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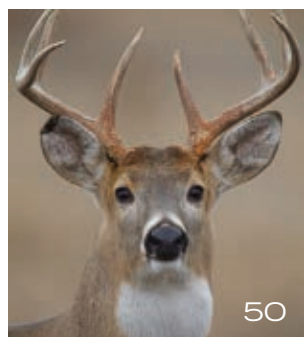
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BETH SAULNIER

As the saying goes: “It’s only common sense.” But for Duncan Watts, PhD ’97, common sense isn’t a dependable source of folksy wisdom—in fact, it can be reductive and even dangerous. In *Everything Is Obvious, Once You Know the Answer*, the sociologist and network theorist explores “the wisdom and madness of crowds.” The newly minted A. D. White Professor-at-Large argues that complex problems like financial crises require equally complex answers—and sophisticated analysis—and that the popularity of everything from the *Mona Lisa* to *Harry Potter* can essentially be termed a fluke. “Your intuition,” he says, “is always misleading you into thinking you understand things that you don’t.”

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SHARON TREGASKIS ’95

It may be hard for modern suburbanites to believe that white-tailed deer were once so rare, their sightings merited newspaper headlines. These days, with developments encroaching into what were once woodlands, humans and deer come into constant conflict—leading to car accidents, enraged gardeners, and bitter disputes over how to deal with the ubiquitous herbivores. At Cornell, researchers are addressing this cloven-hooved conundrum, aiming to set standards for proper management—and to broker peace between bipeds and their four-footed neighbors.

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New Opportunities and Challenges in Online Education

Virtual learning communities, as Jim Roberts '71 noted in the July/August 2013 issue, are as old as the “University” of Bologna, which in the eleventh century had no physical facilities, and as modern as the massive open online courses (MOOCs) that Cornell and many other universities are developing to share knowledge with students around the world.

Distance education, enabled by technology, can be offered entirely online or through a hybrid model that includes short but intense periods of learning on a college campus. Some courses

The Cornell–Queen’s Executive MBA program in the Johnson School and a distance-learning master’s degree in systems engineering in the College of Engineering are both designed for professionals who do not want to interrupt their careers while pursuing an advanced degree. Johnson uses technology to deliver the MBA program to small groups of students in twenty-seven cities in North and South America, interspersed with periods of on-campus work. The systems engineering master’s includes two week-long, one-credit courses on campus, project work supervised by faculty, and online courses.

The Division of Nutritional Sciences offers free online education to nutrition and health professionals worldwide via the Cornell NutritionWorks website (www.nutritionworks.cornell.edu). The offerings include a twelve-unit training course developed in collaboration with UNICEF. To date, more than 5,700 professionals from 158 countries have registered for the course, and 34 percent have received certificates of completion.

Despite these activities, which are very much a part of the fabric of Cornell, until recently we have been followers in the larger movement toward MOOCs. Cornell faculty, however, have been accelerating our entry into this growing and increasingly visible sphere of teaching. Now that we have joined edX, a non-profit consortium that provides a platform for MOOCs, distinguished faculty will develop not-for-credit CornellX MOOCs on American Capitalism; Relativity and Astrophysics; Networks, Crowds, and Markets; and Wiretaps to Big Data: Privacy and Surveillance in the Age of Complete Interconnection.

What can we predict from all this interest and activity? First, Cornell will not offer bachelor’s degrees online, at least for the foreseeable future. We believe that the invaluable experience of living and learning in a diverse academic community during the undergraduate years cannot be replicated online. What we will do is use technology—and what we learn from our online programs—to enhance on-campus education and broaden our understanding of how students actually learn.

At the professional master’s level, I see great potential for increasing the number of programs we can offer online and the number of students we educate online. These programs can reach eager learners who want to pursue advanced degrees without interrupting their careers and can provide significant revenue to the University. For example, a new ILR school master’s degree in human resources that will combine online and on-campus education has been approved by the Board of Trustees and Faculty Senate and is awaiting approval at the state level. In addition, as funding permits, I see great potential to build on programs like NutritionWorks to share knowledge with those who can benefit, including learners in the developing world.

An ad hoc faculty committee is guiding the expansion of our online educational offerings and other possible applications of technology-enabled learning to ensure that we derive maximum benefits from our efforts. I welcome your thoughts on distance learning and online offerings that would be of interest to you.

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carry college credit, while others lead to a professional certificate or other credential. Some are for personal or professional enrichment, without documentation of any kind other than a record of participation.

Cornell has been both a leader and a follower in the rapidly changing universe of technology-enabled education. It has been a leader through eCornell, which since 2000 has provided online certificate programs to more than 70,000 students in more than 200 countries around the world, in partnership with several of our colleges and schools. Last year, the Faculty Senate approved the use of eCornell to produce for-credit courses—potentially expanding the reach of our online programs.

The School of Continuing Education and Summer Sessions has offered distance learning courses since 1998—when lectures for a course in public relations and advertising were transferred to VHS cassettes and sent to those enrolled. Acting Dean Charles Jermy Jr., GR '70–74, notes that because of the relatively asynchronous nature of the instruction, participants can accept jobs and internships while they are taking an online course, and the professor can be conducting research at a distant location while teaching.

CRUISING THE DALMATIAN COAST

BY ELMIRA MANGUM

What a grand and exciting experience! Starting in Venice, Italy, with the Biennale in full swing, cruising the Dalmatian Coast created significant memories of destinations I had known so little about. I can only think in clichés to describe the unique cities, the richness of the culture, the strong traditions, and the warmth of the people. Whether it was exploring the breathtaking Krka National Park, walking under a 13th-century castle, strolling the ruins of Pula coliseum, or cruising into a narrow harbor at sunrise with mountains on every side, there was one unforgettable experience after another. It was very exciting visiting certain regions as alumni traced their ancestry, hearing their stories, and gaining an understanding of the historical significance of each region while walking through the lavender fields of coastal Croatia.

I also enjoyed hearing alumni talk about their experiences at Cornell and their lives since graduating. What an independent, free-thinking, and vibrant group. Getting to know them and getting a sense of their impact around the world speaks to the quality of a Cornell education. Imagine my astonishment meeting a young woman with her family in a small church in Dubrovnik, who shared that she, too, was a Cornell graduate. She was beaming with pride. Big Red is everywhere.

There was plenty to do on board and on shore, either on your own or with a group. Some chose to swim in the waters of the Adriatic Sea at almost every port. We dined with the Captain, learned at the lectures, shared knowledge, danced under the stars, and made new friends. It was perfect.

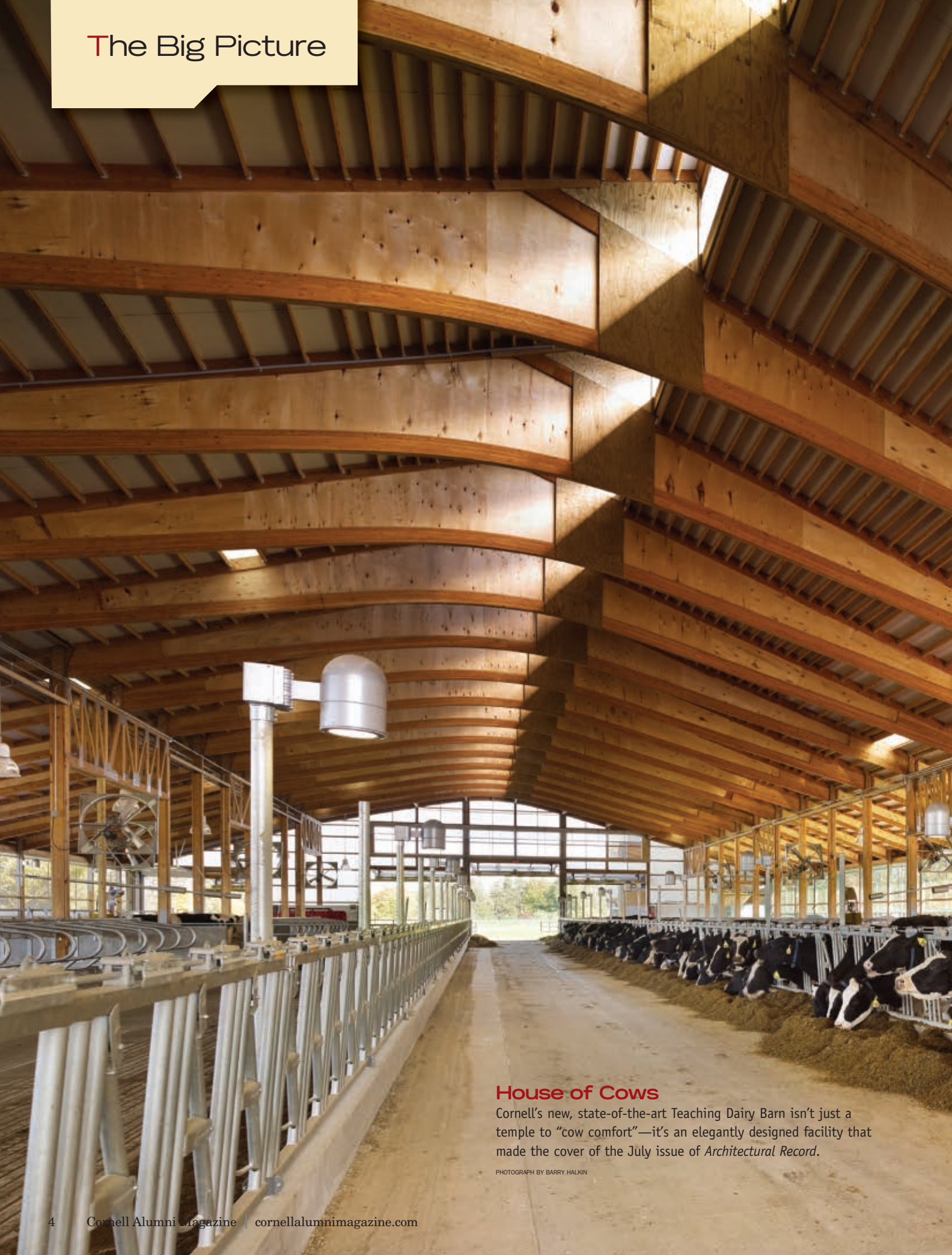
The Cornell flag flew high on the mast, the pianist played Cornell songs, and our alumni sang as others listened in awe. I am honored to have shared this experience with members of the Cornell family—remarkable in so many ways. I hope to see them around campus in Ithaca.

ELMIRA MANGUM, Vice President, Division of Budget and Finance, and recent host for the Cornell Alumni Association Travel Program

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House of Cows

Cornell's new, state-of-the-art Teaching Dairy Barn isn't just a temple to "cow comfort"—it's an elegantly designed facility that made the cover of the July issue of *Architectural Record*.

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Stump Speech

Former student leader recalls
the Vietnam War

Franklin Crawford does an outstanding job of summarizing key points in Fredrik Logevall's Pulitzer Prize-winning book, *Embers of War: The Fall of an Empire and the Making of America's Vietnam* ("Doomed to Repeat It," Currents, July/August 2013). However, I'm compelled to ask for further reflection on Crawford's use of the quote from Country Joe and the Fish in his concluding comments. By citing the lines "*And it's one, two, three, what are we fighting for?! Don't ask me, I don't give a damn—next stop is Vietnam,*" the writer (as was Country Joe McDonald) is not acknowledging that many Americans who entered the military did so because they'd been persuaded that fighting "communism" in Vietnam represented a patriotic duty. (I almost became part of that group, as I had planned to enlist before being entreated by my high school English teacher to apply to Cornell.)

While there is a noteworthy component of truth to the observation that many young Americans felt "an air of poignant fatalism" regarding the draft, many others felt a profound moral responsibility to resist conscription. Hundreds of students at Cornell either acted upon this sense of ethical duty or supported those that did. Nationally, one of the high-profile individuals who refused to comply with the draft was Muhammad Ali, the controversial heavyweight champion. Also, as the war in Vietnam continued, resistance within the military began to rock the boat. No longer was there unquestioning acquiescence to the dictates of those who felt that bombing Vietnam back to the Stone Age (as was suggested by General Curtis

LeMay) was the way to deal with the unwillingness of the North Vietnamese and the Vietcong to accept U.S. hegemony.

In addition, there were many members of the U.S. military who became peace activists after their return to the States, including Ron Kovic, the former Marine who wrote *Born on the Fourth of July*. The current Secretary of State, John Kerry, became an effective voice for peace upon his return, testifying in Congress as a member of Vietnam Veterans Against the War. My point in citing this broad range of examples of opposition to participation in that war effort—by people who refused conscription, as well as those whose thinking changed based on their experiences after being drafted—is to provide a significant degree of support for the contention that many in the military did, in fact, "give a damn." That's why many veterans threw their hard-earned medals over the White House fence—they were angry about being deceived about the nature of our military efforts in Vietnam.

Finally, though Professor Logevall's book is clearly a brilliant work of scholarship, I am troubled by the closing words of the subtitle: *The Making of America's Vietnam*. While one may contend that I'm missing the significance of this use of the possessive form, there is something fundamentally awry in that phrase. Logevall quotes JFK, in a November 1951 speech, in which he tells the Boston Chamber of Commerce that the Vietnamese government did not have the support of "the people of that area" because it was "a puppet government." What American leaders did was take over the lease of a French puppet show, using a series of new



marionettes. This transition cost the lives of between three and four million Vietnamese and more than 58,000 Americans, as well as billions of dollars. But despite our nation's huge investment of blood, tears, money, and machinery, Vietnam never was "America's." Sadly, after the French defeat, the American war in Vietnam became a series of tragic losses of life, as veterans and historians like Professor Logevall have demonstrated with exceptional effectiveness.

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Climate Change of Heart

What can I say about the interview of Elaine Wethington except that she has the arrogance of youth ("Storms Ahead," July/August 2013)? At the age of seventy-nine, living alone in a home whose backyard is bounded by salt water and where, two years ago, a destructive F2 tornado came within 800 yards, I can say that she certainly does not speak for me when she writes that she prefers Ithaca over the seacoast. To try to use the elderly as another bludgeon in the climate change debate is condescending, especially when she advocates mandatory evacuations. Where would I go? I'm safer in my home than wandering storm-swept highways.

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I do not have independent knowledge as to whether the climate is warming, though I did study glaciology and glacial geology at Cornell, and I am well aware that in the years since man first inhabited North America, mile-thick ice lay over Ithaca and has been receding since well before the Industrial Revolution.

I lived through the hurricane of September 1938 that killed 600 on Long Island and in New England, more than twice the death toll of Sandy. The Galveston hurricane of 1900 killed more than four times the number of those who died in Katrina, and, really, no responsible meteorologist has claimed that climate change has had any effect on the frequency or intensity of either hurricanes or tornados. I would hope that CAM would avoid nonsense of this sort in the future and stick to better-sourced articles that do not use senior citizens as involuntary weapons in the climate fight.

Gordon Eliot White '55
Deltaville, Virginia

Elaine Wethington responds: Mr. White has read more into this interview, and my opinions about climate change, than was intended. I did not argue that tornadoes and hurricanes are connected to climate change. (Indeed, it is not established that storms will increase if there is climate change; sea level rise seems more likely under some predictive scenarios.) But putting the subject of climate change aside, the fact remains that older people, on average, are more vulnerable to the effects of natural disasters and extreme weather, including death. The greater death rate, as during hurricanes, is not wholly attributable to living in more vulnerable areas; research studies show that other factors are involved, both social and physiological. (These are noted in the interview.) This greater on average vulnerability has been recognized by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the American Association of Retired Persons, and many state and local governments that have put policies into place to assure that older people are protected. The policies are based on evidence and experience after natural disaster—these include better, more interpretable warnings, locally based evacuation plans, and educating everyone (not just older people) about disaster preparation and survival.

I believe that protecting the health of older people is a public good. Obviously, not all older people are equally vulnerable. The vast majority are capable of making their own decisions about where to live and what to do, and that also is a

public good. Although Mr. White seems to assume I am a youth, I am in fact an older person (age sixty-three). I am in good health and hope to retain it for at least twenty-five more years, as my parents did. Thinking about the future and preparing to protect my health translates for me into wanting more information about how to be prepared.

Cost Control

The article “Forward Into the Past” is a bland treatment of a corrosive development (July/August 2013). The costs of higher education in the U.S. have esca-

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lated at rates higher than inflation for more than forty years. No cost control [has been] exercised by universities and colleges!

The enabler for this profligacy of cost escalation has been student loans. So we now find ourselves in a situation where graduating students cannot launch traditional efforts to start careers, buy homes and cars, and start families. They are beholden to student loans. This damages the overall economy.

I believe that one of the most irresponsible outcomes of my adult life has been the failure of the higher education system to control its costs. As a society, we are beginning to pay the extraordinary costs of this error. MOOCs are the canary in the coalmine!

Robert Slagle '62, BSCHEM '63, MBA '64
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Reunion Return

Imagine that the Class of '53 was entertained by a singing group made up of old grads singing at their first reunion, and suppose that they are called the Cayuga's Waiters from the Nineties—the 1890s, that is. This puts into perspective what has been going on for the past nine years

as the Cayuga's Waiters from the Fifties entertained the returning classes at reunion, sixty-years-plus after their own graduation.

It all started in 2001 when the ensemble from 1953–54 met for the first time in forty-seven years at a resort in Vermont. All of the living members—nine of the original twelve—were present. It was decided to meet yearly and to invite other members who had sung with the group in the Fifties. Then they were invited to sing at Reunion 2005 and have done so each year since, including performances at the Savage Club show, the CRC luncheon, for several classes, and at Cornelliana Night. They dust off their old repertoire to bring back fond memories and strong emotions for the classes from that era.

At Reunion 2013, the Cayuga's Waiters from the Fifties performed for the classes of '48, '53, and '58, as well as for CRC, the College of Human Ecology, and at a celebration for John Nixon '53 (a Cayuga's Waiter) and Lea Nixon '53 for their contributions to Cornell. It is remarkable that these alumni, who love to sing and entertain, make the trip each year, some from as far away as Florida and California. It is heartening that the Cayuga's Waiters still exist and are immensely popular on campus today. Will they return to sing in sixty years? Let's hope so.

John Brophy '53
New Canaan, Connecticut

Objecting to Technion

David Skorton's column in May/June 2013 refers to the Cornell Tech campus as an opportunity to create a model institution for applied sciences, lauds high-tech research, and praises the effort to make New York City a world center for high-tech enterprise. The problem is that Cornell is partnering with Technion—Israel Institute of Technology. How many alumni know that Technion is a direct link to the Israeli military and that their students in Israel develop drones, surveillance equipment, and weapons?

We should be true to our founding values and ethics: cut the ties with Technion and make it a true science and education complex in New York City.

Diane Adkin '71
Camas, Washington

Correction—July/August 2013

Sports, page 16: The photographs of Victoria Imbesi '13 and Stephen Mozia '15 should have been credited to Russ Hartung. We apologize for the error.

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The Long and Winding Road

I envied the premed students their precocious certainty. If the purpose of life is to find purpose, they already had the answer to life's great mystery: what are we to do with ourselves? They, like the budding engineers, bankers, and architects, seemed made of sturdier stuff—the last descendants of our fathers' generation, capable of firm decisions and lifelong dedication. While we, the ambivalent and harried children of the digital age, with our short attention spans, strong opinions, and wavering convictions, took jobs that paid the bills and bought us time to think, or forestalled the decision altogether and went to law school.

I couldn't know then that my career would take me to Rwanda and that I'd be producing a musical here, of all the improbable things. When I graduated, I didn't have the comfort of certainty. All I knew was that I wanted to put my political science degree to use. It made sense to join the annual migration of interns looking to make a name for themselves in the nation's capital.

After jobs on Capitol Hill, I joined a think tank to launch its first podcast program. Interviewing Washington personalities afforded me the opportunity to narrow my own interests, so when NBC called to ask if I'd be a political producer, I thought I'd just about made it. But six months later uncertainty struck again—I was asked to leave Beltway politics and go to New York to work in business operations. In my new job, I discovered it was unfashionable to discuss politics at parties and downright unprofessional to do so at work. For want of civic engagement, I started volunteering with Kiva, read development blogs, and kept up with this economic theory and that aid debate.

I was thriving in my new position and my hobbies were rewarding, but uncertainty nagged. If we're supposed to find and follow our passions, why had I become a digital media professional instead of working in development? It was time to turn off the cruise control. I applied for a fellowship with Global Health Corps and accepted a position in Rwanda.

Purpose, I realized, is not a deadline-driven endeavor. It takes experience to



Anastasia Uglova '05

ARA NASHERA

uncover career choices one never thought existed. The work with GHC opened an array of possibilities to capitalize on my talents and passions. But my prior work was not wasted time. My training in business management made me a strong candidate for a challenging job in Africa, and my policy work made me an effective advocate.

There was a French musical that I'd fallen in love with some years back. I'd translated it into English to practice my language skills and had always wanted to see that version staged. *Les Dix Commandements*, Moses' story of oppression, injustice, and hope, suddenly took on new urgency in Rwanda—a country that experienced the worst of human cruelty in a most horrifying way not so long ago. The timing was right to produce a work about struggle, love, and reconciliation in a country badly needing opportunities to rally around something inspiring and beautiful.

Almost twenty years after the genocide, Rwanda is a changed country. The streets are safe, tourism is again thriving, and the world is increasingly seeing it as a place for commerce and investment. But development is more than staffing hospi-

tals and building schools. Civil society also matters, perhaps even more so, and the real indicator of the health of a country is the happiness of its people.

My Kickstarter campaign to secure the initial production budget received full funding. The project was also featured in Rwanda's daily newspaper, *The New Times*—a testament to how starved this country is for creativity and the arts. My seemingly motley career progression had distilled into a self-directed project with social purpose, professional challenge, and personal passion.

One can go to school to be a doctor or an engineer, but there's no major for producing musicals in Rwanda. The path to career satisfaction is not always straight and predictable. It can take unexpected turns before you find the thing that gives you meaning. Seize your opportunities, explore your options, and learn what you can. And when in doubt, consider that Joy Behar taught high school, Andrea Bocelli was a defense attorney, and Julia Child spied for the government before she cooked on TV. Not even our enviable doctors lead lives of certainty. Just ask Charles Darwin.

— Anastasia Uglova '05

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Grad Student Housing Complex Rises on East State Street

The construction by a private developer of a large apartment complex geared toward the grad student market is transforming a neighborhood at the southern end of Collegetown. Dubbed Collegetown Terrace, the sixteen-acre site comprises a dozen new buildings with about 1,000 beds on East State Street, South Quarry Street, and Valentine Place. The project—whose modern, multicolored façade has altered the character of a swath of East State Street—required the demolition of more than two dozen houses, drawing the ire of some local preservationists. (The parcel includes the historic Williams House, home to a founder of Ithaca College; the work included its restoration.) Now partly occupied, Collegetown Terrace features such amenities as a glass-walled fitness center and underground parking; the entire project is slated

For rent: The complex, on the edge of Collegetown, replaced student apartment houses.

for completion in the summer of 2014. The apartments range from studios to three-bedroom units.

Arts Library Gets an Overhaul

The Fine Arts Library in the College of Architecture, Art, and Planning will be renovated and expanded, thanks to a \$6 million gift from an alumna. “Most images found within this collection are not readily available on the Internet,” notes the donor, California-based architect Mui Ho ’62, BArch ’66, “and students, researchers, and teachers need to use these books intensely.” The project—a research center with 250,000 volumes, study spaces, and digital resources—is set for completion in 2017. “It will be a light-filled, twenty-first-century library, glowing from behind the large industrial windows of Rand Hall,” says Dean Kent Kleinman. “A perfect metaphor for conserving the old while erecting the new.”

Museum Showcases 'Unimal'

Among the many creations of famed ag professor Howard Babcock was the "Unimal," a beast that promoted animal products by combining a cow, steer, pig, lamb, and chicken. After his death in 1950, a toy version—dispensing tiny plastic models of meat and dairy foods—was sold. The Unimal is currently on display at the History Center in Tompkins County as part of its "Curiosities" exhibit, running through October 26. Other Cornell-related items include evidence from a notorious 1919 murder case in which Donald Fether '19 was charged—but never convicted—in the death of a local girl during an outing on Cayuga Lake.

Synthesizer Inventor Moog's Archive Comes to Cornell

The widow of one of the leading figures in the history of electronic music—synthesizer pioneer Robert Moog, PhD '65—has donated his archive to the University Library. It includes such materials as schematics, prototypes, letters, notes, and recordings. The announcement last summer sparked controversy among some Moog fans, who had hoped the materials would go to the Bob Moog Foundation in Asheville, North Carolina; his widow, Ileana Grams-Moog, cited Cornell's conservation expertise in giving the collection to the University. Once the archive arrives on campus and is organized, it will be open to all.

Veteran Volunteers to Receive Rhodes Service Awards

Six Cornellians will receive the University's highest honor for volunteerism, the Frank H. T. Rhodes Exemplary Alumni Service Award. It recognizes a lifetime of volunteer leadership to Cornell; recipients must have graduated at least thirty-five years ago. This year's honorees are Ann Schmeltz Bowers '59, Ruth Zimmerman Bleyler '62, Samuel Fleming '62, Bob Huret '65, Ronay Art Menschel '64, and Alan Rosenthal '59. The awards, given by the Cornell Alumni Association, will be presented during Homecoming.



FRANK

Look out, Old MacDonald: The Unimal is back.

Nobel Laureate in Physics Ken Wilson Dies at 77

Nobel laureate Ken Wilson died in June from complications of lymphoma. He was seventy-seven. A physics professor at Cornell from 1963 to 1987, Wilson won the Nobel in 1982 for groundbreaking work on phase transitions, such as the change from a liquid to a gaseous state. "Ken Wilson was one of a very small number of physicists who changed the way we all think, not just about specific phenomena, but about a vast range of different phenomena," says fellow physics laureate Steven Weinberg '54, a professor at the University of Texas, Austin. Wilson's survivors include his brother, David, a professor of molecular biology at Cornell.

Give My Regards To...

These Cornellians in the News

Labor economist **Jordan Matsudaira**, a professor of policy analysis and management, appointed to a one-year term on President Barack Obama's Council of Economic Advisers.

Physics professor **Paul Ginsparg**, PhD '81, honored by the White House as a Champion of Change for founding the scientific article aggregator known as arXiv.

The **Cornell Autonomous Underwater Vehicle team**, which won first place for the second consecutive year at the RoboSub competition with its submarine, *Ragnarök*.

Computer science professor **Jon Kleinberg** '93, winner of the highest award for excellence in the field of data mining.

Computing and information science professor **Tanzeem Choudhury** and postdoc **Mark Matthews**, whose phone app won a \$100,000 health challenge prize. Dubbed MoodRhythm, it helps patients manage their bipolar disorder.

Emeritus professor of astronomy **Joseph Veverka**, winner of the Kuiper Prize, one of the field's top honors.

Squashetti, which earned Cornell first prize at the annual Institute of Food Technologists student competition. It's a low-calorie Italian-style entrée with spaghetti squash instead of pasta.

Horticulture professor **Mark Bridgen**, winner of a Fulbright Scholarship to study *Alstroemeria* flowers in their native habitat in Chile.

CUAir, an engineering team that took first place in the Student Unmanned Air Systems Competition.

Arboretum Offers Smartphone Tour

Visitors to the Plantations can learn about the features of the 150-acre Newman Arboretum via a new self-guided smartphone tour. By scanning QR codes at sixteen stations, visitors can access two-minute audio clips as well as photos and written information. Those with “dumb” phones can call a number and key in a code to hear the audio clips; topics include the sculpture garden, Flat Rock, the Newman Overlook, and the collections of maples, lilacs, and dogwoods. The recordings, whose scripts were written by students, are designed to be appreciated in any order. “Two minutes seemed the perfect amount of time,” says Plantations interpretation coordinator Sarah Fiorello ’98. “It’s short and sweet.”



CORNELL PLANTATIONS

R&D

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The Agricultural Experiment Station in Geneva has released two new apple varieties: SnapDragon, descended from Honeycrisp, and RubyFrost, geared toward fans of Empire and Granny Smith.

Skipping breakfast can be an effective weight-loss strategy, say nutrition professor David Levitsky and grad student Carly Pacanowski. Their study found that breakfast skippers consumed an average of 408 fewer calories per day.

To track avian migratory patterns, engineers are designing lightweight “backpacks” equipped with sensors powered by a bird’s own motion.

Brain chemistry may explain why some people are extroverts. Human development researchers say the brains of extroverts release more of the neurotransmitter dopamine in response to social interactions, “rewarding” them for being outgoing.

Researchers in economics and in soil science are studying the coffee supply chain to determine a viable way to produce the crop while protecting the environment and supporting farmers.

Using data from the Cassini-Huygens spacecraft, astronomy researcher Matthew Hedman determined that a plume of water vapor and ice on Saturn’s moon Enceladus is controlled by the planet’s tidal forces.

A study by human development professor Qi Wang has shown that, due to encoding differences in the brain, a truism is correct: women are better than men at remembering past events.

Health economist John Cawley reports that paying employees to lose weight can be an effective way to improve health and lower medical costs. He and Joshua Price, PhD ’10, analyzed 2,635 workers in company weight-loss programs.

With the aim of better understanding osteoarthritis, engineers have developed a computer model that mimics the stresses on joints over time.

Cornell Food and Brand Lab researchers report that labeling portions with such terms as regular, half, and double-size affects how much people eat, regardless of the actual amount.

Ending a decades-long quest, veterinary researchers have found the mutation that makes a harmless coronavirus turn into the lethal feline infectious peritonitis virus.

According to Medical College researcher Michael Pesko, the stresses of the 9/11 attacks prompted about a million former smokers to resume the habit, leading to increased mortality and more than \$530 million in health care and other costs.

Plant breeder Mark Sorrells is growing red fife wheat in Cornell fields, aiming to give organic farmers pure seeds of the prized ancient grain untainted by modern varieties.

The link between speech and gesturing—“talking with your hands”—evolved from a brain area shared by all vertebrates, says neurobiologist Andrew Bass, who has traced it to fish.

Engineering professor Mingming Wu and colleagues have developed a potentially powerful research tool: a device that mimics the microenvironment of a cancer cell.

Poor planning skills are one reason why children from low-income families do worse in school than their more affluent classmates, human ecology researchers report. Causes include frequent moves, family turmoil, and crowded environments.

cornell tech update

Advancing Innovation and Economic Development

It's hard to believe that less than two years ago Cornell NYC Tech didn't even exist. On December 19, 2011, New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg selected Cornell and our academic partner—Technion–Israel Institute of Technology—as the winner of the city's applied sciences campus competition. We have been working nonstop since then to create innovative academic programs and plan a sustainable campus in the heart of New York City. And we've made enormous progress in both areas.

Cornell Tech is designed to address two significant challenges slowing innovation and economic development in New York and around the country. The first is that the growth of the tech sector is being held back by a shortage of top-level tech talent. The second, broader challenge is that the way we innovate and commercialize research ideas in this country is changing, and universities and companies both need to adapt to remain at the forefront of technology innovation. It is time for new thinking about how industry and academia work together. Cornell Tech will be at the forefront with new models for graduate tech education, research, and commercialization.

We're off to a flying start. Just over a year after winning the competition, Cornell Tech welcomed its first Master of Engineering in Computer Science students (our "beta class") in January 2013 to a temporary campus in space donated by Google in its Chelsea headquarters. For the fall semester, we will have approximately twenty master's students on campus, plus about ten PhD students. We have been hiring world-class faculty from around the country—computer science pioneer Deborah Estrin was our first hire—and by fall we will have six permanent faculty on board.

Recently, we announced two new degrees that will launch in the fall of 2014: a one-year Johnson School MBA at Cornell Tech that fuses business, technology, innovation, and entrepreneurship; and a groundbreaking two-year dual degree with the Technion in connective media. The dual degree will be offered by the Joan and Irwin Jacobs Technion–Cornell Innovation Institute (JTCII), named in honor of a \$133 million gift from Joan Klein Jacobs '54 and Irwin Jacobs '54, BEE '56; students will earn both a Technion and a Cornell degree. This program combines information technologies with social and media studies, and it will be part of a broader program in applied information-based sciences in one of our three "hubs" focused around leading New York City industries: Connective Media, Healthier Life, and the Built Environment.

Planning for the permanent campus is moving forward at a rapid pace. We are on track to break ground in early 2014 and open our doors on Roosevelt Island in 2017. We have finalized a master plan that will shape the evolution of the campus over the many years of planned development. In addition, we completed



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Beta class: A first-semester master of engineering in computer science "open studio" held at Cornell Tech.

the New York City public review process for the campus in the spring, and have been grateful for the overwhelming support throughout the city for our vision and campus plans. Our future home on Roosevelt Island will be an innovative, sustainable campus made up of a combination of academic space, corporate co-location facilities, an executive education center and hotel, housing for students and employees, and more than two acres of publicly accessible open space. Overall, the fully built-out campus will comprise more than two million square feet of new space located in a series of architecturally dynamic buildings. For the signature first academic building, being designed by Pritzker Prize-winning architect Thom Mayne of Morphosis, we are aspiring to achieve "net-zero" energy usage over time. We have also partnered with Forest City Ratner Companies, the developer of the Barclays Center in Brooklyn, to build the first corporate co-location building, with design by innovative architectural firm WEISS/MANFREDI. Many other world-class designers are also engaged, including Skidmore, Owings & Merrill for the campus plan and Field Operations (designer of New York City's popular High Line) for the landscaping.

This has been an extremely exciting time, not just for Cornell Tech but for the entire Cornell community. We look forward to providing more updates about our progress in future issues of *Cornell Alumni Magazine*.

— Dan Huttenlocher, Dean, and
Cathy Dove, MBA '84, Vice President

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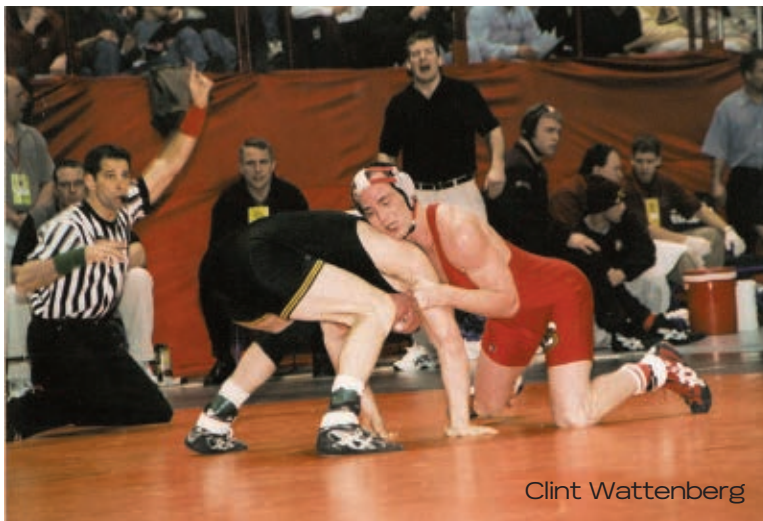
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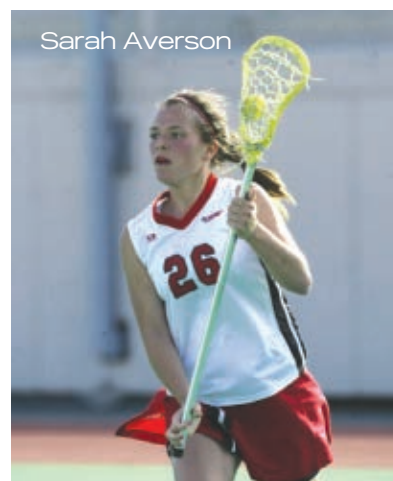
Honored Athletes

The Cornell Athletic Hall of Fame will welcome 12 new members during its annual induction ceremony in September, raising its ranks to 555. The Class of 2013 consists of Sarah Averson '03, women's lacrosse; Michael Halperin '01, men's tennis; Katy Jay '03, women's track and field; Ryan McClay '03, men's lacrosse; Mike McGrann '88, football; Taylor McLean '03, women's polo; Doug Murray '03, men's ice hockey; Win Osgood 1892, football, track and field, tennis, wrestling, rowing; Erik Rico '02, baseball; Carl Shields '75, men's track and field; Clint Wattenberg '02, BS '03, wrestling; and Nicole Zitarelli Danielsen '01, softball.



Katy Jay

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Sarah Averson

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Sports Shorts

OVERALL EXCELLENCE Reaching a level usually reserved for the richest college athletic programs in the country, Cornell cracked the top 20 of the Capital One Cup standings, which are based on NCAA championship results and season-ending coaches' polls. The Big Red placed 18th among Division I men's programs, tops in the Ivy League and second among Football Championship Subdivision schools nationwide.

A man in a dark suit stands and speaks to a man and a woman seated at a table. The man is wearing a green blazer and blue trousers, and the woman is wearing a tan blazer. They are in a high-rise office with a large window overlooking a city at sunset. The scene is lit with warm, golden light from the setting sun.

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ALL-AROUND SKILLS Quarterback **Jeff Mathews '14** is earning attention for his efforts both on and off the field. Already the holder of almost every Cornell passing record, Mathews was one of 20 players tabbed as ones to watch for national player of the year honors and appeared on several preseason All-American lists. He was also named a candidate for the American Football Coaches Association Good Works team for his community involvement, which includes work with Big Brothers Big Sisters and Susan G. Komen for the Cure. Last spring, Mathews joined a group of Big Red athletes involved with the Fellowship of Christian Athletes on a trip to Wilmington, Delaware, to assist disadvantaged youth.

FULL PLATE Cornell Athletics didn't have to look far when it chose to appoint its first coordinator of sports nutrition. **Clint Wattenberg '02, BS '03**, was named to the post less than a week after he was announced as a new member of the Cornell Athletic Hall of Fame. A two-time All-American, Wattenberg has been a nutrition specialist for the Cornell Healthy Eating Program for the past two years and will split his time between those duties and the athletic department.

