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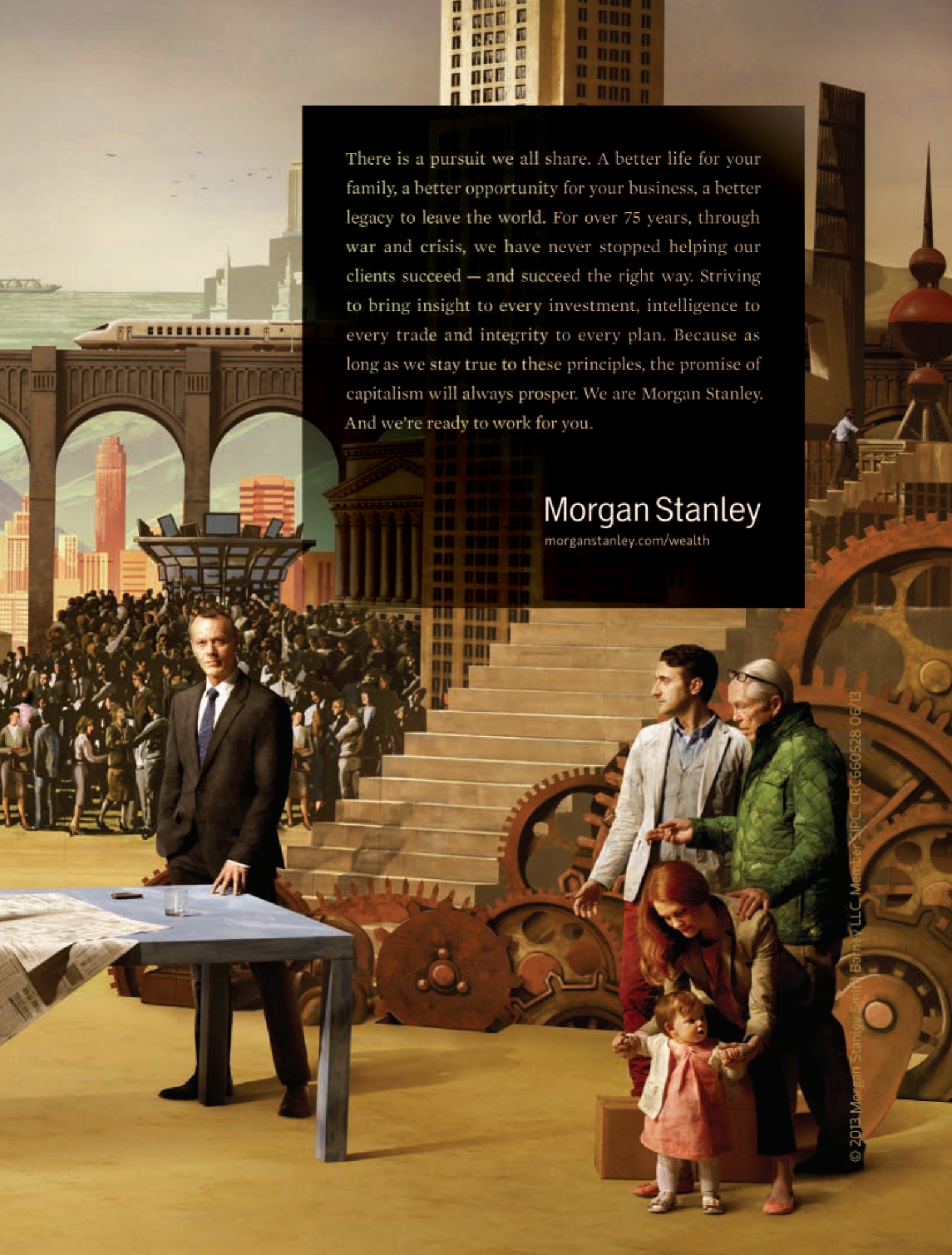
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Glass Menagerie

Film project brings sea creatures to life

Inside:
CU joins MOOC movement
A doctor at the
Boston Marathon



A surreal cityscape with gears, a train, and a man in a suit. The scene is a mix of modern and classical architecture. In the foreground, a man in a dark suit stands behind a table with a newspaper and a glass. To his right, a family (a man, a woman, and a young child) is walking up a set of stone steps. The background features a large crowd of people, a train on an elevated track, and various buildings, including one with a red spire. Large, rusted gears are scattered throughout the scene, symbolizing industry and progress. The overall tone is warm and aspirational.

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42 Forward Into the Past

JIM ROBERTS '71

America has gone mad for MOOCs—the “massive open online courses” that promise to bring higher education to all, regardless of finances or geography. This spring, Cornell announced that it was jumping into the MOOC movement, joining a nonprofit founded by Harvard and MIT to create four initial courses. Despite the potential benefits, though, some on campus and elsewhere are wary—seeing MOOCs as a possible threat to academic quality and professorial careers. CAM speaks to the architects of Cornell’s foray, offering MOOCs 101.

46 Beyond the Sea

BETH SAULNIER

Photographer David Brown '83 was working at the Johnson Museum when he came across a collection of undersea creatures made entirely of glass. As he soon learned, they were a century and a half old, made by German master glassmakers and acquired by A. D. White as teaching specimens—and there were hundreds more on campus or in storage. The discovery inspired Brown, a former videographer for Jacques Cousteau, to team up with a Cornell marine biologist to bring the collection to life. Now, the two are at work on a documentary that pairs the fragility of the glass animals with that of the ocean that begat them.

52 The Amazing Race

BETH SAULNIER

Physician Kathryn Ackerman '94 has long attended the Boston Marathon, often volunteering in the medical tent near the finish line. That’s where she was last Patriot’s Day when two bombs went off, killing three people and injuring dozens. Two and a half weeks after the event, Ackerman talked to CAM about her experiences, the mood in Boston—and her resolve to be back next year. “It was a good feeling to know that when something traumatic happened I was able to act and do the best job I could,” she says. “That part has given me a lot of peace.”

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Cover photograph of David Brown '83 with a Blaschka glass sea cucumber by Robert Barker / UP.

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STEAMBOATING down the *Mississippi*

BY JULIE FEATHERSTONE

After viewing Steven Spielberg's film *Lincoln*, my best friend and I sat through the closing credits discussing the ways in which the Civil War had defined America with the passage of the Thirteenth Amendment outlawing slavery. To my great surprise, that Monday morning I was asked to paddle-wheel the Mississippi with a group of Cornellians as the host of their Southern Culture & Civil War experience.

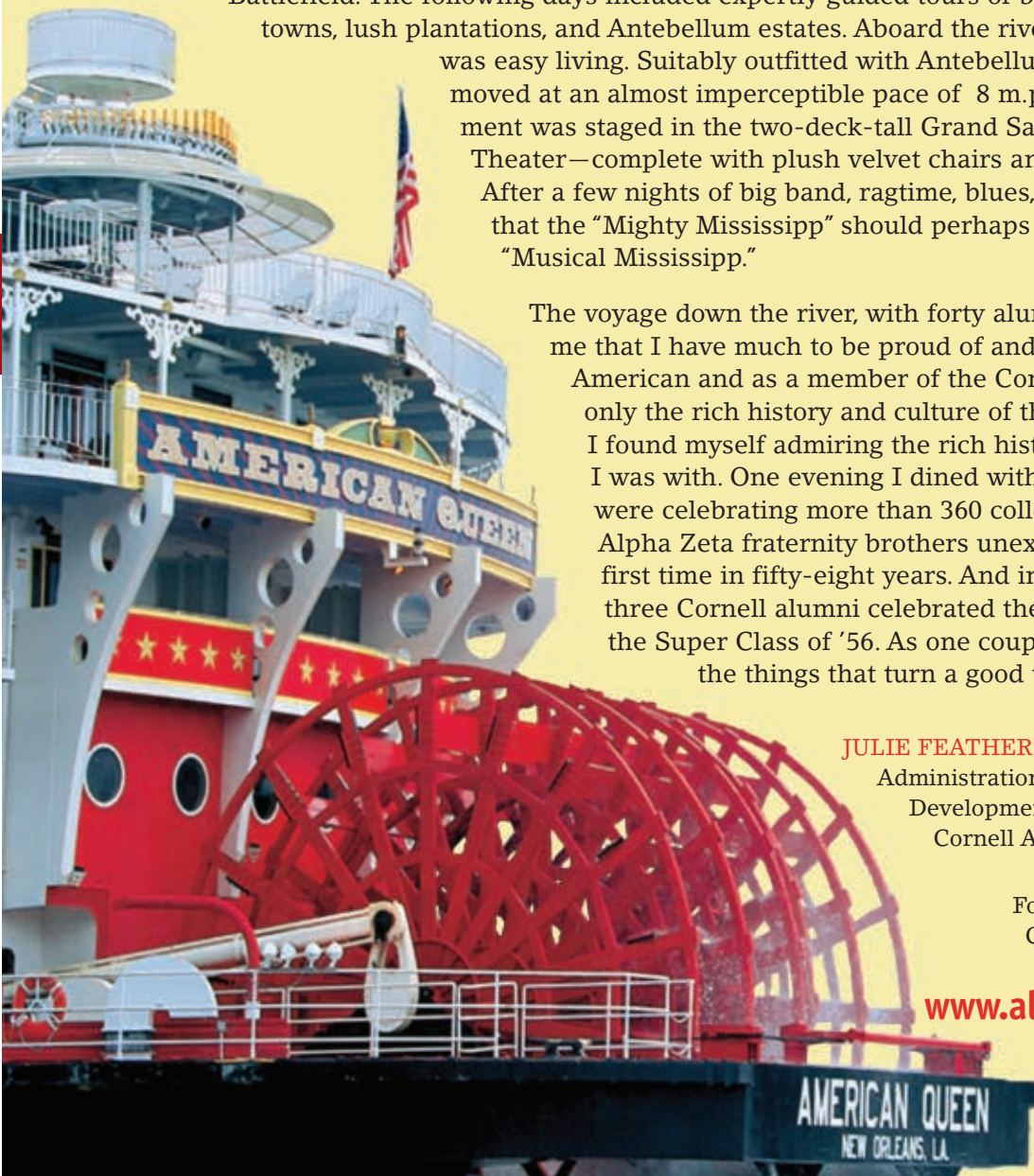
We kicked off our nine-day adventure in Memphis, Tennessee, with a tour of the Shiloh Battlefield. The following days included expertly guided tours of battlefields, quaint river towns, lush plantations, and Antebellum estates. Aboard the riverboat *American Queen* it was easy living. Suitably outfitted with Antebellum décor and antiques, it moved at an almost imperceptible pace of 8 m.p.h. Dinnertime entertainment was staged in the two-deck-tall Grand Salon, modeled after Ford's Theater—complete with plush velvet chairs and overhanging boxes. After a few nights of big band, ragtime, blues, and jazz, I concluded that the "Mighty Mississippi" should perhaps be renamed the "Musical Mississippi."

The voyage down the river, with forty alumni and friends, reminded me that I have much to be proud of and thankful for, both as an American and as a member of the Cornell community. It wasn't only the rich history and culture of the South that captivated me; I found myself admiring the rich history and charm of the people I was with. One evening I dined with seven alumni couples who were celebrating more than 360 collective years of marriage. Two Alpha Zeta fraternity brothers unexpectedly reconnected for the first time in fifty-eight years. And in yet another twist of fate, three Cornell alumni celebrated their connection as members of the Super Class of '56. As one couple later wrote me: "These are the things that turn a good trip into a great trip!"

JULIE FEATHERSTONE, Senior Director of Administration for Alumni Affairs and Development, and recent host for the Cornell Alumni Association Travel Program

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Faculty Renewal: A Critical Priority for Cornell

What is it that makes Cornell so unforgettable? As I listened to alumni at Reunion 2013, it became clear that the University's magic is some combination of outstanding faculty, extraordinary students, wonderful facilities, and opportunities to grow as human beings through activities outside the classroom. Alumni especially remember the professors who awakened an interest, ignited a spark, and set them on their life's path.

By virtually every measure—works published, awards received, students inspired, global challenges addressed—Cornell

tive ECE majors between their freshman and sophomore years.

- In the College of Arts and Sciences, **Ishion Hutchinson**, the Meringoff Sesquicentennial Fellow and an award-winning poet and essayist, teaches courses in creative writing, including the MFA graduate seminar in poetry.

- In the College of Human Ecology, **Nathan Spreng**, the Rebecca and James Morgan Sesquicentennial Fellow, directs the Laboratory of Brain and Cognition. He is investigating the link between autobiography and imagination by examining the dynamics of large-scale brain networks and how they change over the lifespan, as well as teaching students about using functional MRI analysis for human neuroimaging.

- In the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, **Julio Giordano**, the St. John Family Sesquicentennial Fellow in Dairy Cattle Management, translates his research on dairy reproductive physiology and management into courses where students analyze and solve problems observed on commercial dairy farms.

- In the ILR School, **Elena Belogolovsky**, who earned her doctorate in 2001 from Technion-Israel Institute of Technology, is the Ken DiPietro '81 Faculty Fellow and assistant professor of human resource studies. An expert on "pay secrecy" and its implications for organizations, she is helping to guide the development of appropriate pay communication policies through her research.

- Among the new faculty at Weill Cornell Medical College is **Lewis Cantley**, PhD '75, one of the world's top cancer researchers, who in February was named a winner of the inaugural \$3 million Breakthrough Prize in the Life Sciences. Professor Cantley, who came to us from Harvard, is leading efforts to employ precision medicine for cancer diagnosis and treatment as the Margaret and Herman Sokol Professor and director of the newly established Cancer Center at Weill Cornell and NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital.

- Our first professor at Cornell Tech in New York City is **Deborah Estrin**, who is also a professor of public health at the Medical College. She is a pioneer in networked sensing, which uses mobile and wireless systems to collect and analyze real-time data about the physical world and the people who occupy it. She came to Cornell Tech from UCLA to help create a new model for graduate education that removes barriers between research and application.

Over the next decade, with your help, we expect to recruit up to a third of our faculty. This new generation will guide Cornell to leadership in all the major academic areas as well as in selected areas of strategic importance to the University, and they will shape education, research, and the impact that Cornell—and Cornellians—have on the world.

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More examples of recently hired faculty are in the Reunion 2013 State of the University address at www.cornell.edu/president/speeches.



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faculty today are at the top of their game. But, like all of us, they are getting older. A decade ago, roughly 30 percent of the faculty were fifty-five or older. By last fall, more than 43 percent were fifty-five or older, and many of them were past the age of sixty-five.

We are making faculty renewal our first priority as we prepare for the sesquicentennial, and during the past two years we have hired roughly 320 faculty. Some of our new professors are rising stars; others are distinguished scholars who left senior positions elsewhere for the exciting opportunities available at Cornell. All of them are setting Cornell on a course toward an even greater future.

Here's a small sample of those who recently joined us:

- **Eilyan Bitar** is the David Croll '70 Sesquicentennial Faculty Fellow and assistant professor in electrical and computer engineering (ECE). One of his projects explores how to facilitate the deep integration of renewable energy resources like wind and solar into the power grid efficiently and safely—not an easy task, as both the energy sources and the demand for power vary in unpredictable ways. He is bringing undergraduates into his research through a program that offers research opportunities to prospec-



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The Big Picture

All-Alumni Affair

Mostly gray, drizzling skies couldn't dampen the Big Red spirit at Reunion 2013, which brought thousands of Cornellians and guests to the Hill for several days of revelry. Top row (left to right): Lounging on the Slope during a sunny moment; testing out the climbing wall; a future Cornellian shows his colors. Middle row: Fun in



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the Arts Quad tents; chiming in the clocktower; John Clement '38 chats with CAM in Barton Hall. Bottom row: Seth Kestenbaum '93 with the 1929 Model A Ford Phaeton he drove to Ithaca; a Big Red singalong; bashful, with balloons.

Full Reunion coverage will appear in the September/October issue of CAM.



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Celebrating the Sesquicentennial

An emphatic (if unofficial) request from an alumni leader

Richard Levine’s “Farewell Address” (Letter from Ithaca, May/June 2013) struck a sympathetic chord in asking to “strengthen the University by expanding the reach of *Cornell Alumni Magazine*.” At the very least, the University should be pressing to have the sesquicentennial-year editions of CAM mailed to every living alumni. Cornell will be paying special attention and devoting considerable resources to bringing its sesquicentennial celebration to as many alumni as possible. There is no better way to bring our milestone celebration to every alumni doorstep than for the University to expand its financial support of the print edition during its sesquicentennial year.

*Jay Waks '68, JD '71
New York, New York*

Ed. Note: Jay Waks is president of the Cornell Association of Class Officers. The views he has expressed are his own and do not represent the official view of CACO or its board of directors.

A Picture Is Worth ...

Thank you for the mouthwatering photo essay of the “campus as you’ve never seen it,” bathed in the warm light of late afternoon or cloudless or pristine and lovely (“Yesterday, Today—and Tomorrow,” May/June 2013). I’m ready to sign up again—if only I can find sixty grand a year.

*George Ubogy '58
Greenwich, Connecticut*

Thanks to one of my two Cornell brothers (Colin Tait '54), I received the May/June 2013 issue with its dramatic color photographs of classic campus

scenes—none more so than the magnificent memorial apse at the front of Sage Chapel. Readers may be interested to know that Charles Rollinson Lamb, our grandfather, was the creative magician who redesigned the empty apse into its present appearance in 1900. Our grandmother, Ella Condie Lamb, designed the two groups of women—representing the sciences and arts—in the wide mosaic panel at the base, and Frederick Stymetz Lamb, Charles’s brother, created the soaring archangels in iridescent mosaic at the high point of the apse. The work was executed at J. & R. Lamb Studios, founded in New York City in 1857 and long the oldest stained glass studios in the U.S. (It is now located in Wyckoff, New Jersey.)

The overall apse concept reflects Cornell’s early leadership in both nondenominational and coeducation traditions. Thankfully, Cornell has, and appreciates, this true treasure—to continue to be enjoyed by alumni and many others down through the years.

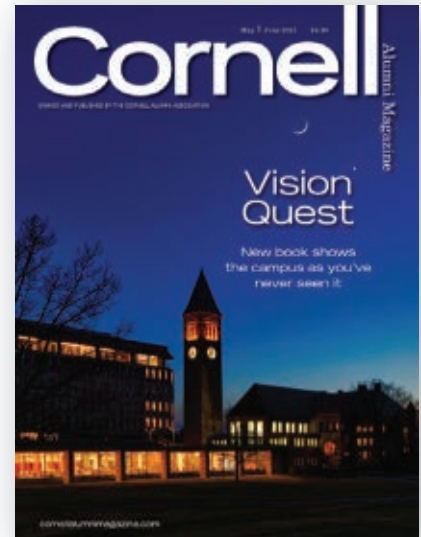
*Barrie Tait Collins
Bethany, Connecticut*

Our feature based on the book Cornell: Tradition, Vision and Inspiration by photographer Alan Nyiri also drew many comments at the CAM website. A sampling:

Wow, I thought I had really appreciated the beauty of the campus during my time there, but these are absolutely awe-inspiring! The techniques are amazing, and they certainly make the already awesome campus into true artwork. Thanks for sharing.

Joan Krajca-Radcliffe '73

Thank you for these wonderful images.



It's always inspiring to see an artist's vision of a familiar place.

Ann Farnsley '62

The beauty of the campus and the gorges still haunts my dreams. I am delighted to share these photos with my three California granddaughters.

Catherine Evans Latta '61

Amazing photos! Damn, I miss the campus and town. Haven't been back in years. My memory fades as time passes, but these photos sparked up some great ones. Thanks!

Myles Clewner '90

The beautiful photographs of Cornell make me homesick. I spent three of the best years of my life there. . . . Thanks for these wonderful photographs.

Brian Hunt, MS Vet '77

Misguided Mission?

Regarding the efforts of Chris Purdy, MPS '93, to promote “family planning” in the developing world (“Where the Rubbers Meet the Road,” *Currents*, May/June 2013), undoubtedly DKT International is well intentioned and the scale of the organization and its reach are impressive accomplishments. Unfortunately, their focus appears to be misguided. While the developing world suffers from many

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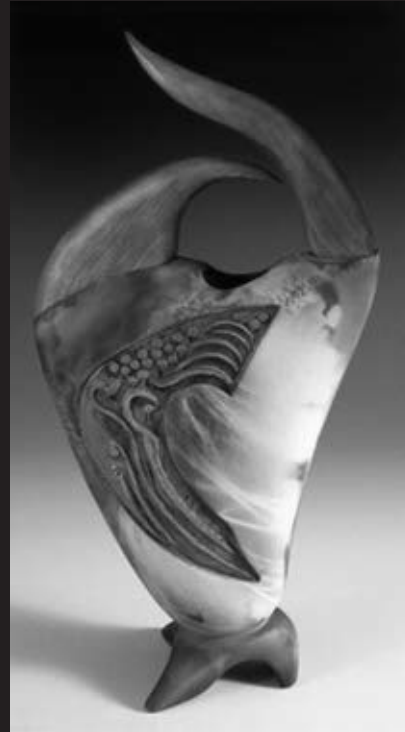
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social injustices and often the economic conditions result in deplorable living conditions, rectifying or trying to reduce their impact through better “marketing” of human sexuality and artificial contraception, as if it were simply another commercial product to be consumed, will only perpetuate exploitation and create toleration for practices that degrade human life and dignity.

I suggest that DKT should instead focus its efforts on promoting social conditions that result in raising human dignity and promoting healthy development—namely education, economic stability, and political freedom founded on a social order in which marriage and fidelity are promoted and committed families are encouraged and seen as the proper environment for sex education. Exploitation, such as that found in a brothel, should be condemned rather than legitimized and endorsed with colorful marketing.

John Wennemann '89
St. Louis, Missouri

Musical Note

I read the article “Music Men” with interest (Cornelliana, May/June 2013). I too was in an *a capella* group, called the Notables, although we did use guitar and kazoo to accompany us. We were composed of a dozen women, and Nell Burrows '69 was our “leader.” We sang on a local radio show (once!) and in fraternity houses, as well as on a month-long USO tour of Venezuela, Guantanamo Bay, and the Caribbean. When we were accepted by the USO, I remember asking my Mom if I should go, because it would mean losing a month of school. She wisely said, “Go. You’ll never forget the experience.” How right she was—and I’m sure my fellow Notables would agree. It’s a wonderful memory.

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From the Hill



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University Celebrates 145th Commencement

Thirty-six hundred undergraduates received their degrees at Cornell's 145th Commencement in May—along with 1,700 master's and doctoral candidates, 276 future lawyers, 513 MBAs, and eighty-nine veterinarians. President David Skorton addressed graduates in Schoellkopf Stadium under sunny skies, albeit with a brisk, Ithaca-esque chill in the air. "As Cornell graduates, you bring formidable talents, experiences, and intellect to whatever you set out to do," he told them. "Now you need to match that with optimism, focus, and effort."

The previous day, more than 11,500 people attended the Convocation address, given by Newark, New Jersey, mayor Cory

Booker. Booker, an up-and-coming politician who declared his candidacy for the U.S. Senate shortly after his visit to campus, talked about his unconventional methods to advocate for Newark, including a hunger strike to raise awareness of inner-city crime and a high-profile war of words with Conan O'Brien after the TV host disparaged his city. "Your generation will be determined by how you come together as lovers—lovers of peace, lovers of justice," Booker said. "The fires that must be burning are the fires of love and justice, the fires of our hearts and our compassion, the little fires of individual actions that every day add up to an inferno of change."

Jumping for JD: Law grads Patricia Ciccone (left) and Marihug Cedeño '07 celebrate Convocation.

Senior Lost on Lake Days Before Graduation

After disappearing during a Senior Week camping trip on the shores of Cayuga Lake, a member of the Class of '13 is presumed dead. Twenty-two-year-old Christopher Dennis had gone canoeing alone at night; his boat was found overturned on the lake the following day. Hundreds of volunteers from campus and beyond searched the area for days afterward, finding no sign of Dennis. President Skorton noted his absence during Commencement—as has become tradition, the ceremony featured an empty chair to symbolize classmates lost during students' time on the Hill—and the family held a service of remembrance at Taughannock Falls State Park that Monday, Memorial Day. A CALS student and Ithaca native, Dennis was part of an extended Cornellian family that included his grandparents, parents, and older brother, Oscar-nominated war documentarian Danfung Dennis '04.

Cornellians also mourned the loss of two other students at the semester's end: Zachary Wilson, twenty-three, an undergraduate on leave, and Kyle Wecker, thirty, a grad student in electrical and computer engineering. Both died in Ithaca of undisclosed causes.

'Cornell Now!' Campaign Hits \$4 Billion in Gifts

The "Cornell Now!" fundraising campaign has topped \$4 billion, the University announced in late April—noting that it's only the fourth time an institution of higher learning has achieved that milestone. Publicly launched in 2006, the campaign has a goal of \$4.75 billion by the University's sesquicentennial in 2015. So far, the effort—which includes the Medical College's \$1.3 billion "Discoveries that Make a Difference" campaign—has received more than 617,000 gifts from some 155,000 alumni, parents, and friends. Says President Skorton: "Beginning with Ezra Cornell's founding gift in 1865, philanthropy has been the bedrock of the University, and gifts of all amounts continue to sustain and advance every part of this university's mission."

Gorge Bridge Fences Give Way to Safety Nets

The temporary fencing that was put up on seven campus bridges following a series of student suicides in spring 2010 is coming down—restoring much-beloved views of Ithaca's gorges. After a lengthy design and discussion process in which the Cornell community struggled to balance safety and aesthetics, the University installed steel mesh nets under six of the bridges; the seventh, the Suspension Bridge, will be wrapped in a mesh "sock." All the bridges will have a system of security cameras, allowing Cornell Police to respond to disturbances. The work is expected to be completed by August 1.

Klarman Hall Breaks Ground

In May the University broke ground on Klarman Hall, a new building to be connected to the back of Goldwin Smith on the east end of the Arts Quad. Named for benefactors Seth Klarman '79 and his wife, Beth, the \$61 million project is the first new humanities building on central campus since 1905. Designed by the Boston-based architects behind the new Physical Sciences Building across East Avenue, it will feature 33,250 square feet of space including a large glass atrium, offices, classrooms, a 350-seat auditorium, and a café. With sustainable elements including a green roof, it's expected to receive LEED Platinum status.

Give My Regards To...

These Cornellians in the News

Weill Cornell cancer researcher **Lewis Cantley, PhD '75**, winner of an inaugural Breakthrough Prize in Life Sciences. The award carries a \$3 million cash prize.

Daniel Werfel '93, named acting commissioner of the Internal Revenue Service. He has been controller of the Office of Federal Financial Management since 2009.

ILR student **Simon Boehme '14** and international agriculture and rural development major **Samuel Ritholtz '14**, named Truman Scholars. The awards provide \$30,000 for graduate study to students planning careers in public service.

Environmental Health and Safety emergency manager **Dan Maas '87**, named Collegiate EMS Adviser of the Year by the National Collegiate Emergency Medical Services Foundation.

CALS students **Jon Carter Loftus '14** and **Devin McMahon '14**, winners of Goldwater Scholarships. The awards provide \$7,500 for educational expenses to students who plan careers in the natural sciences, math, or engineering.

MBA student **Nick Nickitas**, whose company, Rosie Applications Inc., won the \$200,000 grand prize at the Center-State CEO Startup Labs Syracuse competition in April. According to Nickitas, the firm "provides online and mobile predictive shopping applications to the retail sector."

Computer science professors **Juris Hartmanis** and **Eva Tardos**, elected to the National Academy of Sciences.

Cornell University, winner of a Work Life Legacy Military Award from the Families and Work Institute for its success in recruiting and supporting veterans as employees.

Professors **Kenneth Kemphues** (genetics), **John Lis** (molecular biology and genetics), and **Sandra Vehrencamp, PhD '76**, (neurobiology and behavior), elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

The **Cornell Baja SAE Racing Team**, which took first place at an international competition held at Tennessee Tech in April, beating a field of a hundred entrants.

Professors **Brian Crane** (chemistry and chemical biology), **Gary Evans** (human ecology), and **Natalie Mahowald** (atmospheric sciences), winners of Guggenheim Fellowships.

Biotech researcher and entrepreneur **Jonas Korlach, PhD '03**, named a "Champion for Change" by the White House for his work in developing a novel DNA sequencing method.

Neurologist **Kathleen Foley, MD '69**, a professor at the Medical College, winner of the Medal of Honor from the American Cancer Society, its top award.



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Centennial celebration: At Commencement, Olivia Lee '13 received a degree from the College of Human Ecology—100 years after her great-grandfather, Kung Sam Lee from Canton, China, graduated with a degree in civil engineering.

Hirsh Named Computing and Information Science Dean

The chair of computer science at Rutgers has been named Cornell's dean of Computing and Information Science. Haym Hirsh succeeds Dan Huttenlocher—now founding dean of Cornell Tech—in leading the college-level unit, which comprises three departments and more than eighty affiliated faculty. Hirsh holds an undergrad degree from UCLA and a PhD from Stanford; his résumé includes the directorship of the NSF's Division of Information and Intelligent Systems.

Phi Kappa Psi Suspended on Hazing Charges

Another fraternity has been suspended for alleged hazing violations. As of mid-April, Phi Kappa Psi was placed on interim suspension following "credible allegations of serious hazing," the University announced. A fraternity on such status cannot engage in any activity other than its residential operations.

R&D

More information on campus research is available at www.news.cornell.edu

The deadly viral hemorrhagic septicemia virus (VHSV) is typically detected among fish by testing internal organs, a method that kills thousands of animals. Grad student Emily Cornwell has found VHSV in fin and gill tissues, which can be tested through non-lethal biopsies.

Food scientist Syed Rizvi has developed a way to puff rice using supercritical carbon dioxide that keeps temperatures low enough to preserve micronutrients. The method will allow the rice to be fortified with vitamins and minerals, and for producers to salvage broken grains normally fed to animals.

Facebook isn't just a time-waster; according to communication professor Jeff Hancock, it can be a "psychologically meaningful activity that supplies a sense of well-being at a relatively deep level." He and a former student found that people get an ego boost by viewing their profiles.

Vet professor Joseph Wakshlag, DVM '98, PhD '05, and colleagues have found that sniffer dogs are better at detecting drugs and explosives when they eat more fat and less protein. The work, funded by a \$1 million grant from the Department of Justice, shows that dietary changes can increase the dogs' accuracy to more than 90 percent.

In contrast to the idea that youngsters simply absorb whatever information they're given, child development professor Tamar Kushnir has found that preschoolers can choose "experts." After watching people perform tasks like repairing toys, the children appropriately decided whom to ask for help.

According to music professor Roger Moseley, one of Beethoven's works—the Piano Sonata in E flat, Opus 31, No. 3—was designed to show audiences what it's like to go deaf, as the composer was when he wrote it.

By drastically reducing land use compared to what's required to support an omnivorous diet, ovo-lacto vegetarianism can cut global warming, finds Christine Costello, a postdoc in ecology and environmental biology.

In a study of college-age women, developmental psychology grad student Zhana Vrangalova found that those judged as promiscuous by their female peers are more likely to be rejected as friends.

Cornell chemists have designed a new polymer that can quickly and safely detect even trace amounts of RDX, a key ingredient in many improvised explosive devices.

While exercise can help cancer survivors feel in control of their health, dietary recommendations can backfire. According to extension associate Mary Maley, MS '06, "It makes them think, Everyone is telling me what I put in my mouth is either going to save me or kill me."

According to a study by human development professors Anthony Ong and Anthony Burrow, Asian Americans experience significant amounts of everyday prejudice, known as racial microaggressions. Examples include being asked where they were born and being told they speak good English.

Cornell's Personal Robotics Lab has designed a robot that can anticipate human actions and behave accordingly, such as opening a refrigerator door for a person carrying an object toward it.

Using GPS data and analysis of surface cracks, a team led by earth and atmospheric sciences professor Rick Allmendinger '75 has created a million-year record of earthquakes in northern Chile, one of the planet's most quake-prone regions.

Room With a View: *Serenity for Margie* is among the dramatic Ithaca-area scenes on display at the Johnson Museum in an exhibit of paintings and drawings by Alice Dalton Brown '62. The show, entitled "Summer Breeze," runs through mid-August.



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New A. D. White Professors Include Expert on Cheetahs

The University has welcomed five new A. D. White Professors-at-Large, to serve through June 2019. They are theoretical physicist Nima Arkani-Hamed, a winner of the \$3 million Fundamental Physics Prize; evolutionary biologist David Hillis, a MacArthur "genius" grantee; cheetah expert Laurie Marker, a Smithsonian research fellow and founder of a successful captive breeding program; *New York Times* environmental reporter Andrew Revkin, winner of a Guggenheim Fellowship; and Duncan Watts, PhD '97, an expert on network theory whose books include *Six Degrees* and *Small Worlds*. White Professors make two weeklong visits to campus each year, giving talks and meeting with students and faculty in informal settings.

Gift Names Tech Institute

Qualcomm founding chairman and CEO emeritus Irwin Jacobs '54 and his wife, Joan Klein Jacobs '54, have given \$133 million to endow an institute at Cornell Tech. The Joan and Irwin Jacobs Technion-Cornell Innovation Institute is a joint effort between the University and the Technion-Israel Institute of Technology. It will offer two-year dual master's degree programs on the New York City campus, to be located on Roosevelt Island. Longtime philanthropists, the Jacobses have given numerous major gifts to both institutions. At Cornell, they have endowed fellowships, scholarships, and a professorship in the Engineering college. They were elected Presidential Councilors in 2005.

Law Dean to Step Down

Law School dean Stewart Schwab has announced that he'll step down in June 2014. On the faculty since 1983, Schwab assumed the deanship in 2004, serving two terms. During his tenure, the school launched its first major renovation project in twenty-five years, marked the most successful fundraising year in its history (2012), and expanded its business law curriculum, among other accomplishments. Schwab will return to the faculty after a one-year sabbatical. A national search for his successor is under way.

Veteran Columnist S. Miller Harris '43 Dies at 91

Cornell lost one of its most dedicated alumni—and CAM one of its most loyal friends—when S. Miller Harris '43 passed away in June at age ninety-one. His death, at home in Spinnerstown, Pennsylvania, came during his class's 70th Reunion—an event he'd helped organize but was unable to attend due to ill health. A longtime garment industry executive, Harris oversaw several dress shirt companies, including Eagle Shirtmakers and Gant; at the time of his death he was still active with Spinnerstown Shuttle, the firm he'd founded three decades earlier after one of several failed attempts at retirement.



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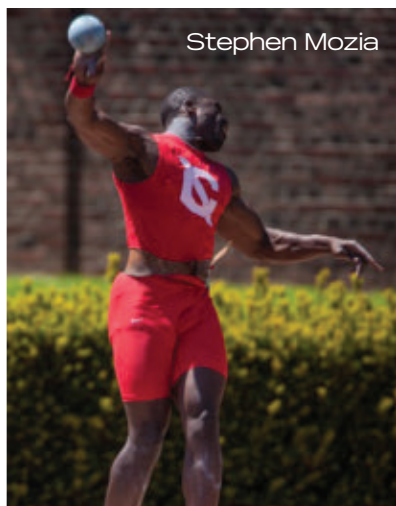
An English major on the Hill, Harris was an aspiring journalist who served as editor-in-chief of the *Daily Sun*. (As he once recalled, with typical candor: "I worked my ass off for that paper.") After service in World War II, he turned down an ill-paying instructorship in English at Cornell to join the family shirt business. Among his favorite pastimes was cooking, an avocation he took to with relish in the early Eighties. Harris wrote the Class of '43 column in CAM on and off for more than sixty years; he became class president in 2004, a post he held until his death. His devotion earned him the Bill Vanneman '31 Outstanding Class Leader Award, one of Cornell's highest honors for alumni service. He is survived by his wife of more than seventy years, Mary Louise Snellenburg Harris '45, four children, nine grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Sports Shorts

CHAMPS AGAIN The track and field teams continued their history of postseason success as the women captured their second consecutive Heps title and the men won the IC4A meet for the first time since 1951. The women had clinched their 14th Ivy championship before the final event was even run and outdistanced second-place Columbia by 24 points. **Victoria Imbesi '13** led the way, winning both the javelin and shot put to earn co-field MVP honors. The men's team was second at the Heps and then returned to the same track at Princeton a week later to finish atop the 44-team field at the IC4As, which also serve as the ECAC championships. Cornell did much of its damage in the field events, with **Stephen Mozia '15** winning the shot put, **Robert Robbins '16** taking the javelin, and **Steven Bell '14** finishing first in the long jump.



Victoria Imbesi



Stephen Mozia

ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS

OVERTIME The United States Polo Association intercollegiate women's championship match went to a shootout for the first



Rob Pannell '12 Named Nation's Top Lacrosse Player

When Rob Pannell '12 broke his foot in the second game of the 2012 lacrosse season, he didn't want that to be the end of his Cornell career. He just wasn't done. Granted a fifth year of eligibility by the Ivy League, Pannell made the most of it, leading the Big Red to a 14-4 record, the regular-season Ivy title, and a spot in the NCAA tournament. Cornell then trounced both Maryland and Ohio State to advance to the Final Four. Although the team lost a 16-14 heart-breaker to eventual champion Duke in the semifinal, Pannell notched five goals and two assists in the game to move to the top of the NCAA career points list with 354. A week later, he was named the winner of the Tewaaraton Trophy as the nation's most outstanding men's college lacrosse player.

Pannell is the second Cornelian so honored, along with his friend and former teammate Max Seibald '09. After receiving the trophy at a ceremony in Washington, D.C., Pannell said, "This award really belongs to my team, especially the senior class. It speaks volumes about the great team we had this year and the success that we had." Not one to rest on his laurels, Pannell made his professional debut on May 31, joining Seibald as a member of the New York Lizards. He had three goals and an assist in a 14-12 loss to the Charlotte Hounds and was named Rookie of the Week by Major League Lacrosse.

time ever, and Cornell came out on the losing side of history to the University of Virginia. The Big Red jumped to an early 5-1 lead, but UVA chipped away and tied the score at 9-9 with 30 seconds left, forcing the shootout. This was the third straight year that Cornell had faced Virginia in the national finals.

WINDJAMMERS The women's sailing club beat long odds to take third place at the 2013 Intercollegiate Sailing Association championships in St. Petersburg, Florida. Competing against a mix of varsity and club programs, the squad earned a spot in the finals by topping an 18-team semi-final field to advance. In the finals,

Cornell edged Boston College and Stanford by a point in the final race, as the Big Red boat, sailed by **Jenny Borshoff '15** and **Devon Furlong '14**, finished just ahead of BC for a critical two-point swing.

EQUINE HONORS By placing second in the Open Flat class at the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association National Championships, **Meridith Meyer '16** matched Cornell's best individual equestrian national finish. She is only the second Big Red rider to earn reserve champion honors in the event, joining **Gillian Pech '05**, who was runner-up in the 2003 individual novice class. The equestrian team won its first Ivy League title since 2009, its sixth overall.



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Spring Teams Final Records

Baseball	23-17; 11-9 Ivy (T-2nd, Gehrig Div.)
Men's Lacrosse	14-4; 6-0 Ivy (1st)
Women's Lacrosse	10-6; 4-3 Ivy (4th)
Men's Polo	11-3
Women's Polo	15-2
Varsity Hvywt. Rowing	4-4

J.V. Hvywt. Rowing	4-5
Fr. Hvywt. Rowing	3-0
Varsity Ltwt. Rowing	3-3
J.V. Ltwt. Rowing	5-1
Fr. Ltwt. Rowing	3-2
Women's Varsity Rowing	1-6
Women's J.V. Rowing	3-5
Softball	21-29; 8-12 Ivy (T-3rd, South Div.)
Men's Tennis	14-8; 3-4 Ivy (T-5th)
Women's Tennis	14-4; 3-4 Ivy (5th)

Soccer by the Numbers

New book applies analytics to
'the beautiful game'

Early in 2011, Cornell government professor Chris Anderson was watching soccer on TV with his friend David Sally, a former Johnson School professor now teaching at the Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth. Sally was puzzled by the long throw-ins made by a player on an English Premier League team. He asked Anderson, a German native and former semi-pro goalkeeper, why Rory DeLap of Stoke City kept making such lengthy tosses when no one else seemed to do it. Anderson tried to explain, showing how it made sense given Stoke City's personnel and playing style. Sally wasn't convinced. As the two bantered, it became obvious that there was no easy answer.

Anderson and Sally tell the story in their new book, *The Numbers Game: Why Everything You Know About Soccer Is Wrong*. The Stoke City conversation started them down the road toward an investigation of analytics in soccer (or, as the rest of the world knows it, football). The best-known application of analytics to sports has been in baseball, as chronicled by Michael Lewis in *Moneyball*. As Lewis explained in the book, the use of statistical analysis that went far beyond batting averages and ERAs was at first ignored by the baseball establishment. They knew what they knew, and



no number-cruncher was going to tell them otherwise. But then Billy Beane, the iconoclastic general manager of the Oakland A's, used the methods of the so-called "sabermetricians" (a name derived from the Society of American Baseball Research) to build a winning team on a minimal budget. Pretty soon, almost everybody in the game was paying attention.

Anderson, a political economist, and Sally, an expert on social interaction and behavioral game theory, were the ideal team to apply statistical analysis to a game

that seemed to defy it. Soccer was just too random, many said—scoring goals was as much a matter of luck as skill. And then there was the beauty factor. Soccer is often called "the beautiful game," and its adherents are as much impressed by a flowing sequence of passes that fails to score as they are by a quirky bounce that puts the ball in the goal—maybe more so. Getting the game's establishment to look at charts that seemed to question the value of taking more shots than the opponent wasn't going to be easy.

Undaunted, Anderson and Sally plugged away at the numbers. Their book has a wealth of statistical information, but is enlivened by anecdotes about players, coaches, and team owners—not all of them flattering. The chapters examining the role of professional managers—"subjects of some of the most intense hero worship in the modern world"—are especially entertaining. The authors scrutinize these supposedly all-important team leaders and come to the conclusion that managers are "responsible for only 15 percent of their club's fortunes." That could be disconcerting to the owners of Chelsea of the Premier League, who recently signed manager José Mourinho ("The Special One") to a four-year contract worth a reported £40 million.

Response to the book has been "kind of funny," Anderson says. Many fans have been enthusiastic, but the game's establishment—much like baseball's front offices—has been slow to adopt the statistical methods it espouses. "There are some people who are trying to do it, but they're not getting a lot of support from above," Anderson says. "And then there are people on the other side, just like in baseball, who don't believe there's value in it. *I don't need some pinhead from Cornell telling me this stuff.* It's kind of like *Moneyball* all over again."

If so, then Anderson and Sally just need to be patient. *The Numbers Game* has received a ringing endorsement from Billy Beane, who called it a "must read" and said it will "change the way you think about your favorite team or player, and change the way you watch the beautiful game." While the Europeans may be resistant, Anderson thinks that analytics could have a stronger impact in the U.S. "In the States, there's more comfort in talking about the game this way, because we don't have the same kind of venerated tradition. There are no sacred cows in the same way that there are in Europe." And you never know—someday an obscure American soccer executive may see himself portrayed on the big screen by Brad Pitt.

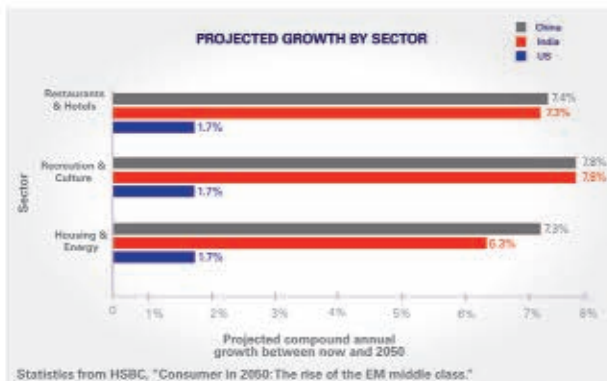
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Way Over Yonder in a Minor Key

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by William H. Gass, PhD '54 (Knopf)

In his latest novel, the author of *The Tunnel* probes the nature of identity and questions the idea of an essential self. Joseph Skizzen's father, masquerading as a Jew, brings his family from Austria to England in 1938 to escape the Nazis, only to disappear in London during World War II. The family moves to Ohio, where Joseph learns piano and, using false credentials, becomes a music professor. His obsession with man's cruelty leads him to collect photos and clippings of atrocities and create a personal Inhumanity Museum in his attic.



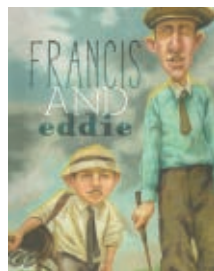
Phantom Menace or Looming Danger? By Kathleen M. Vogel (Johns Hopkins). Since the terrorist attack on September 11, 2001, and the anthrax scare that followed, the U.S. military, intelligence services, and policymakers have concentrated on the kinds of biological weapons that might threaten the United States. A professor at Cornell's Reppy Institute for Peace contends that American analysts have paid too much attention to the availability of dangerous pathogens and technological capabilities. "This narrow focus," she argues, "neglects other critical social factors that can affect efforts to develop biological weapons by state and nonstate actors in unexpected ways."



My Education by Susan Choi, MFA '95 (Viking). When Regina Gottlieb begins her graduate program in English she hears stories about the scandalous reputation of Nicholas Brodeur, her handsome seminar professor. Working as his teaching assistant, she ignores the rumors, but also manages to keep him at a distance. But it's a different matter when she meets his beautiful and charismatic wife, Martha, at a party. The women begin an affair, and Regina's life soon unravels. In her fourth novel, the winner of the PEN/W. G. Sebald Award examines the corrosive effect of obsessive passion and its inevitable aftermath.



Francis and Eddie by Brad Herzog '90; illustrated by Zachary Pullen (Why Not Books). In 1913, champion golfers gathered at The Country Club in Brookline, Massachusetts, to compete in the U.S. Open. Francis Ouimet, an unknown twenty-year-old amateur who lived across the street from the course and had taught himself to play by practicing in the backyard cow pasture, joined the players. Ten-year-old Eddie Lowery replaced his regular caddie. In front of a crowd that grew from a handful of spectators to thousands, the unlikely pair defeated the best golfers in the world and became lifelong friends.



Mexico and American Modernism by Ellen G. Landau, BArch '69 (Yale). European models were not the only influence on American modernism, argues Landau, a professor of humanities at Case Western Reserve and an expert on Lee Krasner and Jackson Pollock. She investigates the role that Mexican culture and art played in the work of the American artists Philip Guston, Robert Motherwell, Isamu Noguchi, and Pollock, and shows how Mexican muralists Diego Rivera, David Siqueiros, and Jose Clemente Orozco, exiled European surrealists, and leftist activists had a crucial effect on the development of Abstract Expressionism and the New York School.



Fiction

The Son by Philipp Meyer '99 (Ecco). In his second novel, the author of *American Rust* recounts the saga of the McCullough family, from the ruthless patriarch who carves out a ranch in nineteenth-century Texas, to his descendants, whose ambitions—and oil money—transform the family into a rich and powerful dynasty.

The Pretty One by Lucinda Rosenfeld '91 (Little, Brown). The adult Hellinger sisters—Imperia, Olympia, and Augusta—break out of the childhood roles their mother assigned them and learn to live their own lives.

The Scar Letters by Richard Alther '62 (Centaur). Rudy Dallmann chose to live in rural isolation after he was the victim of a hate crime twenty years ago. Now Rudy decides to confront his past and come to terms with his attackers and his own fears.

Poetry

A Broken Thing edited by Emily Rosko, MFA '03, and Anton Vander Zee (Iowa). In a new anthology, seventy poets explore the significance of the line in poetic form.

Non-Fiction

Whole by T. Colin Campbell, PhD '62, with Howard Jacobson (BenBella). "What most of us think of as proper nutrition—*isn't*," says the author of *The China Study*. In his latest book, he explores the science behind the reasons why a whole-food, plant-based diet is the healthiest way to eat.

Simple by Alan Siegel '60 and Irene Etzkorn (Twelve). The founder of Siegel+Gale and his co-author show that when companies use clarity, transparency, and empathy to simplify overly complex situations, the results are good for consumers and for business.

The Art of Procrastination by John Perry, PhD '68 (Workman). Using what he calls structured procrastination—"the art of making this bad trait work for you"—an emeritus professor of philosophy at Stanford discovers that people can accomplish a lot by *not* doing other things.

The Smartest Kids in the World by Amanda Ripley '96 (Simon & Schuster). An investigative reporter follows three American teenagers as they spend a year abroad attending top high schools in Finland, South Korea, and Poland. She discovers how these countries have revolutionized their public educational systems in recent

decades and asks what it would take for America to educate all its children to high standards.

Designed to Kill by John Forge '70 (Springer). A retired professor of history and the philosophy of science at the University of New South Wales—and winner of the Eureka Prize in Research Ethics—makes the case that it is morally wrong to engage in weapons research. He argues that attempts to justify this research are unpersuasive.

Politics in the New Hard Times edited by Miles Kahler & David A. Lake, PhD '84 (Cornell). Employing a comparative approach, a group of scholars examines the effects of the Great Recession—the worst economic crisis since the Great Depression of the Thirties—and investigates the links between political issues and economic turmoil.

Solomon Northup by David A. Fiske '76, Clifford W. Brown Jr. '79, and Rachel Seligman (Praeger). Solomon Northup was a free black man who was kidnapped in 1841 and sold into slavery. After he regained his freedom in 1853, he worked with the Underground Railroad, gave public lectures, and wrote the classic narrative *Twelve Years a Slave*. Three historical researchers discover new information that documents the full story of Northup's life.

Gluten-Free Mediterranean Gourmet Cuisine by Aslihan Koruyan Sabanci, GR '99 (NTV). Drawing upon Turkish and other Mediterranean cuisines, the author presents more than 170 gluten-free recipes and gives advice on food sensitivity and how to support a healthy immune system.

Does Science Need a Global Language? by Scott L. Montgomery, MS '78 (Chicago). English has become the lingua franca of international science. A consulting geologist and author of *Science in Translation* investigates the growth of global English and asks whether this is a good thing.

Transfusion Medicine and Hemostasis edited by Beth H. Shaz '91 et al. (Elsevier). A reference guide for pathology residents and transfusion fellows focuses on blood banking, transfusion medicine, and clinical and laboratory coagulation testing.

The Law of Kinship by Camille Robcis, PhD '06 (Cornell). In her first book, an assistant professor of history at Cornell examines how French policymakers have employed the vocabulary of structuralist anthropology and psychoanalysis in debates about sexual differences and the nature of the family.

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Everyone at the Table by Ellen Behrstock Sherrat '01 (Jossey Bass). A senior policy analyst at the American Institutes for Research provides a practical guide for designing better teacher evaluation systems.

Children's

Remember Dippy by Shirley Vernick '83 (Cinco Puntos). When twelve-year-old Johnny discovers he must spend the summer helping his autistic cousin, he thinks his vacation plans are ruined. But then the boys rescue the local jock from drowning and meet a new girl in town, and the summer turns out to be more exciting than Johnny imagined.

Sleeping Beauty's Daughters by Diane Zahler '79 (HarperCollins). Princesses Aurora and Luna lead sheltered lives within the walls of a palace by the sea. Despite their parents' safeguards, an old curse returns. The sisters must travel far to break the spell before Aurora falls into a hundred-year sleep.

Red Thread Sisters by Carol Antoinette Peacock '70 (Viking). After Wen is adopted by an American family, she vows to find a family for Shu Ling, her best friend at the Chinese orphanage. Wen adjusts to her new life in the U.S., but never forgets the promise she made to her friend.

The Year of the Baby by Andrea Cheng '79, MS '84; illustrated by Patrice Barton (Houghton Mifflin). In the sequel to *The Year of the Book*, Anna's family adopts a baby girl from China, but the child is sickly. Anna and her friends develop a science project that helps her new sister.

Bittersweet Summer by Anne Warren Smith '60 (Albert Whitman). Katie and her friend Claire vie to see which of them can get their fourth-grade teacher to marry her father.

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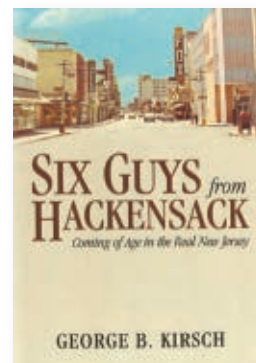
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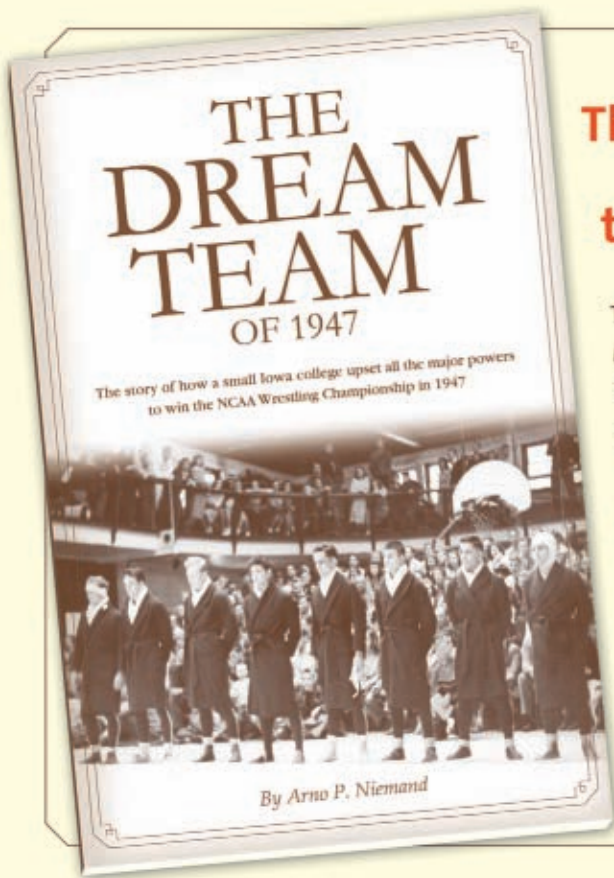
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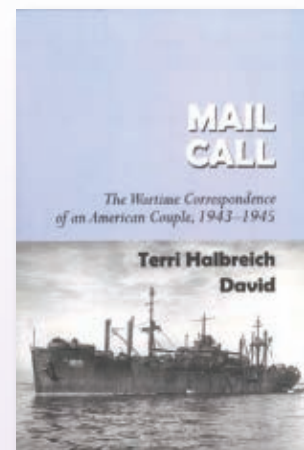
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Doomed to Repeat It

Historian's study of the Vietnam War's colonial roots wins a Pulitzer

In 1951, a young Massachusetts senator named John F. Kennedy went on an ambitious geopolitical junket to strengthen his foreign policy credentials. His priority stop was Indochina, a volatile region returned to the French colonial empire at the end of World War II. Kennedy's analysis of the situation was prescient—and grim: France would lose its tenuous grip on Vietnam; it was only a matter of time. But ten years later, then-President Kennedy contradicted his own beliefs by launching a covert war in Vietnam, in large part to compensate for France's capitulation to an alleged communist state.

The nature of the U.S. paradox, repeated by French and

American leaders alike, is the through line of Professor Fredrik Logevall's book *Embers of War: The Fall of an Empire and the Making of America's Vietnam*. "JFK saw what would come to any Western power that got involved militarily in that part of the world," says Logevall, whose book was awarded the Pulitzer Prize in April. "And yet, as president in 1961 and '62, he decided to deepen our involvement, despite his doubts."

Kennedy's decisions were based on domestic pressures at the time, notes Logevall. Any study of the incipient American conflict must consider the specter of the Korean War that dogged the U.S., as well as the influence of McCarthyism and Democrats' fears of being branded as soft on communism. But though their

motives were complex, the fact remains that our leaders consistently followed the well-worn path of the French: knowing the wiser course, they took up arms nonetheless. “Writing *Embers of War* was important for me because even though I’ve studied Vietnam for twenty-five years, I still have questions about it,” says Logevall, whose previous book, *Choosing War: The Lost Chance for Peace and the Escalation of War in Vietnam*, details American policymaking in the early Sixties. “How is it that the U.S., under Eisenhower, built up and sustained a noncommunist bastion in South Vietnam, saying, ‘We can succeed where the French have failed?’”

