand for their honeymoon. Christine says that because of the wedding's location, she and her husband felt like they had two honeymoons! A plethora of Cornellians attended the wedding and/or the banquet, including Christine's brother **David Chang '92** and cousin **William Chang '05**, and our class was represented by KD sisters **Sherry Whitley** Fairbank, **Natasha Greenberg**, and **Pam Daly** Kadakia, and **Michael Herzig**, **Shawn Hecht** Morris (our treasurer!), and **Lisa Bauer** Szymczyk.

In Oakland, CA, **Victor Tancredi-Ballugera** reports that he married in 2005 and bought a house 2-1/2 years ago. He is in the information technology field for Lucasfilm (be jealous!) and has joined the Cornell Norcal board of directors. Victor waxed nostalgic about the great blizzard of 1993 and sledding down the Slope on lunch trays (I think I primarily rolled down the hill). **Stephanie Hedges** lives in the Berkshires of western Massachusetts with husband **Scott**, **MBA '94**, and their three children. Stephanie is an actor with Shakespeare & Company in Lenox, MA. Over the summer

she shared the stage with Olympia Dukakis in Shakespeare & Company's production of *The Tempest*. Veterinarian **Kathleen Hanson**, living in Woburn (a suburb of Boston), married five years ago. In November 2011, Kathleen bought a small animal practice in Burlington, MA (burlingtonanimalclinic.com). She's accepting new patients!

The foodies in the class might want to connect with **Amy Riolo** (amy@amyriolo.com). She is "a cookbook author, educator, and culinary consultant specializing in cuisine and culture." Lately, Amy has been "writing, lecturing, and working on television pilots." She creates cooking videos for clients and news media libraries. In October 2012, Amy participated in the National Italian American Foundation's 37th Annual Conference and moderated a session called "Calabria: Cuisine and Culture."

We are working on increasing our activity on Twitter; follow your class @Cornell95. If you have something you think should be announced immediately, get the info to us so we can tweet it. E-mail us with your news. We can't wait to hear from you. **Veronica K. Brooks-Sigler**, vkbrooksigler@gmail.com; **Abra Benson** Perrie, amb8@cornell.edu.

**96** Happy New Year, Class of 1996! We hope that you enjoyed precious R&R with family and friends during the holidays. Now that we're only 17 years removed from our "salad days" as undergraduates on East Hill, it won't be long until serious planning is under way for the 20th Reunion festivities set for June 2016. Let's hold off on that talk for now and take a look at the great career and personal news from our classmates that arrived throughout the fall as alums closed out an eventful Leap, Olympic, and Election Year.

**Mick Merritt** was promoted to vice president of international and corporate health at NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital in New York City, where he has worked for nearly five years. **Thomas Walters** and wife Megan check in from Livonia, NY, where Thomas has a family medicine practice and specializes in addiction medicine. He enjoys medieval and War of 1812 re-enactments in his spare time. **Megan Wherry** Menner, MILR '03, and husband Matthew are busy with their son, 2. Megan is the vice president of human resources at EMD Serono in Billerica, MA.

**Aimee Eggleston** Ahearn and husband Timothy reside in Woodstock, CT, with their daughter, 2. They own an equine veterinary business that services Massachusetts, Connecticut, and Rhode Island. Aimee enjoys competing in 5K and 10K races as well. She also takes pride in keeping in touch with best friends from the Class of '96 including **Hilary Grimes-Casey** (her freshman-year roommate) and **Janice Siegford '95**. **Carey Pulvino** Elder of Lansing, MI, welcomed a daughter in November 2011; she joined an older sister, 4-1/2.

**Vickie Littler** Kozhushchenko has been living outside of Philadelphia in Havertown, PA, for the last five years working for Aramark in human resources. This has her leading a project to replace the company's worldwide human resources system—the transition will affect 22 countries and 255,000 employees. She married husband Alex in December 2011 and they welcomed a daughter last July. **Kirsten Carroll** Somoza lives in Buckham's Bay near Ottawa and started a new job last spring with Telus Health Solutions as a senior user experience architect. **Lukas Neckermann** moved to London last year; he is a commercial director

of Euler Hermes, an Allianz subsidiary. He reports that he is enjoying the city with his wife and two young children.

Heading out to the beautiful Pacific Northwest, **Lorraine Stokes** Patterson lives in Kent, WA. She graduated from Stanford Law School in 1999 and practiced employment law for several years. She is now the human resources director for the City of Kent. Further down the coast, **Alexander Castro**, ME '97, relocated to San Francisco with his wife and young son after more than ten years in Seattle. After selling his start-up company, he took some time off before taking a new position as a vice president of product management at Electronic Arts.

Keep us posted with any new, exciting news in your life and don't wait until 2016 to send us a note! The 2001, 2006, and 2011 reunion photos are available on the class website if you want to download them for posterity. Cheers to a great 2013 from your class officers! **Liam O'Mahony**, liamom@yahoo.com; **Carin Lustig-Silverman**, CDL2@cornell.edu; **Ron Johnstone**, raj6@cornell.edu. Class website, <http://classof96.alumni.cornell.edu>.

**97** Remember that first winter in Ithaca, how it was bitter cold and the reality of living in Upstate New York had just kicked in for many of us? Here's hoping that at least some of you are reading this column from a much warmer climate. If not, remember that spring will eventually come!

The law firm of Loeb and Loeb LLP sent news of **Christine Reilly's** promotion to partner in their Los Angeles office. Christine is a trial lawyer focusing on consumer protection, business torts, and entertainment and intellectual property, among other topics. In addition to her degree from Cornell, Christine has a law degree from UC Berkeley. Congratulations, Christine, on your promotion! Also practicing law, **Jessica Finkelstein** serves as general counsel of Admeld. Jessica spearheaded the acquisition of Admeld to Google after a lengthy Dept. of Justice review. Amazing! Congratulations go out to **Andrew Cavanna**, whose firm, Vestar Capital Partners, promoted him to managing director in 2012. Vestar is a private equity firm and Andrew serves as a part of the healthcare team.

Looking for something different to do this year? **Samara Friedman**, husband **Dan Turinsky**, and their two children attended the New York Yankees Women's Fantasy Camp at their spring training location. Samara enjoyed playing baseball on Steinbrenner Field, hanging with Tino Martinez, and playing against former player David Wells. "Highlights included my son getting to try on an actual Yankees World Series ring (almost had to pry it out of his hand), my daughter running the bases on Steinbrenner Field, and me convincing an ump to reverse his call (he said the ground ball hit my foot, but it clearly didn't), resulting in David Wells charging onto the field and yelling at the ump that he has never seen a player overturn a call and that I had totally undermined his authority." What an amazing experience! As a lifelong Cubs fan, I would love to have a chance to do something like that, although we know I wouldn't be able to try on any World Series rings!

Embarking on an equally exciting adventure, **Heather Brill** Skolnick welcomed identical twin boys Andrew and Ryan into her family, joining big sister Lila. Heather still works at Bloomingdale's in the buying office and often sees **Sandy Loeb**

Salsberg, MD '01, who lives nearby. She also gets together regularly with **Stephanie Shaps** and her two kids, **Angie Datta** Kamath and her two kids, and **Jill Akst** Shefflin and her three kids. Sounds like a great mini-reunion. **Jessica Crolick** Rolph, MBA '04, sends an update about her first baby: the company she co-founded, HAPPYFAMILY. She shares that they are currently on track to double sales of infant, toddler, and kid foods through distribution in more than 14,000 stores. She is also keeping busy with her first human baby, her son, in Boise, ID. Personally, I know I was surprised and excited to read that a company I was aware of from buying snacks for my kids was started by a classmate. My youngest really enjoyed some of Happy Baby's puffs and yogurt bites when he was just starting table foods. If you have a young one, check out Jessica's products!

**Kyle MacLea** and wife Holly now call Portland, OR, home. Kyle is a visiting assistant professor of biology at Linfield College and Holly works as a veterinary cardiologist nearby. Congrats on your move and new positions! **Tanya Axenson** shared that she, too, has taken on a new position, after a decade as a labor and employment lawyer. In a shift to the HR field, Tanya has become the chief human resources officer at Aerotek, a major staffing company in the Baltimore/D.C. area. She lives in Annapolis with her two children, Brandon and Morgan. On our most recent news solicitation, we asked what old Cornell friends you would like to hear from. **Jose Garcia Bravo** answered that he would most like to hear from **Giancarlo Zuliani**. Jose has been hard at work as a primary care physician in private practice and deep-sea fishing in his spare time. He shares that he has a son, Jose Roberto, and a stepson, Sebastian. Giancarlo, if you see this, you can reach Jose at pep.doctor@gmail.com.

Attending a school with such a diverse student population means you never know who you'll run into, wherever you are! My husband, **Josh Carter '97**, shared a flight from Dallas to Philly with **Richard "TR" and Tien-Yueh Bosma Kubach '99**, who were returning from a visit to California with their children. I often run into **Phil '98** and **Anna Bradley Debush '98**, who live a few blocks away and whose sons attend not only the same elementary school, but also the same preschool as my kids. It's nice to know that wherever you go, there might be a Cornell connection. Don't hesitate to send along more news—we always want to know what you're up to! **Sarah Deardorff** Carter, sjd5@cornell.edu; **Erica Broennle** Nelson, ejb4@cornell.edu. Class website, www.cornell1997.com.

**98** Ithaca is always abuzz the second weekend of June with Cornellians returning to the Hill for reunion. June 2013 marks our 15th Reunion, and our classmates are busy planning a weekend of great fun for us. Visit our Facebook group "Cornell Class of 1998 - 15th Reunion" or e-mail [cornell1998@gmail.com](mailto:cornell1998@gmail.com) for more information. Hope to see you there!

**Leah Hershberger** writes from London, England: "It was an amazing experience volunteering for the Olympics and Paralympics, and having **Lori Kessler** visiting and going to events for two weeks. For the Olympics, I was a crossing marshal for the cycling road race and time trials. For the Paralympics, I was a Team London ambassador, helping visitors around my neighborhood (London Bridge/Borough Market). It brought back

memories of being a Cornell Ambassador years ago!" After six years in the immigration process, Leah has been approved for UK citizenship, so she now has dual citizenship (US and UK).

**Aaron Todd**, MBA '04, writes that he took on a new role as head of IT strategy and administration at BNY Mellon. He is excited about the opportunity to leverage his experiences from management consulting and corporate strategy to improve America's oldest bank. He looks forward to getting back to the Hill and the shores of Cayuga to hire some outstanding talent and connect with old friends. He lives with his wife, Victoria Kulli, and sons Logan, Alexander, and Benjamin, in Pittsburgh, PA. **Rita Doyle** Pederson writes, "I am still a full-time 'stay at home mom.' But that's a total misnomer with volunteer work and the kids' activities. I'm never actually 'home.'" Rita also reported that in the last 12 months, she and her husband have taken the boys (Jack, 7, Tom, 6, and Will, 4) to watch Cornell basketball at Penn and hockey and lacrosse at Princeton. While they don't get to Ithaca frequently, they take advantage of living close to their competitors! She looks forward to seeing lots of classmates at reunion and says, "It'll be June before we know it!"

**Uthica Jinvit** Utano and husband Al welcomed Noah James to the world on Sept. 4, 2012. Uthica is happy to report how thrilled big brother Evan, 3, is to teach Noah the ropes. She also extends her congratulations to fellow Alpha Phi sister **Toni Weiss** Stabile. Toni, husband Will, and daughter Madeline, 3, were blessed with a new addition: Lauren Elizabeth, born June 14, 2012. Please keep your news coming! We want to know how everyone is doing! **Molly Darnieder** Bracken, mbd4@cornell.edu; **Uthica Jinvit** Utano, udj1@cornell.edu; **Karen Dorman** Kipnes, kld8@cornell.edu.

**99** Happy New Year to you all! Here are at least a few items of news as we await a fresh supply of News Forms from the class's annual News and Dues mailings.

**Jill Clougherty** and husband **Nils Weimann**, PhD '99, moved to Germany this year with their five kids. "We now live near Berlin and are having viel Spass!" **Gina Mosca**, ME '00, lives in the Boston area with **Jason Langseth '00**, ME '01, her husband of eight years. She has started a master's program in interior architecture at the New England School of Art and Design. "I just couldn't see myself as an engineer for another 30 years," she writes. Good luck, Gina!