TOUGH BREAK After being selected in the fourth round of the 2013 NFL draft by the Green Bay Packers, **J. C. Tretter '13** saw his hopes for a strong rookie season dashed when he broke his ankle on the first day of a May mini-camp. He may miss the entire season. A second-team All-American at left tackle, Tretter was the first Big Red player drafted since **Kevin Boothe '05** went to the Oakland Raiders in 2006. Tretter's teammate **Luke Tasker '13** signed a free-agent contract with the San Diego Chargers after earning first-team All-Ivy honors and setting single-season school receiving records with 1,207 yards and eight touchdowns.



J. C. Tretter

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Eitan
Chemerinski

MULTIPLE MEDALISTS Forward **Eitan Chemerinski '13** was a member of the gold medal-winning United States men's basketball team at the Maccabiah Games in Israel in July. The U.S. went 6-1 in the tournament and beat Argentina 85-76 in the final to avenge its only loss. The U.S. junior team, coached by **Yanni Hufnagel '06**, currently an assistant coach at Vanderbilt, finished second, losing to host Israel 71-62 in the title game. Other Cornell medalists

included fencer **Michelle Verhave '80**, who won a silver medal in the masters foil and bronze in the masters epee, and rower **Caroline Post '10, BFA '11**, who earned bronze in the female double sculls.

B-BALL EXECUTIVE The new president of the NBA's Sacramento Kings is **Chris Granger '93**. He was named to the position in July after spending 14 years working in the NBA offices, including his most recent job as vice president for team marketing and business operations. He will oversee a Kings organization that sold for an NBA record \$525 million in May.

ROWING RESULTS At the Under-23 World Championships in Linz, Austria, **Ned Benning '16** brought home a bronze medal in the men's four; his boat was third in the heats and second in the repechage. **Leigh Archer '13** took seventh in the women's pair, while **Colin Farrell '05**, now an assistant coach at Penn, coached the men's four boat to a sixth-place finish.

COACHING CHANGE Former Big Red defensive back **Emani Fenton '11** has joined the Kansas City Chiefs as a coaching assistant after two seasons on the Cornell football staff. He was the team's defensive backs coach in 2011 before serving as inside linebacker coach and recruiting coordinator in 2012.



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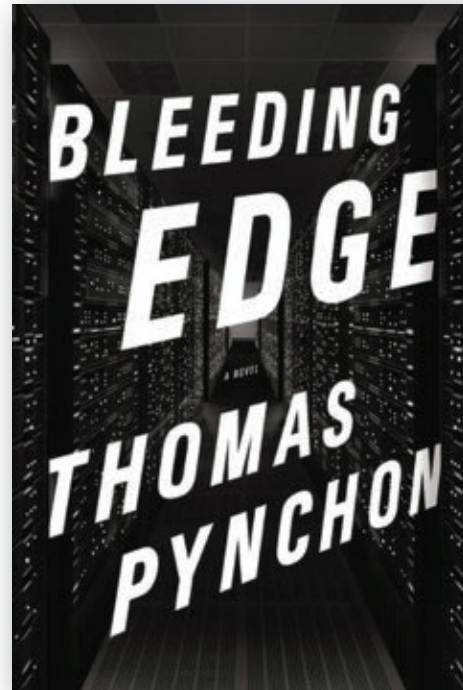
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After the Bubble Burst

Bleeding Edge

by Thomas Pynchon '59 (Penguin)

Pynchon sets his latest novel in New York City in 2001, between the dot-com bust and the fall of the Twin Towers on 9/11. His heroine, Maxine Tarnow, is a divorced mother of two young sons and an unlicensed fraud investigator who operates in the shadowy world of Silicon Alley, where she encounters con artists, venture capitalists, drug runners, code monkeys, Russian mobsters, and hackers who vie for what crumbs are left after the boom. She discovers plots, paranoia, the Deep Web, and more about the “spectrum of hometown larceny” than she bargains for.



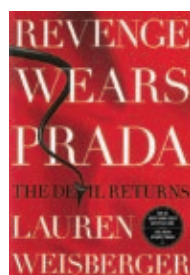
The Last Next Time by Paul Cody, MFA '87 (Irving Place). After more than two decades of sobriety, novelist and former CAM associate editor Cody fell into prescription drug addiction. Although he was still able to teach, he knew he needed help. He entered rehab at the Caron Treatment Center in Pennsylvania, one of the oldest in the nation, where he spent almost six weeks and met lawyers, soldiers, doctors, fighters, and businessmen who were also addicted to heroin, alcohol, methamphetamine, cocaine, or pills. He sees his fellow addicts' struggles—and his own—with greater understanding and compassionate clarity.



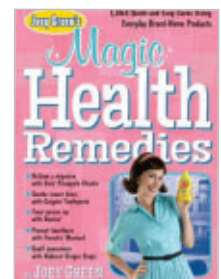
The Fate of Freedom Elsewhere by William Michael Schmidli, PhD '09 (Cornell). When Jimmy Carter entered the Oval Office at the height of state-sponsored violence in Argentina, he tried to shift U.S. policy from tacit support of the military's “dirty war” to condemnation of human rights violations. Schmidli, an assistant professor of history at Bucknell University, shows how Carter played an important role in convincing the junta to accept a visit by the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights. By the time Reagan became president in January 1981, however, Carter's idealism had largely been supplanted by a more traditional brand of Cold War realism.



Revenge Wears Prada by Lauren Weisberger '99 (Simon & Schuster). In the sequel to *The Devil Wears Prada*, Andy Sachs no longer works as an assistant for Miranda Priestly, editor of *Runway* and the world's most demanding boss. Now her life seems perfect. She's the co-founder of *The Plunge*, a successful high-end bridal magazine she launches with Emily Charlton, Miranda's other former assistant. And she's engaged to Max Harrison, the wealthy scion of an elite New York City family. But the dream turns to nightmare when Andy finds a letter in which Max's mother begs him to marry someone else.



Magic Health Remedies by Joey Green '80, BFA '81 (Rodale). Joey Green has made a career out of finding unorthodox applications for everyday household items. Using inexpensive brand-name ingredients that can be found in refrigerators, pantries, or kitchen cabinets, he demonstrates how they treat common ailments—everything from allergies and back pain to hay fever and morning sickness. Frozen peas, apple cider vinegar, mustard, Jell-O, vanilla extract, coffee, peanut butter, Cool Whip, and canned tuna are just a few of the things that can serve as home remedies. And each chapter ends with advice that requires no products at all.



Fiction

Midnight by Kevin Egan '74 (Forge). Employees of the New York County Courthouse continue to be paid until the end of the year if the judge they work for dies. When Judge Alvin Canter dies in chambers on New Year's Eve, his law clerk and his secretary try to conceal the judge's death until the next day. But their plan to guarantee a year's pay soon goes terribly awry.

Recipe for a Happy Life by Brenda Janowitz '95 (St. Martin's Griffin). Hannah Goodman seems to have everything going for her—success as a lawyer and a handsome boyfriend—but when it all comes crashing down she retreats to her glamorous grandmother's house in the Hamptons where she learns to put her life back together.

Love Gone Mad by Mark Rubinstein (Thunder Lake). After heart surgeon Adrian Douglas falls in love with Megan Haggarty, a neonatal ICU nurse at the hospital where they work, strange things happen and they soon realize their lives are in danger. A stalker seeks revenge against them for a crime that exists only in his mind.

Poetry

The Spectra by Fred Muratori (Stockport Flats). In his third collection, Muratori, bibliographer for English-language Literature, Theater, and Film at Cornell University Library, writes about the mystery of thought—"its heft, its velocity, its unpredictability, its sad attempts to emulate the physical."

Fannie + Freddie by Amy Sara Carroll, MFA '95 (Fordham). The winner of the Poets Out Loud Prize cuts through what she sees as the sentimentality of post-9/11 rhetoric to portray contemporary America.

Heart. Wood. By Eric Torgersen '64 (Word). In his latest collection, a professor emeritus of English at Central Michigan University reveals the wisdom of the heart with self-deprecating humor.

Non-Fiction

The Emergency State by David C. Unger '67 (Penguin). "Without recognizing it, let alone debating it, America has slipped into a permanent, self-renewing state of emergency," states Unger, a *New York Times* editorial writer. He argues that America is trapped in a state of war. "This change has deformed our politics, diminished our liberties, distorted our relations with the rest of the world, and undermined America's inherent economic strengths."

Chinese Cubans by Kathleen López, MA '95 (North Carolina). In the nineteenth century, more than 100,000 Chinese were brought to Cuba as indentured laborers. They were later followed by merchants and free migrants in search of better lives. An assistant professor of Latino and Caribbean studies at Rutgers University follows the history of the Chinese as they made the transition from "coolies" to full citizens of Cuba.

Mothers Unite! by Jocelyn Elise Crowley '92 (Cornell). A professor of public policy at Rutgers University analyzes the work of five national mothers' organizations and argues that they have the potential to turn the issue of workplace flexibility into the foundation of a true movement.

A Living Exhibition by William S. Walker '00 (Massachusetts). The Smithsonian Institution has undergone profound changes in the last fifty years. An assistant professor of history at the Cooperstown Graduate Program, SUNY Oneonta, shows how the Smithsonian's exhibitions of cultural history, anthropology, and folk life reflect the larger context of social movements and public debates in the nation.

Financial Justice by Larry Kirsch '62 and Robert N. Mayer (Praeger). In the wake of the credit collapse of 2008, consumer, labor, civil rights, fair lending, and community groups came together to fight against predatory lending. An economist and his co-author follow the campaign to pass the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform Act and create the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.

Epidemiology of Women's Health by Ruby Tomberg Senie '57, BS Nurs '75 (Jones & Bartlett Learning). A professor of epidemiology and sociomedical sciences at the Mailman School of Public Health at Columbia University surveys the major chronic, infectious, autoimmune, and psychological health conditions that affect women.

A Companion to Organizational Anthropology edited by D. Douglas Caulkins, PhD '82, and Ann T. Jordan (Wiley). A professor emeritus of anthropology at Grinnell College edits a collection of studies on the anthropology of such complex organizations as government agencies, nonprofits, and transnational corporations.

Developmentally Appropriate Practice edited by Carol Copple, PhD '73, et al. (NAEYC). In two volumes, one devoted to infants and toddlers and the other to preschoolers, the editors provide teachers with resources to help students reach goals that are both challenging and achievable.

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Let's Get Together

From the 5th
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Back to school: Festivities included (clockwise from top) the Reunion Row; the Glee Club concert in Goldwin Smith; and the Alumni Baseball Game.



JAY WAKS '68

Hill happy (clockwise from top): Reveling in the tents; a 45th Reunion concert by dermatologist/drummer Jay Goldstein '68 and his Boston-area band, Brogue; and a Haudenosaunee (Iroquois Confederacy) Social. Below: Enjoying a wine tasting in Kennedy Hall.

Reunion 2013 brought more than 6,000 people to campus for three days of parties, programs, picnics, and more. Highlights of this year's festivities included a joint celebration by the classes of 1938 and 2008; an update on the Cornell Tech project; a talk on the Vietnam War by a history professor who recently won a Pulitzer Prize; and a panel discussion on the evolution of teaching on the Hill from the Sixties to the present.

The 4,517 alumni who attended included three members of the Class of '38; the oldest attendee was Continuous Reunion Club member Mary Clare Capewell Ward '37, who traveled to Ithaca with her daughter. Cornellians returned to campus from around the globe, hailing from such far-flung locales as Australia, Brazil, China, Hungary, Israel, Korea, Luxembourg, Pakistan, Singapore, Sweden, and Thailand.

In his annual State of the University address, President David Skorton focused on the importance of faculty renewal. He noted that as of last fall, more than 43 percent of the faculty was over fifty-five and more than 13 percent was aged sixty-five to seventy-four. Over the next decade, he said, the University expects to recruit up to a third of its faculty and staff. "That presents us with a once-in-a-generation opportunity to maintain strength across all areas of this university while building leadership in select areas of importance," he said, "and we are seizing the moment."

For reports of the Reunion classes and the Continuous Reunion Club, see page 60.

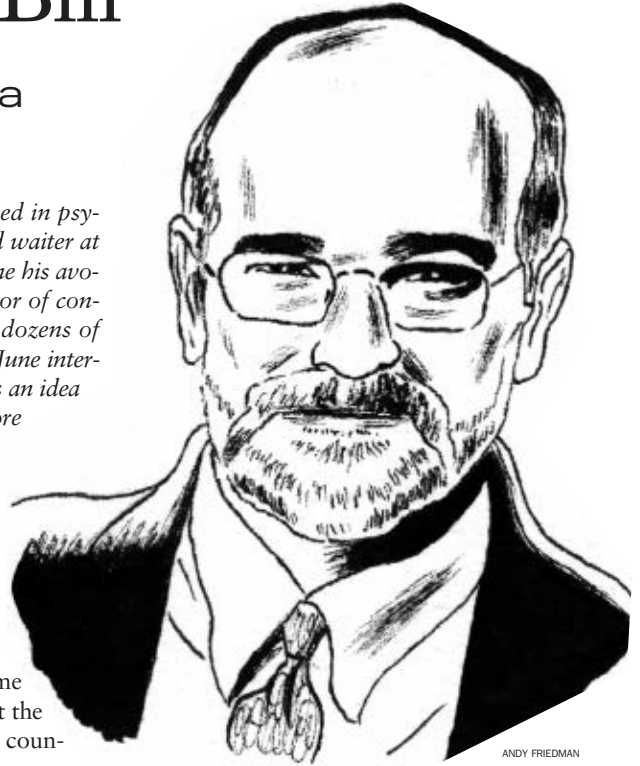


Fit the Bill

Hotel professor **Michael Lynn** makes a meal of tipping research

As an undergrad at the University of Texas, Austin, Michael Lynn majored in psychology and economics and worked his way through school as a tuxedoed waiter at an upscale French restaurant. It was apt preparation for what would become his avocation—as one of the world’s foremost experts on tipping. Now a professor of consumer behavior and marketing in the Hotel school, Lynn has published dozens of studies on tipping and regularly appears in the national media, including a June interview on NPR’s Freakonomics Radio. As one of the hosts noted: “Tipping is an idea that economists, traditionally, have a hard time with. Why should I give more of my money to someone else on top of what I’ve already paid for a meal or a ride to the airport?”

Cornell Alumni Magazine: Where did the custom of tipping come from?
Michael Lynn: There’s a retired anthropologist who theorizes that tipping originated as a way to forestall the server’s envy. He thought, if you’re a customer at a tavern, and you’re eating and having fun, the servers are likely to be envious. They could spit in your food; who knows what they might do? So tipping evolved as a way of saying, “Here’s some money; have a drink on me after you get off.” His argument for this is that the word for tip in many countries translates to “drink money” or, in Asian countries, often “tea money.”



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CAM: If that's the anthropologists' explanation, what do economists say?

ML: They tend to think that tipping exists because it's an efficient way to monitor and reward employees. If you're ignoring my table, management doesn't know if you're doing a bad job or if I expressed a desire to be left alone. It's hard for them to evaluate your performance as a server, but it's easy for me as a customer. So we tip those professions where the customer has an advantage in evaluating performance. Why don't we tip our doctor? In part, because we can't tell if he did a good job.

CAM: That may be why the system exists—but why are individuals motivated to tip when they don't strictly have to?

ML: For a lot of reasons—but the dominant one is to avoid the server's disapproval. Part of human nature is that we care what people think about us.

CAM: Where does America stand in the tipping hierarchy?

ML: We tip more service providers, and larger amounts, than anywhere else in the world.

CAM: Why is that?

ML: There's no single reason. I've done studies that looked at predictors of tipping across nations. And while we're at the top in our propensity to tip, we're not at the top in those predictors. For instance, more extroverted populations tip more. More tough-minded, as opposed to tender-hearted, populations tip less.

CAM: In addition to working in a fancy French restaurant, you've bartended and waited tables at casual joints like Pizza Hut. Did you get good tips?

ML: I didn't get bad tips, but I didn't get great tips either. Especially in casual dining, there were other servers who always made more money than me. And now I understand why: because they were more outgoing and sociable. In casual dining, it's all about the rapport you establish with the table, because then they'll care more about your opinion of them.

CAM: And how can a server do that?

ML: There are a lot of specific behaviors that we know, through experimental research, increase tips. Introducing yourself by name. Touching the customer lightly on the arm or shoulder. Simply writing "thank you" or drawing some-

thing on the back of the check. You're personalizing yourself, so you're not this bland food-delivery mechanism.

CAM: Demographically, which servers get the best tips?

ML: White servers get better tips than black servers—and that's true whether the customers are white or black. Blonde waitresses get better tips, as do slender waitresses. Waitresses in their mid-thirties get better tips than those who are younger or older. Also waitresses with larger breasts, though I hesitate to say that.

CAM: Why?

ML: Of all the research I've done, I got the most flak over that. There were a lot of letters and e-mails to our dean. People even called Cornell, checking if I had IRB [Institutional Review Board] approval. I've studied race differences and not gotten those kinds of reactions.

CAM: Speaking of which: can you talk about racial stereotypes in tipping?

ML: Blacks are widely perceived in this country as poor tippers. There was a famous case in 1999—a restaurant in Florida charged a black couple an auto-



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matic gratuity and didn't charge it to a white couple at the next table. They called the manager over, and his response was, "You black people don't tip." They called the police, and it became a media sensation. I thought, This is an interesting empirical question. So I studied it—and sure enough, blacks tip less than whites on average.

CAM: And why is that?

ML: It has a little to do with income and education differences. It may, on some occasions, have to do with service differentials—that is, blacks get poorer service and as a result tip less. But the fact is, tips

aren't that strongly related to service in the first place. And after controlling for a customer's own rating of service, you still get a black-white difference. The strongest explanation I've found so far—but it's only partial—is that there are differences in awareness of the tipping norm. About two-thirds of whites, if asked what is the customary tip in U.S. restaurants, will give you a response in the 15 to 20 percent range, but only about a third of blacks will. So blacks are less familiar with the norm and therefore don't comply with it as readily.

CAM: Given how fraught the issue is, why study it?

ML: Because it has a lot of negative implications for the restaurant industry, and also for the black community. Servers don't want to wait on black tables. Restaurants in black communities have a hard time attracting and retaining wait staff, and restaurant chains don't want to open in black communities because it's going to be hard to staff them. Now we can have a discussion that's not just, "You're racist for saying it," and start looking for solutions.

CAM: In your Freakonomics interview, you mention that due to race-based differences in earning power, our tipping system might actually be illegal.

ML: The Civil Rights Act made it unlawful to discriminate in employment on the basis of race. The Supreme Court has ruled that even neutral practices that are not intended to discriminate—like relying on tips as a major source of employees' income—are unlawful if they adversely impact one of these protected classes.

CAM: Earlier, you mentioned that tipping is not particularly dependent on service. Can that really be true?

ML: I interview customers leaving restaurants, asking them to rate the service and tell me how much their bill was and how much they tipped. I find that only about 4 percent of the tipping differences among dining parties is explained by service quality.

CAM: But how is that possible?

ML: People say, "OK, you didn't give me the service I wanted; I still don't want you to think I'm a cheapskate. So I'll tip you less—just not a whole lot less."

CAM: What if the service is just dreadful?

ML: I have no doubt that if the service is abysmal people will leave without tipping—but that's so rare it doesn't really count.

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The Talking Cure

First Amendment lawyer Marjorie Heins '67 has devoted a career to defending freedom of speech



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In the late Eighties and early Nineties, censorship was a hot topic. Museum directors were being prosecuted for displaying the sexually explicit work of photographer Robert Mapplethorpe. Conservative “pro-family” organizations were urging advertiser boycotts of edgy TV shows like “NYPD Blue.” Some Americans were outraged by taxpayer support of allegedly obscene art, including Andres Serrano’s infamous sculpture *Piss Christ*.

Among the lightning rods of the era was Karen Finley, a performance artist known for audacious acts such as smearing her naked body with chocolate—creating, as she put it, “a symbol of women being treated like dirt.” When Finley and three other artists, dubbed the NEA Four, lost federally funded grants in the wake of a Congress-

sional crackdown on outré material, they sued. They argued that Congress’s new requirement—that grantees meet “general standards of decency and respect for the diverse beliefs and values of the American public”—was a violation of the First Amendment.

They won—but the government appealed, and the case eventually went to the Supreme Court. And sitting “second chair” during oral arguments for *National Endowment of the Arts v. Finley*,

on the side advocating free expression, was Marjorie Holt Heins '67.

A longtime First Amendment lawyer, author, and academic, Heins has worked on free speech and civil rights issues from a variety of perspectives. Early in her career she was a journalist for alternative newspapers in San Francisco; her first book, *Strictly Ghetto Property: The Story of Los Siete de la Raza*, chronicled a racially charged 1969 case in which a group of Latino youths was acquitted in the death of a police officer. She has served as a staff attorney for the ACLU, arguing freedom of speech cases in federal court; they include a 1997 Internet censorship case brought by six college professors in Virginia, who claimed that a law prohibiting state employees from accessing sexually explicit materials online could hamper academic freedom. “One of our plaintiffs was an expert in the poetry of Swinburne,” Heins explains, “and there’s some kinky stuff in Swinburne.” (They won, but the decision was reversed on appeal; the ACLU appealed to the Supreme Court, which declined to hear it.)

Heins has also worked on the other side of the courtroom. As head of the civil rights division for the Massachusetts Attorney General’s office, she was called upon to defend state law. But even there, she was no stranger to controversy: during her tenure, she headed an investigation in the wake of the notorious Carol Stuart murder. In 1989, Charles Stuart claimed that a black man shot him and killed his pregnant wife in the Roxbury section of Boston, prompting a massive, racially charged manhunt and the arrest of a suspect. It later came to light that Stuart had murdered his wife, shot himself, and concocted the story. It fell to Heins to explore how the homicide unit had conducted its investigation, which left many of the city’s African American men feeling that their civil rights had been trampled. “This,” she notes, “didn’t make me popular with the police department.”

Heins grew up in Brooklyn in the Fifties, the daughter of a high school social studies teacher and a homemaker. “It was the Cold War, and we had to hide under our desks during defense drills,” she recalls with a wry laugh. “*That* was going to save us from nuclear attack by the Soviet Union.” At Cornell in the mid-Sixties, she majored in English and reported for the *Daily Sun*. “I got interested in the civil rights movement,” she says. “I wanted to go south one summer to register voters in Fayette County, Tennessee, but my parents wouldn’t let me—and I wasn’t yet prepared to defy them.” She joined the Cornell chapter of Students for a Democratic Society, becoming passionately involved in the antiwar movement and the burgeoning political activities of the New Left. After graduation she married a classmate and, after time in



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New York City, they made their way to San Francisco in an old camper van; they were en route when they heard that Robert Kennedy had been assassinated.

The couple had two children and eventually relocated to Boston, where Heins attended Harvard Law School with the aim of using her JD to promote freedom of speech and social justice. In addition to front-line litigation, she has authored several books including *Cutting the Mustard: Affirmative Action and the Nature of Excellence*; *Sex, Sin, and Blasphemy: A Guide to America's Censorship Wars*; and *Not in Front of the Children:*

"Indecency," Censorship, and the Innocence of Youth. Her most recent—*Priests of Our Democracy: The Supreme Court, Academic Freedom, and the Anti-Communist Purge*—came out in February.

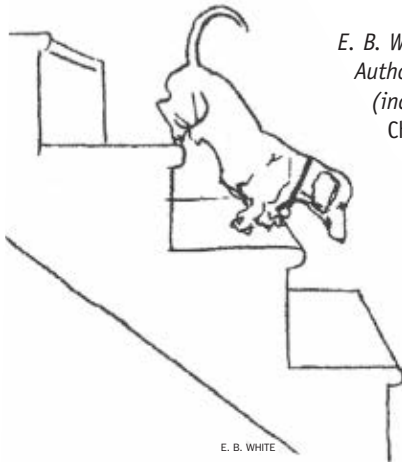
Today, Heins lives on the Upper West Side of Manhattan and teaches a course on censorship at NYU. She's also the founder of the Free Expression Policy Project, a small nonprofit that describes itself as a "think tank on artistic and intellectual freedom." Even in the age of the Internet—when Americans often feel more bedeviled by information overload than by constraints on expression—Heins says

that censorship remains a threat. Among her concerns, she cites the concentration of media in the hands of large corporations; declines in investigative journalism in the wake of newspaper cutbacks; the persistent use of "loyalty oaths" by some employers, including the State of California; the perennial debate over indecency in broadcast media; and an increasingly secretive government in the post-9/11 age. "Whether we technically call it censorship," she says, "we do have to worry about what information people are getting—or not getting."

— Beth Saulnier

Speak!

E. B. White's granddaughter publishes a collection of his dog-related writings



E. B. White '21 wore many hats. Author of children's books (including the beloved Charlotte's Web); co-writer of the classic grammar guide The Elements of Style; longtime New Yorker essayist; all-around raconteur. Another lesser-known title: dog-lover. White owned dogs throughout his life—though he may well have argued that they owned him. He wrote

on many canine-related topics over the years, from comically fraudulent "reports" by his elderly dachshund, Fred, to coverage of assorted run-ins between four-legged Manhattanites and the law.

Last spring, Maine's Tilbury House published a hardcover collection of White's canine writings, edited by his granddaughter, Martha. E. B. White on Dogs features New Yorker stories, poems, letters, essays, sketches—even a moving obituary to his Scottie, Daisy, run down by a yellow cab that jumped the curb. Many of the pieces evince both White's signature wry wit and an abiding understanding of the dog-lover's lot. "My advice, if you have a dachshund puppy, is to subscribe to the New York Times," he wrote to a friend in 1950, "and instead of reading it just distribute it liberally all over the house."

Among the book's entries is "Architects and Dachshunds," published in the New Yorker's "Talk of the Town" section on September 3, 1949:

Serious consideration should be given by architects to the problems of people who own dachshunds. The modern boys—the Wrights, the Gropiuses, the Neutras—are full of startling ideas about functional design, but it is one thing to design a house around a person and it is something else again to design a house around a dachshund. Chief of the problems is the matter of stairs. Here, proportion is everything. An English setter takes a flight of

stairs in his stride—literally in his stride, one paw after another. He merely crouches slightly and glides up or down. A dachshund, because of his low center of gravity (which in some individuals is simply a center of frivolity), is incapable of going up and down stairs one paw after another. He, or she, must tackle stairs in a series of bold, sometimes hysterical leaps, the two forepaws and the two hindpaws operating in pairs. The ascent of a dachshund is a sort of conniption. It requires considerable driving power, most of it supplied by the hind legs. The descent, far more difficult and in some instances disastrous, is a series of suicidal leaps, with the dog in imminent danger of nosing over. If you have never studied the descent of a dachshund, perhaps a brief description will help. The animal first gets himself into the correct launching position, forepaws down one step, hindpaws poised at brink of takeoff. If he is an elderly dog, he remains in the launching position for several minutes, reviewing the situation and making side remarks. Having determined to go, he throws himself outward with just enough force to drop him onto the next step down, still in the launching position. Obviously he must neither overshoot nor undershoot. And he must re-launch himself the very instant he makes contact; that is, he must continue to bounce, legs tensed and in pairs, one step at a time, till he reaches the bottom. A dachshund with long toenails descending an uncarpeted staircase makes a sound unlike any other sound in nature.

We can say with assurance that a stairway having ten-inch treads and seven-and-a-half-inch risers is a practical stairway for an adult dachshund in reasonably good health. A stairway with narrow treads—seven or eight inches, a size common in old New England houses—can cause a dachshund to crack up nervously. Circular stairs, popular with modern architects, are unfair to dachshunds; such stairs often have no risers at all, which is unnerving, and the descent requires not only a bounce but a bounce with a twist. Our own residence, built before either architects or dachshunds were highly thought of, is unsuitable for dachshunds, and we are thinking of installing an electric chair-lift for our animal. While we are at it, the chair might as well be big enough to hold both of us.

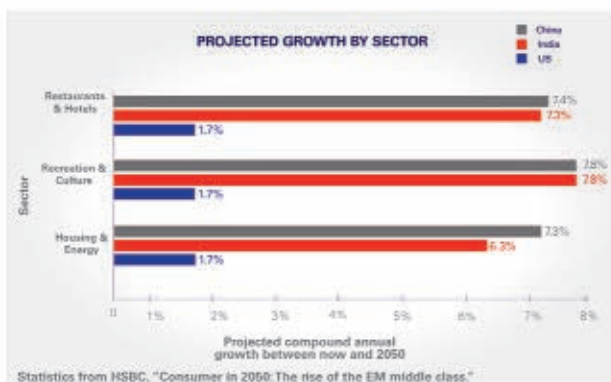
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Three '87 classmates travel the world designing interiors for high-end hotels



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Roger Hill '87 and his classmates-cum-colleagues have come a long way since their first commission: redesigning a public restroom at the legendary “Purple Hyatt” in suburban Chicago.

That was a quarter-century ago. Today their interior design and branding firm, the Gettys Group, works on major hotel projects around the world—from a Ritz Carlton in Miami to a Sheraton in Seoul to a Hard Rock in Macau to a Westin in Abu Dhabi. Among their flagship projects: the recently completed \$58 million renovation of Hong Kong’s venerable, colonial-era Peninsula Hotel. But not all their work is high-end; their Chicago-area portfolio, for example, includes a DoubleTree and a Ronald McDonald House. “We have become storytellers—whether we’re doing it in something as elegant as the Peninsula or a fantastic Hampton Inn in Tupelo, Mississippi,” says Hill, the firm’s chairman and CEO. “That’s what’s been exciting. Being able to do that at all

those price points makes us quite unique.”

Hill is based out of the firm’s Chicago headquarters, as is president and COO Andrew Fay ’87; managing director and principal Ariane Steinbeck ’87 covers Asia and the Middle East from her base in Hong Kong. They’re an international bunch. Hill grew up in Wisconsin; Steinbeck was born in Germany and reared in Spain; Fay is from Tasmania. (A fourth founder, Julius van Heek ’86, who’s no longer with the firm, hailed from Amsterdam.) “Design wasn’t that important when I first went into this niche of the profession,” Steinbeck observes, speaking via cell phone from the back of a Hong Kong taxi. “It was important for the hotel companies to be consistent and meet the needs of the guest. The emphasis on design, having a unique environment,



The good life: Gettys Group design projects include (clockwise from top left) the Ritz Carlton in Key Biscayne, Florida; the Al Ghurair Rayhaan in Dubai; the Mamoz in Hong Kong; the Hotel Felix in Chicago; and Sheraton’s D Cube City Hotel in Seoul.

became more important as time went on.”

In the U.S., about 90 percent of Gettys’s work involves renovations; it’s the opposite abroad, where new construction is favored. “There’s a stronger desire for more environmentally friendly design and projects that are more socially responsible,” says Fay, forming the third leg of a tri-continental conference call as he speaks amid the chatter of a Dubai shopping mall. “There’s also a desire for projects that are more authentic, in that they embrace their local culture—using indigenous materials, developing a stronger connection with the environment the project is in. A lot of our earlier projects, you could’ve been in Kansas City or Sydney or Moscow. But now, customers are a lot more sophisticated in their expectations.” But as Steinbeck notes, guests’ underlying desires spring eternal. “You want a comfortable place to sleep and a great shower,” she says. “You want to feel safe. You want to make sure you can do business or have a fabulous vacation.”

The firm’s first high-end project was designing the spa at Chicago’s Four Seasons. Its first large-scale commission: renovating the more than 2,000 guest rooms at the Hyatt Regency Chicago—at the time, the largest American hotel outside Las Vegas. Gettys pioneered a number of innovations, including a method for reupholstering guestroom chairs on site. (Since there were 4,000 of them, not having to cart them to a repair facility whenever they were broken or soiled saved a lot of time and money.) Then there was another clever bit of engineering—a simple-but-elegant notion that remains beloved to power-hungry travelers the world over. “We were the first people to put an outlet in a hotel lamp,” Hill says, then adds with a laugh: “We only regret that we didn’t figure out a way to patent the technology.”

Handle with Care

Meet Cornell's own scientific glassblower



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Nature abhors a vacuum. But scientists love them—and need them. Specifically, Cornell’s researchers need someone who knows how to make and maintain proper glass vacuum tubing. Enter David “The Glassman” Wise.

Wise is the University’s full-time glassblower. When he arrived on the Hill two decades ago, the glassmaking shop—located in the basement of Olin Chemistry Research Wing, Room B-66—was a two-man operation; now it’s just Wise. A tall, burly fellow who spent nineteen years at Corning Glass, Wise could pass for a bouncer when he dons his dark safety glasses, but he’s disarmingly soft spoken. “I was lucky to get this job,” he says. “Corning was starting to outsource and I saw the writing on the wall. I’d worked my way up from crating glass to making one-of-a-kind glassware. When I left, the company had 400 glassblowers on the floor. Today, none.”

Clear vision: David Wise is the University’s only full-time glassblower. Inset: His Olin workshop.

At Cornell, researchers seek his services for a variety of projects. But mostly, Wise makes vacuum tubing for chemists and biologists. He also does glasswork for materials science, food science, physics, and, occasionally, textiles. One surprise assignment came from the theatre department: design an elaborate Victorian laboratory with large test tubes, flasks, beakers, and more. (The

play, naturally, was *Frankenstein*.)

That Cornell employs a dedicated glassblower may seem a bit of a throw-back. And in some ways, it is. While it's still standard for a top research university to have its own dedicated glass shop, more and more researchers are ordering their glass online—but they can't fix it when it's broken. That's when Wise gets a knock on his door. "He's a genuine artisan," says David Collum '77, newly appointed chair of chemistry. "I don't know how we'd run our vacuum lines—our experiments—without him. He's fixing them all the time." The value of having someone like Wise on staff is underscored one June afternoon when a professor stops by with a concept for a simple device he needs quickly. He sketches the design and hands it to Wise, who looks it over. "No problem," Wise says, after they exchange some technical questions. "I can throw that together and have it for you first thing Monday morning." It's closing time on a Thursday. Now that's good service.

Much of Wise's work is done on a machine called a glass lathe. Equipped with torches at either end and a set of jets in the center, it allows him to join tubes or cylinders, one clamped at each end. As flames throw menacing shapes and figures around the glasswork, Wise manipulates the piece with what looks like a common spatula. He may seem nonchalant around the searing flames, but every move is nuanced and cautious. Later, he fires up a fixed torch on his workbench and puts the finishing touches on a piece of tubing that looks like a baby bottle. Large billows of flame roar as they encircle the vessel, a mesmerizing sight. The piece is then placed in an annealing oven to cool overnight. In the morning Wise will check for weaknesses in the piece using a special light; a frailty shows up as a cloudy area.

These days, one of Wise's favorite activities is leading a mentoring program in glassblowing sponsored by the chemistry department, open to all Cornell students. Not many sign up, though—and many who do don't stick with it. "They find out that it's not all that easy," he says. "After a while, they lose interest." Reflecting on the lack of apprentice glassblowers, both Wise and Collum joke about one area in which glassmaking is a growth industry: in downtown Ithaca, numerous storefronts are lined with intricately designed hookahs, bongos, and other paraphernalia, selling for as much as \$3,000 apiece.

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The Unkindest Cut

Activist Tobe Levin, PhD '79,
battles female genital mutilation



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Women's rights: Toby Levin, PhD '79 (inset), helped mount an art exhibit at Brandeis on FGM. It included this oil painting, *Queue*.

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For Tobe Levin, PhD '79, a magazine article sparked a lifetime of activism. Then twenty-nine and living in Germany, Levin gazed, simultaneously transfixed and appalled, at a feature story entitled “Klitorisbeschneidung.”

It was 1977, and clitoridectomy—the traditional removal of all or part of the outer female genitalia widely practiced as a tribal, cultural, or religious ritual in regions of Africa, Asia, and the Middle East—was just becoming known in the Western world. The concept made Levin’s head spin. Though she’d been reading about feminist issues for several years, after learning about the practice—now commonly called female genital mutilation (FGM), but also known as female genital cutting or circumcision—she felt a call to action. “The most I had done before this was to join groups agitating for abortion rights. I was a paper participant,” says Levin. “This issue said to me, ‘If you’re

ever going to do anything, you’d better act on this.’”

As the women’s rights movement grew in the mid-Seventies, Europe was learning about FGM from African women with stories to tell. The article Levin had read in a German feminist magazine generated so much reader mail that an editor was hired just to cope with the influx. In Germany, Levin joined a letter-writing campaign entreatng UNICEF to designate FGM a human rights abuse. Already fluent in Spanish and French, Levin gained proficiency in German by translating articles about FGM, giving speeches, and eventually reporting stories on the subject for German-language publications. “My German was terrible,” Levin remembers. “But I thought, This topic is too important for me to worry about perfect grammar.”

Today, Levin is the founder of a small press devoted to publishing works that address FGM, a topic rarely mentioned in English-language publications. Even many feminists, she says, “don’t want to face

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the horrible, horrible truth." The facts are indeed sobering: the WHO estimates that 140 million women and girls have undergone the procedure, which was deemed a violation at the 1993 World Conference on Human Rights. Levin started the press, called *UnCut/Voices*, in the hope of making Americans as aware of FGM as Europeans are. "In Germany, France, and Italy books were being published that were not translated into English," she says. "No English publisher wanted them." The press, she says, "is for those who are not interested in practicing feminism lite."

UnCut/Voices' first release was *Blood Stains*—a memoir of FGM, arranged marriage, and spousal abuse written by a young Senegalese woman named Khady Köita. "It had already been translated into seventeen languages before I could get it into English," says Levin, who published Köita's book in 2010. (Its admirers include scholar Henry Louis Gates Jr., who called it "wrenching and necessary reading.") Since then, *UnCut/Voices* has released two more titles including a play, *Waafrika*, about two women falling in love in rural Kenya in 1992. At the press, Levin wears many hats: editor, translator, author, and—above all—activist.

After a traditional suburban childhood in New Jersey in the Fifties, Levin earned a BA in English from Ithaca College, then an MA in French from New York University in Paris, followed by studies at the Sorbonne and a PhD in comparative literature from Cornell. (Levin also answers to the name "Freifrau von Gleichen"; in Germany, she's a baroness by marriage.) In addition to the press, she splits her professional time among teaching language and women's studies at Maryland College's study program in Europe, at Goethe University in Frankfurt, and at Harvard.