In its review of *Embers of War*, the *Christian Science Monitor* compared the book to a Greek tragedy: “Even though readers know how the story ends—as with *The Iliad*—they will be as riveted by the tale as if they were hearing it for the first time.” But unlike in classical literature, few heroes emerge; there is no catharsis, only the bitter recitation of facts. By 1973, 58,000 U.S. servicemen and women, as well as some three million Vietnamese, were dead. A third Indochina War followed, with Vietnamese forces fighting both the Chinese and the Cambodians. “They all had grave doubts,” Logevall says, “and yet they continued, year after bloody year, to perpetrate, perpetuate, and escalate.”

For modern readers, there are obvious analogies to America’s current conflicts, intelligence snafus, and foreign policy debacles. As history professor emeritus Walter LaFeber writes: “More than a half-century later, and a decade after 9/11, it remains true that the more things change, the more they remain the same—at least to those ignorant of the story Logevall tells.”

Embers of War opens with Ho Chi Minh’s doomed effort to plead the cause of Vietnamese independence with Woodrow Wilson at the Versailles Conference in 1919; he is shunned. Still, in World War II, Ho worked alongside the Office of Strategic Services (OSS), the forerunner of the CIA. Despite cooperating with the Allies—as both an “honorary” OSS agent and as the leader of Vietnamese forces fighting the Japanese—Ho was branded a communist, his calls for independence viewed as a threat to the West. Against tremendous odds, Ho’s ragtag Democratic Republic of Vietnam forces humiliated the French garrison at Dien Bien Phu. That protracted and bloody siege is the stuff of legend: it stands as one of the few examples of an Asian power annihilating European colonialists in battle. The French defeat led to their withdrawal from Indochina and the partitioning of Vietnam into North and South, orchestrated by Eisenhower. Why didn’t it end there?

To entertain that question, Logevall took the long view, tracking the Vietnam conflict to its European colonial sources. “Teach-



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ing about the colonial period and the French Indochina War made me more determined to go back to the struggles’ origins, to Ho Chi Minh and World War I, to the interwar period, and especially to World War II,” says Logevall, director of the Mario Einaudi Center for International Studies. “I told my students, ‘The French war connects in important ways to the American war.’ Yet I realized I had much to learn about the nature of those connections.”

Getting to the heart of the matter was made more challenging by Hanoi’s continuing unwillingness to grant scholarly access to high-level documents. Despite such limitations, scholars and reviewers say, Logevall’s book is a major achievement that fills a conspicuous vacancy in Cold War scholarship. As the *New York Times* stated: “He has produced a powerful portrait of the terrible and futile French war from which Americans learned little as they moved toward their own engagement in Vietnam.”

Four decades ago, many young Americans subject to the draft felt a similar air of poignant fatalism. As the anti-war rock band Country Joe and the Fish summed it up in song:

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— Franklin Crawford

Defender of the First Amendment

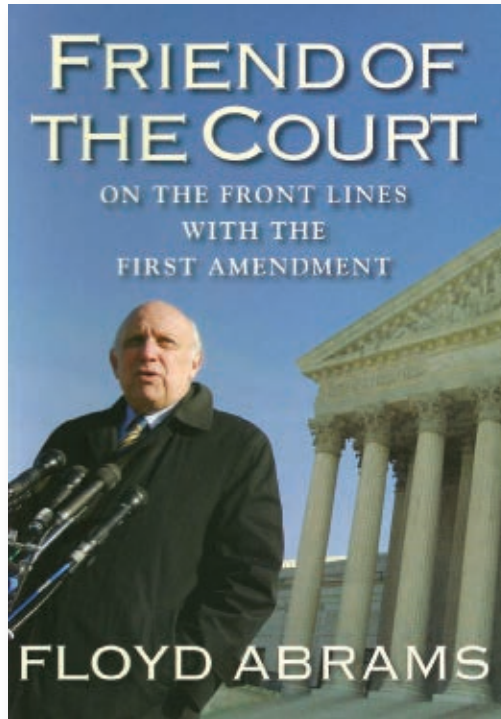
Attorney Floyd Abrams '56 collects his 'near absolutist' views on free speech

Floyd Abrams '56 has argued more First Amendment cases before the United States Supreme Court than any other lawyer. Few of them, including *New York Times v. The United States* (the Pentagon Papers case), have been easy.

As his new book, *Friend of the Court: On the Front Lines with the First Amendment* (Yale University Press), demonstrates, Abrams is a near First Amendment absolutist. He celebrates the triumph of “good speech” over “bad speech,” but believes that only a society willing to allow bad speech to circulate can truly be free.

Friend of the Court is an immensely informative and provocative collection of writings in which Abrams weighs in on a wide array of free speech issues, including libel laws, pornography, “hate speech,” WikiLeaks, Internet “publications,” and the Supreme Court’s recent ruling in *Citizens United v. FEC*, which barred Congress from criminalizing independent expenditures by corporations and unions supporting or opposing candidates for federal office. He is equally tough on liberals and conservatives, Democrats and Republicans. The Reagan Administration, he indicates, severely limited the scope of the Freedom of Information Act and subjected government officials to lifetime pre-publication review. Bill Clinton signed the Communications Decency Act, which made it a crime to post on the Internet material that was “indecent” or “patently offensive” to children under eighteen, despite the claims of Newt Gingrich, among others, that it clearly violated free speech and “the right of adults to communicate with each other.” Abrams counts the ways in which, on free speech, the administration of George W. Bush was “something else.”

Abrams is especially tough on liberal opponents of *Citizens United*, including President Obama. On more than two dozen occasions, he reminds us, the Supreme Court has extended First Amend-



ment protection to corporations. More than sixty years ago, justices Wiley Rutledge, Hugo Black, William O. Douglas, and Frank Murphy—probably the most liberal quartet ever to sit on the Court—concluded that the “undue influence” obtained by large contributions was offset by the “loss for democratic processes resulting from restrictions on free and full public discussion.” Abrams shares liberals’ concern about the impact of economic inequality on politics; he maintains, however, that regulating how much speech is allowed to groups in the sixty days before an election “is contrary to the core of the First Amendment.”

Acutely aware that “speech has a price,” that Nazis marching in Skokie and racists burning a cross on the lawn of a black family can wound and terrify, Abrams takes pains to show that fears about the impact of speech “seem invariably overblown.” Ten years after the publication of the Pentagon Papers, he tells

us, not one person, including members of the Nixon Administration, could cite a single passage that had done damage to national security. He insists as well that in the 2010 midterms, the first post-Citizens United election, “the much predicted one-sided corporate takeover of the political system did not occur.”

It is surprising to discover, then, that, “notwithstanding its obvious threats to civil liberties,” Abrams strongly supported the USA-PATRIOT Act, passed in the wake of the 9/11 attacks. Persuaded that the terrorist threat to our individual security “is unparalleled in American history,” he appears not to have submitted that legislation to his own test: “Any proposed limitation on recognized civil liberties should be the least intrusive or constitu-

tionally threatening way of accomplishing the end sought and there must be a very close fit between the problem and the solution.” In 2006, it’s worth noting, Abrams expressed deep concern that the Justice Department refused to reveal how often it had used the Act to expand surveillance and executive authority.

One wonders what he thinks now, especially in light of his reminder that government will use its power “to skew public discussion in its favor”—and his recommendation that those who complain the wrong side keeps winding up with the First Amendment in its corner should rethink their political positions “to avoid being on the wrong side of the First Amendment.”

— Glenn Altschuler

Glenn Altschuler, PhD '76, is the Litwin Professor of American Studies and dean of the School of Continuing Education and Summer Sessions.

Pole Position

Alan Nawoj '01 wins the Antarctica Marathon



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Hilly and chilly: Alan Nawoj '01 on the race course and (inset) bundled up in Antarctica.

The winter of 2012–13 was a miserable one for New England. Alan Nawoj '01 might be the only person who was happy about it.

The snow, ice, and bitter cold helped the Boston-area software developer train for the Antarctica Marathon. And he didn't just finish; he won. "I did some twenty-mile training runs in six inches of snow," Nawoj recalls. "Looking back on it, it sounds kind of crazy." But arguably not as nutty as the regimen followed by one fellow racer, who hailed from South Africa. "He did a lot of training on a treadmill inside a meat freezer," Nawoj says, "with a fan blowing cold air on him."

The race, held in late March, brought Nawoj one step closer to his decade-long goal of running marathons on all seven continents. He has checked off six so far. In addition to multiple outings at the New York, Boston, and Chicago races, the former electrical and computer engineering major has run in Rio, Singapore, Paris, Stockholm, Krakow, and Auckland; he aims to complete the Africa leg in the next couple of years, either at the Kilimanjaro or Marrakesh races. (His personal best time, marked in New York in 2008: 2:52:27.) Antarctica was Nawoj's nineteenth marathon and his first win, with a time of 3:29:56. "The events I run in usually have world-class runners and Olympians," Nawoj notes. The victory, he says, "is still sinking in."

Just getting to the race was an event in itself. The night before Nawoj was scheduled to fly to Buenos Aires to meet the other runners, he got an urgent e-mail: the Russian research vessel chartered to take the group to Antarctica had hit an iceberg. The race was rescheduled for three weeks later, forcing some participants to drop out and others to scramble to rework travel and vacation plans. Onboard the replacement ship, Nawoj and his fellow athletes had little chance to exercise and suffered from seasickness on the rough ride through the Drake Passage. On the morning of the race, though, the ninety-two runners lucked out—at least by South Pole standards. Temperatures were in the relatively balmy low twenties, the wind died down to around twenty knots, and it wasn't snowing. Despite a hard fall on ice three miles in, Nawoj took an early lead and held onto it, completing what he calls a "brutally hilly" course nearly eight minutes ahead of the second-place finisher. Then he keeled over from hypothermia. "I pushed so hard during the race," he says, "that I didn't have much left in my body when I finished."

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Storms Ahead

Why climate change is putting the elderly at risk



Elaine Wethington

It's a confluence of demographic and environmental trends: as the planet is getting warmer, the U.S. population is getting older. With severe weather events on the rise—from heat waves to hurricanes like Katrina and Sandy—researchers and public safety officials are increasingly concerned about how climate change will affect older Americans. “There’s a lot of interest in this at the CDC,” says human development professor Elaine Wethington, “because the number of people sixty and older who die during natural disasters is way beyond their proportion in the population.”

Wethington, a medical sociologist, is part of the Cornell Aging and the Environment Initiative. Founded in 2008, it's devoted to studying how older Americans are impacted by climate change, and

exploring ways to preserve health and save lives.

Cornell Alumni Magazine: Why are elders more vulnerable to extreme weather events?

Elaine Wethington: There are several reasons. First, older people are more vulnerable to the toxins that get released in an environmental disaster. They're more likely, under extreme stress, to have health conditions exacerbated. Their immune systems are weaker; their chronic diseases tend to be more advanced. Those who have heart conditions are more likely to have heart attacks because of the stress and the extra activity. Another reason is that a lot of older people live alone. Older adults tend to age in place in the U.S. rather than going to specialized housing—

where, theoretically, they would be more protected.

CAM: In a talk in New York City last spring, you said that older people are often reluctant to ask for help in a disaster. Why is that?

EW: There's a stigma in the U.S. against receiving help, and older adults want to remain independent as long as possible. Studies done since Hurricanes Gustav and Katrina have also found that elders are often likely to resist evacuation orders, for a number of reasons. They want to protect their property or stay with their pets; there's a lack of transportation to get them to shelters. One study of Katrina evacuation—and this is so poignant—found that there were many older people who knew they couldn't physically get on a bus and said, “I'll just stay at home.” Family members stayed because they couldn't move their relative or didn't have reliable transportation—and died with them.

CAM: Was Katrina a worst-case scenario?

EW: It was unprecedented, but you see the same pattern in all sorts of disasters across the U.S., even when there's good preparation. In Florida, for example, they're doing a lot to map and protect their older population, to reach out to people who are isolated, and to develop emergency response teams.

CAM: Besides hurricanes, what disasters are particularly threatening to seniors?

EW: The most research has been done on heat waves; there's a famous study of deaths in Chicago. A heat wave disaster in France and Italy was accompanied by a lot of concern about whether increased deaths among older people was due to social isolation, because their families were gone on vacation. Also, a study of a Southern California heat wave documented that elders, as well as very young children, seem to be more vulnerable to the physical effects; they're more likely to dehydrate, for example.

CAM: Many seniors in the North retire to warmer climates, particularly Florida. Is

another concern that they're putting themselves in harm's way, at a time of life when they're more vulnerable?

EW: Yes, that's part of it. If I were looking to move outside of Ithaca, I would definitely not pick an area near a seacoast. It's just too risky; why would you want to be vulnerable to death in your own home? And there are whole groups of retired people who live in Arizona; unless adequately prepared, they'd be vulnerable to heat disaster if the temperature in the Southwest goes up.

CAM: To what extent are these issues exacerbated by poverty? It seems that some of these threats would be lessened by having air conditioning or reliable transportation.

EW: That's exactly right. Seventy-one percent of the people who died in Katrina were aged sixty and older, and the majority of them were poor and black. There's a tendency for older people, particularly poorer ones, to live in areas vulnerable during a disaster, such as being prone to flood. It's no accident that in New Orleans, the Garden District and French Quarter are on higher ground. So there's clearly a resource issue. But also, nobody was thinking about evacuating them. There weren't adequate evacuation plans even for nursing homes in Louisiana. But now nursing homes across the U.S. are required to have them.

CAM: You grew up in a tornado-prone part of Indiana. Did your family prepare for twisters?

EW: We had a room in our house that was specifically designed for tornado protection. If you're in an F3 or higher, two-by-fours become missiles and drive through walls—that's often how people are killed—so our house had a hardened basement room. I took from this that you can, with sufficient forethought, prepare for a disaster.

CAM: What should people do to protect themselves or their relatives?

EW: First of all, find out if they can register for an existing evacuation plan where they live. Many coastal areas have these now; they're often run through the local agencies on aging. You should also have what the CDC calls an evacuation kit, which includes a three-day supply of water, flashlight, battery-powered radio, first aid kit, seven-day supply of medication, personal hygiene items, extra cash, and a waterproof bag with copies of documents such as deeds, birth certificates, and insurance policies. You can find information on

the CDC website and on the website of the AARP. The third thing is to know your neighbors. The fourth is to engage in disaster and emergency planning with your children or other family members.

CAM: If one of the challenges is that older people may be unwilling to accept help because they fear for their independence, how do you convince them to comply?

EW: The best thing is to try to model disaster preparation behavior. Involve older people in planning. Don't say, "This is for

you, Mom," because that's often taken as paternalistic. That strategy never worked with my mother. I had to say, "This is what we're doing at our house to prepare for this eventuality." One social intervention would be making more evacuation orders mandatory—a policy that is supported by research studies. Otherwise, people will take those estimates on the Weather Channel too literally and say, "Oh, there's only a 20 percent chance that this will happen to me."

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The son of an Albanian nationalist, Ilir Zherka '89 (literally) wrote the book on citizen advocacy

When Ilir Zherka '89 brought his law school girlfriend home to the Bronx to meet his parents, she quickly got a taste of the family's activist fervor. As Zherka recalls it, practically within minutes of her arrival, his father—an ardent Albanian nationalist whose own parents had been resistance fighters during World War II—was showing her gory photographs of countrymen brutally murdered in Kosovo. “My dad was kind of a rabble-rouser,” Zherka explains. “He got into trouble all the time for resisting Yugoslav control. When we came to the U.S. he was active in organizing rallies and demonstrations against Yugoslavia; we’d go to the U.N. and picket speeches by President Tito. I like to say that, as a family, we spent an equal amount of time going to political rallies as going to the beach.”

To a certain extent, Zherka admits, his dad was testing his girlfriend; did she have the mettle to be part of this passionately principled clan? She did; they eventually married and had two

children. And Zherka himself went on to forge a career in public advocacy, including leadership positions with the National Albanian American Council and with DC Vote, a nonprofit that fights for voting rights for the District of Columbia. Last year he published a how-to book on negotiating the system; *Winning the Inside Game* includes such tips as avoiding extremes, empowering grassroots supporters, communicating “at all times in all directions,” and understanding that you lose right up until the moment you win. “Advocacy fights are usually marathons,” he writes, “not sprints.”

Zherka's current job is executive director of the National Conference on Citizenship, a nonpartisan, Congressionally chartered nonprofit that promotes involvement in community affairs. The group was created after World War II, with the aim of continuing the civic engagement the conflict had engendered. “In any democracy, it's essential for average people to be involved in the government,” Zherka says. “And civic engagement is bigger and wider than most people think. For us, it means ‘I'm

active in my community, I'm helping, I'm volunteering, I'm voting, I'm serving on juries and in the military.”

Like many in Washington—not to mention the business world, academia, and anyplace else where status matters, which is to say everywhere—Zherka has an office “brag wall” displaying photos and awards. His includes shots with Hillary Clinton, Ted Kennedy, and (in the Oval Office) Bill Clinton and Al Gore. There's also a proclamation from the D.C. mayor declaring October 26, 2012—his last day at DC Vote—as Ilir Zherka Day. Zherka had helmed the organization for a decade, a tenure that culminated in a narrowly lost battle to gain a vote in Congress for the District—whose legislatively neutered status is lamented on its license plates, which read “Taxation Without Representation.” In 2011, the cause inspired Zherka to commit his first-ever act of civil disobedience: he was arrested for blocking traffic on Capitol Hill, handcuffed along with more than three dozen others, including the mayor. “As an American, I'm deeply offended that we allow Congress to treat the District and Washingtonians the way it does,” Zherka says. “It's a national disgrace—a shameful situation. The abuse is stark, and it's continuous. It bothers me tremendously.”

It had been a long, bruising fight—one whose roots stretch back to the late 1700s, when the District of Columbia was formed from land given by Virginia and Maryland. Questions of jurisdiction and self-rule were murky at first, and later became codified in ways that were advantageous to the federal government but increasingly unpalatable to the growing metropolis. In a particularly American irony, D.C. residents couldn't vote for president until the early Sixties. “In the early 1970s, D.C. won ‘home rule,’ which included the right to elect a local mayor, council, and delegate to the Congress,” Zherka writes. “Congress, however, reserved the right to veto and rewrite D.C.'s local laws, including the budget. D.C.'s delegate to the Congress would be treated like those from the territories: she would not have voting power. These limitations led some folks in D.C. to refer to this status as ‘Home Fool.’”

In 1993, legislation to make the District the fifty-first state (dubbed New Columbia) failed in Congress. A decade later, when Zherka was at the helm of DC Vote, the organization backed a different strategy: getting a seat under a deal by which Utah would gain one as well, offering a conservative counterbalance to a Congressperson elected by traditionally

Democratic D.C. In 2007, the bill passed the House but narrowly failed in the Senate. Supporters were again poised for victory in 2009—until opponents in the Senate inserted a “poison pill” that dismantled the District's gun-control laws. The bill failed and eventually died. “I was devastated,” Zherka recalls. “There were a few days when I was walking around in a fog and felt the absence of hope; I understood what it felt like to be truly depressed. For me, the dream of getting this bill through was in some ways a fulfillment of my own voyage—to come here as an immigrant and to help the nation's capital achieve greater democracy.”

Zherka (who became a naturalized citizen in his twenties) had fled Yugoslavia with his family in 1968. Eleven relatives—seven kids, their parents, and a set of grandparents—shared a series of three-bedroom apartments in the South Bronx. His dad worked as a janitor and elevator operator during the day; his mom cleaned offices at night. “Most of the kids I went to school with didn't go to college,” he says. “Half didn't graduate from high school. A bunch got into serious trouble.” Around the time that his high school principal noticed that his low grades belied a keen intellect, he realized that some of the guys he hung out with were winding up in adult jail—or the morgue. “I looked at myself and my surroundings and thought, This is terrible,” he says. “This path leads to a definite future, and it's not the future I want.”

He got serious about school, spent a year at Fordham, and transferred to Cornell; he majored in government and did the Cornell in Washington program, serving as “one of those big-eyed Congressional interns” in the office of Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan. After law school at the University of Virginia, he and his future wife spent nine months in Albania, aiding the transition to democracy and getting in touch with his ethnic roots. “What I didn't expect,” he muses, “was that I would learn how American I had become—how many differences there were in my expectations for human interactions, relationships, creature comforts, all that stuff.” The point was driven home during a visit to a food market, when an offhand comment sparked some serious introspection. “It was a beautiful day,” he recalls, “and the guy near the entrance said in a loud voice, ‘*Na ka ardhe Amerikani!*’ That translates into, ‘The American has joined us!’ I was crushed. I was like, ‘The American?’ Here I thought of myself as going home. But I understood in that moment how very American I am.”

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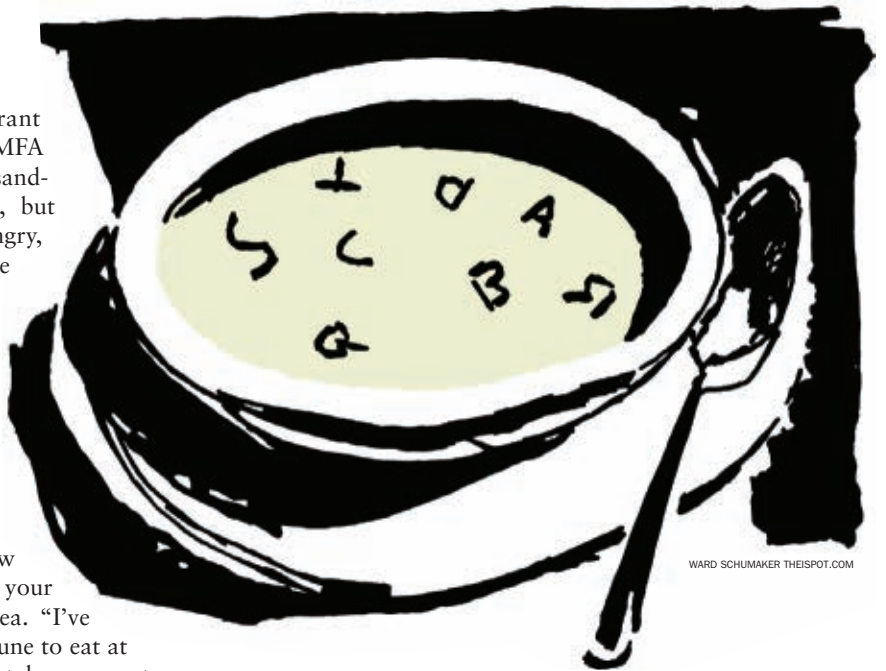
Take a Taste

Critic Ligaya Mishan, MFA '95, waxes poetic on the New York food scene

New York Times restaurant critic Ligaya Mishan, MFA '95, is in a Fort Greene sandwich shop at lunchtime, but she's not eating. She's just not particularly hungry, Mishan explains apologetically. But in the name of research for a possible future review, she peppers her companion with questions about her sandwich, dubbed the Oxford: sliced pickled beets on ciabatta with miner's lettuce, sheep's milk yogurt cheese, apples, and mint pistou. (It's intriguing, if unwieldy—and much more flavorful when topped with the housemade pickled jalapeños.) Despite repeated offers, though, Mishan can't be tempted to take even a bite. When you review restaurants for a living, it turns out, sometimes your idea of bliss is a cup of unsweetened mint tea. "I've eaten out so much, and I've had the good fortune to eat at so many special places, that sometimes it takes more to impress me—which is a loss, I think," the slender brunette muses as she sips. "Sometimes I'll go to a place that's without a doubt a really good restaurant and I'm just not excited, which is terrible. I hate being jaded in that way."

Mishan pens the Hungry City column, which runs every Thursday in the *Times*' Dining & Wine section. It used to be called \$25 and Under—but as Mishan notes, "that isn't a realistic price point anymore." In keeping with the column's modest roots, Mishan doesn't hunt the great white whales of Gotham cuisine; that task falls to the paper's chief restaurant critic, a post currently held by Pete Wells. (It was Wells who sparked a foodie brouhaha last November with his colorful panning of the Times Square eatery of "Diners, Drive-Ins, and Dives" host Guy Fieri; the review, a masterpiece of snark crafted entirely in the form of questions, garnered more than 1,000 comments on the *Times* website.) "He goes to the show; I do little places," Mishan says. "My parameters are, 'It's Thursday night, and you want to go somewhere really good.' It's not the places that you fly to New York to try, it's the ones you go crosstown for."

In choosing her subjects and crafting her columns, Mishan aims to tell a good tale, not just assess the comestibles. As she points out, flavor can be a hard thing to quantify—and there are



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only so many ways to describe, say, a pickled beet sandwich. "I hope I'm writing pieces that even people who aren't interested in food would find entertaining," she says. "That's the real goal: to give an accurate sense of the restaurant, its food, and the experience of dining there, but also to make it worth reading."

A previous editor once offered some advice: stop writing about the food so much. She took it to heart, if not to the stomach. As she wrote in April: "It is forever after hours at the Library at the Public, a crepuscular attic of a restaurant chiseled last fall from the upper recesses of the lobby at the newly renovated Public Theater." In a column on a pan-ethnic tapas-style place in South Williamsburg, she described "a kind of culinary free association that can be borderline loco or brilliant, sometimes both at once." As she went on to write, after taking issue with the restaurant's too-sweet lamb meatballs and poorly executed foie gras: "The ephemeral nature of the small-plates format makes it easy to forgive such slips, as does the loungey atmosphere, somehow sleepy and exciting at once, with spartan concrete walls interrupted by moody abstract canvases and a discoloric play of light. On my visits, the waitresses seemed to have dark hair in top knots, like latter-day Frida Kahlos."

Regular readers of Hungry City may be unsurprised to learn

that Mishan has a background in poetry. After graduating from Princeton and spending a year in Russia teaching English to members of the Supreme Soviet, she earned an MFA from Cornell's famously selective two-year program, which accepts only four poets into each class. After completing her master's she returned to her native Hawaii and got a job in advertising. "I worked a lot on travel accounts," she recalls, "so there was room for writing about pretty things." She held several posts at the *New Yorker*, including proofreading and website editing, before being tapped to write the magazine's Tables for Two reviews, which led to an offer from the *Times*. "I see myself as an accidental food writer; I definitely stumbled into that subject matter," she says. "There's always this tension for me between poetry and clarity—wanting the language to be vivid and different, but running into the hurdle that of course it has to be perfectly clear."

Unlike past *Times* critics like Ruth Reichl, Mishan doesn't have a closetful of wigs and other disguises; she's fairly certain that restaurants don't know what she looks like, and she pays with a credit card bearing an assumed name. (Her prerequisite for a CAM interview: no photos.) For

each 650-word review she eats at a restaurant twice, usually in a group of four with everyone ordering something different, then phones the chef to get a sense of the story behind the menu. "When I try these places, I don't order the way I would if I were just going out to enjoy myself," Mishan observes. "On my own, I tend to order the lightest dish; I might always order fish, but I can't do that. I've got to order the lamb, and sometimes it's really heavy. We're living in a very carnivorous time and it's over the top, with all this crispy suckling pig. Not that it's not delicious; but duck, lamb, pork shoulder, all the time—sometimes I think that's where it can be tiring." But as she's quick to add: "When anyone hears what I do they say, 'That's the most fun job you could possibly have.' So I know I'm extremely lucky."

While the readers (and subjects) of reviews may imagine that critics enjoy nothing more than sharpening their metaphorical knives, Mishan says the opposite is true. Eating bad food is no fun, she says—and neither is writing about it. When she does pan a place, she can seem a bit saddened by the task. "It is disheartening to be served such a thing, in such a cheerless space, hemmed in by dark wood

paneling from the Seventies that no one wishes back," she wrote of a Velveta-covered sandwich at a Williamsburg fried fish joint. "With Baltimore sports memorabilia on the walls and a word unprintable in a family newspaper looming from the bathroom door, it suggests a teenage boy's abandoned bedroom."

It's a big city, and Mishan knows the math. She has fifty-two columns per year in which to cover the mid-priced dining scene of a cuisine-obsessed metropolis—and as the mom of a five-year-old, she can't hit the town as often as she used to. "Going out twice a week is an investment for me," she says. "So if I go to a place that's bad, it's a waste of a night." In that spirit, Mishan has been known to bail on a meal that seems unpromising—as she did one evening in Chelsea. "The appetizers were a hint that things were going wrong," she recalls. "It wasn't terrible in an insulting way, just very mediocre." Her reviewing posse was game to move on, so she told the restaurant to pack up their entrees, paid the bill, and left. "We all piled into a van and went to the East Village," she says, "and had a much better meal somewhere else."

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Face Time

Barry Beck '90 and his wife run Blue Mercury, a chain of tony make-up shops



Vanity Fair called it “a serene beauty oasis,” and that just about sums it up. Blue Mercury is nirvana for the well-heeled cosmetics junkie: a chain of shops where you can get beauty advice and copious samples, have your eyebrows waxed, and buy anything from a \$14 lip gloss to a \$2,000 jar of moisturizer. You can even bring your dog along; there’s often a water bowl in the entryway. “We are a mom-and-pop business—super high service,” says cofounder Barry Beck '90. “That’s how we’re changing the cosmetics world. People trust us. We’d rather have you leave with a free sample than ever get the wrong product.”

Beck is giving a tour of the company’s original location, on M Street in Washington, D.C.’s Georgetown neighborhood. Since buying a floundering cosmetics shop in 1999 and rebranding it, Beck and his wife and business partner, Marla, have expanded to nearly four dozen locations including three in Manhattan, seven in the greater D.C. area, and eleven in New Jersey. (The firm’s investors include Artal, the parent company of Weight Watchers.) His

long-term plan: expand to 300 stores, take the company public, and go international. “We’re a neighborhood-friendly family business—that’s the feel,” says Beck. “Our model is hard to replicate, and I worry about that as the business grows. I think about it every day. I’m a worrier.”

Blue Mercury has garnered glowing write-ups in a slew of beauty magazines, not to mention lifestyle publications like *Real Simple* and *O*. (The latter, which called it “a trendy spa-cum-boutique,” praised the \$130 purifying facial, among

its most popular treatments.) Its D.C. shops have attracted their share of bold-face names, including the Bush daughters and Chelsea Clinton. Among his celebrity customers, Beck counts Nicole Kidman, John Travolta, Madonna, and members of Aerosmith. He once shut down a store for Rod Stewart. When Anna Nicole Smith was in town—back when her inheritance case was before the U.S. Supreme Court—she’d come in for facials, taking her limo a block from the Four Seasons. “Opening new stores, introducing new customers to

Skin deep: Barry Beck '90 and his wife aimed for a casual-but-elegant look for their upscale cosmetics stores. They’ve opened nearly four dozen Blue Mercury outlets, mainly in the Northeast.

Blue Mercury, and just being in the fashion industry in general is a lot of fun,” says Beck. “Talking to customers is the best—showing them products, giving them samples. It’s so much fun, I don’t feel like I’m working.”

And to think: he got his professional start in janitorial management.

An ILR major, Beck was still an undergrad when he and his brother founded a business providing maintenance services to chain stores. Eventually, he says, they built it into a multi-million-dollar enterprise, but he was miserable. “We were solving people’s problems every day,” he says. “Starbucks; Bed, Bath, and Beyond—these companies were calling saying, ‘Our roof is leaking and our toilets are overflowing and we’re locked out of our store in Alaska.’ But I hated the business.” With an eye toward selling the firm, he met with a group of investment bankers in D.C. “In this meeting there was a girl, and her name was Marla,” he recalls. “And I was smitten.” Then a McKinsey consultant, the woman in question had an economics degree from Berkeley and a Harvard MBA. They married, became business partners—she serving as the management guru, he the self-

described “crazy entrepreneur”—and set their sights on launching an online cosmetics company. But it was a bust, partly because it didn’t fit into the traditional supply chain; back then, high-end makeup lines were carried almost exclusively in department stores. Scrambling to fill orders, they wound up buying stock from a little shop on M Street, which carried the Kiehl’s brand of luxury skin-care products—and eventually decided to purchase the store, becoming an early entrant in the “bricks and clicks” model of retailing.

Three months after they christened Blue Mercury, though, a Sephora opened two doors down. “They were building tombstones outside this store,” Beck jokes of the threat posed by the popular international chain, known for its casual, “grab and go” outlets where shoppers can test cosmetics from dozens of brands. But the Becks gambled that there was room in the market for their model. “People said, ‘Barry, the problem with you is that you’re not from the industry. You don’t know how things are done,’ ” he recalls. “But in the end, that was a good thing for us.” To illustrate their market niche, he cites the time his mother went shopping for Bobbi Brown cosmetics in a department store,

only to be told that the line’s saleswoman was at lunch and no one else could help her. Blue Mercury would offer one-stop access to numerous brands, as Sephora does, but with the personalized service and expertise of the traditional make-up counter. “We only hire beauty junkies—people that love the products,” he notes, “and all our employees are full time.”

In 2012, the company became a cosmetics producer as well as a vendor, launching its own skin-care line. The brand, whose ethos is using natural ingredients that have scientifically proven benefits, like Vitamin C, is dubbed M-61. Asked to explain the name—and not for the first time, or maybe the thousandth—he says that it’s after the galaxy. “You could spend your life doing focus groups,” Beck says with a sigh. “ ‘I like it,’ ‘I don’t like it,’ ‘It sounds like a gun.’ ” The couple faced similar doubters when they dubbed the business Blue Mercury, intended to pair Marla Beck’s favorite color with a sense of speed and dynamism. “Early investors hated the name,” Beck recalls. “They asked, ‘What does it mean?’ And I said, ‘Well—what does *Starbucks* mean?’ ”

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Mental Health

Can emotions cause heart disease?

At the end of the 1965 film *Doctor Zhivago*, the title character is standing inside a crowded streetcar when he sees his beloved Lara walking down the street. He knocks on the window, trying to get her attention, then pushes his way off the tram. But as he begins to run after her, he collapses, the victim of a heart attack.

It's a classic cinematic example that Manhattan-based cardiologist Jeffrey Fisher '72 uses to show how the mind can affect the body. A surge in adrenaline can cause sudden cardiac death in the form of a lethal arrhythmia or the rupture of coronary plaque, he explains—and psychological factors can also harm the heart over the long term, leading to coronary artery disease. "People who have depression and anxiety need to be treated for it," says Fisher, a clinical professor of medicine at the Medical College and co-editor of *Heart and Mind: The Practice of Cardiac Psychology*, "as much as they need to be treated for high blood pressure and high cholesterol."

Fisher's book, whose second edition came out last year, summarizes the growing body of research about the connection between mental health and cardiovascular disease. It includes a review of cardiology geared toward mental health professionals, enumerates psychosocial risk factors, and highlights important recent clinical trials. The editors distilled some 59,000 papers on the subject, more than half pertaining to the psychosocial factors—depression, social isolation, anger—of heart disease, the leading cause of death in the United States.

The connection between mind and body has been suspected and explored since antiquity. As *Heart and Mind* notes, an eighteenth-century English surgeon posited—with ironic prescience—that anger caused his chest pain; he died from a coronary event after arguing with colleagues. But it wasn't until the twentieth century that researchers began to find an empirical basis for the anecdotal evidence. In 1959, Meyer Friedman and R. H. Rosenman, creators of Type A personal-

ity theory, reported a link between psychological stress and cardiovascular disease. "The hypothesis is that various stress factors, such as anxiety or easily aroused anger, damage arterial linings and make arteries more susceptible to plaque accrual," says Fisher, "just as such standard risk factors as elevated cholesterol or high blood pressure do."

Depression currently shows the strongest connection to increased risk of myocardial infarction, stroke, and sudden cardiac death. It is associated with gener-

alized inflammation throughout the body and with less heart rate variability, a known factor in increased mortality. With higher levels of adrenaline, Fisher says, "your blood pressure goes up, your arteries constrict, your platelets become stickier." These physiological factors are then exacerbated because people suffering from depression are less likely to follow doctors' orders and adhere to healthy lifestyles—and more likely to self-medicate with alcohol, drugs, and junk food. As for intense emotion precipitating a cardiac event—as



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Jeffrey Fisher '72

it did to poor Dr. Zhivago, and as it's been known to do to agitated sports fans or victims of natural disasters—evidence shows that the heart muscle can indeed be damaged by a sudden release of adrenaline. Says Fisher: “Cardiologists have had to come to grips with the fact that an emotional event or trauma can cause a problem.”

Acceptance of cardiac psychology has indeed been growing. Five years ago, the American Heart Association began recommending that cardiac patients be screened for depression; in 2010 Medicare approved coverage for a program established by cardiologist Dean Ornish, who has shown that coronary plaque can diminish in patients who incorporate diet, exercise, and lifestyle changes, including support groups and daily yoga or meditation.

Fisher has been fascinated by medicine since childhood, when he nearly died from a rare skin condition called Stevens-Johnson syndrome. His interest in psychology was sparked by Professor James Maas's legendary Psych 101 course, for which Fisher served as an undergrad teaching assistant. He planned on a career in psychiatry, but as a student at Albert Einstein College of Medicine he found the field too slowly paced for his temperament. He craved the immediate gratification of cardiology—but held on to his formative interest. “I never abandoned my belief in how the mind controls the body,” he says.

When the new edition of *Heart and Mind* came out last year, Maas was surprised to receive an inscribed copy from his former student, with whom he had not spoken in decades. “By the end of my career, I had quite a collection of incredible, impressive students,” says Maas, PhD '66, who retired in 2012. “Jeff was right at the top of that group. Even as an undergraduate, he was incredibly personable and very, very smart. To bring psychology into medicine as he has, and to think that he even refers to me as a progenitor of his interest in this field, thrills me beyond belief.”

Fisher's interest in the intersection of medicine and psychology continues to play out daily in his practice. He cannot fully care for his patients without knowing their emotional states, he explains—otherwise he'd be treating outcomes rather than causes. Says Fisher: “I don't take their inner worlds for granted.”

— Andrea Crawford



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The Running Dead

Humans Versus Zombies brings a 'mock apocalypse' to East Hill

Out of the corner of his eye, Jacob Flynn '16 saw a zombie disappear behind Bailey Hall. He started running for his life. But before he could reach the safety of Malott Hall, a second zombie appeared to his right and went in for the kill. Flynn chanced a glance behind him—and saw that the first zombie was sprinting in his direction. He was trapped. In a desperate bid for survival, Flynn shot off all his remaining ammunition and managed a narrow escape.

Welcome to East Hill's own zombie apocalypse: Human Versus Zombies, which attracts hundreds of students for a campus-wide version of tag. Held twice a year since fall 2011, the ten-day event begins with one “original zombie” who spreads the plague by tagging other players. (Humans wear a red bandana on one arm to denote participation in the game; once they're zombified, they move it to their head.) Although zombies can't be killed, humans can momentarily stun them by hitting them with rolled-up socks. “Safe” zones include buildings, stairways, vehicles, and roads—but otherwise, the game is always in session. Players also participate in optional “missions,” in which humans must accomplish an assigned task while avoiding zombification. “But as the zombie percentages increase,” observes Will Andrews '16, “the missions become deathtraps.” Not all players aim to survive. As engineering major Dustin Franco '14 puts it: “Being a human is half the game; being a zombie is the other half.”

As the number of zombies grows, the remaining humans become increasingly alert—to the point of paranoia. Biological sciences major Anna Stapelfeldt '14, who managed to stay human until the final day of last spring's contest, followed a strategy of avoidance. “You have to find ways to get around areas frequented by zombies,” she says, “like the Engineering Quad and North Campus.”

Humans Versus Zombies is the main event hosted by the Cornell Outdoor Recreational Gaming Initiative (CORGI), a club that also organizes Capture the Flag contests and a team version of tag called Manhunt. So far, each side is batting .500; the zombies have won twice, including last spring, when the majority of humans were turned after failing at a mission to assemble a signaling device. Says CORGI vice president Samantha Bobra '13: “It was great seeing people so immersed in something that's completely nonacademic, silly, and fun.”

Engineering major Chris Song '14, who has played Humans Versus Zombies three times, says the game brings back memories of playing tag at recess. After two semesters of staying human, though, last spring he wanted to play for the other team. “I went onto campus with no defense, actively looking to get turned,” he says. “When I found the original zombie, I high-fived him.”

— Alexandra Clement '16

Wines of the Finger Lakes



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Founded in 1982 by Richard Figiel, Silver Thread Vineyard has long been one of the Finger Lakes wineries most strongly committed to sustainable farming. On September 1, 2011, Figiel sold his Seneca Lake winery to Paul and Shannon Brock, with the understanding that they would carry on the business in both name and spirit. Both of the Brocks are Cornellians: Paul, former winemaker for Lamoreaux Landing, has a master's degree in viticulture and enology (2007), while Shannon graduated in 1999 with a BS in public policy.

With their purchase so close to harvest time, the duo had to hit the ground running. They were rewarded with production of 1,500 cases of wine, much of it Riesling. The Silver Thread Rieslings, much to their delight, received positive reviews from the *Wine Spectator* (December 15, 2012), whose critic James Molesworth rated three of them 90 or above.

Silver Thread will surely receive contin-



ued acclaim for its excellent 2012 wines. A clear standout is the Dry Riesling (\$18 retail), which was produced from estate-grown grapes supplemented by ones sourced from three other sites on Keuka, Seneca, and Cayuga lakes. Its enticing aroma mingles floral notes with hints of citrus and peach. On the palate, the refreshing acidity and long, balanced finish make it a fine accompaniment to a wide range of foods.

Successes like the 2012 Riesling have caught the attention of the wine trade, and starting this year Silver Thread wines will be sold by one of New York's most respected distributors, Michael Skurnik Wines. Skurnik is influential in the important New York City market, and Silver Thread wines can now be found in such notable establishments as Gramercy Tavern, Blue Hill, and Terroir. Good things are happening quickly for Silver Thread's owners; learn more at www.silverthreadwine.com.

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Forward into the Past



Cornell joins edX and will begin to produce MOOCs

In the eleventh century, scholars gathered in Bologna, Italy, to form the first educational institution to call itself a *university*. “Students from all over Europe came to Bologna, and by the middle of the twelfth century students are said to have numbered nearly 10,000,” wrote President Emeritus Frank Rhodes in his book *The Creation of the Future*. “The ancient university had no campus; it owned no buildings. It was a loose community of professors and students . . . with the professors often teaching in their own apartments, paid by the students lecture by lecture for their services. It was 500 years before the University of Bologna had its own buildings. So Bologna, like other older universities, was—to use modern jargon—a virtual learning community.”

As the university developed, it became a place—a residential campus where professors and students lived and worked together to engage in the business of learning. For centuries, that’s how we have thought of the university. But in the past few years, an educational revolution has begun to take shape that has the potential to alter this sense of a university as a place, perhaps to return it more to its antecedents.

While the use of computers as learning tools is well established, the advent of massive open online courses (MOOCs) is something new. Often taught by leading authorities, these courses can reach thousands of students around the world and allow them to view lectures, carry out projects, and interact with the professor and each other in a social learning environment. They are an extension of the “any person” concept that Ezra Cornell could not have imagined. They are “open”—that is, anyone can take them and they’re free. They can stand alone or be incorporated with on-campus work in blended courses. They promise to make higher education attainable—and affordable—for large numbers of students who might otherwise be excluded. They have great potential but are not without prob-

lems; many concerns have already been raised about their impact on higher education and the nature of the university.

Cornell began an in-depth evaluation of its possible role as a MOOC provider last year, when Provost Kent Fuchs, spurred by faculty interest, formed an advisory committee chaired by Eva Tardos, the Jacob Gould Schurman Professor of Computer Science. In its report, the committee stated: “Online courses are in the process of transforming education. We believe that Cornell and its faculty should be a leader in this transformation. . . . Online learning will result in data about how students learn, and contribute to Cornell’s scholarship related to teaching and learning. Understanding such data has the potential to lead to significant improvements in pedagogy and learning outcomes.”

The advisory committee recommended that Cornell should join one of the MOOC consortia that have sprung up



in recent years, concluding that “we cannot do this alone.” They narrowed the choice to two leading contenders: Coursera, a for-profit company that was already working with more than thirty universities, and edX, a nonprofit launched by Harvard and MIT that features an open-source platform. The report outlined

pluses and minuses of membership in each consortium.

In May, Cornell announced it would join edX, which now comprises twenty-seven institutions in the U.S. and abroad. “It was an alignment of vision and values,” explains Ted Dodds, the University’s chief information officer. “In its charter, edX lists three goals. One is to improve the residential experience at its member campuses. The second is to teach the world with these large, open classes. And the third is to capture how students appear to be learning as they are interacting—collecting this data at the mouse-click level and then having the analytics capability to say, How can we improve the learning experience?”

As a member of the consortium, the



Provost
Kent Fuchs

University has committed to develop four so-called CornellX courses in the coming academic year—courses that become official parts of the edX curriculum. The subjects will be selected by an ad hoc committee formed by Fuchs and Joe Burns, PhD ’66, dean of the faculty. Chaired by Laura Brown, senior vice provost for undergraduate education, this committee will have representatives from the faculty and staff. In addition, there will be an opportunity for faculty members to develop other courses outside of CornellX. “We haven’t set up a structure yet,” says Fuchs, “but there has to be an opportunity for faculty who may not be selected [for one of the four courses], but

‘We will benefit from what we learn about how to use technology and what we learn about the way students interface with that technology.’

who want to use technology in some way, even if it’s just to capture their lectures on video for their current class.”

Students who complete the CornellX courses will not earn college credit. They may, at some point, be able to receive a certificate of completion, depending upon the criteria developed for demonstrating mastery of the material. And, by incorporating MOOC material into on-campus blended classes, the University will not only be enhancing residential learning but taking a step toward eventually awarding credit.

In one respect, Cornell had a head start in the race for online learning because of eCornell, which was founded in 2000 and has been successful in marketing professional and executive training programs. In addition, earlier this year the University received a \$50,000 grant from Google to create a MOOC version of the cross-disciplinary “Six Pretty Good Books” course taught by Michael Macy, the Goldwin Smith Professor of Sociology; Stephen Ceci, the Carr Professor of Human Development; Jefferson Cowie, professor of collective bargaining, law, and history; and Jeffrey Hancock, associate professor of communication. So, in a sense, MOOC development was under way at Cornell even before the edX deal was signed.

While eCornell will continue to operate separately from CornellX, it will help to support MOOCs, both technologically and financially. Fuchs notes that a portion of eCornell’s revenue stream comes back to his office. “It’s my intention going forward,” he says, “to take those revenues and direct them to the use of technology in education.” There will be further support from philanthropy and from the

development of business models by the consortia—“through certificates and other mechanisms for verifying that the students who take these classes, even though they’re not getting credit, that they took it and passed it.” In the end, the goal is for Cornell’s MOOC program to be revenue neutral, although it may take some time for that to be realized.

The University’s Academic Technologies group will support course development. This will require expansion and enhancement of Cornell’s information technology capacity for education—something that Dodds says is overdue. “Looking across IT@Cornell, we need to scale up our capacity to support learning technologies, both at the center and in academic units,” he says. “We’re in the process of shifting more of our existing IT resources—people and infrastructure—to address this critical need, but we’re not where we’d like to be yet.”

The enhanced use of technology on campus, says Fuchs, is an overlooked aspect of the MOOC experience. “We will benefit from what we learn about how to use technology, what we learn about the way students interface with that technology—the social learning aspect,” he explains. “So we’re making an investment in our current students in addition to providing education that’s available freely to the world. It is important to be doing that because, and as Ted says, we have not invested enough in technology to support education.”

Estimates of the cost of developing MOOCs vary widely. Based on the combined experience of Academic Technologies and eCornell, Dodds says, a basic course can be developed for \$50,000 to \$75,000. Some MOOCs will undoubtedly prove to be more complex and expensive, especially with considerations for faculty time off for course preparation and production, the need for teaching assistants, the cost of multimedia enhancements, and the evolution of technology. The entire

venture is experimental by nature—which Dodds sees as a plus. “No one really knows where MOOCs will end up in the longer term,” he says. “We may look back in a couple of years and say, ‘Remember what we thought about MOOCs back in 2013? Boy, were we off.’ And that’s OK. That’s what’s magic about it.”

Tardos agrees that “room for experimentation” is a key aspect of Cornell’s involvement. “No faculty or college or unit is required to generate MOOCs,” she says. “It’s an opportunity.” EdX also has a second level called edX edge, characterized as the “fringe, exploratory domain.” This will allow professors not selected for one of the official courses to work with the technology and develop their ability to create MOOCs.

Support for course development will be provided by Cornell’s Center for Teaching Excellence (CTE). The advisory committee’s report spells out several ways that CTE can assist, including the creation of an “information base” for prospective course developers and assessment of learning outcomes. The latter has been one of the most vigorously debated aspects of the MOOC phenomenon, especially since the early results show a high dropout rate—as much as 95 percent in some courses. Even so, at least one prominent skeptic—William Bowen, president emeritus of Princeton University and the Mellon Foundation—has recently revised his views. In his book *Higher Education in the Digital Age*, Bowen wrote: “Far greater access to the Internet, improvements in Internet speed, reductions in storage costs, the proliferation of increasingly sophisticated mobile devices, and other advances have combined with changing mindsets to suggest that online learning, in many of its manifestations, can lead to at least comparable learning outcomes relative to face-to-face instruction at lower cost.”

Another benefit, harder to measure, is the impact that Cornell’s MOOCs will have on prospective applicants. This has two aspects. The first might be called “reputational”—students are increasingly looking at MOOC development as a positive factor when they consider colleges. “High school students interested in engineering and technology expect MOOCs,” says Tardos. “They ask what MOOCs Cornell offers.” The second aspect is the role that MOOCs can play in helping students prepare for college, either by offering subjects not available at their

schools or by providing instruction that may allow them to test out of introductory courses. While completing a MOOC cannot, as yet, be used for AP credit, it can serve as useful training in a prerequisite—or, in some cases, simply to nurture interest in a subject.

Despite the potential benefits of MOOCs, there has been resistance to them, especially among faculty at budget-strapped schools, who see online courses as a threat to their employment. Why pay a professor to teach an introductory course when students can take a MOOC taught by an eminent authority in the field? One much-noted objection came from professors in the philosophy department at San Jose State University in California, who posted an open letter stating their reasons for refusing to teach a blended course that included an edX MOOC taught by Professor Michael Sandel of Harvard. They characterized MOOCs as part of a movement to “replace professors, dismantle departments, and provide a diminished education for students in public universities.”

The San Jose State professors said their concern was that “one-size-fits-all vendor-designed” courses would lead to the creation of “two classes of universities . . . one, well-funded colleges and universities in which privileged students get their own real professor; the other, financially stressed private and public universities in which students watch a bunch of videotaped lectures and interact, if indeed any interaction is available on their home campuses, with a professor that this model of education has turned into a glorified teaching assistant.” Sandel responded to the open letter with a statement published in the *Chronicle of Higher Education* that said, in part: “The worry that the widespread use of online courses will damage departments in public universities facing budgetary pressures is a legitimate concern that deserves serious debate, at edX and throughout higher education.”

Regardless of such concerns, MOOCs are here to stay, says educational consultant Carol Aslanian ’63. The senior vice president for market research services at EducationDynamics, LLC, and a 2010 recipient of the Rhodes Award for Exemplary Alumni Service, Aslanian has been working with clients in the U.S. and abroad to develop their online offerings.



She cites MOOCs as an example of what Clayton Christensen of Harvard Business School has termed “disruptive innovation” because of the large number of students they can reach and the effect they are already having on higher education.

“Today we have almost 22 million college students in the United States, undergraduate and graduate,” says Aslanian. “About 2.5 to 3 million already take all of their courses online, and that percentage will rise. And 6 to 7 million, each term, are now taking one or more online courses. You can’t ignore it.” Aslanian believes Cornell is well placed as a MOOC provider because of its broad range of educational offerings—from computer science and engineering to agriculture and labor relations—as well as its well-established brand, already known worldwide.

The MOOC format is so new, and there are so many uncertainties about how it will develop, that it is in many ways much like that nascent “virtual learning community” formed in Bologna nearly 1,000 years ago. While it seems inevitable that MOOCs will proliferate in the coming years and that the technology used to present them will become increasingly sophisticated and accessible, their eventual impact on both learning outcomes and the cost of higher education is impossible to gauge. In any case, says Kent Fuchs, “the world’s best universities are getting together and collaborating on education, through consortia. I haven’t seen that. We collaborate on research, but we haven’t collaborated on education like this before. I think it’s great.”



Cornell's collection of glass marine creatures inspires a filmmaker's quest to chronicle their real-life habitats

Crystal clear: Blaschka specimens of (from top) the nudibranch *Embletonia pallida*, the squid *Rossia macrosoma*, and the sea cucumber *Synapta fasciata*

Beyond the Sea

By Beth Saulnier

What the hell is a nudibranch doing in the Johnson Art Museum?” David Brown ’83 asked himself that very question one day a few years ago. After more than two decades at sea as an environmental videographer—including work for the legendary Jacques Cousteau—Brown had taken a part-time photography gig on campus, capturing high-resolution images to digitize the museum’s collection. He was walking through a gallery when he noticed the small marine creature, commonly known as a sea slug, in a display case. But it wasn’t a preserved specimen; the extraordinarily lifelike object was made of glass. And it was beautiful.

The former history major had stumbled upon the Cornell Collection of Blaschka Invertebrate Models—or, rather, the handful of pieces on display at the Johnson. Curious, he dug deeper. He learned that in 1885, Andrew Dickson White had purchased some 570 of the specimens from the famed Dresden glass-makers—anemones to jellyfish, squid to sea cucumbers—to be used as teaching tools in marine biology. “A hundred and sixty years ago, there was really no way to bring these into a classroom,” says Brown, standing in the Corson Hall atrium that houses dozens of the exquisitely fragile, intricately detailed models in three display cases. “They’d just turn to mush, because they’re mostly water. There was no way to properly preserve them.”

But when technology offered other ways—like underwater photography—to expose students to the creatures, the glass specimens fell by the wayside. As the legend goes, the late chemical ecologist Tom Eisner, then a young faculty member, came across the Blaschka collection in



Big blue: Drew Harvell on a research trip to Hawaii; a camouflaged octopus can be seen in the lower left corner.



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Current events: Real-life examples of Blaschka specimens that David Brown '83 has photographed in the wild include (clockwise from top left) two nudibranchs from the genus *Hermisenda*, a green anemone, and a blue-spotted octopus.

storage in the early Sixties. He picked the lock on their dusty case with a paperclip, found the models faded and broken—and launched an effort to save them that's still ongoing. Two decades ago the cause was taken up by marine biologist Drew Harvell, now the collection's curator. "In some ways they're even more important now, because they're a time capsule of biodiversity from 160 years ago," says Harvell, a professor of ecology and evolutionary biology, an ardent conservationist, and the associate director for environment at Cornell's Atkinson Center for a Sustainable Future. "They're also important as a teaching tool because some of them are quite rare animals—things I've never seen before, and I've been studying invertebrates my whole life."

Now, Harvell and Brown are teaming up to make a documentary about the Blaschka models, the nineteenth-century artisans who made them, and the habitats where the creatures originally flourished. Entitled *Fragile Legacy*, it will tell a series of interwoven tales comprising art, biology, history, and man's effect on the oceans. It includes the collection's genesis story: how in 1853 master glassmaker Leopold Blaschka was sailing from Europe to the Americas when, halted by calm winds, he encountered some remarkable marine life. "Most people would go below decks and play poker, but he spent a lot of the time looking over the rail, and he'd see these things pulsing by," Brown says of the invertebrates. "He became enchanted with how

glasslike they were and decided to try to make them.” Blaschka began by painting intricate, anatomically exact watercolors of the creatures; those images (now in the archives of the Corning Museum of Glass, an hour southwest of Ithaca) became the basis for the models, created with a combination of glassblowing and lampworking. “But exactly how he, and eventually his son, Rudolph, made the nuances of this glass has been lost,” Brown says. “They were a father-son team, and they didn’t have an apprentice, so the exact method by which these things were created is not fully understood.”

For Brown and Harvell, that deficit echoes a wider one: the devastation of the oceans through pollution, overfishing, acidification, rising temperatures, and other manmade ills. “If you think about it, the loss of that knowledge runs parallel to the loss of genetic information every time a species goes out of existence,” Brown observes. “Here they were at the start of the Industrial Revolution, capturing these incredible creatures that because of the Industrial Revolution would become threatened as the chemistry of the ocean changed. So the film will pair the fragility of the organisms in their habitat with the fragility of the glass.” Then there’s the irony that if Blaschka had taken his ocean voyage through less environmentally friendly means, the masterpieces might never have been conceived in the first place. “Sailing was in the process of giving way to fossil fuel propulsion,” Brown notes. “He happened to be on a sailing vessel, or he wouldn’t have been stopped; when you’re traveling by fossil fuel, you just plow through everything and don’t see much. And as sailing gave way to fossil fuel, the chemistry of the ocean changed. So that’s another story thread running through it.”