**Dan Goldman** (Sarasota, FL) is a licensed psychologist in private practice with offices in Port Charlotte and Punta Gorda. When Dan's not at work or at the beach, he is active in the community volunteering for Abuse Counseling and Treatment Inc. and for the Center for Building Hope, a cancer support community. He also serves on the board of directors for Young Artists Awards. His favorite role in the community, though, is coordinating Art by Kids with Cancer, which exhibits artwork created by children undergoing treatment at the pediatric hematology/oncology unit of the Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida.

**Melanie Acostavalle West '99** and husband **Doug '98** welcomed their son, Lucas Drake, on September 24, 2012. Lucas was born exactly at sunrise at NewYork-Presbyterian/Weill Cornell in NYC, weighing in at 8 lbs. 15 oz. of "total perfection," says Mom. The new parents are coaching

Lucas in the ways of hockey and hoping baby's first words are, "Hahvahd sucks." Melanie is a reporter for the *Wall Street Journal*, and Doug is an associate at HOK. They live on the Upper West Side of Manhattan.

We look forward to your latest round of News Forms, which hadn't arrived yet as I sat to write this column. If you haven't done so yet, please grab the News Form that was included in the class mailing and send it in. Or check out the online news form at <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm> and send your news any time of year. **Beth Heslowitz**, beth.heslowitz@gmail.com; **Liz Borod** Wright, lizborod@gmail.com; **Melanie Grayce** West, mga6@cornell.edu; **Taber Sweet**, tabersweet@gmail.com.

**00** It's a new year, and for some, hopefully, an uplifting new start. Just two shorts months ago, Hurricane Sandy left a devastating footprint on our beloved East Coast, a place where so many Cornellians call home. Many were left without power, heat, or a house to come back to, and flooded memories were an all too common image. As a resident of New York City and proud native of the Jersey Shore, I have a deep affinity for the areas that were so heavily hit last fall. That is why, before I begin this column, I would like to take a moment to send out heartfelt well wishes to all of our classmates, and those close to them, who were affected by Sandy. Here's hoping that this New Year brings you a clean slate, a renewed spirit, and a chance to create even better, more wonderful memories that will long outlive those of that unforgiving storm.

One beacon of light through it all was the surge of real-life heroes that rose up from the tragedy—like our very own classmate **Linda Nicoll**. On the night of the hurricane, Dr. Nicoll, an ob/gyn, left her blacked-out apartment, braving the storm, to help the selfless men and women evacuating 250 patients from NYU Langone Medical Center. After wading through knee-high water across 1st Avenue, she helped lower patients nestled in cocoon-like plastic sleds down six flights of stairs using only flashlights and a rudimentary pulley system. The fearless crew of volunteers then transported all the laboring mothers uptown to Mount Sinai Hospital, where they could safely deliver their babies. It was, Linda said, an honor to work with the nurses, volunteers, and ambulance crews to whom she, and her patients, will be forever indebted.

Fortunately, not all laboring mothers had to endure such an experience! **Shanna Hillback Deng** and husband **Tom '99** had a warm summer delivery of their third child on July 29, 2012. The couple lives outside of Boston with their three kids (Tessa, Spenser, and now Lydia!), two cats, and one dog. Shanna is working independently as a marketing strategy consultant, while Tom continues to use his ChemE degree working for a fuel cell company. Between their family, pets, and jobs, their life is certainly busy, but as Shanna reports, it's still full of fun!

More great news came from **Seth Cochran**, ME '01, who wrote that he just married the love of his life, Renate Punzo, in Oratorio di Santa Cita in Palermo, Italy. They had a lovely ceremony with family and friends, many of whom were Seth's fraternity brothers from Zeta Psi who, he says, "have continued to be my brothers despite the fact that they now live all over the world." Seth continues



his development work helping women with obstetric fistula in Sub-Saharan Africa. He will be spending the next year activating treatment centers in three new countries. He would love to hear from some of his old friends—especially those from Engineering and the football team who have lost touch. Contact Seth on Facebook! Another fellow classmate you should definitely follow on Facebook is **David Feuerman**, who has founded a holistic pet products company in NYC called K9 Bros. He is applying his Food Science education to manufacture healthy and natural products for our furry friends. K9 Bros's first product was hand-carved and cured lamb jerky treats. He encourages you to follow K9 Bros on Instagram and Twitter as well.

Finally, I am happy to report that I actually got to receive updates via face-to-face contact (my favorite medium) recently at **David Feldstein's** birthday party at Stir in NYC. It was a great night and many '00ers were in attendance: **Evan Grossman, Rich Bruckner, Clifford Lerner, Rory Halperin, Robin Mendelsohn**, and of course, Dave! Cliff Lerner is now the Founder and CEO of SNAP Interactive (Ticker: STVI), one of the largest companies in the social discovery space. Its flagship brand, AreYouInterested.com, has over 5 million monthly active users across its mobile and Facebook applications! Rich Bruckner and his wife, Jenny, are living in the city with their adorable 2-year-old daughter, Taylor, and Rich is a pediatric emergency physician at Weill Cornell Medical Center. Robin Mendelsohn is also living in the city and working as an attending in gastroenterology at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center. Last but not least, Rory Halperin is an editor at *Time Out New York Kids* and recently appeared as a guest on NBC's "Today" show. Kathie Lee Gifford and Hoda Kotb had Rory comment on the newest trends in summer camps for kids and she was fantastic!

Thanks to everyone for sharing all your wonderful news this round. We love hearing from you and we love writing for you. ☒ **Andrea M. Chan**, amc32@cornell.edu; **Christine Jensen Weld**, ckj1@cornell.edu.

**01** Wishing the Class of 2013 a Happy New Year! (How is it New Year's already?!) We hope this finds you well and that you were able to ring in a new year of health and happiness!

**R. Ryan Williams**, ME '02, checks in from Palo Alto, CA, where he is an assistant professor in the computer science department at Stanford U. (he jokes that Cornell wouldn't hire him). Recently he's been teaching and conducting research—because it's fun, he says. He's also been changing diapers—he has a newborn son, Glenn. He'd like to hear from his friends at Cornell, so drop a line. **Tim Durham** writes from Estero, FL, where he's on the faculty of the Dept. of Biological Sciences, Florida Gulf Coast U., Ft. Myers, FL. **Paul Saleh** relocated to Baltimore, MD, from San Diego, CA. He purchased a paint and coatings manufacturing business and has been working on growing the business for the past two years. Check it out at [www.precisioncoatingsinc.com](http://www.precisioncoatingsinc.com). Paul and his wife are parents to a son, Matthew James, 1.

**Lenny Lesser** has finished a research fellowship at UCLA and moved up to the Bay Area. He is now a research physician in Palo Alto. He writes, "I have been road bike racing a lot and am happy to live in the bike mecca of Silicon Valley." **George Jaramillo**, BArch '01, originally from Miami, FL, lived in NYC after graduation, then moved to the

Sierra Nevada to work as a historical architect at Yosemite National Park. As of September, he was beginning a new adventure in Scotland: "I am attending the U. of Edinburgh as a new PhD candidate in the Inst. of Geography. I'll be studying historical geography of mining landscapes. Since working for the National Park Service I have been inspired to look beyond structures and study entire regions of land and their relationship to people."

‘One beacon of light through the storm was the surge of real-life heroes.’

Andrea Chan '00

**Nicholas Kowalski** lives on Long Beach Island at the New Jersey Shore. He's running various businesses in the area and traveling every chance he gets. Recently he's been a volunteer firefighter, a real estate agent, an online retailer of auto parts, and an owner of a construction company. His most recent challenge has been relearning Spanish for travel! **Anne Agonis** Space, MBA '06 (Colchester, CT) is still working in commercial real estate, but she made a career move and joined UBS Global Real Estate, also in Hartford. Anne lives with her husband, Sean, and their two dogs.

Your latest batch of class news hadn't arrived in time for this column, but we look forward to hearing from you. If you haven't done so yet, please send in the News Form from the annual class mailing and we'll put your news in the column. The class officers also hope that you will contribute to class dues and encourage your friends to be a part of it too. Pay dues online at: <https://www.giving.cornell.edu/dues/>, and e-mail us at [classof2001@cornell.edu](mailto:classof2001@cornell.edu) or at the addresses below. In between columns, stay connected via our Twitter feed (@Cornell2001) and Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/Cornell2001](http://www.facebook.com/Cornell2001)). Best wishes for a happy, healthy, prosperous, and exciting start to 2013! ☒ **Lauren Wallach** Hammer, LEW15@cornell.edu; and **Nicole Neroulias** Gupte, NicoleMN6@gmail.com.

**02** Fellow Metro NYers, what a kick-off to the storm season we've had. As I write this, I am humbled and saddened by the devastation that has come across our land. Sandy's visit was indeed a huge shock to many of us, and her stay is still stinging many of our friends, families, colleagues, and neighbors. I was pleased, though not surprised, to receive that e-mail from our current Cornell president outlining the ways our alma mater was both impacted by the storm and involved in the relief and recovery efforts. "This has been a life-changing event for many Cornellians and their families and friends," Skorton said. While I certainly hope the situation will have significantly improved by the time this is published, information for those seeking help or opportunities to assist is available online to members of the Cornell family at <http://relief.cornell.edu/>. Please visit the site to ask and answer questions and learn how you can assist and ask for help. Here's to a disaster-free 2013 for you, your loved ones, and everyone around us. And now, on to some happy news to report.

We have a supernatural thriller author among us: **Carrie Salo**. "I am excited to be the newly published author of *The Sounding*, which was featured in *Publisher's Weekly* and received both editorial acclaim and a 4.5-star rating on Amazon." Carrie was one of our featured alumna authors at our 10th Reunion. "If you missed me then and are looking for a thrilling book to read, please visit my website, [www.carriesalo.com](http://www.carriesalo.com), or follow me on

Facebook." **Laura Currin** Salter has a new address across the pond in London, where she is currently on maternity leave from her work as a doctor. "My beautiful daughter was born July 11, 2011."

"If anyone is passing through West Texas, don't hesitate to stop in," wrote **Brian Achilles**. He just moved to Lubbock to take on the role of director of child nutrition for Aramark Education at Lubbock ISD. Out west, keeping it real in Pasadena, CA, after several years of logging hours and completing coursework and a lengthy yet engaging dissertation, **Joanna McNeil** has officially become a licensed marriage and family therapist. I was lucky to see her in person during a conveniently planned business trip in July. **Pam Kelly** Glauber wrote in from Pelham, NY, where she is a children's book editor at Holiday House, an independent trade publisher. She was very excited to share the news of the birth her first child, Cora Marie, on May 26, 2012. "We are exhausted but happy." She was also super-pleased to share her husband's recent accomplishment: "John passed his ninth and final actuary exam, earning a designation in his field and ending a seven-year-long exam process!" As the daughter of an actuary, I can easily say that I hope Pam and John celebrated in style. Big congratulations to you both.

I had a lovely dinner-and-dancing evening (minus the dancing) with gal pal **Ellen Brosius**, in for the night from Columbus, OH, where she has lived the past ten years. As the manager of production/sourcing for the PINK apparel line at Victoria's Secret, Ellen is occasionally shipped off to Korea, Vietnam, or Sri Lanka to check out various manufacturing sites. I am still waiting for my companion plane ticket to arrive in the mail. From down in Virginia, **Samara Kaplan** Schulman shared her recent wedding news: "On August 25, 2012 I married the love of my life, Daniel, and we have since moved and bought a house in Alexandria." Samara works as a project control analyst and project manager for an IT consulting firm. "There really is no telling where a Cornell Liberal Arts degree can take you!" she tweets.

I ran into two Cornellians at the Ernst & Young office in the past month: **Kimm Maugeri '01**, a fellow Theta, who is down in the books for a lunch date soon, and **Adam Scheinman**, who I had not seen since the 2009 wedding of **Nathan Pettit**, PhD '11. Nate is keeping both undergrads and grad students engaged in the field of management and organizations as a professor at the NYU Stern School, where he and wife Melissa remain thoroughly entertained by their 2-year-old daughter, Quinn, who lately has become infatuated with

washing her hands. Carmel, IN, counts **Elizabeth Wallis Grethen** as a new resident. Back in 2004, she married **Dustin '01**. "I am a physician practicing endocrinology, and Dustin works for a non-profit energy company in the credit department." The couple recently welcomed their third child, Ellie Rose, on September 8. "She has been well-loved by all, including big sister Sophie, 1, and brother Marcus, 4." Elizabeth's favorite Cornell experience or memory? Playing the Cornell chimes!

For those of you who read this but do not send in updates, time for a change! Each of you has something worth sharing, I am sure of it. Talk to us. Send news to: [Carolyn Deckinger](mailto:Carolyn_Deckinger@cornell.edu) Lang, cmd35@cornell.edu; [Jeff Barker](mailto:Jeff_Barker@cornell.edu), jrb41@cornell.edu.