Through three decades of reporting, translating, and speaking out against FGM, Levin has grappled—as have many activists—with a conundrum: when does a cultural ritual become a breach of human dignity? Who is entitled to make such a determination? "Many felt restrained by these kinds of concerns," says Levin. "Anthropologists called it an act of love." But after giving birth to a daughter in 1984, Levin gained an enhanced perspective on the practice. "You can't imagine putting your daughter through that—but so many mothers do," says Levin. "To me, it's an act of cruelty that at the same time is coerced and regretted, and it's a human rights abuse of the highest magnitude."

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Keith Tidball practices what he preaches.

A former Army infantry officer, Tidball carries a twenty-pound backpack wherever he goes. It contains, among other things: water, a first aid kit, a radio, a flashlight, a GPS, one Meal Ready to Eat, and a gizmo that charges his phone and laptop via solar power. “I can pretty much respond to anything right out of this bag,” says Tidball, PhD ’12, a senior extension associate in the Department of Natural Resources. “Even if I’m not using it all the time, the backpack is symbolic of the mindset I’m trying to main-

tain. After the third tropical storm to hit New York in a year, people are realizing that it might not be a bad idea to have a few of these things around the house.”

Tidball is state coordinator for the New York Extension Disaster Education Network (NY EDEN), a Cornell-based program devoted to helping residents prepare for, survive, and recover from all manner of calamities. Run through Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE), NY EDEN aids officials, municipalities, and individuals, often tapping the University’s research acumen for needed information—from the effects of post-storm salinization on farmland to the potential haz-



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Emergency management: Last fall, Hurricane Sandy (top) caused severe flooding throughout the New York metropolitan area. Above: NY EDEN head Keith Tidball, PhD ’12.

ards of having untold gallons of milk wash into rivers from flooded Upstate dairies. The organization is part of a national EDEN network, headquartered at Louisiana State University, that has branches at each state's land-grant school. "Whether or not something is a disaster is a purely social phenomenon," says Tidball, who did his dissertation on the effects of Hurricane Katrina on New Orleans. "There are hazards; hurricanes and earthquakes have happened since the beginning of the Earth. Whether or not they become disasters depends upon the culture. It's going to be less of a disaster if there's a culture of readiness and resilience—to bend and not break."

NY EDEN's website (emergencypreparedness.cce.cornell.edu) offers a wealth of information and resources pertaining to a wide variety of threats, from infectious diseases and food-borne illnesses to radiation leaks, fires, and terrorism. Its section on power outages, for example, includes the phone numbers of the companies that serve New York homes; information on the safety of portable generators and on preventing carbon monoxide poisoning; and fact sheets about staying warm in an unheated house, food safety in the absence of refrigeration, and more. The section on "animals in emergencies" includes links to the ASPCA and American Humane Association and information about such illnesses as mad cow disease, foot and mouth disease, and avian influenza. "What I love about EDEN is that it provides ready-to-use materials that we can pass on to leaders in our community," says Ronald Bunce, executive director of CCE for Oneida and Madison counties. "They have direct, tangible resources that we're able to use rapidly, often at a time when things are rather chaotic and people are trying to figure out how to cope beyond the basics of food, clothing, and shelter."

As Hurricane Sandy approached the state in October 2012, NY EDEN offered information on everything from evacuation orders to airline ticket-change policies. Last March, when a Herkimer County man killed five people and dug in for a two-day standoff with police, NY EDEN kept residents apprised of the "active shooter" danger via real-time updates on social media. Over the summer, as heavy rains pelted the state, the NY EDEN Facebook page offered a constant stream of updates on flood warnings, crop damage, "boil water" orders, and more. "We're trying to fill the gaps, as we watch what FEMA or the Red Cross is putting out," Tidball says. "As the disaster's unfolding,

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Tidball regularly monitors long-range forecasts; when extreme weather is in the offing—say, two weeks before a hurricane is on track to strike the state—he puts NY EDEN leaders on alert. Three days in advance, with the event a virtual certainty, the group assesses what resources will be needed most and coordinates with emergency managers in Albany. By one day prior, NY EDEN is sending out alerts and updates by Facebook and Twitter. In the aftermath of a disaster, the organization offers links to resources on recovery and rebuilding, such as advice on preventing mold in water-ravaged homes or on talking to children about tragedy. "It's an important and effective service that we provide for state officials, and also for individuals," says Helene Dillard, a professor of plant pathology and the longtime director of CCE. "It's hard to appreciate it until something strikes—but when it does you realize, Wow, this is really great information."

Dillard recalls the case of a man who contacted the organization during Hurricane Sandy trying to find out where FEMA had set up shop in his area, prompting NY EDEN to put out a tweet listing the federal agency's locations. "People were so happy to get that information—and we thought everybody had it," Dillard says. Then, the same man inquired if there was a govern-

ment program that helps residents replace appliances lost in a disaster. "Keith said yes, there was," she recalls, "and I didn't even know about that."

During and after a disaster, NY EDEN offers a boon to state and federal agencies: the perspective of CCE, which has a presence in each of New York's sixty-two counties. As agencies marshal a response, CCE staff can provide essential facts. Which roads are impassable? What bridges are out? Are floodwaters still, or are they dangerously rapid? "Since we have an office in every county, we have eyes on the ground," says Rod Howe, chair of the NY EDEN advisory board and assistant director of CCE. "Not many organizations have this kind of statewide network."


But perhaps the most salient letter in the group's acronym is the second "E"—reflecting its underlying mission to educate New Yorkers on how to protect themselves and their families when disaster strikes. With decades of relative calm between the duck-and-cover days of the Cold War and our current era of extreme weather, Tidball says, it isn't always easy to get Americans into a be-prepared mindset. "Surprise and change are the norm—though for a little while we duped ourselves into thinking it was otherwise," he observes. "It's a challenge to develop a culture of readiness. We're still in a culture of 'It can't happen to me.'"


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Pioneering network scientist
Duncan Watts, PhD '97, tackles
the fallacy of common sense

It's Complicated

By Beth Saulnier

Harry Potter author J. K. Rowling probably didn't mean to conduct a sociology experiment when she published her latest book, a crime novel about a one-legged detective investigating a supermodel's suicide. But as Duncan Watts, PhD '97, wrote in an essay for Bloomberg.com in July, that's pretty much what she did.

Rowling published the book, *The Cuckoo's Calling*, under a pseudonym; while it got strong reviews, it sold fewer than 1,500 copies. Then its true authorship came to light—and it rocketed to the top of the bestseller lists.

For Watts, a sociologist and network theorist at Microsoft Research who was recently tapped as an A. D. White Professor-at-Large, the case echoed an online experiment he'd done, dubbed Music Lab, in which 30,000 people were asked to listen to, rate, and download songs by unfamiliar bands. Some of the participants—who were randomly separated into “worlds,” or iterations of the experiment—could see how often others had downloaded the songs; the rest didn't know. The researchers found that when people could see what others liked, “inequality of success” increased; popular songs got more downloads, and unpopular songs got fewer. “Second and more surprisingly, each song's popularity was incredibly unpredictable,” Watts writes. “One song, for example, came in first out of forty-eight we sampled in one ‘world,’ but it came in fortieth in another.” So what made success more likely? The more or less random situation of

having a few early downloads, which set a song on the path to popularity—a phenomenon Watts calls “cumulative advantage.”

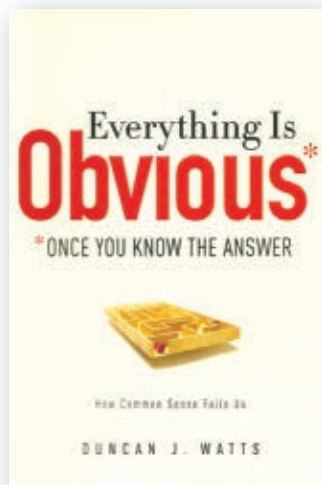
Watts's point, as it pertains to Rowling, is that quality is hardly a predictor of success—evinced by the fact that a critically well-received work by the writer of the most successful book series of all time went nowhere until it latched onto the coattails of a boy wizard. There's no intrinsic reason, he argues, that *The Cuckoo's Calling* became a bestseller—or, for that matter, why the first *Harry Potter* launched a global juggernaut of movies and theme parks, when equally worthy works of young adult fiction do not. But Watts admits that his view is hard for many people to swallow. “People just cannot accept that you got struck by lightning,” he says. “They think there has to be a reason. And there is a reason—it's called cumulative advantage—but we don't like that. We like the ‘it's special’ reason. You try to tell *Harry*

Potter fans that it's just an ordinary book that, in a different version of reality, they wouldn't have bothered to pay attention to, and they'll think you're crazy."

The *Harry Potter* phenomenon is one of many Watts explores in his most recent book, *Everything Is Obvious, Once You Know the Answer*. Subtitled *How Common Sense Fails Us*, the book examines the fallacy of conventional wisdom in explaining complex systems—why, say, the notions of economy that we apply to our own households don't translate to international financial markets. If one person can balance a household budget or settle a dispute between neighbors, why can't Congress fix the deficit, or the right leader bring peace to the Middle East? "We attribute collective change to individuals," Watts observes. "This is why we compensate CEOs the way we do; why we lionize Steve Jobs; why we have the 'great man' view of history; why we think the President actually has an effect on the economy. We're always overestimating the importance of individuals in driving social change."

Such a message isn't necessarily popular or easily understood, notes Watts's former graduate adviser, math professor Steve Strogatz. "I think it's hard for people to appreciate the book," he says. "When I look at the reviews on Amazon, a lot of readers want a simple, facile message. It's difficult to get a handle on what he's trying to say. He's not saying that the great individual carries the day, but he doesn't deny that great individuals exist. So what is the point? As far as I can see, it's that it's very hard to make these things scientific. It would be much more commercial, and perhaps better for him professionally, if he came up with a simpler message. But he's not going to do that, because he's honest. So he gives you, as clearly as he can, his very complicated message. And that takes integrity, because it's a hard sell."

While the book may not offer user-friendly tropes in the vein of Malcolm Gladwell, to some in academia and beyond, Watts's approach offers an intriguing and potentially powerful way to approach complex problems—particularly in an era when the Internet can facilitate virtual experiments on a massive scale. Cornell sociologist Michael Macy



notes that Watts's nomination as an A. D. White Professor was supported by a remarkably diverse group of faculty—not just in sociology, but in economics, human development, management, communication, physics, math, ILR, and computer science. "Duncan continues to have a transformative influence on the social and behavioral sciences," Macy says. "He's not only a

gifted writer but a charismatic speaker, with an uncanny ability to make even highly technical topics come to life for broad audiences of non-specialists."

A central part of Watts's argument is that hindsight isn't 20/20; it's reductive and unreliable. In a section on the *Mona Lisa*, for example (see excerpt), he discusses how the painting languished in relative obscurity for centuries, only becoming world famous after it was stolen from the Louvre in the early 1900s—but since the idea of its greatness owing to a fluke is so inherently unsatisfying, people ascribe post-facto "common sense" explanations. (It's the smile! It's the fantastical background! It's the genius of Leonardo da Vinci!) "Common sense is the mythology—the religion—of the social world," Watts says. "It's the simple answer that maps directly onto our experience, the explanation we need to make things make sense. So we hear thunder and say, 'The gods are fighting.' That's something we understand; people get angry and throw things. Common sense is socially adaptive. If we constantly had to grapple with the complexity of the world, we wouldn't be able to get out of bed in the morning."

In the preface to *Everything Is Obvious*, Watts cites a sixty-year-old paper in which sociologist Paul Lazarsfeld described the findings of a study of servicemen during and after World War II—for example, the fact that men from rural backgrounds had better morale than their urban counterparts. That makes perfect sense, Watts notes; after all, rural men in the Forties were accustomed to harsher living and more physical labor, so it follows that military life would seem more pleasant. But then Lazarsfeld pulls a switcheroo: it was actually *city* natives who were happier in the Army. "Of course, had the

reader been told the real answers in the first place she could just as easily have reconciled them with other things that she already thought she knew," Watts writes. "City men are more used to working in crowded conditions and in corporations, with chains of command, strict standards of clothing and social etiquette, and so on. That's obvious!"

The point, Watts writes, is that if an answer *and* its opposite can seem equally obvious through the right mental gymnastics, there's something wrong with the idea of "obviousness" in the first place. "We make this mistake so often, and it really hurts us," Watts says. "We can't understand the social world just by telling a bunch of cute stories. You need theories, experiments, data. It's tricky and counter-intuitive, and everything is more complicated than you think it is. Your intuition is always misleading you into thinking you understand things that you don't."

Watts didn't start off in sociology. Growing up in a small town in southeast Queensland, Australia, he thought he wanted to be a physicist. Then, more or less out of the blue, he decided to join the Navy, attending college at Australia's national military academy. After graduation, he owed five years of service. "I really wanted to go to sea, but I had bad eyesight and they wouldn't let me," Watts recalls with a rueful laugh, "so I ended up in all these jobs I didn't like." Watts wound up in his nation's version of the Pentagon, doing work that eventually sparked an interest in sociology and—though he didn't have a name for it then—network science. "One thing you learn in the Navy is that you never want to use the chain of command, even though you're always supposed to, because it breaks; everything goes up and gets jammed," he says. "So instead you go horizontally. You find the person over in Supply Squadron who was a classmate of a friend of yours, and get them to help you get whatever you need. Whereas, if you go through your commander's commander's commander, nothing will ever happen."

The lesson, he says, is that there's an important distinction between how we think the world works and how it actually functions. While we're comfortable with the idea that a few trendsetters dictate fashion, for example—or that a Patient Zero is responsible for the spread of a deadly disease—the truth is far

Group Think

In 1519, shortly before he died, the Italian artist, scientist, and inventor Leonardo da Vinci put the finishing touches on a portrait of a young Florentine woman, Lisa Gherardini del Giocondo, whose husband, a wealthy silk merchant, had commissioned the painting sixteen years earlier to celebrate the birth of their son. By the time he finished it, Leonardo had moved to France at the invitation of King François I, who eventually purchased the painting; thus apparently neither Ms. del Giocondo nor her husband ever got the chance to view Leonardo's handiwork. Which is a pity really, because five hundred years later that painting has made her face about the most famous face in all of history.

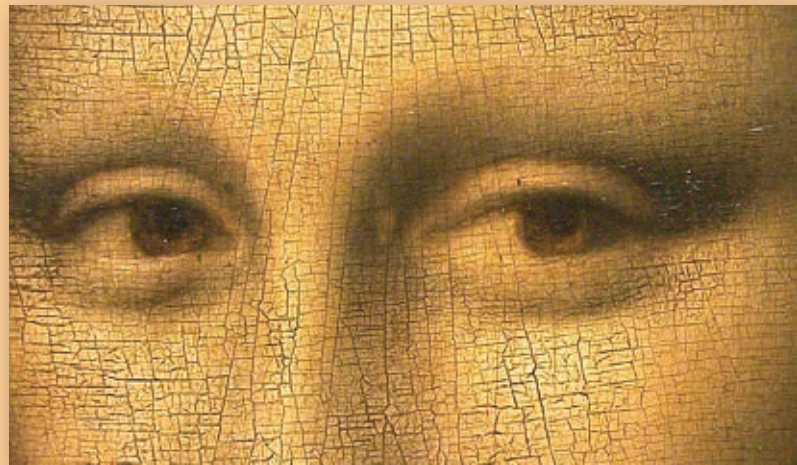
The painting, of course, is the *Mona Lisa*, and for those who have lived their entire lives in a cave, it now hangs in a bulletproof, climate-controlled case on a wall all by itself in the Musée du Louvre in Paris. Louvre officials estimate that nearly 80 percent of their six million visitors each year come primarily to see it. Its current insurance value is estimated at nearly \$700 million—far in excess of any painting ever sold—but it is unclear that any price could be meaningfully assigned to it. The *Mona Lisa*, it seems fair to say, is more than just a painting—it is a touchstone of Western culture. It has been copied, parodied, praised, mocked, co-opted, analyzed, and speculated upon more than any other work of art. Its origins, for centuries shrouded in mystery, have captivated scholars, and its name has leant itself to operas, movies, songs, people, ships—even a crater on Venus.

Knowing all this, a naïve visitor to the Louvre might be forgiven for experiencing a sense of, well, disappointment upon first laying eyes on the most famous painting in the world. To start with, it is surprisingly small. And being enclosed in that bulletproof box, and invariably surrounded by mobs of picture-snapping tourists, it is irritatingly difficult to see. So when you do finally get up close, you're really expecting something special—what the art critic Kenneth Clark called “the supreme example of perfection,” which causes viewers to “forget all our misgivings in admiration of perfect mastery.” Well, as they say, I'm no art critic. But when, on my first visit to the Louvre several years ago, I finally got my chance to bask in the glow of perfect mastery, I couldn't help wondering about the three other da Vinci paintings I had just walked by in the previous chamber, and to

An excerpt from *Everything Is Obvious* explores the ‘wisdom and madness of crowds’

By Duncan Watts

THE LOUVRE MUSEUM



which nobody seemed to be paying the slightest attention. As far as I could tell, the *Mona Lisa* looked like an amazing accomplishment of artistic talent, but no more so than those other three. In fact, if I hadn't already known which painting was the famous one, I doubt that I could have picked it out of a lineup. For that matter, if you had put it in with any number of the other great works of art on display at the Louvre, I'm quite positive it wouldn't have jumped out at me as the obvious contender for most-famous-painting award.

Now, Kenneth Clark might well reply that that's why he's the art critic and I'm not—that there are attributes of mastery that are evident only to the trained eye, and that neophytes like me would do better simply to accept what we're told. OK, fair enough. But if that's true, you would expect that the same perfection that is obvious to Clark would have been obvious to other art experts throughout history. And yet, as the historian Donald Sassoon relates in his illuminating biography of the *Mona Lisa*, nothing could be further from the case. For centuries, the *Mona Lisa* was a relatively obscure painting languishing in the private residences of kings—still a masterpiece, to be sure, but only one among many. Even when it was moved to the Louvre, after the French Rev-

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olution, it did not attract as much attention as the works of other artists, like Esteban Murillo, Antonio da Correggio, Paolo Veronese, Jean-Baptiste Greuze, and Pierre Paul Prud'hon, names that for the most part are virtually unheard of today outside of art history classes. And admired as he was, up until the 1850s, da Vinci was considered no match for the true greats of painting, like Titian and Rafael, some of whose works were worth almost ten times as much as the *Mona Lisa*. In fact, it wasn't until the twentieth century that the *Mona Lisa* began its meteoric rise to global brand name. And even then it wasn't the result of art critics suddenly appreciating the genius that had sat among them for so long, nor was it due to the efforts of museum curators, socialites, wealthy patrons, politicians, or kings. Rather, it all began with a burglary.

On August 21, 1911, a disgruntled Louvre employee named Vincenzo Peruggia hid in a broom closet until closing time and then walked out of the museum with the *Mona Lisa* tucked under his coat. A proud Italian, Peruggia apparently believed that the *Mona Lisa* ought rightly to be displayed in Italy, not France, and he was determined to repatriate the long-lost treasure personally. Like many art thieves, however, Peruggia discovered that it was much easier to steal a famous work of art than to dispose of it. After hiding it in his apartment for two years, he was arrested while attempting to sell it to the Uffizi Gallery in Florence. But although he failed in his mission, Peruggia succeeded in catapulting the *Mona Lisa* into a new category of fame. The French public was captivated by the bold theft and electrified by the painting's unexpected recovery. The Italians, too, were thrilled by the patriotism of their countryman, and treated Peruggia more like a hero than a criminal—before the *Mona Lisa* was returned to its French owner, it was shown all over Italy.

From that point on, the *Mona Lisa* never looked back. The painting was to be the object of criminal activity twice more—first, when a vandal threw acid on it, and then when a young Bolivian, Ugo Ungaza Villegas, threw a rock at it. But primarily it became a reference point for other artists—most famously in 1919, when the Dadaist Marcel Duchamp parodied the painting and poked fun at its creator by adorning a commercial reproduction with a mustache, a goatee, and an obscene inscription. Salvador Dalí and Andy Warhol followed suit with their own interpretations, and so did many others—in all, it has been copied hundreds of times and incorporated into thousands of advertisements. As Sassoon points out, all these different people—thieves, vandals, artists, and advertisers, not to mention musicians, moviemakers, and even NASA (remember the crater on Venus?)—were using the *Mona Lisa* for their own purposes: to make a point, to increase their own fame, or simply to use a label they felt would

convey meaning to other people. But every time they used the *Mona Lisa*, it used them back, insinuating itself deeper into the fabric of Western culture and the awareness of billions of people. It is impossible now to imagine the history of Western art without the *Mona Lisa*, and in that sense it truly is the greatest of paintings. But it is also impossible to attribute its unique status to anything about the painting itself.

This last point presents a problem because when we try to explain the success of the *Mona Lisa*, it is precisely its attributes on which we focus our attention. If you're Kenneth Clark, you don't need to know anything about the circumstances of the *Mona Lisa*'s rise to fame to know why it happened—everything you need to know is right there in front of you. To oversimplify only slightly, the *Mona Lisa* is the most famous painting in the world because it is the best, and although it might have taken us a while to figure this out, it was inevitable that we would. And that's why so many people are puzzled when they first actually set eyes on the *Mona Lisa*. They're expecting these intrinsic qualities to be apparent, and they're not. Of course, most of us, when faced with this moment of dissonance, simply shrug our shoulders and assume that somebody wiser than us has seen things we can't see. And yet as Sassoon deftly but relentlessly lays out, whatever attributes the experts cite as evidence—the novel painting technique that Leonardo employed to produce so gauzy a finish, the mysterious subject, her enigmatic smile, even da Vinci's own fame—one can always find numerous other works of art that would seem as good, or even better.

Of course, one can always get around this problem by pointing out that it's not any one attribute of the *Mona Lisa* that makes it so special, but rather the combination of all its attributes—the smile, and the use of light, and the fantastical background, and so on. There's actually no way to beat this argument, because the *Mona Lisa* is of course a unique object. No matter how many similar portraits or paintings some pesky skeptic drags out of the dustbin of history, one can always find some difference between them and the one that we all know is the deserving winner. Unfortunately, however, this argument wins only at the cost of eviscerating itself. It sounds as if we're assessing the quality of a work of art in terms of its attributes, but in fact we're doing the opposite—deciding first which painting is the best, and only then inferring from its attributes the metrics of quality. Subsequently, we can invoke these metrics to justify the known outcome in a way that seems rational and objective. But the result is circular reasoning. We claim to be saying that the *Mona Lisa* is the most famous painting in the world because it has attributes X, Y, and Z. But really what we're saying is that the *Mona Lisa* is famous because it's more like the *Mona Lisa* than anything else.

'I've spent my whole life doing what other people aren't doing. I pretty much always gravitate to the crack between the stools.'



CENTRE POMPIDOU

Sincerest form of flattery: Marcel Duchamp's classic parody of the *Mona Lisa*

messier and more complicated. "We bring to bear common sense that seems right to us," he says. "It seems right that the world is hierarchical. If we try to understand how information flows, we say there's got to be someone special doing it, otherwise we don't know how to understand it. We don't have a way of thinking of decentralized systems. When people tried to understand how the brain works, they thought there must be a little guy in there making all the decisions."

After a couple of years in the Navy, Watts applied to graduate school, winning a Fulbright to study theoretical and applied mechanics at Cornell. (He was eventually able to avoid returning to military service by reimbursing the government for his training costs.) On the Hill, he worked under Strogatz on a project that started with how networks of tree crickets synchronize their chirps, and wound up as a career maker. In work that essentially served as a roadmap for modern network science, Watts and Strogatz cracked what's known as the "small world" or "six degrees" problem—why, even in a system as large as the population of the Earth, a relative handful of connections unites us all. In the paper—"Collective Dynamics of 'Small-World' Networks," published in *Nature* in June 1998—the researchers demonstrated the "six degrees" phenomenon in three disparate systems: the power grid of the western U.S., the neural network of the worm *C. elegans*, and collaborations among actors on the Internet Movie Database.

The paper caused a sensation, prompting stories in the national media—a popular parlor game at the time was "Six Degrees of Kevin Bacon"—and helping Watts get his first book, *Small Worlds: The Dynamics of Networks Between Order and Randomness*, published by Princeton University Press. It remains one of the most cited papers in the field, with more than 20,000 citations on Google Scholar. But Watts notes that it almost didn't get published, initially being rejected by *Nature* because the reviewers didn't know what to make of it; one of them dismissed it in two highly critical sentences. "There was no such thing as network science," Watts notes. "I didn't even know what to call what I was doing. It wasn't sociology. It wasn't graph theory. There were no jobs and no funding. Before Steve would let me work on the problem, he made me promise that I wasn't interested in having an academic career."

But he did have one; he went on to become a full professor in sociology at Columbia, eventually leaving because, as

he puts it, "all my time was sucked up by everything except research." Jettisoning a tenured professorship at an Ivy League school may sound like career suicide—but it's typical Watts. "I've spent my whole life doing what other people aren't doing," he says. "I pretty much always gravitate to the crack between the stools." He spent five years at Yahoo Research before moving to Microsoft about a year ago. "I'm still interested in the same problems as when I was working with Steve," Watts muses. "Collective dynamics of social networks—whether it's risk in financial systems, epidemics of disease, outbreaks of political violence, or changing social norms. These are the biggest issues of our time and they affect everyone, but we have very little idea of why they happen. It's endlessly shocking to me how unscientific we are about how we go about solving these big social and economic problems—that we leave it to our instincts to make these weighty and consequential decisions. So that's the mission; that's what gets me excited."

Watts is well aware of the fact that he is, in many ways, a poster child for cumulative advantage—how flukes can engender long-term success. He went to grad school because the Navy wouldn't let him go to sea. The *Nature* paper got a second look because that one review was so peremptory, the editor sent it out again. The paper gave him the cachet to get *Small Worlds* published; that book's editor was instrumental in getting his next one, *Six Degrees: The Science of a Connected Age*, published by another house. *Six Degrees* helped him get tenure at Columbia—and so on. "People often think it's depressing to say that things are random, they're unpredictable, and that undercuts their meaning," Watts muses. "They think if the *Mona Lisa* is just an accident, they'll never be able to look at it the same way again. But meaning is different from explanation. It's true that if we re-ran history, some other painting would be famous and not the *Mona Lisa*. It's probably true for your life, your relationships; how I met my girlfriend was a total accident that could easily not have happened. Almost anything of importance—meeting Strogatz—was a random fluke. But meaning is a different thing. To say that something is random is not to say that it's not meaningful. Meaning is a construct that we place on the event once we know it's important." ■



The Buck Stops Here

By Sharon Tregaskis

Josh Eckenrode '01 was at the register of his downtown Ithaca café when he heard the crash of a plate glass window shattering. It was a Sunday in early June and, on the sidewalk outside the historic Dewitt Mall, throngs of pedestrians had gathered for the annual Ithaca Festival.

As Eckenrode looked up, a ninety-pound yearling buck—bleeding, confused, and a little off balance as it slipped across the linoleum floor—careened from the toy store into the windows of the oriental rug and book shops, then straight for some thirty Café DeWitt diners enjoying a brunch of huevos rancheros, lemon soufflé pancakes, and some of the strongest coffee in town. “It was pandemonium,” says the restaurateur. “People were screaming; stuff was knocked off tables.”

In the café, the deer clattered along the bench seats at the back of the dining area, put a hoof through a half-wall of aquariums, and slid into the dish room. The four people inside beat a hasty retreat, locking the door behind them and trapping the deer inside. The local police summoned certified wildlife biologist Jay Boulanger, PhD '07, program coordinator for Cornell's Integrated Deer Research and Management Program.

Boulanger and a tech arrived within the hour, bearing the office dart gun. A single shot of anesthesia knocked out the creature before the pair blindfolded it, bound its legs, and loaded it on a stretcher. “We discreetly carried it out, covered with a blanket, so people at the Ithaca Festival wouldn't see the body we were loading in the pickup truck,” says Boulanger. “It was quite a circus.”

On campus, a vet cleaned and stitched the deer's lacerations and tagged its ear with a unique ID. Afterward, Boulanger drove the still-snoozing animal to an undisclosed location on Cornell land, “as close as it could be to where it was found.” Unbound and its blindfold removed, the deer received a second shot reversing the first. “It got its head up, stood up, and walked away,” he says, noting that

Cornell's deer management program tackles a cloven-hooved conundrum

other than the stitches and some bruising, its only mark of the day's adventure was a broken antler. “They're very resilient, tough.”

Perhaps too tough, if the rising tide of conflict with humans is any indication. Every spring, does preparing to fawn clean house, chasing their yearling sons from their natal territory. And every spring, as those young bucks search for a territory of their own, reports escalate of deer in places where they don't belong. “They get into all sorts of trouble as they try to find new habitat and home range,” says Boulanger. The conflicts boil down to basic arithmetic: with minimal predation and expansive forage thanks to farm fields and lush landscaping throughout the Northeast, deer populations have risen exponentially. Meanwhile, humans aren't going away; in fact, we're spreading out, creating ever-richer habitat in the form of subdivisions, office parks, and golf courses.

In the case of white-tailed deer—the country's most common large mammal and the official animal of ten states—the overlap all but guarantees an array of conflicts with humans, in the form of motor vehicle accidents, rising costs associated with plant damage, and an explosive increase in Lyme disease and other bacterial infections transmitted by the ticks that mate and feed on deer, then make the leap to humans. “There's been a definite trend in recovery of species that are very adapted to the land-

scapes humans create,” says associate professor of natural resources Paul Curtis, founding director of the deer program and coordinator of the online Center for Wildlife Damage Management Program. “It’s not only white-tailed deer. Canada geese, coyotes, and several bird species that do well in fragmented landscapes with a lot of subsidized food resources are also making a rebound.”

Back when Cornell was founded, white-tailed deer were rare. Centuries of unregulated hunting, combined with agricultural expansion, had nearly eradicated a pre-Columbian population estimated at some 30 million; just 300,000 of the fleet-

footed ruminants remained nationwide. Sightings were so infrequent throughout the first half of the twentieth century—including in 1942, when Disney produced the animated film *Bambi*—that newspapers published the rare reports of farmers who’d seen one in their fields.

Today, populations of *Odocoileus virginianus* are on par with *Homo sapiens* in the U.S.—and rarely are the species’ encounters as idyllic as *Bambi* fans might hope. Every day, deer are implicated in 4,000 motor vehicle accidents. In New York State, insurance companies pay \$200 million annually for deer-related motor vehicle claims, and nationwide the toll also

includes 250 human fatalities and 30,000 hospitalizations each year. Lyme disease is now the second most commonly reported infectious disease in New England; in Tompkins County, incidence has risen by 1,086 percent over the last five years.

Farmers bemoan losses of more than \$100 million in annual crop damage; urban communities catalog expenses closer to \$250 million. Naturalists wail, too: in Pennsylvania hardwood forests alone, these herbivores are credited with damages of \$367 million annually through their destruction of seedlings. For home gardeners—simultaneously enchanted by a frolicking fawn and infuriated by the voracious appetite of a creature that consumes four to six pounds of plant material daily—the costs can’t be calculated.

Now beginning its sixth year of operation, Cornell’s Integrated Deer Research and Management Program was launched in 2007 to reduce “deer abundance and associated impacts” by 75 percent on central campus and 50 percent in the University’s outlying areas through a combination of sterilization and controlled hunting. Now funded primarily by CALS—the University slashed the program’s funding from \$100,000 to \$30,000 as part of its recent cost-cutting efforts—Curtis and Boulanger oversee 5,000 acres of University land, making their project the largest in Tompkins County, responsible for many of the same tasks now standard for municipalities throughout the Northeast.

In addition to overseeing the surgical sterilization of dozens of does on central campus—and extracting animals from such unsafe settings as downtown cafés—the program also manages hunting on farther-flung University property. In six years, hunters have taken 500 deer from campus, says Curtis, and the team has yet to document a shift in herd size. “Suburban deer issues are probably the most difficult,” he adds, noting that the animals’ home ranges of 150 to 500 acres or more rarely correspond to the maps drawn by their human neighbors. “The most effective programs look at multiple management options across a wide scale and get municipalities to work together.”

On central campus, the deer sport ear tags and radio collars, testament to the array of investigations pursued by faculty in natural resources and veterinary medicine related to the animals’ biology, ecology, and interactions with humans. (The café deer hasn’t been seen since its release, says Boulanger, but others tagged on central campus have ranged as far as Marathon, thirty miles east, and Geneva, fifty miles north.) Recent publications detail

Bucolic buffet: A “browse line” shows deer damage.

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Capture and release: A deer at the Plantations bears ear tags and a radio collar.

the most effective repellents to protect landscaping, analyze the relative efficacy of chemical and surgical sterilization techniques, and investigate methods for treating free-ranging deer with tick repellent to reduce Lyme transmission. Both Curtis and Boulanger also travel throughout the state, presenting their work and facilitating meetings hosted by communities seeking guidance on humane, affordable, and effective tactics to manage their herds. “There’s always the option to do nothing,” says Curtis, “but then the local community has to live with the consequences.”

At Cornell, University Police catalog perhaps forty deer-related incidents each year, primarily involving injured animals and those trapped where they don’t belong—inside fenced areas or indoors. “We’re fortunate that we don’t have the volume of car-deer accidents seen in other jurisdictions,” says deputy chief of Cornell Police David Honan. “One reason for that is the low speed limits; the other is

effective management of the herd.”

From an ecological perspective, however, the University has a long way to go before it can celebrate truly effective management, says Bernd Blossey, an associate professor of natural resources who organized the committee of thirty stakeholders from the Plantations, Cornell Police, Risk Management, and the Department of Natural Resources that now oversees the deer program. “The most important stress in Northeastern forests might not be the emerald ash borer or acid rain, but white-tailed deer,” says Blossey. “If a University building is dilapidated, it gets renovated. If the lights go out, the heat or air conditioning don’t work, we fix them. Yet our outdoor classrooms are being ruined. We can’t study or teach ecological interactions, other than disaster zones, given our deer populations.”

For evidence, consider the Plantations’ Mundy Wildflower Garden, a twenty-five-acre native plant refuge on an active floodplain of Fall Creek in the Forest Home neighborhood. Surrounding six of those acres is an eight-foot woven-wire fence. Within it, lush, dense growth extends in every direction as native plants find their

niche between sun and shade. In the understory, trillium, red columbine, bergamot, wild geranium, jack in the pulpit, angelica, lobelia, beardtongue, asters, goldenrod, and milkweed bloom beneath a canopy of sycamore, basswood, and sugar maple. In the shrubby mid-story between, immature hardwood saplings thrive alongside redbud, purple flowering raspberry, viburnum, spice bush, and red and yellow dogwood, providing food and habitat for songbirds, amphibians, reptiles, and small mammals; the blooms sustain hundreds of species of native pollinators and in spring and summer the air hums with their activity.

But just beyond the fence—erected in 2008—it looks like an army of gardeners has been hard at work. “There’s no woody plant between my ankle and chest,” says Todd Bittner, director of the Plantations’ natural areas. “It’s not people on mowers—it’s deer mowers.” Even the trees look as though they’ve been tidily pruned to preserve a clear line of sight several hundred feet through the woods. “That noticeable browse line,” says Bittner, bending to search for even a single sapling or tree branch below four-

and-a-half feet, “means deer damage is off the charts.”

While deer nibble more than 600 species of plant materials—from mushrooms and lichen to tree bark and twigs, cacti, nuts, foliage, and an array of agricultural crops—they favor easily digestible new growth. Fawns learn browsing patterns from their mothers much as young brides once inherited prized family recipes, and each herd tends to specialize on a short list of some forty or fifty preferred plant species. Should the deer population

of having unique horticultural varieties if they can’t be seen and appreciated by the public?” Bittner muses. “Every time something is ready to flower, it gets eaten.”

Back when the Mundy Wildflower Garden was fenced, Plantations staff proposed a similar perimeter for the Newman Arboretum. Neighbors objected, and the Plantations deferred. Instead, staff now cage individual specimens—some permanently, some seasonally. “Deer have diminished food resources in this whole area, so they’ve switched to less-preferred

damaged by trees, to get people in and out, to respond if a deer gets inside.” Even worse, he says, is the prospect of simply absorbing the increasing rate of browse-related damage. “Canopy trees may reseed,” he says, “but the bulk of plant diversity in northeastern forests is the understory. Once those species are extirpated, there’s not much we can do to put them back. If we lose them, we lose the insects, birds, and other vertebrates that are part of that system. If we lose 90 percent of the foundation, we lose 90 percent of the ecosystem.”

To quantify the pressure imposed by deer in search of a square meal, Blossey has launched a research project using red oak seedlings to measure browse damage. White-tails prefer trillium and other members of the lily family to the oak saplings, so the trees’ survival rate serves as a valuable indicator of just how desperate the animals are for calories. An army of research assistants monitors survival rates of the seedlings, some fenced and others unprotected, on campus and elsewhere throughout Upstate New York. “Hunters may care how many deer there are, but from a conservation perspective, we need to know their effect,” says Blossey, who argues that the one-size-fits-all ratios of deer per square mile bandied about in civic struggles over white-tail management have limited utility for conservation purposes. “Whether it’s five deer per square mile or 100, it’s a useless debate. If there are 1,000 on campus and all they do is breathe air and avoid the cars, it doesn’t matter if they’re there.”

Fence me in: An eight-foot barrier protects Cornell’s Mundy Wildflower Garden from hungry herbivores. Opposite: A deer goes bipedal in search of a meal.



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boom or their access be limited by fencing, those tastes can be transformed in the course of a single growing season.

In 2012, an extended summer drought turned the Cornell Plantations into an herbivore’s dining destination. “As a practice, we water the plants in the Botanical Garden, so they remain healthy showpieces,” says Bittner. “The Botanical Garden was the only green space in the area; it was like a salad bar for deer.” For animals craving dense nutrients amidst scarcity, the healthiest plants are an obvious place to start. And as specimens are noshed, Plantations employees apply repellants, erect temporary fencing, and, when all else fails, replace what’s been lost—at a total cost of \$8,000 in 2007 and more than \$27,000 in 2010. “What’s the point

forage,” says Bittner. “If pressed by high population, even resistant plants get eaten. Eventually, the only things left behind are highly unpalatable or poisonous.” This summer, the Plantations started budgeting for an enclosure to protect nine acres of the botanical gardens. “Deer target areas with nutritious plants,” says Bittner. “It’s gotten to the point where it’s untenable to maintain a living plant museum with this density of deer.”