So far, Brown and Harvell have taken the first of what’s planned to be a half-dozen research trips for the film; they went to Hawaii in early 2013, capturing footage of Harvell diving with a common octopus (*Octopus vulgaris*) that’s an exact match to the Blaschka model, which is currently in fragments awaiting repair. Brown will chronicle that restoration—by a Corning glassworker named Elizabeth Brill, who has been working on the collection for two decades—and will ultimately use computer graphics to morph the model into the live creature filmed with Harvell, creating a bridge between art and life. “I want people to be enraptured by these creatures and to understand that they’re absolutely critical to the health of the ocean, and consequently to our health,” Brown says. “I’ve been in marine documentary for twenty or thirty years, and everyone wants to see sharks and whales—the big stuff. But these guys are just as important, and in some cases more so. They all have roles to play, and they’re getting flattened along with everything else.”

Handle with care: A Blaschka siphonophore, *Apolemia uvaria*



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Wet and dry: (Clockwise from below)
Brown working on a conservation
project in Maine; the Blaschka jellyfish
Carmarina hastata; Harvell on land;
the Blaschka *Octopus cocco*, sea anemone
Peachia undata, and mollusc *Melibe
australis*

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In early May, the *New York Times* published an essay in which Harvell chronicled the trip to Hawaii's Mauna Lani Reef, where the filmmakers encountered a variety of species, including another cephalopod known as *Octopus ornatus*. "It sat stolidly in the light of the camera, thirty feet below the surface, unfazed by the attention," Harvell wrote. "I reached out a finger and it touched me with its suctioned tentacles. When it scuttled in the other direction, I herded it between my cupped hands as it watched me attentively with searching golden eyes. As if levitating, it smoothly lifted off and tried to jet over my head, but slowly enough that I could catch it gently in midair—like handling a large bird, albeit one with eight sticky tentacles." The online version of the story included a multimedia element that allowed visitors to rotate the glass models as well as view the real animals in their natural habitat. (Brown came up with an innovative solution for the Blaschka photo shoot: after unsuccessfully searching for a Lazy Susan that would turn perfectly smoothly, he put the models on a gerbil wheel laid horizontally.)

Future research trips are planned to the Mediterranean, to Indonesia, and to Cornell's Shoals Marine Lab off the coast

of Maine, where they'll film Atlantic species. Brown also hopes to shoot on a sailing vessel in the open ocean, to capture a sense of what Leopold Blaschka first experienced more than a century and a half ago. "I love these critters," Harvell says. "This is my passion. Just to go find them and see them alive is exciting—and filming them is fun, because we get to see them in ways that we normally wouldn't." The filmmakers have received enough grant money to get started on the project, but not enough to complete it, so they're currently soliciting donors; similarly, progress on restoring the models has been slow due to limited funding, with about 220 of the pieces completed. (In addition to Corson Hall and the Johnson Museum, Mann Library has a Blaschka display, and many can be viewed online at blaschkagallery.mannlib.cornell.edu.) "The marine biodiversity recreated by the Blaschkas is a phantasmagorical view of life in the oceans," Harvell wrote in the *Times*. "For they were artists as well as keen natural historians, with an eye for the forms that would enchant in glass and that were too rare or fragile to be seen readily."

Brown aims to film *Fragile Legacy* in "4-K"—about four times the resolution of

current high definition—to capture the glass models, the real-life creatures, and their habitats in vivid detail. He envisions a series of modules, each focusing on a different category of invertebrates. He'll also describe the restoration process and tell the story of the Blaschkas, arguably best known today as the makers of Harvard's collection of more than 3,000 botanically exact glass flowers. ("Harvard stole them away from the marine invertebrates to do the lousy flowers," Brown jokes. "I don't know why.") The modules could be viewed as individual webisodes or joined to form a feature-length film, to be screened in venues like museums and aquariums. It could also air on PBS—where, Brown imagines, the subject matter could attract both the "Nature" and "Masterpiece" crowds. "I'm finding art to be an unusual vehicle," Harvell muses. "As a scientist, I didn't understand how powerful art can be in motivating and exciting people. Some people aren't that interested in marine invertebrates—but then they look at one of these squid or a jellyfish and they're like, 'Wow, are you telling me there's something that looks like this that's alive in the ocean? What does it eat? What does it do?' Somehow, seeing the art awakens an interest in the living creatures." ■



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First aid: Dr. Kathryn Ackerman '94 helps treat a victim of the Boston Marathon bombings.

When terrorism struck the Boston Marathon, physician Kathryn Ackerman '94 was among the first responders who leapt into action—and saved lives



The Amazing Race

By Beth Saulnier

Kathryn Ackerman '94 has long married athletics and medicine. A government and biology double major on the Hill, she rowed varsity crew for the Big Red and competed in the world championships on the U.S. national team; after earning an MD from Johns Hopkins, she specialized in sports medicine and endocrinology. In addition to serving as a team physician for U.S. Rowing, Ackerman is on the Harvard faculty and co-directs the female athlete program at Boston Children's Hospital.

It's not hard to guess where someone like Ackerman would spend Patriot's Day. And indeed, since 2006, she has served as a medical volunteer at the Boston Marathon. Along with about a dozen others from her practice, Ackerman usually works at the finish line or about fifty yards past it, in Medical Tent A. Their cases generally run to electrolyte imbalances, fatigue, foot injuries, and hyper- or hypothermia; occasionally, they'll see a heart attack or seizure. "The marathon is a huge tradition, and it's exciting to support the people who are running for charity," Ackerman says. "It's a really happy day in Boston, typically."

But of course, this year's race was anything but typical—and Ackerman was on the front line. CAM spoke to her two and a half weeks after the event.

Cornell Alumni Magazine: Before this year, did you ever worry about security?
Kathryn Ackerman: Not really. One year I was taking care of a patient who had become delirious and said he wanted to kill all the doctors. He wound up leaving a bag in the medical tent, and as soon as I notified someone, bomb-sniffing dogs were brought in to check it out. I was impressed that they took a flippant comment so seriously and were all over it.

CAM: This year, when did you realize that something was wrong?
KA: I was in Medical Tent A and we heard this loud boom. It clearly sounded like an explosion—at that point we didn't realize what had exploded, or where—and about ten seconds later there was another. We have a person in the tent who runs the microphone, and he announced there was an explosion at the finish line and we should get ready for casualties. I was concerned that some of them would be my colleagues, because we had four doctors, an athletic trainer, and a physi-

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cian assistant from our practice working there. So I immediately ran over to see what help they needed and if they had been injured. When I got out there, all of them were already working on patients. There were people lying on the ground in disarray, and a lot of spectators were helping them. I realized they needed way more help, so I ran back to the tent and announced that we needed doctors, IVs, and transportation.

CAM: Can you describe the scene at the finish line?

KA: One thing that struck me was how everybody was chipping in. As soon as we knew what happened, that it was truly a bomb, people were not running away—they were diving in and helping. I saw tons of people mobilize and do their jobs extremely effectively and not act scared, which was vital. At one point I was attending to a couple of people in a store, Marathon Sports—the bomb had gone off right in front of it—and someone from the SWAT team came in and said, “There may be a third bomb. We need everybody out of here.” So we transferred the patients to the tent. It was remarkable how quickly and efficiently people worked.

CAM: With the police warning of more bombs, were you scared for your own safety?

KA: I naively wasn’t thinking about it. I was thinking, These people need help. We need to get this done. It didn’t even occur to me until the SWAT team warned us about a third bomb that there could even be one. I thought the situation was over, and now we needed to take care of the aftermath, get these people to the hospital, and keep them alive.

CAM: Many people compared the scene of the explosions to a war zone. Is that how it struck you?

KA: Yes, that’s exactly right. It looked like those roadside bombings they talk about on the news.

CAM: What kind of wounds did you treat?



KATHERINE COHEN

White-coated: Ackerman in the office.

KA: Most of them were lower extremity injuries—limbs that were off, had shrapnel in them, were partially missing. The injured were actually pretty calm; they just wanted to be helped. There wasn’t a lot of screaming. It was a calm scene.

CAM: With your specialty in sports medicine, you don’t generally treat trauma cases. Did your med school training come flooding back?

KA: There are some basic things in terms of life support that physicians need to keep up with—so even though we’re not used to seeing so many casualties at the same time, there are some lessons that we keep in mind. And there were also a lot of hands on deck. We had six people from our practice on the finish line, and four of them were surgeons—so the surgeons were among the first ones there, which was fantastic.

CAM: Do you think that the medical infrastructure that was already in place for the race made all the difference in saving lives?

KA: Absolutely. The fact that the bombs were put where people could mobilize so quickly was, fortunately, a mistake on the part of the bombers. I can’t tell you how surprised, proud, and impressed many of us feel that there were so few deaths—as horrendous as it is that there were any. Before the names of those who had passed away were released, we thought that some of the people we’d treated might not have made it. It has helped our healing process to know that they’re alive and getting care.

CAM: Given your own proximity to the blasts, were your friends and family frantic to make sure you were all right?

KA: I hadn’t looked at my cell phone for the first

forty-five minutes or so, because we were so busy. Then I saw people texting and thought, Why are they doing this? And I remembered, People know that I'm here. They're probably concerned. I looked at my phone and I had about thirty texts asking, "Are you OK?"

CAM: Once all the trauma cases were treated, what did you do?

KA: We typically start seeing runners with serious medical problems around four-plus hours into the race—and that was right around the time that the bombs exploded. So we were wondering, What happened to those patients? Where did they go? Once we got everybody triaged and off to the hospital, we needed to clear Tent A, because the SWAT team wanted to check it for bombs. Then we went to the Boston Common, where we were directed to wait for runners and other people we could help. But by the time we got there, there was nothing organized; we weren't sure if those runners were OK, if they'd been taken in. We stood around the Common for a while directing people, but there weren't that many to direct. So around 5:30 we walked to Tent B, which was wrapping up, and then I biked home to Newton.

CAM: What was the mood as you rode through the city?

KA: Absolute shock. A lot of people know that their friends and family are at the marathon; it's a huge part of Boston. So whether you're working at the medical tent, running, or standing along the racecourse, so many people in Boston are involved that everybody was affected. People were just sort of wandering afterwards, looking upset and dazed.

CAM: In the immediate aftermath, how were you feeling?

KA: Initially I was OK. And then by Friday—when there was the lockdown, and I found out that the bombers had lived on the cross street of my old apartment in Cambridge, and that the carjacking hostage had escaped across the street from the boathouse where I row—it was getting extremely personal. I was feeling scared. Even after they caught the second bomber, some of the PTSD starting hitting all of us and we weren't really feeling safe in the city.

CAM: Have you and other first responders been getting help in processing what you experienced?

KA: Our group at Children's Hospital got together for a session with someone from the psychiatry department; talking with people who were there has helped. Disaster relief organizations have gotten in touch, and the marathon is sending out resources.

CAM: Does being a physician—someone who understands the nature of PTSD—make it easier to cope?

KA: I think everyone responds differently; even in our practice, of the fourteen people who were there, some have handled it completely differently than others. It hits people at different times. I was one of three attending physicians from our practice there, so I feel a need to help the younger people accept that they're going to go through a lot of emotions, and they may not feel comfortable talking about day-to-day sports injuries and more trivial things. It's been hard for me to hear about simple problems when I'm feeling so much empathy and horror about what the marathon victims are experiencing, and how much rehab they're going to go through.

CAM: Has life gone back to normal in Boston?

KA: I'd say we're getting there. People have really been supportive; I think there's been an extra feeling of solidarity in the city. People are feeling strong—like we can't be beaten. The marathon's going to be even bigger and more successful, and we're going to support the victims. The One Fund is a huge focus now.

CAM: When people witness something like the marathon bombings, they often wish they could help—and you were not only there, you had the training to save lives. What does that feel like?

KA: When I went to the memorial service, that hit me at the end, when the entire cathedral was singing "America the Beautiful" with the President. I thought, I'm really glad I had the opportunity to grow up and become a doctor and do something useful with the knowledge I gained. It was a good feeling to know that when something traumatic happened I was able to act and do the best job I could. That part has given me a lot of peace. But it wasn't just the physicians and nurses who were helpful; the athletic trainers, the podiatrists, the massage therapists all helped. People who didn't have medical training knew to grab wheelchairs or bring out gurneys. So I'm glad I have these skills, but I'm also proud of the people who had the presence of mind to do the right thing.

CAM: Does living through something like this change how you feel when you hear the word "terrorism"?

KA: It definitely doesn't seem as far away. I'm much more aware of how easily it can happen anywhere in the world. I also have an incredibly increased appreciation for our military, who deal with these types of things frequently, and don't get nearly as much media coverage.

CAM: Will you be back at the marathon next year?

KA: Definitely. I'll either be working in the medical tent—or on a team, running to raise money for the One Fund. 🇺🇸

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A 'Senior Prom' for Young Alumni

By Shane Dunn '07

Like any great university, Cornell has many traditions that alumni remember years after graduation: Dragon Day, Slope Day, throwing fish on the ice at the Harvard hockey game. For current students and recent alumni, one such event is the Duff Ball.

The ball (named for its location, the Engineering college's Duffield Hall) started in 2008 as Cornell's "senior prom"—a sold-out event that brings seniors together in their finest suits, dresses, and tuxedos to celebrate the end of their undergraduate years in style. More important, it raises thousands of dollars for the annual Cornell United Way campaign.

Jonathan Feldman '08, who was a student leader of the United Way campaign, helped found the Duff Ball in 2008. More than a year ago, Feldman—who now lives in Chicago and is active on his class council—approached the Student and Young Alumni Programs team in Alumni Affairs with the idea of creating a flagship event for young alumni. After months of planning, the first-ever Duff Ball-NYC was held in March, attracting more than 400 young alumni (defined as those who graduated in the previous ten years) to the historic Bowery Hotel in the East Village.

Guests included several University administrators, including vice president for student and academic services Susan Murphy '73, PhD '94, and dean of students Kent Hubbell, BArch '69. Board of Trustees chairman Robert Harrison '76 offered remarks that highlighted the changing nature of the Cornell student

experience as the University approaches its sesquicentennial in 2015. "The University has done an amazing job at continuing to develop dynamic events to bring alumni of all ages together," says Katie Bartels '06. "It's incredibly important to keep established traditions such as Zinck's Night going strong, but also to try out new events to engage alumni."

While the original Duff Ball supports the United Way, the alumni version raised money for the Student and Academic Services Annual Fund. Thanks to the generosity of an anonymous donor, nearly \$45,000 was raised; all proceeds went to support the fund. "It was such a blast seeing so many Cornell friends at the alumni Duff Ball," says Olivia Moore '12. "Everyone was having a great time, and you could sense that a wonderful tradition was in the making." Says Angelique Boyer '11: "It was great to catch up with friends while feeling fancy." Ben Cole '10 agreed, but offered one gripe. "If I had one complaint about the night," he says, "it was that it ended too soon."

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Night to remember: Celebrants at the Duff Ball-NYC, which did double duty as a Student and Academic Services fundraiser and a festive get-together for young alumni.

CAA Spotlight: Cornell Field Hockey Association

Since 1999, alumnae of Big Red field hockey have been able to stay connected and give back to the team, thanks to the Cornell Field Hockey Association (CFHA). “I noticed that when I was a student-athlete, former players from the Class of 1989 would come back to watch the games and hang out with the players, and interacting with them was so important to me,” says Cari Hills ’98. “When I became an alumna, I wanted to create an opportunity for everyone to feel welcome and to talk about all the great things that await you after graduation.” The CFHA was born, becoming the first Cornell athletic alumni association for female athletes.

Since then, the CFHA has taken off.

Governed by a board of ten members who serve two-year terms and meet monthly, the CFHA not only makes sure that former team members stay connected to Cornell and to each other, but also aid current players through career guidance. It has developed an opt-in database that matches alumni with current athletes, based on either geography or undergraduate major, creating one-to-one relationships. In addition to hosting a LinkedIn group for alumnae and student-athletes, the CFHA has a résumé review program; alumnae can notify team members when they intend to visit campus, and individual meetings are conducted to provide feedback.

This past fall, after the game at Columbia, the team and alumnae held a dinner at the Cornell Club-New York, which featured a panel discussion about life after Cornell. “At first, you could tell that the team members were hesitant about the panel,” says Hills, “but once we got started, they really got into it.” Alumnae talked about their jobs, balancing career and motherhood, and finding time to stay involved in athletics and physical fitness.

Each spring, the CFHA hosts an annual alumni and friends weekend, giving former players, friends of the team, and current athletes a chance to bond. In addition to a dinner and a brunch, activities include an alumnae/student game, an event with Cornell Outdoor Education (such as ziplining over Beebe Lake or rappelling off



Next generation: Team members with some young fans



Old school: Alumnae show their spirit at the first team reunion weekend, held in 2000.

Schoellkopf), and a leadership component to build skills among current players. Another aspect of CFHA’s mission is making sure that alumnae are aware of NCAA recruiting and interaction guidelines, so there aren’t any violations. The alumni board also has regional captains who organize tailgates wherever the team plays.

With its extensive array of activities and programs, the CFHA has become a resource for other teams’ alumni groups. Working with the Department of Athletics, they have created a “Big Red Toolkit” that offers templates for starting an association and creating invitations, newsletters, and other materials, as well as information on recruiting guidelines and hosting events. Coach Donna Hornbrook says that the CFHA has helped recruit new players, because applicants see that alumnae stay involved and support current athletes; when Hornbrook held a clinic for high school students in Washington, D.C., in October, three alumnae participated. Says Hills: “I hope we inspire students to stay connected to Cornell after they graduate and to give back.”

Admissions Volunteers Set Record

While the University continues to see record application numbers—more than 40,000 for 2012–13—the alumni volunteers who meet with these aspiring Cornellians around the world have set a record of their own.

Each year, the 9,000 members of the Cornell Alumni Admissions Ambassador Network (CAAAN), Cornell’s largest alumni volunteer organization, meet with applicants one on one. In addition, CAAAN members staff college fairs, host receptions for admitted students, and hold send-offs during the summer.

This year, more than 20,600 contact

reports were filed by CAAAN volunteers—the first time the group has exceeded the 20,000 mark. “Even though we have about the same number of volunteers, alumni continue to rise to the occasion as the application numbers increase,” says Bruce Wagner ’64, ME ’66, outgoing chair of the CAAAN Advisory Committee, which works with the Office of Undergraduate Admissions. “The record number of alumni contact meetings reflects the continued achievement of our alumni volunteers. The CAAAN program showcases that Cornell alumni are eager and willing to give their time to their alma mater in a very supportive way.”

Mosaic Takes On Diversity Challenge

Why would a group of alumni leaders representing Cornell's diversity groups spend a sunny spring Saturday indoors at the Medical College? They did so for a chance to share ideas and discuss how to work collaboratively, as part of the Cornell Mosaic retreat.

Mosaic helps to bring together the University's minority alumni organizations, as well as others who are interested in diversity. According to Mosaic chair and University trustee Sheryl Hilliard Tucker '78, the organization was created to help such alumni understand the value of a lifelong relationship with Cornell. "These individuals often don't realize that the college experience doesn't end when you graduate," she says. "We're here to extend the message that you can stay connected through the different diversity groups that exist."

Mosaic retreat attendees heard from representatives of four of the major alumni groups—the Cornell Alumni Association, the Cornell Association of Class Officers, the Cornell University

Council, and the President's Council of Cornell Women—who described their plans for making their programs more inclusive. Says Tucker: "We need to put energy into making connections with other organizations so we learn about each other, and also help the University understand how we can all work together and increase the value of diversity."

The retreat attendees also heard from development industry leaders who have expertise in fundraising among minority populations and got advice on how to tailor messaging to each population's expectations. "We're fortunate at Cornell, because we understand the value of diversity," says Tucker. "Not all universities see how diverse groups can impact development, and tap into their time, talent, and treasure."

First-Ever CUGALA Annual Meeting

One diversity group that is looking to tap the benefits of its alumni population is the Cornell University Gay and Lesbian Alumni Association (CUGALA). Believed to be the first college LGBT alumni organization in the U.S., CUGALA had long been run under a loose organizational structure, says current president Emanuel Tsourounis '00, JD '03.

According to Tsourounis, a couple of years ago alumni leaders developed a plan to move the group forward, and to involve a new generation of LGBT grads, especially those whose experiences at Cornell were different from that of their predecessors. "We realize that for people who went to Cornell



Better together: The CUGALA meeting brought LGBT alumni and Alumni Affairs staff to the Cornell Club-New York.

before about 2000, the LGBT experience on campus was significantly different than for those who are there now," he says. "However, many of the same problems still exist for both students and alumni, and we knew that a stronger alumni organization could benefit everyone."

Working over the past two years to create more events and implement a more formal organizational structure, the group was able to discuss its vision with other LGBT alumni at its first-ever annual meeting, held in April at the Cornell Club-New York. About fifty alumni attended in person, plus several dozen more who took part via live stream. At the meeting, Tsourounis presented plans for the organization's future and the group approved changes to its charter and bylaws. In addition, Art Leonard '74, one of CUGALA's co-founders, talked about the birth of the organization and its early years, including challenges during the HIV/AIDS epidemic of the Eighties.

CUGALA members also voted for the group's first board of directors. Tsourounis says that when the call went out for alumni to serve on the newly formed board, only a handful of responses were expected—but more than twenty people volunteered. "It shows the level of interest and need for this organization," he says. "I'm excited for the future of CUGALA." In addition to discussing events for the coming year, Tsourounis announced the first-ever reunion of LGBT alumni, which will take place in Ithaca in June 2014. "We've really built this organization up," he says. "I'm also excited to be working collaboratively with Mosaic and the other diversity alumni organizations to engage alumni and make Cornell a more inclusive place for all of us."



New direction: CUGALA president Emanuel Tsourounis '00, JD '03, describes the group's novel organizational initiatives.

Del Toro, Rodriguez Elected Trustees

As of July, Nicole Del Toro '91 and Susan Rodriguez '81, BArch '82, are among the newest members of the Board of Trustees. They were the top vote-getters from the nearly 25,000 Cornellians who participated in the annual alumni trustee elections. Cornell is one of the few major universities that allows its alumni to elect trustees from their ranks directly to its board.

Rodriguez is a founding partner and design principal at Ennead Architects, an internationally respected architecture

firm in New York City. She is a member of the President's Council of Cornell Women and serves on the College of Architecture, Art, and Planning Dean's Advisory Council.

Del Toro is founder and president of Andrews and Cole, LLC, a boutique executive search firm. She is currently president of the Cornell Club of Washington, D.C., co-chair of the Washington, D.C., Tower Club Committee, and a member of the administrative board of the Cornell University Council.

42 Ed Markham (Bainbridge Island, WA), one of our most enthusiastic supporters, had an interesting 2012 and produced his best vegetable garden in 15 years. He and Yoshiko took fun visiting trips to Oregon, California, and around Washington. Most of his family attended his 94th birthday celebration. November brought a “galloping heart,” necessitating blood thinners and a walker, and he hopes to get in shape for another great garden. We all join in with his wishes. As reported in the March/April column, **Bill Webster** (Little Rock, AR) completed the family Civil War story, *A Vigo Volunteer Writes Home*, which was launched from a local bookstore. Reaching 92, imperfect health resulted, but now that he is well, Bill will be doing more work on selling the book. We wish him great success. “I celebrated 91 trips around the sun last April, and I must say, every day is an extra day!” So states **Joe Kandiko** (Chanhassen, MN). Attending artsy programs and events brightens his days, as do visits from children, grands, and great-grands. He likens living in the rest home to a cruise ship. Keep on sailing!

Cornell came in third in Ivy League basketball this year, only losing to Harvard and Princeton. Tissue regeneration is being performed by Cornell researchers, showing that it is possible to create a replacement ear using a 3-D printer and injections of living cells. Scientists hope this might offer a speedier method with more lifelike results. If it works out, they will be able to rapidly customize implants. Amazing.

Thanks to those who continue to support our class and for sending in information about their lives. This column only exists because we want to hear about our “old” friends. So do keep in touch with me throughout the year. Notice my address and e-mail, and also my phone. I’m usually home and love to hear from you. Hope you are all doing well. ☐ **Carolyn Evans** Finneran, 8815 46th St. NW, Gig Harbor, WA 98335; tel., (253) 326-4806; e-mail, carolynfinn@comcast.net.

43 Lead times being what they are in the world of Class Notes, this column was written about a month before our 70th Reunion, so there’s nothing yet to share about the names, places, and events of the weekend. To tide us over until a full Reunion Report can be provided in the Sept/Oct issue, we have this from **Leon Schwarzbaum** (North Woodmere, NY), who writes, “I am pleased to report that I am still freelance writing. Japanese readers of *English Plus* magazine or current Macmillan LanguageHouse publications can read my work—in English, of course. We were badly treated by Hurricane/Super Storm Sandy and still (in April) haven’t fully restored the family homestead, although the upper floor wasn’t harmed and is completely habitable. And I have reached the stage of physical decrepitude that if I were to wake up in the morning and nothing hurt, I would know I was dead.”

Hope many of you were seen on the Hill in June. More on all of that in the next issue. ☐ **Class of 1943**, c/o *Cornell Alumni Magazine*, 401

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44 Jonathan Stoddart, BA ’46 (Arlington, VA) left Cornell for a stint in the US Army from November 3, 1943 through April 26, 1946—including two years in Europe as captain of a bomb disposal unit—and returned to earn his bachelor’s degree. He also earned a Purple Heart. He went on to a master’s at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy in Boston, and became an instructor at George Washington U. in D.C. He was recalled to duty during the Korean War, in Army Intelligence, then served at the Pentagon from 1951 to 1970 and as a senior policy analyst at the State Dept. until his retirement in 1993. Overseas posts included London, Paris, Naples, and the State Headquarters in Belgium. Jonathan and his first wife, Irene, were married in Sage Chapel in 1943 and had two children before her death. His second wife, Carol, passed away in November 2008.

When they’re not in Burdett, NY, **Bill**, LLB ’49, and **Helen Sutphen Elkins** live in Sebring, FL, in the middle of the orange groves. Bill retired in October 2012, and they spend winters in a retirement community in Sebring, where, he says, everybody rides around on golf carts. **Jeanne Copeland Johnson** moved to Carmel Valley, CA, to be closer to family. Her husband, **Philip** ’43, died in November 2007. When we heard from **Audrey Jones** Smithers in January, she had recently had an unfortunate accident and broken her pelvic bone. She wrote from a nursing and restorative care center in Stuart, FL. Audrey adds that she has three sons—and three great-grandchildren. **Ruth Caplan Brunton** (r2brunton@juno.com) is in Tempe, AZ. Her husband passed away about a year ago.

Renowned artist **Richard Artschwager**, BA ’48, died February 9, 2013 in Hudson, NY. He was a painter, sculptor, and illustrator, and the *New York Times* stated that his “witty, contradictory mixing of artistic genres made him one of the most critically admired artists that emerged in the 1960s.” He also influenced countless other new artists. His degree, interrupted by the war, was in Chemistry and Math. He was always interested in art, though, and his work often demonstrated a blend of art and science.

Sturla Fridriksson, MS ’46, wrote from his home in Iceland: “As usual, we spent the first part of the winter at home with the family in Reykjavik. Our daughter and her husband live next door to us, and we enjoy going to the theater and to various meetings. I also attended two adult education classes at the U. of Iceland. I turned 90 years old in February and celebrated the event at the Hotel Saga. I gave the guests a book of my verses, as well as a CD of 11 of the verses sung by Einar Clausen. Regular meetings with my Lions Club continue, and we went up to central Iceland to try to control erosion on a grassland oasis near the glaciers. Many summer days are spent at our country house in Laxfoss, where we are visited by a few friends.”

Send your news, and we’ll share it in the column. Write us at: ☐ **Class of 1944**, c/o *Cornell*

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45 Frank Swingle, MS ’49 (Indianapolis, IN) was at a golf tournament recently where the pairings were made by a computer—and he was paired with his son-in-law. It happens that they were the first team chosen as the best and worst players in the field. “You can guess who was the worst,” he says, but he had just had a lesson from a marvelous pro and is convinced that he is going to cut five strokes from his handicap this year. Right on, Frank, we say.

Dorothy Scott (“Scottie”) Boyle (Eastport, ME) writes, “Like so many of you, I have reached my 90th year, and I am surprised that I don’t feel really old, aside from stiff legs and using a cane outdoors.” Scottie is still painting and selling at Quoddy Crafts and Marine Museum in Eastport, on Moose Island. It’s a great place to vacation, she says, with a historic downtown, art galleries, sailing . . . She adds that she could say more, but suggests we should google “Quoddy or Eastport.” **Bill Knauss**, MBA ’48 (Sarasota, FL) tells us that despite stable angina for the past two years, he plays tennis (doubles) three times a week, unless the temperature is in the low 40s, as it has often been in March. He is in his tenth year of tutoring third graders in language skills, working twice a week. He is also back on the Condo Board as treasurer, after being off for 15 years. His last trip to foreign climes was to Iceland in September 2011, making it the 79th country he has visited. His oldest granddaughter, fifth-generation Cornelian lineally, graduated in 2011. Her sister is graduating from Cornell this coming June.

We must report the death of **Morton Eydenberg**, who was class treasurer from 2000 to 2008. He was a member of the 60th Reunion campaign committee and attended the mini-reunion in October 2012. He was actively involved in the New York Rotary and was chair of the Rotary Club of New York Foundation at the time of the World Trade Center tragedy. Under his leadership the Foundation generously supported New York hospitals and fire departments. Mort spoke many languages and traveled extensively, making friends in many countries. One such couple invited him to speak at their daughter’s wedding in Japan. At the reception, he gave his speech in Japanese. Our heartfelt sympathy goes to his daughter, Susan, and her family.

We also report the death of **George Rautenberg**, BA ’47, a member of Quill & Dagger, who was the Cornell Fund representative for the class from 1995 to 2000 and, with **Jane Knauss Stevens**, MBA ’48, from 1985 to 1990. He was also class treasurer, 2008-13. When he and Jane were co-chairs of the Fund, the class was recognized for its achievements in the number and percentage of classmate participation. His daughter **Susan** graduated from Cornell in 1972. We send our sincere condolences to her and her sister.

If you enjoy reading the Class Notes, remember that your classmates would like to read about what *you* are doing, so send your news to either of us at the addresses below: ☐ **Julie Kamerer** Snell, 3154 Gracefield Rd., #111, Silver Spring, MD 20904-0806; e-mail, julie.snell@verizon.net; or **Bob Frankenfeld**, 6291 E. Bixby Hill Rd., Long Beach, CA 90815; e-mail, betbobf@aol.com.

46 My favorite season has always been SPRING! I love watching the blooming of all the beautiful flowers and trees after a cold and dreary winter. Well, this winter has been very cold, and I'm ready to see the new burst of life in nature. Today, I'm praying for my daughter-in-law's successful cancer operation in Hershey, PA. Also, I'm getting over the stomach flu and feeling much better. So I'm going to concentrate on "counting my blessings" and getting in touch with old friends like YOU.

The first letter I opened for this column was a good omen. **Mary Holton** Haigh (N. Kingstown, RI) began with a sentence that included the phrase "count my blessings." Mary, a former Ithacan, was very upbeat talking about her nearby family: "two darling great-grandsons, my remaining son's family including my granddaughter." When she wrote, she was taking care of her beautiful home on the Kingstown Harbor—as well as a friend's dog. She commented how everything had been right there in Ithaca from the very beginning. Thanks for the inspirational letter, it was just what I needed.

The next letters told me of deaths in our '46 family: **Nancy Hubbard Perryman's** death was reported in an earlier column, but her husband, **Firth '43**, wanted to add that Nancy had been president of WSGA while at Cornell. She had also been the first woman elected as president of their local school board. Daughter Gail wrote of the death of her mother, Dr. **Grace Gales** Herman (Columbus, Ohio) on Dec. 31, 2012. **Ellen Stein** Ostreich wrote of the death of her husband, Leonard, on Jan. 12, 2013. They'd been living and working in Boca Raton, FL, since 1987. Ellen has since moved to an independent living facility in Lake Mary, FL, about ten minutes from her daughter. Write me for her address if you'd like to contact her. Ellen reads our column regularly, so I'll send my condolences along now. I'd also like to wish her well in her new apartment. May she meet many new friends.

Apologies from the magazine to **Ellen Stein** Ostreich, whose address was listed incorrectly in the last column. Ellen lives in a very pleasant independent living facility with full activities in Lake Mary, FL, and sends this update: "I am happy here and have already met quite a few very nice and friendly people. If any '46ers are in the area, I am in the phone book."

Keep COUNTING YOUR BLESSINGS and sending news to me. ☐ **Elinor Baier** Kennedy, 9 Reading Dr., Apt. 302, Wernersville, PA 19565; tel., (610) 927-8777; e-mail, mopsyk@comcast.net.

I attended one of Cornell's Sesquicentennial programs in San Francisco in March with fellow duplicate bridge player **Janet Feuerstein** Grove '60 (Hillsborough, CA; jangrove@comcast.net). Jan's grandson, **Alexander Gulbrandsen** '15, is a fourth-generation Cornellian on Jan's family's side. But, even rarer, he is fifth-generation on her son-in-law's side. Alex has a sister in Lawrenceville, NJ, a state high-jump champion with excellent academic accomplishments who's hoping to become another 4th- and 5th-generation Cornellian.

Jan and I agreed that the evening's program, part of Cornell's year-long celebration of the 150th anniversary of the Morrill Land Grant Act, was a fantastic event. Faculty and students showcased Cornell's public engagement mission. We particularly liked the segment on using therapeutic theater performances at the Auburn (NY) Correction Facility. Also extremely engaging were the Agua Clara and Renewable Energy segments. AguaClara@Cornell has devised and installed sustainable water treatment systems for more than 30,000 needy Hondurans. "Ruminations on Renewable Energy" discussed Cornell's interdisciplinary approach to energy issues. But the star of the evening was President David Skorton, and the new Cornell NYC Tech campus dominated the closing Q&A session with him. The project will be good for Cornell, the Technion, New York, and the nation. It will present challenges comparable to those faced by President White in launching Cornell. President Skorton appears ready, willing, and able to face those challenges.

One week later, **Jim Mayer '49** (Wilmette, IL; mayer1410@aol.com) arrived in San Francisco from Chicago as dean of the grain convention at the St. Francis Hotel. During lunch together at Sam's Grill, I impressed him with the scope of the previous week's Cornell Sesquicentennial meeting. Jim is almost a continuing reunioner. He started in the Class of '47, but WWII delayed his graduation until '49. Thus, he's loyal to both classes and attends both reunions. Additionally, he's promised to help '46 celebrate our 70th on the Hill in June 2016.

I'm not complaining. I've enjoyed learning and writing about Andrew D. White and about non-classmates. But I'm suffering a dearth of material from you guys and am unable to fulfill my mission: to keep you informed about each other. Please e-mail me or write and tell me what's happening with you. My addresses are at the bottom of this column.

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47 Well, it finally happened: little or no news to report. Remember, we rely on you who are reading this to keep us in business ("No news is good news" certainly does not apply here), and this column serves as your connection to Cornell and to your fellow classmates. So write, e-mail, phone, etc., and tell us what you're doing, where you've been, about your family, your hobbies, your interests, etc. How about something interesting that you recall from your days on campus? Easiest way to send news: mail in the News Form that came in the spring class mailing—and thanks to those of you who have already done so. Your news should reach Arlie and me soon.

We were happy to be of service to **Anne Hodgkins** Ransom, who wrote recently: "Dear Sylvia, Thank you for the good column in the latest *Cornell Alumni Magazine*. You mentioned that you heard from **Peg Chauvin** Rinehart '46 out in California, and I would be delighted to hear from her if that is possible. We lived in Prudence Riskey when we first came to Cornell and were green freshmen. And we had to be in by 6:30 p.m.! I have lived in Georgia since 1951, surrounded by

Georgia grads. I have 17 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren, plus two more en route. Keep the good columns coming!"

We were able to give Anne all the information she needed to contact Peg, and we would be happy to help anyone looking to contact a former classmate. ☐ **Sylvia Kianoff** Shain, 653 Primrose Lane, River Vale, NJ 07675; tel., (201) 391-1263; e-mail, irashain1@verizon.net; **Arlie Williamson** Anderson, (585) 288-3752.

48 This column was written before Reunion, though you're reading it about a month afterwards. Stay tuned to the Sept/Oct column for a full report on the weekend, and in the meantime, here's more news from our mailbag.

Nancy Hauers Doyle, Westwood, MA: "Lots of golf and sailing in Chatham, MA, on Cape Cod. Three kids, seven grands, all in the Boston area, all still working at rewarding careers. The US of A always manages to snap back after disasters. I guess we will do it again, though it may take longer this time. I did not vote for my Representative. It's very hard for young people just starting out; it's not fair for them that our generation let greed rule the day. Cape Cod and Sarasota, FL, are my favorite places. Sarasota has winter cultural activities. I've always been proud that I am part of the Cornell family." **Alan Van Poznak**, MD '52, Tenafly, NJ: "Recording music in churches and schools. Four kids (three live in Tenafly), seven grands, one great. The youngest child, **Catherine Van Poznak**, MD '95, practices oncology at the U. of Michigan in Ann Arbor. The oldest grandchild, **Marisa Van Poznak** '01, now practices medicine in Providence, RI, and is the mother of our great-granddaughter. After four years at the Cornell Medical College, I lived in New York right by the hospital for 14 years. We built and moved into the Tenafly house in 1964. Whenever I was offered a job somewhere else, my wife, Beatrice, would say, 'I will go wherever you need for your career,' but I have never been happier in my life than in this house. We stayed!"

Marion Cousins Wikoff-Chambers ("Coz" to her Sigma Kappa sisters), Greensburg, PA: "Swimming, walking, Bingo, quilting, weaving, enjoying family and friends. Enjoying life every day. Volunteer at church activities. I have raised sheep, and I do hand-spinning and weave coverlets—full-size and miniatures—and knit hats for newborns at the hospital in Greensburg. We were in Naples, FL, for the winter, then back north in time for Reunion. We have five kids, 14 grandchildren, and two greats living in Mississippi, Minnesota, New Hampshire, New York, Virginia, and Florida. For the US, I like to think positive. I did not vote for my Representative. Nicest places I've lived are Philadelphia, Trumansburg, NY, and Naples, FL." **Gerald Starr**, Old Westbury, NY: "Gardening, reading, and travel. The economy is stagnant; debt is almost beyond repair. Leadership has faltered; gloom and doom in unemployment. We will somehow make it through. I voted for my Representative (go to www.house.gov/representatives to find out about your Congressman—it's very revealing). Two kids, three grands living in Los Angeles, France, and Mexico. I like Westhampton Beach for the best living. The contribution to my own success and personal growth is largely the result of my four years at Cornell."

Jane Handforth Kester, West Valley, NY: "Writing, crafts, trips. US is in a discouraging mess.

I have five kids, 19 grandchildren, and 14 greats. They are teaching, nursing, clerking, selling, in school, trucking, prep'ing food, doing carpentry, videography, cosmetology, or photography, bartending, counseling, and homemaking. West Valley is the best place I've lived." **Sally McGowan Rice**, Wolfeboro, NH: "Go to the gym every day but Sunday and visit my younger sister in Freedom, NH, occasionally. My goal has been to stay healthy until I'm dead. So far, so good. Four kids, six grandkids. Son Terry died in 1988; daughter

I've lived." **Jean Hamke Sundheim**, St. Petersburg, FL: "Doing little—water aerobics, physical therapy. I volunteer in my residence library, go to lots of MD appointments, plus theatre and concerts, and visit with my sister (Cornell '58). I use a walker, take lots of pills, and sometimes feel good. Wish I was young again and could travel to places I missed. One son, who lives in New Hampshire, and two grandchildren. My continuing care residence has lovely gardens and a view of the water. My sister also lives in St. Pete. She's active

to elementary school students. **Vera Johnston Farrell** (Livingston Manor, NY; farrellvera@yahoo.com) is the widow of the late **James '50**. In answer to the question of who at Cornell had the greatest impact on her, Vera replied, "Impossible question!" She regularly hears from her Cornell roommates and spends time as a volunteer at the public library and on community garden projects. She also plays golf, attends to her garden, and entertains. She has traveled to Greece and Turkey and visits four children and grandchildren in California and one daughter in Westchester. Rather be doing now? "Nothing. I have a good life!" **Stephen Profilet** (Winona, MN; sprofilet5130@charter.net) writes that the faculty at the College of Engineering had the greatest impact on him at Cornell. He would like to hear from **Lee Wilson Schmoll**. Stephen's time is spent reading, on the Internet, and singing in several choral groups in Winona. He vacationed in New Orleans, Natchez, and Gulfport last year.

‘Charles Hunt Jr. spends time “moving snow and mowing grass.”’

Dorothy Mulhoffer Solow '49

Carol is married in Salem, MA; son Stephen lives in Branford, CT; and Susan lives in Bedford, MA, and has two boys. She works at MIT, and God bless her, she calls me every Sunday evening. I learned some years ago to live 'one day at a time' and don't try to predict anything. Guilford, CT, was my favorite residence, with my own little house on the water and my sailboat moored offshore. As I reached the 80s, I decided to live closer to my sister in Freedom."

Barbara Berman Bergmann, Washington, DC: "Husband Fred died in 2011. I'm a retired economics professor and am trying to write a sixth and final book, 'The Decline of Marriage and What to do About It.' Prediction for US: we can't maintain a democracy if the Republicans continue to act this way. Two children, three grandchildren." **Charlotte Smith Moore** (a past class president), Peabody, MA: "Just moved last August from Binghamton, NY, to Brooksby Village in Peabody, near my kids. Playing bridge and joined a singing group, getting settled into senior independent living. I think I'm in a very good place. Five children, four grands, no greats. Four kids and two grandkids graduated from Cornell. Three are in real estate or building, and one is a professor at Cazenovia College."

Peter Lovisa, Pelham Manor, NY: "Playing tennis, bridge, traveling on a 25-day cruise, which included four days on the Amazon River. Spent about three months in Florida; planning a trip to Geneva, Switzerland, in April 2013. Pelham Manor has been my most enjoyable playground. Times are ominous. We are increasing the pace to centralized government, paralleling the demise of democracy à la Athens, Rome, and Berlin. An electorate paid for with benefits can only lead to a dictatorship. Our founding fathers did not envision Congress as a career. They did not think that Congress should pass laws for the people and exempt themselves. I did not vote for my Representative. To sum it up, I believe we are in dire trouble. Carpe diem!" **Ruth Werman Weiss**, Rochester, NY: "Reading, travel, bridge, socializing with friends and relatives. Two kids, five grandkids, in Portland, OR, and NYC. Son Joseph is a cardiologist and researcher; daughter Susan is a school administrator. I voted for my Representative."

Edward Thomas, Homosassa, FL: "Inactive due to poor health. One child, at home with me, caring for wife Maria and me. I don't predict a good future for the US. Florida is the best place

in church and does wonderful gardening. I'm pessimistic about the country's future. Last time I voted was four years ago. Life was most enjoyable in Bayport, Long Island. Wonderful neighborhood, residents about the same age, lots of kids (and parties). Our son was born there." **Gerry Haviland**, Norway, ME: "Repairing old clocks. I try to refrain from swearing when talking politics." **Bob Persons**, 102 Reid Ave., Port Washington, NY 11050; phone and fax, (516) 767-1776; e-mail, bobpersons48@gmail.com.

49 Our 65th Reunion is next year! Let's break the attendance records for a 65th! Plans are firming up and it looks as though we will be quartered at the Statler, along with other years (although many of us had hoped for a different location). Meanwhile, here's what some of us are up to.

Another author among us! **Roy Kahn** (Oakland, CA; romakah@yahoo.com) has published *New England Gravestone Images 1648-1850*, available via romakah@yahoo.com and from Moe's Books, Berkeley, CA (via <http://www.Abebooks.com>) for \$85 including shipping, etc. Roy is writing and taking courses in writing, and tells us that he would rather be "getting younger (I'm 86 . . . or my body is, anyway)." **Charles Hunt Jr.**, MS '63 (Freeville, NY), married to Laura, spends time "moving snow and mowing grass," gardening, and reading, and when he wrote he had been "waiting for the weather to change." He would prefer to be "traveling to warmer climes." At Cornell, **Howard Conklin '37**, PhD '48, had the greatest impact on him.

V. Joseph McAuliffe (Hudson, WI), married to June, has been "adjusting to living in a new location: new friends, new environment, new experiences, keeping up with new information and ways of living life." He's been staying healthy and contacting old friends. He would like to hear from **Phil Davis '50**. Prof. **Albert Hoefler 1916** "and all the individuals responsible for teaching in classes I attended and the major I passed" had the greatest impact on him at Cornell. **David Westerman** (New York, NY; NDWestman@aol.com), married to Nada, writes, "I am very active in Democratic politics and reading history, world affairs, and biographies." He was also involved in helping Obama get re-elected. **Frank Baldwin '22**, Dean of Men at Cornell, had the greatest impact on him.

Tom Potts (Houston, TX; tompotts@aol.com) is married to Barbara and doing volunteer tutoring

Who at Cornell had the greatest impact on **Jean Davis Salisbury** (Vero Beach, FL; jsalisbury123@bellsouth.net)? "What a hard question!" she writes. "Maybe the dean of Home Ec, who accepted me although I was very poorly prepared." Jean would enjoy hearing from **Lois Olson Biehler**. **Hannah Schwartz Cohen** (New York, NY; cohen.hannah@gmail.com), who was married to the late **Julius '45**, has moved from Cold Spring Harbor on Long Island to Manhattan, where she says "life here is very fulfilling and easier." **Anne Dickinson Murray** (West Grove, PA; annedmurray@gmail.com), enjoying life in a retirement community, writes that she is "reading, volunteering—with my dog sometimes—teaching a poetry appreciation class, walking, gardening, seeing grandchildren—and their parents—and planning a two-week trip to Tuscany with my daughter to explore Etruscan art and Tuscan FOOD! I'm fine with the status quo, which includes concerts, trips, etc., with friends, and time to read." Anne is the widow of the late **Jack Murray '44**.

John McCormick, DVM '49 (Bradenton, FL; jemvet@aol.com), married to Barbara, tells us that he works in the yard and garden, goes to a health club on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, and is reading, walking, and watching ballgames on TV. Last year, he was cruising and traveling to the mountains. However, he'd rather be playing golf. **E. P. Leonard**, DVM '34, had the greatest impact on John while at Cornell. **Jacques Zakin** (Dublin, OH) is married to Laura and writes that he is still working at Ohio State U., doing research and some teaching. We received the sad news that **Jeanne McNulta Fox** passed away in October 2012. Her daughter, Maureen, wrote that even though Jeanne suffered from Alzheimer's, she enjoyed the photos in the *Alumni Magazine*. Jeanne's granddaughter, **Madeline VenJohn '10**, graduated from Cornell wearing her grandmother's 1949 Cornell class ring.

Donald Mintz, PhD '60 (Trumansburg, NY; dmintz@zoom-dsl.com), married to Ann Day, is doing some translation from German and tells us that he would prefer to be "working (rather than being retired; i.e., unemployed)." Don says that Prof. Donald J. Grouh had the greatest impact on him at Cornell. **Jack O'Brien** (Vero Beach, FL) wrote, "Like any self-respecting retiree, I really don't do much, but never seem to get it all done at the end of the day." A recent member of the Indian River Rowing Club, he was "trying to find available land on the river to build a boathouse

and expose the kids and others to the joys of rowing." He adds that he'd rather be doing almost anything "as long as it is in this lovely town." The greatest impact on Jack at Cornell: "Probably my fraternity, Delta Phi, as a group." **Wadsworth Stone** (Natick, MA; waddystone@verizon.net) reports, "I am active in business in industrial heating and controls for steel mills, foundries, forging plants, and glass and ceramic plants, as well as textiles, paper, and plastics plants. In fall 2011 I went on a safari with the Cornell Alumni Group. Fabulous trip." Waddy says he'd rather be out on the golf course. At Cornell it was Dean Kimball who made the greatest impression on him.

Paul Kiely (Naples, FL; LizandPJ@earthlink.net), married to **M. Elizabeth (Mears) '48**, is retired and "occasionally traveling to foreign countries such as England, Ireland, France, Germany, etc." **Walton Elliott** had the greatest impact on him at school. **Roger Thayer**, ME '52 (Edgartown, MA; rjthayer@earthlink.net) spends an hour each day recording college texts for the blind, which he has done for more than 25 years. He goes kayaking every month and sings in two or three choruses for five hours every week. Roger and his wife, **Jane (Hillis) '52**, are leading discussions at church on "Peace Movements Worldwide," an anthology of essays by Howard Zinn, Daniel Ellsberg, and Colman McCarthy, among others. He tells us that he would rather be "getting younger" and says that he would like to be in touch with old Cornell friends. It's great to hear everyone's news! Please keep it coming! ☑ **Dorothy Mulhoffer** Solow, 3608 N. Sunset Ave., Farmington, NM 87401; tel., (315) 717-6003; e-mail, winspeck@yahoo.com.

50 On April 19, 34 classmates, spouses, and other guests gathered at the Cornell Club in New York for our annual springtime get-together. Classmates on hand were: class president **Pat Carry** Stewart, up from Florida; Annual Fund representative **Jim Brandt**, and his wife, **Nancy (Hubbard)**, in from Chicago; reunion co-chair **Jane Wigsten** McGonigal, PhD '84, and vice president **John Marcham**, both from Ithaca; **Stan Rodwin**, VP and reunion co-chair, from the Rochester area; **Howie Heinsius**, **Bob Post**, **Pete Rotolo**, and **Nels Schaenen**, MBA '51, all from New Jersey, with **Bob Fite** up from Cape May; **Dave Dingle** in from the North Fork of Long Island; **Bill Sharman**, BArch '52, from Briarcliff Manor, NY; **Barrie Sommerfield** from Connecticut; yours truly from Philadelphia; and Manhattanites **Marjorie Leigh** Hart, **Eve Weinschenker** Paul, **Jack Richard**, MD '53, and **Dick Savitt**.

At our class meeting before the dinner, **Brad Edmondson '81**, who is writing our class history, addressed the group. As the first normal class to enter Cornell after WWII and the first to matriculate after the military pulled out, the Class of 1950 has a unique story to tell. Our freshman year was the year the veterans flooded onto campuses, and the changes that took place on campus during our four years mirrored changes in society. Brad envisions a book that will interest not only us classmates, but also historians of our era. From us, Brad needs our recollections, our anecdotes, our stories. One topic he is particularly interested in exploring is the people, events, and activities at Cornell that set the path for our careers. Other topics include the dating scene and

the cultural clash between the veterans and the teenagers just out of high school. And he would like to talk with anyone who lived in Collegetown or Vetsburg. Please e-mail your ideas and your thoughts to Brad (brade@lightlink.com) and/or John Marcham (jmarcham27@gmail.com) and/or me, Marion (e-mail at the end of this column). Brad may well have already contacted some of you for interviews and will probably be contacting more of you.

Brian Frey, director of Television Broadcast Operations for WSKG-TV in Binghamton, also addressed the group. He is the producer of an excellent DVD about the founding of Cornell, and he is now interested in producing a DVD about our class. After Brad talks with classmates, Brian would like to film interviews with some of you for this DVD. The plan is to have both Brad's book and Brian's DVD finished and ready to distribute by our 65th Reunion in 2015.

In other class business, Stan Rodwin reported that we have enough funds that, even after the book and DVD expenses, the class will be able to defray some reunion expenses for those who attend. And, of course, the evening ended with the traditional songfest led by Howie Heinsius and Bob Post, with Dave Dingle on the piano.

Ralph "Cooly" Williams, MD '54 (Santa Fe, NM; coolypatch22@cybermesa.com) sent a note—"Say hello to all"—but missed the dinner because he was in San Francisco becoming a Master in the American College of Physicians. Cooly has now moved into a retirement community just four blocks west of his former condo, on the same street. "I can't cook worth a damn," he explains. "Here they give us inmates at least one square meal a day. I still see patients in a brand-new office three days a week, which is fun. And I am doing much better in the art business, selling about one painting a month." Pat Carry Stewart (Gulf Stream, FL; StewartPC@aol.com) recently had a good visit with **Dave**, MBA '51, and **Helen Eaton Culbertson** (Vero Beach, FL; josephdculbertson@gmail.com) at a Cornell luncheon near Palm Beach.

When **Lynn Layton** Bull (magdadog3@gmail.com) moved recently from Millbrook, NY, to Capitola, CA, she actually drove the whole way across the continent. Her niece drove with her as far as Colorado Springs, where she broke up the trip for a few days and then picked up her sister as copilot. **Dick Hudes** (Flushing, NY; heyrichard@aol.com) can't give up the habit of being a student. He continues to be a regular at Cornell's Adult University on campus. Last summer Dick attended Left, Right, and Center: The Major Issues of the 2012 Election.

Olg Myslichuk McNamara, also known as Ollie Myles, passed away in November at her home in La Jolla, CA. In the 1950s, Ollie was a buyer in New York City for Saks Fifth Avenue, which promoted her as "Miss Safinia." I used to see her regularly in those days as I browsed through Saks on my lunch hour. Later, Ollie and her husband ran their own high-end women's fashion boutiques, called Capriccio, in Scottsdale and Phoenix, AZ, and La Jolla.

Corrections Dept.: It was brought to our attention that **John Griswold's** e-mail was incorrect in the May/June class column. The correct address is: knjgriswold@charter.net. ☑ **Marion Steinmann**, 237 West Highland Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19118-3819; tel., (215) 242-8443; e-mail, cjoiner@ix.netcom.com; **Paul H. Joslin**, 6080 Terrace Dr., Johnston, IA 50151-1560; tel., (515) 278-0960; e-mail, phj4@cornell.edu.

51 **Jane Johnson McCombs '47** reported the passing on November 4, 2012 of her husband **Robert** in Lehighton, PA. Robert retired as USDA soil conservationist in 1966 due to disability caused by multiple sclerosis, but continued to be involved in the field of conservation, serving for over 30 years as a director of the Carbon County Soil Conservation District. He started the MS support group of Carbon County and, in 1982, led a group of people in wheelchairs to downtown Lehighton to demonstrate the need for sidewalk ramps. Among the awards he received were the Conservationist of the Year in Pennsylvania in 1977; the Handicapped Pennsylvanian of the Year in 1980; and the Outstanding Conservationist of Carbon County in 1988. Jane and Robert had three daughters, eight grandchildren, and one great-grandson.

I lived a few miles from **Bob Murphy** for 40 years without knowing him or that he was a classmate. His first wife, Pat, wrote a column for the local paper called "Birds I View" and then for *Bird Watcher's Digest* when they started publication here in Marietta, OH. When Bob died last year I phoned his second wife, Frances, and got acquainted. Bob started his chemical engineering career with Union Carbide in Tonawanda, NY, moved to Antox in Newell, WV, and retired from American Cyanamid in Marietta. He and Pat had three sons. While in New York he played second violin for the Buffalo Symphony Orchestra.

Sixty-five years ago, the *Peekskill Evening Star* of March 22, 1948, recorded the unexpected arrival of four Cornellians with this front-page headline: "Four College Fliers Grounded in Storm" (and sub-head, "Make 'Flashlight Landing' Safely on Mahopac Field"). According to the article, "The four students were: **Lester Davis Jr.**, 21, of Long Island, pilot of the plane; **Charles 'Chuck' Leavitt**, 18, of Millbrook, NY; **Sabra Baker** [now Stackley], 18, of College Park, MD; and Miss **Janet Armstrong** [now Hamber], 19, of Douglastown, Long Island." The quartet left Cornell Saturday noon and made a record flight to New Haven, CT, where they attended a conference of the ANCF Clubs (Associated Northeastern Collegiate Flying Clubs). "The students were thrilled by their experience and loud in their praise for the skillful piloting by Mr. Davis. 'We never lost faith for a single minute,' said Miss Baker. All but one of us had licenses to pilot a plane and we've had plenty of experience . . . but none like that of last night. Now that it is all over, I'm very glad that I've had that experience. There were no parachutes in the plane, Miss Baker said today."