**03** We have a number of new parents to report on! **Matthew Levy** and wife Jill welcomed baby daughter Hannah Celia on January 25, 2012. **Adam, ME '04**, and **Ariel Schaffer DuChene** welcomed their son, Isaac Benjamin, just about a year ago—on Thanksgiving 2011. Ariel works as the assistant dean for external relations for the L. C. Smith College of Engineering and Computer Science at

with a reception at Willard Straight Hall. Jaime writes, "Many of our Cornell friends were in attendance for the weekend, which also included a run through the Plantations, campus tour, and Dinosaur BBQ rehearsal dinner. We first met in 2008 the weekend of our 5th Reunion, and although we're in the same class we had never met while in school. We are looking forward to returning for the 10th! We took a three-week honeymoon to Indonesia, spending most of our time in Bali and Lombok, scuba diving and climbing Mt. Rinjani, an active volcano. Back in Washington, DC, Josh and I are active in Cornell alumni sports, playing on the alumni softball and flag football teams. Josh is the coach."

**Molly McDowell** was hired earlier this year by a domestic violence organization in Connecticut to lead its fundraising efforts. "Having been a volunteer crisis intervention counselor for the agency for the past three years, I am so thrilled that my career path has dovetailed with my personal advocacy interest of supporting domestic violence survivors." **Megan Dorn** Wickersham writes from the State of Washington. "I attended Kansas State U. College of Veterinary Medicine (DVM '07) and have practiced equine and large animal veterinary

education, conservation, and health. In 2012 we're on pace for more than 1,000 people joining us, including many Cornell students and alums. Check us out at [www.ubelong.org](http://www.ubelong.org) and join us! Starting a business is tough, but stick with it—perseverance (and some luck) pays off in the long run!"

**Lisa Stechschulte** Lowe had a busy spring last year! "I completed my master's degree in computer and electrical engineering at U. of Maryland, College Park in May; in July, Adam Lowe (James Madison U. '07) and I married at my home church in Columbus, OH. My attendants included **Lynn Stechschulte '09**, **Hilary Dinkelspiel '03**, and **John Stechschulte '06**. My Cornell Chorus friends **Aja Falck '05**, **Anne Jones-Leeson**, **Kristin Dermody Maggi**, and **Jacqueline Conti** Rimshnick '05 sang during the ceremony." Also in attendance were **Marty** and **Wendy Weiss Fojas** and **Colleen Reiss** Vermeulen, who joined Lisa's mother, **Jodi Sielschott** Stechschulte '74 and aunt **Jeri Sielschott** Whitfield '72, as well as Cornelian neighbors of her parents. Lisa adds, "I heard that after my new husband and I left the reception, the Cornellians started a college song sing-off with a round of Cornell songs—I would have loved to hear it! Adam and I now live in Silver Spring, MD, where he is a marital and family therapist and I'm a computer programmer."

**Ronya Foy**, MPA '05, married Andy Connor on Aug. 10, 2012. Ronya writes, "We had a fun-filled weekend in Anguilla from August 9-12, starting with a cocktail reception at the CuisinArt Golf Resort & Spa, followed by a beach wedding on Meads Bay, wedding reception at the Anguilla Greathouse (with a display of 50 wishing lanterns lighting up the sky), and a Saturday night bonfire with local seafood and s'mores. Guests received welcome bags with flip-flops, lotion, hand sanitizer, lip gloss, and our special 'Andy and Ronya' bottled water. We arranged massages for guests out on their beachfront balconies and everyone said that they had a great time on this little-known island paradise of Anguilla!" Although many Cornell friends were unable to make the journey, **Karon Phillips** was able to attend, as were **Destini Bowman '05**, **Meredith Howell '06**, MPA '07, and **Shenee Reid '06**.

**Esther Pullen** Kibbe (Seffner, FL; [ejp9@cornell.edu](mailto:ejp9@cornell.edu)) writes, "I'm still breeding strawberries and blueberries for Driscoll's in Florida. I love the daily challenges and adventures of working in agriculture. I'm still traveling a lot; last year I went to Morocco, Spain, the Netherlands, and England and made several trips around the US. I enjoy seeing new places, but it's harder now that I have to leave my new husband. On May 26 I married my dear friend Theron Kibbe in a beautiful ceremony in Hume, NY. My good friend **Letizia DeLorme** Morley was there to help us celebrate, and my sister **Elizabeth Pullen '06** was my bridesmaid." **Jessica Rounds** (Brooklyn, NY; [Jessicaerounds@gmail.com](mailto:Jessicaerounds@gmail.com)) married William Davis in Brooklyn on June 16. The couple honeymooned in Paris and the south of France. Jessica adds, "In April, after two years as a bedding designer at Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia, I was promoted to deputy design director of textiles."

**Liz Schneider Lohman** (St. Louis, MO; [liz@cubicle.com](mailto:liz@cubicle.com)) has left her job as a structural engineer at Boeing to start her own company, Cubicle.com. In only its second year, Cubicle.com is on track to more than double its revenue from the first year. Liz's husband, **Dan '04**, has partnered with Liz on Cubicle.com and is also involved with several other startup businesses in St. Louis. On

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Taylor Cocalis '05

Syracuse U. Adam is an engineering program manager at Lockheed Martin. They were married on campus in 2008. **Kira Moriah** and her husband welcomed their first baby, Caleb Morgan Edel, May 21, 2012. He has been growing quickly and is, according to Mom, "a total delight. We have a bit of a rivalry in this regard, but I plan to make sure that he's Cornell Class of 2034! I'm still a Foreign Service officer with the US State Dept. After postings to Beijing and New York (the United Nations), we're now moving up to Newport, RI, for the next couple of years. Anyone coming to Rhode Island should drop me a note!"

**Nicole Bevans** Scott, MLA '07, and husband Caleb welcomed son Noble Daniel to the world on December 31, 2011. Nicole, who got her BS in Horticulture, met Caleb shortly before graduation. "Caleb is an Ithaca native and landscape contractor. We own/operate a landscape design-build firm called Scott Land Yard Group and service the Finger Lakes region. Check out our work at [www.scottscapes.net](http://www.scottscapes.net). Last year we started a new business helping people get free energy! We have a passion for helping people save money and be financially free! We are always looking for smart, driven business partners to join us ([www.scottscapes.energy526.com](http://www.scottscapes.energy526.com))."

**Christine Lauridsen** Sand married husband Rob "near many bridges in Madison County, IA, on June 2. The wedding party included **Sheila Dini** and **Walter Lauridsen '06**. Also in attendance were classmates **Hillary Profita**, **Kendra Flood** Knapik, and **Matthew McIntyre**. Rob and I live in Des Moines, where I work in business development for LGI, and Rob is an assistant attorney general."

**Joshua** and **Jaime Wasserstrom Novikoff** were married on the Arts Quad on October 7, 2012,

medicine for the last five years. Over the past year I became certified in veterinary acupuncture through the Int'l Veterinary Acupuncture Society (IVAS) and created Northwest Veterinary Acupuncture PLLC in June 2012. This allows me to provide additional means of healing and pain relief to my patients." Megan remembers dinner parties on the covered porch at Watermargin!

**Amanda Perl** writes, "A little over a year ago we moved from Ithaca to Portland, OR, with no jobs, no housing, and no family. It's been quite an adventure and sometimes quite a scramble, but things are going well. I was recently promoted to activity director of Marquis Vermont Hills, a skilled nursing facility in southwest Portland. My path wasn't a simple, straightforward one, but I let my life's path unfold in its own time. Now I have a wonderful job that's a really good fit for me, with my master's in recreation therapy, that I would never have found moving in a straight line." Thanks for all your news! [Samantha Buckingham Noonan](mailto:Samantha_Buckingham_Noonan@cornell.edu), [swnoonan@gmail.com](mailto:swnoonan@gmail.com). Online news form: <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>. CAM Digital Edition, <http://www.cornellalumimagazine-digital.com>.

**04** **Cedric Hodgeman** is going strong with his social venture UBELONG, founded in 2008, which has been mentioned before in this column. He writes: "UBELONG has changed the way people of all backgrounds volunteer and learn abroad. We are growing at an incredible pace and now have projects in Africa, Asia, and Latin America in a range of areas, including caregiving, business,

June 13, **Carolyn Sieffert** Heminger (carolyn.heminger@gmail.com) and husband Justin welcomed their first child, Madelyn “Maddie” Rose. When Carolyn wrote over the summer, they were enjoying the new addition to the family, but the sleep deprivation had been brutal! **Linde Rickert** Tassell (Charlottesville, VA; lmr25@cornell.edu) writes, “In May 2012, I graduated from the Curry School of Education at the U. of Virginia with a master’s in mathematics education. The upcoming school year will mark my ninth in the classroom.”

**Clara Cheong** sends news from Singapore: “I’m still in science as my main pastime, though I’d love to try out more non-science ideas too.” Clara’s son, Zachary, 1, is “full of surprises, smiles, and extreme enthusiasm for EVERYTHING. He’s too curious to even want to sleep at night (to our detriment at times!).” She’d love to hear from a couple of old Cornell friends: “Jody, who was in my Organic Chem class and **Lana Lau ’03**, who counted flies with me for Genetics.” **John Ngunjiri, ME ’04**, writes, “After a five-year foreign assignment in the UK and Singapore, we relocated back to Houston in Feb. 2012. Our daughter, 2, is doing great in daycare! My wife, Susan, just got an offer from ExxonMobil medicine and occupational health, and I started as a contracts engineer for ExxonMobil Chemical’s project management group. Blessings abound!”

The newest book from our class, *As I Understand It...*, by **Miles Ryan Fisher**, has been published through Amazon and can also be found on Lulu.com for paperback/iPad. About his grand accomplishment, Miles writes, “This novel is my first (of many to come!) and took me four years to complete. In reading it, I think it would surprise many to know that it was a 26-year-old male who wrote the first draft of the story and then would surprise Cornellians a little to find out he was an ILR grad (because we’re known for reading, not writing). The book is about love and the desire to love, what that is and what that means, and the timeless idea of soulmates. I’d say it’s relatively similar to Paulo Coelho’s *The Alchemist* or Mitch Albom’s *The Five People You Meet In Heaven*.” Congrats, Miles. I plan to pick up my copy in short order! ☐ **Anne Jones-Leeson**, CU2004Correspondent@gmail.com. Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.m/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

**05** I had heard a tidbit about the high rate of Cornell coupling and I think the latest round of updates helps confirm the rumor. **Jaclyn Greenstein**, JD ’08, and **Jason Frasco ’04**, JD ’07, were married May 30, 2010. After attending college and law school at Cornell, it’s no surprise that they had dozens of alumni present to help them celebrate, including **Jacqueline Murphy**, **Liz Sauer** White, **Lauren Frasco ’08**, **Michelle Levy**, **Kate Vengraitis**, **Ted Kelleher ’03**, **Matt Tyhach**, **Matt Janiga**, **Matt Gaspin ’04**, ME ’05, and **Josh Dormont**. After law school, Jason clerked for a federal judge in Boston, MA, the Hon. **Joseph Tauro**, LLB ’56, and then worked at Cleary Gottlieb Stein and Hamilton in NYC. In 2008, Jaclyn worked at Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP in NYC. Jaclyn and Jason have decided to relocate to Anchorage, AK, where Jaclyn will clerk for a federal judge and Jason will be a prosecutor with the district attorney’s office. Safe travels and best of luck with your new jobs!

**Alexa Loo** and **John Kranzley** married this past September. Those attending the ceremony included: **Jennifer Pastarnack ’04**, **Ravinder Brar**,

**Jennifer Yacenda ’06**, **Ashley Grzetic ’07**, **Aditya Bhatia**, **Nikhil Lal**, **Dong Lee**, MBA ’12, **Sukumar Mehta**, and **Ankit Patel ’04**. **Timothy D’Auria** tells us, “My professional interests are in data mining and machine learning, particularly related to using collective intelligence for predictive modeling in healthcare and insurance. I live with my wife, **Michelle (Callahan)**, in the suburbs of Boston. I am a co-founder of iQuartic. We are pioneering electronic health record analytics and received a strategic investment from Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts. I was also cited in the *Boston Herald* related to text mining in the presidential campaigns, a topic for which my data mining consultancy, Boston Decision, ranks number one on Google.” Among Tim’s fondest Cornell memories: “Toothpaste parties in McFadden Hall; the time I fell down Libe Slope; salsa dancing in Helen Newman; the day Cornell EMS got a parking ticket; Pyramid Mall excursions; Happy Dave at Okenshields.” Tim says he loves to cook and is a major foodie.