At the scale of the University’s 3,400 acres of natural areas scattered throughout Tompkins County, says Bittner, fences are neither financially nor logistically feasible. Erecting and maintaining the Mundy Wildflower Garden fence cost \$62,000 in its first three years alone. “It requires effort to insure that fences aren’t

For the villages of Cayuga Heights and Lansing, both adjacent to campus, the question of carrying capacity is far from academic. In Cayuga Heights, where any form of hunting is illegal and lush landscaping provides abundant habitat and forage, Curtis’s studies suggest that the census teeters upwards of 125 deer per square mile. Residents concerned about increasing vehicle collisions and landscape destruction put management on elected officials’ agenda in the late Nineties, spurring an increasingly acrimonious battle. In December 2012, after town leaders won a legal challenge and then failed to garner the requisite permission from landowners to stage a massive culling operation approved by the state Department of Environmental Conservation, 137 does were baited, trapped, anesthetized, and surgically sterilized, using techniques

developed on Cornell's campus.

The procedure—in which a doe's ovaries are removed via an abdominal incision—takes about ten minutes, once you know what you're doing, says veterinarian Kyla Ortved, who learned the procedure as a resident at the Vet college from 2007 to 2010. Now a postdoc, Ortved spent a week last winter working as a contract surgeon for the Village of Cayuga Heights. Surgery costs about \$1,200 per animal, says Curtis, and it works—slowly, but surely—on relatively small, relatively fixed populations like those in Cayuga Heights and on the central campus. Despite the appeal of chemical sterilization—think birth control pills for Bambi, a tactic the mayor of Hastings-on-Hudson has announced his town will pursue—Boulanger says currently available options aren't cost-effective. Curtis conducted a pilot study of the technique in Cayuga Heights in 2005 and more recently with Boulanger (whose dissertation he advised), and published a comprehensive literature review for the journal *Human-Wildlife Interactions*. “It requires booster shots or repeated treatments,” explains Boulanger. “You capture a doe, give it a shot, then have to do it again a year or two later.” Deer aren't stupid, he points out, and they don't like getting caught. “After you capture it once, it's harder to capture it the next time.”

For larger, less densely residential communities, says Curtis, hunting is a cost-effective alternative to sterilization, as long as citizens get behind the effort and furnish hunters with access to enough land. In Lansing, Blossey oversees a program launched in 2007 that enlists expert archers with landowner permission who take does from Village property during the regular hunting season, using special permits issued by the Department of Conservation. Hunters comply with all state regulations, including setbacks from residences and schools. In six years, there hasn't been a single accident. “Concern about a hunter misidentifying a target comes from guns—the idea that you might shoot at a sound or something moving,” says Blossey, whose queries to state agencies in search of accidental shooting reports involving archers have come up empty. “There are reports about bullets going through windows, or someone getting shot hanging out laundry—but that's about bullets. Even goldenrod can deflect an arrow, so you really have to know what you're shooting at. And surely you know whether it's a cat or a dog or a toddler and not a deer.”

Despite the removal of 250 deer by hunters—and another 250 or so in motor

vehicle accidents—over the last six years, Blossey has yet to document a shift in forest regeneration in Lansing. It's a different story on the 350 acres that he and his partner own in nearby Tioga County, where he and friends have reduced the herd by forty animals over the last two years, giving away the meat they couldn't use themselves. At least six large, healthy deer remain—they can often be seen frolicking in the meadow—and Blossey maintains eight-foot fences to protect some twenty acres of native ginseng, orchids, and other native wildflowers. Yet many of the unfenced natives have rebounded. “Trillium that never flowered before are massively flowering,” says Blossey, “and over two years of planting seedling oaks, only one has been eaten.”

Two programs permit hunters on University property. For both, applicants authorize Cornell Police to conduct background checks and anyone with a felony conviction is rejected. Most sites allow only archery; firearms are heavily restricted and hunters must report such details as the age and sex of deer taken and observed. Hunters who fail to comply with all regulations are barred from participation in subsequent years.

In Boulanger's Earn-A-Buck program, covering 4,027 acres of University-owned agricultural fields and woodlots, hunters must remove a quota of antlerless deer before earning the right to take a trophy. Last year, 538 hunters harvested 165 animals. The other program, on the Plantations' 3,400 acres of natural lands, uses a password-protected online reservation system. “Part of our strategy is to have as many hunters in the field as is safe,” Bittner says. Last year, more than 1,000 hunters applied to hunt in the Plantations; 238 showed up, taking ninety-six deer. This fall, when Bittner received vague trespassing complaints at one site, he used what few details he had to triangulate within his electronic records. “I figured out who it was and kicked them out of the program,” he says. “We don't want to be bad neighbors, and if our hunters are trespassing, they're either willfully breaking the law or they don't know where they are—either way, that's not safe.”

Local efforts got a boost in 2012–13 when the state's Department of Environmental Conservation launched its pilot Deer Management Focus Area, a 60,000-



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acre swath of land in Tompkins County. While hunters still require landowner permission and must abide by all local laws, regulations in the focus area decreased costs, raised harvest limits, and extended the hunting season. “The idea had been in consideration by DEC for several years, and they were looking for an area where they could get good evaluation data,” says Curtis, who consulted on the program's design and execution along with Bittner, Boulanger, Blossey, and other Cornell experts. “Given that we're already estimating abundance on campus, and the Village of Cayuga Heights was looking at its options, this seemed like a good area for an evaluation to be done.”

In October, three weeks after the fall archery season begins in Tompkins County, the Plantations will host journalist Jim Sterba—author of *Nature Wars: The Incredible Story of How Wildlife Comebacks Turned Backyards into Battlegrounds*—for a public lecture. The next day, Cornell's Deer Management Committee will host Sterba with elected officials, land managers, public agencies, and scholars for a series of panels and small-group conversations about coordinated deer management in Tompkins County. “We're not just putting up fences and shooting deer,” says Bittner. “We're bringing people together to work collectively. It's part of our land-grant mission to pursue solutions to challenges. To be a successful, world-class university, we have to have a world-class deer management program.” ■

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Building the Walls

A farewell from the outgoing CAA president

By Stephanie Keene Fox '89

When I started on this journey two years ago, I knew that the Cornell Alumni Association was about to embark on a period of incredible change. I also knew I had been chosen to lead it through that change.

When I think of the CAA's evolution, I compare it to building a house. There are three parts to the construction of our house. My predecessor, Nancy Abrams Dreier '86, laid the foundation and we worked during her tenure to develop a vision for CAA.

My job was to build the walls. I needed to strengthen the organization by shifting our structure and culture—moving us from an honorary to a working board. Tremendous credit goes to our CAA board members and partners on the University staff for making it possible. Change is hard, especially when it comes to something as near and dear to our hearts as our relationship with Cornell.

Every decision we made was based on one fundamental goal: supporting Cornell. I became known for asking, "To what end?" In this way, we examined why we were doing things—and if we could do them in a way that better served the University's needs. It was critical that we never lose sight of the reason we are connected: we are alumni of Cornell University. CAA's purpose is to engage our alumni with the University and connect alumni with each other.

We've accomplished a lot, in two main areas: structure and culture. These changes have made CAA more effective as an organization. We were better able to support the expansion of Homecoming

as a marquee event and to actively participate in the Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference. With our staff partners, we created a training track for regional club leaders. We supported participation in CALC by awarding scholarships. We created a "care package" program for regional clubs and a recognition system for outgoing club leaders. We wrote comprehensive descriptions for board positions. We created a new award, the CAA Cup, to recognize excellence in clubs, classes, and affinity groups.

CAA has done a wonderful job of recognizing top volunteers through the Frank H. T. Rhodes Exemplary Alumni Service Award. Each year, this award goes to up to six alumni who have given thirty-five or more years of service to the University. Rhodes Award recipients are among the treasures of our great university.

Throughout, we continued to support *Cornell Alumni Magazine*. We know an independent point of view is important to alumni. The magazine is owned by the CAA and thus journalistically independent of the University—one of the few among our peer institutions. However, the economics of the magazine are challenging as the publishing world continues to change. This needs to be an area of focus going forward.

Back to the building analogy: I think of the structure as the walls of our CAA house. The mortar that connects the walls to the foundation and keeps the bricks together is the culture of the CAA. Now that we have the foundation (vision) and walls (structure and culture change), we are ready to put up the roof.



Our next area of focus is branding our organization. Incoming president Kelly Smith Brown '88, MBA '92, has expertise in this area and is a perfect fit to lead us forward. Kelly will make sure the roof on our CAA house is watertight. We have already begun the branding conversation, and I am truly excited about the possibilities.

I look forward to spending more time with my family, now that my "Cornell job" is done. But it is bittersweet. I will miss the late-night calls with the executive committee and the camaraderie of board meetings. I have been on the board for fifteen years. During that time my family moved four times. I gave birth to four children. I lost my father and sister. Through it all, one of my anchors has been my relationship with Cornell, and I am grateful for that.

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Cornell Boards Welcome New Leaders

The University's major alumni groups have elected new leaders, whose terms began on July 1.

Cornell Alumni Association

Kelly Smith Brown '88, MBA '92, has been elected president of CAA. A former alumni-elected trustee, Brown will oversee a sixty-four-member board and work to define the CAA brand. Remaining as vice presidents are Laura Fratt '81, Shana Chacko Mueller '95, and Scott Pesner '87. Bobby Tsai '83 and Randy Rosenberg '74 have joined the executive committee as vice presidents.

Seven new directors-from-the-region were elected to first terms. They are: Brad Grainger '79 (Upstate New York/Ontario), Jennifer Ritter Kelly '89 (Southeast), Michael Lee '99 (Metro New York), Jeff MacCorkle '88 (International), Sandy Robinson Torget '94 (New England), Jay Treadwell '61 (Mid-Atlantic), and Marilyn Yodlowski '75 (Pacific). In addition, Marie-Jouvelle Aubourg '06 (Metro New York) and Theresa Flores '93 (Southwest) were elected to second terms.

Elected to first terms as directors-at-large were Shane Dunn '07, Steven Flyer, JD '91, Tom Pasniewski '98, and Debbi Neyman Silverman '85. Heather Knauss Wells '02, Sam Pollack '99, and Jonathan Simon '92 were elected to second terms.

Cornell Association of Class Officers

Jay Waks '68, JD '71, has been elected president of CACO. Several board members will hold new positions as, or remain, vice presidents: Michael Avery '55 and Paul Cashman '73 (co-vice presidents—communications); Lauren Myers-Marion '97 (vice president—diversity and inclusion); Simon Krieger '76, MBA '77 (vice president—leadership); Debbie Schaffel '89 and Nancy Sverdluk '79 (co-vice presidents—membership); and Charles Stuppard '82 (vice president—students and young alumni).

In addition, ten new directors-at-large were elected to the board. They are: Bob Baca '91, Jonelle Bradshaw de Hernandez '96, Nancy Taylor Butler '64, Lindsay Liotta Forness '84, Carl Jones '03, Anthony Lopez '09, Amy Wang Manning '90, Doug Mitarotonda '02, PhD '09, Stan Rodwin '50, and Diana Tyler '01.

Cornell University Council

Katrina James '96 was elected to serve an additional one-year term as chair of the University Council. It is made up of Cornellians, parents, and friends who have shown exemplary leadership as alumni volunteers, in their professional lives, or in their communities. New vice chairs of the administrative board are Mary Maxon Grainger '79, MPS '87, and Jason McGill '88. Jay Carter '71, MEng

'72, and Teresa Port '84 were elected to an additional term as vice chairs.

Joining the administrative board as elected members are Raj Chandnani '95, Ronald Demer '59, E. Eric Elmore '86, JD '89, Robert Everrett '65, Rosanna Romanelli Frank '61, Lisa Barsanti Hoyt '79, Susan Deitz Milmoie '71, Tomoko Morinaga, MPS '89, Reuben Munday '69, MPS '74, Christine Waters Stuhlmiller '93, Margaret Mitchell Weingart '78, and Frank Wilkinson '84, BArch '85.

President's Council of Cornell Women

Jill Goldy, MS '78, and Linda Gadsby '88 have been elected co-chairs of PCCW. Its mission is to enhance the involvement of female students, faculty, staff, and alumnae as leaders within Cornell and its many communities.

Serving as committee chairs are Dianne Renwick '82 (alumnae engagement), Daphne Mobley '83 (annual meeting, Ithaca), Jeannette Perez-Rossello '91 (annual meeting, New York), Elizabeth Ngonzi, MMH '98 (communications), Eileen Weingarten '75, BArch '76 (development), Rita Redberg '77 (diversity and inclusion), Laura Ericson Granger '83 (grants), Theresa Brown-Edwards '89 (membership), Sarah Emerson '84 (mentoring), and Christine Stefanou Perry '85 (transitions).

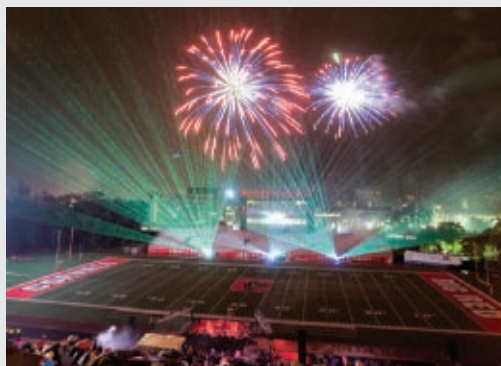
Homecoming: September 20–22

Finishing touches are being put on this year's festivities. The events kick off on Friday evening, with the second annual Fireworks and Laser Light Showcase at Schoellkopf Field. The evening begins at 7:30 with music by local favorite DJ Double A and continues with a special Homecoming dance showcase featuring campus- and Ithaca-based ensembles. The light show and fireworks display—which garnered rave reviews last year despite a rainstorm—will start at 8:45.

Saturday will bring an array of events, centered on the Cornell vs. Bucknell game, with kickoff at 3 p.m. Prior to that, the Big Red Fan Festival will be held throughout Kite Hill and the athletics areas, with food, music, and beer tents, plus free rides and games for the whole family. In addition, many fraternities, sororities, and affinity groups are planning events for their alumni.

The University is running special buses to transport attendees to campus from Boston, New York, and Washington, D.C. Also, alumni who pre-register for Homecoming will receive a special gift at check-in.

For more information, go to homecoming.cornell.edu.



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Wherever my family has lived or visited, Cornellians have welcomed us. It is still remarkable to me how passionate our alumni are about their alma mater. There is a bond that connects us across class years, affinities, areas of study, and geography. I think that is why being CAA president has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my life. It is a wonderful feeling to give back to something you love. It is a privilege.

It seems fitting to end this farewell letter with a final "To what end?" Why give time and talent to Cornell? We are incredibly fortunate to be alumni of one of the world's great universities. The work Cornell does has true impact. From exploring Mars to supporting agriculture on our own planet—in every area of science and humanities, art and commerce—Cornell makes huge contributions. As alumni, you have an opportunity to be part of this. As alumni, it is your responsibility to be part of it.

Here is one thing I know: your connection to Cornell is one of the most lasting relationships you will have in your lifetime. It is worth investing in.

Club Spotlight: Big Red Bands Alumni Association

At Homecoming, alumni of the Big Red Marching Band and Big Red Pep Band will gather for a big celebration: the dedication of a new practice facility behind Schoellkopf Crescent on Kite Hill. It was launched with a lead gift from former members David Fischell '75, PhD '80, and Sarah Thole Fischell '78, MEN '79, whose children were also in the band. The new facility will offer more practice and storage space—and move the bands out of their home of more than fifty years, a cramped room in Barton Hall.

The Big Red Bands Alumni Association (BRBAA) is almost done raising the \$1 million it needed to build the facility—a major milestone in that organization's history, which has long worked to provide financial support for both bands. The Alumni Association was founded in the early Eighties out of financial need for the marching band. "When I was a freshman in 1978, the music department told us that within three years they would stop financial support of the band," says Stacey Hunt Montalto '82. "For the next two years we tried all sorts of fundraising options, but it wasn't enough." When Montalto was elected student head manager in her junior year—and facing the band's potential dissolution—she took a huge step. Gathering all the financial data she could find, she presented her case to the Department of Athletics as to why it should support the band. "They had a limited budget, but they were able to give us money, and we became associated with Athletics," Montalto recalls. "We were also very lucky because the assistant in that office was Georgian Leonard, who loved the band and took us under her wing. For the next two decades, she would do whatever she could to support the band. It was all out of the goodness of her heart."

But the Athletics funding wasn't enough. Luckily, former drum major Dwight "Duke" Vicks II '54, MBA '57, entered the picture. His daughter, Cathy Vicks '80, was serving as drum major during Montalto's freshman year; son Dwight III '84, MBA '91, would eventually become drum major himself. Vicks saw the desperate times the band was facing and rallied his classmates. With the aim of providing ongoing financial support, the Big Red Bands Alumni Association was founded in 1982, with Vicks as president and Montalto as vice president. With Leonard's help, BRBAA began to work

with students to hold phonathons, reaching out to alumni to ask them to support the band. "It was probably the first time a student group pitched its alumni for a major financial undertaking," Montalto says. "To this day, the students still do it. And they know that once they leave the band, they will be expected to support the band the same way, so there is a natural evolution and financial support has grown."

However, BRBAA knew that phonathons would cover only annual operating expenses and not long-term needs such as instrument and uniform replenishment. So in the mid-Eighties, it created an endowment fund. Chaired by Vicks, the successful campaign was launched with a 1989 Carnegie Hall concert celebrating the retirement of the band's longtime music advisor, Marice Stith.

BRBAA has also taken on an advisory role, helping to guide the student leadership of both bands. "There's an important part of BRBAA that is almost as valuable as the financial aspects," says current president Lowell Frank '99, MD '03, "and that's the empowerment of the student leadership—whether it's offering advice and experience, providing continuity over the years, or serving as a liaison between University units. It's challenging at times, because our involvement will morph each year as different students are elected to leadership positions, but preserving the student-run nature of the band is very important."

In addition, BRBAA helps make sure that alumni are connected with the band and to each other. Since 1981, former members have been invited to play on the field at halftime of the Homecoming game. BRBAA also hosts get-togethers at road games or when the pep band travels. "We're trying to adapt our communications strategy to get information out to our alumni and supporters in a more timely manner, through an evolving Web presence and



Beautiful music: Band alumni got their first look at the new Kite Hill practice facility during Reunion, when they played together (top) and perused some vintage photo albums.

social media," says Frank. "We are also cultivating our relationships within the University to improve communication on campus, and we're working on more long-term financial planning."

While the band has come a long way—from its original status within ROTC to the admittance of women in 1971 to the new facility on Kite Hill—there is nostalgia for times past. But alumni know things need to change. "Many of us will miss Barton Hall; small, cramped, under-ventilated quarters do lead to a lot of bonding," says Frank. "Still, many of us alumni are a little bit jealous of their fantastic space and the larger symbolic role it can play for the students. Their time, dedication, spirit, and sweat do matter to Cornell—and they should know that the work they do is appreciated."

The Big Red Bands facility dedication is set for 11:30 a.m. on the Saturday of Homecoming.

CRC Many have agreed for many years that the architecture far above has been of many styles, not the least being collegiate Gothic. But there was a new look this year, new even to the dedicated Old Reds of the Continuous Reunion Club (est. 1906, without moi). What they saw more of than ever before was glass skyscrapers. Very impressive, particularly when they were lit up (the buildings, not the reunioneers), streaked with blue lights. There's a lot of that going around these days. It has been said that the glass makes for better conditions for scholarship.

The hurricane season opened Reunion week, and Tropical Storm Andrea was making nasty threats along the Atlantic seaboard. That made some reunion regulars reluctant to venture onto roads that lead to places with leaky skies. So the crowd was a mite smaller this time. But there was, as always, much to do and many old and new friends with whom to revel. Our old homestead, the (Brud) Holland Int'l Living Center Low Rise 8, began to hum as returning Cayuga's Waiters of the Fifties sang their signature songs during their first rehearsal since last year. **Jack Brophy '53** began rounding up the Waiters, an a cappella triple (or so) quartet, for reunion appearances a few years back. Most of them have stayed at HILC8 in recent years. That livens things up—that and CRC members picking up where they left off in June '12.

The doors opened at noon. First to check in were **Connie Santagato** Hosterman '57, **Bill Belamy '53**, MBA '58, JD '59 (also reuniting with '53 and the Law School), **Harry Merker '51** (regular Ted Thoren Alumni Baseball game figure), Mr. **Jan Rowley '54**, MBA '56, Bill and **Enny Spieske** Dufur '62, **Bill Recht '52**, LLB '54 (also back for the Law reunion), **John Cecilia '70**, MBA '79, and **Jon '03**, ME '03, PhD '11, and **Katie Marie Nelson Schoenberg '03**, PhD '10 (also marking their 10th, with babe-in-arms Marie).

Once again, the Savage Club of Ithaca drew CRC members to the Statler on Thursday evening, this time for its 118th annual variety show of Cornell songs, jazz, classical, rock and roll, Broadway songs, instrumentalists, and magicians. It's an offshoot of the Savage Club of London and the Cornell Mandolin, Banjo, and Glee Club and has been entertaining Ithaca "more or less continuously" since 1895, when Mater was 30 years old and Grover Cleveland was president. Even before CRC. The Arts Quad tents didn't open until 9 p.m. Friday, but there was socializing at CRC after the Savages. Opinions were liberally—and also conservatively—shared.

There were bird walking, a mathematics library open house, and a panel discussion of the exploding world population and how to feed it without endangering the environment among the many, many more scholarly pursuits on Friday morning before the traditional annual CRC luncheon at the Statler ballroom. Jeanne Thoren was an honored guest. Her late husband, esteemed baseball and football coach Ted Thoren, was the senior, and honorary, CRC member. He was a CRC regular before most of the group. Ted opened many of those luncheons with his own Thorenesque wit and wisdom. This time the Waiters kicked off the lunch

with vintage songs, like "Oh Gee, Say Gee, you oughta see my Gigi from the Fiji Isles," etc. The voices were well-attuned echoes of good old days on the Hill. CRC announced its annual donation to an especially worthy Big Red team—volleyball this year. Assistant coach Trude Vande Berg, pinch-hitting for head coach Melissa Batie-Smoose (who was on the road seeking new talent), gave the team's thanks with amazing grace.

Athletic director Andy Noel, whose Big Red teams won seven Ivy titles last year and 74 total in his 14 years in charge besides 17 national championships in that time, noted with pride that two Big Redders were considered among the nation's outstanding collegiate players—wrestler **Kyle Dake '13**, SI's top male college athlete of the year, who won national championships four years at four different weights, and attackman **Rob Pannell '12**, Division I Lacrosse's leading scorer ever and winner of this year's Tewaarton Award, the Heisman Trophy of lac. Andy said, "Two things drive athletic success: the quality and will of head coaches and alumni support." He added, "I expect coaches to bleed red, but you must have the other stuff." New head football coach **Dave Archer '05** "is ready in every way."

Later in the program, Noel called Carolyn Sampson, **Ken Hershey '54**, Zach Schwan, and **C.K. Poe Fratt Jr., MBA '89**, to the dais and announced the following awards: to Sampson (most beautiful woman present), Hershey (best sweater), Schwan (best hair), and Fratt (best pants).

Archer welcomed the opportunity to lead the Big Red to further football fortunes. Raised in Binghamton, he was sought by Harvard and seemed to be headed there. A visit to Ithaca changed that. Then came a call from the Harvard coach, which Dave's dad, a noted high school coach, took. "Go hug your son," the coach said. "You should be real proud. He's been accepted here." "Well," Papa Archer replied, "I've always been proud of him, long before he got into Harvard." When the acceptance to Cornell came, Dave called the Harvard coach to tell him. "Nobody says no to Harvard," was the reply. "Well, you can start a new list and put my name at the top," said Dave.

The lunch ended with **Gerry Grady '53's** traditional financial report. He called for a moment of silence in memory of members lost since the previous meeting: **Janet Buhsen** Daukas '44, **Ben Franklin '50**, JD '52, **Tom Foulkes '52**, **Ingvor "Swede" Tornberg '53**, and **Lee Morton '54**.

Distinguished faculty lectured in the afternoon—on microbes, micro-nutrients, and neurotransmitters, an international studies roundtable, and our cosmic history and a new view of our origins. Pulitzer Prize-winning Prof. Fredrik Lovevall's Olin Lecture looked sharply back at Vietnam—and ahead. There was music from the tents and the University Chorus and Glee Club Friday night. President David Skorton presented his view of the State of the University on a misty, moist Saturday morning. CRC enjoyed gracious dining at the Country Club of Ithaca before Cornellianna Night at Bailey Hall. Between the songs and stats came a reference to CRC from associate VP for alumni affairs **Jim Mazza '88**: "The People Who Party

Every Year." This was the 107th time and we look forward to many more.

We couldn't do it without help from our friends like **Margaret Gallo '81**, **Cathy Forster Hogan '70**, Katie Beth Freyer and Lauren Coffey of Alumni Affairs, CRC's Connie Hosterman '57 and our magnificent head clerk **Josh Grider '14**, and our intelligent, enthusiastic, imaginative, super-active class clerks **Antoinette Gayle '13** (who will be teaching middle school science with Teach For America Corps this year) and **Aaron Kaufman '14**, an Ithaca-raised club squash player and wrestler who's eyeing a career in international politics. ☑ **Jim Hanchett '53**, 300 1st Ave., #8B, New York, NY 10009; e-mail, jch46@cornell.edu.

38 Cornell welcomed three members of the Class of 1938 back to the Hill for their 75th Reunion, and this magazine caught up with each of them during the All-Alumni Luncheon at Barton Hall on Friday and Saturday.

Photos of Reunion in the Jul/Aug '13 issue of this magazine (pp. 6-7) included a shot of our conversation with **John Clement**, who came to Reunion from Toledo, OH, with his daughter-in-law, Chris. John, who got his degree in Mechanical Engineering, was here for the whole weekend and arrived in time for the Spirit of '31: Passing It Forward ceremony on Thursday evening in the Statler Ballroom. Stepping in for **Lucy Howard** Jarvis, who registered for the weekend but was unable to come, he presented the 2008 reunion banner to two members of the 5th Reunion class—and got his picture taken again! The event, as described in the *Cornell Chronicle*, was established in 2011 to mark the first-ever 80th Reunion at Cornell, "connecting the most senior returning alumni with the newest reunion class."

A US Army veteran, 1941-46, John was part of the Detroit Ordnance District and was stationed in cities around Michigan, including Flint, Saginaw, Lansing, and Detroit. Afterwards, he began work in product liability at the Bock Laundry Machine Co., and ultimately took over the position of president from his father. He has been married twice and widowed twice, and has four daughters, two sons (who both live in Toledo), 11 grands, and five greats. One granddaughter lives near Ithaca, in Groton, and works for Cooperative Extension at an after-school program for middle schoolers.

Bettina "Tink" Frost, MS '40 (Medford, NJ) and **Miriam "Mimi" Johnson** Faulkner (Rochester, NY), who also enjoyed lunch at Barton Hall, have been friends since their childhood days growing up in Ithaca. Bettina earned a BA in Biology (pre-med), an MS in Microbiology with a minor in Biochemistry, and a PhD from Rutgers. Ultimately, she ended up doing research at Merck & Co., but in the years before that she worked at several hospitals as a medical technician, then at the US Dept. of Agriculture in a testing lab for brucellosis in cattle. It was while she was working in a New Jersey hospital that her boss informed her that she needed to return to school for her doctorate, and he personally took her to Rutgers in New Brunswick to begin her studies. Unfortunately, she

had to maintain the hours at her job as well, thus beginning an exhausting cycle of working, going to class, rushing back to work, and making up the missed hours every weekend for seven years, finally earning her PhD in 1958.

Mimi Faulkner earned a degree in Biology at Cornell and started teaching high school in Ithaca after graduation. At that time, students were mostly grouped by academic ability, and she found the most satisfaction in teaching at the two ends of the spectrum—the very high achievers at one end, and the low achievers at the other who were anxious to pass their Regents exams and move on to a trade (forestry, for example) after high school. When this tracking was gradually disbanded, she found she was frustrated in the mixed classes, feeling like she couldn't be as much help to as many students in that environment. She left teaching to become a social worker, doing regular casework until moving to Memphis, TN, for six years with her husband. He preferred that she not work full-time, giving her time for a new interest: raising pure-bred cats and judging cat shows. Back north, in Buffalo, NY, and then Rochester, Mimi was a cat show judge for 36 years!

Our thanks to John, Bettina, and Mimi for taking the time to talk to us! **Carol Thro** Richardson wasn't able to come to Reunion, but did send greetings from Stony Brook, NY, where she spends time reading, knitting, playing bridge, and—like us—having lunch with friends. Send news to: Class of 1938, c/o Cornell Alumni Magazine, 401 East State St., Suite 301, Ithaca, NY 14850. Class Notes Editor e-mail, adr4@cornell.edu.

40 So nice to hear from **Toni Saxe Stewart**, who writes from Kendal at Ithaca: "I've been reading, gardening, and visiting husband **Jack '38**, JD '40, in Kendal's nursing home. Also attending PEO meetings and Kendal activities." Toni remembers bringing a small radio, a bedspread, and family pictures with her to Cornell freshman year. **Jeanne Robinson** Cowden is in Brecksville, OH. She lost her husband, **James**, at the end of 2012.

Elizabeth Schmeck Brown, MS '45, is back in her apartment in Skillman, NJ—and learning to walk again—after a long period in the hospital and in other medical facilities. She continues to give away her historical costume belongings, some to Cornell, some to the U. of Rhode Island, some as gifts to several experts in various areas, and 4,000 items to Houston (TX) Community College, as reported previously. "I could not sell the things I loved—better to give them to people who would also love them." Thanks to all for your news! Class of 1940, c/o Cornell Alumni Magazine, 401 East State St., Suite 301, Ithaca, NY 14850. Class Notes Editor e-mail, adr4@cornell.edu.

41 Back with more news from the Class of 1941! "Hello to all classmates," writes former class correspondent **Shirley Richards** Sargent Darmer (Delmar, NY), "and a special thank you to our class president **Bob Mueller**, BArch '42, for his letter. Ken and I are still 'aging in place,' which has its hazards, one of which will be lessened by wristbands with buttons to push in case of emergencies. I understand they are required in many senior complexes, so I am joining many of you. A special hello to **Marge Lee** Treadwell and **Gretchen Fonda** Gagnon." Speaking of whom, **Gretchen Gagnon** (Cohoes, NY) sent news

as well: "I'm thankful to be able to say that I'm doing well. My health is good, I'm still driving my car, and I enjoy watching my grands and great-grands do exciting things—and they surely do. It seems they are involved in everything—and that keeps me busy. I sit back and watch." **Marjorie Treadwell** (Naples, FL), noting that the past several editions of the Class Notes had started with the Class of 1942, sent dues but no news. **Anne Caro** Guttman sent dues from Boynton Beach, FL.

John Powers, BS '43 (Wilmington, DE; [jracespowers@gmail.com](mailto:jracepowers@gmail.com)) started with the Class of 1941. "Being a Chem E put me in '42, and an accident delayed graduation until '43. Now I have moved from Georgia back to Delaware and am busy writing a book entitled 'How to "Comm,"' about how to communicate. Hope to publish it with DuPont in several months. Now 93 years old. Looking forward to 100. Regards to all." Another Chem E, **Julian Smith**, BS '42 (Ithaca, NY) writes that he is "still casting a shadow." Julian sang with the Savage Club at the 2012 Reunion show and again in June 2013. "Also in 2012, I visited Tahiti on a cruise with four younger people. This year's April cruise was to Italy, Greece, and Croatia with the same group."

Sylvia Jaffe Abrams (Washington, DC) has lived in the same house since 1965, "now, alas, with only the spirit of my beloved husband, Isidore. Greetings and good wishes to the Great Class of 1941, present and past." **Lawrence Kalik** (New York, NY) writes, "I am still putting in virtual full time at my law practice with Herzfeld & Rubin in addition to being a Special Master in the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court, but manage plenty of time to move around. In summer 2011, right after our 70th Reunion, I took off on an Eastern European tour, and in summer 2012, I enjoyed a remarkable tour of Iceland. In between, I visited a granddaughter and a niece in California and grandchildren in D.C." **Mary Munson** Benson now has 27 great-grandchildren. She writes that she is in good health and lives in a senior apartment complex in Lansing, NY.

Herbert Cogan (New York, NY) is writing another psychoanalytic paper, doing supervision, and swimming several times a week. "Aghast at what's happening in our world. Hanging in." **Jack Weikart**, BS '42 (Hockessin, DE) is looking forward to the next reunion in 2016. "Who knows? I may need two chaperones. All is well, considering. I can locomote without a walking stick except on uneven ground. I drive, I drink, I eat, I look. Best to all." **Martha Perkins** Melfi (Syracuse, NY) is 94 and happy to be back paying class dues after missing last year. Her daughter notes that she is "alive and well after nine kids, seven grandkids, and 35-plus years of service to SUNY Environmental Science."

More news to come in the next issue from **Herbert Ernest**, **William Turin**, **Edward White**, and **John Matthews**—and anyone else who would like to send us news. Looking forward to hearing from you! Class of 1941, c/o Cornell Alumni Magazine, 401 East State St., Suite 301, Ithaca, NY 14850. Class Notes Editor e-mail, adr4@cornell.edu.

42 Class pres **Liz Schlamm** Eddy (New York City) called in mid-June with the very sad news of the passing of **Jim Kraker** (New Smyrna Beach, FL) on June 11. He did much for our class in recent years as an alumni VP, and it was always so pleasant to hear from him. Married to **Dorothy**

(**Dodds**), who passed away in 2006, they were both stellar class members. They had three children, two boys and a daughter named **Althea '77**, BS HE '78, who also graduated from Cornell but was then killed riding her bike on the Cornell campus. They established the Althea Kraker Scholarship in the Gouverneur Foundation, if you would like to make a contribution (mail to: The Gouverneur Foundation, 133 E. Barney St., Gouverneur, NY 13642). Liz recalls a story Jim told about them being in Paris. He was stopped by a cop who asked to see his driver's license. When he showed it to him, he took it over to another policeman and they both came back to Jim in the car and saluted him. They thought the address of "Gouverneur" meant that he was the governor of New York! We'll always remember Dotty and Jim.

Jeffrey Bennett '14 (Chester town, NY) is the recipient of the 1942 Memorial Scholarship. He was valedictorian of his class, a member of the National Honor Society, and on the Dean's List in 2011 and 2012. He majors in Physics and Astronomy. Our congratulations to Jeffrey.

Thanks to all 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 and the classmates you still keep in touch with. Do you have a live-in pet? I have a wonderful little dog (named for Rudy Giuliani) and Liz has a pet cat. There are 258 class members and 80 actually pay dues. So do keep in touch with me throughout the year. My address, e-mail, and phone are all below. I'm usually home and would love to hear from you. Hope you are all doing well. [Carolyn Evans](mailto:Carolyn Evans Finneran, 8815 46th St. NW, Gig Harbor, WA 98335; tel., (253) 326-4806; e-mail, Carolynfinn@comcast.net) Finneran, 8815 46th St. NW, Gig Harbor, WA 98335; tel., (253) 326-4806; e-mail, Carolynfinn@comcast.net.

43 A couple of weeks before his death, your class president and unabashed class correspondent, **S. Miller Harris**, dictated one last paragraph to his faithful editor. "The Class of 1943," he declaimed, "by unanimous assent, has elected **Shigeo Kondo** to the position of First Vice President, which means that he is in line to become the president of the class. This would make him the first veteran of the Japanese Army to become president of a class at Cornell University." Very true. Miller passed away peacefully, on June 9, surrounded in his last days by his large and loving family who felt blessed to be able to say goodbye. **Shig Kondo** (skkondo@gmail.com) shares this:

"We are filled with sorrow at the loss of our esteemed class correspondent, Miller Harris. He was in poor health and, on doctor's orders, missed our 70th Reunion. We assumed that he would write this column forever, but it was not to be. I am filling in temporarily to report about our glorious 70th.

"Cornell planned everything, and with the help of hardworking staff, there were no glitches. Thirteen of our classmates attended, with family and friends: **Jerome Batt**, **Abraham Brook**, **Barbara Wahl** Kaufman Cate, **Ruth Ohringer** Frank, **Roy Herrmann**, **Barbara Larrabee** Johnson, **Shigeo Kondo**, **Clyde Loughridge**, **E. Firth Perryman**, **Aline Snyder** Raisler, **Stephen Teator**, **Edward Wagner**, B Chem E '47, and **Edy Newman** Weinberger. During Thursday's opening ceremony, 'The Spirit of '31: Passing it Forward,' President David Skorton singled out Miller with much praise, and it was so disappointing that he could not be present.

"Our Statler Hotel accommodations were first class and central to most of the activities. The new Statler Hall, just a hole in the ground when we last met, is connected to the hotel, and many of the activities were there. Our Friday dinner was in the Atrium, and that is also where our class photo was taken. Alice Statler Auditorium in Statler Hall is impressive, and we heard Dean Dan Huttenlocher talk about Cornell NYC Tech, which we will hear much more about in the future. We had our reserved section in Bailey Hall, where we heard the Olin Lecture by Prof. Fredrik Logevall, the Glee Club concert, President Skorton's State of the University address, and the rousing Cornelliana Night.

"Fortunately, most of these programs are on the CornellConnect video site (<http://www.cornell.edu/video/>), so just type a pertinent word into the search box, and you'll be able to view all these Reunion events. (Do you remember the time we disrupted the program at Bailey Hall by marching on the stage with our 'Don't Pee on '43' banner? We were part of the 'Greatest Generation' and nothing bothered us.) For our Saturday night banquet at the hotel, with both classmates and guests, we had live music playing our favorite songs (arranged by Miller with the help of his friend Steve Pond, chairman of the Music department at Cornell), delicious food, good conversation, and welcoming speeches by various class members. We also thanked Alumni Affairs' Erin Kennedy, without whose help we couldn't have made this all happen.