This was their second stop of the day on their trip back to Ithaca. Fog brought them down in Bridgeport, CT, where they waited in the control tower until it cleared, about 5 p.m., and they took off for Poughkeepsie, planning to fly to Ithaca on Monday. The thunderstorm aborted that plan. After a night at Mahopac, a crosswind kept them grounded until afternoon, so they flew just to Poughkeepsie, where they got a ride to Millbrook and the Leavitt house, where they spent the night.

Tuesday, weather not good, they resolved to take the train to Syracuse and a bus to Ithaca. Sabra phoned home for money at the Syracuse train station to pay for the bus to Cornell, and they skipped lunch. Sabra says, "Vendors peddling refreshments through the train reminded us frequently that we were unaccustomed to doing without food from breakfast to supper." All their luggage was left on the plane, and Sabra had to show ID in Syracuse to get the \$25 her mother

had sent. Remembering her name on the label of her “four-day dirty shirt” saved the day.

The Pilots Club page in the 1951 *Cornellian* had note of the four included. The single co-ed was **Connie Ripley** [now Yohr]. Connie remembers “Piper” Baker and her love of flying, but not the 1948 flight to Yale. Connie told me what the Pilots Club did. “Most of my memories of the Pilots Club flights were our Sunday morning breakfast flights to various airports in the upper New York and western Pennsylvania area when the student veterans with wartime flying experience did most of the piloting. I also remember planning a trip to Elmira and the Schweizer Sailplane Factory in spring of 1951. Prof. Loren Petry was the instigator. It was an eye-opening experience for me. I earned my pilot’s private license that spring and later checked out in sailplanes enough to earn a ‘C’ after moving to San Francisco in 1956. However, flying was too expensive to pursue on a secretary’s salary.”

Connie and Bob Yohr, a California state forest ranger, remodeled an old house, then built a new one in Angels Camp, CA, where they lived until he retired in 1981. They bought an RV and spent the next 25 years traveling through the US and Canada, with one full summer in Alaska. “In 2007 some health problems caught up with us” and last year they moved to Newberg, OR, to be close to family and new friends. Please send your news to: [✉ Brad Bond](mailto:brad@bradbond.com), 101 Hillside Way, Marietta, OH 45750; tel., (740) 374-6715; e-mail, bbond101@suddenlink.net.

52 Again, my news begins with loss. Bibby Veerman wrote in February to say that our classmate **Jack Veerman** died on February 21. An Engineering graduate, local community leader, and successful businessman, Jack served long and well on our class council. A good life led, and many will miss him.

With each dues payment, a Winsberg, **Ted**, MS ’53, and **Trudy Krueger Winsberg** (Boynton Beach, FL; tandtwin@bellsouth.net) sent news. Ted wrote, “Keeping equipment going for a friend’s CSA and our daughter and son-in-law’s tree nursery. We sold most of our farm to Palm Beach County for a wetlands park and we live in the middle of it.” Both agreed that they would not change a thing. Trudy added, “This is by far the most peaceful and satisfying time of our life.” When they came to Cornell, Ted brought a duffel bag and a new typewriter. Trudy brought a steamer trunk to Dickson. Times were different. Ted adds, “Slept on the floor of the Straight for two nights before I got a room in Kline Road dorms.” **Marshall Lindheimer** (Chicago, IL; mllndhei@medicine.bsd.uchicago.edu) still does “minor chores” for the hospital and serves as an external adviser for the World Health Organization. He has given a history seminar at the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology, and received an honorary doctorate from Bern U. He and Jacqueline continue to travel, mainly with Cornell tours. He comments that after years of listening to doctors talk on his various official trips, he “can now listen to interesting alumni.”

Henry Ver Valen (Monkton, MD; henkay@comcast.net) writes, “We still have a house that takes time to renew and maintain, I still have five old cars that I maintain and enjoy using for car shows and tours, and, being married, Kay and I have things to do together.” He reports that he’s “happy in this groove.” Henry, a class council

member, reminisces that in 1948, his parents drove him up from Baltimore for Frosh Camp—“a really great experience!” At the time, he brought his trumpet and a typewriter. When she wrote, **Elaine Rose Ruderman** (San Diego, CA; eroserud@aol.com) was president of Hadassah, raising money for the Hadassah Hospital and Medical Research in Israel. She was also doing Tai Chi and water aerobics, playing bridge, and cooking. She had been doing a lot of travel, “most recently through the Panama Canal. Extremely exciting!” Elaine first came to Cornell by Greyhound. She brought “a mouton fur coat, stadium boots and warm sweaters, lots of dresses.”

After a lot of looking, **Shirley Sagen Norton** (Canton, NY; snorton7@twcny.rr.org) moved September 1 to Partridge Ridge, a retirement home in Canton. “Just love it! Wonderful food and great people.” Shirley is the local AARP Scholarship chairman, does outreach for her local library, is on Zonta committees, and is busy with church activities—“To keep out of trouble,” says she. **William Hubbard** (Poughkeepsie, NY; whubbard@juno.com) has a part-time job making cloth bags for the optical industry. He’s active with Lions Club and as a volunteer at St. Andrews Episcopal Church. He and Norma had just celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. “Scary,” said he. One of their daughters is an Episcopal minister in Massachusetts, and the other is in South Africa, where her husband works for Habitat for Humanity. They have three grandchildren. After open-heart surgery a year ago, William has “recovered nicely” and is swimming again for exercise.

George Vlahakis (Nashville, TN; gsvlahakis@comcast.net) has been exercising at least three times a week at the YMCA, checking and sending e-mail, and watching his investments. He has also been tending to a bad lower back and doing exercises that should strengthen it. He has physical therapy twice a week, but says he’d rather not be spending so much time trying to stay fit. He’d like to travel, but feels his reaction time is poor and it’s difficult to drive at night. What he brought to Cornell: “A parka that I was given when I was discharged from the Army, some clothes, and sincere excitement at having been admitted to Cornell.” News from **David**, JD ’58, and **Phyllis Perl Stearns ’54** (Sarasota, FL). David writes that they have been “watching and kvelling as our five grandchildren grow and develop into mature and wonderful human beings.” Greg, the oldest, is at U. of Michigan, Jackie is at U. of Wisconsin, Ella will become a bas mitzvah, Ruby is eyeing colleges, and Coleman is having a blast as a rock band leader. “We’re super proud of all of them—and their parents, Liz and **Richie Stearns ’79** (Santa Monica, CA) and Mike and Ellie Dickson (Louisville, CO).”

Rik Clark (Osterville, MA; capeclarks@aol.com) reports that his activities have been similar to 2011’s. “Still keeping active, and fortunate for good health. Busy on a regular basis with biking, golf, yard work, travel, and some participation with local nonprofit organizations, especially Dana-Farber Cancer Inst. in Boston.” He, daughter Sue and son **Ted ’84** cycled 83 miles in the Pan-Mass challenge. Gasp. Rik says he brought the basics when he came to Cornell, and adds, “Freshmen today cart in too much stuff, especially social networking stuff and electronic gadgets that help lessen personal interactions and relationships.” Rik noted that he looked forward to helping Cornell as our class’s Annual Fund rep. He and Sandy were looking forward to a November cruise on the *Seabourn Quest*.

John Crager (Hudson, NY) spends his time “looking out for my lady friend, and with exercise machines and medical visits!” **Constance Soelle** Geerhart (Montgomery Village, MD) has been “reading, walking, going to the movies, and visiting with my family.” **William ’51**, MS ’54, and **Gertrude Strong Neef**, MS ’54 (Livermore, CA) spent their 60th wedding anniversary in Maui with their daughter and son-in-law in their new cottage. Gertrude went to her first luau and had her first helicopter ride over Maui and Molokai. **Richard C. Smith** (Moore, SC) was gardening, working out at the Y, reading, and battling health issues. He reported that his metal scrap value had gone up, since in addition to two metal knees and one metal hip, he had added a pacemaker to his body content.

In a long note, **Henry Lyon** (Waikoloa, HI) reported that he had been doing art work in various media, based on ideas from extensive travel—95 countries since 2006—as well as studying, especially Alzheimer’s and dementia, as he suffers from Alzheimer’s discovered in the early 1990s. “Discovering this and acknowledging the disease has allowed me to fight it and reduce the damage (at least slow it down). If you suspect such a problem, find a good doctor and you’ll find you can extend your cognitive life. I actually live an exciting and happy life. I can drive safely, love, and be loved. Try to help others with the disease. My companion on these travels also has Alzheimer’s. She is a young 79 and helpful fellow sufferer.” When he came to Cornell, Henry brought a love of education and the arts, the joy of so much available at Cornell, “and a need for a job (or jobs).” He got them. Henry closed his note with, “Don’t forget: youth is a gift of nature, but age is a work of art.” [✉ Joan Boffa](mailto:joanboffa@verizon.net) Gaul, joangaul@verizon.net. Class website: www.cornellclassof52.org.

53 The good gig *Annie B* has been going onward like a veritable swallow over the waves of Gloucester (MA) Harbor, proudly proclaiming the name of **Ann Woolley** Banks. Cornish pilot gigs were first built around the Isles of Scilly, in the Celtic Sea, about 30 miles off the Cornish coast, a few centuries back. The early ones conveyed pilots of incoming vessels through rocks and shoals to be able to guide incoming traffic to a safe landing in port. They were also used to save shipwreck survivors, not to mention moving contraband around the rough channel seas. Their use is now mostly recreational. They are 32-foot—four-feet-ten abeam—longboats of stately Cornish elm, propelled by a crew of six, each pulling an oar, and coxswain. Oarsperson Ann, who knows first-hand the joy of life intense (rest was made for feeble folk), helped found a rowing program in Gloucester. When the local Maritime Center bought a new gig last summer, they voted to name it for her.

Melvin Grossgold, BArch ’54 (Salt Lake City, UT) reports having been able to merge respect for tradition (particularly the Cornell tradition of seeing things another way) in those good old days on the Hill. “I remember conspiring with my fellow Architecture classmates to disrupt the annual military review while at the same time marching in formation as required of all ROTC drones.” No details given. No secrets revealed. Meanwhile, at most recent notice, “I’m not yet retired from architecting.” A glance back at **Bob Neff’s** 25th Reunion yearbook reminds us that Grossgold’s military career extended to three and a half years as a

Naval aviator on a carrier of the Pacific Fleet. He spent years with the Peace Corps in Brazil, then established an art gallery in Paris. He devoted more years to restoring historic buildings in the City of Light and to construction where the Utah desert pops up amid rugged mountains, along his way to octogenarianhood.

Bill Burnett, MS '55 (Slingerlands, NY) admits, "There's not much between my ears now," following draining of 80 or 90 cc of fluid from his skull a while back. But "the Porsche Club of America still lets me go to their driver schools." When checking in last year he mentioned trips to Watkins Glen, Toronto, and Sebring. He looked back favorably on Prof. Grantham's Physics 101 and 117 classes, houseparties, and Bailey shows. "I especially liked wrestling matches in Barton." **Frank Bettucci**, MBA '58, and **Don Dickason**, MEd '68, were NCAA champions in 1953, you may recall. There have been very few multiple national champions for the Big Red until recent years, but only one four-year national champ at four different weights for anyone, ever—**Kyle Dake** '13.

Not all of us mastered high school algebra, but still found our way into Cornell. **Gerould Young** (Torrance, CA) has been a volunteer high school algebra tutor. Our brother in AFROTC says his most unforgettable memory goes back to 1955 at Nellis Air Force Base when, "on my first takeoff in an F-86 fighter jet, I looked out at the swept wings and said to myself, 'Yes, I finally made the first team.'" He was eventually to rise to colonel. **Carroll McConnell Manning** (Webster, NY), like many, warmly recalls "singing in Sage Chapel, getting a better mark than husband-to-be, the late **Rob**, **DVM** '55, in Conservation, and my sorority sisters."

Retired architect **Margot Gold-drei Siegel** (West Hollywood, CA), "now a lady of leisure," can't forget "lilacs blooming everywhere, violets in the grass, taking dips in the lake as study breaks, and sneaking lilacs into my dorm room without getting caught." **Roslyn Miserentino** Kerr (Farmington, ME) harks back to "the day my parents dropped me off for my first meeting at Martha Van. So many wonderful days that followed that have prepared me as well for my family and work life." Roslyn is a retired college instructor who's still taking courses. **Barbara Mestel** Schaeffer (West Palm Beach, FL) plays golf and bridge, enjoys the cultural offerings of the Kravis Center for Performing Arts, and volunteers care for children with learning disabilities. She walks in memory "through falling snowflakes on the silent Quad at 6 a.m. on my way to the Straight to broadcast the Rev Club on WVBR." For **Erwin Farkas** (Roseville, MN), it's "walking by—and into—the library, meeting friends at Willard Straight, folk dancing at the Armory, and experiencing my first true love in my last year—with a wonderful, bitter-sweet memory."

Retired some 14 years, **David Harris** (Cold Spring Harbor, NY) was at last look still a member of several boards of directors for voluntary

health agencies. He did punch out of the Columbia U. Mailman School of Public Health Board of Overseers after ten years, well, on board. There is time for the gym and reading, mostly philosophy. He's remained in touch with **Jay Ostrow**, **Edie Wilson** Kutscher, **Ira** and **Myrna Zimmerman Miller** '54, and **Michael Greenberg**. **Bill Gratz** (Easton, CT) admits to having been retired 17 years, but remains world-class active in terms of time spent savoring Cornell-related doings in Ithaca and just about anyplace else where Big Reddery is being perpetrated.

We haven't forgotten the Sweet Sixtieth Reunion. Deadline for what you're perusing was the same as the IRS's, so read all about June '13 in Ithaca in our Sept/Oct edition. And Homecoming is the weekend of September 20-21. New head football coach **Dave Archer** '05 and the guy with the golden arm, senior QB **Jeff Mathews** '14, will begin a new look in a new season as they take on Bucknell that day. Stay tuned. 📧 **Jim Hanchett**, 300 1st Ave., #8B, New York, NY 10009; e-mail, jch46@cornell.edu.

54 On September 28, 1950, Dr. Cornelis de Kiewiet welcomed us, the incoming freshman class of 1954, to enjoy "those moments which will

always mean Cornell." We can look back on those moments, from a distance of some 64 years, as filled with small details, trivial everyday incidents, celebrations, friendships forged, and our place in the world at the time. It is now a time of quiet reflection, a time to enjoy it with others who were there at the beginning. With that in mind, here is a note from **Dave**, PhD '60, and **Mary Gentry Call**, who are leading the charge toward our 60th as our reunion chairs . . . for the third time.

"With the Class of 1953's 60th Reunion over, it is time to concentrate on the Class of 1954's 60th Reunion, June 5-8, 2014. The theme of our reunion will be 'Relax and Reflect,' and we will concentrate on low-key venues—providing many chances to talk with classmates and ways and places to relax and reflect on our 60 years as Cornellians.

"One of the big advantages of a 60th is that Alumni Affairs takes over registration, thus freeing us up to concentrate on activities. For example, we are looking into a cocktail cruise on Cayuga Lake, as was done in past years. We are looking at some new venues for class meals—such as the new, elegant, fascinating Dairy and Wine Educational Facility and Dairy Bar. We are thinking of recycling our red and white Hawaiian shirts from the 55th, instead of having a new gadget for a souvenir. If you have ideas that would fit that theme, we'd like to hear from you.

Paper Trail

Elaine Koretsky '53

It all started with sawdust. Elaine Koretsky had taken up woodworking, crafting furniture and household items, when it occurred to her that she could use the detritus to make paper. So she researched papermaking techniques—and learned that they actually involved

soaking plant fiber, cooking it, and either beating the resulting pulp flat or pouring it over a screen. "I realized," she says, "that I would not actually be using the sawdust."

Eventually, Koretsky's newfound hobby became a career. For the past three decades, she has studied and taught traditional papermaking—traveling the globe on a quest to preserve the practice. She has published seven books and produced ten documentary films on historical papermaking in Asia, Europe, and Africa. In 1995, Koretsky founded the Research Institute of Paper History and Technology, a nonprofit based in her Brookline, Massachusetts, home, where she hosts the International Paper Museum and holds papermaking workshops. Open by appointment, the museum displays more than

3,000 items Koretsky has collected, including handmade paper, plant fibers, rare books, and traditional tools; Koretsky's daughter runs an offshoot of the museum in a Brooklyn, New York, gallery space.

Koretsky majored in Russian at Cornell, where she studied under novelist Vladimir Nabokov. At the time, she intended to go into the Foreign Service. And while she never formally went into the diplomatic corps, she feels that her paper travels sometimes came close. "I was communicating with people all over the world—talking with them, explaining what I was doing, and learning what they were doing," Koretsky says. "I think that on my own level, I was doing Foreign Service work."

— Harmony Wright



"Most of us are now over 80. We have all earned a quiet, reflective, special reunion. Come to the 60th and find just that!"

We received a lovely greeting from **Duane Neil**, who for years served as our Annual Fund representative. He and Patti Rose Travers were married March 15 in Dunwoody, GA, where they presently live. For their honeymoon they left Miami, cruised to Bermuda, across the sea to Funchal, Madeira, thence to legendary Casablanca and up around the Iberian Peninsula, ending in Barcelona. Back in Atlanta, Duane resumed his gourmet cooking for small dinner parties. **Michael Stone**, MD '58, has little thought of retiring. He is still in New York City, practicing psychiatry and psychoanalysis, plus forensic psychiatry, and does research in all areas. He and his wife, Beth, are both patrons of Musica Sacra and the Metropolitan Opera. Living in that great city means that entertaining the grands is not a problem, especially when you live next to the Natural History Museum and can visit all those dinosaurs.

‘This year I’m concentrating on accordion, uke, and mountain dulcimer.’

Ann Busch Githler '55

Jason, JD '56, and **Helen Pearl** have removed themselves from their large house to a continuing care community in Bloomfield, CT, where Jason has already taken to the stage in a one-act play. He has not given up his tutoring of second graders and would love to return to France, where they were married and spent six months honeymooning. More and more of us are moving to areas of adult living, as has **Joan Shaw** Taylor. From owning her own home, she is now in an independent living facility, which not only has many amenities, but also allows more time for courses, as well as volunteering at Samaritan Hospital in Troy. Joan is close enough to her grands to enjoy school functions and dinners out together. Cornell pointed the way to an active lifestyle and a lifetime of continuous learning.

Douglas Miller served on the board of trustees of the Cornell Chapter of Sigma Chi, and while doing so met his wife of 55 years through their Auburn Chapter. (Which led your correspondent to Google the delightful song "The Sweetheart of Sigma Chi" and its origins. It tends to bring back memories.) Douglas has served as recent president of NAMI Birmingham, held many posts with his Presbytery, and lends a hand to families new to the experience of a loved one with mental illness. Our 2014 reunion is high on his bucket list, as is a trip to the Holy Land. **Joan Schwartz** Danziger had a one-person exhibit at American U. Museum at the Katzen Arts Center in Washington, DC, this past Nov/Dec entitled "Inside the Underworld: Beetle Magic." It contained 72 sculptures of beetles, ranging in size from a couple of inches to a couple of feet, shown over three levels. Google the exhibit and you will be amazed as to what Joan has created. One would not mind one of those in the house; in fact, it would be a privilege. They are magical.

It would appear that **Mason** and **Pat Jerome Colby** have made the permanent move to the Sunshine State, having divided their time for

years between there and Ohio. Their trip with Road Scholar (aka Elderhostel) to Mackinac Island was their best ever. Pat credits Nabokov's course in European Lit for her love of reading and for joining book clubs for discussion. Look for them both at reunion. ☐ **Les Papenfus** Reed, lesliejreed@me.com. Class website: <http://classof54.alumni.cornell.edu>.

55 Spring is finally trying to make an appearance here—and it's mid-April! This has been a very long winter out here, so we're happily welcoming the longer days and warmer temps. **Ruth McDevitt** Carrozza reports, "Love my life in the sunny South, and glad I can still travel." From her home in Leesburg, FL, Ruth drove 2,835 miles by herself to attend a graduation in Vermont and visit friends and family on the way. She remembers arriving at Cornell with just her clothes, books, clock radio, and tennis racquet—packing light compared to

incoming students today! Ruth hears from **Janet Person** Bonnas and **Sue Moore** Rowland '58. "But where are you, **Barbara Haight** Leake?" **Frances Williams** Scott says she arrived in Ithaca "with my checkbook, a suitcase, and a desire to learn and contribute to the Cornell community."

From Vermont, **Wendy Witherell Hill** writes that after a long, healthy existence, she's had several surgeries, and up to a year ago was still rehabbing. Therefore, PT tops her list of "hobbies," followed by biking, camping, hiking, and skiing. "Home, camp, and family" are keys to the full life she and **Bill '54** enjoy. Asked about her favorite professor, Wendy joins those who remember Prof. Vladimir Nabokov and his wife/assistant, Vera, in Russian Lit. "I'm not sure he was a 'favorite,' but he certainly made an impression!" She had great times living with **Nancy Gillen** Dill '56, **Felicia "Fritzie"** Reimer Damon, **Barbara Marbut** Karmel '54, **Mary Ellen Hopper** Priedeman '56, and **Marilyn Brady** Jensen in Balch and in KKG. Wendy and Bill have attended several reunions, mostly '54, and add, "We'll try for our 60th."

Bill Doerler and **Carol Rittershausen** Byron are co-chairs for the Affinity Committee working on reunion. Some of you have written on your News Form that you'd be happy to help out, but others have asked, "What's the Affinity Committee?" It's a group trying to get classmates thinking about our 60th Reunion in June 2015, asking them to get in touch with friends and members of the same campus organization, club, team, sorority, or fraternity and encourage them to come. You know that seeing old friends is the most persuasive reason alumni come to reunion. **Hal Fountain**, **Hilda Bressler** Minkoff, and **Stephen Fortunoff** have already said they'll lend a hand.

News from **Gerald Gordon**: He's written and directed a new film, entitled *Shazam and the Lost Path*, which he describes as "a Mel Brooks-type satire." Gerald's former stage production of *The Fantasticks* still holds the record of the longest-running

musical in Los Angeles. **David Mack** reports that he's still working full-time, doing compliance and financial consulting. Would he recommend a Cornell education to a young person today? Dave says, "Absolutely! With the addition of the technical graduate school in New York City, Cornell will be the most prominent university in the US." **Phil Harvey** is taking courses at the Osher Inst. of Lifelong Learning at the Wilmington campus of the U. of Delaware, plus biking and working out—in preparation, we assume, for taking on the Ithaca hills in June 2015! **Len Ladin** e-mailed us, remembering his friend **Martin Sage**, whose death was reported in the March/April column. "Martin was without doubt the brightest of our '55 Chem majors. I guess now that I'm 80, his loss makes me reflect how lucky and precarious my survival is." Len concludes, "Hope to see you in 2015, God willing." **Ann Busch** Githler also hopes to make it back to Ithaca. Ann writes that she's taken up travel with various groups, to see eclipses and operas both in the US and on other continents. She also plays a variety of instruments in an early music consort of six players. "This year I'm concentrating on accordion, uke, and mountain dulcimer." A woman of many interests and talents!

Al Blomquist, MBA '57, enjoyed a great four weeks in Europe: one in Paris, including the French Tennis Open; one on a canal barge in the wine country; and two in Germany. Besides keeping up with church, choir, and other volunteer activities in Hartford, **Shirley Sanford** Dudley co-chairs the curriculum committee of an adult learning program. Her advice to incoming freshmen: be aware of the size of Cornell, and be well-prepared and interested in one of the special courses of study in the different schools. Shirley majored in Psychology, and says, "The assigned readings continue to haunt me more than the individual professors." **Howland Swift** remembers living in Grandview Court with his family. "There were lots of friendly neighbors and I'm still close to some of them." Swifty's career took interesting turns: first club and hotel management; college food service and dorm management; a real estate development business; and, finally, 25 years in college and university fundraising.

You may have read the interesting statistics from Cornell's admissions department. According to Lee Melvin, associate vice provost for enrollment, "Cornell continues to lead the Ivy League in attracting applicants for admission." Applications to the Class of 2017 topped 40,000 for the first time; and Cornell has become more selective each year: in 2012, the admission rate was 16.2 percent—the current rate is 15.2 percent. Women comprised 51.6 percent, and a quarter of those admitted were from the underrepresented minority population. Admitted students came from all 50 states and 82 countries worldwide, up from 68 countries last year. "The number of countries represented in the admit cohort is a reflection of Cornell's global appeal, and exemplifies the international diversity we seek." I know we all share in feelings of pride and gratitude for our Cornell experience, and confidence in Cornell's future. ☐ **Nancy Savage** Petrie, tel., (631) 329-6430; e-mail, nancypetrie@optonline.net. Class website, <http://classof55.alumni.cornell.edu>.

56 Thanks to **Len Eaton** (Tulsa, OK), who sent his personal regards and this news: "I retired from Bank of Oklahoma in 1992 after 36 years in banking. I retired again, from NORDAM, an aerospace

company, in 2006. In 1997, my family and I purchased a travel management company, and so I am still sort of active. My wife, Patty, and I travel as much as we can. We went to Morocco in spring 2012 and spent a couple of weeks in Paris and London. In 2010 we went to Antarctica with Cornell—a wonderful trip led by **Charles Walcott, PhD '59** (director of the Lab of O) and his wife. We are pleased to report that penguins are doing well, but that global warming is a fact. We went to the Palmer Station, which was built up against a glacier 40 years ago; the glacier is now a quarter of a mile away. Family is doing well: Pamela is an executive with the Wilderness Society in Denver; Leslie is bureau chief of the *Wall Street Journal* in Dallas; and Alex is running the company with a little advice from Dad. Best to all!"

Karl Fischer's travels last year included a visit to the beautiful home of his brother **Tom Fischer '54** on Lake Burton in northern Georgia that included a mini-reunion with **Bus '54** and **Carmen Lovre Ryan '57** and **Dick Stormont '58**. Karl adds that his hometown of Chatham, MA, is now, according to a recent newspaper headline, "the summer home of Great White sharks." They became the major predator of the over-abundance of seals. Karl is active in the Cornell Club of Cape Cod. **Art Hershey** (Calabasas, CA) writes, "After ending my professional career, I also ended my adjunct teaching career at UCLA (15 years) and Loyola Marymount (30 years). Life is now all about fun!" Art is still interviewing high school applicants to Cornell, about 10-12 annually, and conducting a job search seminar for local Cornell Club members. He is also an active docent at the Reagan Presidential Library.

Dixie Davis Curtice (Washington Crossing, PA) is retired and staying active: tennis two times a week, Bucks County Women's Club, assistant at W.R. Curtice Transistor Consulting, DAR of Washington Crossing, and church and yacht club membership. Dixie and her electrical engineer husband, **Walter '57**, PhD '62, took a trip to La Jolla, CA, in 2012 for the IEEE conference on transistors. They see **Bob '53**, BArch '54, and **Cid Brandon Spillman** when Walt teaches at Lehigh U. **Kathleen Rooney** Irish moved to Pittsboro, NC, in 2011. She writes, "I worked for Gannett Corp. from 1977 to 1999, retired briefly, then worked for my daughter's real estate business until 2011." Kathleen is vice president of Women of Fearington, a group of almost 250 Fearington residents who raise funds to aid the women and children of Chatham County. She is also corresponding secretary of the Chapel Hill Garden Club and a frequent attendee at the monthly Cornell alumnae luncheons. Her youngest, daughter Mary, lives just 20 minutes away from Kathleen's new address.

Diane Chippendale Holz (Wayne, PA) is retired and says she's enjoying having control of her schedule and polishing her "bucket list." **Mathias "Ty" Frank** now lives in Gallatin, TN. "We sold our house and started to downsize. I'm hoping this will be the last one before we move to assisted living!" **Carole Biller** Goldfarb, retired in Old Westbury, NY, writes, "I'm still writing poetry and I teach creative writing to a group of seniors. Spare time is filled with painting, sculpture, gardening, and, of course, reading. I enjoy the theatre, museums, and concerts that Long Island and NYC have to offer. My husband, Ted Goldstein, and I went to Japan in May 2012 for three weeks with Friendship Force, an organization that facilitates visits with families in other countries. The couples who opened their homes to us also showed us around their cities." Carole is on the board of the

League of Women Voters of East Nassau. She chairs studies on immigration and the national popular vote and monitoring county government.

Joel Hasen, an attorney in Chapel Hill, NC, wrote us about his classmate and fraternity brother **Bob Silman**. Bob's accomplishments are many, and we're happy to get the word out. Bob began his career in structural engineering a few years after graduating from Cornell, working for prestigious firms before striking out on his own. Joel represented him when he formed Robert Silman Associates Inc. "Bob is well known to Cornell. His firm has been the structural engineers on eight buildings on campus (Milstein, White, and Sage halls, North Campus Mews and Court dorms, Biotech, Ornithology, and the Klarman addition to Goldwin Smith), plus studies at Willard Straight, Bailey, Riskey, and the Statler. The firm has also been involved in the restoration of Fallingwater, the renovation of the US Supreme Court, and construction of the below-ground recital hall in Carnegie Hall." Check out <http://www.rsapc.com/>. Bob and his wife, **Roberta (Karpel)**, live near New York City. More news in the next column. **Stephen Kittenplan**, catplan@aol.com; **Phyllis Bosworth**, phylboz@aol.com.

57 When **Georgia Freeman** Messemer set out for Cornell in 1953, she did so with *Great Expectations*—not the book, the hope—and she writes that they were met! These days Georgia is doing volunteer work tutoring adult ESL classes at the Literacy Council in Richmond, TX. Playing mah-jongg and traveling also keep her busy. Some of the things that **Karen Anderson** Mahshi packed for her freshman year were clothes, a quilt for her bed, a small radio, and a small rug. Karen, a longtime resident of Concord, CA, serves on the boards of several non-profit organizations and spends time gardening and traveling, as well as caring for her husband, who has Alzheimer's. Joining the list of classmates with great-grandchildren is **Carol Johnson** Saylor. Carol volunteers at a local museum in Webster, NY, at her church, and with a local alumni Panhellenic scholarship fundraising program.

Road Scholar (formerly Elderhostel) offers people-to-people trips, and **Joan Reinberg** Macmillan participated in one recently—to Cuba. Six days were spent in Havana visiting museums and attending musical events before heading to Varadero with its lovely beach. But Joan comments that "the future for Cuba looks bleak. I wonder if they'll ever get to 20th-century modcons, let alone 21st." **Judy Bird** had a busy 2012 with traveling, book editing, moving to a new home on the San Diego River in Lakeside, CA, and "belatedly joining the band of grandmothers of my generation" with a new granddaughter. Judy spent Christmas and the beginning of 2013 in Bali and writes: "It was my first trip back to Indonesia in more than a decade and a return to Bali after the 70s. The traffic chaos and the two-stroke pollution of motorbikes in the cities is heartbreaking, but once away into the backroads and rice paddies, one can hear the wail of the flute and the clang of a distant gamelan—and it is Bali once more." Along with editing parts of Tom Mascaro's book, *Into the Fray*, Judy is working at the Birch Aquarium in La Jolla.

You never know where you might run into Cornellians. I was on a cruise last spring from Miami to Barcelona and one evening enjoyed sharing Cornell stories at dinner with **Ray Tuttle '48**. And of course, since we were on the Atlantic

Ocean the two of us joined voices to sing (softly, I should add) a few verses of "They built the ship Titanic . . ." one of the many songs I remembered learning at Frosh Camp in '53. I still have my red beanie. **Judy Reusswig**, 19 Seburn Dr., Bluffton, SC 29909; e-mail, JCReuss@aol.com.

David Wingate has an interesting occupation—managing nature reserves for Bermuda's Audubon Society. He has been the subject of a book on his work, and some time ago was featured in the Alumni Magazine. **Bob Chatterton**, PhD '63, is still involved with breast cancer research at Northwestern U. He spent as much time last winter as he could sitting on the beach in Ft. Lauderdale and, like a lot of us, tries not to miss the grandchildren's athletic and other activities. **Mike De Nicola** is a part-time consultant for a software computer company, the name of which I can't decipher. He spends winters in Southern California—but on the golf course. The only sand he sees is in the traps.

Marty Wolfe, MD '61, who still serves as medical director of Traveler's Medical Service of Washington, went to his 50th Reunion at Weill Cornell Medical School in NYC. When he was with the State Dept. Medical Services, he traveled extensively with then-Secretary Henry Kissinger. He was asked to deliver a talk on his travels with Dr. Kissinger, and was amazed and gratified that "the man himself" showed up and received a standing ovation. **Dick Kossoff**, MBA '59, has a "new" career. He was recently elected chairman of the board of the Inst. of Retired Professionals at the New U. in NYC. **John Seiler**, suitcase2@aol.com.

58 We have some pre-Reunion news for a post-Reunion column. News from Reunion will appear in the next issue. From **Betty Anne Steer** Merritt in January: "A few '58ers had the thrill of watching the Cornell women's basketball team beat Columbia in DOUBLE overtime and the men's team squeak by in regulation. Two very exciting games—best \$15.00 value around. The Goldmans, Orlandos, and Merritts cheered on the teams, while the latter two also enjoyed a late meal at nearby Mel's Burgers—owned by Hotel school grad **Steven Kay '94**, son of **Dick** and **Lynn Rothenberg Kay '61**. Can't wait for reunion. **Brad Corbitt** suggested we add a beer tasting to the wine on Thursday evening. The suggestion was passed on to **Meyer Gross** and is being planned—Go, Brad!"

From long-time-no-see **Phil Getter** we have an update (while also getting him back into the dues-paying fold; he's reachable at pmg24@cornell.edu): "I'm excited to report that: 1) my son Ian Michael is graduating from high school and so is my oldest of five granddaughters (strange but great); 2) I was recruited as president and CEO of the all-natural, all-American-made healthcare business KIDSRx (kidsrxinternational.com), having been in the pharma business years ago as president/CEO of Generics Corp. of America; 3) I was given the gavel as chairman of the board of TCI College of Technology, on whose board I had been for several years. TCI was founded in 1910 by Nobel laureate Guglielmo Marconi and serves more than 4,000 mostly minority students in NYC; and 4) last but not least, I was married (twice) to Elaine, a biology/physiology professor who has two grown daughters, both of whom are published young adult writers. We eloped to a restaurant across the street from our place in NYC, and

then, when my oldest son came in from London (where he practices law), we did it again for the whole family at my daughter's place in Lititz, PA." Quite an update, Phil. Thanks, and I hope we will have seen you at Reunion.

Phyllis Yates Marshall (pamarshall@foodpower.com) continues to coach independent restaurateurs to grow and remain relevant. She "loves the creative aspects, with the economy the challenge," and also finds time to work feeding the hungry and homeless. Her courses from the Hotel school remain a vital part of her life. **Leslie Taylor** (leslietaylor@yahoo.com) is a part-time faculty research assistant at U. of Maryland and also guides tours at the nearby National Air and Space Museum. Last summer, Leslie backpacked the length of Hadrian's Wall in northern England. **Marilyn Drury-Katillo** deals in real estate in Park Ridge, IL, and finds time for gardening, historical society affairs, and the Dickens Fellowship, visiting Portsmouth and London last year, the 200th anniversary of Dickens's birth. **Ann Gaffey Coyne** (acoyn@unomaha.edu) still teaches social work full-time at U. of Nebraska. Ann deserves congratulations for receiving the National Lifetime Achievement Award from the National Association of Social Workers in Washington, DC, last year. She also volunteers with the National Autonomous U. of Nicaragua, developing grad degrees in special ed and social work. The U. of Nebraska is the sister school of the U. of UNAN-Leon, and brings English professors to Omaha to work on their language skills.

George Bullwinkel (vabene@aol.com) restores vintage guitars in his spare time when not visiting Paris three months per year (his wife has a travel business there) or relocating to nearby Naperville, IL. His volunteer work includes pro bono cases for local Bar associations. **Herb Whittall** (hwhittall@comcast.net) and his wife, Nancy, took the Cornell Waterways of Holland and Belgium tour last year. This spring they planned to tour Sorrento and visit the islands off Italy. Herb works for the city of Vero Beach, FL, as a rep on the planning organization and finds time for tennis twice weekly and boating on the nearby Indian River Lagoon. **Robert Williams** (RWms@aol.com), Cordova, TN, spends his time walking dogs and visiting his children's families and helping with the grandchildren. When he came to Cornell, Robert says, "I brought a mailable laundry box and all my belongings in a single cardboard box." That probably applies to a good number of '58ers.

Bob Hendricks, PhD '64, still studies his German exams, expecting to receive a BA in German next year from Virginia Tech. Bob and his wife, Delores, enjoy trips to Europe each summer, usually with visits to Germany in support of his academic program. Bob would like to hear from ChemE classmates **Henry** and **Ted Yates** at robert.hendricks@VT.edu. **Jack Weaver** continues teaching business courses at Esperanza College, a branch campus of Eastern U. serving Latinos in Philadelphia, and sings in local groups, carrying on from his old Glee Club days. Our last note is from **George Ubogy**, who will have been at Reunion playing chimes occasionally, introducing new tunes to the Tower, and also playing background piano for class events. I send cheers for now. The Reunion Report follows in the next issue. Please note my new e-mail address below. **Dick Haggard**, 1207 Nash Dr., Fort Washington, PA 19034; e-mail, richardhaggard11@gmail.com; **Jan Arps** Jarvie, janjarvie@gmail.com.

59 "It's cool that he's here," said a longtime fan as she watched **Peter Yarrow** delight a crowd at a Westport, CT, bookstore with interactive renditions of "Puff, the Magic Dragon," "Leaving on a Jet Plane," and other songs made popular by the folk trio Peter, Paul & Mary. The Westport stop was part of a tour, mostly in the Northeast, to promote his latest songbook, *I'm in Love with a Big Blue Frog*, based on the song of that name that was released by the trio in 1967. Earlier books in the series include *Puff, the Magic Dragon*, *The Day is Done*, *The Night Before Christmas*, and *It's Raining, It's Pouring*. Peter is also a longtime political activist and founder of Operation Respect (www.operationrespect.org), a nonprofit organization "working to assure each child and youth a respectful, safe, and compassionate climate of learning where their academic, social, and emotional development can take place free of bullying, ridicule, and violence."

Seth Newberger recently spent several weeks in China meeting with firms and government officials who were interested in expanding business opportunities in the US. He also had time to explore some of that nation's rich and varied culture—hiking along the Great Wall, admiring the modern architecture in Shanghai, viewing the terracotta warriors in Xi'an, even donning traditional attire for a photo-shoot inside the Forbidden City in Beijing. **Roslyn Bakst Goldman** and her husband, **John, JD '59**, were in Berlin for a week last October to see what was happening in the galleries and museums. Writes Roz: "We, as longtime print collectors, and I, as an appraiser of fine art, are always looking to see what is new in the field. Artists have flocked to Berlin from all over the world because it is an easy place to live and there is great working space for them. We were not disappointed. We saw creative work, original paintings, prints and sculpture, installation art, video, etc., of fine quality. Berlin is the closest thing to the New York art scene in Europe, and we discovered fine restaurants within walking distance of our hotel. We have been to Berlin many times, but not in the past ten years, so the changes were apparent. It is an easy city for travel, with trains and buses to get anywhere. Everything is reasonably priced and accessible. The excitement for us was in the fresh works that were visually beautiful and mind-provoking."

"Eastern Management Services—EMS—occupies me about 20 hours a week," says the firm's president, **Roy Pritchard**. "Most of our work is HR document preparation and consulting, including producing affirmative action plans, which HR people hate to produce themselves." Though Roy admits that it's fun to stay involved in the business world, in the fall and winter he also takes great pleasure in pheasant hunting with his pointer, Bud. "Of course, Bud is a year-round project, and we spend many hours hiking trails." Roy and wife Betty get together with **Bill** and **Jackie Grimm Kingston '61** about twice a year for a day of golf and duplicate bridge—the latter a tradition that goes back almost 50 years. **Anne Carpenter** Robertson and her husband visit with **Sandy Schon MacKay '58**, BS Nurs '59, and her husband about once a month, and the four of them are traveling together to Europe this year. Meanwhile, Anne is happily harvesting a variety of vegetables from her Redwood City, CA, victory garden. "That's work," she says. "Play is going to the ballet, symphony, and opera."

Steve Friedman, chairman of Goldman Sachs until he retired from that position in 1994, has

now retired as a director of the Wall Street firm, in accordance with its corporate governance guidelines, which set 75 as the maximum age for directors. Steve joined Goldman's board in 2004. "He has made invaluable contributions to Goldman Sachs over the last five decades," said Goldman's current chief executive. "He's been an outstanding director whose counsel and judgment we've depended on greatly." Since 2004, Steve has also been chairman of Stone Point Capital, a private equity firm that makes investments in businesses within the global financial services industry. According to the firm's website, "Stone Point has raised and managed five private equity funds—the Trident Funds—with aggregate committed capital of \$9 billion. In addition to this capital, since 2001 [Stone Point has] secured more than \$5 billion of additional equity co-investments and commitments."

Pat Kreindler Strongin happily reports that her grandson Michael Cherner has been admitted to Cornell, following in the footsteps of both his grandmother and his mother, **Abby Strongin Cherner '85**. For more than 50 years, **Maxine Hollander** Bittker was part of CAAAN, talking to prospective Cornellians. She no longer is formally part of the process, but people in the Rochester, NY, area know her and often call to talk about a student they know is applying to Cornell: "Often it is the grandchild of a contemporary. Then it is really fun!" **Jenny Tesar**, 97A Chestnut Hill Village, Bethel, CT 06801; tel., (203) 792-8237; e-mail, jet24@cornell.edu.

60 After retiring from her work as a writer and photographer, **Jane Finnegan** Kocmoud of Sheboygan, WI, has ventured in a whole new professional direction after graduating from Concordia U. Wisconsin in May 2012 with a degree in Lay Ministry. Since then she has been providing devotional services to nursing homes and facilities for Alzheimer's patients and has also developed a Secret Prayer Partners program in her church—in which older adults are matched with teenagers who send notes of encouragement and prayers anonymously for several months before being revealed to their adult partners at a Christmas gathering. "It's a beautiful scene," says Jane. "I am thoroughly enjoying my new career."

Alan Siegel has been receiving a good deal of positive attention from the press on the occasion of the spring publication of his new book, *Simple: Conquering the Crisis of Complexity* (Twelve), which he co-wrote with Irene Etzkorn, a consultant colleague. The book was featured in a large review in the *New York Times* on April 9, which described it as "a straightforward brief on simplicity, providing the reader with interesting examples of companies that have successfully embraced it as a business strategy." The reviewing service Kirkus endorsed it, as did *Publisher's Weekly*, which said the book "should be required reading for businesses." Alan himself, citing Thoreau's admonition to "simplify, simplify," published an article drawn from the book in the *Wall Street Journal* in late March entitled, "When Simplicity is the Solution," a response to the way in which "every facet of our lives is complicated by an ever-widening array of choices," and praising organizations that simplify medical care and a retailer that offers fewer products for sale than its competitors. Anyone frustrated by the complexity of tax codes or the fine print on credit card statements can only hope that

Alan is correct in saying that “simplicity is catching on as a standard.”

Richard “Nick” Nicoletti, LLB ’63, writes from Granite Lake in New Hampshire, where he and Angela now live full-time in their renovated vacation house. He says he found time last fall between trips to Boston—where he continues his training as a Jungian psychoanalyst—to take a trip to the Dalmatian coast, where they visited Croatia, Albania, and Montenegro. He also spent time with all of the eight Nicoletti grandchildren, including those now living in Sunnyvale, CA. Their plans for the upcoming months include a trip to the Galápagos Islands. The Nicolettis are also continuing their tradition of taking a single grandchild on a spring outing in Washington, DC. Last year they hosted the daughter of son **Rick ’85**, and in 2013 it was the turn of the daughter of **Mark ’87**. Hearing that **Art Boland ’57**, MD ’61, is mostly retired from his career as an orthopedic surgeon and is now occasionally seen in the corridors of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston (where wife Jane is now chair of a very large volunteer organization), Nick notes that Art is “one of my heroes”—not only because “he surgically repaired my left meniscus,” but he played on and captained the Cornell football team “with grace.”

Barbara Thiessen MacMahon writes from Falmouth, ME, with the news that she and Hugh gathered all of their four children and seven grandchildren together this past summer to celebrate the couple’s 50th anniversary. Still busy in Miami Beach, FL, working with her husband at Ocean Books, a store that supplies libraries to ocean liners, **Sandra Koodin** Money says, “If anyone had told me I’d be buying books after a career in book publishing, I wouldn’t have believed them!” **Sue Phelps** Day, MEd ’62, still recovering from the broken shoulder incurred while presiding at the Class of ’60 meeting in Boston in January (no one evidently told her that service as a class officer could be dangerous), forwarded an e-mail from **Dave Wechsler** thanking her for the class newsletter and all the officers for their work “in holding our class together.” Dave says he’s looking forward to our 55th Reunion! Note: that’s June 4-7, 2015—put it on your calendars.

A couple of dues payments—without-news came through in the latest round—from **Nancy Concklin** Carpenter of Fox Point, WI, and **John Wallman** of Victor, NY. Do please keep your news coming! ☒ **Judy Bryant** Wittenberg, jw275@cornell.edu.

61 Here’s news of you from me in Oregon. **Jim Moore**, LLB ’64 (jmoore1939@gmail.com) writes, “I’m a widower, retired from active practice of law after 46 years. I occasionally serve as arbitrator or mediator and serve on multiple boards. I’ve traveled to Italy twice and France once in 2012, and also traveled to and taught in Iraqi Kurdistan for a week in July. I’ve taken courses in art history.” Jim has four grown children and 11 grandchildren. His favorite Cornell memory is “the Dec/Jan trip of the Glee Club to Copenhagen, Leningrad, Moscow, and London in 1960-61.” **Gerry Friedman** (Gerald. Friedman@cbre.com) tells us, “My wife, Margi, and I are proud grandparents of Keira Hope, our first grandchild. She is now 4 months old and gorgeous, of course. Our daughter Beth and husband Michael live in Seattle and we visit every chance we get. Everyone is healthy and strong and we feel very fortunate!”

Frances Shapiro Ivker (drfbi@netzero.com) is “3/4 retired. Only doing office gynecology 1/4 time in New Orleans. Going to all the weddings, bar mitzvahs, and birthday parties that I’m invited to. It’s a time to celebrate with friends. Spent most of August with grandkids, hiking, rafting, tubing, and horseback riding in the Smokies. All nine were together in Orlando for a bar mitzvah. Rode the Hulk and anything else that gave your eyes, brain, and stomach the impression that it moved.” From **Bert**

and our children have good lives and jobs. Hilary graduated from Holyoke and is an executive with an international P.I. firm in New York City; Juliet graduated with honors from the U. of San Francisco and is a computer scientist with the Internet company RDIO; and Adam is doing well in the debt collection industry. Mimi and I just bought a duplex penthouse in Marina Del Rey, CA, with lots of amenities including rowing, sailing, biking, and a great happy hour. We are enjoying our life,

‘I slam-dunked a pitching wedge on a 112-yard par 3. Very exciting!’

Neil Schilke ’62

Hunt (bertwhunt@central.com): “I recently purchased a condo in the Towers of Sunland Village, Mesa, AZ, where I will spend November through April and then return to Centennial, CO, for the summer months. If you are in the area, e-mail me for a visit.” **Jay Treadwell** (jaytread@comcast.net) is still active in his restaurant consulting company, the Optimum Group. “Peggy and I went to Peru, spending two weeks in Lima, Cusco, Orubamba, Ollataytambo, and Machu Picchu—a great country.” Jay says he’d like to learn Spanish living with a family in a Spanish-speaking country. He’d also like to hear from **Allen Blagden**.

Robert Stamper (stamperr@vision.ucsf.edu) has just been appointed Fortisure Distinguished Professor at UC San Francisco. “I work slightly less than full-time (80 percent) and enjoy traveling and being with grandchildren.” In 2012 Robert lectured in the Philippines and toured Cambodia, Vietnam, and Italy. He also toured and lectured in India and gave the Robert N. Shaffer Lecture at the American Academy of Ophthalmology meeting in Chicago in November 2012. He hopes to be fishing or skiing soon. What a great year, Robert! **Willard Reed** reports that he’s working around home and volunteering. “I am an elder at the Fort King Presbyterian Church and a member of the Marion County Emergency Response Team. I also maintain ten miles of Cross Florida Greenway.” Willard and wife Helen “took a three-week trip to Virginia, New York State, and Cape Cod, visited family, and went to our granddaughter’s wedding.” They especially enjoyed Cape Cod.

W.T. Onorato (wtonorato@aol.com) remains very active as both a teacher and an international arbitrator. “I teach an upstream petroleum legal training course (World Legal Systems and Contracts for Oil & Gas) twice a year in London for the CWC Group, and I have recently been an expert witness on contract stability in petroleum contracts under UNCITRAL and ICSID Rules in two international arbitrations that were held in Paris. So I was there four weeks last year—not too bad. I still travel the world for adventure (Ladakh, northern India last year), and I will be joining my two daughters and their families for our annual skiing vacation in Durango, CO.” Bill has also written a thriller under the name of Thomas Torrens entitled *The Viking Sands*. Its theme deals with what he is most familiar with—oil! Read about it on Amazon. He keeps in touch with **Chris Brown** and **Lee Forker**.

Mark Fleischman (markfleischman@aol.com) writes, “My wife, Mimi, and I are doing well,

and our Bar Method Exercise Studios are doing well. We bring Bar Method to Rancho La Puerta fitness spa in Baja ten weeks each year, which is fun and keeps us healthy. I am also finalizing my memoir, ‘The Studio 54 Effect,’ which I plan to publish in 2013.”

A cheerful note from **Carol Moore** Hershey Durell (chershey1@aol.com) saying it’s never too late! “John Erjavic and I were married aboard a Norwegian Cruise Line ship in Oahu, with our children and their mates in attendance. We followed the ceremony with a cruise of the islands with the newly joined family members. A joyful celebration of our long association.” Carol is looking forward to reunion in 2016. Keep sending your news to: ☒ **Susan Williams** Stevens, sastevens61@gmail.com; **Doug Fuss**, dougout@attglobal.net. Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

62 **Neil Schilke**, MS ’64, has retired again, allowing more travel time for him and Ro (neroschilke@aol.com). Last year they went to Boulder twice to see son Kevin’s family, “the Colorado Munchkins, 6 and 4, who are taking advantage of being in a virtual bilingual community to learn Spanish as part of the curriculum.” Daughter Karen’s boys are 17 and 12 and offer grandparental opportunities to attend sports and music events. In August Neil and Ro flew to Lisbon and cruised from there around the Iberian Peninsula through the Straits of Gibraltar, visiting Seville, Malaga, Valencia, and Barcelona. Touring Malaga on Segways was among the highlights. “The Basilica Sagrada Familia in Barcelona is the most magnificent religious architecture we have ever seen (including the Vatican).” During 2012, he adds, “Ro and I played a lot of golf. The highlight was a hole-in-one in July: I slam-dunked a pitching wedge on a 112-yard par 3. Very exciting! Another fun thing is that I started bowling again (after a 30-year hiatus); just a bunch of guys swapping stories, missing spares, and then going out for lunch.” The Schilkes planned a Russian river cruise in May, followed by their 50th anniversary in June.

Linda Himot (shelteringmountainfarm@htcnet.org) writes that she appeared at the Cornelia St. Cafe in the West Village on May 29 to read her poetry. Check out her poems on her blog, Pleasure in Poetry (www.pleasureinpoetry.com). Linda wintered in Tallahassee, FL, and returned to the mountains of Virginia in April. From **Peter Schuck**

(schuckp@exchange.law.nyu.edu): "Phoenix Schuck Szollosi was born on August 7 to our daughter and son-in-law who live in Williamsburg, Brooklyn, not far from wife Marcy and me in Murray Hill in Manhattan. She is our first grandchild. We worship at her fat little feet and babysit for no fee. Mirabile dictu, she is starting to sit up!" By the time this sees print, she'll be walking. **Elizabeth Pomada** (EPML@aol.com) and her husband, Michael Larsen, planned the tenth San Francisco Writers Conference, held last February at the Mark Hopkins Hotel. They also did a San Francisco Writing for Change conference last year.

“I may hold the Class of '64 multiple bypass record. I'm not thrilled.”

George Ecker '64

A smiling **Rich Alther** (richalther@msn.com) beams from the cover of the March issue of the Palm Springs magazine *Desert Outlook*. It's a feature article about the athletic route to health and nutrition. "Still swimming hard," Rich notes. "Never had time in college for anything but classes. 'Let the body lead the mind for a change' has been my motto." Rich has retired from exhibiting his paintings after almost 40 years, but is always working on a large canvas. "I've just spent three years on my new, third novel, *The Scar Letters*, which will be published in September." **Phil Mazzilli**, MBA '63 (phil Mazzilli@aol.com) "retired" as CFO of Equifax in 2004, but remains busy on five boards and is head of the audit committee on all of them. "I helped start a new private school where I live north of Atlanta. I was on the board and head of the finance committee for eight years and helped raise \$34 million, buy land, get zoning approval, etc., to build three buildings on 80-plus acres." Phil has three children and seven grandchildren.

Travel is a passion for Einar and **Karen Palmer Anderson** (7continents@verizon.net), "with about 125 countries under our belts. I am involved in our community, volunteering for the American Association of University Women and its scholarship program, and our senior center. I am just concluding a year as program chair for AAUW and am proud to be in a branch that has reached out to younger women to keep it vibrant. As a former city elected official, I have joined with other women like me (Good Old Girls of Silicon Valley) to encourage and support young women who want to run for office. Our numbers in political office are actually dwindling, so action is needed, especially in these times." The Andersons have a new hobby as certified barbecue judges. "We got started when our town launched its first annual event and needed volunteers to help with judging. Hooked!"

Hamlin "Sandy" Gilbert (sandem133@aol.com) worked for many years in advertising at *TIME* magazine in New York and then at *Smithsonian Magazine*, where he retired as director of advertising services. Sandy and Emmy Lou lived in New Canaan, CT, for over 30 years, where they raised Brad and Kim and he recruited high school students as part of the Cornell Alumni Admissions Ambassador Network. "After retiring in 2000 to Longboat Key, FL, I got involved in restoring the marine environment following a very bad red tide bloom and joined START (Solutions To Avoid Red

Tide). I am now chairman of the nonprofit organization as we raise funds for research and produce programming to educate the public about preserving the marine environment. I have been working for the past couple of years on the *Omicron Oracle*, the newsletter for Lambda Chi Alpha at Cornell, which is now an online, full-color, 20-page publication featuring news about Cornell, the Greek system on the Hill, and undergraduate activities for our alumni readers."

Shelly Shaw Slovin (rochelle.slovin@gmail.com) retired in 2011 after 30 years as director of Museum of the Moving Image—"the institution

I founded in 1981. Never having been much of a kick-back-and-relax sort of person, I've now returned to my first love, acting. It's been humbling—and exhilarating—to go back to the beginning and to work and study with people who are half the age of my children. Like so many in our generation, I expect to prove F. Scott Fitzgerald wrong about there being no second acts in American lives. My husband is the philosopher Edmund Leites. We have six magnificent grandchildren. Edmund teaches at the City U. of New York; he expects to die with his boots on and never retire."

Please send news with your class dues or by direct e-mail. Apologies to those whose notes disappeared into the cloud. Some have returned and will be in forthcoming columns. ☒ **Jan McClayton Crites**, jmc50@cornell.edu.

63 As you read this column, our 50th Reunion is a thing of the past. The Reunion Report will appear in the Sept/Oct issue.

Mario Concha writes that his retirement job might be of interest to many. After graduating in Chemical Engineering, he worked for over 40 years in corporate America, retiring as president of Georgia Pacific's Chemical Division. After he retired he "landed his dream job." He is now a ski instructor in Vail, CO, and is certified by the Professional Ski Instructors of America. **Paul Heigl** lives in Alpharetta, GA. Although he is thinking about retiring, he is still working for ScratchCat, a publisher of science-based DVDs. The company has branched out recently from educational DVDs for elementary and middle school to producing DVDs for dog owners. See <http://FleaTV.com>. Paul plays tennis and is a member of the Atlanta Tennis Association, which has about 80,000 members. **Christian '65** and **Helen Downs Haller**, PhD '67, report that they spent eight weeks in the spring of 2012 at the Spring Field Ornithology course at the Lab of Ornithology at Cornell.