**Fitz Collings** has joined the law firm Sidley Austin as an attorney in the Washington, DC, office’s intellectual property litigation group. He and wife **Nicole (Browne)** celebrated their first wedding anniversary with a trip to Massachusetts. Fitz’s favorite Cornell memory is “sailing on Cayuga Lake after graduation; it’s easy to forget how beautiful Ithaca is if you don’t stay for the summer.” With so many Cornell couples, I am happy to update you on an expanding family: **Eric Mesa** and **Danielle (Nguyen)** welcomed future Cornellian Scarlett Mesa last February!

In other news, our classmates continue to advance their careers and start new, exciting projects left and right! **Catherine Corrigan** reports that she is now an investigative producer for CNBC. **Jessica Rosenthal** writes, “I am now a business and financial services associate at the law firm Shulman, Rogers, Gandal, Porody & Ecker PA in Potomac, MD.” **Alexandra Tursi** is a senior communications specialist at U. of Vermont Continuing Education, where she manages PR, social media, and other communications. She is also a social media columnist for the *Burlington Free Press* and an MPA student at U. of Vermont. Alexandra remembers singing with the Cornell Chorus. **Eugene Seo** spent the last few years in Silicon Valley and was pleasantly surprised to find so many Cornell alumni there. In early 2012, he moved to Singapore to work on business development for Singapore’s hi-tech sector. He fondly recalls walking through the Arts Quad in the fall, when the trees are “ablaze in red.” He’d love to hear from his MechE classmates.

**Nathaniel Doyno** writes, “I am a proud Cornell alumnus and an energy efficiency and green building professional. I am now director of incentives and public policy for the Efficiency Network Inc. and have moved to NYC. My cousin **Abbey Doyno ’16** just started her freshman year. Her parents are **David ’85** and **Judy Marlinski Doyno ’85**.” **Taylor Cocalis** writes, “In 2010 I started a Web-based business with DEA grad **Dorothy Williams-Neagle ’04**, MA ’05, called Good Food Jobs ([www.goodfoodjobs.com](http://www.goodfoodjobs.com)). We’re fortunate to do what we love, combining our collective interests in food culture, sustainability, design, and helping others. While I take great pride in my ‘professional work,’ I’m finding great comfort and satisfaction in my garden this year. Nature is humbling and any progress we can make pales in comparison to the return on a small seed that yields pounds of fruit and vegetables in mere weeks. In my spare time, I teach food entrepreneurship to

students at Sterling College’s Sustainable Food Systems summer program. Admittedly, I think I learn more from them than they do from me. It’s great to meet the future of food—the folks who will help change this world for the better. To see what challenges we (and others interested in establishing a career in food) have overcome, visit a blog we created on the subject: <http://whyicried.wordpress.com/>.” ☐ **Michelle Wong**, mww29@cornell.edu; **Hilary Johnson**, haj4@cornell.edu; **Johnny Chen**, jc362@cornell.edu.

**06** It’s hard to believe, but ten years ago most of us had just completed our first semester at Cornell. We had experienced our first midnight pre-finals “scream,” our first Ithaca snowfall, and, for many of us, our first all-night study session or—gasp—our first attempt to explain a bad grade to our parents. By the winter of 2003, most of us had begun to hit our stride. We declared or switched majors, fell in or out of love, rushed a house, moseyed a co-op, or signed our first apartment lease (for a ramshackle house in Collegetown perhaps, or, if we were lucky, the relative opulence of 312 College Avenue). Although they are a decade old, the challenges, joys, and lessons of our Cornell freshman year remain a vivid part of our lives. Let’s catch up on the journeys some of our classmates have taken since that first Ithaca winter.

**Ari Rabkin**, ME ’07, grew up in Ithaca (“the Berkeley of the Finger Lakes”), attended Cornell, then moved to Berkeley, CA, for graduate school. Ari reports that Berkeley was nothing like Ithaca and that not a week passed when he didn’t pine for Collegetown Bagels. He is now a postdoctoral fellow in computer science at Princeton. When Ari thinks of Cornell, he remembers walking across the Thurston Ave. bridge on a blustery cold day, looking out over the gorge, and scurrying up and down Libe Slope. He also remembers curling up in the large, padded chairs in Olin Café with a newspaper and a cup of coffee.

**Dan Drzymalski** is a resident in anesthesia at Massachusetts General Hospital. **Anthony Merlocco** is a resident in pediatrics in Toronto; he attended medical school at Case Western. Anthony enjoys spending time in his Canadian homeland, but looks forward to relocating to Boston in July to begin a cardiology fellowship at Boston Children’s Hospital. **Emily Briggs** Johnson and her husband relocated from Salem, MA, to Maine, where Emily practices physical therapy and loves the fresh air and beautiful land.

**Peter Jenkins**, MRP ’10, earned undergraduate and graduate degrees from AAP’s City and Regional Planning department and since graduation has worked in New York City and Pittsburgh. “This past summer I researched sustainable urban and regional food systems for the development of an alternative master plan for New York City. I am currently enrolled in a Master of Urban Design program at the Spitzer School of Architecture at CCNY and look forward to joining an engineering or architecture firm engaged in master planning, environmental planning, or transportation planning upon graduating in May 2013.” Of his time at Cornell, Peter says, “I enjoyed taking study breaks in the Fine Arts Library and discovering new urbanists. I first discovered Lewis Mumford’s writing while on a study break and he has proven to be one of my favorite public intellectuals.”

**Jennifer Frohlich** and **Pradeep Giri ’05** had the quintessential Cornell wedding (with a twist)

on July 7, 2012. "The ceremony was held at Sage Chapel, complete with the groom processing down the Arts Quad on horseback, followed by a reception at Statler Hotel." After meeting at Cornell and getting engaged under the Clock Tower eight years later, **Michele Segalini** and **Dan Westfall '04** married on June 23, 2012 at Sage Chapel, "with an awesome reception following at the Statler." In the wedding party were Michele's AOPi sisters **Katrice Bullock '07**, **Elyssa Koepfel**, and **Laura McFarland '07**, and Dan's Alpha Gamma Rho brothers **Dan Osborn '04**, **Josh Sauter**, and **Jim Wilcox '91**. **LaRue** and **Caroline Nyenke Robinson '07** welcomed baby girl Corinne Nneoma on July 31, 2012. They look forward to preparing Corinne to join the Class of 2034!

**Claire Lambrecht** completed a master's in cultural reporting in criticism at New York U. She lives in Brooklyn and works as a senior editor at NewsCred, a journalism startup. **Josh Saul '05**, BS ILR '06, and fiancée **Tess Millard** live in Chinatown in Manhattan. Josh works as a crime and courthouse reporter for the *New York Post* and Tess designs retail spaces for the beauty industry. Tess's clients include Redken, Kerastase, Ralph Lauren, L'Oréal, and Shu Uemura. She joined Millard Design in 2011 upon her return from Paris, where she began her freelance design career. **Xiaoyi "Sally" Huang**, ME '08, lives in Seattle, WA, with her boyfriend, Steve, and a new puppy, Digby. Sally works as a producer for Microsoft's 343 Industries, makers of the Halo video game franchise. She's been working on the main campaign for Halo 4, which was scheduled to ship November 6 for the Xbox 360! Sally remembers attending trivia nights at Ruloff's and would like to hear from **Nina Shih '05**. Keep sending us your news—we love to hear from you. ✉ **Tory Lauterbach**, VML8@cornell.edu; **Katie DiCicco**, kad46@cornell.edu; **Nicole DeGrace**, nd4@cornell.edu.

**07** In my first column as class correspondent, I'd like to extend a big "hello" to all of my fellow 2007 classmates. I saw many of you at our 5th Reunion and I'm sure I speak for all of us when I say how wonderful it was to visit the campus and spend time with old friends while reminiscing about our wonderful time at Cornell. I have been involved with student affairs since being elected Class Council president in our freshman year and now, as class correspondent, I'm thrilled to share your life updates. Please feel free to send me an e-mail at [nina.terrero@gmail.com](mailto:nina.terrero@gmail.com) so we can continue to be connected as the Cornell Class of 2007.

Courtesy of **Ethan Greenberg**, we've learned that congratulations are in order for **Raquel Grazi** and **Zachary Fischer '06**, who were married in Huntington, NY, in September. **Lauren Giugliano** is enjoying New York City, fresh after her big move from Charlotte, NC. She was promoted to the position of vice president in fixed income sales at Wells Fargo. **Ksenia Burlay** is in Ann Arbor, MI, and has just started a two-year MBA program at the U. of Michigan at the Ross School of Business. Prior to business school, she worked at Procter & Gamble in brand management. **Ksenia** would love to hear from **Denise McKenna '08**, MAT '08, and **Caitlin Bell**.

**BJ Siasoco** has accepted a new position at Cornell as the assistant director of the Cornell Commitment. He writes, "As a former Commitment student, it's exciting to come full circle and be a part of the program advising students and creating

programs. I would love to connect with any other Commitment alumni and hear your stories or things you miss from your undergraduate Commitment days!" When he wrote, BJ was loving the change of seasons in Ithaca! Entrepreneur **Sam Lundin** has launched Vimby, a New York-based platform to find and book recreational activities in less than ten minutes. "We are like OpenTable, except applied to after-work hobbies and date ideas such as tango dancing, Italian cooking, photography, glassblowing, and 150-plus more—all of which normally take hours to research and reserve. We present availability for multiple activities on the same screen and you can book instantly." For a fun infographic on dating, Sam says to check out: <http://www.vimby.com/blog/why-dinner-is-a-terrible-date-idea-infographic/>.

**Jordan Warner** is celebrating one year's employment as a naturalist at the Trailside Nature and Science Center in Mountainside, NJ. "I educate people about nature through group programs (school groups, mostly pre-K through 5th grade, and Scout groups). This is a job I held for two summers during college and I am here because they welcomed me back! However, I am facing the reality that this job offers very little financial benefit. I want to move away from the field of teaching and exercise my technical skills, which have been on the back burner." Jordan would like to hear from old friends **John Simeone**, **Elan Margulies**, **Norah Kates**, **Marina Yoffe '06**, **Fabian Canas**, and **Megan Keely '08**.

Don't forget that connecting with your classmates is just a click away through Facebook ("Cornell Class of 2007" and "Cornell Class of 2007 Alumni") and Twitter (@cornell2007). Looking for even more information? Check out the alumni website, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu>. Send updates to us any time of year—by e-mail at the addresses below or via the online news form: <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>. Happy New Year! ✉ **Nina Terrero**, [nina.terrero@gmail.com](mailto:nina.terrero@gmail.com); **Dana Skolnick**, [dana.skolnick@gmail.com](mailto:dana.skolnick@gmail.com).

**08** Happy New Year! It's hard to believe it is officially 2013, the year of our 5th Reunion. The Class of 2008 Alumni Council is hard at work planning the best weekend of the past five years and we hope you will come to Ithaca **June 6-9**. Join us in the dorms on North Campus as we rekindle old friendships and check out what's changed on campus. We celebrated the impending festivities with Reunion Countdown happy hours in October in New York, Boston, and Washington, where classmates were able to reconnect with old friends and catch up on where the past five years have taken them. If you missed those events, keep your eyes and ears out for the next round of Reunion Countdown festivities this spring! As always, please feel free to get in touch with us if you would like to be involved in reunion planning.

Spearheaded by **Steve Attanasio** and the alumni council, 130 members of the Class of 2008 and friends enjoyed the Frozen Apple, the hockey matchup between the Big Red and the Michigan Wolverines, in a class-designated section on November 24 in Madison Square Garden in New York City. As a third-year law student at the U. of Michigan, I can speak for myself and two other members of our "Big Purple" (Big Red + Blue) contingent, **Allison Waks** and **Brian Connolly**, MRP '08, that we didn't have any conflicted feelings.

In terms of our hockey loyalties, we will always be proud members of the Lynah Faithful.

Manhattan, as usual, is full of class news this cycle. I had the pleasure of attending the very 2008 wedding of **Zachary Lupu** and **Alissa Ritter** on September 29. Zach is a third-year law student at Fordham U. and will join Davis, Polk, & Wardwell as an associate in the fall. Alissa is a registered dietician working with patients with digestive disorders at NewYork-Presbyterian/Weill Cornell Medical Center. Zach and Alissa met at the very end of our senior year in the spring of 2008 and they tied the knot in a beautiful, autumnal ceremony at the Bowery Hotel in New York City. Ithaca Beer Co. brew was served and memories from the Hill were shared by all. Congratulations, Zach and Alissa! **Daniel Shamir** and **Matthew Piliero** were groomsmen; Alissa's sisters **Erica Ritter** Bagliebter '05 and **Lexi Ritter '12** were bridesmaids.