"The latest building nearing completion is Gates Hall (<http://blogs.cornell.edu/gateshall/>), across from Barton Hall. Fortunately/unfortunately, the campus is being covered by buildings. Ezra would be proud as we approach the Sesquicentennial Year of 2015. In closing, I hope that all of you can contribute to this column, with Reunion notes and personal anecdotes, to continue Miller's legacy. We are fortunate to have Adele Durham Robinette as editor, so please send your notes to her at: adr4@cornell.edu."

Epilogue: Miller's memorial service, a week after his death, brought family and friends back to the Philadelphia area. It was an afternoon of music—including a New Orleans-style funeral procession, complete with jazz quartet—and of tributes with recurring themes: his love of cooking (and for fennel in particular), his devotion to his wife, **Mary Louise (Snellenburg) '45**, and all the generations of his family, his success in the shirt business, his humor, his intellect, and his gratitude for his life. He also wanted to be remembered to Cornellians in this way: "Say how much Cornell means to me—that I am the Class of '43 president, that I won the Vanneman Award, and that I wrote the '43 Class Notes for the *Alumni Magazine* for 60 years, each column taking me about five hours—which equals about one year of my life." Amen, he would say. Thanks for listening. **Class of 1943**, c/o *Cornell Alumni Magazine*, 401 East State St., Suite 301, Ithaca, NY 14850. Class Notes Editor e-mail, adr4@cornell.edu.

44 Wow! Thanks for all your news—which should keep this space filled for several issues. First, as is fitting, a note from **Dotty Kay Kesten** (dotkes10@optonline.net): "Art and I celebrated our 67th anniversary on July 8 with a family dinner (we met freshman year at a social at Willard Straight Hall). We were happy to share the occasion with son **Dale '72**, BA '75, and his wife, Liz; daughter **Lynn Kesten Coakley '74**; granddaughter

Lauren Coakley Vincent '04 and husband Lesley, whom she met while in the Peace Corps; and nephew Peter Stern and spouse Eileen. Sorry, Peter is a graduate of the U. of Rochester. Missing was granddaughter **Shannon Coakley '07**. Art left Cornell in 1943 to serve in the Army and later received his degree in 1949. I graduated in 1943 and worked for the Manhattan Project until leaving in 1945 to join Art, who was serving with the occupation forces in Japan. Art left the service in 1948, and we lived in NYC until moving to Westport, CT, in 1955. We're still active in a few business ventures and still involved with the class. Hope to see many of you at our 70th Reunion in 2014!"

Elizabeth Scheidelman Droz (Utica, NY; elizabethdroz@gmail.com): "I am leading a weekly Bible class and keeping in touch with nine children, plus grandchildren, nieces, and nephews. Heading to Old Forge, where I'll be till around Labor Day." Elizabeth wishes she could still be dancing, something she did with her late husband, John, in three formal dance groups. She remembers bringing an oversized appointment book to Cornell freshman year—to keep track of dates. "There were seven times as many men—I dated 98 guys freshman year." **Durland Weale**, MS '53 (Addison, NY): "Still working for Addison Township; helping area Model A Ford owners repair their vehicles; growing strawberries; and maintaining a large garden (including dahlias) and lawn (mowing, repairing tractor, etc.)." Durland came to Cornell empty-handed: "No computer, no auto . . . just ready to work. My four years at Cornell cost my parents \$125. Money was tight . . . nor did I borrow."

Prof. Howard Evans, PhD '50 (Ithaca, NY): "I volunteer for first through fifth grades in two public schools, reading about animals and plants, looking for fossils, and giving talks to nature groups. Lately I've also been checking for corrections in the 7th Edition of *Guide to the Dissection of the Dog*, and attending meetings of the student Herpetology Club." **Sigmund Hoffman**, MFS '48 (Ridgefield, CT) has been reading and walking, but writes that he'd rather be working. He brought warm clothes with him to Cornell freshman year: "shirts, underwear, socks, jackets, ear muffs et al." **Janice Taylor Scott** (Highland Beach, FL; jts1023@gmail.com): "Trying to fit into the digital world. Enjoying life in South Florida, still in my own apartment. Saw Charlie and **Kit Snell Sigety**, a Tri Delt sister, last winter. We live near each other here in the season."

Richard Cook, BME '48 (Oakland, CA; ploverc@aol.com): "I have moved to a retirement community in California to be closer to my daughter, who also lives in Oakland. The weather has been fantastic, so I haven't missed the old weather in Florida. I've had a few health problems (like falling and managing to fracture five ribs). However, maybe the corner has turned. Best to all." **Pete Bellis** (North Andover, MA; BellisPeter@comcast.net) has been reading, writing, playing bridge, and managing family affairs. "I completed and had published my memoir, titled *A Good Life*—full of recollections of people, places, and things—which I will give to my family and all those whose presence has enriched my life. Doing fine in my 90th year." Pete says he brought one suitcase of clothes and his admission to Cornell. "My first task was to find a room and a job that gave me three meals a day. I managed this in my first day in Ithaca." More to come in the next issue! Send news to: **Class of 1944**, c/o *Cornell Alumni Magazine*, 401 East State St., Suite 301, Ithaca, NY 14850. **Dorothy**

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45 Your class co-correspondent **Bob Frankenfeld**, MD '47, had a fine birthday celebration on May 30 (the original and only authentic date of Memorial Day). Relatives and guests ranging in age from 12 to 89 (me) came from far and wide; son Paul cooked "coq au vin" and sister Miriam made English trifle. A few young people kept up the merriment (and libation) till 3 a.m. This segues to our class's 70th Reunion in 2015, when we can sing, visit the old haunts, renew our friendships, and be treated in the style befitting our maturity. The following items are somewhat dated, but still significant.

Thelma Emile Hunter (St. Paul, MN) wrote that she is a community volunteer, still practices the piano, and serves on the board of two musical organizations. She attends concerts, judges musical competitions, and participates in a weekly seminar during the fall and winter. With a group of ten other like-minded people, she commissions new music from emerging composers. All this, as well as traveling, playing chamber music, and keeping up with three sons and families who live in Minnesota. I attended one of her recitals on campus 71 years ago, where the person introducing her said she had developed a strong interest far removed from music—namely, basketball. Most of the audience knew he was referring to **Sam Hunter '43**, star basketball player and later Thelma's husband and an eminent cardiologist, now deceased. Our reunions have been highlighted by Thelma's virtuosity on the piano and her delightful presence.

Peg Taylor Macdonald (Chapel Hill, NC) is still studying genealogy. She was recently hospitalized with a small health problem and says she would have preferred a cruise in Europe. She would like to hear from **Faith Gregory Hall '46**, BCE '48. **Edmund Cranch**, BME '45, PhD '51 (Bonita Springs, FL, and Ithaca, NY) is active in tennis, studying economics, and hiking. We also know of his great enjoyment of pop and jazz music of the seven decades past the 1930s. He wrote of a three-week reunion last year at Eastertime that even included a great-grandchild's visit from Germany. Ed remembers fellow students and getting around Navy rules while in the V-12. He and class president **Maxine Katz** Morse are responsible for the great success of our 65th and mini-reunion. Please keep us informed of your and your family's activities.

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46 We report further on the "Autobiography of Andrew D. White" and the challenges facing Cornell's first president. Having formed an Ag School, President White addressed the other technical department specified in the Congressional Morrill Land Grant Act. That department, vaguely termed "Mechanic Arts," "led at first to much groping to find just what ought to be done."

First was a delicate matter. Ezra Cornell wished to establish great factories within the university to produce shoes, chairs, etc., thus offering many students opportunities for self-support. Per Dr. White, "I pointed out to him that the manufacturing would be a business venture never

contemplated by our charter; that it was exceedingly doubtful whether such a corporation could be combined with an educational institution without ruining both; that the men best fitted to manage a great factory were hardly likely to be the best managers of a great institution of learning; . . . and finally many reasons why such a scheme contravened the Act of Congress and the legislation of the State. I insisted that our main purpose must be to send out to the State and Nation thoroughly trained graduates to develop and improve the main industries of the country and train up skillful artisans in every locality. Mr. Cornell's conduct was admirable. Tenacious as he usually was when his position was formed, and much as it must have cost him to give up his (pet) project, he yielded to this view."

White decided that graduates of the "Mechanic Arts" program should have practical acquaintance in the construction and use of machinery before they could become leaders in great mechanical enterprises. Mr. Cornell agreed. But the sundry large pieces of farm machinery he contributed could not be converted economically to academic use. The university trustees would be unlikely to approve expenditures at that time for such a radical idea as establishing a teaching machine shop, so Dr. White, at his own expense, supplied an appropriate power-lathe, etc.

One trustee volunteered to further the plan. Hiram Sibley, Mr. Cornell's old friend and associate in their telegraphic enterprise, would supply the funds to erect and equip Sibley College of Mechanical Engineering. It became the most successful department of its kind in our country and perhaps in the world. A question arose: shall we produce things of pecuniary value, or samples of highly finished workmanship without commercial value? Professors Morris and Sweet were able to combine both purposes and employ many students in the best work that had market value. Thus, Mr. Cornell's original idea was accomplished without resorting to producing shoes and chairs.

To list your e-mail address in your submissions, e-mail me at the e-address below. Include your name, city, and state. Send news to: **Paul Levine**, 31 Chicory Lane, San Carlos, CA 94070; tel., (650) 592-5273; e-mail, plevine@juno.com. Class website, <http://classof46.alumni.cornell.edu>.

News has been sparse recently. I only received one news note—from **Ginny Dondero Pfundstein** (Winter Park, FL), who is busy as the caregiver of her husband, **Gerard, SP Ag '44-45**, and getting ready to downsize. Her travels have included a church trip to St. Augustine and a 27-member family reunion that included seven children and 12 grands (four came from Chile). "I still write to **Priscilla Alden Clement** and **Joyce Manley Forney**—Cornell friends for over 50 years." Ginny arrived at Cornell with only a steamer trunk.

I made a phone call to **Pat Kinne Paoletta** (Lakewood, NJ), whose oldest grandson will be attending Endicott College near Boston this fall (he presently lives in Mexico City with his parents). Her twin grandchildren, who live in Jacksonville, FL, will be entering high school. Next I called sorority sister **Ann McGloin Stevens** (Wyndmoor, PA) to hear about her trip to Ithaca for her grandson **Andrew Kagen '13's** graduation from Cornell. He is following in his grandfather's footsteps and entering law school this fall. **Orrie**, LLB '48, died shortly after attending our 60th Reunion in 2006. Ann and Orrie were blessed with four grandsons and one granddaughter, who has a full scholarship to Stanford.

The next call was to **Ruth Critchlow Blackman** (Newtown, PA), who was our faithful treasurer for many years. Like many of us, she moved into a retirement home after husband Bill's death and no longer drives. She attended our 65th Reunion in 2011 with classmate **Maj-Britt "Mickey" Karlsson** Gabel, who lives in a retirement home in Willow Street, PA. My last call was to **Charlotte Cooper** Gill (Hurley, NY), and I learned that her husband, Jack, is on oxygen full-time. Years ago we visited their huge corn farm and produce stand on Rt. 209. Their two daughters and two sons are running both now. Her Cornell grandson recently took a job with Purdue.

Please write if I made any mistakes (it is hard to jot down notes and hold the phone at the same time), and in the meantime, send news to: **Elisnor Baier** Kennedy, 9 Reading Dr., #302, Wernersville, PA 19565; tel., (610) 927-8777; e-mail, mopsyk@comcast.net.

47 The new freshmen have appeared on campus and are discussing the book all were assigned to read over the summer. Thanks to **Jay Milner's** (izeg milner@ieee.org) capable management of our class dues, many of you will have gotten a copy of the book *When the Emperor Was Divine* by Julie Otsuka, about a Japanese-American family that spends three and a half years in an internment camp during WWII, "a time we all recall with wide-ranging emotions and memories," says Jay. Cornell rolled out the New Student Reading Project in 2001, assigning summer reading that has ranged from Jared Diamond's *Guns, Germs and Steel* to Sophocles' *Antigone* and Fitzgerald's *The Great Gatsby*. Having all the incoming students read the same book over the summer is intended to give them a common experience to discuss when they arrive on campus. Additionally, the university faculty and staff gather with students for a series of small-group discussions. Last year, alumni got into the action when the library conducted two discussion sessions about the book in New Jersey and Manhattan. This fall, university librarian Anne Kenney will hold discussions about Otsuka's book in Westchester and at the NYC Cornell Club.

Speaking of the library, you may have seen the obituary of our classmate **Joyce Bauer** Brothers in May. Before her death, she donated a large collection of her papers and audiovisual materials to the Cornell Library. The collection includes 463 films, 796 videos, and 184 audio recordings, including episodes of "The Dr. Joyce Brothers Show," "Consult Dr. Brothers," and Dr. Brothers's appearances on other network television shows during the 1950s and 1960s. The collection also contains correspondence (including fan letters), subject files, scripts, photographs, and books by Joyce. While Joyce didn't come to reunions or do much with our class after graduation, it is nice to know that she maintained her relationship with Cornell through her donation. She was also the proud grandmother of a couple of Cornell granddaughters.

The recent news forms (thanks for sending them in!) report that a few of our classmates are on the move. After selling his house in East

Hampton, NY, **David Barr**, MD '50 (dbarrmd@msn.com) has moved back to NYC, to "take more advantage of what the Big Apple has to offer." He is still playing the piano and raising orchids, "but the window sill limits the size of the crop."

Richard Gavin (RLGavin@hotmail.com) has moved into a retirement home in Glenview, IL. **Ann Kramer** Jones (tedann22@gmail.com) has moved from the Isle of Ulva in Scotland to Willseyville, NY. I remember running into Ann at the A&P years ago when she lived around the corner from me in Rochester, NY.

Henry Darlington Jr. of NYC reports that he broke his leg at age 88.

Marvin Wedeen (marvinm wedeen@verizon.net) of Sewickley, PA, received his second ceramic defibrillator, "which should be good for five to seven years." **Gene Streicher**, MA '48 (es18@juno.com) had a stroke last winter, but is recovering. It was nice to hear from **Herb Brinberg** (hbrinberg@parnassusassociates.com), who is still a professor at Baruch College and now a great-grandfather, and also from **Kenneth David** of Bethesda, MD, and **Jim Hutchison** (jhutch444@aol.com). Keep those cards, letters, and news forms coming! **Artie Williamson** Anderson, 238 Dorchester Road, Rochester, NY 14610; **Sylvia Kianoff** Shain, irashain1@verizon.net.

48 Best reunion ever! In 1948 we graduated 2,156 classmates. As of May 17, we know of 1,035 deceased, 387 non-mailable, lost, strayed, stolen, AWOL, or presumed deceased. That leaves 734 still receiving mail, of whom 233 pay dues and (hopefully) read this *Cornell Alumni Magazine*. Maybe you're one of the 211 '48 donors (65th Reunion record) who helped us raise \$10,430,957 (also a 65th Reunion record). In our class lifetime we have raised \$83,055,332—not a record (we are late bloomers). Forty-three '48 degree holders showed up, many with spouses, children, siblings, etc., seven of whom graduated from other classes. Colleges represented were Engineering (17); Arts and Sciences (17); Human Ecology (7); Hotel (4); CALS (3); and ILR (2). Total attendance at our '48 functions was 79 souls. I don't know about all of you, but every time I go to a five-year reunion, I come back feeling ten years younger. I am now living in my infancy. How 'bout you?

Highlights: **Sylvia Kilbourne** Hosie, MNS '49, after driving 290 miles and joining us for Thursday cocktails and dinner, in her eagerness to retire, cut her leg on a metal projection of the bed frame as she climbed in. It was bandaged overnight and the next day was treated, "on the house," at the Infirmary, with ten stitches. She still attended all events. Cornell ladies are resilient. **Win Shiras**, who lost his wife a few years ago, remarried Connielou in 2012. Connielou did all the driving from home in Evanston, IL, to Boston and New Hampshire to attend a Thursday wedding, and on Friday drove from Boston through torrential Tropical Storm Andrea on the Mass Pike non-stop to Ithaca, arriving in time for Friday's banquet. Conclusion: Win sure knows how to pick 'em, and Connielou is a very competent and courageous person, never having been to the East Coast before. She drove

“The window sill limits the size of the crop.”

David Barr '47

home to Evanston from Ithaca—wow! The classmate who came the farthest was **Gerald Sallus**, from Culver City, CA, but he used an airplane. After working for Hughes Aircraft and others for 22 years, he became a lawyer in 1970.

plays duplicate bridge twice a week and party bridge once a week, and is “still painting, though mostly portraits or plein air from photos.” Jan writes that “40-plus years of California sun has resulted in melanoma, and she has been making

Ruth Davison Dorfman and her husband, **John, JD '49** (Wayne, PA) are looking forward to trips to South Carolina and Florida and to both Homecoming in the fall and to our wonderful 65th Reunion next June. Ruth has made a full recovery from a broken back suffered last year from a fall in her bedroom. **Chuck Reynolds Jr.** (Vero Beach, FL), writing last year, suggested we discontinue sending the yearly calendar. “I get so many and throw them all away. The biggest change for us was selling my plane last July after five airplanes, 600-plus hours of flying, and so many great adventures and memories, including two trips to Alaska, California countless times, the British Virgins, Central America, including Panama, and of course many, many trips to the Bahamas and the Turks. We enjoyed a great privilege at Cornell, which literally changed our lives. Wish I could do it all over again.”

Max Kraus (Middlebury, VT) wrote last year, “Lois and I marked our 30th wedding anniversary last fall and as my 85th birthday approaches, we decided to celebrate both with a National Geographic trip to Patagonia. No fellow Cornellians, but a fabulous group and trip. We returned to Middlebury to move to a cottage in a new retirement community near the Middlebury College campus. With most boxes unpacked we are back to bike riding and enjoying this most interesting and supportive community. We would love to hear from friends.” Sadly, we heard of the passing of **George Tesnow** of Brevard, NC, in April 2012. He is survived by his widow, Louise. Thank you all for your news. And start now! It is never too early to start preparing to attend our great reunion next June! ☑ **Dorothy Mulhoffer** Solow, 3608 N. Sunset, Farmington, NM 87401; (505) 258-4778; e-mail, winspeck@yahoo.com.

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Bob Persons '48

The class dragged the bottom of the barrel and decided to make me president, and continue me as membership chair, correspondent, and curmudgeon-in-chief. No problem! I will be ably assisted by our long-serving Ithaca point ladies **Martha Clark Mapes**, MS '49, as VP and **Jean Genuing** Pearson as secretary-treasurer, and the Squire of Newtown, PA, **John Kent**, as reunion campaign chair. Everyone stay healthy and fit for our 70th Reunion in 2018. Back to news from the mailbag in the next issue. ☑ **Bob Persons**, 102 Reid Ave., Port Washington, NY 11050; phone and fax, (516) 767-1776; e-mail, bobpersons48@gmail.com.

a lot of doctor visits.” She would rather not be “spending time in the Dr.’s office.” Jan communicates with two old Cornell friends at Christmas, but her closest friend died a few years ago. “We were roommates in Ithaca and NYC.”

Fred Wayne (East Bloomfield, NY), married to Doreen, tells us that he enjoys watching sports on TV and spent a recent winter in South Florida. Prof. Meek at Cornell had the greatest impact on him. **Albert Condo**, MS '51 (Newtown Square, PA; a.c.condo@att.net) and his wife, Virginia, have moved recently to a continuing care retirement community where he is enjoying working on projects in the wood shop and helping maintain the trains in the model railroad. He wrote that they were looking forward to spending most of the spring at their home on the New Jersey Shore. **Donald Feiman** (Naples, FL; dfeiman@embarq mail.com) is active with the Cornell Club of Southwest Florida and as a CAAAN volunteer. At their monthly luncheon he spoke about his trip to Cuba. Don also plays tennis and golf and goes fishing. His family and friends have purchased an apartment complex, their 12th property, in New Jersey. **Robert Hill** (Medford, OR; rhilffvm@charter.net) is “reading science and novels, scanning the Web, walking, learning history, computing, reading the *New York Times*, and drinking wine—even some of my own. We have retired to a wonderful retirement place in Medford, OR, with 1,000 others: marvelous food, ongoing tutorials of all kinds, and great views of the Rogue Valley—activities without end.” **Marilyn Gruenberg** Luebeck (West Bloomfield, MI; alvinmarilyn@comcast.net) was widowed last December when her husband, Alvin, died from injuries sustained in a fall. She belongs to three book clubs, having read *Cleopatra*, *Tortilla Curtain*, and *Major Pettigrew’s Last Stand*, and facilitates three groups at the Inst. for Retired Professionals: movies, acting, and biography. Marilyn adds, “I am substituting in Bloomfield Township schools and getting a feel about children three generations younger than I. My husband always said I do it because it makes me feel younger, and what’s wrong with that?” Going to Cornell, Marilyn brought “nothing but clothes. My grandchildren, on the other hand, feel it necessary to bring computer, microwave, refrigerator, and a chest for storing CDs and phones.” She is thinking about coming to reunion! **Milton “Bill” Herzog** (BillHerzog82@gmail.com) writes that he and his wife, **Carol (Felder) '51**, have relocated from New Jersey to Ann Arbor, MI, to be close to their family. Both of Bill’s sons live in the area. **Steve '74**, PhD '81, is a CPA in Ann Arbor, and **Don '78** teaches in the law school at U. of Michigan. Don is married to **Linda Winkler '80**, and their daughter **Emma Winkler Herzog '10** visits on occasion.

49 Our 65th Reunion! Next June—next year! Class president **Jack Gilbert** (Ithaca, NY) and reunion chair **Carl Schwarzer** (Manlius, NY) enjoyed this past Reunion Weekend with the Continuous Reunion Club (CRC). Carl, who has wasted no time working to ensure that our 65th will be a most memorable one for our class, spent much of his time checking out everything from possible menus for our events to the locations that the university has assigned to us. He consulted with the Class of '48, which was holding its 65th in the Statler, to see what improvements might be made for ours. CRC gives us the opportunity to come back to campus every June and enjoy CRC reunion events and festivities with members of almost every class. **Jim Hanchett '53** (New York, NY; jch46@cornell.edu) is the man to contact for membership.

Patricia Meid (Stuart, FL) wrote, thanking the class officers for the handy pocket calendar and commenting on the larger day block style: “Any extra space is a help!” **Richard Guilbert** (Hilton Head, SC; dickguil@hargray.com), married to Carol, has been “getting FundMark up and running, playing tennis, and doing some travel.” Dick notes that he was one of two members of his EE class who was not a WWII vet. “I learned as much from my classmates as I did from class,” he writes. He would enjoy hearing from **Howard Smith '47**. **Cynthia Foster** Clements (Gainesville, FL; cjcllements@gator.net) is married to husband Jack and loves living at the Oak Hammock retirement community, “which provides a multitude of activities and lectures by U. of Florida professors. I’m also writing for our newsletter and taking lessons on painting with acrylic and watercolor.” She adds, “Yes, I’m a Gator (except at Cornell functions).”

Robert Engelbert (Rocky River, OH; rbtengel@gmail) is married to **Georgia (Ganson) '47** and would like to hear from **Carl Irwin**. **Richard Schreiber**, BArch '49 (Springfield, OH; schreipad@aol.com), married to Charlene, has been spending time as a member of Kiwanis, reading, and doing yard work. **Jan Schultz** Moss (Aptos, CA)

50 We have all known someone who, we might say, “knows the price of everything but the value of nothing.” This was brought to mind by a small notice in the May/June issue indicating that, for this next year, tuition in the endowed colleges will be \$43,185. Other expenses such as lab fees, room and board, and activity fees (but not clothes, transportation, etc.), will take the yearly cost to \$13 less than \$60,000! A quarter of a million for four years!

How does price vs. value work out on this? Well, consider an alternative. For a financial return, invest the quarter million at 5 percent, if even for only ten years, for a financial return of \$427,585. For an educational return, invest 30 hours a week for four years on the Internet and in the local library. But is the comparison fair? No! It leaves out the most significant benefit of a Cornell education—quality of life. Something we can all understand and relate to. That explains why our treasured alma mater had 40,000 applicants for the 6,062 acceptances for the Class of 2017.

This widespread understanding of the enduring personal and professional value of a liberal arts education matched to the vocational is not confined to Cornell. Note that all the top private research institutions and all the top liberal arts colleges are doing just fine: increased applications and percentage of donors, growth in endowments, and updating and beautification of campuses. As Cornell grads we are keen and intimate witnesses to what was once reserved for the elite, but is now available to many—Ezra’s ideal of an education for any person in any study; enhanced by that subtle, indefinable something that a first-rate college education contributes to the good life.

Arlene Le Beau Branch (Saranac Lake, NY) finally got around to retiring from her life's work as a regional dietitian for New York State. **William Atkinson** (Weston, MA; atkinsoph@gmail.com) was a B-29 bomber navigator in WWII operating out of the Mariana Islands. He earned a BME and was a lifelong designer of power plants. Bill attended a Cornell Plant Pathology reception in Mann Hall dedicating an exhibition in honor of his grandfather, **George Atkinson 1885**, who headed the Botany faculty for many years. On a recent trip to Florida, **Brita Smith** Dorn (Sheffield, PA), birder and environmentalist, located and photographed a burrowing owl—a rare and protected species native to Texas and western Florida.

Jacqueline Fulton Smith (Houston, TX) worked in the exchange students section of the State Dept. Her husband, **Jim**, played football at Cornell. She stays involved with a new great-granddaughter, her local book club, and assisting with field trips sponsored by AARP. She also enjoys the company of her grandson and his two dogs. **Harry Daniell**, MD '54 (Redding, CA; hwdaniell@aol.com) is still on the job in private internal medical practice and also serves as clinical professor of family practice at the UC Davis School of Medicine. He enjoyed a grand reunion in San Francisco with his medical school roommate, **Ralph "Cooly" Williams**, MD '54, as he was honored as a Master of the American College of Physicians. As a physician, Harry recommends a national health service with emphasis on the cost/benefit ratios of the services provided.

Betsy Alexander Weis (Osprey, FL; eaweis@verizon.net) is "taking it easy after four careers: home ec teacher, Girl Scout professional, wife and mother of one son and seven daughters, and attorney, in that order. All eight are college graduates, six with advanced degrees. I now enjoy the pleasure of no alarm clock, reading, playing the piano, my little garden, and a once-a-year visit to all my kids scattered about the country." After raising eight kids, and after her husband died—40 years after graduating from Cornell—Betsy earned her JD degree from Pittsburgh.

Claire Zwart de Roos (Johnson City, NY; c_deroos@juno.com) is a retired landscape designer and now teaches rug hooking in her home. Three generations of her family have attended Cornell: son **Jan '78**, PhD '94, is a professor in the Hotel school; and a granddaughter, **Christina '05**, is an MS in geology. **Joe Dwyer**, JD '52 (Olean, NY; joedwyer@roadrunner.com) thinks, as do his colleagues, that he still works for his legal firm, Dwyer, Black and Lyle. Joe was a Naval ensign in WWII. He tries to keep tabs on his Cornell football buddies as well as the activities of his large family: three attorneys, three nurses, two CFOs, one MD, and one stay-at-home mom. One of his children is deceased. Joe describes his Cornell education in two terms: solid and enduring.

Dan Chabot (Palm City, FL; dchabot948@aol.com) is a retired publishing CEO and now volunteers with the Florida Oceanographic Society and the Natural Resources Foundation. In his retirement community there are "19 Cornellians and 44 Dartmouth dudes." Dan has multilingual grandkids living in Switzerland, all of whom speak English, French, German, and Spanish. **Bill Neef**, MS '54 (Livermore, CA; bngneef@comcast.net) volunteers with the Rotary Club of Livermore. He reports on his dandy 60th wedding anniversary at his daughter's home on the north shore of Hawaii's Maui. Bill values his Cornell education because it sparked his curiosity and is highly respected by his peers. Be of good cheer and send us news. ☐ **Paul H.**

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51 **National Geographic** and **Harold Bloom** both celebrated the *King James Bible* last year, Bloom in *The Shadow of a Great Rock: A Literary Appreciation*. Astonished at how frequently new Bloom books appear, I read it and found it a brisk survey of what's affected Western literature over the centuries.

Harry Merker writes from Safety Harbor, FL, that, contrary to Horace Greeley, he has headed east to Florida, then to Cortland, NY, and will be a snowbird. Last heard from in 2008, he restarted his subscription to the Alumni Magazine and paid class dues. Up till 2006 Harry attended several June reunions and took part in the annual Alumni Baseball Game, where many former players participated. On June 11, 2005 (his 10th game), Harry thought he was the oldest former player. However, **Roger Abell '30**, at his 75th Reunion and 97 years young, appeared in his woolen (not cotton) uniform circa 1930. Mr. Abell took several swings, then connected with a shot over second base into center field—a legit single. He ran it out to first base! Harry hoped to suit up again at Reunion 2013, plus see the results of his personal efforts for the 96th Infantry Division (WWII) Memorial Highway—Route 232 in Upstate New York—approximately 11 miles long from I-90 at Exit 44, southeast to Canandaigua (NY 21). Harry's brother was killed in action in 1945 with the 96th Infantry. Harry was living in Las Vegas when Gov. Pataki signed the bill.

Ellis Glazier wrote: "This is the first time I have written to the Class Notes after all these years of being away from Cornell and never having been back to visit. After a working life mostly in the pharmaceutical industry, with some side trips into aerospace and defense work, my wife Eileen and I retired to La Paz, Baja California Sur, Mexico, in the southern Baja California peninsula, some 25 years ago. This city, the state capital, is home to a university and a number of research institutions, most of which are concerned with marine biology. Mar de Cortes is our small ocean and has one of the world's greatest collections of marine life. After a couple of leisure years I went back to work, both as an author's editor of papers in science and part-time as a professor in the grad school of one of the research labs, CIB, the Center for Biological Investigation. After more than 20 years, I am still working as an author's editor and thoroughly enjoying it. There may be other Cornell grads here, but I have met only one, **Sam Rose '01**, who is a neighbor. We have covered 50 years of Cornell in our own little corner of La Paz." Sadly, I learned that my fellow chemistry major died five days after sending the above entry, on April 24.

Recently, five '51 Hum Ecs—**Carmen Reynolds**, **Ellie Overbaugh Plaisted**, **Dottie Hill** Sturtevant, **Marybeth Weaver** Ostrom, and **Margaret DeLong Huckle**—had lunch together in downtown Ithaca to catch up on all the news of many other classmates. "A good time was had by all, with **Bob Plaisted '50** and **Gordon Huckle '52** joining us." **Adele Mongan** Fasick (San Francisco, CA) published the 4th edition of the textbook *Managing Children's Services in Public Libraries* this year, co-authored with Leslie Holt. "I think that perhaps now I'm ready to retire from the library world. The League of Women Voters is my chief volunteer

activity. We are preparing a new edition of a *Guide to California Government*. It's an exciting project. I'm still in touch with **Lois Rasmussen** Seulowitz and **Pat Mahoney** Costello, but since they both live in the East, I haven't seen them recently."

Lois Sanow Widom writes that she is living in beautiful and controversial Santa Cruz, CA. "I am very active in Lifelong Learners and for 17 years I have been leading a group called 'Art & Architecture.' We visit places of interest all over the Bay Area. I love to travel, mostly indulging my special interest in modern architecture. Although two of my children went to Cornell (one BA and one PhD), my grandchildren, sadly, seem to be making other choices." **Joan "Hank" Stern** Kiok (NYC) writes: "At the age of 83, and semi-retired from practicing labor law (union side) all these years, I thought I would be fully retired by this time. Instead, I am (surprisingly) busy with four interesting cases for two unions and thinking that full retirement should be a goal by the end of this year. I'm going to the Black Sea in July to celebrate one son's 50th birthday. I keep in touch with **Bob Lev**, **Nora Walden** Engel '52, and **Honey Moskowitz** Kuhl '52."

Frank Decker's daughter Vickie wrote to tell us of her father's death on March 18, 2012, a result of a chronic medical condition, pulmonary fibrosis. He began his professional career as a chemical engineer in 1951 with the Atlantic Refining/Atlantic Richfield Co. (ARCO). In 1955, he joined the Rohm & Haas Co. in Philadelphia, retiring in 1985. After retirement, Frank was the business manager for Abington Friends School for two years. He was a longtime member of the Rotary Club of Jenkintown, and volunteered for over 30 years with the Meals-on-Wheels program of Montgomery County. He enjoyed reading to children at the Jenkintown Day Nursery, singing in the chorus at Rydal Park, and volunteering on Rydal Park's Green Committee. Please send your news to: ☐ **Brad Bond**, 101 Hillside Way, Marietta, OH 45750; tel., (740) 374-6715; e-mail, bbond101@suddenlink.net.

52 Back in the day, as I recall, the ratio was six to one. Often the news comes in pretty much that way. This month, however, the ratio is closer to the reverse. Let's call it "Woman's Day" and make of it what we will.

Lynn Heidelberger MacEwen sent a program from the May 8 Investiture Ceremony of the Shands/MacEwen Endowed Chair of Orthopaedic Surgery at the Alfred I. DuPont Inst. Her husband, Dean, director of the institute from 1969 to 1986, was recognized for his "successful treatment of thousands of children [and] training of young surgeons who now head orthopaedic teams all over the world." He was also a pioneer in treating scoliosis and hip dysplasia. **Ed '51** and **Jan Hofmann McCulloch** are still in Ashford, CT (janmcculloch@gmail.com). Jan wrote in October, "For the last months I've been caring for my ailing husband—who is now doing better." Jan is our past class president and reunion chair. In 1948, her mother drove her to Ithaca from their home on Long Island. She brought: "Clothes!" **Evelyn Hoffman** Huffman (Kansas City, MO) was exercising and doing housework and lots of traveling. She had been to the "East Coast, West Coast—you name it—looking for the perfect condominium." She first came to Cornell by train and bus from Syracuse, bringing "clothing only."

As **Marilyn Goldstein** Jeffs (Ann Arbor, MI; mgjeffs3@att.net) was in the Nursing school, her

parents drove her into the New York City campus from New Haven. A footlocker and suitcase accompanied her. Now she is involved in temple activities and classes, and continues “a small private practice with parents and their infants and young children, counseling families on their challenging role as parents in a changing world.” **Barbara Oles Monty** (Knoxville, TN: barbaramonty@hotmail.com) is still working full-time as director of the Knox County CAC Office on Aging. She celebrated 40 years of developing and administering about 20 programs to serve seniors, and she and Ken celebrated their 60th anniversary snorkeling in Roatan, Honduras, with their five kids and their spouses. **Lillian Schneider Gerstman** (Buffalo, NY: lilliangerstman@yahoo.com) was “trying to be as efficient as I used to be” as she maintained home, friends, travel, hours at the Blue Rose Foundation, and “reading too late and exercising too little.” Her Blue Rose Foundation has been growing with the onset of bullying as a national problem. In 1948 she writes, “My dad took me to the Lehigh Valley RR in NYC and bought my \$7.49 ticket—off I rode to a place I had never seen and continue to love.” She brought an old camp trunk and two new suitcases that held only clothing and favorite books. “Everything came with me on the Lehigh Valley.”

Libby Hunsberger Craver (Lancaster, PA) is reading, gardening, exercising, and “coping with aging.” She would rather be dancing. A train trip first brought her to Cornell, and she brought: a bike, “forgetting the hills.” **Richard '51** and **Nancy Harrington Booth** are in Brooklyn, CT. Nancy writes that, due to bad knees, she is now mostly at home caring for her 22 rescue cats, and lately for her husband who is bothered by minor health problems. She was due for a cataract operation, but still drove easily doing errands, shopping, and taking cats to the vet in her 2002 used Liberty Jeep. As she recalls, she first arrived in Ithaca on a motorcycle—“a great ride over from Coopers-town”—bringing the usual things. Nancy also remembers that someone took a photo of her and, she thinks, **Nancy Rittershausen McDowell** arriving for their first day of freshman camp. Persons unidentified, it was used as a full page photo in an old issue of the *Alumni News*, possibly in the 1960s or early '70s. If the magazine could be found, she would like the women identified.

Patricia Dexter Clark (Concord, MA: sipclowes@gmail.com) wrote that she “had a great time at Reunion with **Hazel Lowe** von Rosenvinge. The committee did a great job.” Always good to hear. She also wrote that her husband, Cliff, has serious Parkinson’s disease and that she is his caretaker. Pat has a season ticket to a concert series, plays bridge once a week, belongs to a book club, and knits hats and scarves for homeless men. She also keeps her community’s library in order. She first came to Cornell as a kid from Belmont, MA, as her parents were both Cornellians. She later traveled by bus. She brought a number of things, most importantly a wooden bulletin board her dad made for her.

John Talmage (Riverhead, NY: seagull2@optonline.net) also wrote of Reunion: “Attended 60th Reunion with Carol, which we really enjoyed.” John is still flying, 66 years after soloing a yellow Piper Cub in 1946. “I fly a 1931 red open-cockpit biplane, which I restored and fly from our farm grass airstrip.” He notes that the plane was built in Brooklyn, “one year after I was built.” In 1948 John’s parents took him to Jersey City from Long Island, where he boarded the DL&W that took him to Ithaca. He brought a dictionary,

notebooks, a portable typewriter, basic clothing, “and little else.” **William Hodges** (Lynchburg, VA: wlhodges2@verizon.net) still sings with a church choir. He lives in a residential community where he is on the activities committee and in charge of 15 flower gardens and 23 fruit trees. He is active with Kiwanis and in charge of a train restoration project which, after ten years, is just about finished. At Cornell, he rather wishes he had taken a business course of study. He came to Ithaca the first time on the Lehigh Valley and walked the streets of Collegetown to find a room to rent.