David Sheaff writes from Houston, TX, that he enjoys retirement in Houston and Harpswell, ME. In Maine he volunteers in a maritime museum boat shop. He also works with disabled veterans through Project Healing Waters. The group teaches vets to fly-cast and fly-fish in the beautiful Maine rivers. David would like to hear from classmate **Michael McDonald**. **Chuck '62** and **Diana**

Steele Love retired to Prescott, AZ, in 2006. Their home is near a million acre forest of Ponderosa pine and juniper. Diana loves to hike in the area. She also volunteers for a local organization, plays mah-jongg every Tuesday, serves as treasurer of Temple B'rith Shalom, and keeps the guest room ready for visitors. The Loves have two children and two grandsons in Southern California and Texas. They travel frequently and have visited Amsterdam, Sicily, the Danube, and Cartagena, Colombia. **Michael '61** and **Susan Goldberg Polansky** live in Plainview, NY. Susan is director of development for the Long Island Association of USA Track and Field and treasurer of the USATF National Officials Association. She officiates at track and field meets, including being chief umpire at the 2012 US Olympic Trials Meet in Eugene, OR.

Ned and **Suzie Young Allen** now make their home in Waynesville, NC, and are still actively involved with the Make-A-Wish Foundation America. Ned is currently on the national board, as was Suzie before him. Suzie is now chair of the National Board Alumni Association of Make-A-Wish. They travel around the country raising awareness, cultivating major donors, and raising funds for this "amazing organization." **Thomas Beeby**, BArch '64, received the 2013 Richard Driehaus Prize for Classical and Traditional Architecture. This prize recognizes contributions to traditional classical and sustainable architecture in the modern world. He is the first Chicago architect to win the prize. Thomas joined James Hammond in 1971 to form what is now HBRA Architects, where he is chairman emeritus. He is also adjunct professor at the Yale U. School of Architecture, where he was dean from 1985 to 1991. He was director of the School of Architecture at the U. of Illinois, Chicago (1979-85) and associate professor at the Illinois Inst. of Technology (1978-80). **Sue Pozefsky** Tepperberg, MS '86, lives in New York City and is "doing exactly what I wish!" She traveled to Germany, Czech Republic, Turkey, Israel, Australia, and New Zealand in 2011-12. Sue published her second travel app on iTunes: "NYC's Meatpacking District," joining her "Greenwich Village Insider," published in 2010. Both apps are regularly updated.

Brad '62 and **Lila Fox Olson** are very involved in Ithaca. Lila is a docent at the Johnson Art Museum, a volunteer at the Ithaca Friends of the Library Book Sale, and a member of the Ithaca Garden Club and Cornell Campus Club, plus she likes to walk, exercise, and read. Brad and Lila and **Fran**, PhD '66, and **Heidi Gantner Kalfelz** hosted a group of Cornell basketball players for dinner during the semester break in 2012. She commented that they were a nice bunch of kids and did they eat! Lila has a travel bucket list, but has a hard time getting Brad out of Ithaca. **César** and Mary Ann **Montilla** live in San Juan, Puerto Rico. César is still working as CEO of the Spectrum Group. He would love to hear from **Schuyler Grant** and **Ed Geiger**. **John Nichols**, PhD '69, retired in the summer of 2012 after 44 years on the faculty of Texas A&M U. He was professor and department head in agricultural economics. In June 2012 he traveled to China to work on projects relating to agribusiness and food marketing. In his spare time, he chairs a fundraiser for the local symphony orchestra, reads, volunteers, and spends time with his family.

The next column will be full of reunion news. That's all for now! ☒ **Nancy Bierds** Icke, 12350 E. Roger Rd., Tucson, AZ 85749; e-mail, ick63@gmail.com.

64 Our 50th Reunion is now just 11 months away (June 5-8, 2014). Begin the final countdown! Please plan to be part of the fun celebration. And, as if on cue, I'm getting more news to share.

Mitchell Ostrove, who lives in New Rochelle, NY, and has a long history of volunteering in the community, recently secured a \$10,000 grant for Hurricane Sandy relief from the Million Dollar Round Table Foundation, the philanthropic arm of MDRT. The donation was secured on behalf of the UJA-Federation of New York. Mitchell, chair of UJA-Federation's Westchester Business and Professional Division and a life and qualifying member of the MDRT, said of the grant, "Doing good for the community is at the foundation of both MDRTF and UJA-Federation's missions."

George Ecker, MA '70, reports that 2012 was not a good year for him health-wise. His troubles began in late February with a hip replacement, then a heart attack in early April, followed the next day by sextuple bypass surgery. ("I may hold the Class of '64 multiple bypass record. I'm not thrilled.") Despite all this, George, who lives in Wellesley, MA, still does ski patrolling on New Hampshire's Mt. Sunapee, sings with the Boston Saengerfest Men's Chorus and its a cappella subset, Sound Investment, and works with the Boy Scouts. He also planned on being back at Cornell last month during Reunion Weekend to sing with the Savage Club of Ithaca and the Alumni Glee Club. He planned to get his sailboat back in the water by this summer.

Elizabeth Drummond Murphy continues to consult as a senior human factors scientist through Human Solutions Inc. from her home in Fairfax, VA. Her specialty is helping the Federal Aviation Administration with human-computer interaction design issues in air traffic control. Betty has long been involved in those issues, and recently was elected a director-at-large of her local chapter of the Human Factors & Ergonomics Society. Betty enjoys theater and opera in the Washington area and in NYC, and was for several years on our JFK Awards committee. Her recent travels included Nova Scotia's Cape Breton and Prince Edward Island.

William, ME '66, and **Gudrun Rule MacMillan**, who recently described themselves as "failed retirees" because they had returned to part-time work, now have, in effect, failed at that. In other words, they report they've now retired for good. That said, they're doing volunteer work: Bill with the Jackson (MI) Symphony (he had been office manager of the Jackson Chorale), and Gudrun at the Jackson Birthline Pregnancy & Parenting Center, where she had been the office manager. The MacMillans live in Jackson, have a daughter, son, and three grandchildren, and enjoying bicycling and sculling. Their recent travels have been to the Southwest: Hoover Dam, Phoenix, Scottsdale, and Las Vegas. **Jim Reyelt** may take class honors for most diverse homes: he lives in Palm Beach, FL, in the winter (just made an in-town move) and somewhere in Ireland in the summer! Jim, a renowned artist, retired a dozen years ago from managing country clubs, and now spends his summers traveling throughout Ireland drawing and painting coastal scenes. In the winter he visits various Caribbean islands. He's also recovering from knee surgery.

After 20 years in development banking, four years doing consulting, then starting and running a family business, **Joan Lazarus** Shapiro seems busier and more active than ever. First, Joan's in

a situation that's literally confining: she's teaching in prisons—although teaching what, why, and to whom, she doesn't say. Beyond that, Joan just took up tap dancing, which she describes as "superb!" This interest is in step (pun intended) with her longtime interest in music and theater; she continues studying piano. Joan is also very much into fitness, which high degree she last year demonstrated by hiking Peru's rugged Inca trail to Machu Picchu. Next up, she and husband James are planning a trip to India. For 35 years Joan has been active on various nonprofit boards, including 17 years on the board of the New Israel Fund, five as the North American vice president. She's also a board member of the Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists, and a trustee of New Zealand's Hillary Inst. Of all this catchup news, Joan writes, "With our 50th Reunion approaching, and my former roommate **Cynthia Wolloch's** involvement, I thought it time to share a bit of news." The Shapiros live in Chicago, and have a daughter, a married son, and two grandchildren. Joan also recently celebrated a "joyous" surprise birthday in Manhattan with lifelong friend and one-time roommate **Lois Wasserspring**.

Finally, **John Randall**, PhD '72, retired last December from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. He also recently overcame a two-year battle with Crohn's Disease, which necessitated intestinal surgery last July. He reports he left the hospital weighing just 128 pounds, but now weighs 182, his "comfort zone," and is, he writes, "feeling better than I have in decades." John had been active doing aikido, and hopes to return to it soon. John and wife Catherine still live in Columbia, MD, and have two young grandchildren.

That's all for now. Please take a few minutes to send me your news by whatever means, so it may be shared with your classmates. Also be sure to visit our class website, www.cornell1964.org. **Bev Johns** Lamont 720 Chestnut St., Deerfield, IL 60015; e-mail, blamont64@comcast.net.

65 What a happy time we all had at the Southwest Florida mini-reunion in March! It was organized by **Judy Kellner** Rushmore (judesr@gmail.com) and held in Fort Myers, with many classmates now spending winters in Florida or jaunting down for a few snowbird weeks. Thanks again to Judy, who spearheads this fun luncheon! Judy enjoys her three homes in Naples, FL, in Belmont, MA, and on Nantucket. Ever on the go, her special passions are biking and gardening and civic engagement. **Frank and Carol Gibbs Stover** (fstover@thechicago.club.org) live in Chicago, but have purchased their retirement home in Florida. **Joe Schneider** (joe.schneider@earthlink.net) and his wife treasure family times and golf and love to travel.

Chip, ME '66, and **Patty Gross Bettie** (cbettie@comcast.net) have made Sarasota, FL, their home for years. Chip has various patents to his credit in food engineering and retains a vital entrepreneurial spirit to rival anyone in their 20s! Patty just finished another year as president of the Cornell Club of Sarasota-Manatee (she has been called upon to lead the club three times in the past 15 years!) and is an avid volunteer leader in the Sarasota area. Chip and Patty are working with the university on fraternity/sorority issues. **Neena Martin** Lurvey (nlurvey@comcast.net) had a trunk showing of her handcrafted scarves after our luncheon, and we were pleased to hear she was taking off soon for a cruise.

George, MD '69, and **Judy Arangio** traveled to Venice, FL, for a week and then onto Bonita Springs for another week. They are scouting out Southwest Florida for a longer stay next winter, but won't be leaving Fogelsville, PA, for an extended Florida wintertime. **Sharon Hegarty** Williams (shw600@verizon.net) has bought a home in Venice, FL, and will split her time between Venice for six months plus a day and her home in Wellesley, MA. She's delighted to leave New England winters behind her. **Joe Ryan** (jryan9778@aol.com) reminded everyone that the official name of our class Facebook page is the Cornell Class of 1965 Reunion Group. Joe and Eileen take a leadership role in their Venice, FL, condo association and are in the middle of negotiating a huge condo roofing project at the same time they renovate a bedroom and bathrooms in their condo. Good luck!

The following letter from class president George Arangio needs the widest possible notice, and thus I'm putting some of the highlights in the column:

"A '**Centennial Class**' and a **50th Reunion** and Cornell's **150th Celebration** is a '**Big Deal**' for the class and Cornell University. Your executive committee met in Boston and we are accelerating our plans to celebrate our golden anniversary in June 2015. We are planning a 50th Reunion Yearbook, a keepsake treasure better than our 25th Reunion Book, and you will be hearing from **Bob Kessler** and his team in the coming months. **Liz Gordon** will send a 'Catch Up with Classmates' questionnaire to you soon. You now have the ability to fill out the questionnaire and add photos online. Just follow this link: <http://www.cornell65.com/personal.html> (thank you, Barry). We want to receive your information and know what's on your mind. Your responses will be the 'heart' of our 50th Yearbook.

"Our class is planning a 50th Reunion Forum event, and we are eager to hear your ideas for topics and speakers. Cornell architects are in the process of designing a beautiful gateway for the Andrew Dickson White Garden as our 50th Reunion gift to the university. Visit our website, as you will be hearing more information on the above initiatives (www.cornell65.com). 'Mini-reunions' are planned in Ithaca, Metro New York, Metro Boston, Metro D.C., South Florida, Texas, California, and the Midwest, and in conjunction with Cornell Clubs across the country. Contact **Lou Ferraro**, our events coordinator, and he will help you with logistics. Visit our new **Cornell Class of 1965 Reunion Group** Facebook page—a Facebook account is necessary and Joe Ryan is our administrator.

"Most of all **SAVE THE DATE . . . June 4 -7, 2015**, and come to our 50th Reunion. Return to 'the Hill' for fun, for friendship, for first-class activities and fine Cornell dining. Remember, not only is it our 50th, but it is Cornell's 150th. Reunion co-chairs **Myron Jacobson** and **Grace Hereshberg** Morgenstein, as well as the university, are planning a gala time for us. Visit our Class of '65 website often for updates. Join our 93 volunteers and do a little or a lot.

"Please pay your class dues if you haven't already done so. Help sustain our strong financial position and our class scholarship, the freshman book project, and your subscription to *Cornell Alumni Magazine*. Encourage classmates to join us and support our class work. Click here: <https://www.giving.cornell.edu/dues/> (then follow the directions to the new site) and activate your Cornell Net ID and password to facilitate online communication. June 2015 is not that far away. So please plan on joining us as we celebrate together. Stay well. —George."

Many of us are turning 70 this year, and some folks have already crossed that major date. I like to think of it as another year of PRIME TIME. All the best. Send your news to: [Joan Hens Johnson, joanhjp@comcast.net](mailto:JoanHensJohnson@comcast.net); and [Ron Harris, rsh28@cornell.edu](mailto:RonHarris@cornell.edu).

66 **John, ME '68, and Helen Perry Egger** (jbe9@cornell.edu) write that John retired last June, after 25 years as a Towson U. economics professor. "But our year's big news was the September marriage of our daughter in Anchorage, AK. We also enjoy visiting our son and his family (including our grandson, age 6) each Thanksgiving in New Orleans. Helen still works half-time, but John is chipping away at his bucket list, spending a month of the 2012 summer hiking alone in Switzerland. So far, he's loving retirement!" **Bruce Cohen '65, BME '66, ME '67**, was inducted into the National Jewish Sports Hall of Fame & Museum (www.jewishsports.org) on April 21. You may remember that Bruce was an All-American lacrosse player at Cornell. He writes, "I've become a cyclist and in 2012 won the Massachusetts State Championship in the 65- to 69-year-old age range. Since graduating from Cornell, I have spent my career in the technology sector, working for a variety of companies, including IBM. In 1985, I helped found Chipcom Corp., which grew from eight people to more than 1,100 in nine years. For the past five years, I have been president and CEO of Auriga Microwave in Chelmsford, MA. As for my personal life, the short version is: two degrees, two bikes, two cars, two dogs, two houses, two kids (kids each have two kids), and one wife of almost 45 years!"

"Starting the 50th anniversary season," **Joel Edelstein** attended his high school reunion with classmates **Ellen Smalberg Valade, David Lipton, Jerry Touger, Bob Kerchner, PhD '71, and Gary, DVM '68, and Judy Solomon Baum, MAT '67**. "Ellen [his wife] and I spent a warm (literally and figuratively) and nostalgic day in Brooklyn; we rock and rolled on a dinner cruise, and said poignant farewells until the Cornell 50th. I also spent a fine afternoon in D.C. this past January with Prof. Lipton, who showed me one of his favorite 'off the beaten path' museums." **Will Brownell** (willbrownell@msn.com) writes, "I continue to think of Cornell and my time there. After getting five Ivy League degrees (yes, five), I have some strange conclusions about degrees, like: 1) Cornell is better than the rest of the Ivy League; and 2) getting a PhD at the other Ivies is madness personified. (Would you believe that half my dissertation committee had not really read my work? I left out 20 pages, and they did not notice.) My sole lament: When we go to college, we do not really appreciate the non-Greek fraternities, like Telluride and Water-margin and Acadia." Will adds, "I am now being published for a bio on General Ludendorff, the swinish German general who taught Hitler how to build the Nazi party and how to blame the Jews for his, Ludendorff's, failure to win the war in 1918. I also work in prisons for the Vietnam vets who are so lost there. I served in Vietnam, as a translator, in 1968, and have much empathy for these fellows."

Jesse Rosen is currently working at Yeshiva U. as director of undergraduate student assessment. He is also the director of assurance of learning for the Sy Syms School of Business and teaches classes in the business school as an adjunct. "I plan to retire this June. We (my wife of 46 years this June and I) look forward to some

traveling and hanging out with our children and grandchildren." **Norman Meyer** (nm2101@yahoo.com) is now a semi-retired ophthalmologist. He writes: "Joyce, my wife, was diagnosed with an awful, rare bladder cancer, but after severe chemotherapy and major surgery, has been given a great chance of recovery. As a result, I sold my practice and work part-time in a local clinic. We are planning a trip to Shreveport to see my grandchild. I have not seen enough of **Dick Dropkin, MD '70, Jerry Ellner, Norman Stokes, Mike Kalafer, Dave Ackerman, Doug Wise, Ralph Janis**, etc. Guys, write to me."

Ronni Barrett (rlacroute@willakenzie.com) is very involved in the local arts scene, working with directors and actors on developing new works, and helping theatre companies to grow and succeed. "My life is divided between work at my winery, Willakenzie Estate, and sponsoring theatre and chamber music productions in the Portland, OR, area. I also accompanied 45 concert choir students from Linfield College, where I am a trustee, on a concert and service tour of Costa Rica in February." Ronni adds, "I frequently see my daughter, **Nathalie '97**, who lives in Portland, OR, with her two children. My son, **Philippe '89**, is working for a Silicon Valley company developing non-invasive products for determining the viability of eggs used for in vitro fertilization." Ronni says she uses the Class of 1966 Facebook page to keep in touch with many members of our class, and she has many friends from other classes who live in the Portland area. [Pete Salinger, pas44@cornell.edu](mailto:Pas44@cornell.edu); **Deanne Gebell** (dgg26@cornell.edu); and **Susan Rockford Bittker**, (ladyscienc@aol.com).

67 "Working on our One World One Ocean campaign to restore ocean health (see www.oneworldoneocean.org)," writes **Barbara Smith** (imaxbarb@yahoo.com). Retired as a clinical psychologist to work full-time with the film company and ocean campaign, Barbara also enjoys mountain biking and travel, and would like to hear from **Libby Roth, Bruce Birkett, BArch '68, MArch '71** (Houston, TX; btb7@cornell.edu) is living most of the time in Portugal or the Czech Republic. He notes, "It's interesting to view changes going on in the US while in Europe." **Martin Shulewitz, ME '68** (Philadelphia, PA; sue.martin2246@yahoo.com) writes, "Still working as a project engineer at Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority (SEPTA) in Philadelphia and moved a few years ago to a Center City row home that needed fixing." As to the question of what he brought to Cornell as a freshman, his response: a typewriter.

Challenges for **Harvey Bernstein** (Sarasota, FL; ChrisB@ChrisBernstein.com) include: "As a realtor in Sarasota, FL, there have been huge and sad challenges: helping people stay in their homes for as long as possible, and helping people avoid foreclosure and bankruptcy." **Lois Thetford** (Seattle, WA; loisth@mindspring.com) reports, "Working with homeless youth and teaching at the U. of Washington School of Medicine, MEDEX PA training program. I also quilt a lot and play with my grandson. I had a chapter published in Ballweg et al., *Physician Assistant: A Guide to Clinical Practice*." She'd like to hear from **Adriane Despot, PhD '74**.

"As contributing editor for *Sculpture* magazine and a freelance writer and author/editor of six books, my life revolves around literature and art,

family, and friends," writes **Jan Garden Castro** (New York, NY; jancastro1@gmail.com). She adds, as Cornell influences: "Archie Ammons, my poetry teacher, and Lit professor Read helped shape my literary voice." Last fall, **Jim Doolittle** (Trumansburg, NY; contactus@frontenacpoint.com), co-owner and winemaker of Frontenac Point Vineyard, released four distinct Brut Méthode Champenoise cuvées to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the winery. After graduating, Jim worked on legislation in Albany that resulted in the Farm Winery Bill. When it became law in 1976, there were 19 wineries in New York State; now there are more than 300. Jim started his winery with wife Carol in 1982 and, opting for restrained growth, now makes 2,000-3,000 cases yearly at the winery on Rt. 89, 12 miles north of Ithaca. "Having majored in Agricultural Economics, you'd think that would have taught me not to go into farming, but look where I am—and am I glad to be here!"

Robert Thompson (Washington, DC; Dr.Robert.L.Thompson@gmail.com) retired from U. of Illinois and is a visiting scholar at the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced Int'l Studies and Senior Fellow, Chicago Council on Global Affairs. He and wife Karen have a condo in Bethany Beach, DE. Other activities include a 2-1/2-week cruise to Antarctica and being engaged in debate over the US Farm Bill and getting agriculture back on the US foreign aid agenda." **Hank Caruso** (California, MD; hcaruso@md.metrocast.net) creates aviation art. "I finished the 2012 Aerocatures Calendar art and text (31st year of publication), along with graphic and editorial support for the Patuxent River Naval Air Museum, Assn. of Naval Aviation, Tailhook Assn., and the Marine Corps Aviation Assn." **Richard B. Hoffman**, 2925 28th St. NW, Washington, DC 20008; e-mail, rhoffman@erols.com.

68 **Mary Sander Alden** (Sunnyvale, CA; mary@msjconsulting.com) wrote in early April that she and husband Don were excited about attending reunion and seeing many DG friends and classmates. They were planning to drive to Rochester afterwards to visit their daughter and three grandkids, ages 1, 4, and 7. Since this column was actually written about a month before reunion, check back to this space in the Sept/Oct issue for a full report on our 45th.

Mary adds, "After 14 years running a small consulting practice in the San Francisco Bay Area, I'm starting to phase down my practice. Don is also scheduled to work a reduced schedule with his employer, Intuitive Surgical, so by mid-year we hope to have more time to sail on our Cape Dory 36 and continue making headway on home landscaping and fix-it projects. We are both active in our church choir and I've managed to be lured onto committees that seem to involve more time than I ever anticipated. Since our kids are scattered, we hope to visit the East Coast and possibly the UK in the coming year. One of the most interesting projects I'm about to undertake is reading through a trunk filled with letters, journals, and correspondence about my dad, who was a Dartmouth and NYU grad and a country doctor in New Hampshire."

Also on the West Coast, **Ted** (tpanitz@capecod.net) and **Tricia Snyder Panitz** moved to Seattle in May 2012 to be closer to their son and daughter-in-law—and especially our 2-year-old granddaughter. I retired after 37 years at Cape Cod Community College as a math professor. Tricia is

retired also, and we both work on animal rights issues in Seattle, which has very active groups. I teach part-time at Cascadia CC and Shoreline CC. Just can't withdraw yet. We had a second grandchild in February, a boy named Joey—icing on the cake!" **Barry Shaw** (Ithaca, NY; bjshaw@twcny.rr.com) has retired from TPG, where he worked for 39 years as an engineer. "My wife and I have bought a farm and converted the barn into an antique shop. We are enjoying our 'second career' as antique traders. The shop is located ten miles northeast of Ithaca in Groton, NY. We specialize in antique tools and glass and carry some Cornell ephemera. I enjoy collecting antique tools and farming related items, local history, and sailing on Cayuga Lake."

Dick Penner, BArch '69, MS '72 (rhp2@cornell.edu) lives in New Paltz, NY, with his partner, Susan. "I am now fully retired from teaching Development and Design courses at the Hotel school. I revised my book, *Hotel Design, Planning, and Development*, in 2012 and just finished a book on Cornell history, using black and white images from the university archives; it is available from Amazon.com." Dick's daughter, Anne, lives in Denver, where she teaches theatre at DU. **Jeff French** (jhf3815@hotmail.com) has been retired from the hotel business since 2007 and did consulting for several years. He is now enjoying life in a resort community in Redmond, WA, where two of three kids and four grandchildren also live. Jeff's third child, a Cornellian, resides in metro NYC. **Diane Charske** Hanson (hanson@team-doctor.com) and her husband have lived in Dewey Beach, on the southern Delaware coast, for the past seven years. Last fall they moved into their dream house with beautiful views of the ocean. Diane was elected to town council in Dewey Beach in 2007 and has been mayor for the past three years. "It is a whole new experience compared to corporate life."

Jim Ponsoldt (Athens, GA; ponsoldt@msn.com) writes, "I retired as the Joseph Henry Lumpkin Professor of Law at the U. of Georgia, but still keep my hand in consulting/advising with antitrust and first amendment litigation. I have lately been writing also, including editorials and, once again, poetry, as well as editing some of my son's film-related writing. I have traveled to Northern and Southern California, the Sundance Film Festival in Utah, Manhattan (many times), and Istanbul. My photography, especially photos of Manhattanites at work and play, have been included in a number of juried exhibits." Jim would like to hear from any freshman-year U-Hall residents (Dorm 6, 4th floor), as well as friends from Phi Sigma Kappa, Quill & Dagger, and the Creative Writing program. **Henry Siegel** (New York, NY; hws6@cornell.edu) writes, "I was in my third musical in May, *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*. Previous performances have been in *The Pajama Game* and *Damn Yankees*. **Robert Reed** (Southport, ME; reed@aloha.net) splits his time between an island in Maine and an island in Hawaii. "Traveling with a 200-pound St. Bernard is an ordeal at any age, but at mine it's a task worthy of Odysseus!"

Rebecca Johnson Irvine (knirvine@gmail.com) says life is very fulfilling these days. "I recently retired as a FCS teacher (Family and Consumer Sciences) in a local Lancaster County (PA) high school and middle school. Now I fill my time with many volunteer assignments and helping with my grandchildren, 8 and 9, who are both local and abroad. At church I am coordinator of the Women's Bible Study, a deaconess, and member of the Missions Committee. I am still an active member of our local FCS association and am membership

chair for Ephrata Library Friends." Rebecca adds, "Unfortunately, I will be in Spain when our 45th Reunion takes place this June, so will have to wait another year to renew old friendships." Read about Reunion in the next issue—followed by more news from your e-mails. Thanks for all your responses! **Mary Hartman** Schmidt, mary.schmidt@schmidt-federico.com.

69 Hope you are enjoying the summer. **David Silverman** writes from Down Under: "I am a fully qualified physician in New Zealand at Rotorua Public Hospital. Great job and place to be. I am working on organized stroke services and older persons health policy." David travels in Australasia and was planning to walk the Hollyford Track, a 35-mile, year-round hiking track in southwestern New Zealand, in March. His children are at Victoria U. of Wellington. **George Frank** is in Seattle, WA. He spends time in his medical practice and does only domestic travel five months each year as he cares for his 103-year-old mother. **Roger Titone** (roger@titronics.com) is in Oxford, IA, manufacturing medical devices for Titronics R&D. He is looking for someone to take the helm as president

Plains, NY, is remodeling his house, making wine, and sailing. Sounds nice, Dennis.

Please plan to attend our 45th Reunion in June 2014! The committee has started planning and is looking for volunteers to contact fellow alumni. They also welcome any recommendations and suggestions to help make the reunion extra special. The committee welcomes any and all ideas for the class program. Please e-mail me and I will pass your info on. Enjoy the rest of the summer! **Tina Economaki** Riedl, tried048@gmail.com.

70 Here we are in the midst of yet another summer. How time flies! And just think, our 45th Reunion is now under two years away, June 4-7! Please start contacting your friends in the Class of 1970 and make plans for meeting in Ithaca in June 2015 during the celebration of the 150th anniversary of the founding of Cornell! Plans are under way, and the class leadership team has been busy working on 1970 class business. Be sure to check out our "new" class website, cornell70.org, as well as our Facebook (<http://www.facebook.com/Cornell70>) and Twitter (<http://www.twitter.com/CornellClass70>) sites.

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Robert Reed '68

so he can spend more time inventing new products. He would love to hear from **Harold Trenka**.

Ildiko Czmor Mitchell (imconfused1@juno.com) is retired, traveling, and awaiting her babysitting duties for her upcoming grandchild. She is also looking forward to finishing hiking the Appalachian Trail. She would love to hear from her KA sisters. Ildiko had a bang-up 65th birthday party via Endicott, Ithaca, Cortland, and Leonardsville—eating all the way. **Nan Nutt** retired in June 2012, and has been a traveling camp host for Koinonia Farm in Americas, GA, a place of prayer, work, study, service, and fellowship—a "lay monastery." Her intention is to experience and learn about being part of an intentional Christian community. **Merrie Nickerson** Krisl is in Santa Rosa, CA, where she has been volunteering for the last 14 years at the Sonoma County Juvenile Justice Center, "running a library for the kids and encouraging them to read." She loves babysitting her three lovely grandchildren and wonders whatever happened to **Susan Klotzke** Schaeferand and **Kathy Macechak** Glapa.

Lynn Joy is retired in S. New Berlin, NY, and has a busy time keeping up with his seven granddaughters. **Ed Johnson** retired in 2008 and is enjoying golf, bass fishing, and playing softball in Grover, MO. He says he would not make any changes in his life. **Carl Patrick** and his Theta Chi brothers once again gathered for a football mini-reunion at Homecoming in September. Other attendees included **Tom Speer '68**, BS '73, **Tom McLeod '70**, ME '71, **Cal Organ '70**, ME '71, **Ron Lehman '70**, **Tom Seaney '71**, **Zack McKenna '71**, and **Steve Bienstock '72**. Carl is looking for more Theta Chi's for next year. Contact him at tom.thmg@gmail.com if interested. **Dennis Groves**, retired in White

On a sad note, I must report the death of our classmate **Zaneta Deutsch Pronsky** on December 14, 2011. She valiantly attended our 40th Reunion in 2010, although she was quite ill at the time. Zaneta was a graduate of the Ag college and worked as a consultant. She is survived by her husband **Walt '66**, BS Ag '69, of Chester Springs, PA.

Jonathan Forge (jjohn@tpg.com.au) reports that he has been to a couple of functions, including Zinck's Night, with some local Cornellians in Sydney, Australia—"all very nice young people who take the trouble to talk to an old guy like me from the '60s." Jonathan's latest book, *Designed to Kill: The Case Against Weapons Research*, was published by Springer in December 2012. He says it's about why it is morally unjustifiable to undertake research that seeks to design new weapons. Another class author, **John MacEachern**, is working on his second novel. His first one, *The Hat Trick Murders*, is selling well. Cornell's *Hotelie* magazine gave it a great review and named John a "killer novelist." John, who lives in Nova Scotia, spends his time writing and enjoying the lobster season. This past January, he went to the Dominican Republic along with 20 others for a surprise 40th birthday party for his daughter, Jennifer. John has four children and four grandchildren. He keeps in touch with fellow Hotelie **Jeff Weaver '66**.

Another class author, **Joyce Thompson** resides in Oakland, CA (joyce@launchismo.com). Her sixth novel was published this past February. It is her first in 20 years and she thinks it may be her best! You can check it out at: <http://www.amazon.com/How-Greet-Strangers-A-Mystery/dp/1590212711>. She also runs half-marathons and reports that her children are flourishing. Joyce keeps in touch with classmates **Leslie Hall**, **Joyce Copland**, and

Gene Fry, PhD '89. **Cindy Briggs** (Bellevue, WA; bark601@comcast.net) writes, "This spring and summer I'll be a volunteer for the National Park Service as a 'Trails and Rails' scenic tour guide on Amtrak's *Empire Builder* between Seattle and Montana!" Cindy keeps in touch with **Jan Rankin** Thurlow '69, **Ann Kronenberg**, **Ruthanne Kurtyka**, JD '73, **Debbie Scheraga**, and **Debbie Cheney** Lazar.

Don Noveau (dnoveau@gmail.com) has completed his one-year "sabbatical" doing hotel building performance enhancements. He is now back at Jonathan Nehmer + Assocs. in year 19. Don is very

those "1,000 Places to See Before You Die." He has lived in the same New York City apartment since 1974, and has a house in western Connecticut, where he spends weekends and most of the summer. Bob's core group of friends continues to be old roommates and fraternity brothers from Cornell, including **Mike Kubin**, **Stuart Oran**, **Marty Michael**, **Paul Levy '70**, **Danny Bernstein**, **Doug Wyler '70**, and **Ted Grossman**, JD '74, and he tries to keep in touch with **Richard Price**.

Peter Saunders, ME '72 (petesaunders1949@gmail.com), who retired as a Captain following a

attended included **Jeff Eisenstein '69**, my brother, **Lou Germaine '68**, and **Susan Devins** Rubenstein. Susan (devins@sympatico.ca) lives in Toronto, where she is an educator at the Ryerson Image Center, home of the BlackStar Collection of Photography. She teaches English and reading to disabled adults at Frontier College, a national nonprofit organization. In addition, she developed a program on cultural literacy for international students at the U. of Toronto's Rotman School of Business. Please send us your news—we love hearing from you! **Linda Germaine** Miller, LG95@cornell.edu; and **Gayle Yeomans** gyeomans@gmail.com.

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Connie Ferris Meyer '70

happy to be back and says, "Retirement? Nah." He and his wife, **Barbara (Brem) '71** live in Rockville, MD, outside Washington, DC. Their daughter, Jenna, graduated from the U. of Maryland Medical School in May and starts her residency at Rutgers this month. Don adds that he is looking for an antique sports car for tinkering. **Steve Kraus** (Trumansburg, NY; sek78@cornell.edu) established a horseshoeing business in the Ithaca area just after graduating from the Ag college and has recently been hired by the Vet college as a lecturer in the Dept. of Clinical Sciences and as a resident farrier. He traveled all over the country during his personal business years as a rep and clinician for Mustad Hoofcare. Steve adds, "I am a volunteer polo coach and umpire for the Cornell polo team and play outdoor polo locally during the summer."

Elliott Gordon (Irvine, CA; elliotg1@cox.net) writes, "After 34 years in executive search and 29 years with Korn/Ferry Int'l, I retired from that business. I am now active with four great not-for-profit organizations. I am on the board and executive committee of the ACLU Foundation of Southern California; on the board and the executive committee of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Orange County; on the board of Larta Inst., which helps regions around the world maximize the potential and impact of science and technology advances; and I mentor college students through South Central Scholars, which helps motivated students from poor neighborhoods succeed in school and careers." Enjoy your summer wherever you may be! **Connie Ferris Meyer**, cfm7@cornell.edu; tel., (610) 256-3088.

71 Our mailbag is filled with terrific news from many of our classmates. **Bob Beleson** (Bbeleson@gmail.com) tells us that after spending the better part of 30 years in a series of great jobs, including serving as the chairman of Remy Martin Cognac, the chief marketing officer of Playboy Enterprises, and the president of M. Shanken Publications (*Wine Spectator* and *Cigar Aficionado* magazines), he is working on several early-stage ventures, developing alcoholic beverage brands for sale to larger corporations. His current venture is a super-premium gin called Bulldog, which is enjoying great success in Spain (the world's best gin market) and 25 other countries. His career has taken him all over the world and he is proud to have visited over 620 of

31-year career in the US Navy Civil Engineer Corps, writes, "Life is good." He retired ten years ago, and he and his wife, Cindy, have spent about half of each year traveling, often visiting with friends and family. He writes, "Our son **David '01** (Civil Engineering) is currently a Major in the USMC stationed in Rabat, Morocco, so we have been there twice to visit him, his wife, and our granddaughter (now 2—and potential Cornell Civil Engineer, Class of 2033?). In addition to visits to Morocco and several cruises (Panama Canal, Mediterranean), we spent the last two Christmases and New Year's with David, Becky, Amira, and Becky's family in Grindelwald, Switzerland—since all the grandparents wanted to see their granddaughter, and Christmas in the Alps sounded better than Christmas in Rabat."

Chuck Reisen (Chasreisen@aol.com) writes that he is still retired, "as long as the money holds out! I spend a lot of the winter in Colorado skiing, staying with **Ken Wolfe** in Chicago on the drive out and back. (Ken has a new hip and is doing fine.)" Chuck spends the summer on the Jersey Shore and says that **Marty Marmor** visits, yet leaves with NO tan at all. He lives in a rebuilt carriage house in South Orange, NJ, and he and his girlfriend, Barbara DeStasio, get into the city frequently for swing dancing, theatre, and other cultural events. He loves his Italian motorcycle as well as his Jaguar XKE replica. Chuck has two sons: Samuel is in year two of law school at Syracuse, and Philip is graduating from Oberlin. Chuck keeps up with **Mark Ellyne**, a professor in Capetown, South Africa, as well as the Tau Delt boys (**Harold Ames**, **Steve Rappaport**, **Rick Leland**, **Gerry Eichner**, **Kris Perry**, and **Ken Wolfe**). He wrote a murder mystery memoir with a huge Cornell flashback component entitled *Playin' Guts Ball*, which received a good review from **Dick Turner**.

This year has also been a wonderful year for your columnist. In February, my son Charlie was married to Alexis Kremen in Baltimore at the American Visionary Art Museum. It was a joyful occasion for my husband, **Joe Miller '69**, and me, and many of our Cornell friends were in attendance to share in our happiness, including sorority sisters **Leslie Jennis** Obus, **Diane Brenner**, **Sandi Taylor** Eisenstein, and **Beth Shapiro** Stroul, as well as **Rick Leland**, an honorary SDT. It's such a small world: Rick is a partner at Fried Frank Harris Shriver and Jacobson in New York, the same law firm in which our daughter-in-law is a real estate associate attorney. Additional Cornellians who

72 In early March, I received an e-mail from **Gerry Miknis** with the shocking news that **Craig Lambert** had died from a heart attack while visiting San Francisco on business. Craig was not only a teammate on the 1968 freshman football team, he was a fellow resident of Baker Tower, Wing E. I remember Craig as a friendly, thoughtful person from Circleville, OH, who was an outstanding football player. An All-League offensive tackle on the Big Red Ivy Champions of 1971, Craig earned selection into the Cornell Athletics Hall of Fame. He spent his career with the Marriott Corp. and was instrumental in the establishment and success of Marriott's Courtyard Hotels. Craig is survived by his wife, Margie, son James, and daughter Kathryn. Our sincere condolences to the Lambert family.

Merle Ladd Silverman (merlesilverman@gmail.com) of Foster City, CA, had total replacements of both knees in May 2012, which caused her to miss our class reunion. She writes, "I have been married through thick and thin for 41 years to **George '69**, a retired Navy test pilot who is currently a test captain for United Airlines. I worked as an architect for 15 years, then switched to elementary education and education publishing, and have been retired for seven years." Merle and George have six beautiful grandchildren, who are her current passion. The Silvermans bought a timeshare in 2001 and travel somewhere every year, including a fun Viking River cruise from Amsterdam to Basel, Switzerland, where they then took a train to Marseilles to visit their son and family. Merle is happy to talk about her children. Son David (USNA '98), her eldest, is a former Navy SEAL who served in the Far East, Iraq, and Afghanistan. He is now the CEO and co-founder of McChrystal Group, a leadership consulting company. David and his wife, **Hollis Wells** Silverman '00 (Hotel), have one daughter. Hollis works as COO of a restaurant company, ThinkFoodGroup, in Washington, DC. Merle's daughter, **Anne Silverman** Knight '00 (Hotel), married Jason in 2005 and they have three daughters. Jason is now CEO of LotLinx and Anne is building a successful real estate career in Orinda, CA. Merle's youngest, Doug (USNA '05), and wife Amanda are currently in France, where Doug is attending the French Test Pilot School on an exchange tour. Doug and Amanda's second daughter was born in Toulouse, France, last August. Merle went to Europe to help with the toddler when the baby was born. Amanda is an experienced early childhood professional with a master's in special ed. Merle reports that she keeps in touch with Cornellians **Alfreda Radzicki**, **William Cunningham**, BArch '72, **Cindy Johnson** O'Malley '70, and Jo and **Rick Gilbert**.

Andrew Topus (isellham@aol.com) completed a buyout of his business partner of nine years,

and with the resulting 100 percent ownership of SmartPrice Sales completed, he is free to hire a protégé to take over, as semi-retirement looks appealing. SmartPrice was ranked by *INC* magazine as one of the fastest growing private companies in America for four consecutive years. In addition to growing his company, Andrew and wife Sarah delight in babysitting their six grandchildren, all under the age of 3. **Rob Blye** of Pottstown, PA (rwblye@comcast.net) is a natural resources consultant for the energy industry. With retirement looming in the near future, he is looking forward to having time to go birding, expand his vegetable garden, visit his children and eight grandchildren, fish, hunt, and go boating. "Our most recent foreign trip was to Ireland for ten days (Dublin along the coast to Galway), and we're planning for Alaska, Africa, and the UK, among other places. Just returned from a business and pleasure trip to Arizona, where we saw some 73 species of birds, many of them lifers." Rob is a volunteer at the Pottstown Cluster of Religious Communities, helping to house and feed the homeless. His daughter **Amy Blye Cohen '97** (CALS) and son-in-law **Jason '97** (Arts) are blessed with three future Cornellians. Jason completed his Army obligations and is practicing emergency medicine at Albany Medical Center. Amy takes care of the kids and builds playgrounds as a volunteer in her spare time. Rob's daughter Kate has three children, and daughter Rebecca has two. Rob reports that **Jon Drossos '71** dropped by on a visit, and **Paul Harmon '69** has worked with Rob since 1972. **Jack Barclay** and **David Galat '69**, BS Ag '72, remain close but geographically distant friends.

Since 2003, the Class of '72 members of Delta Upsilon have used the annual Cornell Football Association golf fundraiser in July as their fraternity reunion event. In 2012, a full 19 DU classmates attended. **Bruce Graev** has changed his e-mail address to bgraev@centurylink.net (bg30@cornell.edu will continue to forward). Send news to: **Alex Barna**, ab478@cornell.edu; or **Gary Rubin**, glr34@cornell.edu.

73 And a good time was had by all! I hope many of you were able to attend and enjoy our 40th Reunion, June 6-9. The Reunion Report will appear in the Sept/Oct issue. Meanwhile, please "Like" our page on Facebook (Cornell Class of 1973) and follow us on Twitter @cuclassof73.

Disordered Eating Specialist **Alexis Beck** (alexis@nutritionrx.com; Brookline, MA) is becoming an entrepreneur, re-inventing her business and embracing technology as it applies to running a clinical practice, including developing a very educational website, www.nutritionrx.com. She would love to hear from classmate **Susan Schiller Phillips**. **Jeffrey Corwin** (Afton, VA) writes that he is spending his time doing research, teaching, sailing, and parenting, including helping his son complete his Eagle Scout project and buying a sailboat in the Caribbean. (My e-mail is below if you need a crewmate!) Jeff would like to hear from classmate **Mark Bromberg**, MBA '74. **Dana Friedman** (dfriedman@eyi.org; Port Washington, NY) is president of the Early Years institute in Plainview. When not at work, she is with friends and family, swimming, watching "So You Think You Can Dance," and playing Words with Friends. She is busy packing boxes because she is moving out of the house she has lived in for 28 years!

David Goodyear, ME '74, international senior VP and chief bridge engineer at T.Y. Lin Int'l in San Francisco, was recently elected to the National Academy of Engineering (NAE), one of only 69 American members elected from a competitive field of more than 500 nominations. David was cited for "leadership in concrete segmental, cable-stayed, and hybrid bridge design and construction" and will be inducted at the NAE's annual meeting in October in Washington, DC. **Michael Heberling**, president of Baker College Center for Graduate Studies in Flint, MI, has been elected president of the Council of College and Military Educators (CCME), a not-for-profit national organization dedicated to promoting and supporting quality education for service members, their families, and veterans of all branches of the US armed services. **William Lewek** (Rochester, NY) is in the private practice of psychiatry and is studying Italian for travel. He writes that he would rather be traveling in Italy, studying language and cooking.

Bill McAleer, MBA '75, our recently elected Cornell trustee, has joined the local advisory board in Seattle of BMO Private Bank, which offers wealth management services and is a part of BMO Financial Group. Bill has been with Voyager Capital since he co-founded the company in 1997 and serves as its managing director. He also serves on the advisory boards for Cornell's Johnson School and the Cornell Center for Entrepreneurship. In addition, he is chair of the advisory board for the U. of Washington Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship. **Richard MacMillan** (leemacl@yahoo.com; Shawnee, OK) spends his time working his six rentals, filling in at his son's used-car lot, helping at church, and going to garage sales. He also loves to dance and has been teaching round dancing.

Donald Partridge (tfswiss@msn.com; Batavia, NY) is service coordinator for Cummings & Bricker Inc., managing machinery repairs from the Carolinas to Maine and helping dealers and salesmen sell specialized farm machinery throughout the Northeast. He is recovering from a complete hip replacement last June and a complete knee replacement in October. Yikes, folks, we are indeed over 60 now! He would like to hear from his freshman roommate **Harry Doty**. When Don first came to Cornell he brought along his shotgun for hunting, but had to store it at public safety buildings. **Laurie Shapiro** (laurie.shapiro@att.net; New York, NY) is working in a small real estate law firm and enjoying New York City cultural events and the arts—although she would rather be traveling, especially to Paris. She would love to hear from **Lynn Edelstein** Heymont.

I experienced a jam-packed 2012. Not only did I completely renovate my kitchen, but both children got married! Son **David Greenberg '05** married Rachel Karmel on June 2 at the beautiful Bonnet Island Estate, a private island off Long Beach Island on the Jersey Shore. Rachel is from my hometown of Toms River, NJ, although she met David in NYC. David is a securities litigation associate at the NYC law firm of Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP, and Rachel is a financial analyst for Ross Stores. Daughter Allison Greenberg, who inexplicably chose to attend Princeton (Class of 2006), married Adam Licata in Cincinnati at the gorgeous Alms Park overlooking the Ohio River on September 29, followed by a reception at the Newport Aquarium. Allison is a clinical research coordinator at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center, and Adam is a sales engineer for ITS Partners. My Donlon corridor-mate **Sheila Kojm**, MILR '75, attended. I recuperated from all this

excitement/stress by cruising from Barcelona to Rome in October, visiting four ports in Sicily, Malta, and the Amalfi Coast to visit as many Greek temples in one ten-day period as possible. **Pamela Meyers**, psmeyers@fuse.net; **Phyllis Haight** Grummon, phg3@cornell.edu.

74 The class just wound up the successful series of 60th birthday parties with a belated party in New York on April 19, 2013, rescheduled from the weekend after Hurricane Sandy. The party was held at the Cornell Club and about 50 classmates were in attendance, including yours truly, hosted by **Alice Brown** and **Perry Jacobs**. Also in attendance was class president **Marleen Kay** Davis, BArch '76, who arranged for a special private briefing on the design of the new Cornell NYC Tech campus at the office of the lead architects for the project, Skidmore Owings Merrill. The briefing was attended by about two dozen classmates.


Tau Epsilon Phi fraternity held its own 60th birthday bash in New York city over the holidays, which snowballed into a multi-year event covering 1972-76—more than 50 TEP '74s, spouses, and adjacent-years. Some hadn't seen each other since our undergraduate days. 1974 TEPs included **Jamie Burr**, MBA '75, **Howard Freedman**, MBA '75, **Michael Gould**, **Perry Gould**, **Dan Grausz**, **Bill Howard**, **Marc Levine**, DVM '78, **Dave Moutner**, MS '77, **Andy Peck**, **Mitch Pollack**, **Eric Roth**, and **Jeff Sabin**. Other classmates attending were **Wendy Drutman** Zigler and **Michael** and **Michelle Gersen Zweig**. The bash was organized by Howard Freedman and **Mark Wurzel '73**, MBA '74.

In addition to birthday events, we continue to hear about the everyday lives of our classmates and invite all to forward updates on their comings and goings and important events—or even the mundane—for us to report on. In keeping with the theme, we received a report from **Clement Nyamongo**, who writes from Nairobi, Kenya. He is a management consultant and is involved in community development in his rural home area of Nyamira County, Kenya. He has previously served Kenya through its Ministry of Tourism and Wildlife in Germany, Australia, and Holland as the director of the Kenya Tourism Office in Frankfurt, Germany, and served as Consul General of Kenya in Frankfurt. He retired from the Ministry of Tourism in 2000. He has also recently been an Aspirant Member of Parliament.

Closer to home, **Harold Levy**, JD '79, former New York City Schools chancellor and current managing director of Palm Ventures, was elected to the board of directors of MOUSE, a national nonprofit organization that empowers and inspires underserved youth with technology. **Stanley Selig** reports he is busy running his own plumbing and heating business called Plumb Perfect in Burlington, VT. In his spare time he enjoys sailing on Lake Champlain and would love to hear from **Dave Berwald** and **Betsey Wolfson**. In the Southeast, **Mindy Coffino** Waitzman is practicing law with Moore and Reese in Atlanta and enjoying reading and traveling.

From the Left Coast, **Marcy Brooks** McAuliffe is a freelance technical editor specializing in an environmental subject matter out of her office in Seattle. She also spends time as the bookkeeper maintaining the accounts for her husband's real estate appraisal business, as well as for other businesses they own. She has been traveling at least once or twice a year with REI Adventures,

going to places as diverse as Ireland, Greece, Belize, Croatia, and Costa Rica. Also from our western shores (Berkeley, CA), **Mark Schwartz** sends regards and wants to hear from **Randee Mia Berman**. He has been spending time finishing the 22nd edition of *On Third Street: Jack Kerouac Revisited* and writing essays about Occupy Wall Street. He ran for mayor to try to promote a high-power solar transportation system connecting the East Bay cities of Albany, Richmond, Oakland, and Berkeley with a ferry to San Francisco, as well as affordable housing for students and the homeless, elderly, and disabled.

We are in the home stretch moving to our 40th Reunion in June 2014. I hope all are looking forward to it and will plan on being in Ithaca to celebrate. Send news to:  **Jack Wind**, jjw@mwhlawfirm.com; **Helen Bendix**, hbendix@verizon.net; or **Betsy Moore**, emoore@cazenovia.edu. Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

75 There is nothing as uplifting as a reunion with Cornell friends . . . and I had several of them over the spring! I spent one March evening reliving fond memories from the Hill with my Delta Gamma roommate **Joan Schmidt Heller '74** (with husband **Steve, PhD '77**, and their daughter Jacqueline) and **Scott** and Allison **Nelson**. Steve claims that the "Fermentation" class offered at Cornell laid his educational foundation for their new endeavor, while I'm quite certain that Joan's "tasting" experience at Cornell events has also contributed to its success: this year H-L-R Cellars, the estate winery of the Heller Family Vineyards (<http://hellerfamilyvineyards.wordpress.com/>), turned out a fabulous Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon as well as their special Hellacious wine, a unique proprietary blend of the two grapes. I know this well because the fine Commonwealth of Virginia allows them to ship six bottles to me each year! I hope to join Joan and Steve at their vineyard later this year to help with the tasting!

I had also spent a sunny April afternoon in Annapolis with **Scott Keenum '76** (who lives and works in Columbia, MD), **Mark** and **Christine Maggill Kamon** (who have retired to Eastern Maryland), Lorna and **Jim Thul** (who reside in New Jersey), **Mike Sandul '76** (living in the Washington, DC, area), and several of their friends and family watching an exciting Army-Navy lacrosse game. Following in the footsteps of Mark and Ting's son, Jim's son Garrett holds the all-time leading scoring record for West Point, and his accomplishments in the high-scoring game that day added a few more points to his legacy . . . resulting in an Army win. On the prior weekend, some of these same Delta Upsilon parents from our class revealed in another mini-reunion focusing on their children's sports. Scott Keenum and Jim and Lorna Thul attended the lacrosse game of Faith Seeley, daughter of **Jim, JD '79**, and **Beth Wright Seeley '76**, as her St. Lawrence team was victorious over Bard College on Friday afternoon. They then traveled to West Point, where Mark Kamon joined them to watch Garret Thul add another three goals to his career Army lacrosse record. Way to go!

Congratulations to **Gary Shapiro** on his January 2013 appointment as associate director of administration for human resources for the Division of Student Affairs at Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, VA, where he will oversee human resources professionals in 15 departments serving 3,300

employees. An ILR student at Cornell, Gary's background prior to moving into this position included more than 16 years of human resources management in the private sector and high tech industries. Gary is also a parent of two recent Virginia Tech graduates. Our congratulations also go to **Nancy Banfield Johnson** (nbanjo@htva.net) on the publication of her first book, *Catching Critical Changes: Six Essential Steps for Effective Nursing Assessment*. Nancy lives in Van Etten, NY, and works as a nurse manager and MDS coordinator at Kendal at Ithaca, a continuing care retirement community located just off the Cornell campus. She is a frequent speaker and workshop leader, assisting nurses in gaining confidence and respect.

From Harvard, MA, **Mary Keefe** Valladares (mary.keefe@charter.net) fondly recalls that she arrived as a freshman with clothes, some plants, and a lot of hopes, plans, and expectations. Her studies were well spent, as Mary is now in private practice as a psychotherapist. She also enjoys hanging out with her family, lunches with friends, gardening, reading, and spending time with husband **Julio. Julie Chapman** Boys (julieboys@gmail.com) calls Ventura, CA, home. Adjusting to an "empty nest," she has focused on enjoying life, including rejuvenating travel to Peru to visit her daughter. When not working for Promax Nutrition, Julie plays golf and spends time with family and friends.

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

76 I've been trying to remember how long I have been writing this column. It seems like forever! What I do recall is standing in front of Balch at a class reunion, and my friend **Suzu Schwarz** Quiles asking me if I would like to write for this magazine. I said I would—and knew that it would please my father, **Leo Diamant '44**, BCE '47, who was an avid Cornellian. So I continue to write, and now my mother, Frances, reads the magazine to catch up on my father's classmates. She is living in Lexington, MA, and loves telling me about events that she attended when my father was at Cornell. If any of you have a desire to become a class correspondent, don't hesitate to contact one of us. I can relinquish the task.

Christophe Bergen has been living in Vienna, Austria, for almost four years and writes, "I am slowly approaching the big 'Six-Oh' birthday and it is time to sit back, take a breath, and assess the situation. My wife, Verena, and I have been in hotel development consulting for the past ten years and have decided to take on the challenge of managing a special hotel property. Now we just have to find that 'special property.' I finished an exciting project in 2012 in Ulan Bator, Mongolia, assisting a Mongolian business group to define the concept for a new luxury boutique hotel (the first in the city), to complete the planning and obtain all necessary permits. The group then sold the property and the project, thereby ending our Mongolian adventure!" Other travel included a trip to NYC, as well as discovering Valencia and its architecture and Portugal's Algarve coast. And Cornell Hotel Society meetings took them to historic Budapest (staying in the Four Seasons Hotel-Gresham Palace),

and to Belgrade (staying at the stylish Square Nine). Christophe added, "As part of activities with the CHS AlpAdria and Eastern European Chapter, I keep in contact with alumni living and working in the chapter's area and invite other Hotel school alumni to contact me for networking events."

In private practice, **Karen Welling** is expanding her work helping artists and athletes overcome obstacles to creativity and performance (www.creativity-performance.com). "I am also expanding my psychotherapy practice. Both are located in Davis Square, Somerville, MA, and I am hoping to open a Boston office soon. In addition, I have started as a part-time early childhood trauma specialist at the Inst. for Health and Recovery in Cambridge, MA." Last October, Karen traveled to Ecuador to meet the children and family she has been corresponding with through Plan International since 2000. "It was amazing! I have also been studying salsa-style piano and still sing gospel and other music as opportunities arise."

The creative talents of artist **Judith Motzkin** (jmotzkin@gmail.com) were featured in *Edible Boston* magazine and a two-person show at ArtCurrents Gallery in Provincetown, MA. Living in Cambridge, MA, Judith has recently traveled to Southeast Asia, volunteering as an English teacher at Savong School and Orphanage in Siem Riep, Cambodia. Inheriting Mom's genius with the creative arts are sons Alexander Mandel, who works for Rainbow Media and Coast Cuts in NYC, and Benjamin Mandel, who is with Pier Pictures and was involved with Ice Cube's new music video "Everything's Corrupt."

Lynne Pollenz Weber writes, "After a stint as a partner at PricewaterhouseCoopers and managing director at Standard & Poors, I've been a managing director at Duff & Phelps for seven years now. In addition to valuing lots of quirky stuff (earnouts, warranties, guarantees, lawsuits, etc.), I work as an expert witness, mostly regarding surveys for patent litigation cases. My son, **Bobby Weber '13**, graduated in January with a degree in Mechanical Engineering and is staying another year for a master's degree. I recently saw **Meg Silver** and **Bob Horowitz '75** when Meg and husband Jim Nicoll were visiting the Bay Area. Bob and I also had a fun wine tasting expedition to Sonoma last fall."