Others in attendance included **Scott Rosenthal**, **Alex Kahan**, **Julia Howe**, **Gabe Wapner**, **Megan Dubatowka**, **Spencer Pepper**, **Zoe Cohen**, **Alexandra Kaplan**, **Caryn Teitelbaum**, **Elana Jacob**, **Emily Silverstein**, **Allison Dorman**, **Carly Popofsky**, **Margaret Kurtzman**, **Juliana Sender**, and **Lisa Wertheimer**, JD '11. Elana is an attorney in the corporate department of Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison in NYC and graduated from Cardozo Law School last spring. Scott lives in Washington, DC, and is a legislative assistant for Senator Jeff Merkley of Oregon. Scott's congressional duties allowed him to escape the swampy D.C. summer and spend the month of August in his temperate hometown, Portland, OR, where he graciously hosted four members of the Class of 2008 for a weekend: **Simma Reingold**, MHA '09, **Stephanie Posen**, **Abbe Yale**, and myself. We were lucky that Scott showed us a Big Red welcome to the Pacific Northwest!

Not all class updates come from New York! **Sue Jean Lee** writes that she has moved to Hong Kong from New York "to see the world!" She is working as a project manager in a technology division in an investment bank. She looks back fondly on studying and pulling all-nighters with good friends from her days at Cornell. **Matthew Perkins's** job selling solar panels for General Electric took him from the West Village to Shanghai, China, in October for a two-year stint. Matt is excited for his new adventure and invites classmates to come visit! He is also looking for glee clubs and singing opportunities in Shanghai if anyone has any information to pass along.

**Hannah Kern Sandal** writes from Tucson, AZ, "Neela and I just moved to Tucson for Neela's residency in family medicine. I have been a practicing attorney for one year and am making the professional (licensing) adjustment to a new state. So far, Tucson is a great place!" Even in the Southwest, Hannah gets her fix of Cornellianna every morning: "I have my phone alarm set on the chiming bells, and it reminds me of the clock tower at Cornell. Every time I hear the alarm I am transported." Hannah, we hope you and Neela will make the trek to Ithaca in June to get your McGraw Tower chimes fix!

Finally, **Joanna Stein** sent us more nuptials news: "On October 7, **Melinda Meade** and **Patrick Meyers** were married at Mt. Vernon in Virginia. Many Cornellians were in attendance. **Lauren Eisenberg '09** and I were bridesmaids; **Jordan Raphael**, **Justin Rosen**, and **Jim Reagan** were groomsmen. We all had a fabulous time celebrating with the happy couple!" Congrats, Melinda and Patrick! We look forward to catching up with all of

you in June in Ithaca, but as always, please send us your news before that! We'd love to hear from you. ■ **Elana Beale**, erb26@cornell.edu; and **Libby Boymel**, lkb24@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

**09** Your correspondent was waylaid by the superstorm, but thanks to your online news notes (<http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>) and a little help from the editors at the alumni magazine, we can still bring you a New Year's class column. Good wishes to all of you who were affected by Sandy. Please write and let us know how you're doing.

**Kevin Eckes** (kme28@cornell.edu) sent this news in early October: "I'm still living in Austin, TX, and loving life here. Grad school at the U. of Texas is going pretty well: my first paper is being published soon, and in March of this year I was awarded a National Science Foundation graduate research fellowship (after applying three times!), which will support me fully through the end of my PhD studies. I'm not sure what I'm going to do after I graduate, but I'm getting more into the start-up culture here in Austin, taking courses in technology commercialization and new venture creation. I also just bought a small motorcycle for getting around Austin, and it has been a blast so far! I can't say I miss the Ithaca weather all that much. My girlfriend, **Beth Chamberlain**, lives here as well, and agrees that our cold tolerance has waned dreadfully. She's working for a fast-growing healthcare consultancy and loves the laid-back (but productive and innovative!) Austin work culture. We'd encourage new and recent Cornell grads to get out of the 'East coast only' mindset and come check out Texas when looking for work—a strong economy, nice people, and nice weather!"

**Justin Wong** (jbw44@cornell.edu) has a new address in Alexandria, VA, and is working as a government contractor in the D.C. metro area. He has also started competing in triathlons. **Melanie Gowen** (mlg46@cornell.edu), Washington, DC, describes her recent activities as follows: "Innovation, ideas, branding, and marketing; fundraising and philanthropy." We hope to hear more details in the months ahead. **Ryan O'Halloran** writes, "After grad school in Pittsburgh and Washington, DC, and a year working at home in New York, I moved to New Orleans this summer for medical school. Mardi Gras couch reservations need to be made in advance!" **Andy Cochran** (cac227@cornell.edu) sends the good news that he and **Pamela Ahn** were married on August 11, 2012 at the New Park center in Ithaca. Congratulations!

**Victoria Bredt** (Victoria.bredt@gmail.com) is in New York City: "I started a new job at the NYC Dept. of Education working on the teacher effectiveness program that is piloting the teacher evaluation system here. I am managing the logistics and operations for the professional development sessions for teachers, school leaders, and networks in the program." Hotelie **Greg Schvey** (greg.schvey@aggregift.com), also in NYC, went to work in capital markets origination at Citigroup right after graduation. He writes, "In 2011 I co-founded Aggregift with Cornell classmate **Austin Lin**. Aggregift (<http://aggregift.com/>) is a crowd-funded gifting platform that leverages the sharing power of social media to facilitate group gifting. Our office is located in Midtown Manhattan and our team is currently composed of four Cornellians,

one of whom (**Norton Wang '12**) we hired out of college after closing an angel funding round. Also working with us is my brother **Jeff Schvey '07**, ME '08. We launched in early September."

The *Fleet Hometown News* has notified us that our classmate **James Gonos** has graduated from Navy Officer Candidate School (OCS) and received a commission as an ensign in the US Navy while assigned at Officer Training Command in Newport, RI. The mission of OCS, they write, is to develop the moral, mental, and physical qualities of civilians, enlisted personnel, and the newly commissioned in preparation for service in the fleet as Naval officers. **Funmi Adewale** (funmi.adewale@gmail.com), a self-described "Nigerian-born, Pittsburgh-raised InterVarsity alumna," moved to

class. I received academic honors, am editor-in-chief of one of the law journals, and am publishing a paper focused on sports law (a law and economics explanation of sports franchise relocation) this semester. My excellent Cornell Economics education was crucial in writing this paper. Starting in fall 2013, I will work at Brown Rudnick LLP in New York in the corporate restructuring department. I am taking full advantage of living in New York City to fulfill my passion for sports, including attending the women's final between Serena Williams and Victoria Azarenka at the US Open tennis tournament in Flushing." **Samantha Weinberg** also attends Columbia Law. **Dorothy Du**, who majored in Biology and Society and minored in Law and Society and East Asian Studies,

‘Ari Rabkin reports that Berkeley was nothing like Ithaca and that not a week passed when he didn't pine for Collegetown Bagels.’

Tory Lauterbach '06

Hyde Park in Chicago to start a PhD program in cancer biology at the U. of Chicago. She says their "quarter system" is taking some getting used to. Funmi remembers walking down Ho Plaza at night under the midnight blue Ithaca sky. "It's almost as beautiful in Chicago, but not quite." Send news to: ■ **Julie Cantor**, jlc252@cornell.edu; **Caroline Newton**, cmn35@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

**10** The seasons continue to turn and for most of the Class of 2010, it's another winter away from the bitter chill of East Hill. Nevertheless, our class continues to stay connected—ever more important as the time since graduation becomes more distant.

**Tasha Hall** writes, "I have been working as a designer with Emotes by Evergrow, a line of books and toys aimed at helping kids (of all ages) expand their emotional vocabulary (particularly helpful for children with autism); and GameDesk, a nonprofit research and outreach organization that seeks to develop the next-generation model of education by revolutionizing the tools we use and the way we teach and making the results available to everyone, regardless of where they learn." Tasha sends a shout-out to her former housemates **Sarah Kate Mullins '09** and **Jennifer Cassano**, BS '09 (who is currently at the Cornell Vet college!). **James Pothén** writes that he is fresh off a two-month stint in Colorado Springs and changing industries from nonprofit work to the world of Web development. He is looking for a job in New York City. **Mariana Diez** lives and works in Washington, DC. She is a press secretary for House Majority Whip Kevin McCarthy.

**Arjun Sivakumar** graduated in January of our senior year and began law school at Columbia in fall 2010. "In between I worked for a nonprofit helping to close the information gap in Africa and Asia. I have been very active in my law school

writes, "I'm now 3L at Harvard Law School and an editor and writer for the *Harvard Journal of Law and Technology* (JOLT). I plan to work at Sidley Austin LLP in New York City as a patent litigator or as a healthcare lawyer after I graduate." Dorothy encourages classmates to get in touch if they're in the NYC area.

**Cory Shaffer** writes, "Since graduation, I have earned an MA from Teachers College, Columbia U., in developmental psychology and am in my second year of the sport psychology PhD program at Florida State U. I teach an undergraduate course in educational psychology and am working on completing hours toward becoming a certified sport psychology consultant. I also work in the office of student-athlete academic services as an academic mentor for FSU varsity athletes. My research interests include applying implicit theory research of general psychology to mental skill abilities in athletes." **Justin Granstein** is a member of the Weill Cornell Medical College Class of '15. "I spent the summer at the World Health Organization in Geneva, Switzerland, where I worked in the Dept. of Mental Health and Substance Abuse developing a global mental health action plan, as well as on suicide prevention projects. I also coauthored a chapter in a forthcoming global health textbook on scaling up mental health care in low-resource countries. **Becky Fortgang** is in a PhD program at Yale, studying clinical psychology. We hope she continues to cheer for the better Ivy team.

**Nate Parsons** writes, "Since graduation I have been working for the Johns Hopkins U. Applied Physics Laboratory on the RBSP satellites. My most recent accomplishment was being on the operations team for its launch on August 30. Now that all commissioning activities have been completed and we have begun the main operations phase, I will be transitioning to other projects. In other news, I have entered the master's program in computer science at the U. of Maryland, College Park, and will soon move to Baltimore." **Andrea Schiralli** is translating language-learning books

into Portuguese while living in southern China! She writes that she misses early morning gorge jumps and long runs with her “crazy friends.”

**Monica Ferreira** lives and works in Stamford, CT, and is in her fourth and final rotation of GE Capital’s financial management program (FMP). She writes, “I’ve had some great opportunities since joining the program, including community service. This spring, 32 colleagues and I ran a fundraising campaign with buildOn, a nonprofit organization, to provide access to education to two rural communities in northern Nicaragua. In August we traveled to the communities for one week to assist in the construction of the two schools we funded.” **Simon Taranto** lives in Boulder, CO, and works in energy analytics. “Looking forward to visiting Ithaca sometime soon!” Thanks to everyone for your news. We look forward to more. Write to us directly or give the online news form a try (<http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>). **Michael Beyman**, [mjb262@cornell.edu](mailto:mjb262@cornell.edu); **Rammy Salem**, [rms84@cornell.edu](mailto:rms84@cornell.edu).

**11** Happy New Year, Class of 2011! Only eighteen months out of college and your classmates are doing amazing things. **Jane Klinger** has begun a PhD in social psychology at the U. of Waterloo in Ontario. She writes, “I love it and feel that Cornell prepared me very well (. . . except Statistics).” A big congrats to **Robin** and **Emma Tall Bigelow**, who celebrated a wedding this summer! One of their favorite wedding gifts was from **Chris ‘65** and **Jan Langenmayr Mabley ‘65**: a Cornell mirror that included a painting of the clock tower. The Mableys were given the mirror at their wedding shortly after graduating from Cornell. Emma writes, “We now live in Baltimore, MD, and miss the Farmer’s Market, Mandibles, and living a block away from all of our Cornell friends.” Emma works as a research engineer at SB Microsystems, a medical device engineer services company. She has also begun a new spin-off company called Diagnostic Biochips, which makes biosensors for the detection of chemicals *in vivo* in animals. Robin has started his second year of medical school at Johns Hopkins and is enjoying learning about the kidneys and shadowing trauma surgeons. They would love to hear from their friend **Eric Woods**.