Bill and Ruth Christoff Landon '53 are in Roanoke, VA (billorchrisc@cox.net). Bill wrote that he had been shuffling doctor appointments, schedules, and money management in case he lived too long. He had also traveled to visit kids and for weddings, wakes, and funerals. What had happened recently? “Installed defibrillator, pacemaker, knee replacement/rehab, etc.” In January he expected to be napping on the beach. Back in 1948 Bill came to Cornell in a 1935 Ford coupe with a rumble seat, bringing a footlocker of clothes and a portable typewriter. In spring '49, the car “rolled over on a rainy night return from an Elmira bar hop.” Frederick T. Estabrook writes that his father, **Frederick F. Estabrook**, died on January 10, 2013. Frederick F., a civil engineer, was with New York State and Chautauqua County from 1953 until he retired in 1982. He held the dual positions of county director of transportation and director of engineering from 1975 until his retirement in 1982.

FYI: For privacy reasons, addresses and phone numbers are not included in the column. However, I do include e-mail addresses where given. If you do not want your e-address in the column, please so note on the News Form. ☐ **Joan Boffa Gaul**, joangaul@verizon.net.

53 Our exemplary chairfolk of '53's Sweet Sixtieth Reunion, **Caroline Mulford Owens** and **Dick Halberstadt**, appear to possess superkeen foresight. They chose big Big Red umbrellas, with **Dave Gatti's** vintage '53 logo, appropriately amended, as a reunion souvenir, and they decided to forego tents. All meals were indoors, mostly in the student union named for our **Bob Appel**. (It tells you something when they start naming buildings for your contemporaries.) And there was copious precipitation. Every day. It's a shame at least some of it couldn't have been diverted to Cowboy Hall of Famer **Linda Mitchell Davis's** parched New Mexico ranch. She said later she was probably the only one cheering for the rain. On the other hand, it was a dryer reunion than many we fondly remember. (Not many around the Belvedere lounge piano way after midnight this time. A sign of creeping octogenarianhood, perhaps?)

But Cornell reunions have moved far beyond the tents. Nowadays, any reunioneer can find instruction in just about any subject. So Caroline and Dick offered tours of the Ornithology Lab, the library's rare books collection, the Johnson Art Museum, and behind the scenes at notable athletic facilities. **Ruth Christoff Landon** was impressed with the sight of many, many taxidermied birds, such as a drawer full of assorted orioles and the skeleton of a python—a bird watcher maybe, but not a friend of feathered creatures. **Guion "Tex" Trau** Taylor appreciated not being talked down to—or up to—at the rare book collection and, like many, was particularly interested in the original Gutenberg Bible page—how scholars were

able to determine that it truly came off the original printing press and how that affected the history that then lay ahead.

The Olin Lecture in Bailey Hall is a perennial high point of Reunion and it always triggers conversation, one of the main things that go on with old and new Cornell friends. Cornell International History professor Fredrik Logevall took a hard look back at Vietnam, about which his *Embers of War* won the Pulitzer Prize. US diplomat **Will Marsh**, who was stationed in Saigon up to perilously near the very end, concurred. There was fine dining, mostly in Appel Commons, where sweet pound-and-a-half lobsters (seconds available) were there for the cracking and dissection of those who chose.

Jack Brophy rounded up a number of Cayuga's Waiters of the Fifties—including **Jim Galusha**, **John Nixon**, and **Al Packer**, of the almost-original cast of that a cappella triple quartet. There were no rusty pipes in that group reprising those good old songs, like “Halls of Ivy,” “Fiji,” and “Good Night, Little Girl.” (That last one, you might recall, ends with, “I thought I could win you, with all that gin in you.”) **Liz Fuchs Fillo '58**, who stands in for her late brother who was a Waiter, composed a droll, saucy, response, with which she serenaded the lads at the '53 Saturday lunch. It ends with, “You couldn't continue with all that gin in you.” All in good fun. At the same lunch, we learned that our fundraising leaders, John and **Lea Paxton Nixon**, **Barbara Zelfman Gross**, **Jim Blackwood**, and **Mort Bunis**, JD '55, convinced classmates to donate at least \$12 million to mater this year. That's a record for a 60th Reunion class.

Cork Hardinge, MBA '54, brought his walker from Mercer Island, WA. **Chuck West**, MBA '56, stowed his wheelchair in the handicapped van he drove from the Deep South—St. Augustine, FL. **Dick Hayes** came from even farther south for a somewhat infrequent visit from his Brazil home. **Jane Little Hardy**, of the '53 Ithaca contingent, stayed at Mews Hall, '53 Headquarters. Long, longtime class historian **Dottie Clark Free**, who couldn't be there, was thanked in absentia for creating—at the very last minute—a handsome photo album of reunions past. She donated it to the class. **Bill Gratz** received well-merited acclaim for his key role as transportation czar—getting the buses and vans to roll on time—and herding the cats (classmates) onto the buses. Such efficient effort cannot be sufficiently recognized.

There was, at the Saturday lunch, a quasi-class meeting, which included notification of Homecoming '13, with football against Bucknell on September 21. It will be the first game for our enthusiastic new head coach, **David Archer '05**. Kickoff will be at 3:00. Postgame dining is planned.

Nominations chair **Joyce Wisbaum** Underberg proposed, and the class elected, Bill Gratz to succeed **Bill Bellamy**, MBA '58, JD '59, as treasurer and Dick Halberstadt to replace Caroline Mulford Owens as class secretary. Caroline becomes a vice president. Otherwise, the class officers, including moi, your class columnist and prez, continue in the same roles. The class council remains intact. **Barbara Mestel Schaeffer** accepted a presidential appointment to that body.

Here's to Lauren Coffey of the Alumni office and '53 class clerks **Hana Bae '15**, **Zinzan Fern '15**, **Helen Giles '13**, **Jessica Horst '14**, **Connie Potter '15**, and **XiaoXiao Yang '10** for all they did to make this one a supergreat one.

Oh. As in a few other years, when the cars were loaded and the revelers were on the road Sunday, the nature of the Ithaca climate we know

so well was revealed again. The sun came out. **Jim Hanchett**, 300 1st Ave., #8B, New York, NY 10009; e-mail, jch46@cornell.edu.

54 Do you recall where you were Saturday, November 10, 1951? I have a feeling more than a few remember well the raised voices of 35,000 fans, the most ever for Schoellkopf, cheering the Big Red to victory. Mighty Michigan, Rose Bowl and Big Ten Champs, had come to town to continue an old rivalry started in 1889. They left Ithaca with a 20-7 loss to the Big Red. It was a very good fall for the most part, commencing with the 21-14 defeat of Syracuse, but we ran straight into a buzz saw named Kazmaier and Co. in Princeton's Palmer Stadium. Your correspondent was at the game with Princeton friends, who never did let her forget our legendary defeat of 53-15 at the paws of the Tigers.

Your reunion committee left the Class of '53 Reunion weekend full of energy and commitment to plan the 60th for the Class of 1954, June 5-8, 2014. Observing '53 and thinking '54 was very helpful. Most of us will be over 80 next June and this led to some practical decisions. Our whole theme is "Relax and Reflect." We have ruled out meals in tents, and opted for the firm footing, handrails, and campus buildings with elevators for meals indoors. We want to make our reunion as accessible as possible. Our headquarters may have been assigned by the time you read this. We are hoping for Mews, which includes a spacious lounge area where a piano sits waiting to be played and where you can gather in small groups to relax and reflect with nibbles and drinks close at hand. We will make it as warm and welcoming as possible. Appropriate transportation for all events will be available.

Cornell's Alumni Affairs does registration for the 60th Reunion, and the reunion committee will help oversee that. We will not be planning an official class photo, but will look for other photographic ways to capture the weekend. Your thoughts and suggestions are certainly welcome. We are hoping to use the new Food Science Building on Tower Road as a venue for a special lunch. This might include a cheese tasting or an ice cream social with a special Class of '54 ice cream. Our souvenir may be a simple item that identifies us ("Class of '54"), but plan on wearing past souvenirs such as your Hawaiian shirts, which were so visible and a happy addition to the green of the campus. We can use the help of any '54 members who plan to be there next June. Specific areas are: planning a lunch or dinner, greeting at headquarters, coordinating photo opportunities, working on transportation issues, or just being a part of the overall workforce. With thanks from your reunion committee: **Peggy Hill Greif**, **Ken Hershey**, **Cindy Noble**, **Les Papenfus** Reed, **Mitzi Sutton** Russekoff, **Chick Trayford**, MBA '60, **Jack Vail**, and **Dave**, PhD '60, and **Mary Gentry Call**, co-chairs (e-mail them at DLC3@cornell.edu).

Elizabeth and **Gardiner Powell** have upset my data tracking for relocations at this point in our lives. I have most arrows indicating north to south migrations, some NE to SW, but none until now indicating a move from Illinois to Arkansas. Gardiner says it is a more relaxed area, even if he is still hard at work. Helping at a food pantry has replaced his 54 years of volunteering with the Exchange Club, emphasizing the commitment many of us have to community support. Eileen and **John Schmutz** are longtime retirement community residents in

Wilmington, DE, still very active on nonprofit boards and regulars at retiree classes at the U. of Delaware. They are close to half of their ten grands and have a fun time together.

Edwin Faber and wife Linda have not left Rhinebeck, where both are active in their hometown. Ed is a steward at a community park, takes courses at Bard College, and also lends his time to help Linda with her Planned Parenthood successes. Cornell's contributions to his retirement: lightweight football and his most cherished reward—learning to value diversity. **Richard Elliott** spent almost three decades caring for his wife, Rinkey,

‘Linda Mitchell Davis was probably the only one cheering for the rain.’

Jim Hanchett '53

before losing her in 2009. We received news that he passed away in late April. **John Eisele** lives in Davis, CA, and has ample opportunities for course-taking at UC Davis and volunteering in a very active college environment. He also has the rivers and streams of the lovely Sierra nearby for fly-fishing and birding, and, oh yes, he does a tad of golfing now and again. John's bucket list contains a desire to return to France. From Atlanta, a note from **Dave Bradfield**, MBA '59, who volunteers and plays golf, but hasn't played much basketball or lacrosse lately. Like many of us, he enjoys each day and plans on having as much fun as possible.

One of the hard parts of our lives at this point is saying farewell to classmates and friends. I had gotten a note from **Catherine Ryan** Nelson recently, saying she was at MD Anderson Hospital in Houston battling cancer and hopeful. She had found bridge partners and was handling the treatment. Before I could write of this hopeful note, we had notice that Catherine had passed away February 13, 2013. **Leslie Papenfus** Reed, lesliejreed@me.com. Class website, <http://classof54.alumni.cornell.edu>.

55 The death of classmate **Robert Travis** was reported by his son, who wrote: "Dad received a BS in Ornamental Horticulture and also wrestled at Cornell. He taught biology at Westminster College in New Wilmington, PA, for 30 years. After retiring in 1996, he became a Master Gardener and a Master Beekeeper." Some of you Aggies will remember that Bob was the son of Dr. Bernard "Barney" Travis, who taught in the Entomology department from 1949 until his retirement in 1972. The death of **Edward Arps**, MBA '57, was a great loss. Ned was a very active member of our class and our representative to the Cornell Annual Fund for 15 years. He was a member of the '55 crew, and could be seen rowing on Cayuga Lake at all reunions. We have also received notice of the death of **Iris Garden Schwartzbaum**. Our sympathies to all their families.

Nancy Taft Whitman retired 16 years ago from the music department at the U. of Nebraska, but is still very active as a member of three music clubs. Her biggest hobby now is traveling. A recent trip took her to Ethiopia, and she's scheduled for the Bangkok-to-Bali tour on the Eastern Orient Express in October, sponsored by the Cornell Alumni

Association. Next winter it will be Myanmar and then Alaska to see the aurora borealis. "I am fortunate to be able to take two to three major trips a year. A few years ago my kids presented me with a special vanity license plate for my birthday that reads: BN2ALL7." **Donald Minini** reports that he's "finally retired from a career of nearly 60 years of IT management and engineering sales." He's selling many things on eBay, including a set of Cornell cloisonné buttons. "I also drive elderly people (like me) to doctors' appointments and meet many interesting people that way." **Donna Jean Avery Darling**, MS '61, has been teaching Taoist Tai Chi

in Ithaca and nearby Enfield, where she lives. An ardent traveler, DJ says she "enjoyed a touch of early spring while visiting the Holy Land in late February." **Jeff** and **Sue Hurd Machamer** checked in from Holley, NY. Jeff continues his involvement with his international geological consulting business, while Sue and their daughter own and manage a fruit farm and market. You can learn about their gift baskets, gourmet preserve business, focus lunch programs, and dinner tastings at www.hurdorchards.com.

Mort Kolko contributes his time these days to several not-for-profit organizations, such as Foodlink and Hospice, and he and his wife, Bradleigh, enjoy spending time with their grandchildren. In a brief note, **Dick Stanton**, MBA '58, wrote that he attended a surprise 80th birthday party for **Dick Strazza**. Two other Chi Psi pals, **Bill Wilmot** and **Dave Findlay**, MBA '57, were in attendance, "and we all enjoyed the reunion." **Len Ladin** celebrated his 80th with the help of family and friends, including **Al Blomquist**, MBA '57. Len's been traveling, tending to his perennial and woodland gardens in Copake, and attending the opera and the Philharmonic in New York City. A favorite hobby is cooking contemporary Spanish cuisine. Len would like to hear from **Tom Steiner** ("I last knew him to be teaching at UC Santa Barbara"). **Priscilla Rice** Oehl says, "We are never sure where we live!" referring to the three homes listed on her business card. The Oehls divide the year in thirds, spending time in Pittsburgh, Avalon, NJ, and Ocean Village, FL. They've just finished a five-day Road Scholar session on improving bridge skills. "I loved it," Priscilla said. "I wasn't sure Dan did, but he was a good sport." She'd like to hear from any Thetas from '51 to '55.

Marianne Oehrlein and I became friends in Dickson V our freshman year. One day, we saw a notice in the *Sun* inviting students to take part in an upcoming livestock show to be held on the Ag campus. Participants would get their own hog to groom, train, and show—and prizes would be awarded. For some crazy reason, we thought this sounded like a great project. So we hiked up to the Ag Quad on the appointed day and were assigned a big black-and-white hog. We promptly named her Savannah, combining my last name (Savage) and Marianne's nickname (Annie). We were given a big stick with which to guide Savannah around the show ring. Of course, Savannah was not much

interested in being prodded by two clueless girls, but we did our best. And, much to our great surprise, Annie and I won first prize! We received a cutlery set—one cleaver and one boning knife (an award that seemed rather inappropriate, considering our fondness for Savannah). The knives had wood handles and were imprinted Chicago Cutlery. But the bottom line is this: today (60-plus years later) those knives are still my favorites and the

animal practice in 2006. Wife Mariel and I rotate between Shelter Island, Hendersonville, NC, and Melbourne Beach, FL—a continuing vacation! Have made trips to the Silk Road, the Galápagos, Costa Rica, and St. Thomas in between. We also hold a lobsterfest every July with family: one Cornellian son, two daughters, and four grandchildren.” Bill is a volunteer and trustee of Mashomack Preserve, a nature conservancy preserve on Shelter Island.

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Nancy Taft Whitman '55

first ones we reach for! Anyway, Marianne graduated from the Nursing school in New York City and married **Leo van Dijk, DVM '57. Margaret “Bunny” DeForest**—who married **Jack Csenge**—and I were bridesmaids at Marianne and Leo’s wedding.

With our 60th Reunion coming up in 2015, we’d like to hear from you! Tell us your best memories or favorite highlights of your Cornell years. ✉ **Nancy Savage** Petrie, nancypetrie@optonline.net. Class website, <http://classof55.alumni.cornell.edu>.

56 Apologies to several of our classmates whose news didn’t reach the column until now. **Bob and Diana Motycka Day** (Silver Spring, MD; dayhaven1@verizon.net) sent this update earlier in the year: “We continue to be active in the Cornell Club of Washington and in many other volunteer charities. Bob looks forward to celebrating the 25th anniversary of the Organization for Anacostia Rowing and Sculling (OARS Inc. of D.C.), an initiative he helped launch in 1988 to turn Washington’s other river into a recreational asset for rowers and paddlers and a venue for competitive racing.” Summer 2012 found the Days on a Baltic cruise, with side trips to Berlin, Dresden, Warsaw, and Krakow—“a bit of nostalgia for Bob, who served in American embassies in Berlin and Warsaw.”

Vera Johnson Winter Lee, BS '58 (San Francisco, CA) continues to usher for the S.F. opera and ballet. “I also made a trip to Cuba in May 2012 with a group of 60 singers. We sang four concerts in three cities and visited music and dance schools, taking supplies they are short of.” We received news of **Howard Schneider, JD '59** (New York, NY), who is now a senior consultant in the finance practice at global consulting firm Charles River Assocs. Howard has extensive legal and consulting expertise in the futures and derivatives industry, and has been legal counsel in both the derivatives/futures and securities fields, as well as in general corporate, mergers and acquisitions, corporate governance, and legal ethics. He is a member of the American Bar Association, where he chaired the Committee on Futures and Derivative Instruments, and the Association of the Bar of the City of New York, where he chaired the Committee on Futures Regulation.

Bill Zitek, DVM '59 (Shelter Island, NY) writes, “After 47 years as owner of the North Fork Animal Hospital in Southold, NY, I retired from my small

“We have a ‘nest box trail’ there with 52 nest boxes, and our Eastern bluebird numbers have been increasing every year over the past 12 years. I am also a member and director of the NYS Bluebird Society, which has been very successful in bringing our state bird numbers back since the 1970s. I am still active in Rotary and many committees for the town, etc.”

More to come in the next column. Send news to Phyllis and me anytime of year, and look for the annual class News and Dues mailing coming this fall. We look forward to hearing from you! ✉ **Steven Kittenplan**, catplan@aol.com.

57 Reconnecting with classmates is always a delightful experience, and **Mona Reidenberg** Sutnick has recently been in touch with **Sally Tuthill Knapp, MNS '58**. Sally, whose husband passed away last fall, spent the summer in Maine. Mona and her husband are avid music lovers, so living in the Philadelphia area gives them many opportunities to enjoy recitals, ensembles, and concerts presented by the Philadelphia Orchestra. They also attend performances at the Curtis Inst. **Bill and Jan Charles Lutz** have downsized to a retirement community in Philadelphia, called The Hill. In the spring they enjoyed “a fabulous three-week trip through Japan and came home delighted with the friendliness of the Japanese people, the lovely parks, and the beauty and cleanliness of their country.” A granddaughter’s wedding and a barge trip on the Rhone River are on the fall agenda.

Ruby Tomberg Senie, BS Nurs '75’s 41-chapter textbook, *Epidemiology in Women’s Health*, has been co-published by Jones & Bartlett Learning and the American Public Health Association. And **Bill Schmidt’s** oil on canvas “Winter on Back Creek” was part of the Cruising Southern Waters exhibit at the Quinlan Visual Arts Center in Gainesville, GA, this summer.

Mina Rieur Weiner and her husband took a fascinating trip to Cuba with CAU in March. “We enjoyed the leadership and commentary of an excellent Cuban guide, the insightful lectures of Cornell Prof. Gustavo Flores-Macias, and the company of other Cornellians, their spouses, and their friends. It was a particular pleasure to spend time with classmate **Shirley Axtmayer** Rodriguez and her daughters, one of whom is **Alexandra '93**.” The Weiners were on campus in May to attend their granddaughter **Jessica Goss '13**’s graduation from

the Hotel school. She is the daughter of **Charles and Karen Weiner Goss**, both Class of '85. **Joan Jeremiah** Reusswig was also at graduation to see her granddaughter **Courtney Stevenson**, a fourth-generation Cornellian, receive her diploma. Any other '57 grandparents there for the occasion? A few weeks later it was Reunion Weekend, where **Marj Nelson** Smart spotted a '57 vest on someone at Bailey Hall. It turned out to be **Barbara Baltzel Burton**, who was there with husband **Sandy '58, MS '63**, for the '58 reunion. **Eva Stern** Steadman was also at the All-Alumni Lunch. Eva’s Geneva-area neighbor **Mabel Klisch** Deal was in Hilton Head, SC, in June for a visit with her son, who is the CFO for Hilton Head’s Chamber of Commerce.

A correction to an item in an earlier issue: I wrote of the passing of a friend of **Rachel Lawrence**, but had an incorrect name: it should have been Judith Anderson Marion. Sorry for the error and the ensuing confusion. ✉ **Judy Reusswig**, JCRauss@aol.com; **John Seiler**, suitcase2@aol.com.

58 “Oh, I want to go back to the old days / The good old days on the Hill . . .” If you were there, you’ll always remember it; if you weren’t . . . well, we missed you and hope you’ll make our next. Our 55th was a smash hit by apparent acclamation of all 100 classmates present, plus their partners, guests, and other friends. The early dampness diminished, the mild temperatures held, and high spirits prevailed among us all. We all thought Alice Cook House was a great venue, with reasonable rooms (dorm living has come a long way) and spaces for dining, chatting in cozy areas, good gatherings (Women’s Forum on Friday morning; beer and wine tasting; music groups; class meeting), and cracking open lobsters Saturday evening before heading to Cornelliana Night. All this with buses running on time to get us wherever we needed to be: campus tours; the president’s State of the University address Saturday morning; Glee Club and Savage Club productions; Ithaca Country Club for Friday night’s dress-up dinner (luscious and with libations flowing freely); and other special events like Saturday’s All-Alumni Lunch (with lots of sound from the Big Red Band). With Sunday bright and sunny, our time together was capped by a brief and meaningful Service of Remembrance for those classmates we’ve lost since our 50th.

Some random comments were captured during the weekend. **Sam Bernstein**, a second-timer, said: “It was delightful to see the people whom we knew, and wonderful to meet new classmates as well.” “Programs were varied and good!” said **Norinne Cole**, “and the Ithaca Country Club dinner was excellent. A few more bathrooms would have been good too.” (We’ll work on that for next time, Norinne.) **Jeannine Gustafson** Douglas’s husband, Hal (Dartmouth '58), wrote: “A delightful reunion as a spouse of Cornell '58. The friendship, the memories, the hospitality were top notch.” “Great music provided,” said **Myron Stacks**. “Overall, a wonderful experience.”

Cornell VP **Susan Murphy '73**, PhD '94, provided some interesting background on the “new dorm life” at Cornell during her lunch with us Friday. Fraternities and sororities had gatherings too. **Sonja Kischner** Wilkin reported that Chi Gamma had 12 members back; Kappa Delta had nine, and both sororities and many others had receptions at chapter houses on Saturday afternoon. Sonja also thought it would be great to have a class choral

group—we have so many singers—and that was duly noted. **Russ Taft**, a fifth-timer, summed it up well: “Each visit allows me an opportunity to meet ‘new’ classmates I didn’t know while at school. It’s also wonderful to learn about all the many paths people have traveled.”

We have many people to thank for leading this grand gathering, most especially **Renni Bertenthal** Shuter and **Meyer Gross**, our co-chairs; their helpers who appeared early, especially **Ronni Schulbaum** Strell for her decorations; **Gladys Lunge** Stifel for her excellent updated class directory, given to all; **Bob Beringer** for leading our class Service of Remembrance; **George Ubogy** for his fine background piano (and chimes ringing for the benefit of class and campus); and certainly **Bill Standen** for his presidential leadership of the class these last five years (for a total of 25 out of 55!). We’ve also got to thank Katie Freyer, our Cornell staff liaison, who helped the whole process work so well, and, of course, our excellent seven clerks who earned maximum bonuses for their efficient and attentive care throughout the four days. Other early arrivers (Gladys, **Audrey Wildner** Sears, Greeters Chair; **Dick**, PhD ‘65, and **Connie Case Haggard**) helped behind the scenes and enjoyed their time together with those above. The class gave a gift to Cornell in honor of our retirees Renni, Meyer, and Bill, and Bill was given a carved wood box as a small thanks for his many years of service.

After our delectable lobster dinner, we had a short class meeting and elected officers for the next five years. They are: president, **Chuck Hunt**; first VP and membership, **Connie Case Haggard**; treasurer/secretary, continuing her years here, **Audrey Wildner** Sears; Major Gifts chairs, also continuing their many years, **Glenn** and **Maddi McAdams Dallas** (the class raised nearly \$7.9 million—a ‘class reunion best’—under their leadership, contributing substantially to the \$72 million raised for Cornell by all the reunioning classes); class co-correspondents, **Jan Arps** Jarvie and **Dick Haggard**. Newly elected chairs are: for affinity groups, **Larry Severino**, and for our first, and so far Cornell’s only, class blogger, **Irene Lazarus** Soskin.

Just before Reunion the class lost its West Coast VP, **Bob Dunn**, in a tragic car accident. He was remembered and we will miss him. **Dale Reis** Johnson was elected to fill his post. Our other regional VPs were re-elected: Meyer Gross for New York, Pennsylvania, and New England; Russ Taft for Hawaii and overseas; **Esther Puram** Jansing for the Midwest; **Anita Podell** Miller for the Southwest (and Women’s Forum); Irene Soskin for Florida and the Southeast; and **Ronni Schulbaum** Strell for New Jersey and the Mid-Atlantic. Renni Shuter took on the nominations post. Our elected 60th Reunion co-chairs are **Dick** and **Connie Case Haggard**, and they, along with **Chuck Hunt**, one of our past reunion experts, are already starting plans for our “return in five.” We sincerely hope you will be there, and we welcome and encourage any ideas and suggestions for our 60th, as we are “longing and yearning and always returning to our old Cornell.” ☐ **Dick Haggard**, richardhaggard11@gmail.com; and **Jan Arps** Jarvie, janjarvie@gmail.com.

59 **Cynthia Cavanaugh** Shoemaker continues to work three days a week as university coordinator at the Southern Maryland Higher Education Center in California, MD. (“My boss is 78, so he has no

age concerns!”) She had a great trip to India in late 2012, during which she participated in a technology in education conference. And her latest book will be available this fall. *Making Sense of Life Stages: The Workplace and TMI* offers a model for making sense of the Information Age and TMI (Too Much Information). The sensemaking Flow Charts in the book—for handling TMI and selecting alternatives—are a sorting-out approach that has been used by corporations, government agencies, and military services seeking to better use information technology to find innovative approaches for problems and for new definitions of problems. “I started on a making sense journey when I was buying a townhouse in Naples, FL, and ran into all the aging life codes, rules, and conventions, plus information overload and chaos as described in Chapter 10. The perspective and charts I later used in the book helped me a lot!” says Cindy.

Phil McCarthy, JD ‘65, reports that **Jack Evans**, BME ‘60, PhD ‘68, was named interim dean of the Kenan-Flagler Business School at the U. of North Carolina. Jack is serving in the position from July through December this year, at which time it is expected that a new dean will have been chosen. The outgoing dean, James W. Dean Jr., noting Jack’s long list of contributions to the school, wrote: “Jack has earned our trust and appreciation as our ‘go to’ leader at important times of change . . . As I prepare to move to the Provost’s office, I am confident that I leave the school in the hands of a trusted leader and colleague.”

“Back on my feet and able to get over to the NYC Cornell Club events again,” says **Harriet Benjamin**, who had hip-replacement surgery earlier this year. “Relaxing, cooking, doing fix-up jobs . . . i.e., just living,” reports **William Tyler**, MD ‘63. Rev. **Bob ‘58** and **Peggy Chamberlain Beringer** recently moved from Basking Ridge, NJ, to a retirement community in Topsham, ME, to be closer to two sons and six of their eight grandchildren. Earlier in the year they enjoyed a Cornell-sponsored trip on the Mississippi entitled “Civil War and Southern Culture,” embarking in Memphis and sailing to New Orleans on the *American Queen*, one of the few genuine sternwheelers on the river. “We enjoyed the company of other alums, including those from other universities, plus great Dixieland music and stops along the way such as at the Shiloh and Vicksburg battlefields,” writes Peggy.

As you plan end-of-year contributions, remember the Class of 1959 Scholarship Fund. And as you begin marking important events on your 2014 calendar, be sure to include our 25th Reunion on June 5-8. While at reunion renewing friendships and sharing stories, you might ask **Ron Demer** to show you the script and photo on which he based this lexicological tale:

A photo of the First Lady embracing her husband was posted on the Obama campaign’s Facebook and Twitter accounts around 11:15 p.m. on election night—just as it became clear the president had won a second term. The picture and its caption (“Four More Years”) went viral. Few know that the phrase “Four More Years” was first used in 1956 at Cornell, 16 years before its first Google mention by CREEP (Committee to Re-Elect the President) at the 1972 Republican Convention, and its second media appearance at the 2012 Democratic Convention by a chorus of Obama delegates.

In the 1950s, Cornell fraternities and sororities wrote and performed original comedy skits at an annual contest at the then-campus gathering place, the Straight’s Ivy Room. SAE won in 1956 with “Carmen Co-Ed,” set in Jim’s Place on Stewart

Avenue (now the Chapter House), which used music from the opera and told the tale of a lovely (?) coed, Carmen, who was courted by four upperclassmen and by Harold Horms, a nerdy, bespectacled freshman. It was written by SAE’s **Don Rector ‘57** and **Dave Hugle ‘56**.

Carmen first heard from the suave lover, who began with, “Here I am the campus lover / Around me honeys always hover.” Next, the BMOC: “Shingles are my prime career / I’ve 49 so far, plus 20 more this year.” The brainy intellectual, “At learning I am most effectual / Clinton Rossiter quotes my textuuals” was followed by the jock: “I am an athlete / Altho I’m not too smart, my coaches think I’m neat.”

The final song used Bizet’s Habanera music and was sung by Carmen. She thanks the four upperclassmen and then announces her choice: freshman Harold Horms (“My home is in the dorms”). Harold is selected because the rest will graduate. Carmen sings, “But I’ll have Harold for FOUR MORE YEARS!” This was the first use of the phrase in the history of America—or even perhaps the world. At Cornell, in 1956. ☐ **Jenny Tesar**, 97A Chestnut Hill Village, Bethel, CT 06801; tel., (203) 792-8237; e-mail, jet24@cornell.edu.

60 We received a gratifying note with good news and warm thanks from the recent Class of 1960 W.I.S.E. Scholarship recipient, **Sarah MacLean ‘13**, who graduated in May with a major in Applied Ecology. In September she begins graduate work at UC Berkeley, where she is enrolled in a doctoral program in environmental science. After graduation, Sarah spent part of the summer at Cornell’s Shoals Marine Lab on Appledore Island in the Gulf of Maine, as she did during her undergraduate years when she served as a teaching assistant in the Field Ornithology course and helped with a research project on the island’s shore birds. “Thank you for the generous support of the Class of ‘60,” wrote Sarah. “My time at Cornell has been truly life-changing, and I hope I find a way to give back in a similar manner in the future.”

Thanks to class president **Sue Phelps Day**, MEd ‘62, now living in Kensington, CA, for passing along Sarah’s letter, along with other news from the San Francisco area. In May, Sue and **Bill ‘59** had a good visit from class treasurer **Janice Petro** Billings, who had come north from Corona del Mar with her husband Ross for the graduation of one of their granddaughters from UC Berkeley. Sue reports that she has also seen **Fred ‘59** and **Linda Miller Kelsey ‘60**, MS ‘65, during their visits to a son who lives in Noe Valley, and on several occasions has seen together with **Pat Hicks** Kleis in Gilroy. Sue points out that, “along with **Barbara Esdorn** Rissmeyer, now a Master Gardener in Tarrytown, NY, we all lived together in Comstock our junior year.”

In late April, class webmaster **Carrie Warnow** Makover went with **David Simpson** and **Carl Leubsdorf ‘59** to the annual *Cornell Daily Sun* reunion in New York City. “There’s always a good turnout of former Sunnies,” says Carrie. “We go around the room and nearly everyone says what they did on the *Sun* and what they are doing now. Of course, the three of us are now among the oldest there and the current staff seems awfully young. So it goes . . .” Carrie also reports that **Anita Albert** Karasu has just moved from her retirement home on Cape Cod to a condominium community, Oronoque Village, in Stratford, CT, in order to be

closer to her son and his family, who are in the process of moving to Connecticut. Anita stayed with Carrie at her place in Fairfield several times while she was checking out real estate in the area.

On a recent visit to California's Silicon Valley, I learned from **Dale Rogers Marshall '59**, enjoying retirement on the West Coast after a decade as president of Wheaton College and several years in leadership positions at Wellesley College, that a biography of one of our distinguished classmates, former US Attorney General **Janet Reno**, is being prepared by Judith Hicks Stiehm, a professor of political science at Florida Int'l U. Prof. Stiehm has already contacted some members of the Class of '60 about this; for others who would like to share information about Janet's undergraduate years, she can be reached at stiehmj@fiu.edu.

Arnold Clayton Henderson writes from Hayward, CA, that he continues to be hard at work on his retirement project, organizing years of his photographs and poetry into Web-published books. The latest one to appear online is *The Oakland Flats*, which depicts young African Americans and their surroundings in the heart of the California city that in the late 1960s was an important location for the militant group the Black Panthers. Arnold says, "I was, at the time, volunteering at the West Oakland Boys Club, introducing kids to darkroom photography and having many happy strolls with them around the city." You can view Arnold's book and a previous one, *Nudes, Metanudes and Real People*, by going to www.blurb.com/bookstore, entering his full name, clicking on "Preview" and then the full-screen icon on the lower right to make the works large enough to read well. "More books are coming later in 2013," he says.

"Still on the job as Chief of Staff, House of Delegates Majority Leader, Virginia," reports class officer **Bill Flanagan**. "Every year in Virginia we have an election, but, with Virginia being a battleground state, we are having much more activity than usual. Keeps me off the street!" Over the Christmas holidays Bill and his wife, Diane, spent two weeks in Germany visiting their daughter Tami, whose husband, a lieutenant colonel in the US Marines, returned from Afghanistan in May, where he served as a battalion commander and then was assigned to the Marine Element in Stuttgart. This spring, the Flanagans enjoyed planning for their 50th wedding anniversary celebration, scheduled for August in Garden City, SC, with at least 30 family members in attendance, including as many of their children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren as can make the trip from various locations around the US and Europe. After this, he says, "I will be focusing on preparation for our 55th Reunion. I hope all '60s will be putting this event on their calendars for June 2015." Keep the news coming to: [✉ Judy Bryant Wittenberg, jw275@cornell.edu](mailto:jw275@cornell.edu).

61 School's out! As I write this class column, graduation is over, as are the reunion festivities. Although we are still three years away from our 55th, it is not too early to plan for this event. For most of this column, I can thank two of our classmates for providing the content.

First, a note from **Pauline Sutta Degenfelder**, our reunion co-chair. "I've been engaged with Cornell, having attended the recent Tower Club event in NYC and having the good fortune to meet with **Marshall** and **Rosanna Romanelli Frank**. After President Skorton's opening remarks, a number of

students performed musical numbers, ending with a spectacular presentation of Asian Taiko drumming carried out with much verve and precision. The entire program underlined the multi-faceted talents of the current students.

"While on a recent campus visit, we (**Joe '60** and I) had a delightful chance meeting with **Jack '60** and **Pat Laux Richards**, who were there for Pat's Plantations organization meeting. You all will remember the outstanding reunion affinity program she directed. We also attended the wrestling dinner celebrating **Kyle Dake '13's** unprecedented fourth NCAA win at four different weights. He attributes some of his success to getting eight hours of sleep each night. That, too, is an accomplishment."

May 11 marked the mini-reunion and tour of the US Military Academy at West Point. **David Kessler**, our predecessor as the '61 class scribe, sent the following write-up, as well as a collection of photographs that have been posted to our website, www.cornell61.org. "We had a wonderfully informative and entertaining special tour of West Point led by Edward Sobiesk, a faculty member and father of a Cornell student. We got to see areas that the visitors ordinarily do not see: the Superintendent's Conference Room, the new US Military Academy Library (very high tech), the Thayer Award Room, and the Cadet Mess Hall (it's enormous and feeds several thousand cadets at each meal). The tour ended at Trophy Point overlooking the Hudson River, with Col. Sobiesk telling the story about how the Continental Army blocked British ships from sailing up the Hudson by stretching a chain across the river. He also recounted the saga of Benedict Arnold's treasonous acts when he was Commander of Fortifications at West Point. Following the tour, the group had lunch at the Thayer Hotel on campus." Twenty classmates, spouses, and friends made the trip on a gray spring day. David added that NBC's foreign correspondent Richard Engel is the son of **Peter Engel**. Small world.

Fifty-one years ago, Cornell graduated nearly 100 Mechanical Engineers, including me. Number one in the class was **J. Frederick Weinhold**. Now, I again rely on David Kessler for an informative update. "The Class of '61 has not heard from Fred Weinhold EVER. Never attended a reunion, even though he grew up in Ithaca (his father was on the faculty). And I have not seen him or heard from him since our last year, 1961-62. I ran into Fred at the Woodrow Wilson School Graduate Alumni Reunion in May. Following his graduation, Fred did a four-year stint in the Navy. Then he was admitted as an MPA student at the WWS and received his MPA four years after I earned mine. In the annals of both Cornell and Princeton it seems that it is quite unusual, given the competition for admission at the WWS, for two members of Cornell's Mechanical Engineering program to receive graduate degrees from Princeton's Woodrow Wilson School. Keep in mind that my graduate class at the WWS numbered only 24. There may have been a few more in Fred's class, but in any event, it's quite a select group. According to his career profile, Fred worked on energy policy after leaving the WWS. He worked for the Federal Energy Administration and was involved in the creation of the Dept. of Energy. He also worked with the Ford Foundation's energy policy staff. In 1979, he began working with the TVA in Chattanooga and retired from the TVA in 1994. Currently, he consults on converting waste to energy. He is focusing on the use of scrap tires in cement kilns. He added that he is active in the Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE)." As a

footnote to David Kessler's narrative, I coincidentally met Fred a few years ago at the SCORE national meeting in Nashville, TN. Both of us were attending as chairpersons of our respective chapters, Fred's in Chattanooga and mine in Savannah.