Author and speaker **Sarto Schickel** writes that one of the many things he remembers from Cornell is his advisor, **Kenneth Robinson, MS '47**, who was a Harvard-trained economist. He was very helpful in allowing him to take the maximum number of classes so that he could get a well-rounded education. In fact, Sarto adds, Robinson was apparently so impressed to have an "Ag" student interested in taking a broad array of classes that he thinks his advisor may have stretched the rules for him. "Encountering great intellectuals such as Walter LaFeber, **Fred Somkin, PhD '67**, **Milton Konvitz, PhD '33**, and **Urie Bronfenbrenner '38** was the greatest thrill in the world. I also learned in one CALS class that it takes ten pounds of grain to produce one pound of meat. This later led me to realize the benefits of eating more grains directly and less meat. It is healthier, and ten times as many people can eat and live on a similar amount of food. This led to my interest in the macrobiotic diet (primarily a grain and vegetable based diet) in the 1990s and later to Gerson Therapy in 2007 when my wife was diagnosed with Stage IV ovarian cancer. I recently wrote a book about her recovery and how she used both Gerson Therapy and a macrobiotic diet, along with

conventional medicine, to recover. The book is called *Cancer Healing Odyssey* (Paxdieta Books, 2012). Overall, Cornell was a fabulous education. I am so grateful for the opportunities it afforded me.”

Jennifer Freeman, a partner at Freeman Lewis LLP in New York City, sent the news of a federal lawsuit filed in January. According to the firm’s website, Freeman Lewis partnered with Marsh Law Firm PLLC on behalf of a victim of child pornography, seeking damages from a defendant who was convicted of transporting child pornography in violation of federal criminal law. Also in the field of law, **Ilene Sherwyn Cooper** was elected Suffolk County Bar Association Representative to the New York State Bar Association House of Delegates. The one-year term began in June 2013. Lastly, at the Modern Language Association Convention in Boston in January 2013, the Milton Society of America presented the John T. Shawcross Award to **Cheryl Fresch, PhD ’76** (grad only), for her book, *A Variorum Commentary on the Poems of John Milton* (Duchesne University Press, 2011). **Lisa Diamant**; e-mail, Ljdiamant@verizon.net, **Karen Krinsky Sussman**; e-mail, krinsk54@gmail.com, **Pat Relf Hanavan**; e-mail, mother.

77 Sharon Dolin, PhD ’90, the unofficial class Poet Laureate, is a widely published poet with five full-length volumes of poetry and five poetry chapbooks (www.sharondolin.com). She published her fifth book of poems, *Whirlwind* (U. of Pittsburgh Press, 2012), this fall and was also a Featured Poet at the 2012 Dodge Poetry Festival in Newark, NJ. Three of her poems and a Q&A were featured in the December 2012 issue of *Poetry* magazine. Sharon adds that she was writer-in-residence at Eugene Lang College, The New School, from 2006-12, and is the founding director of the Center for Book Arts Annual Letterpress Poetry Chapbook Competition, begun in 1996. “I’m teaching creative writing for the academic year at Hofstra U. and am also teaching an advanced poetry workshop at the Unterberg Poetry Center of the 92nd Street Y, where I’ve been on the faculty since 1996.” Sharon lives in Morningside Heights on Manhattan’s Upper West Side with her 14-year-old son, Sam, who is finishing up eighth grade at the Delta Program of Booker T. Washington Middle School in Manhattan and applying to public high schools for next year. She was recently in Israel, where she attended the wedding of **Jody Rosenblatt Feld ’78**’s youngest daughter. She traveled to the small village of Auvillar, in the southwest of France, last July, where she was an artist-in-residence at Le Moulin à Nefs, an artists’ colony sponsored by the Virginia Center for the Creative Arts. In addition to Jody, Sharon is also in touch with **Abby Zanger**, **Diane Freedman**, MAT ’78, and **Martha Stoddard Holmes**.

On November 9, 2012, **Lubna Olayan** received an Outstanding Alumni Award from the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. Lubna is CEO and deputy chairperson of Olayan Financing Co. (based in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia), the holding company of the Olayan Group’s operations in Saudi Arabia and the Middle East that includes 40 affiliated companies. She is a businesswoman and philanthropist who has been recognized as a “Global Power 50 Woman” by *Fortune* magazine, one of the “World’s Most Powerful Women” by *Forbes*, and one of the “Top 100 Most Influential People in the World” by *Time*. She was awarded the Insignia of Member First Class of the Royal Order of the Polar Star by

his Majesty the King of Sweden, Gustav XVI, for her contributions promoting good relations between Sweden and Saudi Arabia. Lubna is also on the Boards of INSEAD, the international business

she visited California. Back East, she saw *Memphis* on Broadway with **Judy Silverman**.

On that note, I wish you all a pleasant summer. If you, too, have somehow benefited from

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Lisa Diamant ’76

school, the King Abdullah U. of Science and Technology, Al Fanar, a non-governmental, nonprofit venture that supports grassroots organizations in the Arab world, the Asia Business Council, the Saudi Down Syndrome Charitable Association, and the Children’s Cancer Center of Lebanon. She was also elected a trustee of Cornell in 2007, delivered the keynote address at the 2008 Trustee-Council Annual Meeting, and was selected the 2010 Cornell Entrepreneur of the Year. She met her husband, **John Xefos ’76**, at Cornell and has three daughters, Sarah, Serene, and Talia. They live in Riyadh.

Clemence Tousson lives in Galveston, TX. After graduating with an Engineering degree, she worked as a pollution control engineer until the engineering slump in the 1980s. “That’s when I entered the teaching profession. Houston Community College hired me as head of a new department (which I developed) called Technical Math & Physics. After raising a family, I wanted to motivate and reach younger minds, so in 2005, I sharpened my Number 2 pencils and became certified in math, grades 8-12.” Now, however, because of the chaos she sees in the public schools, she would like to return to engineering. Clemence survived Hurricane Ike in Galveston, though she did have a bad accident with cervical disc injury. But she’s a fighter and is almost back to her normal self. She has traveled to Portugal, Morocco, and Hawaii and around much of the continental US. She connected with **Peter Storti** via Facebook last fall and would like to connect with **Elena Canals-Curtis** and **Tom Jackson**, ME ’78. We wish you well in your ongoing recovery. **Cornelius Boganey, MPA ’77**, is city manager for the City of Brooklyn Center, MN. In his free time, he also plays saxophone in the Capri Big Band. Cornelius has two sons, Cardell, an electrical engineer and software developer, and Ajani, a 3-D animator.

Deborah Rose (Walnut Creek, CA) writes, “I have been writing children’s books for 25 years, and this year I will have my 12th, 13th, and 14th books published. *Someone’s Sleepy* will also be published as a lullaby song; *Jimmy the Joey* is the true story of the rescue of an orphaned baby koala (whose photo went viral on the Internet); and *The Spelling Bee Before Recess* is a humorous school story about the power of words and reading. I will be speaking at professional conferences nationwide.” Also of note, Deborah’s last child started college. She also reports one actual benefit derived from the Cornell swim test requirement: she learned to swim at Cornell because it was required, and now she has achieved the huge life goal of swimming two miles. Congratulations on this and the above achievements! Deborah was reunited with **Emy Schobloch Franz** after many years when

the Cornell swimming requirement or have other interesting news, please let your class correspondents know: **Howie Eisen**, howard.eisen@drexelmed.edu; **Annette Mulee**, annette@mulee.com. Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

78 Happy summer from the Upper Left Coast! Look for a complete summary of our 35th Reunion in the next issue. With luck, your humble correspondents can create at least two columns out of the hijinks.

I appreciate all of the responses to the e-mail plea for news. **Susan Maze-Rothstein**, BS ’81, writes that she spoke to students and staff at the Perkins School for the Blind in Boston on Martin Luther King Jr. Day. She told the assembly, “Think about your own wonderful difference and what it teaches you about life and about you, and about the you that you want to become . . . We cannot walk alone, not one of us, not a single one of us, because we all need each other and we all need to know that. And with every day and with every difference you have, you can help teach that. Please do.” Susan currently manages local, state, and national social justice projects in the first year Legal Skills in Social Context Program at Northeastern U. Law School. **Karen Schwartz-Sidrane** and her husband are partners in a law firm. “We recently added two new associates and expanded our practice to include representation in the Bronx, NY, and Kings and Queens counties. Our practice includes litigation of all landlord/tenant matters, as well as administrative law before the state housing agency.” Daughter **Lindsey ’11** works at Anheuser-Busch in New Hampshire, and **Chelsea ’16** is in the Engineering college.

Manette Mallon Scheininger, MS ’80, is going through work transitions. “I am VP Global Product Management and R&D at Calvin Klein Underwear in New York. The company was recently purchased by PVH, so I’m going through transition and changes.” Manette travels extensively to Europe and Asia for both business and pleasure. Daughter **Ava**, 23, is at the Johnson School, and son Dan, 26, works at the family business. **Jane Sabin Sklar** (Fort Lee, NJ) became a professional artist and award-winning photographer in 2011. She uses an original technique of splicing and layering photos without the use of Photoshop. She shows her work in galleries in New York and New Jersey (www.maxjersey.com/janesklar.html). **Jeffrey Lefkowitz** completed his 25th year in practice in gastroenterology/internal medicine in Fair Lawn, NJ. His daughter **Jaelyn ’14** took the

last semester abroad in Seville, Spain, and son **Matthew '11** is in his first year of law school at NYU. Further down the East Coast, **Alexandra Swiecicki** Fairfield, PhD '85 (Silver Spring, MD) and family celebrated the high school graduation of her daughter and the 21st birthday of her son by traveling to the Galápagos Islands last June. She stays in frequent touch with **Margie Ferris** Morris and **Susan Fitzpatrick**, PhD '84, and would love to get in touch with **Karla Olsen** Sangrey.

‘Our neighbors include a variety of waterfowl and otters and a nesting pair of bald eagles.’

Cindy Fuller '78

Deb Harris (Newport, RI) writes, “I returned to New England about ten years ago, after spending almost twice that amount of time in Florida. I have opened my second practice—a feline-only specialty practice, having down-sized from an equine practice in Florida. I am enjoying sailing out of Newport once again, and relax by restoring (and sailing!) classic sailboats. I still miss getting out on the water in those old crew shells on Cayuga Lake. Would love to hear from the former members of the women’s crew, 1975-76! **Daniel Luciano** and his wife (Croton-on-Hudson, NY) are also avid sailors. Daniel has been an attending neurologist and epileptologist at NYU for the past 23 years, involved in teaching and research, and he and his wife are independent film screenwriters and producers. “We produced an environmental documentary, *Crude*, and are presently producing a sci-fi fantasy film, *City of Gold*.” After 20-plus years at Cornell, **Barbara Lang**, MPS '04, writes that she started a whole new chapter in life. “Last year, I traveled around the world as the Lifelong Learning Coordinator with Semester-at-Sea and connected with several Cornell alumni—14 ports in four months! I also recently returned from four months volunteering in Cambodia with EGBOK Mission, an amazing nonprofit started by **Ben Justus '08**. Daughter **Rachel Ostlund '09** returns to Ithaca, while Sophie (Northwestern '10—sorry) heads to Seattle. Both continue to thrive—can’t ask more than that. Husband Dave and I feel great gratitude.”

Sam Lippin has been a physical therapist on the Upper East Side of Manhattan for 13 years and specializes in treating all orthopedic problems, especially neck and lower back pain. “I try to practice what I preach by training for and competing in triathlons. I have been married for 22 years, and son **Eric '16** (Hum Ec) pledged Sigma Alpha Mu. **Pat Reilly** (Holmdell, NJ) is a director at AT&T Labs and is beginning to think about her “exit strategy” (i.e., retirement) after working there almost continuously since graduation. “I climbed Mt. Washington with my husband, Bill Goers, and **Debbie Downes-Stoj**, MD '82, in June 2012. Maybe I should have picked a smaller hike as my first one, but I made it! I’m also currently a local CAAAN chairperson and enjoy meeting with high school seniors and telling them about the amazing opportunities at Cornell. I also attended the Cornell women’s rugby team’s fundraiser at the Nines in December. As a women’s rugby alum, it

was great to see how well the team is thriving (and how talented they are, musically as well as athletically!).” Daughter **Erin '13** is a Math major like her mom, and sings with the Cornell Chorus and the After Eight a cappella group. Daughter **Kristen** is a sophomore at the U. of Delaware.

Minda Cutchner (San Jose, CA) got married in November 2012, with two ceremonies! The first was in a skilled nursing facility in Detroit, where her future mother-in-law was recovering from a

life-threatening illness (staff and residents were invited to share in the celebration—which was interrupted by a fire alarm!), followed by the “real” religious ceremony the next evening. Minda adds, “I left the high tech corporate world about five years ago to start my own ‘high touch’ business, as a financial advocate for seniors. I also serve on two nonprofit boards: Pathways Hospice Foundation and Senior Housing Solutions.” **Lorraine Heffernan** (Marion, MA) made a big career and lifestyle shift by joining the academic world. She’s now a librarian at UMass, Dartmouth, and loves living so close to Cape Cod. In 2008, **Philip Bracht** moved from the Philadelphia, PA, area to Dresden, NY, on Seneca Lake. He and his wife own and manage a vacation rental home on the western shore near their home.

After nearly ten years of living in Seattle, I moved to a townhouse in the suburb of Bothell, WA. Our new home overlooks a river and public golf course and is only one block from a bike trail. Our neighbors include a variety of waterfowl and otters and a nesting pair of bald eagles. That’s all the news for now. ✉ **Cindy Fuller**, cindy@cindyjfuller.com; **Ilene Shub** Lefland, ilefland@correspondents.net.

79 Countdown for our 35th Reunion begins—mark your calendars for one year from now—June 5-8, 2014! **Brad** and **Mary Maxon Grainger**, MPS '87, are making plans for reunion festivities in Ithaca, and all of the class leaders are focused on celebrating this milestone with their efforts with affinity groups, regional events, fundraising, membership, communications, etc. Do you have an idea for our June reunion or for the Class of 1979 leaders? Would you like to get involved? Send a message to Cornell79Reunion@gmail.com, or call the Graingers at (607) 257-3268.

We heard from **Murphy Wilson**. She and **Jay Riklin '84** were married after being together 17 years. Murphy and Jay are looking forward to attending their Cornell reunions in 2013 and 2014. **Diane Bonnert** Holcomb is retired and living in Davis, CA. She has been working on a cookbook project for a local food bank and has traveled to Alaska and Georgia and around California. She also loves skiing in the Sierras with all the fresh powder. Diane would enjoy hearing from **Mary Magdalene McGrady** and **Loreen Forester** De

Geus. Pondering the question of what she brought to Cornell as a freshman, Diane observes that she and others didn’t have as much “stuff” back then, and she brought mostly clothes. **Tom** and **Abby Perr Baker’s** third son, **Jacob '14**, will be a senior at Cornell. He spent the year abroad in Portugal and Spain and appreciates the support from Cornell as he explores, learns, and grows. He particularly enjoyed a month-long trip to Africa over a school break.

Pierre Crawley has opened the newest winery in New Jersey, Peppadew Fresh Vineyards in Morganville (www.peppadewfreshvineyards.com). They use vines from the Finger Lakes area, including from Dr. Konstantin Frank Vinifera Wine Cellars, run by our classmate **Fred Frank**, and from the Wiemer Nursery/Vineyards. Pierre is also involved with efforts to stamp out hunger and has been working with Farmers Against Hunger, growing vegetables on his family’s farm in New Jersey for food pantries and other organizations. **Frank Cohen** (Hamden, CT) is the restaurant critic for *New Haven Living* and *Hartford Magazine* and a restaurant consultant under the business name Epic Cures. Frank enjoys hiking with family and friends and working on his photography ideas. He would like to hear from Cornell friends **Alan Polley**, **Peter Coy**, **Linda Roubik**, **Michael Liu '78**, BArch '79, and **Diane D’Acunto**. Frank says he came to Cornell as a freshman with “a typewriter, a filing cabinet, and running shoes.”

Julie Jones lives in Lancaster, PA, with her husband, Richard Zook. She has been practicing family medicine in Millersville for the past 26 years, caring for multiple generations. Their son Alex is a senior on the crew team at Lehigh U., and Julie supports the team by organizing and hosting the Riverside Hospitality Tent. This past winter Julie, **Rebecca Maron** Mazin, and **Karen Matrunich** went to Lake George for a YMCA winter women’s retreat. She would also like to reconnect with Cornell friend **Judy Gelber**. Julie brought a typewriter and a small turntable stereo to Cornell as a freshman.

During the last week of April, **Diane Solomon** Doppelt, **Jamie Pundyk** Davis '80, and I (**Cindy Ahlgren** Shea) hosted our Second Annual KKG Reunion for the classes of 1977-82 in NYC. Once again, the Cornell Club did a stellar job in providing us with a great venue (the library room on the third floor) and quality drinks and food. We highly recommend this setting to others who want to host a gathering of Cornell friends. This year, we had 19 attendees and 51 responses from sisters both in the NYC area and as far away as Florida, California, Texas, and Minnesota who wanted to be with us but had other obligations that evening. Classmates who were able to attend included **Zena Saunders**, MBA '81 (NYC), **Karol Mulholland** Moen (Maryland), **Cathi Gobel** Farrell (California), and **Vicki O’Meara** (Connecticut).

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

80 My grandfather, who I knew in - to my early adulthood, operated a telegraph in Flanders during the First World War. Messages headed for non-wired

outposts went by pigeon, semaphore, or fleet-footed runners. Few radios were in use. Most munitions were taken from the supply trains to the front in horse-drawn wagons, because primitive motor vehicles couldn't handle the mud. Earlier this year I posted pictures and videos to my Facebook page from Antarctica, and still managed to complain about the slow upload speed of the satellite connection. You just can't please some people.

Speaking of Facebook, Class of '80 social media guru **Tim O'Connor** is asking classmates to post reminiscences, pictures, personal updates, and pretty much any dang thing to the class page. We're trying to get everybody juiced up for our 35th Reunion in two years. You should plan to go. We're running out of dancing reunions, so don't miss out. Soon we'll have our sitting-in-chairs reunions, then the walker and wheelchair reunions, then, finally, the gather-the-kids-and-follow-me-there's-a-Class-of-'80-person-here reunion, where whippersnappers fawn over us, and we sleep through most of the events. I'm looking forward to that one, should I be so lucky.

As previewed in the Jan/Feb issue, **Nanette Cooper-McGuinness** performed some new music in Berlin with her chamber duo, the Jewish Music and Poetry Project, which is raising funds to support a commissioned song cycle about the Holocaust and post-Holocaust displacement. If you can't get to one of her concerts, you can see Nanette perform by searching for her on YouTube. **Peter Chametzky** has been named art history professor and chair of the U. of South Carolina art department. He had previously taught at Southern Illinois U. for many years, where he was director of the School of Art and Design. Peter's research focuses on 20th-century German art and culture. He is the author of *Objects as History in Twentieth-Century German Art: Beckmann to Beuys*, and his next book will be about contemporary German-Jewish artists.

Scott Picon sold his business in 2007 and moved from New Jersey to Boca Raton, FL. A current investment involves developing condos in Costa Rica, and when he wrote last spring, he was looking forward to the March CAU trip to Cuba. Scott's daughters are doing great, he says, with one in grad school and the other looking for a career. He keeps in touch with **Alan Zuckerbrod** and **Jon Fordin**.

National Geographic is conducting a long-term study of deep ancestry through its Genographic Project. I submitted my DNA to add to their database and recently received my results. It turns out I'm part Neanderthal. I've been sharing this information among my circle of friends, to little surprise. **Nancy MacIntyre** Hollinshead simply said, "Old news, man." I suppose I shouldn't be miffed at the reactions. I am pleased, however, to finally understand why I sometimes wake up with chipmunk tails hanging out of my mouth. 📧 **Dik Saalfeld**, rfs25@cornell.edu; **Leona Barsky**, Leonabarsky@aol.com; **Dana Jerrard**, dej24@cornell.edu; **Cynthia Addonizio-Bianco**, caa28@cornell.edu.

81 We have much news to share! My kids are growing up. Brayden will enter Kindergarten in the fall, and Ella is going into second grade. At least now they will both be at the same school. I continue to do some very successful fundraising at the elementary school and recently celebrated my eighth anniversary. I have enjoyed it thoroughly.

Lynn Ciolino Boyajian's daughter **Lindsay '13** graduated in May with a BS from the ILR school.

She has been accepted into the ILR graduate program and will be staying at Cornell another year for her master's, with a concentration in Int'l and Comparative Labor. Lindsay also launched a start-up (weareveryougo.com) through Cornell's prestigious incubator program, eLab. **Steve Conway's** daughter **Rachel '12** graduated from CALS in Biology and Society. Steve loves trail running, softball, and tennis. Bay Area architect and entrepreneur **Paul Byrne**, BArch '81, is on a mission to change school buildings across America with his company, Green Apple Classrooms. He and his partners have been building energy-efficient, green, and affordable portable classrooms in school districts around California. Paul also has children in college. Peter is in his second year at Harvard Law, and Jacob is in his third year at UC Davis in environmental policy. **Daniel Melendez** is "managing science and technology in the federal enterprise. I also play in a Latin jazz band, bicycle, and network with Latino professionals and students as the opportunities come by. My oldest son is now a freshman in college."

Leslie Engel-Creane is an expert in form- and use-based zoning regulations and runs charrettes for plans of conservation and development and zoning regulation revisions. She is a frequent guest speaker at conferences on form-based zoning, smart growth, urban planning and design, brownfield restoration, sustainable development, and new urbanism. Leslie has also held positions as an urban designer, architectural designer, project manager, and housing policy analyst. "Exciting doesn't begin to describe life," she says. Travel of late has included Peru and China, and she was soon to be off to Ghana on a public service trip! She is learning to dance, weaving again, and still an avid gardener. Her son, 28, is in a PhD program at Berkeley, and her daughter, 26, received her first Broadway credit last year for the Tony Award-winning *Don't Dress For Dinner*. She couldn't be more proud!

Scott Schiller has been named executive VP, advertising sales for NBCUniversal Digital Entertainment. Scott oversees digital advertising sales for the company's broadcast, cable, and entertainment lifestyle brands, which include NBC.com, Fandango, EOnline.com, Bravotv.com, USA.com, and many others, as well as the partnership with Comcast's Xfinity.com portal. **Will Tuthill** and **Kim Smith-Tuthill** met at Cornell and are now married with two daughters. The whole family is headed to Kalajoki, Finland, to take part in the Ice and Snow Sailing World Championships. Will is an account executive with Power Pay LLC. **Gail Henry** Katz is the executive VP/general manager at Leon Henry Inc., the family business for 56 years, in direct marketing. Her twin boys, Josh and Jason, are freshmen in college. Gail lost her husband last winter after a long illness. **Anthony Boyadjis**, JD '84, is still practicing law in his hometown of Morristown, NJ... and still running marathons. His daughter **Hannah '12** graduated from Arts & Sciences.

Nancy Darling, PhD '90, is a professor of psychology at Oberlin College. A Design and Environmental Analysis major, she earned an MS and PhD in Human Development and Family Studies, and now studies adolescent social relations in the US, Sweden, Chile, the Philippines, and Italy. "I write a blog for *Psychology Today* ("Thinking About Kids") and am an associate editor for the *Journal of Adolescence*." In early February Nancy traveled to Sweden with her husband (Cornell MS '93) to be awarded an honorary doctorate for lifetime achievement in psychological research from the U.

of Orebro. She has two sons, one currently serving in the Peace Corps and the other in middle school. **Irene Albano Labombarde** started a new job recently as a reporter for the *Milford (NH) Cabinet*. "I cover news for Amherst, NH, the next town over from where I live, meet lots of interesting people, sit through lots of meetings (not always interesting), and have had some articles carried in the daily newspaper. Great to be writing again. **Peter, MA '83**, also started a new job last summer as planned giving director for the American Cancer Society (a switch from banking). He's volunteered for the ACS for over 25 years, so it's a good fit." Katherine, their oldest, is a junior international affairs/French major at U. of Mary Washington in Fredericksburg, VA, and spent last semester in Marseille. The twins, Evan and Jocelyn, are 18 and high school seniors. Jocelyn is awaiting acceptance news from colleges, and Evan has been accepted in the Marine Corps, deferred enlistment. He leaves for boot camp in September.

Susan Glenn Joseph is a senior litigation and corporate attorney for a technology company, happily married for 24 years. Their twin daughters will attend Cornell as freshmen in the fall, in Engineering and CALS. Susan took up watercolor painting and now exhibits at juried shows, and also started running again ("I wish I had the same knees as when I graduated from Cornell," she says). She adds, "I created and chaired the Board of Education Arts Advisory Committee to protect and enhance arts education in our school district in the face of budget cuts." Susan ran the Disney Princess Half Marathon in February (as Belle!) and planned to run the 5K (as Minnie Mouse!). **Steve Cogger** writes, "After years in industry I decided to become a school teacher. As an engineer, I felt it was important to get kids interested in STEM and that there was no better way to do it than to become a teacher. I started my career as an educator as a middle school engineering teacher, where I was able to share my Cornell and industry experience with hundreds of students every year. I'm now in my sixth year of teaching and have just started at a new school where I teach physics. Next year I will be teaching a Project Lead the Way elective in digital electronics." Steve completed his MS in STEM education at Tufts U. last summer.

When **Mark Hopkins** sent his two daughters off to college, he found himself wondering how he could help them find a shorter path to the fulfilling life that took him 25 years of trial and error to achieve. As he thought about how to share with them what he learned, he wrote *Shortcut to Prosperity: 10 Entrepreneurial Habits and a Roadmap For An Exceptional Career*. This book captures the insight that he hopes will benefit not only his daughters but any soon-to-be college grad getting ready to enter the working world. Mark's own career included leadership positions at Hewlett Packard, Emerson Electric, and several companies he founded himself, including Peak Industries (a medical device contract manufacturer), Crescendo Capital Partnership, and Catalyst, a private foundation supporting Colorado-based nonprofits and micro-lending in the developing world.

Hotelié **Russell Urban** wrote in February while waiting in an airport: "I was recruited by Lowe Enterprises/Destination Hotels and Resorts as their executive VP, charged with growing the platform in the US, Mexico, and the Caribbean, primarily with independent urban hotels and resorts. **Catherine (Evans) '78**, MPS '81, and I will move to Denver this summer after our fourth and youngest child, daughter Emma, graduates from

high school in New Canaan, CT. Son **Evan Hurd '03** (Hotel) is now an AVP with Cornerstone Real Estate in Glastonbury, CT, and is enjoying his role making hotel deals. Tyler Hurd, our 28-year-old California "boy," has a new job in the music marketing business, and **Chase Urban '15** is a sophomore in the Hotel school and enjoying fraternity life. Emma will be joining her brother in Ithaca as a psychology major at Ithaca College—go

homeless. His son, **Daniel '12** (Engineering), is now an analyst at J.P. Morgan Chase. **John Pisacane** (drjohn@wgdentistry.com) of San Jose, CA, recently celebrated the 25th anniversary of the purchase of his dental practice. John is also the director of clinical operations for CDA Cares San Jose, a two-day clinic at San Jose's Convention Center that provides free dentistry to more than 2,000 patients. His son Gregory graduated from the U. of

was appointed assistant professor at Campbell U. School of Osteopathic Medicine. "This fall I will start teaching and my son Jeffrey will be attending as a first-year student." **Marc Jacoby** writes, "Rockmitzvah is rolling on! My great band is celebrating its seventh year of working with teen rock and rollers at their events and celebrations. I've also been skiing with crazoids **John Abrams**, **Richard 'Rip' Beyman**, **Hanan Kolko**, and **Eric Lewis** in Alta, UT. My son Evan got a full-time gig as a social media assistant for the NBA; hooray for doing what you love!"

Enjoy your summer and please keep sending us your news. Your reports are often fascinating and your classmates want to hear from us as often as possible. ☐ **Doug Skalka**, dskalka@nplaw.com; **Mark Fernau**, mef29@cornell.edu.

'I wish I had the same knees as when I graduated from Cornell.'

Susan Glenn Joseph '81

Bombers!" **Ron Miller** tells us he is in commercial insurance sales and vacations with family and friends. He remembers the Eagles' greatest hits and eight-track tapes! He would really love to hear from the Wildbirds! Do you have some great memories? Let us know what's going on with you! ☐ **Betsy Silverfine**, bsilverfine@comcast.net; **JoAnn Minsker Adams**, Joann@budadams.net; **Barb Amoscato Sabaitis**, Beachba@hotmail.com.

82 Thank you for responding to our recent e-mail requests for news. These periodic requests allow us to obtain news quickly from classmates located around the globe. Please keep Cornell apprised of your most recent contact information so we can keep in touch.

Not surprisingly—more than 30 years since our days on the Hill—our careers are often a major focus of our lives. From Dublin, OH, **James Bishop** (james.d.bishop@morganstanley.com) reports that his later-in-life jump to wealth management at Morgan Stanley has been a great move and that he is finding more success with corporate retirement plans than originally expected. Both of Jim's children have graduated from college, and he celebrated his 30th wedding anniversary with a two-week trip to Cabo.

From deep in Texas, **Art Flatau** (flatau@acm.org) writes that since graduation he has, for the most part, been living and working in Austin, TX. He recently realized that he has lived there more than half his life. In February of this year, he celebrated the 20th anniversary of his bone marrow transplant to cure his leukemia. At the beginning of the year he changed jobs and is now working at Nvidia. Although he never really planned this, he seems to have fallen into jobs writing software to find bugs in semiconductors (chips). His children, Matt and Hannah, have both graduated from college in the last two years. Art and his wife, Gretchen, are getting used to being (most of the time) empty-nesters. **Henry Joe** is working in Europe and the Middle East for a privately held distillery, slinging bourbon and other brands. Sadly, Henry reported that our classmate **Eugene Bose** passed away in July 2012, leaving behind his wife, Tomoko, in Kaneohe, HI. Henry also noted visits with **Gus Bernard** in Ocean Ridge, FL.

A couple of our classmates have been active in local charitable causes. **Jeffrey Wild** (jeffwild@aol.com) founded the New Jersey Coalition to End Homelessness, which has become the leading non-profit in New Jersey fighting for the rights of the

San Diego in May. John keeps in touch with **Al Harnisch**, **Mitch Heymann**, and **Greg Chu**. **Alfred Cowger** (alcowger@aol.com) writes that he has decided to cut back on his legal work in order to spend more time with his daughter (a Class of '28 hopeful). In the meantime, Al is serving as volunteer general counsel and secretary for the 2014 Gay Games to be held in Cleveland and Akron.

Dimitri Avrassoglou (ellie_dimitri@yahoo.com) has been the owner of Inter-Gedi Trading Corp. since 1986, specializing in wholesale men's off-price discounted clothing. He has lived in Tenafly, NJ, for the last 12 years with his sons George, 16, and Alexios, 12. Dimitri travels four times a year to Las Vegas and Greece. In his free time he coaches soccer for his sons. He keeps in touch with Cornell friends **Marco Barbier '83**, **Hector Echaniz**, MS '84, **Jose Suarez**, ME '83, and **Vagelis Vossos**. **Nell Gardner** (Spencerport, NY; ngardner2@rochester.rr.com) owns Flower Fields cut-flower farm and is also horticulturist for the Frank Lloyd Wright Darwin Martin House in Buffalo. She enjoys historical preservation and interpretation, leading and promoting local hikes, and garden venue synergy and promotion as part of the Buffalo horticulture community. Nell's son, **Casey Call '12**, is an agronomist at Grimmway Farms in California.

Heather Davis, MBA '87, is in North Carolina and reports that she recently won an award for a program she developed to employ people with autism and other developmental disabilities on farms that are owned by TIAA-CREF. The program, known as Fruits of Employment, is operating in Washington and Southern California. Check out this article in AdWeek: <http://www.adweek.com/sa-article/no-apologies-147915>. **Peyton Doub** (peyton.doub@nrc.gov) lives in Maryland and works as an environmental scientist/terrestrial ecologist and wetland scientist with the US Nuclear Regulatory Commission. "My main job function is to contribute specialized ecological expertise to environmental reviews and environmental impact statements for nuclear reactor licensing. I recently published a book with CRC Press titled, *The Endangered Species Act: History, Implementation, Successes, and Controversies*."

Steven Ross is now in Lakewood, CO, and works near Denver. He recently celebrated 30 years of working for GE and enjoys spending time with family—especially his two granddaughters—and visiting the Sydney Bridgeway and Shanghai. Family physician **Nicholas Pennings** (npenningsdo@yahoo.com) reports that he attained board certification in obesity medicine earlier this year and

83 This column, written in April, contains news from the mailbag. A full report on our 30th Reunion will appear in the Sept/Oct issue.

Theodore Casparian (casparian@earthlink.net) writes, "I have recently combined my commitment to sustainability with my love of numbers and people. I have joined Wells Fargo Financial Advisors as . . . a financial advisor. I specialize in helping people manage their finances and reach their life goals, and doing so in a way that protects the Earth and its inhabitants." **Mary Jane Curry**, associate professor at the U. of Rochester Warner School of Education, has been awarded a Fulbright Scholar grant to lecture and conduct research at the Universidad Mayor in Santiago, Chile, for the spring 2014 semester. She will teach in the Dept. of English Language Teaching in their School of Education. Mary Jane has been at the Warner School since 2003 and has published books, articles, reviews, and chapters on global academic publishing, teaching English as an additional language, the experiences of immigrant students learning English writing, and other research in second language literacy. Her latest book delves into the pressures on scholars worldwide to produce their work in English and the growing use of academic English. Mary Jane received her PhD in curriculum and instruction from the U. of Wisconsin.

Barb Warner Deane (barbdeane@barbdeane.com) says that 2013 will bring many changes. "We are selling our home in the western suburbs of Chicago when our youngest daughter graduates from high school and heads off to Cornell in August. We will purchase a home in Watkins Glen, NY (40 mins. from Cornell), and get an apartment in Asia—either in Shanghai or Hong Kong—where **Chris** has been working 75 percent of the time for nearly two years. I will split my time between Watkins Glen, when our daughters are home from college, and our apartment in Asia. Our middle daughter is heading to Vienna for a semester abroad, so we're looking forward to visiting her there, and we hope to do a lot of traveling around Asia once we're settled. Chris already works in Shanghai, Ningbo, Suzhou, and Hong Kong, as well as Thailand, Indonesia, Malaysia, and India. Just traveling with him will be an adventure!"

Nat Bowditch writes, "The kids have left home, returning only to do laundry. I am running a medical software firm, OrthoHub. I also play basketball five days a week, battling Cornell alumni **Howard Lee '82**, PhD '89, and **Jerry Krumbein '63**." Nat adds that he volunteers in Search and Rescue and is working toward Mountain Rescue certification. That's all for now. I hope most of

you were able to go to Reunion in June! Stay tuned to this space for a rundown of the activities and events of the weekend—and send your news via e-mail, hard copy News Form, or online. **Alyssa Bickler**, cousinalyssa@yahoo.com. Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

84 Planning for our 30th Reunion in 2014 is under way! Reunion co-chairs **Ellen Strauss** Friedman and **Joanne Restivo** Jensen are already hard at work and looking for volunteers. **Scott Kominkiewicz** is heading up Membership (and the search for “lost” classmates), and **Karen Ansbro** Leone is helping with miscellaneous reunion activities. We are also getting people involved on Facebook and LinkedIn. Ellen created a LinkedIn group called “Cornell Class of 1984,” and I urge you all to join. If you are interested in joining the fun and volunteering, please reach out to **Lindsay Liotta Forness** on Facebook or at fornesszone@aol.com. And please remember to save the date: June 5-8, 2014.

Speaking of Lindsay, she and husband **Bob Forness '87** enjoyed their son Brian's hockey season; his Delbarton School team won their sixth New Jersey State Championship with Brian in goal. Now it's on to college visits and hopefully interested coaches. Daughter **Keri '15** is a rising junior in Arts and Sciences and is headed to Amman, Jordan, for a semester abroad in August. Lindsay reports that the sisters of Kappa Delta are continuing to raise money to pay for the beautiful renovation on their house at 109 Triphammer Road. If you haven't seen it yet, it sports a new covered porch and a prettier and ADA accessible entrance, as well as improved spaces on the first floor.

Stacey Fried, MS '94, continues to run for fun and fitness, and to raise money for charity. She recently ran a personal best in the “Run as One” in NYC's Central Park. Next up is a the “Healthy Kidney 10K.” Following her achievements on Facebook is inspirational! **Carolyn Seim** is working at the State Dept. in Dubai. **Melissa Galt** Interiors is based in Atlanta, GA, and Melissa is pleased to be the lead on many projects, large and small. Check out her website for full details: melissagaltinteriors.com. **Jack Chen**, MD '88 (chenjackpollo@yahoo.com) is also in Atlanta with his family. He moved there 17 years ago after undergraduate, medical school, residence, and fellowship training at Cornell. Jack is an interventional cardiologist and currently serves as director of cardiology at Northside Hospital. He frequently visits China to deliver lectures at cardiology conferences. He had fond memories of Cross Country Gourmet and would love to hear from **John Sherry**, **Larry Charlamb**, **Al Ruthazer**, **Jeff Hagen**, and **Theodore Chung**.

Bob Geise and his family not only added a new puppy to the mix in the last year, they also took a great trip to Hawaii. When not training the dog or traveling, Bob is an MD at Evergreen Hospital in the State of Washington. **Spencer Kroll** is a physician in central New Jersey and was recently married. “My daughters Ariel and Juliana were beautiful bridesmaids at the wedding.” He adds that he climbed Machu Picchu and the Inca Trail for his 45th birthday. **Lee Bender** writes, “It's great to get up to the Hill more often these days, as my wife, Jane, and I get to visit our son **Justin '15**, who is doing great as a PAM major and jazz sax player. Besides my longtime involvement with the Cornell Club of Greater Philadelphia as scholarship chairman and board member, CAAAN interviewer,

and perennial on-the-road fan at various Penn and Princeton venues, as well as my typically busy trial practice, I recently co-authored a book, *Pressing Israel: Media Bias Exposed From A-Z* (Amazon and Pavilionpress), and have been lecturing extensively on this critical topic. I've also been keeping up with lots of Phi Sig Ep brothers.”

Filmmaker **Robert Leeshock** is working on his own science fiction film, *GodMachine*. It has already screened at various science fiction conventions and involves “a rare computer virus that allows an android to channel the frequency of the Big Bang, forever threatening the balance of power between man and machine. The latest revision of the feature contains a journey over some precarious falls, a suspension bridge, rushing water . . .” Hmmm . . . falls, suspension bridge, rushing water. That does sound familiar! Robert says the feature version may be filmed in Ithaca. **Catherine “Kitty” Cantwell** and **Kevin McCormick's** two youngest daughters, **Meghan '16** and **Kate '16**, ran for the Big Red this past school year, and older brother **Nicholas '13** graduated in May. Kitty and Kevin will have their first college graduate and only four in college!

A sincere thanks to those who sent along news and we hope to hear from more of you. Write us at the e-mail addresses below, and remember to check out the digital edition of *Cornell Alumni Magazine* on your desktop, iPad, or smartphone at: <http://www.cornellalumnimagazine-digital.com>. No special access or registration is required to view the Class Notes, and they are NOT searchable by Google in this digital format. In addition, all e-mail and website links are active hotlinks. Happy summer! **Janet M. Insardi**, insardij@hotmail.com; **Karla Sievers** McManus, Klorax@comcast.net. Class website, <http://classof84.alumni.cornell.edu>.

85 You know how in those old West-erns there's always that scene of an endless desert, with clumps of tumbleweed blowing across the screen as a sad harmonica plays in the background? That's about how I felt when I looked inside the lonely abyss that is our class news items folder, and found . . . nothing. Nada. Zip. So, I sent a cry out into the wilderness, and, lo, a few kind souls came to my rescue on their trusty steeds (or, as the case may be, via Facebook). Here is the rundown I was given of what's what with whom. And if you haven't done so yet, grab a News Form from our spring class mailing and mail it in. Or check out the online news form at <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>, and let us know what you're up to.

Nancy Law '84 sent word that she and her Central New York-area Kappa Delta sisters had gotten together for a brunch that was attended by, among others, **Stephanie Liniger** Page, **Jill Blackstock** Daddis, and **Debbie Spampinato** Wickham. Ladies, if you haven't had the chance yet to see the renovation to your chapter house, make the trip to Ithaca. The beautiful piece of custom-designed stained glass you have out front makes yours the nicest door in town! (Truly.)

In a wonderfully alliterative moment, I received this duo of messages, sent within minutes of each other, from Greenblatt and Greenberg. **Barry Greenblatt** left Bank of America, where he had worked for 18 years, to join Wells Fargo Securities in Charlotte, NC. At Wells Fargo, Barry is managing the “wholesale counterparty credit risk team” and is supporting the sales and trading businesses. **Alan Greenberg** recently co-founded

a new law firm, Greenberg Gross LLP, headquartered in Costa Mesa, CA, and focused on “trying high-stakes business cases” throughout California. Alan refrained from describing how high your stakes have to be to qualify, but classmates interested in representation by Greenberg Gross can learn about the firm at www.ggtriallaw.com.

In other high stakes legal news, **Joey Contreras** was promoted to chief of the Major Crimes Unit of the US Attorney's Office in the Western District of Texas. Joey is now a supervisory federal prosecutor, overseeing prosecutions of federal offenses involving drugs, organized crime, violence, firearms, and immigration. He says, “I leave behind 25 years as a trial attorney to become an administrator; we'll see how it goes. I'm excited, though. I'll have an active role in setting prosecutorial priorities and overseeing complex, sensitive investigations.” People of San Antonio: you are now in very capable hands. In nearby Austin, TX, **Terri Hakes** Tarbox works as a database analyst for Clinical Pathology Laboratories, and devotes her spare time to a wonderful organization called Horses4Heroes, which provides opportunities for veterans and their families to get together for “horseback riding, family-related games, and companionship.” Terri notes that the Austin chapter also hosts special event days with Big Brothers/Big Sisters and other family organizations.

From Portland, OR, my fellow Risleyite **Karen Lichtenbaum** Carr also sent an update. Karen left Portland State U., where she was a tenured classics professor, in order to found and run History For Kids (<http://www.historyforkids.org>), an online children's encyclopedia of history and science. She notes the publication last year of “the rural survey pottery from the Roman site of Leptiminus in Tunisia,” and says that, together with husband Damian and children Ansel, 18, Ruth, 15, and Simon, 8, the Carr family has been “kick-starting the gift economy by organizing free stores and planting community gardens.” (It's settled: Portland is Risley West!) **Caroline Huxtable** Potter sent word that she and husband Scott are now “officially empty-nesters!” Their oldest child earned a BS in nursing from St. John Fisher College, their middle child completed an exchange program in Chile and is now a Cornell student in CALS, and their youngest began college at the U. of Rhode Island. Perhaps this explains why Caroline, who is a program coordinator with Cornell PRO-DAIRY, now has the energy to participate “in some sprint triathlons.” Scott, who co-owns with his brother a custom contracting business for dairy farms, has become a runner, and Caroline says the couple likes to do outdoor activities together.

Just a short step behind the Potters in the empty nest department is **Debbi Neyman** Silverman, who described her trek with younger son Max: “around the South to see seven colleges in six days.” While on that adventure, Debbi dined with **Stacy Kushner** Strauch in Charlotte, NC, where Stacy works as the senior facilities manager for Time Warner Cable. The two reminisced about their undergraduate adventures, including a junior year spring break trip to Ft. Lauderdale (!), and about their friend and our classmate **Susan Hennessey** Flood, who passed away in July 2011. In March, it was Debbi's turn to play host for another classmate, **Abby Strongin** Cherner, who was touring Boston-area colleges with her daughter. Debbi says that she and Abby (who lives in D.C., is a mother of four, and is an entertainment business entrepreneur) are wondering about the current whereabouts of **Susan Levy**, **Roy Stillman**,

and **Mark Goldman**. (Susan, Roy, and Mark: If you are reading this column, get in touch, and we will pass along your updates to Abby and Debbi.)

I enjoyed reading Debbi's commentary about undertaking the college tours with her sons Zachary (now at Clemson) and Max. She wrote, "I know many people dislike the college search process, but I love it! I have enjoyed seeing all the different schools and seeing what appeals to each of our boys. I loved Cornell, and I would also love to go back to school now and take advantage of some of the programs these other schools offer. This process reminds me that how each of our sons sees himself is so different from how we see each of them. Always a good perspective to keep front and center." (Admissions officers the world over will want to thank you for that note of sanity, Debbi!)

Whether you are in the midst of the college tour process, are years away from it, are doing a jig in your empty nest, or are thankful that you chose dogs or cats instead of kids (and the tuition bills that accompany them), we'd love to hear from you and celebrate in print the range of ways in which members of our class are living in this, the beginning of our fifth (!) decade. ■ **Risa Mish**, rmm22@cornell.edu; **Roberta Zwiebel** Farhi, rfarhi.esq@aol.com; **Joyce Zerkowitz** Cornett, cornett0667@comcast.net.

86 News was a bit light this period (your latest round of updates had not reached us yet), so I made the effort to call, e-mail, and Facebook some of our old classmates. In the process, the topic of turning 50 years old came up a lot. So I have a great idea: I'm going to celebrate my 50th birthday at Cornell with classmate friends who are also turning 50. We'll pick a weekend that works for all of us, book rooms at the Statler or rent a lakehouse, and make it a mini-reunion. My wife, **Lori Spydell** Wagner, and her Kappa sorority sisters already had a mini-reunion on an off-reunion year in Myrtle Beach, SC, several years ago. Over 20 of her sisters spent a long weekend at a beach house. Perhaps I can persuade my DU brothers to pick a weekend to take over the house on 6 South Ave. to celebrate their 50ths en masse, instead of the cliché weekend in Vegas. And perhaps Lori can persuade her sisters to celebrate their 50ths at 508 Thurston Ave. that same weekend. Now wouldn't that be fun?

Speaking of 508 Thurston Ave., **Keith and Gail Schlusel Allen** just returned from Kappa's Parents Weekend at Cornell, visiting their daughter **Sophie '16**, a Kappa pledge. They said they made a point of drinking at Dunbar's (which is slated to be sold to a new proprietor this year), going to the Farmers' Market, and having a formal dinner at the Statler. They enjoyed running into **Michael '88**, MBA '89, and **Gail Stoller Baer '87**, **David Sherwyn**, JD '89, **Dave Picket '84**, and **Lisa Hellingner** Manaster.

Lynn McFarland McKinnon tells me she is back to working full-time and no longer has time to teach yoga. I had the pleasure of attending some of Lynn's yoga classes at the past two reunions, and it would be an understatement to say she is great at it. She is also busy with a high school junior daughter, who plays lacrosse, and a high school senior son, who at the time was challenged with deciding which engineering school to attend after several acceptances. Women's lacrosse coach **Jenny Graap** had the Big Red women at number 18 in the country with a 7-4 record at

the time of this writing and was looking good for a strong showing in the Ivy tournament. **Ellen Nordberg** loves being a wife, mother, and blogger in Colorado. Check out her short pieces of quick entertainment at www.ellenordberg.com.

Patricia Belden is COO of Preservation of Affordable Housing in Boston (POAH). **Carol Baccile** of Charlotte, NC, recently visited former roommate **Jennifer Bramen** Lyons in Honolulu with her two daughters. Her older daughter, Madison, graduated from the U. of South Carolina in May. **Maryann McLaughlin** is still in the Bay Area, but is now director of HR at Stanford Management Co. (Stanford's endowment office). She has the pleasure of working with many Cornellians at Stanford, including **Rana Glasgal '87**, ME '92, as well as her boss. Maryann keeps in touch with **Janis Cohen** Schlerf in Baltimore and **Victoria Prehn '87**, who lives in St. Thomas. I wonder if Victoria ever sees **Mary Otis** Stooft, who lives in nearby Tortola.

It is with much sadness that I write that **Natalie Egleston** passed away on Feb. 4, 2013, after a skiing accident in Aspen, CO. Natalie was president of Indoor Direct, a marketing company that produces a magazine-style TV show for restaurants. She had previously been chief strategy officer and executive vice president at Premier Retail Networks.

While I was not happy to hear that Yale won the NCAA Men's Hockey National Championship, I did enjoy watching Cornell play Yale at Lynah Rink, which was broadcast on NBCSports Network, earlier in the season. As the TV camera flashed across the fans in the bleachers, I thought I caught a glimpse of **Maggie Holcomb** Schubauer. So I texted her, and sure enough—she was in Ithaca visiting her daughter **Katie '13**, managed to get a ticket to the game, and was in fact in the stands. During the second weekend in April, **Bob** and **Lauren Jensen Corning** and their high school kids Trevor and Anna spent the weekend on the Cape at Chatham, MA. Both kids went in the ocean to swim, despite the frigid weather. **Doug** and **Gayle Reichler Mazlish** had great winter skiing almost every other weekend. Next up is a vacation to the Grand Canyon with their two kids and a plan to visit Gail and Mike Baer in Scottsdale, AZ. Keep sending class news and let us know about your plans to celebrate your 50th! ■ **Michael Wagner**, michaelwagner@wowway.com; **Holly Isdale**, isdale@mac.com.

87 Alumni-elected trustee and classmate **Rana Glasgal**, ME '92 (rg87@cornell.edu) writes, "I've been enjoying my time on the Board of Trustees and am amazed at how quickly it is going. I am nearly halfway through my four-year term! Serving on the board has been a great experience for many reasons. My colleagues on the board are incredibly talented, accomplished, and devoted to Cornell; I have more opportunities than ever to interact with current students; and although I work in higher education, I have learned more about it through this opportunity. I am looking forward to the next two years. During my most recent trip to campus, I had the pleasure of reconnecting with **Scott MacDonald '78**, PhD '86, a religious studies professor and the house dean for Hans Bethe House on West Campus, which you will remember as our class headquarters during our past two reunions. Class of '87 Pi Phis may remember Scott and his wife, **Jane (Twentyman) '78**, as our house parents! Time has definitely marched on, and now the infant we babysat for during our sophomore

year is a mother herself!" Rana reminds us that she is OUR alumni-elected trustee, so feel free to contact her if you have questions or issues.

An addendum to **Debbie Eisenberger** Matityahu's news in the May/June issue: Debbie was recognized by the *Silicon Valley Business Journal* as a "Woman of Influence" in May for her work helping provide surgical repairs for women in Kenya who suffer from obstetric fistula. Debbie is an obstetrician/gynecologist with the Kaiser Foundation Hospital-Redwood City and the Redwood City Medical Center. Bravo, Debbie!

In Castro Valley, CA, **Laura McMichael-Cady** (laura@cadytech.com) writes that her daughter Caroline will be a freshman at UC Berkeley in the fall. **Ravi Srivastava** recently joined Spectrum Business Ventures, a private equity firm, as a managing director. **David Kalman** writes from Massachusetts: "I was recently named president of Springfield Medical Associates, a multi-specialty group practice in Springfield, MA. I have enjoyed living in the Pioneer Valley as a gastroenterologist. My wife, Pamela, has put up with me since we met back in Ithaca. We recently celebrated our 22nd anniversary and are looking forward to a biking trip this summer in Amsterdam and Brussels. Son Zachary will be attending Dickinson College in Carlisle, PA, this fall, and playing football. Noah is finishing his freshman year at Longmeadow High School. We enjoyed catching up with old friends at our 25th Reunion!"

Look for the recent class News and Dues mailing, and send us your news! Write us directly at the addresses below, mail in the hard copy News Form, or do it all online at: <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>. ■ **Liz Brown**, etb29@cornell.edu; **Heidi Heasley** Ford, hhf6@cornell.edu; and **Whitney Weinstein** Goodman, ww5@cornell.edu. Class Facebook page, "Cornell University Class of 1987."

88 Hi, classmates. I am writing this column in April; however, by the time you read it, Reunion will be over. If you were able to come back to Ithaca for our 25th, we hope you had a great time and that you enjoyed reconnecting with old friends. A full Reunion Report will appear in the next issue . . . stay tuned!

News from the West Coast! **Karen Kao** writes, "I recently completed a 12-month training program, transitioning from work as a physical therapist to work as an environmental health specialist (aka 'health inspector!') for the County of Santa Clara. You see, it was worth it to take the year of biology, chemistry, and physics. If you wonder what goes on in restaurant kitchens, I have stories!" Karen also continues to work part-time as a physical therapist, and for the last 18 months, she has been working as an events director on the board of the Cornell Club of Northern California. "I enjoy mentoring events leaders, and some of them have gone on to become members of the board." Karen keeps in touch with **Naomi Tam** and **Margaret Sitko**, MBA '88. Classmate **Lisa Sotir** Ozkan and husband Ozgur were in Los Angeles in late November—where Lisa was taping an episode of "Jeopardy!" (the show aired on April 2, 2013). While there, they caught up with **Alex Grossman**. Lisa still keeps in touch with classmates **Judy Burton** Gaines, **Jake White**, **Sheryl Lindros** Dolan, **Kelley Smith** Brown, MBA '92, **Jill Fields**, and **Julie Merritt** Pacaro.

Genise Reid Reid (as Genise wrote: “My maiden name is Reid and I married a Reid; our 14th anniversary is in July!”) completed her EdD in Feb. 2012 in adult learning and leadership at Columbia U. Teachers College. Her dissertation was titled, “How ministers understand and address emotional and sexual pressures in ministry work.” This past February, she published a short story (genre: Christian fiction) titled “They Have Orange Juice in Boston,” and it’s available through Amazon.com. Congratulations, Genise! And to **Steven van Leeuwen** as well! Steven is celebrating 20 years of success with Bartleby.com, the Internet company he founded 20 years ago with two Cornell friends. The website has surpassed 1 billion page-views! Hotelie **Stacey Max** has been named to the REBNY (Real Estate Board of New York) residential board of directors. She is an executive VP and sales manager for Bellmarc Realty in the brokerage’s downtown NYC office. **Renee Phelps Valach** has worked at Bongolo Hospital, a missions hospital in the rain forest of South Gabon, for the past six years. “We’re busy, as usual, with HIV, TB, and malaria.”

Change of command: On February 8, 2013, Captain **Erik Ross** was relieved as Commanding Officer of the multi-purpose amphibious assault ship USS *Bataan* (LHD 5), during a ceremony held on the ship’s flight deck at the Naval Station Norfolk. Erik was praised for his consistent attention to detail and concern for the welfare of his crew and mission readiness. “Taking command during the ship’s challenging surge deployment in 2011, Capt. Ross led the way in providing critical support to operations Enduring Freedom and Unified Protector. Under his leadership, *Bataan’s* crew gained a reputation as the can-do ship on the waterfront, conducting vital support and providing humanitarian and counter-piracy assistance while on station in the Fifth and Sixth Fleet areas of responsibility.” Erik, who studied Government and Int’l Relations at Cornell, now reports to the Pentagon as Branch Head for Amphibious Warfare.

Elise Ackerman is a contributor to Forbes.com and recently blogged about poetry in her column. She works for Twilio and has learned to write code. She read an article about one of the founders of Nuyorican Poetry Movement—how he was in debt and needed a job to pay his bills. Elise decided to help by creating a hotline where he could read his poetry and people could click to donate. Years ago, Elise notes, creating a hotline and collecting donations would have required specialized telecommunications hardware and would have cost at least \$100,000. Now it is possible to buy a programmable number, which Elise did, and she reached out to mGives, the leader in text donations. She was connected with a sponsor, the Wish Upon A Hero Foundation, because you need a sponsor that is allowed to collect mobile donations. It is amazing how far the world has come with technology.

That’s all the news for this time. Don’t miss the next column, which

will have all the Reunion updates! ■ **Sharon Nunan Stemme**, sen28@cornell.edu; **Steven Tomaselli**, st89@cornell.edu; and **Brad Mehl**, bradmehl@gmail.com.

89 If you haven’t done so already, mark your calendars for our next reunion the weekend of June 5-8, 2014. Can you believe it’s our big 25-year milestone? Remember how beautiful Ithaca is at that time of year and think about how great it will be to visit the school—and, most importantly, reconnect with classmates. Please “Like” our class Facebook page so you can get all the latest information about reunion, including the entertainment and schedule, who will be attending, and more. We will also be hosting a contest to locate lost classmates, so stay tuned for more details on that through our Facebook page and the upcoming class columns.