After taking a year off to work for the *Princeton Review*, **Connie Hsia** now attends the U. of Virginia School of Medicine. Lately, she says she

has been “studying way too much biochemistry,” but still fondly remembers great days at Cornell looking down Libe Slope. **Dara Perl** works as a project engineer at Skanska USA Building. She and her brother, a third-year architecture student at Carnegie Mellon U., founded Building with Bottles, a project to help people with disabilities in Haiti. “The project recycles plastic bottles brought in as aid and uses them to create modular furniture. This furniture helps those with chronic injuries by keeping them from sitting and sleeping on the ground.” The company hires people with disabilities and their caretakers to build the furniture. The Clinton Global Initiative has honored the project, and in September Microsoft announced its commitment to Building with Bottles.

**Christopher Dembia**, a mechanical engineer whose interests range from solar energy to nuclear energy to dynamics simulation, taught math at Phillips Andover Academy in Andover, MA, as part of their teaching fellows program. He is now a first-year graduate student at Stanford U. in their graduate mechanical engineering program. Reminiscing about Cornell, he mentions his favorite experience of trying to camp at Sunset Park with friends. He sends a shout-out to **Kat Ingalls**, **Phoebe White**, **Dara Perl**, and **Chris Guerrero**, ME ‘12. HumEc alum **Ashley Jeanlus** is proudly serving as a corps member of City Year New York in East Harlem. “I am excited to work with students and engage with members of the Harlem community.” To top it off, she works with two Cornellians from the Class of 2012! **Justin Finkle** graduated from the Biological and Environmental Engineering program and has spent the last year working in Boston at an engineering consulting firm called Demand Management Inst. “I decided that making money was for suckers and moved to Chicago to begin a PhD program at Northwestern U.” Justin now conducts research focused on synthetic biology. “Chicago has been amazing so far and I hope to keep exploring.” Of his time at Cornell, his favorite memory is watching hockey at Lynah Rink, particularly when Harvard was getting steam-rolled.

**Brisa de Freitas** has been working as an actress in Southern California. Since graduating, she has done several plays and musicals throughout Orange County, Los Angeles, and the Inland Empire. Most recently, she completed a feature film, *The Aztec Box*, an independent horror film to be released in 2013. She has also worked on the nonprofit *JYF: Campus Life*, a film that empowers college women to fight back against date rape and

other sexual violence. The film won two 2012 Accolade Awards for “Contemporary Issues/Awareness Raising” and “Use of Film for Social Change.” **Laura Santacrose** thoroughly enjoyed her fifth year on the Hill working as a public health fellow at Cornell. While sad to leave, she is excited to have begun her master’s, concentrating in social behavior and community health, at the U. at Albany School of Public Health as their David A. Axelrod Fellow. **Nicole Morson** (Arlington, VA) has sent word that two other 2011 graduates, **Jill Lyon** and **Erica Fredrickson**, have moved to the D.C. area. Jill came from Egypt (!) and Erica is relocating from NYC.

Keep the updates coming by going to <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes!> **Kathryn Ling**, [KEL56@cornell.edu](mailto:KEL56@cornell.edu); **Lauren Rosenblum**, [LCR46@cornell.edu](mailto:LCR46@cornell.edu); and **Michael Stratford**, [mjs465@cornell.edu](mailto:mjs465@cornell.edu). CAM Digital Edition, <http://www.cornellalumnimagazine-digital.com>.

**12** Greetings from the “real world,” Class of 2012, and welcome to our very first Class Notes column! This column will be published in every issue of *Cornell Alumni Magazine* to highlight the accomplishments of the outstanding Class of 2012. For the next five years, we (**Peggy Ramin** and **Emily Cusick**) will serve as your inquisitive class correspondents. We hope to highlight all of the amazing and wonderful events in the lives of the Cornell Class of 2012. Throughout our time as the authors of this column, we want to publicize all that’s happening in your post-Cornell lives, from your wedding announcements and glamorous job promotions to your Spring Break travels and the name of the kitten you just adopted! No news is too big or too small.

As class correspondents, we are just one part of the well-oiled machine that is the Class of 2012 board of class officers. We are led by our fantastic class co-presidents, **Olivia Moore** and **John Rhee**. You may recognize their names as those who led our incredibly successful senior class campaign (remember those incessant senior year phone calls?), and we look forward to five more years with them at the helm of our class. Our reunion chairs, **Cindy Marinaro** and **Andrew Martinez**, have already started planning a fantastic 5th Reunion in 2017. To facilitate class communication throughout the year, our secretary, **Meaghan Cassin**, records all of the efforts of the class officer team, and our treasurer, **Matthew Danzer**, is responsible for maintaining the class budget and helping with planning and funding programs for our class. Our website manager, **David DyTang**, BS ‘11, ensures that our class website and social media is up to date. Last, but definitely not least, our Annual Fund chair, **Terezia Urban**, ensures that our class gives back to Cornell for all the opportunities brought about by our alma mater.

We were happy to see an excellent Class of 2012 showing at our first Homecoming as alumni in September. Thanks to the hard work of our aforementioned co-presidents Olivia and John, our class took advantage of good times and free food tickets at the Homecoming tailgate. Mark your calendars for next year’s Homecoming on Saturday, September 21, 2013!

As we transition into the real world as Cornell alumni, please remember to send us your news! Don’t make us Facebook stalk you for updates; please respond to our requests for information via e-mail or on the Class of 2012 Facebook group. **Peggy Ramin**, [mar335@cornell.edu](mailto:mar335@cornell.edu); and **Emily Cusick**, [egc43@cornell.edu](mailto:egc43@cornell.edu).

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'33, BS HE '34—Isabel Guthrie Russell, Hot Springs Village, AR, July 23, 2012