As a further update on our efforts to enhance class communications electronically, **Larry Wheeler**, our webmaster, has added a LinkedIn group for the class, "Cornell Class of 1961." It is now operational, and a link to it has been placed on our class website homepage in addition to our existing Facebook site. Please feel free to ask other classmates to join. This is a closed group with content only for members of the Class of 1961. Larry will act as administrator, approving those who request to join. Despite our efforts on the Internet, we still encourage your e-mails and hard-copy class notes. Send us your latest adventures. [✉ Doug Fuss, dougout@attglobal.net](mailto:dougout@attglobal.net) or **Susan Williams Stevens, sastevens61@gmail.com**.

62 What a lovely afternoon we spent together in May: **Joy Harwood Rogers, Marilyn Schade Stew-** art, and I enjoyed lunch and catching up on the past half century. Marilyn (marilynns@optonline.net) was visiting her daughter's family here in Seattle. It turns out her son-in-law is the tennis coach for my daughter-in-law. Small world! Marilyn lives in Southold and has retired as an executive assistant in corporate NYC. Joy (rogersparker@comcast.net) and Bob live in Seattle. A retired school nurse, she sings with the Seattle Choral Company and sees grandchildren regularly.

Notes from **Barbara Byrd Wecker** (bbw2050@gmail.com) have had a long journey in cyberspace, but finally returned home. She writes that "despite gracious reminders from **Judith Prenske Rich**," she neglected to submit a "bio" for the 50th Reunion book. To make up for that omission, she responded to my entreaty for news for the class column. Barbara ("Bobbie" in Cornell days) retired in 2006 as a judge of the Appellate Division of the New Jersey Superior Court. She is "of counsel" to the Newark, NJ, law firm of Greenberg Dauber Epstein & Tucker PA, where she is chair of the Alternative Dispute Resolution Department. As much as she loved her work on the court, she is delighted with her new freedom, which allowed her to participate in a presidential campaign for the first time in more than 25 years. She is an arbitrator and mediator, as well as a consultant on appellate and litigation matters. Her children are Lori Balaban, a pediatrician in Charlottesville, VA; Terri Maxwell, an attorney with ING Investment Management in Atlanta, GA; and **Jonathan Wecker '92**, the CEO of a medical device startup in Wellesley, MA. Seven grandchildren warrant frequent weekend visits to those cities.

Barbara maintains close ties with Cornell classmates and SDT sorority sisters, who "have had a profound impact" on her life. She and her significant other, Lane Brandenburger, were introduced by their mutual friend, classmate **Myra Hoffenberg Strober**. Lane and Barbara frequently exchange overnight visits with Barbara's former roommate **Linda Goldfarb Roberts** and her husband, **Michael '61**, PhD '66, who live in Darnestown, MD. Their son **David '91** and Barbara's son **Jonathan '92** (who met at our 20th Reunion) became friends as Cornell students and remain friends today as near neighbors in Massachusetts. Barbara and Lane have also spent wonderful times each February in Sarasota with **Linda Gilinsky Klineman** and her

husband, **Ron '55**, JD '57, who now live in University Park, FL. A mini-reunion of SDT '62 brought 14 sisters to Safety Harbor Hotel and Spa in April 2009, including Linda Goldfarb Roberts, Linda Klineman, Myra Hoffenberg Strober, **Cal Simon**, **Evelyn Eskin**, **Jane Jaffe** Giddan, **Nina Gershon**, **Helen Redleaf** Neuborne, **Amy Smith** Bryant, **Rita Milkman** Gershengorn, **Janice Brodfeld** Agatston, and **Margot Hebdal**, as well as **Anne Klein** Rothman '61 and **Madeleine Fried** Grossman '61.

John Fitzpatrick, director of the Cornell Lab of Ornithology, wrote a letter of thanks to the class for our recent gift to the Lab in support of NestCams. Check out the following link to see some results of the camera at work: http://cams.allaboutbirds.org/channel/8/Great_Blue_Herons/. The Lab has been busy with outreach, including nationwide presentations of the Birds of Paradise and the recent Memorandum of Understanding with the British Trust for Ornithology, which created an historic global partnership with eBird. The forthcoming Cornell Handbook of Bird Biology has been completed. The Big Day Team in Texas found 294 species, 30 more than the previous North American record. Be sure to stop by the Ornithology Lab the next time you're in Ithaca!

Jerry and **Maxine Shulman** Swartz, MEd '64 (maxswartz7@gmail.com) have recently sold their Florida condo and purchased a new house in East Hampton. They plan to spend weekends there, commuting from their apartment in the East Village in NYC. They enjoy traveling, recently to Spain, and visiting 11 grandchildren.

Also dividing time are **Warren** (icke63@gmail.com) and **Nancy Bierds Icke '63**. They go between Telluride, CO, and Tucson, AZ. Warren spends his time hiking, biking, and swimming. He is also president of the Cornell Club of Southern Arizona and a member of the volunteer patrol at Sabino Canyon, a natural desert oasis located in Tucson's Coronado National Forest.

It's been an interesting year for **Bruce '60** and **Judy Prenske Rich** (jprcom1@aol.com). They spent a March week in Salzburg, where Bruce attended seminars, and, of course, ended the trip by visiting their daughter in London. In late September, they will head to Vilnius, Lithuania, where Bruce will serve as a visiting law professor. "As you can't fly directly to Vilnius," writes Judy, "I managed to make our connecting flight through Paris, where we will linger for a few days. Paris is my favorite city in the whole world starting from the time I dropped out of Cornell in our junior year to write the great American novel in this French city. How and why I very reluctantly returned to Ithaca is another whole tale. But that time in Paris when I was 19 was the beginning of a lifelong love affair with a city that Bruce and I have returned to over and over again. Two years ago we rented an apartment there for two weeks to celebrate my 70th birthday and I got to see Roger Federer and Rafael Nadal up close and in person at the men's finals of the French Open. Hallelujah! While Bruce is teaching in Vilnius I will be amusing myself reading all the books I am currently downloading to my iPad mini. My father emigrated from Lithuania with his parents when he was 5. Vilnius has an extensive national archive, where I'm hoping to do a bit of family research—although there isn't any chance that anyone is still alive. Since we'll already be in Eastern Europe, our plans include a side trip to Riga and a jaunt to St. Petersburg. And, then, finally, we will head home via London and another visit with our daughter." All this while recovering from knee replacement!

Classmates are hoping to hear from you—send a note today! ☒ **Jan McClayton** Crites, jmc50@cornell.edu.

63 **Warren Icke '62** and I just returned from the Class of 1963 50th Reunion. For those of you who weren't there, you were missed. A great time was had by all—**Paula Trested** LaHolt and her terrific committee did a fabulous job. Thanks to Paula, **Gwen Sibson** Porcaro, **Dick Clark**, **Lew Solomon**, **Vivian Grilli** DeSanto, **Jim Billings**, MBA '64, **Dick Lynham**, **Ed Butler**, MS '65, **Ned Morgens**, **Judy Clarke** Bennett, **Retta Presby** Weaver, **Joe Stregack**, PhD '70, and me.

425 classmates and guests spent the week-end attending forums and lectures as well as socializing with classmates and enjoying good meals. We were housed on North Campus in the newer air-conditioned Court/Kay/Bauer dorms. As classmates gathered in the headquarters, they were

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Judy Prenske Rich '62

able to view lots of memorabilia: the Freshman Register (aka the Pig Book), sorority/fraternity photos, and a copy of the *Cornell Daily Sun* from our graduation day, Monday, June 10, 1963! The weather for the weekend did not cooperate—we had three days of rain. The sun came out as everyone was packing up to leave campus.

Thursday afternoon's Class of '63 Forum featured **Corey Earle '07**, the associate director of student programs in the Office of Alumni Affairs, presenting "What Do You Think You Know About Cornell?" Each attendee had a clicker to use to respond to questions about Cornell as it was during our time on campus. It was fun reminiscing. Friday began with a class faculty panel, "Can the Exploding World Population Be Well Fed without Endangering the Environment and Human Health?" Four professors from the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences gave a thought-provoking two-hour talk, with Q&A following. Buses then took classmates out to Cornell Plantations for a barbecue, where we were entertained by the Sherwoods. At Friday night's sit-down dinner, Dick Lynham presented a check to the university for \$4,721,513. Out of a total of 1,295 classmates, 33 percent donated. We also had 73 Tower Club members (the goal was 63). President Skorton entertained us with his talk.

Saturday morning found the class in the breakfast tent enjoying a panel of classmates talking about "Revitalizing Retirement." **June Taylor**, **Neil Kochenour**, MD '69, **Mario Concha**, Lew Solomon, **David Sheaff**, **Dave Finnigan**, and **Marion Travalini** Rodd entertained classmates with the stories of their careers and the changes many made as they went through life's experiences. These well-educated Cornellians, who started out as businessmen, scientists, doctors, and teachers, ended up in some instances as a ski instructor in Vail, CO, a ship's rabbi, and a juggler. Dave Finnigan's juggling career involved writing several books on juggling, and he is now running

Climate Change is Elementary out of Celebration, FL. "The program is intended to help schools and families begin to take meaningful action toward understanding and solving the climate crisis." Contact Dave at davefinnigan@yahoo.com for more information. David Sheaff volunteers with Project Healing Waters, which takes disabled veterans fishing and teaches fly-tying.

Marjorie Walker Sayer, BFA '63, organized an art show of classmates' work at Tjaden Hall (the former Franklin Hall). On Saturday an open house was held for the class, and the display was open for two days of Reunion as well. Those exhibiting were **Madeleine Leston** Meehan, **Craig Peterson**, **Alan Chimacoff**, BArch '64, **Jonathan Perry**, BArch '64, **Dick Lynham**, **Richard Heinrich**, **Pat Sutton** Lipsky, BFA '63, and Marjorie herself.

At our class meeting at Saturday night's dinner, Ed Butler presented **Carol Grumbach '78**, JD '87, director of the Tatkon Center, with a check for \$124,108. In the two reunion years that Tatkon has been our project, we have donated \$292,000.

Carol summarized what the Tatkon Center has done with the approximate \$12,000 per year generated by the endowment. A coffee/talk series has been named for the Class of 1963 and a plaque will be installed in our named seminar room.

Carol Bagdasarian Aslanian, class president, thanked the outgoing class officers for their hard work these past five years. New officers presented by nominating chair Jim Billings were elected by a landslide! President: Joe Stregack; vice presidents: **Nancy Cooke** McAfee and Dick Clark; reunion chair: **Joanne Jordan** Davenport; campaign chair: Dick Lynham; treasurer: Vivian Grilli De Santo; class correspondent, **Nancy Bierds** Icke; and recording secretary: Retta Presby Weaver. Class Council members' names will appear in the next issue.

Joe Brennan was at Reunion and said that the Phi Gamma Deltas dedicated the new E.B. White Leadership Room and then surprised and honored him by presenting him with a beautiful plaque, a picture, and some generous remarks. For Joe it was a double honor: receiving the recognition from his brothers for organizing the FijinetCornell Internet program (a Yahoo group for more than 130 members of the Cornell Phi Gamma Delta classes of 1959-65); and "having a plaque hung on the same wall as one of my heroes, the world-renowned author and former Fiji president, E.B. White." Joe has treasured and referred to his Strunk & White *The Elements of Style* often since his time on the Hill.

That's all for Reunion news. I'm always interested in e-mails telling me what you are up to. ☒ **Nancy Bierds** Icke, 12350 E. Roger Rd., Tucson, AZ 85749; e-mail, icke63@gmail.com.

64 Our 50th Reunion is now in its gestation period equivalency, just nine months away (June 5-8, 2014). As the event gets closer, we'll have ever more news to encourage all to become part of the celebration. In early June, our reunion co-chairs

Linda Cohen Meltzer, **Bruce Wagner**, ME '66, and **Joan Melville** (with class president **Susan Mair Holden** and treasurer **Barbara Lutz Brim**) attended '63's 50th Reunion. The constant rain did not dampen their spirits as they scouted out the events, which included tasty meals, lectures, concerts, party tents, and many other pleasures. The goal of the reconnaissance was to note the scope of activities—and how they balanced and worked together—and gauge their relative success and acceptance. At least ten other classmates also enjoyed Reunion Weekend, some with '63 spouses.

We need updated e-mail addresses for all our classmates. Please send your preferred one to Linda Meltzer (LCM12@cornell.edu) as soon as possible. Having your e-mail address enables us to send messages about reunion, and encourages classmates to keep in touch with each other. All addresses will be posted on our website (cornell1964.org) unless you request yours not be made public. Now is the time to start talking to all your Cornell '64 friends about coming to this most special of all reunions, so let's encourage as many classmates as we can to attend.

Longtime Hotel school professor **A. Neal Geller**, MBA '74, was heralded in last spring's *Ezra* magazine as a "faculty legend." Neal, himself a Hotelier (he even grew up in the resort business), has been teaching in the school since 1974, beginning when he returned to Ithaca to get his MBA. **Ted Teng '79**, president and CEO of the Leading Hotels of the World Ltd., said of Neal, "He made the numbers dance on paper . . . The tools he gave me have stayed with me my entire career." (Teng established his namesake Dean's Teaching Excellence Awards to honor Neal and six other faculty members who inspired him as a student.) Neal has authored two books and numerous professional journal articles, has been an industry consultant, and has served as the school's director of graduate studies and associate dean for academic affairs.

As our 50th reunion approaches, some classmates have taken to sending reminiscences of their student days at Cornell, and what it meant to their lives and careers. Here are some samples:

Leon "Butch" Anziano, ME '66, writes, "I will never forget my first few months at Cornell. I had never seen the campus, never been away from home, never been on my own. It was a frightening and exhilarating experience. My friends in the U-Halls were both friendly and scary—scary in that they seemed more worldly than me. I was overwhelmed! The next several years raced by. These were the best years of my life—and the worst! (Sounds like Dickens.) Over the course of my time in Ithaca, I encountered the most incredible people (including Martin Luther King Jr. at Sage Chapel). My life changed at Cornell, and I never stop reminiscing about the times there. I have been back to Ithaca several times, but I can't wait for the special celebration of our 50th Reunion. Hope to see many of you there."

Bart and Nancy Dunhoff Mills, self-admitted frequent readers but infrequent contributors to this column, sent an update. Bart wrote, "We remain in our Manhattan Beach, CA, hideaway, close to our Torrance-based son, **Kevin Mills '93**, and his wife **Jody Kraft '92**, and their three sons, 13, 11, and 9. Kevin is a first-year resident in pediatrics at Kaiser. With two working doctors for parents, the three grandsons spend a lot of time at our house, giving us plenty of sass and exercise. For road trips, we can visit our daughter **Bonnie '91** in Mesa, AZ, where she lives with her son and daughter. She is an author and copy editor. Nancy and

I work hard for the thriving Cornell Club of Los Angeles, me as treasurer, she fostering the unique Cornell in Hollywood program. Nancy remains active in show business and journalism, mainly for *USA Weekend* magazine and the *New York Times* Syndicate. I have retired in order to pursue a second career in senior softball—I play four to five times a week, enjoying the camaraderie of contemporaries. I'm currently reading **Morris Bishop '14**, BA '13, PhD '26's marvelous *A History of Cornell*, full of all the facts and stories I never had time to glean before. I look forward to returning to campus every October as a University Council member, visiting the *Sun* office downtown, and meeting my smarter-than-me successors there."

Larry Siegel (Great Neck, NY) writes that he still works at NYU, but now just three days per week. Larry and wife **Pat (Minikes) '67** are kept busy with three grandchildren, his "living hobby" of enjoying New York City and all it offers, plus "picking up the pace" on travel, recently to Spain and perhaps also Istanbul and the Black Sea region. Larry writes, "I plan on attending next year's reunion and hope many, many others will participate." **Lois Beach** Conrad, MEd '65 (Thousand Oaks, CA) is still teaching chemistry at a Catholic girls' school, plus helping her daughter with her two sets of twins, 2 and 5 years old, respectively. Lois says she and electrical engineer husband **John '63**, MS '69, both love their jobs; however, she adds that she's looking forward to the 50th Reunion and that she should be retired by then. She would like to hear from classmate **Jennefer Austin** Hirshberg. Literary agent and classmate **John Ware** died last April in NYC. John began his career as an editor for Doubleday and agent for Curtis Brown before founding his own agency in 1978. He was most renowned for being the agent for adventure author Jon Krakauer's landmark books *Into the Wild* and *Into Thin Air*, and for being historian Stephen Ambrose's agent, among many other things.

Finally, **Henry Logan**, ME '66, deserves a chuckle for the news form he submitted, in which he dutifully updates us by saying . . . nothing. Really. Hal fills in most blanks with the word "None," children and grandchildren's ages with, "Same as last year except all a year older," and hobbies, interests and sports with, "Hardly worth mentioning." Hal lives in Tempe, AZ, with wife Donna. We can only hope Hal attends reunion and updates us vocally.

That's all for now. Please take a few minutes to send me your news by whatever means (at my home or online at: blamont64@comcast.net), 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 As we finish up the news from this past year, we are looking forward to receiving your most recent updates. If you haven't done so yet, please take a few minutes and send in what's been happening in your life these days!

Jeffrey Dubin (DubinJS@cs.com) and his wife, Elaine, live in Huntington, NY, where Jeff

continues in his law practice. They enjoyed travel to India recently. Being a grandfather also occupies happy times—four grandchildren from daughters **Jennifer Dubin** Ludgins '95 and

Danielle Dubin Rutz '98.

Jeff recalls bringing his typewriter and lacrosse stick when he arrived at Cornell for freshman year. **Sharon Plahy** Blase (Vineyard, NJ; soblase@aol.com) belongs to the Cumberland County Republican Women's Organization and the South Jersey Healthcare Hospital Auxiliary. The past few years she has traveled with Cornell alumni trips to the Italian cities of Sorrento and Cortona, and also cruised to Italy,

Greece, and Turkey. Sharon plans to become more involved with a wider group of people during her retirement years. She would love to hear from **Fran Pearsall** Craig. Arriving at Cornell, she brought her typewriter, linens and hangers, and money for a checking account.

Nancy Felthousen Ridenour, MAT '73 (Ithaca, NY; nridenour@txcny.rr.com) writes, "Post-graduation, I spent five years in Laos working in the villages in community development. In 1973, I started a teaching career in biology at Ithaca High School and retired in 2005. Since then, I have traveled extensively and pursued a second career as a photographer. In January I spent a month in Florida and photographed birds. My artwork is on my website, <http://nancyridenourartist.zenfolio.com>." Nancy has been president of the Campus Club at Cornell and program chair for technology for the Ithaca Garden Club. She volunteers as a docent at both the Cornell Plantations and the Cornell Art Museum. Her daughter **Sheryl '91** lives and works in Chicago and has an MFA in poetry from the School of the Art Inst. Various friends she keeps in touch with include **Joyce Crego** Dwyer, **Ellen Sullivan** Strader '63, MEd '65, **Judy Mohney** Dennis '63, MEd '64, and **Joe Regenstein**, MS '66. Travel, painting, good restaurants, and going to the gym are major pursuits for **Fred Firestone** (ffirestone@comcast.net). Fred and wife Lynne make their home in Hillsborough, CA.

Surviving 26th Street is the latest novel by **Carol June Gibbs Stover** and has received excellent reviews. The work is filled with unique stories of growing up in northern New Jersey in the 1950s and '60s, inspired by her family and neighbors. Carol (user105697@aol.com) and husband **Frank** (FStover@thechicagoclub.org) live in Chicago, where Frank is the general manager of the Chicago Club, one of the oldest and most prestigious clubs in the city. I had the pleasure of enjoying cocktails with them on a recent trip to Chicago, which is such a wonderful city. Over a three-day period I took the architectural foundation tour, spent hours in the Art Inst. of Chicago, saw a terrific play at Steppenwolf, wandered around the old Marshall Fields (now Macy's) and purchased Frango mints, took the train to the Ravinia Festival and listened to the Indigo Girls and Joan Baez in concert, and toured the Cultural Center, which features beautiful Tiffany domes and wonderful mosaics. I definitely plan on returning to catch up with all the things on my list that I didn't get to do!

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Adam Perl '67

As you compose your news for the column, I'd enjoy hearing what goals you've set for the next five years! I trust that coming to our 50th Reunion in June 2015 is high on your list! Send your news to: Joan Hens Johnson, joanhpj@comcast.net; or Ron Harris, rsh28@cornell.edu.

66 **Ralph Schwartz** (ralphschwartz@comcast.net) writes, "I have finished my fifth year of retirement after teaching high school chemistry and physical science for 38 years. I have two sons. The older one graduated from (I hate to say it) Dartmouth in '07 and is currently in law school at the U. of Chicago, and the younger attends Augsburg College in Minneapolis. I spend my time tutoring chemistry at a local private school, where my wife heads development, and training for cross-country ski racing (I am not sure if this counts as an unusual hobby). During the winter I race. I went to Italy, Austria, and Germany this January to ski and race. I skied the 44-mile Marcialonga in the Italian Dolomites and the marathon-distance Koenig Ludwig Lauf in the Bavarian Alps. My wife and I have taken a few short trips recently to visit art museums and eat at James Beard award-nominated restaurants. I look forward to biking, roller skiing, and fly fishing this summer, and particularly the wedding of my son Max." **Keith Jurow** (Ansonia, CT; kjurow45@yahoo.com) has been writing *Minyanville.com's* Housing Market Report for two years, and other articles have been published at *Business Insider*, *Real Clear Markets*, and *MarketWatch*. During the last year he's also been interviewed by Yahoo Finance, the *Wall Street Journal* radio network, and Bloomberg TV. "My new website is www.keithjurow.com, and my new Capital Preservation Real Estate Report launched in April." Keith keeps in touch with **Bruce Bergman**, **Larry Berger**, **Arnie Berger**, PhD '71, and **Ken Brown**.

Larry Bailis (bailis@brandeis.edu) has been a professor at Brandeis for over 25 years. He is also board chairman of the Massachusetts Service Alliance. He tells us his 6-year-old granddaughter is already a hockey whiz like her mother was. His son is a jazz musician who tours around the world, and Larry's wife is a nationally known Jewish educator. The Bailises keep in touch with **Bob**, PhD '75, and **Susan Goodman Feldman** '67. Multiple careers have been a part of **Richard Greene**, ME '67's life (richg314@earthlink.net). He received two degrees in Chemical Engineering at Cornell, followed by a year at Columbia Business School. He then pursued a career in theater, writing, and editing. He spent 30 years as senior editor for two of the world's leading chemical engineering publications, winning four awards for editorial excellence and outstanding service. In between, he was a senior VP in public relations for a Fortune 500 company. He continued the arts career by co-founding an off-off-Broadway theater, and also wrote and produced plays and taught playwriting. Richard says that what is key for him is having the right values and attitude. He feels that life is simple, but not always easy, and believes luck and initiative may be part of one's success. He is now part of a four-person team working on a 14-part documentary, "Witness to the Twentieth Century." It is a compilation of interviews with many influential figures, from all phases of life, who shaped the 20th century. Richard has been volunteering with nonprofit groups since the AIDS crisis started, as he has lost too many friends. He too keeps in touch with classmate Larry Berger, and also **Meryl Chodosh-Weiss**.

After spending most of his professional career at high-tech companies, **Arnold Berger** (aberger@u.washington.edu) is associate professor of electrical engineering at the U. of Washington, Bothell. His Cornell BS and PhD in Materials Science suited him well, as he started the EE degree program at the school that has become the Division of Engineering and Mathematics. He will be chair of the division for the next three years. Arnie and his wife are grandparents to 6-year-old Maya Brooke—their daughter, Andrea (Wellesley '94), and her husband, Daniel, live in Palo Alto, CA. (He works for Netflix, she for the American Research Inst.) Arnie adds, "I was shocked to hear of the death of **Fred Zappert**, PhD '74, who was an Engineering classmate. I remember Fred as being on a plane far above everyone else." Ed and **Judy Kurtz Polcer** (judykurtz@gmail.com) moved from their Park Slope Brooklyn co-op to one in Windsor Terrace, close to Prospect Park. "Since I am quite involved in volunteer work in the park, I am thrilled with the new abode. We divide our time between Brooklyn and our home in New Orleans. If anyone is coming to the Big Easy, please contact me—would love to see you. Still making music, but not as much as Ed, who is still going strong, especially in New Orleans. I'm getting lazy about the promotion aspect of the business, but am still singing."

Esther Strauss (esther.lehmann@stifel.com) and her husband traveled extensively this past winter to visit and celebrate with their family. In January they spent two weeks in Jerusalem with their two oldest grandchildren, who are studying there for the year, returned to their winter home in Florida, then headed back to their New Jersey home in February for a grandson's bar mitzvah. A week later they welcomed new granddaughter Bianca. Passover was spent with three of the children and families. They were planning to spend August in Europe. Esther adds, "I still work, but am in the phase-out mode." **Susan Rockford Bittker**, ladyscienc@aol.com; **Pete Salinger**, pete.sal@verizon.net; **Deanne Gebell Gitner**, deanne.gitner@gmail.com.

67 **David Unger** (david.c.unger@gmail.com), writing from Camogli, Italy, says he travels regularly in the US and Europe to write about foreign policy and international economics for the *New York Times* editorial board. "My book, *The Emergency State*, on how our national security policies have eroded our constitutional democracy, was published by Penguin Press in 2012." David stays in contact with **Steve Zimmerman** '68, **Sam Roberts** '68, **Katie Engelhart** '09, and **Hunny Jeong** '11. **Laurel Druce** (Redwood City, CA; laureldruce@gmail.com) reports: "In 2011, I started my own business teaching computer, electronics, iPad, and iPhone, etc., to senior citizens. Most of my clients are between the ages of 75 and 92 and they have all become like family to me. A big change in my life occurred in 2008 when I left my marriage of 31 years and started my life all over again." Laurel keeps in touch with **Andrea Jacoby**, **Joanne Cantor**, **Alan Richman**, **Steve and Karen Kaufman Polansky**, and **Jim and Marian Flinker Brodsky**.

Adam Perl (Ithaca, NY; adam@pastimes.com) writes, "I am still running my antique shop, Pastimes, in Ithaca—now in its 35th year—with no immediate plans to retire. I performed at Cornell Reunion on June 6-8 with the Savage Club and the Cornell Glee Club, and I sing with two

choral groups, the Cayuga Vocal Ensemble (37 years) and the Savage Club of Ithaca (five years). I also perform frequently in Ithaca. I am a prodigious creator of crossword puzzles and have had 20 of them published in the *New York Times*. Our three kids, ages 33, 31, and 28, are Cornell, Dartmouth, and Ithaca College graduates. One is married, one a homeowner here in Ithaca." Adam adds that he keeps in touch with **Mel Richards**, **Mike Newman** '64, ME '66, **Stu Ockman**, **Bill Melvin** '68, BS Hotel '70, and **James Poffley**.

Pauline Watkins Runkle (Manchester, MA; paulinerunkle@gmail.com) loves her work. Her company, Floral Artistry (Ft. Lauderdale and Manchester; www.paulinesbouquets.com), creates beautiful floral designs for corporate, public, and private functions of all sizes. "But," she adds, "I look forward to more garden study trips with the Garden Conservancy." Pauline is also restoring the barn on her property, sailing, gardening, and painting. Asked what she brought to Cornell as a freshman, Pauline responds: "A big red trunk followed a year later by a British racing green Thunderbird."

Marvin Marshak (South St. Louis Park, MN; marshak@umn.edu) just returned from two and a half weeks in Israel and Jordan, teaching 20 U. of Minnesota undergraduates about applications of technology in the Middle East. "We visited big companies like Intel and smaller companies like the 3D printer company Stratasy and the automobile guidance company Mobileye. We met with Yitzhak ben Yisrael, advisor to Prime Minister Netanyahu on cyber-security, as well as Princess Sumaya, cousin of Jordan's King Abdullah and a strong advocate for technology in the Arab world. We watched F-16s take off at the Ramat David air base and observed the recently overrun UN post on the Israeli-Syrian border. It was an interesting and rewarding trip for both the students and me."

John Bruns (Webster, NY; jhbruns3@gmail.com) writes: "Beth and I relocated to Rochester, NY, to be near our children and grandchildren. We are building a new home in Victor, NY, that we hope to be in by the end of July. After being involved with the Cornell Club of Sarasota-Manatee for nearly ten years, I have now become involved in the Cornell Club of Rochester. Coming to Rochester has enabled me to reconnect with fraternity brother **Gordie Booth**, ME '68." **Richard B. Hoffman**, 2925 28th St. NW, Washington, DC 20008; e-mail, rhoffman@erols.com.

68 *Reared against the arch of heaven . . .* A line from our Alma Mater was an apt description of the view of the sun-drenched slopes and majestic edifices dotted among the plush June campus greenery as the Sherwoods capped off a hectic weekend of nostalgia, entertainment, and a glimpse into the future of "our fair Cornell" at our 45th Reunion farewell brunch. It seemed unanimous to those attending President David Skorton's State of the University address, in a jammed Bailey Hall, that Cornell's standing as one of the world's great universities—with a global impact in the areas of technology, science, medicine, and the humanities—will reach new heights under his leadership. The president highlighted some of the successes from the generously funded program to recruit world-class scholars to carry on for the third of the faculty projected to retire over the next decade. He spoke of the exciting development of the NYC Tech Campus and the generosity that has made the significant expansion of the

Weill Cornell Medical College and new state-of-the-art facilities in Ithaca possible.

There was also a high level of confidence for Cornell's athletic prospects after Andy Noel, Meacham Smith Director of Athletics and Physical Education, speaking at the class picnic at Cornell Plantations, described our enhanced ability to compete against our prestigious Ivy opponents in the recruitment of highly talented scholar-athletes. Andy emphasized that this has been made possible because of generous alumni grants and flexible recruitment policies. Those who attended the tour of the state-of-the-art athletic facilities were particularly impressed hearing from our various coaches about their teams and how the facilities are a recruitment tool that will help train our athletes and display their achievements.

Nostalgia was served in abundance as classmates reunited at receptions in their sororities and fraternities; on campus, where we participated in academic and extracurricular activities; and at Cornell's superb Robert Trent Jones golf course. Particularly poignant to those on campus during the late 1960s and early '70s was this year's Olin Lecture (available online) presented by Prof. Fredrik Logevall. Drawing in part from his Pulitzer Prize-winning book, *Embers of War*, he described how the US got into the Vietnam conflict, President Kennedy's views on the war in 1963, and its lessons for today. But it was Cornelliana Night that attracted the biggest turnout and largest dose of nostalgia as the Cornell's chorus, past and present, closed their program of Cornell standards with a thunderous presentation of our Alma Mater.

Gary Deems particularly enjoyed the Olin Lecture, but it was reuniting with his fraternity brothers that made traveling from San Diego worthwhile. **Terry McKeegan** Davis drove her VW Bug to campus from her Ithaca home and had great fun sharing cherished memories with her freshman roommate **Beryl Schapira** Levinger, who came to Reunion from Carmel, CA. **Pete Woodworth**, MBA '69, and **Bill Austin** climbed the rock wall—and welcome all classmates that are in shape to do it with them at our 50th. Pete and wife Joie traveled to Reunion from Minnesota to enjoy the memory of their 1970 wedding held at Cornell's Sculpture Gardens, where Reunion attendees **John Seligman** and **Al** and **Fidello** were members of the wedding party. **Jeff French** and wife Carolyn came from Seattle and particularly enjoyed the rock and roll party Saturday night.

Dianne Charske Hanson and husband Bill traveled from Sandy-nipped Dewey Beach, DE, where Diane serves as mayor. She appreciated the architectural and environmental care taken in the growth and operation of the campus. Eating utensils made from corn, seamless additions to classic buildings, and rooftops covered with soil and greenery to make them energy and environmentally efficient were just a few examples. **Joel Negrin** got his high running through the Plantations in the annual five-mile Reunion Run, along with **Len Rappe** and his wife, Rona. Joel is looking forward to bettering his time next year at wife **Linda (Schwartz) '69's** 45th Reunion, as well as running again as part of a pack of 70-somethings at our 50th.

Jane Frommer Gertler, our class president, enjoyed time with classmates she had not seen in decades and was also struck by Prof. Logevall's lecture about events we lived through and with. The nearly 200 members and guests of our class expressed their appreciation to **Henry Siegel** for an outstanding job chairing our previous reunions and to **Nancy Nystrom** Frantz for her work

as registration chair. **Bob** and **Bette Nelson Zip-pin** have graciously agreed to be the chairs, once again, for our 50th.

While many of our classmates are still working (you know, 65 is the new 55 . . . I mean, 50), a lot of us are fully or partly retired. Let's hear your news and what you're doing. It might even give us some useful ideas, and old friends might contact you to share experiences. Snail-mail or e-mail me with your news, but what would also be cool is to make a mental circle around June 7-10, 2018 to attend your 50th Reunion with your friends from the Cornell Class of '68. ☞ **Chuck Levitan**, 22 Freedom Ln., Somerset, NJ 08873; e-mail, CLevitan22@comcast.net.

69 Hope you all had a great summer. Thanks to everyone who responded to the e-mail for this column.

Kenneth La Pensee (kennethlapensee@aol.com), senior director for the Medicines Co. in Parsippany, NJ, is working on launching a new anti-MRSA antibiotic—a most welcome development for treatment of this persistent infection. He is also working on a mystery novel. Kenneth would love to hear from **Philip Reilly**, **Nat Rabinowitz**, and **Megan Cornish**. **David Shannon** (Mellons Bay, Auckland, New Zealand) writes that "life has never been so fun!" He has retired from remuneration consulting after 25 years and is now busier than ever with a variety of part-time and community activities. He and wife Terri just completed a three-week tour of China, including Guilin, Yangshou, Shanghai, Suzhou, a Yangtze River cruise, Three Gorges, Chengdu and Panda Breeding Base, Xi'an and the Terracotta Warriors, Beijing, and the Great Wall, which they found "exhausting but fascinating." David serves on the board of trustees of the local Community Arts Centre. Daughter Courtney received a BFA with Honours from Auckland U. and was traveling around the US with three friends when David wrote in. Daughter Laurielle has completed her third year of architecture study, also at Auckland U. David keeps in touch with **Henry McNulty**, **Warren Lem**, **Lynn Selos**, **Lee Sanborn**, **Jim Bowman**, **Bob Woodworth '71**, **Ted Clayton**, ME '70, and **Alan Shineman**.

Maria Keiser Bartlett has just started a two-year stint as vice chair of the Senior Associates, the almost 500-member volunteer group at the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston. She is also looking forward to her son's wedding next year and greatly enjoys her two preschool grandsons who live in the San Francisco Bay Area. She often visits with **Suzanne Backiel** Harley and **Carolyn Ugiss** Altieri, who live in Connecticut, and is also frequently in touch with **Al** and **Claire Scully De Lauro** and **Peggy Johnson** Nichols. All are doing well. **Knight Kiplinger** (Washington, DC) writes that he is "still leading the Kiplinger publishing company through the treacherous shoals of rapid changes in media." Son **Brigham '03** was married last fall, and daughter **Daphne '07** was married this past spring. **Rob** and **Nina Kaufelt** are renovating a townhouse in Greenwich Village, where Rob runs Murray's Cheese. This year, he'll open his 100th shop in select supermarkets across the land, including King Soopers, Fred Meyer, Ralph's, and other major chains. His new warehouse in Long Island City features state-of-the-art cheese-aging caves. Twins Jacob and Rose turned 4 this summer, and his big guy, Julian, turns 7 this fall. Nina's new book, *The Real Food Cookbook*, is due out next spring from Bloomsbury.

Ann Agranoff teaches English at Queensborough Community College in Bayside, NY, and is trying her hand at growing vegetables at her vacation home in the Catskills. When she wrote, she was planning a trip to California in August to visit her daughter April, who takes people down the American River as a raft guide. Ann stays in touch with **Judy Epstein**, MAT '75, and **David Kirkwood**. **George Gremse** (Ft. Lauderdale, FL) writes, "For the past two years, I have been working to help entrepreneurs start, develop, and/or grow small businesses in southeastern Florida. As chapter chairman of SCORE (formerly the Service Corps of Retired Executives) in the greater Ft. Lauderdale area, I work with a team of 50 other volunteers who lead business training workshops and do one-on-one mentoring and counseling. Last December I was also appointed to the board of directors of the Metro Broward Community Economic Development Board, a community development financial institution (CDFI) in Broward County dedicated to small business lending in our communities."

Although he retired officially from UNH in May 2012, **Raymond Goodman**, PhD '79 (Durham, NH) taught a large section intro course in the fall of 2012. "I am fully retired now as emeritus professor of hospitality management and sit on two boards: vice chair of the board of directors for Mayflower Communities Inc., a retirement community company currently building a full-service CCRC in Carmel, IN, that should be moving in residents this fall; and board member for the Glion Inst. of Higher Education in Switzerland. I travel to Europe three times per year minimum, Hawaii once a year, and NYC two to three times a year. I also volunteer as a rules observer for the New Hampshire Golf Association and pursue my usual hobby of golf." Raymond has two married sons and four grandchildren, and stays in touch with **Jim Eyster**, PhD '77, **Udo Schlenrich '70**, and many other Cornellians. Enjoy the fall! Please send news to: ☞ **Tina Economaki** Riedl, triedl048@gmail.com.

70 Come to our 45th Reunion in Ithaca—June 4-7, 2015. Planning for the weekend is already in the works. **Bill**, ME '71, and **Gail Post Wallis** are at the helm of our Reunion 45 team and are busy setting up a great "party" for us. If you have any ideas, thoughts, or suggestions for this reunion celebration, or if you want to be part of the reunion team, please let me (cfm7@cornell.edu) or Bill (wdw6@cornell.edu) know. It's a year and a half away, but it's not too early to start planning your trip to Ithaca and connecting with friends and classmates who will be joining you on the Hill.