Combining his past business experience and current work in psychiatry, **Josh Gibson** co-authored an e-book, “CAREERS: A upcoming Guide to Finding Fulfillment at Work” (www.careerthebook.com). Josh believes that the best way to build a career for both success and long-term emotional and psychological health involves essential behaviors your brain is already wired to do. The 2012 survey by the National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE) showed that students considering a job offer primarily want the

opportunity for personal growth. CAREERS offers practical advice toward that end by presenting case examples that highlight the seven core behaviors common to personal fulfillment: Change, Appreciate, Risk, Explore, Endure, Reflect, and Sacrifice. The key to personal growth is finding the right balance of these behaviors for each person. Josh is an assistant clinical professor of psychiatry at UC San Francisco and is part of the Group for the Advancement of Psychiatry.

My daughter celebrated her bat mitzvah on March 9. Cornellians in attendance were my sister **Melanie Bloom Hoffman ’91**, **Alyse Etelson Leiberman**, and **Jamie Wolfe Weinstein ’90**. Unfortunately, **Lisa Waldman Schwartzberg** wasn’t able to make it. I can’t believe I have two teenagers now, since it feels like just yesterday we were sitting in freshman convocation listening to President Rhodes. Many of us are already experiencing our children’s college years, with many more approaching it. May our legacy continue. I was at a middle school orientation program, wearing my Cornell sweatshirt, and ended up sitting next to **Michelle Turk Schneider ’87** and **Meryl Jablon Burrows ’92**. And the day before I submitted this column, my daughter played softball with one of the children of **Michele Waltzer Posen ’90**. Cornellians are everywhere!

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Hart Strings

Laurie Hart ’86

The spring of her freshman year at Rochester’s Eastman School of Music, classical violinist Laurie Hart developed bursitis in her shoulder, leaving her unable to play for two years. Though she was initially devastated, she ultimately saw her condition as a blessing in disguise. While waiting for her shoulder to heal, Hart fell in love with folk music.



When she was ready to play again, she decided to abandon her classical roots and embrace the more carefree style of traditional fiddle music. “It wasn’t for a career,” says Hart, who transferred to Cornell the summer after junior year and still lives in Ithaca. “It was for me, it was for fun—but then I ended up making it my career.”

The former environmental education major has self-produced seven albums available for sale on iTunes and on her website, lauriehartfiddle.com. She teaches workshops on transitioning from violin to fiddle, on learning by ear, and on the folk music of Québec and Scandinavia. Hart also gives private fiddle lessons, plays at weddings and other events, and performs with four different bands. In 2001 she published *Dance Ce Soir*, a songbook that *Fiddler Magazine* called “an extensive and captivating introduction to the wonderful world of Québécois fiddle and accordion music.”

Hart describes her style of fiddle music as melody based, with little improvisation—in some ways, the opposite of jazz. The majority of her songs, she says, are lively dance tunes. “It’s not music to sit still in a chair

and listen to,” she says. “It’s music to get up and move your body to. It should make you want to tap your feet, at least.”

— Jennifer Pierre ’13

us at the addresses below. Tell us what you've been up to lately, who you've seen, what you're looking forward to at reunion . . . whatever you'd like. We look forward to hearing from you. ✉ **Stephanie Bloom** Avidon, savidon1@hotmail.com; **Anne Czaplinski** Treadwell Bliss, ac98@cornell.edu; **Lauren Flato** Labovitz, cu89_news@comcast.net; and **Kimberly Levine** Graham, KAL20@cornell.edu.

90 Did you know that there is a Cornell alumni YouTube channel? It is at www.youtube.com/user/CornellAlumni. You can view—and show your children—clips from Dragon Day, Reunion, campus speakers and panels, life in Ithaca, and more. The videos are sure to trigger some Big Red memories!

One of my favorite Cornell memories is the magazine writing class I took along with **Brad Herzog**, an editor-at-large with this magazine. He has a second career as a children's author, which

Day newspaper of New London, CT, **Dan McFadden**, communications director for Mystic Seaport, recently hosted director Ron Howard, who visited to see the *Charles W. Morgan*, the last remaining wooden whaleship in America. *The Day* cited Holly Wood press reports that Howard is planning to direct a movie about New England whalers. Dan told *The Day*, "We were more than happy to have him here and show him around."

Former Big Red baseball player **David Owens** is co-founder and director of operations of New York Grays Baseball, a nonprofit started in 2006 that develops student-athletes and prepares them for college and/or professional baseball. In 2012, with his first class of high school graduating seniors, the Grays had seven players in the first-year MLB Draft and currently have five freshmen playing Division I baseball at schools like Florida, Maryland, and Tulane. David says the Grays' name is a tribute to the Negro League Grays. Around the time he wrote, he was planning to attend a special screening of the Jackie Robinson biopic *42* with

a noir story about an ex-military sniper trying to solve a kidnapping, kind of *The Big Lebowski* meets *The Bourne Identity*. (More at www.TheBigClear.com.) My day job is with ESPN, where I write and appear on TV talking about football. Follow me @CHarrisESPN." Sometimes it's easy for us to forget that the Class of '91 has its share of alumni in the arts and media. On your morning drive you may hear **David Folkenflik** on the radio, where he serves as NPR's correspondent on the media beat. His experience as the editor-in-chief for the *Daily Sun* served him well. On television, you might catch **Kate Snow**, who is a correspondent for NBC News and sometimes fills in on the anchor desk. Kate's Cornell start came with WVBR.

Liz Baum Schnelzer lives in Ashburn, VA, with her husband, Doug, and their "three awesome children, Pauline, 13, Travis, 11, and Logan, 9. I have recently launched uFringo Counseling (www.ufringo.com), my own private practice as a therapist in Northern Virginia. After taking a decade off from work as a licensed clinical social worker to raise my kids, I have returned to the calling of helping others to pursue their best selves and their life goals. Check out my website!" Liz is happy to report that after a spring break road trip last year to Niagara Falls and Cornell, all three kids now want to attend Cornell.

Marina Niforos Perez writes about the unexpected detour that took her to Paris, France. She came to do her MBA for one year at INSEAD, but has now lived there for the last 15 years. "I have been running the American Chamber of Commerce here in France for the last two and a half years. The next couple of years will be exciting times, as we move into negotiations for a Transatlantic trade and investment partnership between the US and Europe!" Marina is not the only Cornellian in Europe, as she just reconnected with her Cornell roommate and good friend **Elizabeth Voulieris Kassinis** and her husband, **George '90**, who live in Cyprus with their two daughters. **Debbie Sniderman**, ME '92, is living her dream playing salsa trombone in Miami and is known professionally as "Bone Gal." She also runs a technology consulting business and is looking for interesting energy or engineering projects in South America. She has her eye on Colombia for both work and salsa music!

Ameena Nalim has had a winding journey since her time on the Hill. "I was pre-med, Bio-science, at Cornell, then moved from Ithaca to Texas A&M in College Station for my MS and earned my doctorate from Penn State. I was part of the faculty at American U. of Sharjah, in the UAE, and then moved to New Mexico State U. I now live in Atlanta, GA, and am working on molecular aspects of the malaria parasite at the Center for Global Health at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). I hope to obtain an MPH at the Rollins School of Public Health at Emory U." **Lara DeLong** is a board-certified anesthesiologist, practicing and teaching in Brooklyn, NY. In addition to that, she is studying acupuncture at Harvard. When not practicing the healing arts, she plays the Native American flute. Lara keeps in touch with **Karen Shaw**, **Audrey DeLong**, and **Ralph Ciotti '95**.

Your correspondent spent the first weekend of March Madness in Las Vegas with some Class of '91 doctors, **Sameer Desai** and **Samir Khanjar**, and the non-medical crew of **Adam Choi**, **Gary Wojcik**, and **Joe Riordan**, ME '92. The mini-reunion was a fantastic time to cheer on Ivy basketball and reminisce about our time on the Hill. But since what happens in Vegas stays in Vegas, you will have to reach out directly to find out more. I

‘Debbie Sniderman is living her dream playing salsa trombone in Miami.’

Charles Wu '91

has led him and his wife, **Amy (Hillsberg) '91**, to launch a publishing venture, Why Not Books (whynotbooks.com). Their mission, Brad writes, is to publish stories he's always wanted to write; they donate 7 percent of the proceeds to charity partners. Why Not's first book, which was due out in June, is *Francis and Eddie*, the story of an unlikely golf friendship. "I've written dozens of children's books, and this one is my favorite in every way," Brad says.

Elsewhere in the publishing universe, **Ana Petrovich**, who's been working in Mexico City as an independent human resources consultant, writes that she's had the opportunity to work for Kathryn S. Blair, "one of Mexico's acclaimed authors." Ana adds, "Although I grew up in Mexico, I have discovered that the country's cultural depth and scope are fascinating, and I enjoy learning more each and every day." Ana would like to hear from **Joe Fuentes**, **Diana Pang** Tanaka, and **Marc Koutoufaris '91**. Yet another author turned up in the latest mailbag: **David Silbey**, son of Prof. Emeritus Joel Silbey, the President White Professor of History during our tenure at Cornell. David is now the associate director of the Cornell in Washington program. This move, he writes, "brings me back into the Cornell family while avoiding (ahem!) the Ithaca winters." Yes, David, but you get the D.C. summers! He is himself a historian, with a focus on military history; his most recent book is *The Boxer Rebellion and the Great Game in China*.

Speaking of military history, **Charlie Lynch**, MBA '95, recently bought a TBM Avenger, which he describes as "the type of WWII torpedo bomber flown by George Bush Sr. It's been christened *She's the Boss*." Charlie is a senior VP of sales in the private aviation industry and is active in the Cornell Now campaign (<http://now.cornell.edu/about.cfm>) for CALS. His wife, **Elizabeth (Von Keyserling)**, DVM '95, is doing the same for the College of Veterinary Medicine. They have three children, ages 13, 9, and 7. From the air to the sea: According to *The*

some Negro League stars. **Jill Johnson**-Spencer writes, "**Clay Spencer** and I are thrilled to have welcomed son Edward Ronald to our family on November 10, 2012. He is a happy and healthy baby and we feel so blessed that he is with us."

In July, I began a two-year term on the board of the Cornell Association of Class Officers. CACO's mission is to help alumni strengthen their ties to Cornell and I'm excited about this opportunity to give back to an institution that's played such a significant role in my life. Feel free to contact me or any other CACO board member with your suggestions for alumni engagement. You can learn more about CACO at <http://alumni.cornell.edu/caco>. ✉ **Amy Wang** Manning; aw233@cornell.edu; **Rose Tanasugarn**, nt28@cornell.edu; **Kelly Roberson**, kroberson@lightswitch.net.

91 The big news as I write this column is that the Class of '91 has another Cornell trustee. **Nicole Bisagni** Del-Toro, one of the two new alumni-elected trustees (along with **Susan Rodriguez '81**, BArch '82), joins **Karen Paul** Zimmer, MD '98, as the second member of our class to become a trustee. Nicole resides in Bethesda, MD, and is founder and president of Andrews & Cole LLC, which specializes in executive search. She is also the president of the Cornell Club of Washington, DC. Congrats to Nicole on a well-deserved honor. **Carl Thorne-Thomsen**, chef at Story restaurant in Prairie Village, KS, has just been named *Food & Wine* magazine's "The People's Best New Chef: Midwest." He was also a semifinalist for the James Beard award for Best Chef: Midwest.

Lucinda Rosenfeld's fourth book, *The Pretty One: A Novel about Sisters*, was published in February and was a *People* magazine Pick of the Week! "Please check it out," writes Lucinda. **Christopher Harris** writes, "I published my new novel, *The Big Clear*, with Short Cipher Press. It's

close with the news that I changed jobs from one social media company to another and joined Twitter. And since these Class Notes have gone beyond 140 characters, I end here. Stay up to date by visiting our Facebook pages, <http://www.facebook.com/Cornell91> or <http://cornellclassof1991.com>. And don't forget that you can always submit news anytime by visiting <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>. ■ **Charles Wu**, ccwu@mac.com; **Wendy Coburn**, wmlkscoburn@me.com; and **Tom Greenberg**, twg22@cornell.edu.

92 Far above Cayuga's waters . . . With any luck the sun is shining, the lake is shimmering, trees are leafy green, and the birds are chirping! Summer on the Hill is in full swing and I hope that brings a smile to your face. See the power of positive thinking? Here's the thing. Our deadlines for Class Notes are more than two months in advance of publication, so this column was written in mid-April. With the late spring in the northern parts of the US, it was *snowing* yesterday. So, thank you, dear classmates, for this moment of happy optimism as I wish for warmer, sunnier days.

Sharon Boyle is working for World Vision and has traveled the world with them. It's her way of integrating her faith with her calling to serve poor people internationally. She recently moved to El Salvador for a two-year assignment, and she's finding it a beautiful country with beautiful people. It's also a fantastic reason to study Spanish so she can communicate and better connect with people while she's there. She's been keeping in touch with **Tina Panahon** Burkner, **Amy Briggs**, PhD '95, **Jeanne Neeson**, DVM '96, and **Aileen Smith** Amirault.

Tyrone Yang writes, "I moved to Boston to attend architecture school at Harvard, and graduated from there in 2002. After working in three different architecture offices, I now have my own architecture practice, Yang Architects LLC, and have been doing a range of commercial and residential projects in the Boston area. I've also been working part-time at the MIT Media Lab. I went to the 20th Reunion at Cornell last year and would love to connect or reconnect with some Cornellians in the Boston area." Since moving to Boston, Tyrone has learned to skate and play ice hockey and has been active with the Tiller Club sailboat racing group at Community Boating.

Brian and Christine Cornish Sagrestano '93 welcomed their fourth child, Luke Samuel, who joins older sisters Katherine, Sophia, and Holly, ages 15, 13, and 11. They're living in New Hartford, NY. After many years of competing with his barbershop chorus, Brian's ensemble won the right to compete at the International Convention and Contest of the Barbershop Harmony Society in Portland, OR, and placed 25th in the world! Wow! In July, they'll return to the next international contest in Toronto, ON. Good luck, Brian! As if that weren't enough, last year Brian published his first book with co-author Robert E. Wahlers, *The Philanthropic Planning Companion: The Fundraisers' and Professional Advisors' Guide to Charitable Gift Planning* (Wiley 2012). It has been very well received—so much so that the duo has been signed by another publisher for two more books. Brian's business also launched a major new product, Planned Giving in a Box, which has been getting a great response. And he has been speaking at several major international conferences for professional fundraisers. Most of the talks were around the research and

findings in the book. Check out his business at www.giftplanningdevelopment.com.

Jennifer Tomsen is in Houston, TX, and reports that she was recently elected shareholder at Greenberg Traurig LLP. Jennifer's law practice focuses on commercial litigation and securities litigation and arbitration. When Jennifer wrote in March, she and her husband and their 5-year-old son had recently returned from a trip to Chile. **Dave Andrews's** new book, *Theorizing Art Cinemas*, will be released by the U. of Texas Press on October 30, 2013. "This is my third monograph and my second with a university press." For more details, check out Dave's googlesites homepage at: <https://sites.google.com/site/darthurcinema1/>.

My own lovably nerdy Cornelophile family probably won't make it back to Ithaca until October's Insectapalooza. In the meantime, my husband, **John Torrance '90**, has taken a job selling John Deere agricultural equipment in mid-Michigan and is happy as a clam. To quote him, "I can't believe they're paying me to sell tractors!" Thank you for sharing your news, and please keep it coming! Feel free to e-mail any of us or use the online form at <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>. ■ **Megan Fee** Torrance, mtorrance@torrancelearning.com; **Lois Duffy** Castellano, LKD2@cornell.edu; **Jean Kintisch**, jmk226@cornell.edu.

93 TWENTY YEARS! Hard to believe, but that's how many years since we graduated from Cornell. I don't know about you, but I can remember Senior Week and graduation as if they were yesterday! Hopefully a great number of you came back to the Hill for our 20th Reunion. Stay tuned for a full report in the Sept/Oct issue! Now on to the news!

Leon Perkowski e-mailed that he teaches international security studies and military strategy to Air Force majors who make the cut to attend Air Command and Staff College. When he's not busy teaching, he enjoys being a family of four since the birth of his second son in June 2012. **Sunita Desai** Sohoni is living in Florham Park, NJ, and has two children, Avani and Asia. She is a producer for the "Rachel Maddow Show" on MSNBC. At the end of 2012, she kept busy covering Hurricane Sandy and the presidential election, as well as with trips to the London Olympics and Disney World.

Juliette Boone, MMH '97, is on the other side of the country, in Boulder, CO, and is running a western office for HCS's human capital consulting practice. She and her husband are building a new home to accommodate their four kids. Outside the country, **Scott**, MBA '99, and **Amy Karlen Neuman** sent an update from Prague: "As of February, Amy and I have moved the family to the Czech Republic for the next two years as I take on an internal assignment for IBM running marketing for Central and Eastern Europe. Amy continues to run her not-for-profit, www.inspiringkids.org, that connects students and communities through philanthropy and leadership. She works from Prague and continues to see great interest from a wide range of elementary schools. We are enjoying the chance to show the kids a different part of the world and they are taking it in stride."

Winnie Rieder-Su married a Swiss and moved to Switzerland in 2000. She is currently on a one-year sabbatical in Shanghai, so her 3-year-old son can learn Chinese. Winnie keeps in touch with her "best bud," **Yvonne Sim**, MD '97. Congratulations go out to **Christopher Miller**, who writes that he

and wife Lindsay welcomed daughter Caroline Wilson on March 1, 2013. She joins big brothers Charlie and Oliver. They enjoy living in the Rockies, and the boys are looking forward to skiing and fishing with their new little sister. **Seth Kestenbaum** e-mailed that his company, Altitude Realty Group, continues to grow its practice of advising large real estate funds on acquisitions and operations. Seth has also been slowly restoring a 1929 Ford that he hopes to drive to reunion. **Paul Medeiros** sent greetings from New Bedford, MA. He writes, "This past summer, I was pleased to visit campus and Ithaca. Noticeable to me were the great many new trees, especially on the Ithaca Commons. I was pleased and wished to move to Ithaca as soon as possible. In Fall 2012, I served as scholar-in-residence for the New Bedford Whaling Museum, and as a lecturer in ethics for the U. of Massachusetts in Dartmouth."

Co-correspondent **Melissa Carver** Sottile writes, "I was recently hired by the U. of Connecticut as the assistant director for the Hartford MBA and Executive Programs. Previously, I worked at UConn as a consultant and an instructor. A unique aspect of this position is that it is a faculty position, so one of my responsibilities will be to continue to teach. It's a great balance to work on the 'business' of our graduate business programs, and then to step into the classroom and see the experience through the students' eyes. The biggest challenge has been time, particularly trying to keep up with our two sons' active lives. I try to squeeze in a few runs and bike rides whenever I can, and I enjoy the personal challenges I set for myself. It helps keep everything else in perspective."

Thanks for all the news and please keep an eye out for our report on Reunion Weekend. **Keneth Swan**, MD '00 (Basking Ridge, NJ) wrote that he was looking forward to seeing old friends at the 20th, and I hope he did! Happy summer! ■ **Yael Berkowitz** Rosenberg, ygb1@cornell.edu; **Melissa Hart** Moss, melimoss@yahoo.com; **Melissa Carver** Sottile, mtcsottile@yahoo.com.

94 Can it really be more than 19 years since we graduated? I visited with my dear friend **Melissa Unemori** Hampe recently and had the stunning realization that we've now known each other longer than the age we were when we met freshman year. In March, Melissa and husband Greg welcomed their fourth beautiful daughter, Alexandra Claudia Tsuru Unemori Hampe. Alexandra joins older sisters Elizabeth, Catherine, and Isabella. When not busy with her girls, Melissa is senior vice president at McAllister & Quinn, a Washington, DC-based consulting and lobbying firm. **Carol Berman** also welcomed a little one this year; son Carter joined the family in February. Carter joins big sister Caroline, "so, hopefully, two future Cornellians!" Given the recent addition to her family, it's no wonder that Carol reports that the thing she would most rather be doing right now is sleeping. Carol, husband Craig Brown, and their future Cornellians live in Ardmore, PA.

Josephine Liu has been named counsel for the intellectual property practice group of Axinn, Veltrop & Harkrider in New York. Josephine, who earned a PhD in organic chemistry in 2000, represents and counsels clients in the pharmaceutical, biotechnology, and animal health industries. **M. Roshan Boralessa**, ME '95, is in the Las Vegas area working as a resident engineer for Jacobs,

which is one of the world's largest and most diverse providers of technical, professional, and construction services. When not working, Roshan loves to travel.

Lisa DeLeo reports, "Venice Beach winters sure are different than the ones I spent on the Hill!" She adds, "I love being outside walking on the beach and going to farmers markets." Lisa also attends yoga classes. After 14 years of being on staff with Mr. Big Film producing print ads, TV commercials, and documentary shorts, Lisa proudly proclaims, "I am freelance! And ready for new opportunities writing pitches and content and producing still and motion media." J. Allison Bignault (you knew her back at Cornell as **Jennifer Hertel**) recently accepted a position as Helpdesk supervisor and training coordinator at Hawkins Parnell Thackston & Young LLP in Atlanta. She and husband David reside in an Atlanta suburb with their two daughters, Ellen and Claire.

Try not to be too jealous of **Michael Langford Hill**. As a global marketing brand manager for Hasbro in their games division, he reports, "I get paid to play!" Even so, his ideal day would be spent skiing in the Rockies. He and wife Karen enjoy spending time with their four kiddos, Eben, 8, David, 6, Timothy, 3, and newest family member Nathaniel, who joined the Hill clan in March 2013. **Scott Behson** is blogging away at www.fathersworkandfamily.com, a website dedicated to helping fathers balance work with family life. When not blogging, Scott is a professor of business management at Fairleigh Dickinson U., where he teaches a variety of management and HR classes, conducts research on work-family balance, and does occasional consulting work. He lives in beautiful Nyack, NY, with his lovely wife, Amy Griffin, and their 7-year-old son, Nicholas.

Author **Sung Woo** recently completed his second novel, entitled *Love Love*. Sung describes it as "a novel about art and athletics, family and adoption, remembrance and forgiveness—and

Judy and Kevin, sister and brother . . . Told in alternating chapters from the points of view of Judy and Kevin, *Love Love* is a story about two people figuring out how to live, how to love, and how to be their best selves amid the chaos of their lives." Sung's first novel, *Everything Asian*, was published in 2009. And talk about an adventure! **Erica Andersen Conway** and husband **Chris '93** are midway through a year-long sailing journey. That's right: the Conways, along with their three children, sons Bryson and Porter and daughter Riesling, are sailing throughout the Atlantic for an entire year of adventure. And really, it makes sense—the Conways met on Cornell's sailing team, and both have sailing in their veins. Why wouldn't they share their love of the sport with their children? The good news is, they shared it with the rest of us, too, at www.conwaysailors.com. Their posted float-plan has them returning to New York in July 2013, but not before making stops all over the Caribbean!

Finally, I am pleased to announce that I have launched my own solo law practice, focusing on intellectual property and appellate counseling and litigation. I intend to put my Florida Bar board certification and Federal appellate clerkship experience to good work to assist clients in copyright, trademark, and state court appeals throughout Florida and beyond. Check out www.ip-appeals.com for more information about Dineen Pashoukos Wasyluk P.A. ☐ **Dineen Pashoukos Wasyluk**, dmp5@cornell.edu; **Dika Lam**, dikaweb@yahoo.com; **Jennifer Rabin** Marchant, jar1229@yahoo.com.

95 Hello, 1995 classmates! A short and sweet greeting for a short and sweet column. We have babies!

On January 22, 2013, **Diego Valderrama** and **Afra Afsharipour '96** welcomed son Dario Nima into the world. Big brother Emilio is thrilled with this newest family member. **Micah** and **Kristen Donahue**, along with son Max and daughter Lucy,

are happy to announce the arrival of their third child, Owen William, born on January 30, 2013. Baby Owen and Mom are doing great. The proud parents are looking forward to introducing Owen to their Cornell friends.

I hope you are all enjoying your summer and coming up with some fun updates to send to your class correspondents. (This is the shortest column we've had in our 18 years of Class Notes.) I know we have many more ways to keep in touch than we did in the old days, but we'd still love to hear from you. Send your news directly to us (addresses below), or check out the online news form at: <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>. ☐ **Abra Benson Perrie**, amb8@cornell.edu; **Veronica Brooks-Sigler**, vkbrooksigler@gmail.com. Class website, <http://classof95.alumni.cornell.edu>.

96 **Paul Lester**, ME '98 (Nutley, NJ; PBL1@cornell.edu) writes that he moved back to the US from Japan, was recently married, and presently works for Prudential. His other news: "I completed the CS 188.x Artificial Intelligence Course in Berkeley in my free time, and am learning Mandarin Chinese and reading all the *Dune* novels. I finally visited Mexico and Hogwarts this year. I volunteer with Stuyvesant High School and Tae Kwon Do schools in my area." When asked about progeny, Paul listed one robot named Mintchan, age 1, and one car named Buruuchan, age 3. He keeps in touch with a lot of Cornell friends, "too many to list."

Shoshana Sperber Baskind (szs200@nyu.edu) writes from East Brunswick, NJ: "I'm currently enjoying the gift of an extended maternity leave. We even managed to squeeze in a last-minute trip to Disney with the kids. My fellow school employees will understand the pure joy of traveling at a non-peak time. I still enjoy performing and am hoping to find my way back to the stage before returning to work (as a child/school psychologist). Sophie Yael was born in November 2012. She joins big sister Maya, 4, and big brother Jacob, 8."

Looking forward to receiving your latest round of news from the recent class mailings. Keep in touch. ☐ **Ron Johnstone**, raj6@cornell.edu; **Carin Lustig-Silverman**, CDL2@cornell.edu; **Liam O'Mahony**, liamom@yahoo.com. Class website, <http://classof96.alumni.cornell.edu>. Class Facebook page ("Cornell Class of 1996"). Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

97 This installment of the '97 Class Notes shares updates from classmates around the country. Some report milestones on their career paths, while others report changes in their professional trajectories marked by new jobs and new fields. It's no surprise that we continue to challenge ourselves by seeking new ways to engage our skills and expand our interests. Best wishes to those classmates mentioned below as they step up to new adventures!

Jonas Chartock received his doctorate in educational leadership from the U. of Texas, Austin. Now in New Orleans, he is CEO of the nonprofit Leading Educators and is working to expand the organization. Leading Educators partners with schools and districts to foster leadership development among highly effective teachers. When he's not busy developing strategies to reform education by empowering teacher-leaders, you can

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Thanks for staying in touch!

find him dancing in second line parades on Sunday mornings. **Igor Tsukerman** checked in from New York City, where he has started a prop trading firm, Passed Pawn Capital LLC. Igor has two daughters: Anna, 6, and Mia, 1. **Susan BetzJitomir**, JD '00, is managing the law firm that she started, BetzJitomir and Baxter. She also continues with her weekly radio show and is very active in her community.

Robert Pattison reports that he and wife **Beth (Kellerman)** are in Glenmont, NY, and busy keeping up with their three children, Xander, 9, Zara, 5, and Gabe, 2. Robert is executive director of public finance at JP Morgan. **Mary Beth Turell** Aronow is an ophthalmologist planning to embark in July on a fellowship in medical retina at the National Eye Inst., part of the Bethesda, MD-based National Institutes of Health. Mary Beth previously completed a fellowship in ophthalmic oncology at the Cleveland Clinic in 2011. She and husband Roger welcomed son John Lockwood on November 21, 2012. **Michael Demetriou** wrote earlier this year with news of his "escape from the Big Law world" to act as chief operating officer of Baum Realty Group, a retail real estate services firm in Chicago.

Keep in touch and keep class columns interesting. We'd love to hear what you've been up to, where you've been, or with whom you've shared drinks! Join the Cornell Class of 1997 Facebook group! ☑ **Erica Broennle** Nelson, ejb4@cornell.edu; **Sarah Deardorff** Carter, sjd5@cornell.edu.

98 Happy summer, Class of '98! By the time you read this, Reunion will be over. We hope you went and had a fantastic time—and if you missed it, we hope to see you at the next one! A full Reunion Report will appear in the Sept/Oct issue.

In January, **Lisa Barrangou** published *Real Smart Baby Food: How to Make 3-Months Worth of Delicious, Nutritious Baby Food in 3 One-Hour Blocks of Time*. **Katherine McDonald** received an NIH grant to study intellectual disability research ethics. She is an associate professor of public health in the Falk College at Syracuse U. and faculty fellow in the Burton Blatt Inst. **Joshua Walsky**, ME '03, was just named one of the top 40 influential people in trading technology. He is CTO of Broadway Technology, a 60-employee shop that builds high-performance trading systems for some of the biggest banks.

Elizabeth Morgenstein Audiffred lives in Encinitas, CA, with her husband, James. She has been in the San Diego area since 1999 and was recently promoted to marketing programs manager for Zimmer Dental. **Jennifer Betit Yen** is living in NYC and runs myjennybook.com, producing personalized multi-media story gifts for children. She recently shot a commercial for Verizon FIOS, booked a role on a pilot, "Extreme Parenting," and will be hosting a seminar featuring acclaimed cinematographer Eric Lin. **Eiko Narita** is working in Yemen in development security. Though the living conditions are challenging, she writes that it is a wonderful challenge. **Jessica Rubin** is in St. Johnsbury, VT, working as a "steward, educator, and mentor." Check out her website, www.rootsandtrails.com.

Matthew Myers writes, "I am the CEO/founder at Infrastructure Upgrade (www.infrastructureupgrade.com), a project I have been involved with since April 2011. This online forum links industry experts and tackles the need to provide critical infrastructure improvements via a social media

platform. As one of the principals at the company, I am responsible for the platform's design, including all of the javascript, .css and .html elements, as well as the Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, Google +1, StumbleUpon, and PayPal add-ins." **Karen Dorman Kipnes** is living in Chappaqua, NY, with husband **Todd '96** and three kids. She is an attorney, currently volunteering for helpusadopt.org, a national nonprofit 501(c)(3) financial assistance grant program providing qualified couples and individuals with grants of up to \$15,000 toward their domestic, international, foster, or special needs adoption expenses.

Jennifer Sturtz Goldstein published a global study on the future of the medical device industry and outsourcing in the Medical Device and Diagnostics Industry (MD+DI) journal. As VP, market research operations for ITG, Jennifer has been speaking at numerous industry conferences and events on the findings of this research, which is the largest study of its kind in the industry. **Heather Morgan** and her wife, Marimar Verdugo, a Spanish citizen, are one of five couples named as plaintiffs in a lawsuit filed against the federal government challenging the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA). Their suit, filed on their behalf by the advocacy group Immigration Equality, alleges that the federal law violates Constitutional rights by preventing the spouse who is a US citizen from sponsoring their spouse for green cards, which would pave the way for US citizenship and equal protection under the law.

Congratulations to **Keren Fischer** Davis on the birth of daughter Maya in November 2012. Keren lives in NYC with husband George and their 3-year-old twins Abby and Ethan. And from **David Williams**: "My full-length play *Spake*, which takes place at Cornell (and has Edward Ruloff as one of its characters) had its world premiere in April at Northern Kentucky U.'s YES Festival. *Spake* was one of only three scripts chosen from the hundreds submitted, and I was very excited to see it produced in this festival!" Please keep your news coming! ☑ **Karen Dorman Kipnes**, kld8@cornell.edu; **Molly Darnieder** Bracken, mbd4@cornell.edu; and **Uthica Jinvit** Utano, udj1@cornell.edu.

99 Happy summer, fellow '99ers! **Robyn** and **Eli Mogil** have been happily married since 2005 and have a 6-year-old son, Sam, and a 4-year-old daughter, Reese. Eli is a partner in the commercial litigation practice at McCarthy Tetrault LLP in Toronto and periodically comes back to Ithaca with the family. They've got big travel plans this summer: "We're off to France for August for a house swap, so come visit us in Bordeaux!" **Abbe Miller** Martin (Athens, NY) is also enjoying trips: "My family and I (including my three children William, 6, Florence, 4, and Weston, 2) travel to Rhode Island frequently to visit my sister **Ali** and her family, plus summer trips to Cape Cod, Wildwood, NJ, and the Catskill Mountains for camping. Abbe works as a conservation district program manager at the Greene County Soil and Water Conservation District.

Karen Weigel Everett lives in Ashburn, VA, and works at QIAGEN in Gaithersburg, MD. She has a 2-year-old son. We wish **T.J. Duane** (Dallas, TX) much success with his future endeavors: he recently returned to school and is now pursuing an MBA at the Stanford Graduate School of Business. **Paulette Rudolph** Gibbins, ME '00, writes, "I had a lot of changes at the beginning of 2013. In

January I left the company I worked at for 12-plus years to be the director of business development for Strictures, a local structural engineering firm in Austin, TX. I'm very excited to be with a firm that is committed to growth in the Central Texas market. Then on February 10, my daughter **Natasha Blythe** was born. She has a full head of dark curly hair and is a social star. I look forward to introducing my children to my friends, and to Cornell, at reunion in 2014."

Shira Klapper continues her work as a gerontology researcher and oral historian at the George Washington U. Center on Aging, Health, and Humanities. "I also recently started my freelance writing career and had a fun piece published in the *Atlantic* about 1980s bat mitzvahs on Long Island! You can find the article here: <http://tinyurl.com/ay2amh9>. It seems I was an ethnographer even at the age of 12! I'm developing the *Atlantic* article into a book about bar and bat mitzvah culture, to be called, "We Had a Lot of Shirley Temples." I've also written a few pieces on old Jewish food that has fallen out of favor—hering, borscht, and the like. I hope to publish those in the summer. I am enjoying living in D.C., which has the perfect combination of energetic city life and quiet residential neighborhoods. On Sundays, I head out to hike or bike in Shenandoah or local parks within D.C." Shira keeps in touch with **Hilary Krieger** and **Aaron Tax**, who are also in D.C., and would love to hear from other classmates! ☑ **Beth Heslowitz**, beth.heslowitz@gmail.com; **Liz Borod** Wright, lizborod@gmail.com; **Melanie Grayce** West, mga6@cornell.edu; **Taber Sweet**, TBM.Avenger@gmail.com.

00 We're temporarily low on news, but our next class mailing should bring a new supply sometime this fall. Return the hard copy News Form in the envelope provided, e-mail one of your correspondents (addresses below), or hit the Send key at the online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>. The Class Notes section isn't the only way to keep in touch these days, but it's definitely a long-standing tradition. We'd love to hear from you. Happy summer! Send your news to: ☑ **Christine Jensen** Weld, ckj1@cornell.edu; **Andrea Chan**, amc32@cornell.edu.

01 Isn't July the best month at Cornell? Thanks to several summer internships in Ithaca, I have fond memories of sunbathing in those gorgeous gorges and of walking uphill in shorts rather than a ski jacket. It seems such a shame most students don't experience campus during summer break. Perhaps Cornell should consider a version of the D-plan from our similarly chilly, rural Ivy cousin; Dartmouth students stay on campus for a summer semester, in exchange for one of their sophomore or junior year terms. Less competition for internships that way, too!

Plenty of our classmates have enjoyed upstate summers since graduation, however, including our Rochester hat trick: the Greenbergs, Harradines, and Phetersons! Fifteen years after those hearty RPCC breakfasts, **Melissa Hantman** Pheterson and **Jennifer Radi** Greenberg got the families together—two preschoolers each!—for a wonderful Passover Seder meal. With Cornell parents and grandparents to boot, and campus just a fun day trip away, it's a safe bet at least two

of those four tots will appear in their own Class Notes 2030s column someday (no pressure!). Melissa has been working on a collection of short stories and writing features for *USA Today* and Rochester magazines. Hubby Josh, an attorney, recently launched a sports blog. Check it out at TheCommissionersOffice.com. Jen's baton-twirling skills prepared her well for the juggle of motherhood and medicine; she works as a newborn hospitalist at U. of Rochester Medical Center Golisano Children's Hospital.

Down the road, **Jeff Harradine**, JD '04, has been elected partner at the Ward Greenberg law firm, and his wife, Sarah (an IC grad), has gotten back to teaching after founding her own preschool and having three kids. "Lucy, 6, Lily, 4, and Andy, 2, are all doing well in school and sports, but find time in their busy schedules to be wonderfully precocious," he writes. "I made it back for the KDR Centennial last month, and it was good to see so many of the brothers from six decades of the house." He also met up with fraternity brother **Jeff Tyhach** earlier this year, when he journeyed from San Jose to the Rochester area on a recruiting trip for Altera. Jeff Tyhach has plenty of classmates in his neighborhood, including **Sarah Kayfetz** Outzen, who works in the San Francisco office of ZFA Structural Engineers, "doing cutting edge projects in various sectors including renewable energy and seismic rehabilitation." In her free time, she enjoys traveling, the outdoors, and training for triathlons. (She fits right into that Bay Area ethos!) She keeps in touch with **John Tagamolila '00**, a fellow Cornell Cinema retiree who now teaches film at Pacific Union College.

Further up the West Coast, **W. Alan Williams** reports a move from Philly to Seattle at the end of May. "I work in the pharmaceutical division of Johnson & Johnson. Most recently I had been working as a product director on the marketing team for two of our products for rheumatoid diseases. I've just been promoted to district manager, Pacific Northwest, for our new Janssen Specialty sales force, and will be leading a team of seven sales representatives selling two new drugs for inflammatory bowel disease and hepatitis C." Welcome to the Emerald City, Alan! Bi-coastal classmate **Bradford Bouley** has completed a collaboration on the translation of *Gusto delle Cose* by Renata Ago. Brad, a postdoctoral fellow at USC and assistant professor of history at Penn State, published *Gusto for Things: A History of Objects in Seventeenth-Century Rome* in May 2013 (U. of Chicago Press). It is available at Amazon.

Say hi to our new potential fourth-generation Cornelian: Mateo Scott Cleofe, born to **Erin Colling** Cleofe earlier this year. In addition to his '01 mom, Mateo's Big Red lineage includes two grandparents—**Ken '67**, MBA '69, and **Jeannie Smiley Colling '68**—and three great-grandparents. Not too shabby, especially for 2,200 miles from campus! To wrap things up, we head back East, where **Marc Johnson** is training for the Marine Corps Marathon in late October. He lives in Washington, DC, with his wife, Heather, and their 2-year-old boxer-lab-hound mix, Kai (short for Cayuga). Marc works as a senior associate at Booz & Co. and reports the Cornell Club of Washington's activities are "well worth the small fee!" Now, if only that price covered travel expenses from the Pacific Northwest . . .

Got news? E-mail Lauren or me at the addresses below, or tweet me @BeliefBeat. And in between columns, stay connected via our Twitter

feed (@Cornell2001) and Facebook page (www.facebook.com/Cornell2001). **Nicole Neroulis** Gupte, NicoleMN6@gmail.com; **Lauren Wallach** Hammer, LEW15@cornell.edu.

02 A student came into one of my classes the other day. I read on her Starbucks cup the name "Vicky," which surprised me because her name is Chitra. "Do you have a nickname I don't know about?" I asked. She replied, "No, it just makes the baristas feel less awkward when they don't have to ask me to say my name over and over again." It turns out this is a common thing. In the very same class, Akshat told me he goes by "Sam," and Hayeon said she's "Heidi" . . . but only at Starbucks. I wonder if these coffee shops, which presumably strive to be personable, know that they force their customers to assume alter egos just to get a coffee. My name is Jeff, so until now I was oblivious to this phenomenon. And judging by the very-easy-to-pronounce names of your progeny, they won't know this experience either.

First off, we have Emma Lynne Berk, a very Starbucks-friendly name, who was born on 12/12/12 to **Charles Berk**. Charles has been working at a veterinary hospital in downtown Manhattan for the past five years. Next, we have Finn Roggenkamp, who came into this world in February 2012. Finn's mother, **Thalia Goldstein**, recently moved back to NYC to begin her job as an assistant professor of psychology at Pace U., after finishing up her postdoc at Yale. Also safe from the Starbucks name stutter is Lady Charlotte Brown. She is the daughter of **Mike Brown** and was born on February 22. Mother and child are doing great and gearing up for a trip back to Ithaca this summer to visit family and friends.

And then there is Ava Alexis Taylor, whose announcement came with an absurdly adorable picture. Unfortunately, we can't publish pictures, but I certainly appreciate them. She's got this awesome little poofy headband thing on. It's really cute, but I guess you'd have to see it to really appreciate it. Ava Alexis, daughter of **Lisa Adelman** Taylor, was born last summer in Austin, TX, but the family moved back to Chicago when Lisa's husband accepted a job at the Radisson Blu Aqua Hotel (the flagship and first for the brand in North America). Lastly, we have Aaron Garrett Meer, born April 11 to parents **Jonathan Meer**, MPA '03, and **Jolie Bell** (whom I'm pretty sure I did a project with freshman year). Aaron lives with his parents and big sister Remi in NYC.

In non-reproductive news, we have **Elizabeth Abunaw**, who needed a vacation and a career change, so did the obvious thing and went to business school at the U. of Chicago. Other than studying, Elizabeth has been training for a marathon, cooking, and writing. She'd love to hear from **Carla Gibbs**, **Hillary Ross** Posternak, and **Edgar Romney '01**. **Brian Schwartz** was recently elected as a principal of the Detroit law firm of Miller, Canfield, Paddock, and Stone. He lives in West Bloomfield, MI, with his wife, Jenny, and their three kids, Eli, Jonah, and Kayla.

Phoebe Cohen has certainly been keeping her mind busy. After finishing up her Earth Systems Science major at Cornell, she spent two "wonderful" years in Ithaca working at the Museum of the Earth before heading to get her PhD at Harvard, followed by two years of postdoc at MIT, and lastly by a move to the Berkshires to start her position as a professor of geosciences at

Williams College. While she obviously has an impressive resume, I'm most charmed by her new dog and four egg-laying chickens. Here in Portland we are only allowed three chickens. Phoebe's job also takes her to amazing destinations like the Yukon of Canada—where the final location is reached by helicopter, the only connection with the outside world is via satellite phone, and she does field work on microscopic fossils alongside the very not-microscopic grizzly bears.

Also with a bit of the travel bug, though with a slightly more fancy flare, is **Kay Schneider**, who recently returned from Milan. Kay's class from NYU Stern School of Business attended a class at Bocconi U. to study the luxury industry in Italy. Kay wrote, "I have developed an even deeper appreciation for the craftsmanship, quality, and heritage of the Italian luxury industry," and added a little shout-out to the fashionistas from Martha Van Ren: "If you have the opportunity to visit Milan, don't pass it up." Well, that concludes this column. If you have any news to share, Carolyn and I would love to hear from you. Send e-mails directly to either of us. And if you are as dismayed by the forced Americanization of Starbucks customers as I am, do what I do: the next time you order a Mocha, tell them your name is something like Mialejandra. **Jeff Barker**, jrb41@cornell.edu; **Carolyn Deckinger** Lang, cmd35@cornell.edu.

03 Hello, Class of 2003! Our 10th Reunion is now a happy memory, and I hope everybody who came had a great time. A full Reunion Report will follow in the next issue.

It was a busy spring and there is a lot of news to share. **Charles Wang** (ILR) writes, "After spending six years in the San Francisco Bay Area, I recently graduated from Stanford with a PhD and MA in economics and returned to the Boston area, where I'm from. I'm now an assistant professor at Harvard Business School and just finished teaching my first course on financial reporting and control." Charlie also welcomed his first child, son Thomas, on April 6, 2012. He writes, "It was the best day of our lives and he is a healthy and happy lad." **Amy Sommer** writes from New York that she is also a new parent to a baby girl born this past February. **Heather Hermann** also welcomed a little girl, Isabella Victoria, on December 26, 2012.

Tarek Sultan recently moved out of Chicago and into a beautiful home in Northbrook, IL. "Fellow alums in the Chicagoland area: feel free to stop by for a pool party in the summer!" He adds that he became a lucky dad to the sweetest little boy about a year ago and couldn't be happier. In New York, **Chris** and **Jamie Beilin Joseph** are the proud new parents of baby boy Jack Barrett, who arrived on October 31, 2012. Jamie writes, "We are living in Tribeca and look forward to seeing all of our classmates at our 10th Reunion." **Christine Banks** started a new position in the education department at the American Museum of Natural History in September 2012. She also welcomed Rafael Alejandro to the family on February 23, 2013.

Wilson Favre-Delerue, former diplomat, banker, and entrepreneur in Beijing, Hong Kong, and now Buenos Aires, has kept in touch with **Raffi Vartanian** and **Jeremy Adler**. Wilson recently partnered with classmate **Dana Bottazzo** to launch RouteAtlas, "a search engine with soul, helping travelers plan their journey from A to B in Latin America" (www.routeatlas.com). Another entrepreneur, **Danny Lachs**, writes that he recently

left Yushi Asian Kitchen “after 18 grueling months of re-branding/positioning in the NYC QSR Marketplace. The concept is now back in the hands of its founders and in a position for growth. It was a challenging experience, but exciting as well. Tortaria, a Mexican sandwich shop and tequila bar that I opened on 12th and University, is doing great and we hope to lock down a second NYC location before the year is out.” Danny also writes that the restaurant he grew up working in, Jerusalem West Restaurant (a Middle Eastern-inspired falafel and salad spot in Livingston, NJ) is going to be brought under the DML Hospitality umbrella. “We couldn’t be more excited to go back to where it all started and continue to grow from there.” Fellow foodie **Nino Mier** (formerly Nino Linsmayer) owns FOODLAB (www.foodlab-la.com) in Los Angeles, a mini-chain of gourmet cafes. In addition to his cafes, Nino recently started dealing in contemporary art, which started as a hobby as a collector. He now advises about 20 clients with their private and institutional contemporary art collections.

Vincent Pinelli has been married for four years and is currently the director and chief administration officer of internal audit at the Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi, UFJ. **Rachel Criscitiello** (Berkeley, CA) writes that she competed in her first Ironman Triathlon in Nice, France. Nice job, Rachel! Also in sunny California, **Meredith Willa** resides in San Francisco after transplanting from New York City. Meredith works as a strategic planner and impact evaluation consultant for non-profits, foundations, and government agencies, to assist them in measuring their effectiveness and planning for program and policy improvements. She writes, “In the life part of my work-life balance, I enjoy digital photography, wilderness adventures, skiing, sailing, reading, food and wine, and international travel.” Meredith married in 2012 and left full-time work for independent freelance and consulting work.

Benjamin Kraus is in Brighton, MA, and writes, “I am currently a postdoctoral research associate for the Center for Memory at Boston U., studying how the brain encodes episodic memories. I defended my dissertation in July 2012 to earn my PhD from BU in biomedical engineering. My dissertation title was, ‘Time and distance coding in the hippocampus and medial entorhinal cortex.’ (Just recently I found out that a chapter from my dissertation will be published in the journal *Neuron*.) A few weeks later, on August 10, 2012, I married Amy Driscoll from Selmer, TN, who graduated from Vanderbilt U. in 2003. For our honeymoon, we went to Riviera Maya in Mexico in Sept. 2012—a long overdue vacation.”

Thanks to those who shared news for this column. It is always wonderful to hear about your travels, business adventures, new babies, and more! Please keep in touch and shoot me an e-mail anytime. Happy summer! ■ **Sam Buckingham Noonan**, swnoonan@gmail.com.

04 **David Rand** (david.rand@yale.edu) writes from Cambridge, MA. “I am an academic combining psychology, economics, and evolutionary biology to study cooperation: why are people willing to pay costs to benefit others, and what can we do to promote such behavior? I am starting an assistant professorship at Yale U. in July 2013, and got married to **Elizabeth Paci ’06** last July 2012.” **Solomon Garber** (solomon.garber@gmail.com) got married in Boston in January.

Cornellians in attendance included his father, **Jeff Garber ’71**, and classmates **Michael Sellman**, **Stuart Cohen**, **Duane Sun**, and **Alex Cwirko-Godycki**. He adds, “After spending six years at LNR in Miami, I moved to New York one and a half years ago, where I’ve been working for Atalaya Capital, a fund that invests in Private Credit.” **Christina Gawiak Reyes** (Jersey City, NJ) says that wanderlust and an adventurous spirit have led her and her husband to Colombia, Poland, Budapest, Venice, Prague, and Amsterdam. “We were engaged in Istanbul and visited Turks and Caicos for our honeymoon.”

Kimberly Pringle (kimberly.pringle@gmail.com) graduated last month from her emergency

section. My job as a food writer fulfills my original goal at Cornell. I studied under Steven L. Kaplan (Goldwin Smith Professor of History), who was knighted by the French government for his work on the history of French bread. I’ve been working toward a career in food writing for the past several years, with him as my inspiration. While I was not interested in going into scholarly book writing, the on-the-ground reporting that I do is extremely fulfilling.” Daniela keeps in touch with **Kelly Cook**, **Holly LaDue**, and **Bea Vo**.

Over the last two years, **Vanessa Astrup-Parsons** (vanessa@livingartaquariumsny.com) and her husband successfully launched Living Art

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Charles Wang ’03

medicine residency at Lifespan Hospital/Brown University. “I will be joining the Epidemic Intelligence Service in July, which is a fellowship through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention that focuses on epidemiology and outbreak management.” **Allison Goldberg** (abg26@cornell.edu) is in Alexandria, VA. From late March to early June she volunteered as a campaign manager for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society’s Man/Woman of the Year Campaign (<http://www.mwoy.org/>). “My father died in 2004 of complications from leukemia treatment, and in 2009, my best friend was diagnosed with Stage 4 nodular sclerosis-type Hodgkin’s lymphoma. She’s in remission and the Woman of the Year nominee for whom I was campaigning.”

Thea Brown and husband **Nate Brown** recently relocated to Washington, DC, after six years in the Midwest (Chicago, IL; Madison, WI; and Iowa City, IA), where they’d gone to various graduate programs and, in 2007, got married. Nate writes, “In September 2012, I was named the new deputy director of the PEN/Faulkner Foundation in D.C. PEN/Faulkner administers the PEN/Faulkner Award for Fiction and the PEN/Malamud Award for Excellence in the Short Story, two of the nation’s most significant awards for contemporary American authors. PEN/Faulkner also runs a reading series at the Folger Shakespeare Library in D.C., as well as an expansive (and growing) Writers in Schools program that puts contemporary works of fictions in the hands of public school students in D.C. and arranges for the authors of those books to meet with instructors and students who’ve studied their work. Thea is now working as an editor at the U. of Maryland, having graduated from the Iowa Writers’ Workshop (where she was a Capote Fellow in poetry) in 2011. Her first chapbook of poems, *We Are Fantastic*, was published by Petri Press in January.”

From Los Angeles, CA, **Daniela Galarza** (gdg22@cornell.edu) writes, “After graduation, I immediately enrolled at New York’s French Culinary Inst., where I completed a pastry certificate program with distinction. Then I moved to France to study pastry and bread for a year. After that, I lived and worked as a pastry chef in NYC (under chefs David Burke and Michael White). Five years ago, I moved to L.A., where I now work as an associate editor at *Los Angeles* magazine in the food

Aquariums, a full-service custom aquarium business on the eastern end of Long Island, providing both salt and freshwater aquascapes. Vanessa writes, “Business has been steadily growing within the commercial and residential industries. Working as a husband and wife team we have been able to balance work and family responsibilities and focus on our strengths. I like to say that Matt is the talent and I add the sparkle. I’m in charge of the business and marketing aspect of the business, and Matt, as a marine biologist, makes beautiful showpieces for his customers. We feel so blessed that we can both do what we love and do it together. I am also currently a leader applicant with the La Leche League of Southampton, NY. I enjoy being with other like-minded mothers who want to build a strong nursing relationship with their children.” Matt and Vanessa are the proud parents of Emily, 2, and expect to expand their family shortly. In Chicago, **Alexis Anderson Lavko** (aka7@cornell.edu) and her husband welcomed son Raymond on November 26, 2012.

Out of space! Congratulations to all on your many personal and professional accomplishments! If you didn’t see your news in this column, it will appear next time. Send news to: ■ **Anne Jones-Leeson**, CU2004Correspondent@gmail.com, or at the online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

05 We’re short on updates in this issue, but that doesn’t mean our classmates aren’t up to amazing things in their lives and careers. At a recent event held for high school students accepted to Cornell from the East Bay area of Northern California, I sat on a panel with three of our classmates: **Ray Huang**, **Andy Riesenber**, and **Meredith Kratzer Sellers**. Just out of coincidence, the Class of 2005 was really well-represented at this event. I think we all felt a bit nostalgic listening to everyone’s memories of our time on the Hill. It was really great to catch up with Andy, whom I hadn’t seen in eight years.

On January 12, 2013, one of my very first Cornell friends, **Ashley Berke**, married John McGinnis. She also recently started a new job that is a perfect combination of everything she loves: Director of Communication for the U. of Pennsylvania

School of Veterinary Medicine. Double congrats, Ashley! **Quin Garcia '04** (AEM) has recently returned to his Bay Area roots. Says Quin, "After five years with Better Place Inc., and the past three years living in China, I just moved back to Silicon Valley to form an automotive tech investment fund and reconnect with friends and family." While living in China, Quin traveled all over China, Tibet, Korea, Japan, the Philippines, Cambodia, Thailand, and Vietnam. He recently saw **Nicki Kravec '06** in Bangkok and has stayed in close contact with many brothers from Sigma Pi fraternity. Quin, we're in the same time zone again—let's meet up!

Danielle Terrazas Williams recently completed her PhD in history from Duke U. and will be a post-doctoral fellow at Princeton starting in fall 2013. Congrats, Danielle! In August 2012, **Natalie Hooper**, BArch '07, began pursuing her MBA at

graduated this year with an MBA and a master's in public policy. As a new graduate, Anna is looking for improvement or program management roles in service delivery systems (education, child welfare, health, etc.). "My fiancé and I will be traveling to Ireland in June and then on to Jordan for a week to visit my father's family. Once we settle in our new city, with new jobs all around (hopefully), we plan on buying new motorcycles to continue our love of riding." **Amir Noorani** recently graduated from the USC film school, where he received an MFA in directing. Amir is a visual effects and motion graphics producer at the Ant Farm in Hollywood, CA, and his USC thesis film has been accepted to more than ten festivals worldwide. Amir adds, "Between traveling to various film festivals to promote my thesis film, *SHAYA*, I also finished filming a documentary in Tokyo, Japan."

do a national tour with some local bands. Check us out at www.awmerigo-go.com." Nathan has also been working on his second musical, "a dark dramedy called 'Even the Sun.'"

J DeMeo in finishing a tour with the Air Force in Germany and moving to San Antonio, TX. He has traveled Europe extensively and keeps in touch with **Seth Wander**, **Kyle Hengel**, **Andrea Wagner**, **Peter Gregg**, **Meaza Solomon**, **Carlos Pichardo**, and **Desiree Pichardo**. **Jason Levine** writes, "In June, I was ordained as a rabbi after five years studying at Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati, OH. I hope to be performing weddings for many Cornellians in the future!" **Jack Cogna** is an associate producer for Major League Baseball Network. "I got married in August 2012! I also recently won two Sports Emmy Awards for Outstanding Daily Studio Sports Show!" Congrats, Jack!

Speaking of weddings, we've had a lot of them lately! **Nicole Eason** (AAP) married **Greg Collins** (A&S) on April 13, 2013. The couple met during Cornell Days as prospective students in 2002. On July 28, 2012, **Tom Di Liberto** and **Gretchen Goldman** married at Sage Chapel. The wedding party included **Christopher Legro**, **Sherin Varghese**, **Kimberly Cuozzo**, and **Anita Gajjala**. Many other Cornellians were in attendance, from the classes of 1979 to 2008. Gretchen adds, "The wedding party entered the reception at the Ithaca Farmers' Market to the tune of 'Give my Regards to Davy,' and the Alma Mater was sung by all alums present." **Richard** and **Donna Wankmueller Galati '05** were married on January 12, 2013 in Roslyn, NY. Rich and Donna met as freshmen in ILR in 2002 and began dating in 2010. There were nearly 20 Cornellians at the wedding, including classmates Jack Cogna, who was in the wedding party, **Justin Teo**, and **Christine McInni**. The couple went to Australia and New Zealand on their honeymoon. Keep sending us your news—we love to hear from you. ✉ **Tory Lauterbach**, VML8@cornell.edu; **Katie DiCiccio**, kad46@cornell.edu; **Nicole DeGrace**, ngd4@cornell.edu.

‘Thomas Murray is teaching middle school students how to design and build solar-powered cars.’

Rammy Salem '10

MIT's Sloan School of Management. She hopes to start a career in real estate development. **Joseph Champagne**, BArch '07, if you're reading this column, Natalie would like to hear from you! As part of a recent pitch for updates, we asked classmates what they brought with them when they moved to North Campus. I lugged a huge desktop and boxy monitor. Natalie recalls bringing a huge binder of CDs. Finally, after nearly a decade of fighting the impulse, **Chris Sasiadek** went ahead and applied to law school. He was accepted, but as of press time has not decided whether or not to accept the offer of admission. What will he do? Be sure to check this column to find out!