'34 BCE—James W. Bruner, Corning, NY, July 24, 2012

'34, BS HE '35—Martha English Martin, Shingle Springs, CA, March 12, 2011

'35 BA—Ruth Harder Dugan, Bedford, NY, July 4, 2012

'35 BA—Dorothy Bonney Kavasch, Topsham, ME, August 15, 2012

'35 BA—Benjamin S. Loeb Jr., Silver Spring, MD, June 12, 2012

'35 BCE—Milton M. Titon, Boynton Beach, FL, November 5, 2008

'36 BA, PhD '40—William P. Bebbington, Columbia, SC, Sept. 7, 2012

'36-38 SP Ag—Robert P. Rooney, Le Roy, NY, October 4, 2009

'36 BA—Jean Sherwood Williams, Fayetteville, NY, June 27, 2012

'37 BA—Arthur K. Harris, Rumson, NJ, June 25, 2012

'37 BA—John E. Hough, Janesville, WI, July 29, 2012

'37—Grace Gale Paris, Melbourne, FL, July 25, 2012

'37 BA—Richard Steele, Boca Raton, FL, August 26, 2012

'38 BA, MA '39—Mabel Levy Gerhart, East Rockhill Township, PA, August 23, 2012

'38 BA—Jane Stiles Sharp MacRae, Chapel Hill, NC, June 28, 2012

'38-39 SP A—Dorothy E. Otto, Onalaska, WI, December 11, 2011

'38-39 GR—Glen J. Schoessow, Gainesville, FL, October 10, 2007

'38 BS Hotel—Walter T. Tatum Jr., Concord, CA, June 26, 2012

'38 BS HE—Violet Lanfear Weeden, State College, PA, July 11, 2012

'39, BS HE '41—Helen Ziegler Carr, Bridgewater, CT, August 8, 2011

'39-40 SP Ag—Edgard C. Downing, Brockton, MA, July 23, 2012

'39, BME '40—Edwin A. Munschauer Jr., Buffalo, NY, Sept. 10, 2012

'39 BS Ag—Raymond J. Simmons, Miami Shores, FL, June 29, 2012

## 1940s

'40—George T. Beemer, Fort Myers, FL, July 26, 2012

'40 BA—Edith Allen Goodrich, Bidwell, OH, August 23, 2012

'40 BCE—Robert M. Johnson, Ormond Beach, FL, June 26, 2012

'40 BS Ag—Raymond S. Morrell, Livonia, NY, June 23, 2012

'40 DVM—Jerome Payton, Morris, NY, August 31, 2012

'40—Marion Neunert Robinson, Newport Beach, CA, September 6, 2012

'40—Katharine Smith Schwarz, San Mateo, CA, February 29, 2012

'40 MS, PhD '48—Edward H. Smith, Asheville, NC, June 23, 2012

'41 BA—Eddie Burgess Bartholomew, Tallahassee, FL, August 31, 2012

'41 BA—Jeanne Avery Gervais, Jacksonville, FL, March 29, 2011

'41 BA, MD '43—C. Ray Huggins, Wilmington, DE, July 22, 2012

'41 BME—Nicholas V. Hunter, Holland, NY, July 9, 2012

'41 PhD—Coleman J. Major, Tempe, AZ, August 21, 2012

'41 BS Ag—Charles I. Mason, Feura Bush, NY, September 30, 2011

'41—Elisabeth Campbell Pollack, South Paris, ME, August 29, 2012

'41 BA—Stanley B. Reich, Piedmont, CA, August 6, 2012

'41 BA—Harold G. Schlicht, Silverdale, WA, February 22, 2011

'41 BS HE—Edna Haussman Twyman, Conroe, TX, July 19, 2012

'41—Carlos A. Vila, San Juan, PR, June 15, 2007

'41 BCE—Edward P. White, Chapel Hill, NC, August 3, 2012

'41 MD—Robert P. Worden, Fleming, NY, October 22, 2008

'42 BS Hotel, PhD '54—Robert A. Beck, Redding, CT, July 31, 2012

'42 MS HE—Elizabeth Grawemeyer Cassel, Colorado Springs, CO, December 20, 2007

'42 BA—Jane Smiley Hart, Washington, DC, July 30, 2012

'42, BCE '43—Peter T. E. Nevius, Niskayuna, NY, August 4, 2012

'42 PhD—Joseph B. Platt, Claremont, CA, July 10, 2012

'43 BA, MD '45—Randall W. Briggs, Santa Fe, NM, September 28, 2011

'43 BA—Roselyn Rosenthal Cohen, West Hartford, CT, August 17, 2012

'43—Fred F. Fitzgerald, Santa Rosa, CA, April 22, 2009

'43—Irving E. Germanow, Pittsford, NY, December 1, 2009

'43 BS Ag—Joseph C. Hickey, Brunswick, ME, August 21, 2012

'43 BA—William R. Hoff, Mequon, WI, July 20, 2012

'43 BEE—Solon B. Kemon, Simsbury, CT, August 8, 2012

'43—Jeanne Moorman Kleppinger, Stanton, CA, September 1, 2010

'43 PhD—Robert E. McDonald, Wilmington, DE, October 14, 2009

'43 BS Ag—Jack J. Rappeport, Tucson, AZ, April 26, 2010

'43 PhD—Harold Rosegay, San Francisco, CA, May 19, 2010

'43 BA—Robert J. Roshirt, Fort Lauderdale, FL, July 20, 2012

'43 BA/MEd—Nancy Jessup Underwood, Lenoir City, TN, July 1, 2012

'43-47 GR—Anthony E. Ventriglia, Bronxville, NY, August 28, 2012

'43 BA, MA '46—Marianne Schneider Weigel, Kensington, CA, July 30, 2012

'44, BME '47—Roland T. Bryan, Easton, MD, July 7, 2012

'44, BS Hotel '47—William D. Falkenstein Jr., Norwalk, CT, Aug. 29, 2012

'44 DVM—Jack G. Flint, Roseville, MN, March 6, 2012

'44-45 GR—Jean Cheng Go, Brooklyn, NY, March 20, 2011

'44—Robert E. Hyatt, Littleton, MA, August 3, 2012

'44 BS HE—Helen Knapp Ingerson, Irondequoit, NY, August 25, 2012

'44 BS HE—Frances Ward Kimple, Manlius, NY, August 20, 2012

'44—Herbert G. Lyttle Jr., Fresno, CA, July 11, 2012

'44 BA—Rose K. Matt, Saratoga Springs, NY, May 25, 2012

'44 MD—John M. Phillips Jr., Houston, TX, November 1, 2010

'44, BEE '47—John W. Rogers, San Diego, CA, July 13, 2012

'44—William A. Van Blarcom, Sherborn, MA, January 10, 2007

'44, BME '47, MS Aero '49—Richard C. Wolgast, Berkeley, CA, June 5, 2012

'45, BS Chem E—Sigurd L. Andersen, Wilmington, DE, August 5, 2012

'45, BA '47—Charles T. Bintz, Salt Lake City, UT, September 5, 2012

'45, BA '44—Eleanor Strum Braendel, Eagle River, AK, August 13, 2012

'45—Donald G. Ehret, Yardley, PA, June 27, 2012

'45, BEE '44—Thornton S. Lauber, Glenville, NY, August 4, 2012

'45, BA '47—Burton M. Leavenworth, Boca Raton, FL, Sept. 12, 2012

'45, BA '47—Richard W. Perlman, Milwaukee, WI, July 18, 2012

'45, BA '48—Donald E. Rutherford, Madison, WI, September 9, 2012

'45-46 SP Ag—William R. Van Der Meid, Livonia, NY, June 23, 2010

'45-46 SP Ag—Anna Kemmery Ziegler, Camp Hill, PA, June 18, 2008

'45-46 SP Ag—Reynold K. Ziegler, Camp Hill, PA, February 2, 2012

'46, BS HE '45—Harriet Pflaum Bernhardt, Port Edwards, WI, Aug. 13, 2011

'46 MA—Phyllis Roberts Bryant, Concord, NH, July 29, 2012

'46—Philip D. O'Donnell, Herkimer, NY, July 23, 2012

'46 DVM—James E. Prier, Blue Bell, PA, August 20, 2012

'46, BArch '48—John R. Siebenthaler, Clearwater, FL, August 29, 2012

'46, BA '45, PhD '65—John Sulich Jr., Johnson City, NY, July 4, 2012

'46, BME '47—George T. Walsh, San Diego, CA, September 12, 2012

'47 BME—Richard C. Coursen, Manlius, NY, May 20, 2012

'47 BME—Robert P. Loeper, Reading, PA, July 16, 2012

- '47 BA—Patrick A. O'Sullivan, Potomac, MD, July 7, 2012  
'47—Eleanor Kraus Palter, Tamarac, FL, April 18, 2011  
'47, BS Ag '46—Stewart H. Parker, Woodland Hills, CA, August 21, 2012  
'47 BA, PhD '51—Mary Harvey Ross, Blacksburg, VA, July 6, 2012  
'47 BCE—Donald H. Sauer, Middlebury, VT, August 1, 2012  
'47 BA—Robert G. Simon, Pelham, NY, September 12, 2012  
'47 MS—Col. Robert P. Tabb Jr., Tryon, NC, January 27, 2008  
'47, BA '46—Irma Beasley Wink, Bismarck, ND, August 13, 2012
- '48-49 SP Ag—Kenneth J. Barber, Ithaca, NY, August 6, 2010  
'48 MA, PhD '56—Anne Boise Beeler, Greensboro, NC, July 9, 2012  
'48 BA, JD '50—Milton Eisenberg, Washington, DC, December 22, 2011  
'48, BA '50—Janet Clark Jensen, Sleepy Hollow, NY, August 1, 2012  
'48 B Chem E—Hugh L. Myers, Media, PA, May 8, 2012  
'48—Leonard C. Price Jr., Howell, MI, August 20, 2012  
'48, BEE '50—Walter Z. Seldon, Lone Tree, CO, July 7, 2011  
'48 BME—Harry J. Tashjian, Minneapolis, MN, July 27, 2012  
'48 BS Nurs—Rosina M. Tucciarone, Tequesta, FL, May 18, 2012  
'48 BS Hotel—Roy Watson, Rochester, MN, September 10, 2012
- '49 BS Hotel—Howard N. Carlson, Springfield, VA, August 25, 2012  
'49-50 GR—Don J. Coon Jr., Aiken, SC, January 6, 2007  
'49 BCE—Matthew J. Cummings, Merrimack, NH, September 6, 2012  
'49 MS, PhD '50—Stewart L. Dallyn, Kaslo, BC, Canada, Oct. 18, 2009  
'49 BEE—Edwin M. Greenthal, Greenwich, CT, August 10, 2012  
'49—Esther Evans Hackney, Fairbanks, AK, July 18, 2012  
'49 B Chem E—Herbert A. Hand, Houston, TX, August 8, 2012  
'49 BS Ag—David Hardie, Ithaca, NY, July 10, 2012  
'49—Joan Dickey Hardie, Ithaca, NY, July 2, 2012  
'49 MS Ag, PhD '50—Brian How, Ithaca, NY, June 26, 2012  
'49-55 GR—James L. Kline, Brookside, NJ, June 24, 2008  
'49 MEd—Harriet Hebranson Kuster, Spartanburg, SC, Feb. 19, 2008  
'49 BME—Frank J. Matte, Beverly Hills, MI, July 7, 2012  
'49 MCE, PhD '52—Robert B. McCalley Jr., Schenectady, NY, Aug. 8, 2012  
'49 BS Ag—Douglas L. Murray, Watertown, NY, August 1, 2012  
'49 BS ORIE—Walter F. Podgorski, Germantown, TN, August 18, 2012  
'49 MEd—Georgiana Sheldon Sharp, Arlington, VA, July 17, 2012  
'49 BCE—William Wade, Sebastian, FL, August 25, 2012  
'49 PhD—W. John R. Woodley, Mercer Island, WA, July 16, 2007
- 1950s**
- '50 BS HE—Isabelle Cascarella Batterman, Rome, NY, August 29, 2012  
'50, BS Ag '51, MS Ag '52—Paul F. Connor, Schodack, NY, Sept. 5, 2012  
'50 BS ILR—Alan J. Cook, Brookfield, CT, July 16, 2012  
'50 BS ORIE—John F. Craig Jr., Basking Ridge, NJ, September 1, 2012  
'50 BEE—Edward V. Diercks, Natick, MA, August 17, 2012  
'50 MS, PhD '52—Edward O. Eaton, Enosburg Falls, VT, July 11, 2012  
'50 MA—Eleanor M. Elwyn, Honolulu, HI, December 25, 2010  
'50 BS Ag—Florence Myer Graham, Boyceville, WI, August 28, 2012  
'50 BS Nurs—Nancy Gault Linton, Washington, DC, April 28, 2011  
'50 BME—Joseph F. Morrow Jr., South Pasadena, CA, April 1, 2007  
'50 BA, MD '57—Lawrence Scherr, Port Washington, NY, Sept. 6, 2012  
'50 MA—Jacob Shuel, Boynton Beach, FL, November 10, 2008  
'50 MS—Mary Moyer Stevens, Rockford, IL, August 13, 2012  
'50 MA—Neil K. Van Allen, Rochester Hills, MI, December 31, 2011
- '51, BME '52—James R. Baum, Scottsdale, AZ, July 12, 2012  
'51, BCE '52—Richard E. Chittenden, Ventura, CA, August 2, 2012  
'51 BS Hotel—William S. Coley Jr., Tucson, AZ, June 7, 2012  
'51 DVM—Charles P. Gandal, Trappe, MD, July 2, 2012  
'51 BA—Frank Gilbert, Savannah, GA, July 7, 2012  
'51, BS Ag '52—Donald C. Huntington, Cooperstown, NY, Aug. 17, 2012  
'51, B Chem E '52—George J. Mehler, Anacortes, WA, June 28, 2012  
'51, B Chem E '52—Robert W. Murphy, Reno, OH, July 9, 2012  
'51 BS Ag—John H. Pedersen, Lakewood, IL, August 21, 2012  
'51—Jonathan C. Webber, Winchester, TN, August 29, 2012
- '52 MA, PhD '56—Jay B. Angevine Jr., Tucson, AZ, October 18, 2011  
'52—Richard M. Bohall, Randolph, NY, November 12, 2007  
'52—William E. Harris, Racine, WI, August 6, 2012  
'52 MS ILR—Bernie B. Lucas Jr., Roswell, GA, September 14, 2011
- '52 DVM—John B. McCarthy, Easton, MD, July 4, 2012  
'52, B Chem E '53—Arthur W. Mellen III, Naples, FL, July 11, 2012  
'52-53 GR—Yachiyo Motouchi, Tokyo, Japan, November 1, 2011  
'52 MS Ag—Geoffrey E. Plunkett Jr., Middlebury, VT, June 26, 2012  
'52 MS Aero—William E. Smith, San Pedro, CA, September 7, 2012  
'52 BS Hotel—Richard P. Starke, Hampden, ME, July 7, 2011  
'52 BEE—William M. Teegarden, Endwell, NY, August 5, 2012  
'52 DVM—Everett W. Vreeland, Lakeville, CT, September 5, 2012
- '53 BA—Margaret Barden Cline, Keene, NH, June 8, 2012  
'53 BA—Stephen R. Franken, Sherman Oaks, CA, August 24, 2012  
'53-54 GR—Albert M. Higley Jr., Chagrin Falls, OH, July 3, 2012  
'53—David S. Reed, Venice, FL, July 12, 2012  
'53 MA—Jean Schreck Schofield, Fort Walton Beach, FL, July 16, 2012  
'53, BEE '52—Cameron H. Smith, Bethlehem, PA, January 3, 2010  
'53, BME '54—Ingvar E. Tornberg, Sarasota, FL, July 7, 2012  
'53 BS Nurs—Anne Hunter Willis, Toms River, NJ, March 30, 2009
- '54 BS HE—Marilyn Hunter Bair, Park Rapids, MN, June 25, 2012  
'54, BCE '55—Howard I. Emery Jr., University Park, FL, August 13, 2012  
'54—Dennis R. Filippone, Lebanon, NJ, July 27, 2009  
'54—Myrna Seicol Fishman, Bloomfield, CT, August 6, 2012  
'54 PhD—A. William Jasper, Tehachapi, CA, June 7, 2012  
'54 MD—Melvin J. King, Attleboro, MA, August 6, 2012  
'54 MD—Herbert A. Kroeze Jr., Madison, MS, June 10, 2012  
'54, BA '56—Alexander Pirnie, Hilton, NY, July 24, 2012  
'54 BA—Joseph M. Quigley, Naples, FL, June 2, 2012  
'54 PhD—Robert Van Niel, Honolulu, HI, November 23, 2011
- '55 BA—Joanne Burford Brown, Silver Bay, NY, July 30, 2012  
'55 BS Hotel—Capt. Carroll E. Dubuc, Falls Church, VA, August 19, 2012  
'55 MS, PhD '57—Douglas E. Hogue, Ithaca, NY, July 25, 2012  
'55—Nelson B. Lee Jr., Bridgewater, VT, September 6, 2012  
'55 BS Hotel—Joseph P. Simon Jr., Beach Haven, NJ, July 1, 2012  
'55 BA—Joan Steiner Stone, Camarillo, CA, August 10, 2012
- '56 BA—Mona Powers Case, Albion, IN, July 28, 2012  
'56, BArch '57—John L. Dollard, Oaxaca, Mexico, June 22, 2012  
'56 MILR—Sigmund C. Giambruno, Lima, OH, July 7, 2012  
'56 BA—Herbert H. Joseph, Silver Spring, MD, August 1, 2011  
'56 BA—Leila Hutchins Phipps, Stowe, VT, August 29, 2012  
'56 BA—Janice Hughes Smith, Harvard, MA, February 7, 2008  
'56 BS Ag—Eugene C. Speckmann, East Aurora, NY, May 16, 2012  
'56, B Chem E '62, MBA '64—Peter G. Stauffer, Concord, NC, July 25, 2012  
'56 PhD—Benno P. Warkentin, Corvallis, OR, July 21, 2012
- '57 MD—Helen Carter Abel, Elizabeth, NJ, June 25, 2011  
'57 GR—William L. Adikes, Northport, NY, August 19, 2012  
'57 PhD—Donald J. Horvath, Mount Morris, PA, August 8, 2011  
'57 PhD—Franz C. Jahoda, Santa Fe, NM, June 21, 2012  
'57 PhD—Jack L. Kostyo, Ann Arbor, MI, April 1, 2007  
'57 BS Ag—Joseph A. Manganello Jr., Briarcliff Manor, NY, Aug. 5, 2012  
'57—Ronald L. March, Alden, NY, June 28, 2012  
'57—Harry Smetana Jr., Olyphant, PA, April 15, 2012  
'57-59 SP Ag—Laurence E. Snyder, Hammondsport, NY, Oct. 29, 2008  
'57—Edward H. Stiles, Cortland, NY, September 24, 2009  
'57, B Chem E '58—C. Richard Tevebaugh, Woodbridge, CT, July 19, 2012  
'57 BS HE—Joan Gerring Warriner, Mechanicsville, VA, August 30, 2012  
'57 BA—Grace Wohlner Weinstein, Virginia Beach, VA, August 8, 2012  
'57 MD—Capt. Lawrence J. Werner, Smithtown, NY, July 19, 2012
- '58 BS Hotel—Richard J. Aschwanden, Carthage, MO, May 3, 2012  
'58 BA—Phyllis Levine Cotton, Miami, FL, August 14, 2012  
'58—Peter Hartley, Parker, CO, November 28, 2010  
'58 BA—Sidney J. Heller, Boca Raton, FL, August 17, 2012  
'58 BS Hotel—Emilio Rios, San Juan, PR, February 4, 2011  
'58 LLB—John A. Rocray, Brattleboro, VT, August 18, 2012  
'58—Tom F. Stouten, East Northport, NY, August 30, 2012  
'58 BS ILR—William L. Varley, Norman, OK, August 26, 2012
- '59 BS Ag—Stephen D. Browne, Berne, NY, July 24, 2012



'59 PhD—Jack E. Cermak, Fort Collins, CO, August 21, 2012  
 '59 MBA—Alexander J. Eucare Sr., District Heights, MD, May 18, 2012  
 '59-60 GR—Joan Platt Fort, Ulysses, KS, November 23, 2009  
 '59 MS—John Graham, Evans, GA, June 26, 2012  
 '59 MNS—Elizabeth Kerr Martin, Wellesley, MA, June 23, 2012  
 '59 MS HE—Nancy Colburn Tigner, Ithaca, NY, August 14, 2012

### 1960s

'60, BS Hotel '61—Monte J. Bradley, Salisbury, MD, July 2, 2012  
 '60, BS Ag '62, DVM '63—David Covitz, Cheshire, CT, July 21, 2012  
 '60 PhD—Elliott Frauenglass, Newington, CT, June 29, 2012  
 '60, BS Ag '65—David A. Hewes, Spencer, NY, August 25, 2012  
 '60 MS—Erik Kissmeyer-Nielsen, Concord, MA, June 29, 2012  
 '60 MS ILR—Lester N. Trachtman, Potomac, MD, July 20, 2012

'61, BME '62—Donald W. Heppes Jr., River Forest, IL, July 5, 2012  
 '61-62 GR—Charles F. MacDonald Jr., Wells, ME, October 13, 2011  
 '61 BA—Ann Partridge Mitchell, Mitchell, SD, July 20, 2012  
 '61 MA—Donald D. Mordecai, Scarborough, ME, July 23, 2012  
 '61 MEE, PhD '69—William M. Sackinger, Fairbanks, AK, March 18, 2011  
 '61 MS AEP—Mac J. Smith, Montgomery, AL, August 19, 2012  
 '61 MS HE—Andrena Anderson Whalen, Yardley, PA, June 5, 2007

'62-63 GR—Thomas J. Annacone, Yorktown Heights, NY, Jan. 15, 2011  
 '62 EdD—Mark Barlow Jr., Hanover, NH, June 23, 2012  
 '62 BA—Andrew A. Bushko, Wilmington, DE, August 3, 2012  
 '62—Tay B. Khuong, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, January 15, 2012  
 '62, B Chem E '63—David S. Kleger, New York City, September 1, 2012  
 '62 BS Ag—Robert W. Reader, Bloomfield, NY, July 6, 2012  
 '62 PhD—Richard L. Schwoebel, Albuquerque, NM, August 22, 2012  
 '62 BA—Donald P. Shaffer, Skillman, NJ, July 17, 2012

'63-64 GR—Herbert L. Crandall, Bemus Point, NY, August 4, 2012  
 '63 BS ILR—Marc C. Kornfeld, Upper Allen Township, PA, Aug. 5, 2012  
 '63 BS HE—Emily Shimm Sandler, Naples, FL, April 3, 2012

'64, BME '65—Ramon A. Ferro, Glastonbury, CT, June 26, 2012  
 '64 BA—Robert C. Smith, Washington, DC, July 19, 2012

'65, BCE '67—Vicente A. Aragon Jr., Cali, Colombia, July 23, 2012  
 '65, BS ORIE '66—Lloyd A. Bush, South Salem, NY, June 8, 2012  
 '65 BS Ag—James A. Degolyer, Guayaquil, Ecuador, July 6, 2012  
 '65 BA—Joan Petersen Emerson, Gainesville, FL, August 28, 2012  
 '65 MA, PhD '74—Miriam Ball Mittermaier, Etobicoke, ON, July 10, 2010  
 '65-66 GR—Capt. Stephen M. Panko, Michigan City, IN, May 23, 2012  
 '65 BA—Arnold J. Rabinor, Lido Beach, NY, September 6, 2012  
 '65 BS ILR—Marshall P. Salzman, Berkeley, CA, August 7, 2012  
 '65 PhD—Glen C. Todd, Sarasota, FL, September 6, 2012

'66, BS Nurs '67—Elaine Friedmann Barney, Chapel Hill, NC, July 24, 2012  
 '66 BS AEP, PhD '73—David M. Lederman, Marblehead, MA, Aug. 15, 2012  
 '66 BEE, PhD '74—Frederick G. Zappert, San Francisco, CA, July 15, 2012

'67 BEE, MEE '68—Robert W. Bigley, Moorpark, CA, August 12, 2012  
 '67 BS Ag—Carolyn Hoyer Miller, Fairfax Station, VA, January 26, 2012  
 '67—Douglas P. Seholm, Huntsville, TX, September 4, 2012  
 '67 BA—Nemie Tanaka Smith, Columbia, SC, August 25, 2012  
 '67 LLM—Paul F. Weisend, La Verne, CA, July 27, 2012

'68, BArch '70—Thomas E. Reiss, Asheville, NC, July 6, 2012  
 '68 MBA—Eugene W. Rosen, Bridgewater, NJ, July 21, 2012  
 '68 MS ORIE—Harvey M. Salkin, Shaker Heights, OH, August 11, 2012  
 '68 BS HE—Joyce Davis Sand, Boca Raton, FL, July 27, 2012

'69 MArch—Alexander Caragonne, San Antonio, TX, Sept. 12, 2012  
 '69, BA '74, MBA '83—Douglas R. Knowles, Walnut Creek, CA, September 2, 2012  
 '69 BA, PhD '83—Richard Nowogrodzki, Trumansburg, NY, Sept. 2, 2012  
 '69 BA—David L. Pflug, New Canaan, CT, July 3, 2012  
 '69—Newman E. Wait III, Saratoga Springs, NY, August 21, 2012  
 '69, BS Chem E '70—P. Bruce Walker, Annapolis, MD, July 28, 2012

### 1970s

'70 MA, PhD '74—Stanley S. Bedlington, Arlington, VA, Aug. 22, 2012  
 '70, BS Ag '71—Constance Wheeler Chow, Lyons Falls, NY, July 13, 2012  
 '70 BS Ag—Peter D. Hanks, Salem, NY, August 24, 2012  
 '70 BS Chem E—Michael F. Kadlubowski, Staunton, VA, Aug. 25, 2012  
 '70 BA—Thomas P. Loin, Wallingford, CT, August 19, 2012

'71 BA—C. Randall Bupp, Lafayette, CA, July 23, 2012  
 '71 MS—Thomas E. Schmid, Newaygo, MI, December 5, 2010

'72 BA—Kenneth R. Cerny, Morristown, NJ, August 1, 2012  
 '72 PhD—John R. Dixon, Benton, IL, July 20, 2012  
 '72-73 GR—Sturks Taylor, Danville, VA, August 10, 2012

'73 MA—John N. Bilderbeck, Las Cruces, NM, July 18, 2012  
 '73 BA—Lynn H. Darsh, New York City, August 23, 2012  
 '73 BS Ag—Karen A. Knight, Waycross, GA, July 10, 2012  
 '73, BME '74—Robert H. Wilson Jr., Phoenix, AZ, February 5, 2011

'74—Joseph H. Pokorak, Binghamton, NY, August 7, 2012  
 '74 BS Hotel—Michael W. Sansbury, Orlando, FL, August 9, 2012  
 '74 BS Ag—Gayle Y. Singleton, Tuskegee, AL, May 9, 2012

'76 BS Ag—Roger P. Lewis, Miami, FL, July 4, 2012  
 '76 PhD—David M. Woodall, Woodinville, WA, September 3, 2012

'77 BA—Allan J. Michaels, Monessen, PA, June 19, 2012

'78 MD—Edward R. Chelist, Corrales, NM, August 24, 2012  
 '78—Jord W. Poster, Boston, MA, August 1, 2012  
 '78 BA—Jay F. Stark, Canastota, NY, August 26, 2012

'79 BS—Stephen M. Pawlak, Cortland, NY, June 29, 2012

### 1980s

'83 BS Ag, MS '85—Brian J. Dratch, New City, NY, June 28, 2012  
 '85—Florence Deraismes Wiswall, McMinnville, OR, July 9, 2012  
 '87 MFA—Peter H. Liotta, Wakefield, RI, August 31, 2012  
 '87 MBA—Anne Briehl Peterson, Albuquerque, NM, August 24, 2012  
 '88 MS HE, PhD '92—Julie A. Eisele, Clifton Park, NY, July 8, 2012  
 '88, BS HE '92—Bryant Howard, Jamaica, NY, June 30, 2012  
 '88 MPS—Mary E. Phillips, Schenectady, NY, December 12, 2007

### 1990s

'92 MS ILR—Michael G. McGlynn, Morris Plains, NJ, August 2, 2012  
 '95 BME—William E. Berry, Lakewood, WA, August 25, 2012

### 2000s

'05 BS Ag—Daniel P. Lane, Dillon, SC, July 11, 2012

### 2010s

'12 GR—Nicole Marie Fisk, Grand Ledge, MI, July 12, 2012

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## Got Milk?

As the longed-for reopening of the Dairy Plant nears, CU hosts a 'yogurt summit'

For rival sports teams, “cow college” is a handy alliterative epithet for anti-Big Red rabble rousing. But the joke’s on them: Cornell has long been proud of its agricultural bent, from the cider pressed at the Orchards to the blankets made from homegrown wool to the ever-popular recipe for Cornell Chicken Marinade.

In November, the University hosted an event unlikely to unfold in Cambridge or New Haven: a roundtable discussion on the yogurt industry. Held in Clark Hall and streamed online, it featured a dozen participants including dairy industry and retail executives, state officials, and Cornell faculty. New York, as one speaker noted, offers ideal conditions for dairy farming—natural water sources, ample forage, the cool temperatures that bovines favor. Said Patrick Hooker '84 of the Empire State Development Corporation: “It’s a very excellent location for overall cow comfort.”

The event, organized by CALS, was a follow-up to the “yogurt summit” that Governor Andrew Cuomo held in August. And in New York, yogurt is big business: the number of processing plants in the state (twenty-nine) has more than doubled since 2000. The amount of milk turned into yogurt has skyrocketed, from 158 million pounds to 1.2 billion—mostly due to America’s burgeoning yen for Greek-style yogurt, which requires three times as much milk as the conventional type. Currently a \$6 billion-a-year industry in the U.S., Greek yogurt is expected to grow to \$9 billion in the next five years—and panelists denied

that it’s just another food fad. “It’s really a—no pun intended—culture change,” said Cathy Gaffney '89 of Wegmans, the Rochester-based supermarket chain.

The yogurt confab included a stop at the dairy pilot facility in Stocking Hall, where senior extension associate Rob Ralyea, MS '98, offered a tasting of five yogurt incarnations, from conventional to “curdy” (poorly blended) to Greek. Then visitors donned red hard hats and safety goggles for a tour of the dairy plant currently under construction; the project is part of a \$105 million renovation of Stocking Hall, the dairy science building that opened in 1923.

Manager Jason Huck, MS '06, offered a backstage look at the 12,000-square-foot plant, which will process and package milk, ice cream, juice, yogurt, pudding, and more. Its main production floor features floor-to-ceiling windows that look out on Tower Road, plus a gallery where visitors can gaze down on workers tending to the giant steel tanks—design features aimed to strike a balance between accessibility and sanitation. “As an educational facility, our goal is to bring people in,” Huck said. “But as a processing facility, our goal is to keep people out.”

Dairy Store fans, take heart: the shop, closed since mid-2011, is set to reopen sometime between March and May. It will feature more retail space, indoor-outdoor seating, and wi-fi, with a twelve-foot-tall wire milk bottle out front. Store mascots Cornelia and Cal—the fiberglass bovines that were cow-napped in 2006 and eventually returned—will be back, albeit more firmly secured. “They’re in a barn for the winter,” Huck said—precise location, undisclosed.

But more to the point: Cornell’s long ice cream drought is nearing its end. Asked about the ETA of Big Red dairy desserts, Huck flashed the tight smile of the eternally put-upon. “I’m being pressured to have ice cream available for Commencement and Reunion,” he said, “so we’ll have to have at least one flavor.”

Cow country: The Dairy Plant, under construction in Stocking Hall, will begin production in late spring. Inset: Samples offered to visitors during an on-campus yogurt conclave.



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