Be sure to continue sending us your life updates! Family news, career news, volunteer spotlights—we're happy to hear from you. FYI, not too long ago, Facebook migrated our Class of 2005 group to page status. Unfortunately, we lost all of our members during this process, so please "Like" the new "Cornell University Class of 2005" page on Facebook. (Tangent: Among my box of random things from Cornell, I recently found a *Cornell Daily Sun* article from March 9, 2004, announcing that Cornell had joined "thefacebook.com.") Stay in touch! ✉ **Michelle Wong**, mrw29@cornell.edu; **Hilary Johnson**, haj4@cornell.edu; **Johnny Chen**, jc362@cornell.edu.

06 Hello, Class of '06! I have careers on the brain this summer because I, **Tory Lauterbach**, recently left my job at the D.C. office of Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft to join the energy law boutique of Wright and Talisman, which is also in D.C. Perhaps more interesting than my job move is that over St. Patrick's Day weekend, I ran my first half-marathon. But enough about me, let's see what exciting career moves our classmates are making this year.

Anna Kawar worked for the Inst. for Healthcare Improvement in Boston for four years before attending graduate school at Duke U., where she

Anna Domask is studying materials science and engineering at Penn State. "I defended my Master of Science degree in June 2012, passed my department's (very challenging) candidacy exam, and am therefore officially working toward my PhD here at PSU." Anna sends a big shout-out to all her fellow 2006 MatSE grads, many of whom have recently finished their PhDs. "Congrats, guys! Keep making our department proud!"

Many Cornell '06 lawyers are making waves lately. **Stefano** and **Rebecca Southworth Caprara '07**, BArch '07, recently opened Caprara Law, a full-service business law firm located in the Greater Boston area. Prior to moving to Watertown, MA, the couple traveled extensively, living and working in Italy, Singapore, and Canada. **Vanessa Clarke**, JD '12, recently became an associate at Stroock & Stroock & Lavan LLP after passing the New York Bar exam in July 2012. **Lauren Popovitch** is an attorney in Boston, MA, and keeps in touch with **Jason Hnatko '05**.

Brittani Rettig is a managing consultant in IBM's Global Business Services consulting practice. After graduating, she worked in human resources and then earned her MBA from Harvard Business School. Brittani now lives in Texas, but spends lots of time with her friends in NYC! "I've taken up fitness instruction as a serious hobby, which prompted me to start a wellness blog (www.gritbybrit.com) and to create an original exercise DVD called 'GRIT by Brit Ultimate Body Burn.' It's for sale on Amazon!" **EJ Track** recently moved to Pittsburgh, PA, to live closer to wife **Eve Schaming's** family. "Eve is working as a veterinarian, and I am still working for McMaster-Carr, but transferred from their Atlanta branch to their Cleveland, OH, branch. It's a bit of a commute, but a great job and I am happy to continue to work for them." **Nathan Windsor** (formerly known as Nate Smith) works in music, fine art, and acting, and says he is always looking to network with Cornellians (you can get in touch with him at IamNathanWindsor@gmail.com). "I have been playing New York City clubs with my band, Amerigo-Go, and we're about to

07 We're looking forward to receiving your latest round of news from the recent class mailings, and hope you'll keep the Class Notes in the mix as you stay in touch with classmates. Send an e-mail, return the hard copy News Form, or hit the Send key at the online news form (<http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>), and we'll include your news here.

Ben Crovella (ben.crovella@gmail.com) writes from New York, NY: "After leaving the Marine Corps, I became a trader at Citigroup for two years. This fall, I'm headed to the U. of Pennsylvania's Wharton School to pursue an MBA. I hope to connect with other Cornellians who are already there or will be starting school with me." In May, **Lauren Trakimas** (trakimle@umd.edu) graduated from the U. of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey's School of Osteopathic Medicine with her D.O. degree. "I'm going to be a surgeon and am starting my residency training at East Carolina U. in Greenville in July." Keep in touch! ✉ **Nina Terrero**, nt58@cornell.edu; **Dana Scolnick**, drs45@cornell.edu.

08 By the time you read this, we'll have had our 5th Reunion. Hope everyone who made it had a great time on the Hill catching up with old friends

and making new ones! A report on Reunion Week-end will appear in our next column.

We'll have gotten many updates in person in June, but here are a few more achievements to share in this edition's column. **Jeff Palmer** is in the Marine Corps stationed at Marine Corps Air Station in Cherry Point, NC: "I am a judge advocate, currently serving as a prosecutor. I prosecute Marines for commission of misdemeanor and felony level crimes." Both Jeff and **Seth Engel, JD '11**, were promoted to First Lieutenant last August by the current Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps, Gen. **John Paxton '73, ME '74**.

After graduating with an Architecture degree and spending a few years at NYC firms, **Jerry Hum, BArch '10**, wanted to try something different. "So I picked up coding and moved to the heart of the startup scene in San Francisco. Since June 2012, I've started a new business venture, TouchOfModern.com, with fellow Cornellian and fraternity brother **Dennis Liu**." The startup is all about sharing extraordinary designs by bringing customers beautiful, high-quality, hand-picked products from around the world at unbeatable prices. Their philosophy: that everyone should have the opportunity to enjoy modern designs. Check out their website for more information: <http://www.touchofmodern.com/i/92ZY7RVZ>.

Xinran "Leo" Liu received his medical degree from the Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth in June, and was selected as a Rolf C. Syvertsen Scholar for the 2012-13 year based on his academic achievement, leadership qualities, personal attributes, and community involvement. The award was chosen by faculty committee in recognition of his future commitment not only to the practice of medicine, but also to community health improvement through education. While at Dartmouth, Leo has focused a great deal of energy on medical education, both for fellow medical students and for the public at large.

As always, please send us your news. We'd love to hear about your life happenings! More about Reunion in the Sept/Oct issue. ☑ **Libby Boymel**, lkb24@cornell.edu; **Elana Beale**, erb26@cornell.edu.

09 Congratulations to **Cassie Hitchner** (kwh23@cornell.edu), who has founded a Finger Lakes wine brand available in New York City called On-The-Spot Wines (<http://onthespotwines.com/>). She writes, "So far, there are three wines within this brand, with each wine coming from a different Finger Lakes vineyard. As you'll notice on the website, the labels all feature a different 'New Yorker' character, aiming to engage younger consumers and make New York State wine more popular. I decided to start the wine brand because after spending my college years upstate and moving to NYC, I discovered how difficult Finger Lakes wines were to find. Not only did I want to create a brand that supports local vineyards, but I wanted to offer wines that demonstrate some of the Finger Lakes less known varietals that please the palate and come at an affordable price (about \$12 a bottle). Stay tuned for more wines coming soon!"

From **Brandon Lemesh** (BML37@cornell.edu): "I am wrapping up my job and life in New York City as I prepare to move to Durham, NC, to attend the Fuqua School of Business at Duke U., starting August 1. I've met one other Cornellian from NYC attending as well, and I'm very excited!" In NYC, Brandon has volunteered with the

Alumni Admissions Ambassador Network (CAAAN), with NYC Cornellians, and as an emergency medical technician with Central Park Medical Unit. He regularly keeps in touch and hangs out with his former Linden Ave. housemates **Sam Schueler**, **Ryan O'Halloran**, **Adam Chin**, **Michael Tomechko**, **Karl Bitz**, and **Rich Andino**.

Coincidentally, Michael Tomechko (mt62987@gmail.com) wrote from White Plains, NY. "I began working for Tishman Construction, an Aecom company, in February 2013 after completing two years of employment with FedEx Express. At Tishman, I am an assistant field superintendent at the One World Trade Center Project, the symbolic building nearing completion at Ground Zero in New York to stand at 1776 feet, the tallest building in the Western Hemisphere. In addition, ever since Hurricane Sandy struck New York and the surrounding region I have been volunteering with Rebuild Staten Island Foundation, a nonprofit founded in the wake of Hurricane Sandy. I sit on the board of the nonprofit and work weekly on helping residents in Staten Island's hardest hit regions return to their normal lives. I also volunteer with the Eastchester (NY) Volunteer Ambulance Corps as an EMT/driver and am involved with the building upkeep and maintenance, as well as the upkeep of the grounds and memorial garden that I designed and installed in remembrance of all of our members who have gone before us."

Thanks for your news! Write us anytime—by e-mail, on the hard copy News Form, or at the online news form (<http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>). ☑ **Caroline Newton**, cmn35@cornell.edu; **Julie Cantor**, jlc252@cornell.edu.

10 Happy summer, Class of 2010! Most of you should be roasting in the sweltering heat by now, especially if you are in Australia, which is experiencing its hottest summer on record so far. Seeing as how last summer set many heat records in the United States, if you're stateside you're probably not missing out on the heat either. I know that as Cornellians we are workaholics by nature, but it's important to take a break to nourish and rejuvenate your mind and body. So get outside, soak up the sun, and enjoy!

One idea would be to travel to Hawaii, and while there be sure to catch some waves with **Harrison Tsai**, who is living the island lifestyle in Maui while expanding on projects as a Web and graphic designer and social media consultant. Another classmate who will surely be reveling in the outdoors is **Kayla Altland**, who started substitute teaching this past fall and is working at a national park over the summer as a tour guide. Those of you looking to revitalize your summer wardrobes can take advantage of **Star Li's** new startup, Lendperk, which allows people to rent dresses on a monthly subscription. She started this venture on the heels of selling the mobile app she created last year. After graduation, **David Martin Warsinger**, ME '10, stayed at Cornell for a master's and spent about a year and a half as an engineer at ARUP before returning to school for a PhD at MIT in mechanical engineering. His research area is renewable energy and water. For career and academic publishing purposes, David added his mother's maiden name, Warsinger, as his new last name. He is also studying entrepreneurship and getting involved with and possibly co-founding technology startup companies. David's fiancée is a medical student at UMD.

Also looking to counter the effect of greenhouse gases before they get cataclysmic, **Thomas Murray**, E.I.T., helps clients solve some of the energy industry's most pressing challenges by providing rigorous engineering and financial analysis as a senior consultant with Navigant. His work enables clients to deploy renewable energy and energy efficient technology, reduce CO₂ emissions and fossil fuel dependence, and establish policy objectives. One project of note in which Thomas is involved is leading the analysis of operational improvement data collected by the Dept. of Energy's Smart Grid investment grant program, the results of which will inform US electric utilities about what technologies they should invest in to reduce both costs and pollutants. Outside of work, Thomas is inspiring students to become engineers. Currently, he is sharing his passion for engineering and renewable energy by teaching middle school students how to design and build solar-powered cars after school. We would like to congratulate Thomas on being chosen by the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) as a 2013 New Faces of Engineering Finalist. The New Faces of Engineering program highlights the interesting and unique work of young engineers and the resulting impact on society.

Soon-to-be lawyer **Arjun Sivakumar** took an alternative spring break in Miami, where he helped reform the misdemeanor court system to prevent defendants from unwittingly accepting "withdrawals" that actually leave marks on their permanent records. After graduating law school and taking the Bar Exam, Arjun will be traveling extensively in the British Isles prior to putting his diverse Arts and Sciences education to good use by working at Brown Rudnick, one of New York City's top restructuring law firms, in the fall. In February, Navy Lt. j.g. **Christopher Jibilian** was recently designated a Naval Aviator while serving at Naval Air Station Kingsville, TX. He was presented with the "Wings of Gold," marking the culmination of months of flight training that included basic studies in engineering and navigation, training flights in simulators, aircraft familiarizations, basic and advanced instrument training, extended navigation flights, and landings and takeoffs aboard an aircraft carrier.

Lyla Rudgers Furey and husband **Dan** are deployed in eastern Afghanistan with the 10th Mountain Division in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Dan is serving as infantry support to security forces advise and assist teams. Lyla is the officer in charge of intelligence for a special troops battalion that provides route clearance, military police, signal, and intelligence support to operations. Dan would like to thank Cornell's Kappa Delta for the box of Valentine's Day cards his platoon received. Lyla and Dan are looking forward to coming home to non-shelf-stable milk, hot showers, weekends, blue jeans, and Cornell friends. We wish them a safe and speedy return.

For those of you who pride yourselves in embodying Cornell's unofficial "work hard, play hard" mantra, please let us know what you've been up to so we can include you in upcoming columns. Send your updates to either of us at: ☑ **Rammy Salem**, rms84@cornell.edu; **Mike Beyman**, mjb262@cornell.edu.

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12 After graduating with a double major in Psychology and Economics, **Andy Tran** began a nine-month, grueling job hunt. His perseverance paid off, however: he recently started a new full-time job at an education-based nonprofit as a research assistant, relocating from California to join numerous Cornell classmates living in New York City. Andy has maintained many friendships from his time living in Keeton House since his sophomore year.

Have you ever thought about adopting a pet? Do you already have a pet or two? As an aspiring blogger and a first-time pet parent, **Jessica Shipman** merged these interests to produce the blog *Beagles and Bargains* (www.beaglesandbargains.com) with her rescue dog, Luna. Journey with them as Jessica learns how to be a pet parent for the first time to her adorable Beagle/Pug mix, who enjoys eating everything from peanut butter to Kindles. *Beagles and Bargains* aims to share tips to help pet owners survive pet parenthood without breaking the bank (ideal for recent college grads!). She urges classmates to visit her blog to share in their laughs and lessons and would love to hear about your experiences as a pet owner.

Edie Feinstein moved to New Orleans after graduation, but has not left Cornell far behind, as she is living with fellow 2012er **Sara Cullen**. Edie is working for an educational software company called *Kickboard* (www.kickboardforteachers.com). Additionally, she is a fellow in a program called *Venture for America* (www.ventureforamerica.org), which aims to revitalize American cities and communities through entrepreneurship by enabling our best and brightest to create new opportunities for themselves and others. She says, "Get in touch if you're interested in applying!" Edie has also been working on a food blog called *Eating with Edie* (www.eatingwithedie.com). Check it out to peruse her many mouth-watering recipes!

Michael Dezube is in Newton, MA. **Ujjiji Davis** works for the Central Park Conservancy in New York City as an assistant landscape architect, supervising and managing the construction of playgrounds. She adds that in March, she presented a paper on race relations and inner city public education at the INTED Int'l Conference on Technology, Education, and Development in Valencia, Spain. The paper is published on the INTED website. Rounding out a busy few months, Ujjiji also volunteered on Career Day at the Young Women's Leadership School in Brooklyn.

As always, we love to hear from you via e-mail or on the Class of 2012 Facebook page. Don't be a stranger—please keep in touch and send us your updates! ■ **Peggy Ramin**, mar335@cornell.edu; and **Emily Cusick**, egc43@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>. CAM Digital Edition, <http://www.cornellalumnimagazine-digital.com>.

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'31-32 GR—**Donald D. Hinman**, Gold Beach, OR, December 22, 2012

'33—**Violet Spencer Schoff**, Tully, NY, January 9, 2011

'34 BS HE—**Elizabeth Bell Powell**, Rochester, NY, March 15, 2013

'34 BA, LLB '44—**Lauretta D. Robinson**, Delray Beach, FL, October 25, 2012

'34 BA—**Ethel Mannheimer Schatz**, Los Angeles, CA, December 26, 2012

'35—**Dorothea Combs Lamson**, Greensboro, NC, March 3, 2013

'36 BME—**John P. Bracht**, Munroe Falls, OH, February 10, 2013

'36 BA—**Howard T. Heintz**, Chevy Chase, MD, March 7, 2013

'36 BA—**Eslie Nelson Rappeport**, Philadelphia, PA, October 29, 2008

'37 BA—**Irving M. Friedman**, New York City, March 7, 2013

'37 BA—**Harvey Slatin**, Stamford, NY, February 23, 2013

'37 BS Ag—**Robert F. Winship**, Knoxville, TN, January 4, 2013

'37—**Herbert M. Ziff**, Elmira, NY, November 17, 2012

'38 MEE—**Walter H. Fush**, Fort Lauderdale, FL, January 29, 2013

'38 BS Ag, MS Ag '48—**Earle W. Helmer**, Concord, NC, December 13, 2010

'38, BS Ag '39—**Marion Wilcox Louvet**, New Hartford, NY, April 1, 2013

'38 BS Ag, PhD '50—**Jerome K. Pasto**, State College, PA, March 17, 2013

'38 BA—**Ann Rosenberg**, Sleepy Hollow, NY, March 4, 2013

'38 BS Ag—**Hezekiah G. Webster Jr.**, Clark Mills, NY, June 14, 2009

'39 BA—**Frederick A. Reimers**, Branford, CT, February 28, 2013

1940s

'40 BFA—**Elfriede M. Abbe**, Manchester Center, VT, December 31, 2012

'40, BS Ag '41—**Beatrice Dutky Arons**, Omaha, NE, January 30, 2013

'40, MS Ag '41—**Ivanetta Hughes Davis**, Nashville, TN, January 14, 2013

'40 BA—**Janet Greenwood**, Burlington, VT, September 25, 2012

'40 BA—**Philip Mandel**, Jupiter, FL, February 10, 2013

'40 BS Ag—**Willard E. Ossont**, New Hartford, NY, February 13, 2013

'40 MA—**Louise Palmer Painter**, Genoa City, WI, November 30, 2012

'40 BA—**Kathryn Moore Ring**, Bozeman, MT, December 31, 2012

'40—**Francis G. Shepardson**, Lakeland, FL, January 4, 2013

'40 BS Hotel—**Albert D. Sikes**, Hendersonville, NC, July 31, 2011

'41 BS HE—**Dorothy Brayton Bettinger**, Adamstown, MD, January 3, 2013

'41 BA—**Barbara Schnapp Eisen**, Gainesville, FL, March 17, 2013

'41 BA—**Bernard Goodman**, Princeton Junction, NJ, January 17, 2013

'41—**Warren Heilbron**, Rye, NY, February 5, 2013

'41 BS HE—**Sylvia Margolis Leeds Kaufman**, Boca Raton, FL, January 21, 2013

'41 MD—**C. Everett Koop**, Hanover, NH, February 25, 2013

'41—**Barbara Mindlin Lee**, Newton, MA, December 30, 2012

'41 BA—**Florence Miller Mandel**, Jupiter, FL, September 5, 2009

'41 BA—**Winifred Alsup Murck**, Seattle, WA, April 4, 2013

'41 BS Ag, DVM '44—**Morris L. Povar**, Boca Raton, FL, March 22, 2013

'41 BA—**Marvin Shapiro**, Roslyn Heights, NY, September 4, 2008

'41 MD—**Richard B. Stark**, Stuart, FL, January 25, 2008

'42 BA—**Estelle Mulwitz Barrett**, Sarasota, FL, February 2, 2013

'42-44 GR—**Walter H. Cobbs Jr.**, Salem, VA, January 15, 2013

'42 BS Ag—**George W. Durkee**, Clifton Springs, NY, December 12, 2012

'42 BS Ag—**Harry M. Hoose**, Sun City Center, FL, January 31, 2013

'42 MD—**Robert M. Kiskaddon**, Punta Gorda, FL, March 24, 2013

'42 BCE—**Paul W. Leighton**, Scottsdale, AZ, February 4, 2013

'42—**Robert G. Meyler Jr.**, Encino, CA, February 5, 2013

'42 LLB—**Mary Sproat Sullivan**, New Smyrna Beach, FL, March 15, 2013

'42 BME—**C. Roy Tunison**, Bradenton, FL, December 3, 2012

'42 BS Ag, MS Ag '47—**James H. Whitaker**, Bowie, MD, January 19, 2013

- '43 BCE—**Bernard P. Aisenberg**, New York City, October 17, 2012
 '43 BS Ag, PhD '51—**Richard C. Back**, Rome, NY, March 31, 2013
 '43 BS Chem E—**Robert J. Fritz**, Pembroke, NH, March 1, 2013
 '43 BA—**Robert S. Gordon**, Woodbridge, CT, February 15, 2013
 '43 BS Hotel—**Paul R. Handlery**, San Mateo, CA, January 26, 2013
 '43—**Lawrence J. Healy Jr.**, Homosassa, FL, March 5, 2013
 '43 BArch—**Henry Klein**, Mount Vernon, WA, March 5, 2013
 '43 MS Ag, PhD '46—**Earle W. Klosterman**, Wooster, OH, January 1, 2013
 '43 BS Hotel—**Myron Linz**, Scarsdale, NY, October 15, 2012
 '43 MD—**James W. Newell**, Palo Alto, CA, December 22, 2012
 '43 BA—**Mary-Elizabeth Taylor**, Rockwell, Dayton, OH, December 16, 2012
 '43—**Carl A. Shem Jr.**, Atlanta, GA, February 18, 2013
 '43—**Constance Luhr**, Turnbull, Valley Falls, NY, February 3, 2013
- '44, BA '48—**Richard E. Artschwager**, Hudson, NY, February 9, 2013
 '44 BS HE—**Barbara Flagg**, Atlee, Jacksonville, FL, February 26, 2013
 '44—**Jean Slaughter**, Davis, Pittsburgh, PA, January 24, 2013
 '44, PhD '60—**Peter H. Langer**, Saskatoon, SK, October 25, 2012
 '44 BS Ag—**Lloyd A. Putnam**, The Villages, FL, November 2, 2012
 '44 BS Ag—**Ruth Cosline**, Rhynedance, Fairview, NC, November 29, 2012
 '44 BA—**Charlotte Licht**, Smallwood-Cook, Warsaw, NY, January 26, 2013
 '44, BArch '47—**David B. Spalding**, Gainesville, FL, December 18, 2012
 '44 PhD—**Irving A. Spaulding**, Durham, NC, May 12, 2010
 '44-47 GR—**Robert N. Whitehead**, Aptos, CA, January 25, 2013
- '45—**Elbert H. Baker III**, Hudson, OH, May 31, 2012
 '45, BS Ag '44—**Sonja Kramarsky**, Binkhorst, New York City, Feb. 6, 2013
 '45, BS HE '44—**Elizabeth Rogers**, Board, Spring Lake Heights, NJ, March 20, 2013
 '45, BS HE '44—**Catherine F. Burton**, Vernon, NY, January 16, 2013
 '45, BCE '44—**David E. Carter**, Dowling Park, FL, March 15, 2013
 '45 MD—**Harold J. Delchamps Jr.**, Los Angeles, CA, August 31, 2012
 '45 BA—**Esther McPherson**, Donahue, Pittsburgh, PA, February 4, 2013
 '45—**William D. Eaton**, Wichita, KS, August 28, 2011
 '45, BME '47—**Morton Eydenberg**, Roslyn Heights, NY, March 29, 2013
 '45 DVM—**John D. Goebel**, Palm Beach Gardens, FL, February 7, 2013
 '45, BA '43, MD '47—**Ernest Gosline**, Clinton, NY, April 8, 2013
 '45, BS Hotel '48—**Stanley Johnson**, Ponte Vedra Beach, FL, Feb. 28, 2013
 '45 BA—**Edward M. Kresky**, New York City, January 23, 2013
 '45—**Charles H. Latrobe III**, Baltimore, MD, February 16, 2013
 '45 BME—**Herbert E. Miller**, Fort Washington, PA, January 25, 2013
 '45 MS—**Mavis C. Nymon**, Fargo, ND, March 3, 2013
 '45, BS Ag '49—**Reuben Pannor**, Pacific Palisades, CA, December 22, 2012
 '45, BA '47—**George D. Rautenberg**, Newton, MA, April 3, 2013
 '45 BS Ag—**Elsie Sheffer**, Thomas, Sarasota, FL, January 11, 2013
 '45—**Arthur M. Wish**, Hingham, MA, March 10, 2013
 '45, BS HE '44—**Alma Huber**, Whittemore, Aiken, SC, December 24, 2012
- '46, BS HE '45—**Beatrice O'Brien**, Contant, Waterloo, NY, Jan. 22, 2013
 '46—**William D. Crim Jr.**, Saline, MI, February 19, 2013
 '46, BS Chem E '45, PhD '49—**John P. Fraser**, Houston, TX, Feb. 23, 2013
 '46, BS Ag '49—**David L. Gale**, Rutland, VT, March 20, 2013
 '46, BEE '45—**James W. Johnstone Jr.**, Wynnewood, PA, January 3, 2013
 '46 BA—**Arlene Tucker**, Levin, Southampton, NY, January 7, 2013
 '46 BS Ag—**James E. Mapes**, Colorado Springs, CO, December 15, 2012
 '46, BME '45—**Murray A. Sanders**, Boca Raton, FL, February 19, 2013
 '46, BS HE '45—**Joan Marquart**, Seastrand, Woodstock, GA, Feb. 3, 2013
 '46 PhD—**James E. Seaver**, Lawrence, KS, March 14, 2011
 '46 BCE—**Stuart H. Snyder**, Schenectady, NY, February 22, 2013
- '47 BEE—**Paul W. Albertson**, Racine, WI, February 13, 2013
 '47—**Marjorie Montrose**, Ault, Phoenix, AZ, January 23, 2013
 '47 PhD—**Horace R. Baxman**, Rio Rancho, NM, February 5, 2013
 '47 BA—**Jay H. Cipes**, Encino, CA, February 1, 2013
 '47 BS ILR—**William J. Dewitt Jr.**, Oberlin, OH, February 19, 2013
 '47, BA '48—**William E. Doheny**, Titusville, FL, February 10, 2013
 '47 BEE—**Arthur G. Forster**, Kenmore, NY, January 14, 2013
 '47 MS HE—**Charlotte Krevitsky**, Hurwitz, Glenview, IL, January 20, 2013
 '47 BEE—**Walter W. Merkel Jr.**, Columbus, IN, January 28, 2013
 '47, BA '48—**Jerome G. Rose**, Princeton, NJ, April 5, 2013
 '47 BS Ag—**Lester H. Vollmer**, Central Square, NY, December 18, 2012
 '47, BA '48, MBA '49—**Lewis H. Williamson**, Boca Raton, FL, April 15, 2012
- '48 BME—**Lenard J. Baritz**, Highland Park, IL, March 6, 2013
 '48 BS Ag—**Walter M. Baurle**, Dryden, NY, December 26, 2012
- '48 MS Ag—**Blossom Siegel**, Branton, Palo Alto, CA, February 23, 2013
 '48 BEE—**Edward F. Brenner**, Boca Raton, FL, December 27, 2012
 '48—**Doris Solondz**, Casper, Philadelphia, PA, January 2, 2013
 '48 BA—**Judith Pless**, Constable, Darien, CT, February 9, 2013
 '48 BEE, BME '49—**Harry F. Cramer**, St. Augustine, FL, January 16, 2011
 '48 MS HE—**Judith Banton**, Crispell, Dryden, NY, February 5, 2013
 '48 BS HE—**Elisabeth Delano**, Donauer, Knoxville, TN, March 20, 2013
 '48—**Roger W. Gleason**, Groton, NY, March 7, 2013
 '48, BME '49—**Robert L. Greenberg**, South Hadley, MA, January 6, 2013
 '48 BA—**Richard B. Hanes**, Charlotte, NC, January 16, 2013
 '48, BS Ag '49—**Ann Sze Kao**, San Leandro, CA, March 8, 2012
 '48 BME—**Thaddeus W. Lasiewicz**, South Barrington, IL, March 6, 2013
 '48 BA—**Ernest S. Mathews**, Boston, MA, December 30, 2012
 '48 BCE—**William R. McCurdy**, Fort Lauderdale, FL, September 17, 2012
 '48 SP Ag—**Max E. Melville**, Denver, CO, February 21, 2013
 '48 BS ILR—**William L. More**, Cockeysville, MD, March 16, 2013
 '48 BS Ag—**Martin J. Pine**, Buffalo, NY, January 1, 2013
 '48 MA—**Carolyn Litwin**, Rothschild, Millburn, NJ, January 8, 2013
 '48 BA—**Harold M. Schmeck Jr.**, North Chatham, MA, April 1, 2013
 '48, BS ILR '46—**Shirley Scorse**, Smith, Tampa, FL, January 30, 2012
 '48 BME—**Thomas S. Stevens II**, Wilmington, DE, March 3, 2013
 '48-50 SP Ag—**Blair L. True**, Perry, NY, January 3, 2013
 '48 MEd—**Paul R. Warnick**, Williamsport, PA, February 10, 2013
 '48 MBA—**Stephen J. Welsh**, Middlebury, VT, December 17, 2012
 '48, BA '49—**Hans Wynberg**, Midlaren, Netherlands, May 25, 2011
- '49 BS ORIE—**Eugene F. Billington**, Elbridge, NY, December 30, 2012
 '49 BS Hotel, MS Hotel '57—**John J. Bilon**, Sherwood, AR, Feb. 9, 2013
 '49 BS HE—**Janet Molin**, Brown, Jupiter, FL, March 4, 2013
 '49 MCE—**Robert T. Chuck**, Honolulu, HI, December 27, 2012
 '49 BS ILR—**Edward F. Culverhouse**, Somersworth, NH, Dec. 13, 2012
 '49—**Robert W. Dupar**, Palm Desert, CA, January 12, 2013
 '49 BS ILR—**John M. Gale**, Pottstown, PA, March 23, 2009
 '49 BA—**Patricia Ladd**, Herman, Long Beach, CA, December 2, 2012
 '49 BA—**Dorothy Bruce**, Hicock, Garrattsville, NY, March 29, 2013
 '49 BA—**Roy B. Lawrence**, San Diego, CA, August 22, 2011
 '49, BA '50—**Douglas B. McLean**, Naples, FL, January 10, 2013
 '49 BME—**Harvey E. Miller**, New York City, December 15, 2012
 '49 BS Ag—**Gordon R. Nesbitt**, Roswell, NM, January 26, 2013
 '49 LLB—**Henry B. Nesbitt**, Palmyra, NY, April 9, 2013
 '49 BA—**Florence Lehman**, Nichols, Exeter, NH, January 15, 2013
 '49 BME—**Charles A. Peek Jr.**, Penn Yan, NY, February 19, 2013
 '49 DVM—**Harry E. Reddick Jr.**, Dos Palos, CA, January 14, 2013
 '49 MFS, PhD '53—**Andrew C. Rice**, Penn Yan, NY, January 16, 2013
 '49 BA—**Lois Gallo**, Schmeck, North Chatham, MA, March 10, 2010
 '49 BS Hotel—**Carl R. Stanway**, Boynton Beach, FL, May 21, 2007
 '49 BS HE—**Norma Keagle**, Thompson, Rochester, NY, December 17, 2012
 '49 MA, PhD '53—**Bernard Wand**, Ottawa, ON, September 9, 2012

1950s

- '50 BS Ag—**Fillmore K. Bagatell**, Phoenix, AZ, March 2, 2013
 '50 MA—**Harlan G. H. Bartram**, Boulder, CO, December 24, 2012
 '50 BS Ag, MFS '51—**Arnold D. Cohen**, White Plains, NY, March 27, 2013
 '50 BME—**Malcolm L. Edwardsen**, Pineville, NC, April 2, 2013
 '50 BS ILR—**Jack Erie**, North Andover, MA, December 31, 2012
 '50 BS Hotel—**Albert W. Gentner Jr.**, Portland, OR, March 10, 2013
 '50 BS Ag—**David Gibson Jr.**, Brandon, VT, March 8, 2013
 '50 B Chem E—**Paul C. Goundry**, Katy, TX, May 3, 2012
 '50 BS Ag—**James H. Hume Jr.**, Batavia, NY, April 1, 2013
 '50 BME—**Richard O. Leinbach**, Somerset, NJ, December 12, 2012
 '50 B Chem E—**Somerled Macdonald**, Southern Pines, NC, Dec. 21, 2012
 '50 BS Hotel—**Richard G. Mino**, Hartsdale, NY, September 13, 2012
 '50 LLB—**John C. Osborn**, Pittsford, NY, April 13, 2013
 '50 BEE—**William F. Pearson**, Manchester, NJ, March 17, 2013
 '50 BS Ag—**Oscar H. Pease**, Manlius, NY, February 5, 2013
 '50 DVM—**Robert P. Raemsch**, Concord, NH, January 25, 2013
 '50 BEE—**Edward C. Rafferty**, Easton, PA, April 1, 2013
 '50 BS HE—**Ruth L. Rappenecker**, Tulsa, OK, October 23, 2012
 '50 BA—**Richard F. Reid**, Shelburne, VT, February 6, 2013
 '50 BA, PhD '54—**William B. Rowan**, Greensboro, NC, January 15, 2013
 '50 DVM—**Robert J. Stack**, Syracuse, NY, February 8, 2013
 '50 BS HE—**Barbara Voorhees**, Taylor, Rye, NY, September 22, 2012
 '50 B Chem E—**Donald D. Threlkeld**, Pearland, TX, October 26, 2012
 '50 BS Ag—**William Trimmingham**, Hope, AK, December 13, 2012
 '50 BS Nurs—**Barbara Conroy**, Vervaet, Cornwall, NY, February 10, 2013

- '51, BCE '52—Dwight W. Balnis, Orchard Park, NY, January 4, 2013
 '51 BS Ag, MEd '61—George L. Berner, Cobleskill, NY, February 14, 2013
 '51, BME '54—Robert F. Boehm, Chenango Forks, NY, January 10, 2013
 '51—Herve M. Byron, New York City, December 16, 2012
 '51 BS Hotel—John E. Collins, Truckee, CA, January 8, 2011
 '51 BA—Joseph C. Curtis, Worcester, MA, January 22, 2013
 '51 PhD—Gene R. DeFoliart, Madison, WI, January 3, 2013
 '51, BME '52—Anthony S. Ferrari, Naples, FL, February 18, 2013
 '51 BS Ag—James H. Furbush Jr., Baldwinsville, NY, April 12, 2013
 '51—Jack G. Huddleston, Eden Prairie, MN, January 19, 2013
 '51 BA—Seymour Lederberg, Providence, RI, February 1, 2013
 '51, BArch '52—Robert D. Nostrand, Huntington, NY, February 9, 2013
 '51 BS Hotel—Watson Parker, Rapid City, SD, January 9, 2013
 '51 BA—Mary Ann Doutrich Seipos, Harrisburg, PA, February 20, 2013
- '52 MS—Thomas C. Asbury, Hendersonville, NC, December 22, 2012
 '52 BA, LLB '57—William G. Becker Jr., Falmouth, ME, February 25, 2013
 '52, BME '53—John R. Boehringer, Wynnewood, PA, March 5, 2013
 '52-53 SP Ag—Robert C. Boice, Burnt Hills, NY, March 21, 2013
 '52 LLB—John W. Burke, Syosset, NY, February 21, 2013
 '52 BS Ag—Theodore J. Cohn, Ann Arbor, MI, November 25, 2012
 '52 BCE—Stanley P. Corwin, Baltimore, MD, February 10, 2013
 '52, BCE '53—Frederick F. Estabrook, Frewsburg, NY, January 10, 2013
 '52 PhD—David B. Gardner, Pueblo West, CO, January 9, 2013
 '52 BA—Eleanor M. Gates, Chester, CT, January 16, 2013
 '52 BS Hotel—William B. Matthews, Silver Spring, MD, October 26, 2012
 '52, BA '53—Kenneth C. Merrill, Plymouth, MI, January 22, 2013
 '52 BA, MS AEP '54—Robert F. Pannett, Tyler, TX, March 24, 2013
 '52 BS Ag—Joseph R. Rieman, Tijeras, NM, December 17, 2012
 '52 JD—Ralph M. Shulansky, Palm Desert, CA, January 7, 2013
 '52 BA—Lynn W. Sickler, Largo, FL, December 1, 2012
 '52—Stephen N. Strauss, Port Jefferson, NY, June 3, 2008
 '52, BME '53—Jack A. Veerman, Litchfield, CT, February 21, 2013
 '52 B Chem E—Vincent A. Walker, Sun City, AZ, December 16, 2012
 '52 BS Ag—William E. Worth, Dryden, NY, January 16, 2013
- '53 DVM—Elihu B. Boroson, Tucson, AZ, January 29, 2013
 '53 MD—Robert W. Brown, La Quinta, CA, December 23, 2012
 '53 BA, MBA '54—Joseph S. Dewey, Oklahoma City, OK, March 24, 2013
 '53 BS Ag—Richard O. Dickinson, Albion, NY, December 17, 2012
 '53—Arlene Steinberg Gerosa, Hartsdale, NY, December 30, 2010
 '53 BS Hotel—Guy D. Hubbard, Los Alamitos, CA, June 8, 2007
 '53 LLB—Richard A. Inogna, Amsterdam, NY, December 28, 2012
 '53—Yvonne Luthy, Thompson, CT, April 30, 2007
 '53, BEE '54—Douglas A. Noden, Eustis, FL, March 31, 2013
 '53 PhD—Raymond F. Sewell, Ballwin, MO, February 6, 2013
 '53 BA—William J. Whelan, South Hamilton, MA, February 9, 2013
- '54—Stephen Baran, Westfield, NY, January 4, 2013
 '54 BS Hotel—Willy J. Bergmann, Silver Spring, MD, December 15, 2012
 '54 BA—Phyllis Kait Exter, Somerset, NJ, September 1, 2012
 '54—John B. Fiery, Earlysville, VA, March 21, 2013
 '54 BEE—Rev. Ralph O. Goodwin, Nashua, NH, January 15, 2013
 '54 BA—Irving Gozonsky, West Windsor, NJ, February 23, 2013
 '54—Joyce Smith Hughes, Punxsutawney, PA, February 9, 2013
 '54—Eleanor Marsh Jacobs, Asheville, NC, January 25, 2013
 '54 BA—Julian Jacobs, Atlanta, GA, February 10, 2013
 '54 BA—Ann Kenney Lavelle, Long Branch, NJ, January 28, 2013
 '54 BS HE—Joan Skillcorn Morris, Massena, NY, April 5, 2013
 '54 BS Ag—Catherine Ryan Nelson, Rockport, TX, February 12, 2013
 '54 BS Hotel—John C. Perry, Vancouver, WA, July 9, 2012
 '54, BS Nurs '55—Lucille Ringen Petersen, Pompton Plains, NJ, January 10, 2013
 '54 MBA—Thomas M. Roubesh, Lenexa, KS, April 3, 2013
 '54 MD—Robert C. Runyon, Concord, MA, January 16, 2013
 '54—Wesley Vanderhorst, Essex, NY, December 7, 2012
 '54 BA—Harold L. Wilson, Sun City Center, FL, December 15, 2012
- '55 BS Ag, PhD '61—Leila Aflatoun Bradfield, Kalamazoo, MI, March 19, 2013
 '55 BA, MD '59—Vincent Du Vigneaud Jr., Scarsdale, NY, Dec. 14, 2012
 '55, BArch '56—Loren A. Fairbanks, Rochester, NY, December 14, 2012
 '55 BS ILR—James W. Hamill, Palm Springs, CA, January 30, 2013
 '55 MD—Milton Hollenberg, San Rafael, CA, January 22, 2013
 '55 MD—Martin G. Jacobs, New York City, February 10, 2013
- '55 DVM—Robert L. Kennedy, Greenwich, NY, January 28, 2013
 '55 MS HE—Grace E. Kimball, Natick, MA, February 25, 2013
 '55 DVM—John C. Meek, Greenwich, NY, April 14, 2013
 '55—Hans J. Schultz, Spotsylvania, VA, December 24, 2012
- '56 MS Hotel, PhD '59—Lt. Col. Daniel Basile, Elmer, NJ, March 12, 2009
 '56 MS—Harry A. Cosgriffe, Pullman, WA, March 23, 2013
 '56 MD—John W. Espy, Nantucket, MA, December 22, 2012
 '56, BS ILR '57—John T. Ewers, Dayton, OH, January 21, 2013
 '56 BA—Carl E. Fabian, Miami, FL, December 24, 2012
 '56 PhD—Ralph F. Glasser, Seattle, WA, December 31, 2009
 '56 MS, PhD '58—Krishnaji S. Gore, Pune, India, November 13, 2012
 '56, BA '57—Richard A. Hill, Hobe Sound, FL, January 27, 2013
 '56, BEE '57—Marvin L. Kaplan, Tucson, AZ, March 19, 2013
 '56 BA, MBA '57—Henry G. Lavarway Jr., San Antonio, TX, Dec. 20, 2012
 '56—Peter D. Merrill, Bozeman, MT, January 26, 2013
 '56 BS HE—Joan Hoyland Phaneuf, Melbourne, FL, January 3, 2013
 '56 MS ILR—Gopal C. Rath, Cuttack, India, February 9, 2013
 '56 PhD—John P. Ross, Raleigh, NC, February 20, 2013
- '57 BS Hotel—John C. Birchfield, Annapolis, MD, December 29, 2012
 '57 BA, LLB '59—Emanuel R. Gold, Garden City, NY, January 24, 2013
 '57 BA—G. William Herkner Jr., Basking Ridge, NJ, February 12, 2013
 '57—Robert H. Hurlbut, Honeoye Falls, NY, March 4, 2013
 '57 BEP—Harvey S. Price, Sugar Land, TX, January 3, 2012
 '57 BA—Edward M. Scleppi, Whipple, OH, March 9, 2013
 '57 BS Ag—Lawrence Williams Jr., Fairfield, CA, November 25, 2012
- '58 BS Hotel—John Allan, Galloway, NJ, May 6, 2008
 '58 BS Hotel—Deane O. Andrews, Bluffton, SC, April 6, 2011
 '58, BArch '59—Harry T. Clinton III, Fair Lawn, NJ, January 14, 2013
 '58 BS Hotel—Thomas C. Deveau Jr., Discovery Bay, CA, May 28, 2009
 '58 BS HE—Diane Yaeger Doorley, High Point, NC, February 11, 2013
 '58 BS Hotel—Robert C. Freeman, Sunrise, FL, March 15, 2010
 '58, BME '60—James S. Hallo, Bridgewater, NJ, February 28, 2013
 '58 JD—Sheldon D. Katz, Port Jefferson, NY, October 6, 2012
 '58-59 SP Ag—Paul A. Kingsbury, Canterbury, CT, February 5, 2013
 '58 MBA, LLB '59—Peter L. Landau, Pleasantville, NJ, February 27, 2013
 '58—Jane Nirenberg Mack, New York City, January 14, 2013
 '58 BS Hotel, MPA '64—Ann Marcham, Ithaca, NY, December 16, 2012
 '58 PhD—Steven Muller, Washington, DC, January 19, 2013
 '58, BAG '59—Norman T. Odden, Scottsdale, AZ, December 20, 2012
 '58 BA—Howard A. Semer, Fanwood, NJ, December 25, 2012
 '58 BS Hotel—W. Donald Tipton, Encinitas, CA, January 18, 2013
- '59 BS Hotel—Anthony H. Baker, Savannah, GA, April 4, 2013
 '59 PhD—Harold R. Baker, Saskatoon, SK, March 18, 2011
 '59 BS Ag, MEd '65—Arthur J. Brownell, Odessa, TX, March 14, 2013
 '59 BA—William J. Diamond, New York City, December 19, 2012
 '59-60 GR—Gene T. Fox, Greenville, NC, February 3, 2013
 '59, BA '60—William H. Gerber, Avon, CT, March 2, 2013
 '59-60 SP Ag—Donald C. Goetzmann, Marco Island, FL, March 1, 2013
 '59, BS Ag '60—Walter H. Gutenmann, Buchanan, MI, March 25, 2013
 '59 BS HE—Miriam Gray Levine, Bethesda, MD, December 22, 2012
 '59-61 SP Ag—Thomas F. McCahon, Cathedral City, CA, January 27, 2013
 '59 BA—John L. Neu, New York City, February 27, 2013
 '59 PhD—Shayle R. Searle, Ithaca, NY, February 18, 2013
 '59 BA—David H. Vrooman Jr., Canton, NY, January 8, 2013

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- '60, BArch '61—Robert A. Boehlecke Jr., Ithaca, NY, December 31, 2012
 '60 MBA—Bruce J. Carter, Charleston, WV, March 12, 2013
 '60—Charlotte Schempp Day, Newark, DE, March 24, 2013
 '60, BA '83—Gloria Edis, White Plains, NY, January 28, 2013
 '60 MEd—Nancy Shaw Fox, Greenville, NC, March 25, 2009
 '60 MS ILR—Roger H. Fulton, Ossining, NY, January 7, 2013
 '60 BA—Ed Kaufmann, Rye, NY, December 26, 2012
 '60 PhD—Morton Rothstein, Madison, WI, March 11, 2013
 '60—Leslie M. Tilly, Fair Haven, NJ, March 7, 2013
- '61 BS Hotel—Edward H. Carrette Jr., Maydelle, TX, March 27, 2013
 '61, BS Ag '63, MBA '64—Wellington A. Ewen, Williams, OR, Dec. 14, 2012
 '61 BS Hotel—Richard B. Hunter, Frisco, TX, August 15, 2008
 '61 BA—Gale C. Keenan, Cary, NC, November 16, 2012
 '61 BS Ag—William J. Raab, Sussex, NJ, May 30, 2008

- '61, BEE '62—**Douglas W. Rohrs**, Brookfield, WI, March 23, 2013
- '62 PhD—**Salvatore J. Bella**, South Bend, IN, April 9, 2013
'62—**Peter Oorusoff**, Graton, CA, February 3, 2013
'62 MBA, JD '69—**Donald M. Sheraw**, Delmar, NY, February 18, 2013
'62, DVM '64—**Edward G. Trewick**, Tamarac, FL, February 20, 2013
- '63 MS—**Albert E. Beer**, Cardiff, Wales, March 15, 2013
'63 MD—**Francis M. Bohan**, Olean, NY, February 4, 2013
'63, BME '64—**Harvey W. Edson**, West Bloomfield, MI, March 1, 2013
'63 BA—**Kenneth L. Kershbaum**, Philadelphia, PA, March 19, 2013
'63 MS—**Kevin L. McTeague**, Lincoln, NH, December 12, 2012
'63—**Hugh R. Wilson**, Cleveland, OH, December 29, 2012
- '64 BS Ag—**Anne Comar Beaman**, Atascadero, CA, January 18, 2013
'64 BS Hotel—**Ernesto Bello**, Longwood, FL, April 22, 2008
'64 BS Ag—**William M. Frederick Jr.**, Peoria, IL, September 24, 2012
'64 BA—**Irwin I. Gerstein**, Storrs Mansfield, CT, January 8, 2013
'64 BA, JD '67—**Stanford N. Goldman Jr.**, Boston, MA, January 30, 2013
'64 MS HE—**Lois Lynch Mallison**, Los Gatos, CA, January 31, 2013
'64 MS HE—**Carole Schulze Setser**, Manhattan, KS, December 23, 2012
'64, BS ORIE '66, MBA '68—**Douglas E. Thielen**, Midland, VA, Jan. 31, 2012
'64 BA—**James S. Winn Jr.**, Tucson, AZ, December 10, 2012
- '65 PhD—**Eric G. Beauchamp**, Guelph, ON, April 17, 2012
'65 BS HE—**Marjorie Rubin Brody**, Northampton, MA, February 10, 2013
'65, BA '66—**Joseph J. Casagrande**, Allentown, PA, March 3, 2013
'65, BS Nurs '66—**Audrey Perry Hall**, Martinsburg, WV, January 19, 2013
'65, BS Ag '68—**Gilbert L. Harrison**, Cottage Grove, OR, January 20, 2013
'65 MBA—**Theodore H. Horwitz**, Sunset Beach, NC, January 2, 2013
'65—**John D. McIntyre**, Henderson, NV, December 3, 2012
'65 MBA—**Richard W. Peterson**, Idaho Falls, ID, February 25, 2013
'65—**Thomas A. Sahrle**, Greeley, CO, December 12, 2012
'65 BS Chem E, ME '66—**Craig F. Stead**, Putney, VT, February 15, 2013
- '66 MAT—**Susan C. Anderson**, Philadelphia, PA, January 13, 2013
'66 MD—**Paul S. Clark**, Reno, NV, December 29, 2012
'66 MS HE—**Judith Moser Forest**, Salem, OR, January 3, 2013
'66—**Dale H. Frankish**, Canandaigua, NY, February 3, 2013
'66, BS Ag '67, DVM '69—**James R. O'Connor Jr.**, Washingtonville, NY, December 13, 2012
- '67 BS Hotel—**Alexander M. Brooks III**, Trumansburg, NY, Jan. 15, 2013
'67 PhD—**Frederick L. Hiltz**, Shelburne, VT, February 20, 2013
'67 LLB—**Stanley J. Keysa**, Lancaster, NY, March 24, 2013
'67 BS HE, MPS '85—**Emilie Gostanian Marchant**, Clinton, SC, Jan. 7, 2013
'67 DVM—**James L. Meiczinger**, Hermon, ME, March 2, 2013
'67 PhD—**George I. Treyz**, Amherst, MA, February 14, 2013
- '68 PhD—**Frederick A. Grimm**, Knoxville, TN, February 9, 2013
'68 BS Ag—**S. James Gurfein**, Rye, NY, March 17, 2013
- '69 BS Ag—**Margaret Horman Hescocx**, Rolling Hills Estates, CA, Dec. 1, 2012
'69-70 GR—**Ming I. Lee**, Hsinchu, Taiwan, January 12, 2013
- 1970s**
- '70 BS Ag—**Christopher Hoffman**, Canaan, CT, January 15, 2013
- '71 BA—**Janice L. Carter**, San Francisco, CA, January 6, 2013
'71 BA—**Michael A. Greene**, Whitefish Bay, WI, March 14, 2013
'71 BS ORIE, MS ORIE '72—**William E. Shull**, Cypress, TX, January 2, 2013
'71 BA—**Therese M. Tischler**, Trumansburg, NY, January 26, 2013
- '72 BS Hotel—**Craig E. Lambert**, Reston, VA, March 6, 2013
- '73, BS Ag '75—**Jon A. Becker**, Portsmouth, NH, January 11, 2013
'73 BS Ag—**Daniel A. Fitzwater Jr.**, Knoxville, PA, January 24, 2013
'73 BS Ag, MAT '75—**Robert Fritz Jr.**, Middle Grove, NY, June 15, 2012
'73 BS Chem E, ME '75—**Geoffrey M. Wood**, Arlington, VA, March 2, 2012
- '74 PhD—**Anthony C. Bellotti**, Naples, FL, March 5, 2013
'74 BS Hotel, MBA '88—**Bill Stebbins**, Brooktondale, NY, January 6, 2013
- '75 BCE—**Paul W. Linn**, Ranger, GA, March 4, 2008
'75 BS Ag, DVM '83—**Anne Whiteford McComb**, Wassaic, NY, January 18, 2013
- '77 MA—**Susan Woodward Fine**, Pittsford, NY, March 8, 2013
'77 BS Nurs—**Linda A. Pfungsten**, Naples, FL, December 22, 2012
- '78 BS Hotel—**Lynn Witte**, Jackson, WI, April 26, 2012
- '79 BS Ag—**Daniel M. Ivanick**, Jamesville, NY, February 27, 2013
- 1980s**
- '80 BS Ag, DVM '86—**Daniel A. Cirnigliaro**, Malden, MA, December 8, 2012
- '81 BS Ag—**William K. Dunbar**, Manhattan Beach, CA, February 6, 2013
- '82 BEE—**Shawn R. Hoye**, Kalispell, MT, February 22, 2013
'82 BS Ag—**Therese F. Teitsch**, East Brookfield, VT, January 24, 2013
- '83 MS, PhD '87—**Amy L. Davidson**, West Lafayette, IN, April 2, 2013
'83 BA—**Patricia A. Reynolds**, Chevy Chase, MD, November 30, 2010
'83 BS HE—**Theresa De Muzio Vitalone**, Victor, NY, December 1, 2012
- '84 MD—**Nikita A. Levy**, Baltimore, MD, February 18, 2013
'84 BS Ag—**Glenn L. Smith**, West Charlton, NY, January 20, 2013
- '85 PhD—**Susan Kesner Bland**, Ithaca, NY, January 15, 2013
'85 BA—**Lily Lee**, Ridgewood, NJ, January 14, 2013
'85 BS Hotel—**Christine D. Natsios**, Cortland, NY, February 16, 2013
'85, BS Hotel '86—**Susan Peterson**, Oakland, CA, March 16, 2013
- '86 BS Ag—**Natalie Egleston**, Ardmore, PA, February 4, 2013
- '87 BS HE—**Eleanor R. Curyk**, Honesdale, PA, March 21, 2013
- '89 BA—**Heidi L. Febert**, Baldwin, NY, December 8, 2012
'89 BS Hotel—**Paul L. Schimoler**, Essex Junction, VT, February 15, 2013
- 1990s**
- '90 BA—**Erik S. Cassel**, San Mateo, CA, February 11, 2013
'90 MArch—**David A. Naylor**, South Egremont, MA, February 22, 2013
- '97 BA—**Cody B. Crawford**, Wichita, KS, July 14, 2010
'97, BS Ag '02—**Craig J. Jennings**, Ossining, NY, January 11, 2013
'97 MFA, PhD '00—**Jake A. York**, Denver, CO, December 16, 2012
- 2000s**
- '02 BME—**Kaveesh Nath**, Mumbai, India, March 19, 2013
- '05 BS Ag—**David J. Pusateri**, Bradford, PA, January 29, 2013
- 2010s**
- '12 BS Hotel—**Andrew J. Quinn**, New York City, March 9, 2013
- '15—**Joseph Quandt**, Solon, OH, February 27, 2013

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On the catwalk: The 2013 fashion show in Barton Hall featured students modeling designs by Caroline Delson '13 (left) and Matthew Gottesman '13 (above).

High Fashion

Above Cayuga's waters,
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If you're ever off on an intergalactic safari, Matthew Gottesman '13 can supply the traveling clothes. Futuristic activewear for women was the theme of Gottesman's designs for the 2013 Cornell Fashion Collective runway show—from a green lamé anorak to a pair of faux-snakeskin shorts to a diaphanous mini-dress that would suit a comely alien from classic "Star Trek."

Gottesman's space-age fashions joined a host of other looks—ballet dancers modeling *en pointe*; young men in fabric-and-wire contraptions that offered a crowd-pleasing peek of *derrière*—on the runway at the annual event, which draws some 2,500 paying spectators to Barton Hall each spring. For senior design majors, it's the culmination of a year of effort, not to mention four years of training. "It's gratifying to go from idea to 3-D—to see your clothing on real people when it's been in your head for so long," says Caroline Delson '13. "That's when you feel like you've made your dream a reality, to put it in a corny way." But as pleasurable as it is to see their work modeled before an appreciative crowd, she and Gottesman admit to never being quite satisfied. "It's the designer's curse," Delson says. "We can't separate enough to say, 'This was good.' We're like, 'Yes—but his shoelace wasn't tied right.'"

Delson, who landed a plum job in marketing at American

Eagle after graduation, offered a line of what she calls "feminine-inspired menswear." It included a boxy take on a motorcycle jacket made of white neoprene, a fabric traditionally used in wetsuits; long button-down shirts reminiscent of caftans; a top made from a quilt her mom discarded; and a floral pants-and-hoodie ensemble in bright green and shocking pink. "What's cool about this process is that you're in every role," says the New York City native. "You are production, casting, makeup, hair, styling, accessories; you're the designer and the creative director. You name it, we're doing it."

The show, which celebrates its thirtieth anniversary in 2014, is open to students from all majors and class years; unlike at many design schools, it isn't juried or judged. This year, some forty designers showed more than 150 outfits. (The number of fashions each can display varies from one to eleven, depending on the student's years of membership in the collective.) For seniors, the lines they create comprise a portfolio that can be vital in applying for jobs and internships. Studying fashion 200 miles away from Manhattan has its challenges, after all; it's not as easy to network, tap industry mentors, or shop for avant garde fabrics. This year, says collective president Susan Freeman '13, the show was streamed online in the hope of reaching a wider audience. "We're slowly making progress in getting industry people to watch it and see the design work we're doing," she says, "so students can get their names out there."

Another perennial challenge: recruiting the dozens of models needed for the show, a task that falls to the designers themselves. "We literally run after girls or boys on the street and harass them like maniacs," Gottesman says. He's laughing—but not kidding. "We use any means necessary," adds Delson, who recruited a cadre of tall, "swanlike" young men for her line. "I've stalked people on Facebook. I've reached out to friends of friends of friends. I'll run into someone and ask: 'How tall are you, and what's your pants size?'"

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