After years of working as an international development economist with the World Bank and a Dutch consulting firm, among others, **Caroline Hoisington** (hoisington@gmail.com) is semi-retired and working from her home base in Australia. She now works only on environmental economics and policy, most recently on marine issues. In addition to some consulting, Caroline is a Fellow for three institutes. "I'm the Marine Economy Fellow for the Centre for Policy Development, a Visiting Fellow at the Sydney Inst. of Marine Science, and a Fellow at the Australian National Centre for Ocean Research and Security. Over the last two years, I've written quite a lot on Australia's newly enacted Commonwealth Marine Reserve Network. A summary of papers and some new articles are at: <http://cpd.org.au/category/all-articles/sustainable-economy/marine-sector/>. I also have

a painting studio and try to spend as much time making my art as possible (www.hoisingtonartwork.com).“ Caroline adds that her favorite outdoor activity is surfing (yes, she says, “with a surfboard”). “I’m probably destined to remain a beginner, but it’s great exercise, aesthetically a treat, and just plain fun! Luckily I’ve talked two neighbor women (both around 40) into joining me and we have a tremendously good time.” Caroline is pleased to report that she has a new granddaughter, born April 14, 2013. She is in touch with only a few Cornell friends who are scattered around the world. “More would be nice.”

In May 2010, **Neal Weinstein** (neal.weinstein70@gmail.com) retired from 38 years in manufacturing management, covering a number of companies and industries—and is loving it! “Last year I vacationed in Maui with both kids and their families, spent three weeks in Italy, then another three weeks in Tokyo after our grandson was born (I am loving this Grandpa gig!). Now I volunteer with SCORE, helping startup and existing small businesses and nonprofits to be successful, and also do some consulting. My favorite pastime is hiking in the hills of Northern California and taking lots of photos.” **Philip Schwartz** (phil.schwartz@hotmail.com) still works as a cinematographer. He recently shot a pilot for the BIO Network and he continues to teach cinematography at USC, Cal State Long Beach, and the New York Film Academy in Burbank. He lives a few blocks from the Pacific, is enjoying life in Santa Monica, and loves to cook. “I continue to meet with local applicants to Cornell as a CAAAN volunteer and am also active with the Cornell Club of L.A.” Phil and his wife Andrea have three children: “Son Eric, is a structural engineer in NYC with GACE, middle daughter Mikelle works in music management, and our oldest, Rachel, is a producer with Dick Clark Productions.” Phil keeps in touch with classmates **Doug Wyler** and **Allan Ropper**, MD ’74, and several other Cornellians.

Connie Fern Miller lives and works as an attorney in Watkins Glen, NY. She is usually practicing law, but when she’s not in the office, she’s traveling. In the last three years she’s been to Ecuador, Central America, and China. She also enjoys walking, biking, skiing, cross-country skiing, mountain climbing, and swimming. When Connie arrived at Cornell our freshman year, she brought an enormously heavy Remington electric typewriter—something no one else had. Her parents had bought it for her used. She also had a 1948 Jeepster. **Fred Piscop** (TihzWa@aol.com) lives in Bellmore, NY. He plays senior softball, plays keyboard at several jam sessions each week, and is still creating crosswords for the *New York Times* and other outlets. The Hon. **William C. Todd III**, MPA ’72, lives in Egg Harbor Township, NJ, with his wife, Barbara. He recently retired after 20 years as Superior Court Judge for the State of New Jersey. They are splitting their time between Naples, FL, and New Jersey and are enjoying retirement. ☒ **Connie Ferris Meyer**, cfm7@cornell.edu; cell, (610) 256-3088.

71 We thank you for sending e-mails about your life. A sampling from our current “mail bag” indicates that many folks are enjoying their retirement.

Bill Wellnitz, PhD ’78 (wellnitz49@gmail.com) retired in 2011 after 32 years as a biology professor at Augusta State U. in Georgia. He moved to Rochester, MN, which reminded him of

the weather in Ithaca, but without the hills to climb. (“Been looking for the sun for weeks now.”) In his free time, he volunteers at the Mayo Clinic and is also involved with a local group, Brains Together for a Cure. This group does a variety of things promoting research and support for all types of brain tumors. Bill has three children. One son is lead carpenter for Atomic Design (www.atomicdesign.tv), a company that makes large-scale corporate sets, etc.; his step-daughter just premiered her dance “How to Lose a Mountain” (www.danceexchange.org); and his other son recently landed a couple of major set designs for

(fastpitch softball). He keeps up with **Joe Petrone**, a fellow Phi Ep fraternity brother.

FedEx Express captain **Ed Heit** (Savannah, NY: bursth@earthlink.net) flew the first FedEx B-757 into Syracuse Hancock Int’l Airport on Saturday, March 23, 2013. FedEx is retiring the B-727 and replacing it with the far more fuel-efficient B-757. The airplane was used over the weekend to train loading and maintenance personnel. The newer airplane will fly the route between Syracuse and the FedEx sorting hub in Newark, NJ. Though the B-757 has been flying for over 30 years, FedEx has only been flying them for a few years as they

‘I work with a team of 50 other volunteers who lead business training workshops.’

George Gremse ’69

independent films in Asheville, NC. **Marcia Wities** Orange (Jersey City, NJ; Marcia.orange@gmail.com) loves her retired life and being back in the NYC area. She also has a new grandson (her first!), born in December 2012. Marcia was looking forward to getting back to campus for her second year with Cornell’s Continuous Reunion Club.

Harry Burritt (harry@burrittconsulting.com) retired from Whirlpool and is planning a trip to Italy this fall with his wife, JoAnn. He still maintains a part-time consulting practice in strategic planning and finance called Burritt Consulting. His interests include volunteering for his church, Junior Achievement, and the Tea Party, and he plays a lot of golf at Point O’ Woods country club. He has three daughters: Emily, Meaghan, and Linsey. Our last retiree this month is **Nils Montan** (nils.montan@hotmail.com), who wrote to us from his new home in Santa Fe, NM. After practicing intellectual property law for 33 years, which included 15 years with Warner Brothers Studio in L.A., he is now retired. In May Nils and his wife, Teresa, embarked on a six-month driving trip from New Mexico up to Canada and Alaska, then back to Canada again and across the continent to Quebec. In his spare time, he is chair of the Armchair Explorer Society. Nils keeps in touch with **Hotelie Erik Hansen**.

Fellow Bostonian **Irene Smalls** (smalls107@aol.com) has been working as a children’s educator and is the creator of Literacise and HairMath. She is a writer and an entertainer, but says that she is basically “a children’s content provider.” She explains that the children’s book arena has changed, with digital devices taking over a significant portion of the marketplace. Irene is working to bridge the divide between what she has been doing for the past 20 years and where the marketplace is going. One of her characters is Rin SuperHairoine, who is based on HairMath. If you’re interested, you can find a recent video of this on YouTube. Irene keeps in touch with **Jackie Cox** and **Warren Barksdale**.

Ken Marks (Mount Vernon, NY: Ken_marks@newyorker.com) just passed 20 years as an editor in the copy department at the *New Yorker*. His job gives him an opportunity to maintain his passion for live music, movies, theatre, and the arts. In his free time he enjoys playing softball and is proud to be manager emeritus of Summertime Blues, a team in the Central Park Windmill League

are retired by passenger airlines. The airplane Ed flew into Syracuse has Rolls-Royce RB211 engines. Ed has been a pilot at FedEx for 17 years since retiring from a 24-year career as a fighter pilot in the USAF. He has flown all three seats in the B-727 and recently completed training to achieve an FAA type rating in the B-757/767.

Frank Amthor (amthorfr@gmail.com) is a professor of psychology at the U. of Alabama, Birmingham. His work focuses on retinal electrophysiology and anatomy. He writes, “Last year I published *Neuroscience for Dummies* and *The Phoenix War*. I am currently writing ‘Neurobiology for Dummies.’” Thank you for sharing your news with us. Please keep it coming! ☒ **Linda Germaine-Miller**, LG95@cornell.edu; and **Gayle Yeomans**, gyeomans@gmail.com.

72 **Jay Branegan** and his wife, Stefania, spent Easter in the Galápagos on a trip sponsored by the Cornell Lab of Ornithology. After ten years with the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Jay ended his government service in January following the primary defeat of his boss, Sen. Richard Lugar (R-IN). In February, Jay joined the Washington, DC, office of the Natural Resources Defense Council, a major environmental group. **Patricia Guy** is the State Dept.’s Diplomat in Residence at City College of New York and is teaching a graduate seminar, “The Practice of Diplomacy.” **Donald Stanton** has been working in the US Dept. of Defense since 2010 as an appointee of the Obama Administration. He is deputy assistant secretary for transportation policy in the logistics area.

Donald Jean, MBA ’72, and a partner are co-founders of www.focusedbuyer.com, a cloud-based purchasing system for small businesses and consumers who want to harness the power of the Internet to request price quotes for products they wish to purchase. “Focused buyers” can use Don’s website to publish their requirements and solicit offers from prospective sellers. Don’s proprietary payment system, “Precious Payment,” enables buyers to deposit funds into an online lockbox so that sellers will know that the funds are there. Further information is available on Don’s website or by contacting him at don@focusedbuyer.com.

Glenn Ford (glennford43@yahoo.com) recently started a new job in Corona, CA. His spouse-to-be also works in Corona. **Debra Farrell Dolinski**, BFA '71 (debradolinski@gmail.com) is an artist and art researcher in Como, Italy. She has four grandchildren and runs a creative laboratory for children. Her passion is gardening, and she also likes "sky watching." **Mark Dickerson** (Colorado Springs, CO; flyt.test@gmail.com) is a test pilot and retired Air Force colonel. He also volunteers with the county sheriff's department, flies with Wounded Warriors in sailplanes, and is a member of the board of directors of a charter school.

Lorenzo Littles (Southlake, TX; littles@cslc.biz) is general counsel of his wife's airport concessions business, which covers 11 US airports with nationally branded retail products such as Sunglass Hut, Swarovski, and L'Occitane en Provence. Son Wyatt completed his first year at Columbia Law School in the spring, and daughter Arielle will start Columbia Law School this fall. **Will Fudeman** (Ithaca, NY; wfudeman@twcny.rr.com) says he is focusing his attention on "experiencing and enjoying aliveness: practicing and teaching qigong, doing healing work, writing, and making music."

Mark Schimelman (mschimelman@gmail.com) lives in Clifton Park, NY, and recently retired from 32 years of medical practice. "I have been enjoying the freedom so much that I haven't settled into any one thing," he says. Mark and wife **Shelley (Grumet)** '73 have started traveling and visiting their kids and their new granddaughter, and would enjoy hearing from classmates and friends. **Eugene Ungar** (Palm City, FL; genesunbelt@aol.com) recently retired from Next Era Energy after 28 years and celebrated the birth of his first grandchild, "a boy and a future Cornellian." He previously worked for 11 years at Mobil Oil. **Dorothy Clickner Wehnau** (dotrd@juno.com) lives in Maryland, NY, and is retired.

Robert Frazee (Cazenovia, NY; rfrazee@cazequip.com) recently retired from his family business, Cazenovia Equipment Co., which has John Deere equipment dealerships in central and northern New York and is now being run by two of Bob's sons. In the spring Bob and wife Juli took a seven-month cruise from Lake Ontario to the Bahamas and back on their 42-foot sailboat, *Julianne*. Now that they are home, they will spend more time with family, especially their five grandchildren. **Julia Kosow Grosberg** (Yorktown Heights, NY; juliaekg@aol.com) works part-time as a school psychologist for local school districts in northern Westchester County, still enjoys folk dancing, and plays violin in an amateur community orchestra. "We give concerts at local libraries, assisted living facilities . . . anywhere we can find a captive audience!" Julia would like to hear from any Cornell Savoyards who were in performances between 1968 and 1972. **Patrice Kasten** Schwartz of Croton-on-Hudson, NY, recently retired from teaching in the Mamaroneck school district and says she is "enjoying retirement tremendously."

Betsy Post Falconi (Newtown, PA; efalconi@comcast.net) is an avid grandmother and gardener and chairs the board of trustees of Bowman's Hill

Wildflower Preserve. She does "lots of grandchild care, because I am lucky enough to live near them, and my daughter and son-in-law need the help. Lots of fundraising for the nonprofit BHPW as I am committed to its mission of educating all about the importance of native plants to wildlife and people." What would she rather be doing

now? "Nothing! I love my life and am grateful for our good fortune, family, and friends."

Gary Rubin (the author of this column) is pleased to report that the NYC law firm where he has practiced for the past 30 years, Mazur Carp & Rubin, PC, joined forces on July 1, 2013 with Schiff Hardin LLP, a much larger firm with a thriving national practice in Chicago, NYC, and other parts of the country.

"My partners and I will continue practicing construction law, litigation, and trusts and estates in Manhattan with our new partners at Schiff Hardin. Now we will learn how the other half lives." □ **Gary L. Rubin**, glr34@cornell.edu; **Alex Barna**, alexbarna@comcast.net.

“There was way too much senseless beauty and great food!”

Roz Horn Schaffer '74

73 THEMES OF REUNION: **William T. Keeton, PhD '58**, was familiar to many, just not as a dorm.

Gray hair, when we had it.

Multiple careers.

Retirement: just arrived or coming soon.

All our loves, all ages, shapes, and sizes.

Beer, wine, and fudge in abundance.

Up the Slope in buses we rode.

Down we strolled, feted, LaFever-fragmented, and feisty.

Hey, Walter says we changed the world!

Whispered wonderings: who would still be here at the 50th?

Did you see the Class of '38? They're, like, 86! Note: we're already twice the age at which we advised ourselves not to trust anyone.

Cornelliana Night, Dueling Pianos, the State of the University, Beer Tents!

Affinity groups, fraternities, sororities, radicals, housemates, and Phi Beta Kappas.

And those who never left Ithaca, but came to say hello.

Did I mention the weather? Pleasant Ithaca drizzle, of the familiar variety.

Late nights, early mornings, and roaring falls. Made new friends and renewed the old.

Weaving silver memories and gold among the threads of Red.

Over 200 hundred of us arrived on campus in early June to enjoy a few days of immersion into the delights that are Cornell. With over 10 percent of our graduating class represented, it was impossible not to know someone—or someone who knew someone you knew. Relationships remain at the heart of life, and Cornell reunions are no exception. Trust that you'll know someone and make a promise to come in 2018. College was a touchstone, good or bad, and coming back lets you have the perspective that you couldn't have then.

A delightful part of having successful classmates is that we can bask in the glory of their

accomplishments. As we were reminded, anyone who graduated in 1973 is a member of the class. So even if you weren't at Reunion, please know how strongly our class supported the educational mission of Cornell. For those of you who were scholarship students, like I was, we now support two students as Class of 1973 Scholars. I know you've changed their lives.

Overall, our class has donated many millions of dollars to Cornell to promote its ongoing excellence. The campus is more crowded with buildings and activities than in our day and it continues to grow to serve us all. We broke our own university record for Tower Club donors, at 87. Since I'm still recovering from sending those triplets to college, I can only say thanks to my classmates who pick up my slack and make us look good.

And while Prof. LaFever spoke about the fragmentation of the globe during our class panel session, Reunion is about the vitality of long connections that keep that splintering from truly driving us apart. Classmates came from all over the world to stand in the rain and drink beer—surely life really is good!

I've left the telling of individual stories to my fellow columnists for the next few issues. They were mostly there and so should have plenty to write about. My friends will remain anonymous for the moment, but you know who you are—old and new. Thanks to those of you who have already answered my plea at Reunion to send in news. You'll no longer receive as many of those lovely paper sheets on which to write and send your news, as Cornell is sending almost exclusively electronic dues requests—so we need you to go electronic with us, too. We in the column-writing business still want to hear from you, so submit your news anytime and we'll make sure it gets in a column.

□ **Phyllis Haight** Grummon, phg3@cornell.edu.

74 **Kevin Egan** published his sixth novel, *Midnight*, in July. He describes it as "a noirish thriller set largely in the New York County Courthouse." He adds, "*Publishers Weekly* commented that 'late action twists and reversals ensure that nothing turns out as expected' and called the novel 'a thrilling read.'" Way to go, Kevin. You can find Kevin on the Cornell Writers list on the main university website and at www.kjeganfiction.com.

Our class continues its artistic endeavors in Mexico, where **Esteban Rosas** (egr5@cornell.edu) plays guitar in bars as a hobby ("James Taylor and Bob Dylan songs—for mature audiences!") and has written a book. Professionally he worked for P&G as an engineering manager, opened a lumber business, got an MS in economics, and now works for the state government of Durango as deputy minister of economic development. "I am working toward a PhD in economics from Edinburgh Napier U. and want to apply to the National System of Research and spend the last quarter of my life doing economic research." Esteban enjoys a happy marriage of 38 years, travels for business to Italy and Asia (investment promotion), and has two grandchildren (ages 5 and 3). He keeps in touch with **Don Gross** and **Bob Hoff**.

William Salomon moved back to Woodstock, NY, after 11 years in South Carolina and Alabama. "We look forward to attending alumni events in Ithaca and connecting with friends." **Roz Horn Schaffer** (rmh21@cornell.edu) is director of human resources for the Barnes Foundation in Philadelphia, home to what she describes as "one

of the greatest art collections in the world." She is also an adjunct professor in HR at Philadelphia U. "My husband, Charlie, and I celebrated the big birthday with a trip to Italy. We spent a week participating in a 'Foodie Adventure,' touring and cooking in Tuscany. Then we traveled to Pisa, Cinque Terre, and back to Roma. There was way too much senseless beauty and great food!" **Barbara Gales** (bg11236@aol.com) spends her time attending social and academic events, encouraging young people to "reach higher than they ever dreamed they could," and encouraging students to choose a career in the health field. She dreams of vacationing in the Mideast or South Africa to learn about different cultures and "to purchase treasures from these countries." Barbara would like to hear from **Amos Cotton** and **Rae Beasley** Wyatt.

Kathleen Denis (Bryn Mawr, PA; kad66@cornell.edu) celebrated 13 years at the Rockefeller U., where she heads its technology transfer office. Husband **Albert Rohr** is still head of Allergy and Asthma at the Main Line Health Hospitals outside of Philadelphia and was scheduled to become president of the medical staff at Bryn Mawr Hospital in July. Their "baby," **Anna Denis-Rohr '13**, graduated *magna cum laude* in May from CALS on a clear day in Ithaca. "She joins her mother, father, and brother, **Mike Denis-Rohr '10**, to complete the Cornell family foursome. Anna will start graduate work in food science at UMass after a summer internship at Mars. Mike is a mechanical engineer and works for bridge consultants in the Philadelphia area. We have seen **Ken Kramer** and his wife in NYC and had a great time at the postponed 60th birthday party in April with our Cornell classmates. We're looking forward to reunion next year in Ithaca."

My husband, **John Kronstadt '73**, and I became grandparents to Caroline Reese Turner on January 25, 2013. She is a lovely redhead with navy blue eyes. Although her parents are not Cornell alumni, she already dons a Cornell sun hat. We cannot wait to introduce her to our alma mater. Our daughter **Nicola '14** was recently one of 30 students featured in a presentation to the Arts and Sciences Advisory Board. She heads off to the Cornell in Washington program next semester, and if all goes well, to medical school after a gap year. Since graduating from Stanford Business School, our son **Erik '06** has worked in a startup company dedicated to bringing blended learning into underserved public schools. He also established a young professional's board to support the Alliance group of charter schools in Los Angeles, in which he taught for two years in the Teach For America program after graduating from Cornell. John and I continue to enjoy judging, he in federal court and I on the Los Angeles Superior Court bench.

Thanks to all who responded to the request for class news. More to come next time. Make sure to keep us up to date with your own news. **Helen Bendix**, hbendix@verizon.net; **Betsy Moore**, emoore@cazenovia.edu; **Jack Wind**, jjw@mwhlawfirm.com. Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

75 This is a special year for most of us—although I certainly do not feel (or act) like I'm turning 60! I have been able to share some of our classmates' celebrations recently. It started with **Lynn Arrison Harrison** (lah2127@aol.com) and husband **Chip '74**, as her 60th was in December. They welcomed their first grandchild when son Ridgely and wife

Rachel welcomed daughter Hayden in October. Daughter Katie is an attorney in New York, and son Willie is a financial advisor in Vermont. In March, I drove up with **Rich Marin**, MBA '76 (ram38@cornell.edu) to visit Cornell. Rich is currently president and CEO of New York Wheel LLC, which is expected to become a landmark attraction on Staten Island and the tallest observation wheel in the world. He is also a clinical professor at the Johnson School. Son Thomas is entering the Cornell Class of 2017, following in the steps of sister **Carolyn Marin** Lundholm '08. Carolyn made Rich a first-time grandpa when she gave birth to daughter Charlotte in June.

In April, I attended a surprise 60th for **Bob Brennan**, ME '76 (rtsbsb53@gmail.com), thrown by his wife, Claire, and it had an SAE/U-Hall reunion feel. Unfortunately, the band did not know how to play "Johnny B Goode"! Attending were Patti and **Nick Makes**, ME '76 (nmakes@tcco.com), Pat and **Paul Blasioli**, ME '77 (pab43@cornell.edu), Linda and **Bruce Shutts** (bps44@comcast.net), and Noreen and **Rory Sadoff** (dinkyrrs@aol.com). Bob runs Brennan & Priest, an engineering/building company on Long Island, and lives in Stony Brook, NY. He is an avid family man who can boast about his great sons Michael and Shane and daughters Kaitlyn and Meghan. His wife regularly indulges my tennis wishes and agrees to play whenever I visit. Michael, who will receive a PhD in computer science from Drexel U. in June, is taking his father on a trip to Alaska to celebrate Bob's 60th. Nick is an SVP at Turner Construction Co. in NYC and lives in Southport, CT. Paul lives in East Lyme, CT, and is an environmental manager for Dominion Resources. Bruce and Linda (IC '74) celebrated their 38th anniversary in May. Bruce retired from a career in pharmaceutical R&D last year and now lives outside of Boston, enjoying a lot of golf, travel, and father-of-the-bride duties for daughter Amanda, who wed last September. Daughter Megan graduated from Colgate and son Jeffrey finishes Tufts vet school in 2014. Bruce tries to keep in touch with Bob, Nicky, and Blas annually "to keep memories of U-Halls and SAE alive in our hearts." Rory is director of oral surgery at Nassau County Medical Center and lives in Massapequa, NY. His daughter Rory just finished her freshman year at UMass, where she followed in the footsteps of brothers Zach (Tufts '09) and Luke (Hamilton '12) and played on the lacrosse team.

Later in April, I went on a cruise with several classmates on a special annual girls' weekend to celebrate our 60th. Joining me were: Lynn Arrison Harrison, **Cindy Coulter** Harris (cgeorge@sgbfamilylaw.com), **Steffi Feit** Gould (gouldpjaks@aol.com), **Cindy Johnson** Giambastiani (cinedg@mac.com), **Karen Lauterbach** (Karen.e.lauterbach@gmail.com), **Ting Magill** Kamon (cmkamon@gmail.com), and **Abbie Smith**, MBA '79, PhD '81 (abbie.smith@chicagobooth.edu). Cindy Harris's daughter Caroline and husband Lee made Cindy a first-time grandmother to their daughter Kai Cecilia. Son Dan just passed his CPA exams. Cindy Giambastiani's son Peter married **Claire Zipp '05** last year.

Ting and Mark Kamon had a busy year after Mark retired and they moved permanently to Kennedyville, MD, where they are playing golf and planning weddings! Son Mike married Lindsay Devine last October, and daughter Emily married Jason Dahne this June. They also attended Lorna and **Jim Thul's** (jt@thulmachine.com) son Garrett's graduation ceremony from West Point. His oath was administered by Gen. **John "Jay" Paxton '73**, ME '74, Assistant Commandant of the US

Marine Corps, and the Kamons assisted in pinning on Garrett's 2nd Lieutenant bars. Jay's wife, **Debbie (McCoy)**, BS Nurs '77, was there as well. Jim adds that Garrett was awarded the Army Athletic Association Class Athlete, honoring those who have given the most valuable service to intercollegiate athletics during their careers as cadets. He received his diploma from Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel. Abbie Smith, the Boris and Irene Stern Distinguished Service Professor of Accounting at the U. of Chicago Booth School of Business, delivered the 515th Convocation Address at Chicago's graduation ceremony this year.

At the end of May, I went to see Cornell at the Final Four in lacrosse and saw a number of '70s alums at the pre-game tailgate (it was an honor to spend time with the guys from the first National Champs of '71!). Also there were **Bill Hoffman**, **Bill Totten '73**, and **Brian Dawson** and his daughter Sydney. Brian is a claim counsel for Travelers in the Baltimore area. Sydney just completed her first year at U. of Delaware and is on the co-ed cheer competition team. Brian's wife, Patti, is at Johns Hopkins Hospital, where she is assistant director of nursing/coordinator for the Magnet program for excellence in nursing. They live in Bel Air, MD, and Brian follows the Ravens and the Orioles as well as the Big Red!

Jeff Shamis (shamis@bellsouth.net) writes from Gainesville, FL, where he retired from his Ameriprise Financial planning practice after selling it to a former partner. He has been touring the US and Canada in a small RV, putting on 9,000 miles last year. **Andy Feigin** (andy@applefig.com) and wife Mimi are in stage management services. A couple of years ago they were able to enjoy a vacation along California's Central Coast after running a corporate event for Hewlett-Packard. Son Benjamin (Carnegie Mellon '09) is a senior software developer at Enova Financial in Chicago, and daughter Hannah graduated from Eckerd College and has spent summers as a stage management intern at the O'Neill Playwrights Conference in Waterford, CT. I just watched the 67th Annual Tony Awards ceremony on TV and noticed Andy's name in the credits, and the staging was magnificent! In addition, Andy was recently honored by the Academy of Television Arts & Sciences for his work on "The Kennedy Center Honors," which has won Emmy awards as Outstanding Variety, Musical, or Comedy Special for several years. Andy continues to host students through the Cornell extern program and has become actively involved with the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Huntington, NY.

Also recently honored: in St. Croix, VI, the Dr. **Arthur Petersen Jr.** Agriculture Fair Grounds were named after our classmate Art (strictlyart@earthlink.net). The press release noted that Art is a strong advocate for agriculture and is committed to improving coordination, cooperation, and communication among agriculture, environmental, and economic agencies. Art is a member of many agriculture, horticulture, and agronomy societies and is on staff at the St. Croix Career and Technical Education Center, where he teaches adolescent life skills. **Wendy Sneff** had a fellowship on Capitol Hill with Rep. Frank Wolf and the Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission, which is part of the House Foreign Affairs Committee. Afterwards, she returned to the State Dept. to be the desk officer for the Southern Caribbean. Her daughter Caitlin spent part of last summer studying at the American U. of Rome.

Please continue to contact your class correspondents and we will get your news into the

column as soon as possible. ☑ **Deb Gellman**, ds gellman@hotmail.com; **Mitch Frank**, mjfgator@gmail.com; **Karen DeMarco Boroff**, boroffka@shu.edu; **Joan Pease**, japease1032@aol.com.

76 Greetings! **Greacian Goeke '75**, BA '76, writes from Oakland, CA. She is working for Stagebridge Senior Theatre Co. in a new position as director of community relations/staff writer. She is also teaching children and teachers at Mills College in Oakland in the Orff Schulwerk Music & Movement approach. Greacian is developing two groups of elder dancers and improvisational movement artists to tour schools and community centers to model healthy aging through creative movement. She does this because dance is a language that any age can speak—and for older adults, discovering their “dancer within” opens a new world of expressive possibilities at a time when reflections about one’s life and purpose need to find a voice. **Jilada “Hart” Breadon Williams** lives in Chicago, IL. She manages her dental practice and, in her free time, does sculpting. She is continuing her education in orthodontics because she loves learning new areas of dentistry. Estate litigation lawyer **Ilene Sherwyn Cooper**, partner at Farrell Fritz Attorneys in Uniondale, NY, has been selected for the 2012 New York Super Lawyers-Metro list in the area of Estate & Trust Litigation. This is a list of outstanding lawyers who have attained a high degree of peer recognition and professional achievement. Additionally, she was selected by her peers for inclusion in the Best Lawyers in America 2013. In June, Ilene was appointed to two NYS Bar Association Committees: the Committee on Legal Education and Admission to the Bar and the Committee on Professional Discipline.

Jamela Franklin is one of 12 people featured in Aetna Insurance Co.’s Black History Month Calendar. She is an accomplished holistic psychotherapist, certified aroma therapist, certified Reiki master, metaphysician, reflexologist, energy medicine practitioner, and author, and she is currently in private practice in holistic health in Atlanta, GA. Jamela is pursuing her PhD in holistic life coaching at the U. of Sedona, and is also the host and creator of the successful weekly blog talk radio show “Higher Consciousness,” which shares information about aromatherapy, spirituality, metaphysics, nutrition, and empowerment. She is owner and CEO of both Jamela’s Scents and Oyinde Enterprises. Jamela was a Cornell alumni trustee from 2008 to 2012 and was a former co-chair of CAAAN in Atlanta, and co-chair of the Cornell University Black Alumni Association (CBAA). In 2006 she was instrumental in bringing back the largest number ever of black alumni attendees to a reunion.

Stephen Malia reports that in October 2012 almost 200 alumni from Alpha Tau Omega celebrated the fraternity’s 125th anniversary at Cornell. Class of ‘76 attendees were **Al Trefts**, **John Ostman**, **Joe Mui**, **Paul Stander**, **Mike DeBruin**, **Gary Schmidt**, **Rich Mohring**, MS ‘77, and **Andy O’Neill**. “It was a memorable weekend filled with laughs, memories, and friendship.” **Rebecca Lanxner** Nebezar writes, “I have my first novel out, *The Moon in the Morning: A Fairytale with a New Twist*. It is available for download on Amazon as an eBook and an audio book.” Rebecca is semi-retired, working on her art and hobbies.

A personal note to my fellow classmates: stay on top of your routine physicals; we are not

getting any younger. My husband and classmate Don just underwent heart valve replacement—no symptoms, no nothing, just a nagging wife. We were lucky! That’s all the news for now. ☑ **Karen Krinsky Sussman**, Krinsk54@gmail.com; **Pat Relf Hanavan**, Relf@tds.net; **Lisa Diamant**, Ljdiamant@verizon.net.

77 Our annual class News and Dues mailing will be arriving in your mailboxes soon (via e-mail or postal carrier—or both), and we hope you’ll take the opportunity to update your classmates on what’s been happening in your life recently. In the meantime, thanks to those of you who have responded to our electronic solicitations for news, which we will report on in the next column. Hope you had a good summer! Send news to: ☑ **Annette Mulee**, annette@mulee.com; or **Howie Eisen**, howard.eisen@drexelmed.edu. Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>. CAM Digital Edition, <http://www.cornellalumni magazine-digital.com>.

78 Despite occasional downpours, 228 classmates, spouses, children, and spies from the Class of ‘79 (**Janet Bristol** and **Kathleen Perkins**) had a blast at our 35th Reunion. First, kudos to **Laura Day Ayers**, MBA ‘86, and **Suzanne Bishop Romain** for planning the weekend. Suzanne gets extra credit for attending with a cracked rib. Classmates were housed at the North Campus Townhouses, which did not exist back in our day. My Townhouse-mate was **Meg Mitchell** Weingart (Cleveland, OH), although we never seemed to be in the unit or conscious at the same time until just before we left on Sunday. The classmate who traveled the farthest was **Harry Rudolph**, who lives in South Korea.

There were a few changes from our undergrad days—and even from the last reunion. Fellow Washingtonian **Henry Farber** (Issaquah, WA) arrived without a beard. His explanation: “I grew it 36 years ago to look older, but I don’t need to look older anymore.” It was **Ilene Stein Voigt’s** (Highland Park, IL) first ‘78 reunion. She had previously attended husband **David ‘77’s** reunions. Classmate **Linda Piccinino**, MPS ‘83 (Rockville, MD) was David’s partner on the Big Red cheer-leading squad. **Don Strenk** and **Diane Elliott** (Irvine, CA) have three children, all of whom graduated from Cornell. Two of them graduated in ‘03 and ‘08, though, so they had to miss our two previous reunions.

Our ROTC classmates were well represented. One-third of the 24 Naval ROTC commissions from ‘78 were in attendance, including **Jim Gentile** (Mission Viejo, CA). On the Army ROTC side, **Dave Crowley** spends time in Pensacola, FL, and New Orleans. His pied-à-terre in New Orleans is conveniently located above a sushi restaurant. **Vicki Proctor** Hulick was stationed in Berlin prior to the reunification of East and West Germany. She currently lives in Alexandria, VA, and does regulatory consulting for financial institutions.

One of my esteemed predecessors as class correspondent, **Pepi Leids**, DVM ‘82 (Bath, NY) has a new horse and is still training Border Collies for agility trials. **Susan Ziff** (Georgetown, MA) did not make it to veterinary school, but she feels as if she’s gone there via her experience raising Great Danes and horses. Human healthcare practitioners were also well represented. **Mindy Schwartz**

is in internal medicine at the U. of Chicago; **Michael Landau** practices dentistry in the Albany area; and **Jeff Snedeker** is a pediatrician in Ithaca and has given recitals on the Sage Chapel and Anabel Taylor Hall organs.

Many years ago, several of us bought Cornell scarves from the Class of ‘71 at the Cornell Association of Class Officers (CACO) Mid-Winter meeting. I wore mine at Friday night’s dinner at the Statler. As it turns out, the scarf was designed by our classmate **Terry Rosen**. She also designed a similar scarf for Princeton. Unofficial reunion photographer **Polly Kreisman** took pictures of Terry, the scarf, and me. Also at Friday night’s dinner, Provost Kent Fuchs announced that the class had a best-ever Reunion Fund campaign, totaling \$8,856,991!

As can be imagined, the headquarters lounge was the scene of numerous reminiscing sessions. (Your correspondent is applying maximum restraint in publishing these stories, lest classmates’ children read this column and realize that their parents were cooler than they thought.) **Heidi Warner Kaess** and **Don Ercole** recalled the Fiji Island party freshman year, when one of the purple-painted revelers left an awkwardly placed handprint on the white shorts of the lacrosse referee. The brothers of Phi Sigma Epsilon had an extensive session on Saturday night, led in part by **Dan Button**. The only story from this conversation fit to print in a family magazine involved a 4 a.m. downtown doughnut run during finals week and a locking gas cap on **Brian Benhaim’s** car, for which Brian did not have the key. Some classmates participated in gustatory reminiscing. Saturday night **Mark Rouleau** (Derby, KS) and **Doug Johnson** (Haddonfield, NJ) returned from the beer tents with Hot Truck Su’s clutched in their hands. Doug and wife **Anne (Hamilton)** report that their children are out of the house and gainfully employed. Updating to more recent times, class webmaster **Paul Brantley** and **Jim Heedles** discussed the pitfalls of trying to establish satellite and ham radio communications links with NASA space flights.

Nina Silfen (NYC) has established her own trusts and estates practice. Daughter Sarah thoroughly enjoyed the Youth Program. After Saturday’s lunch, Nina and Sarah caught a ride with **Randall Nixon** in a Plantations van. Nina’s former suite-mates **Anne Marie Knudsen Samuels** and **Diane Dunn Tokoph** (Naperville, IL) shared a townhouse during the weekend. **Elizabeth Gilkeson** Aikens lives outside Philadelphia and works for a nonprofit that supports health centers in Uganda.

Several classmates were unable to attend due to offspring graduations or travel. **Ellyn Graff** Michaelis and **Larry Mix’s** oldest son, **Michael Mix ‘08**, is an attorney in Manhattan. Ellyn wrote: “We all enjoyed his graduation from a very different perspective. It brought back many memories for me.” Their middle two children are students at Wesleyan and Penn State, and the youngest graduated from high school in June. **Vic Janas**, MS ‘79’s (Monroe, NJ) younger son just graduated from middle school. Vic and wife **Bernadette (Garchinsky)**, PhD ‘93, have two other children. Son **Victor ‘13** is a Computer Science major at Cornell who will graduate in December, and daughter Kate is in the honors program at the U. of South Carolina. **Cindy Sweberg** Kleiman (Marlboro, NJ) wrote: “My older daughter Gillian is pretty much launched out into the world; she is a reporter/copy editor for the *New York Post* and lives in (of all places) Brooklyn (what is that about apples and trees?), and once Rachel heads off to college in the fall (George Washington U.), the nest will be pretty

quiet." **Lorri Lofvers** and husband **George Bradley '76** were in Australia on Reunion Weekend visiting a daughter who was studying there.

Our new class officer roster for the next five years is as follows: president, **Mary Bowler** Jones; immediate past president, **Roger Anderson**; VP, regional events, **Cynthia Kubas**; VP, social media, **Sharon Palatnik** Simoncini; membership chair, **Lori Wasserman** Karbel; secretary, **Angela De -Silva**; treasurer, **Marie Hagen**, JD '81; assistant secretary-treasurer, Pepi Leids; reunion co-chairs, Laura Day Ayers and Suzanne Bishop Romain; Cornell Fund representative, **Pat Reilly**; website community manager, Paul Brantley; and Class Council, **Chip Brueckman**, **Mike Cook**, **Linda Jones** Gaetano, MAT '02, **Sheryl Hilliard** Tucker, Randall Nixon, **Andy Paul**, Linda Piccinino, **Kent Sheng**, Nina Silfen, **Susanne Solomon**, **Joanne Wallenstein** Fishman, **Kevin Wandryk**, and **Vivian Wohl**. Ilene and I will continue as your correspondents. Don't hesitate to e-mail your news for upcoming columns! **Cindy Fuller**, cindy@cindyjfuller.com; **Ilene Shub** Lefland, ilefland@snet.net.

79 It's hard to believe it's been 35 years since our senior year. Whether you come to campus regularly or seldom, we hope to see you! For current information about our class activities, check our website, social media, and CU1979Reunion on Twitter, or contact **Brad and Mary Maxon Grainger**, MPS '87, at (607) 257-3268 or mmgithaca@aol.com. Homecoming on Sept. 20-21 will feature new and special activities as well as traditional ones. A class gathering will fit into the mix. Last June, at planning meetings for our upcoming reunion (June 5-8, 2014) the Graingers were joined by **Mary Wilensky** Kahn and **Jordan Schell-Lambert**, ME '80. In September they plan to meet with **Karen Mineo**, **Shelley Spooner** Cooper, and others. A number of classmates checked out many menus and venues during Reunion 2013 and observed the annual spirit of re-connection and fun that occurs when Cornellians gather! Be assured that the Cornell community and your class reunion committee are developing plans for a memorable weekend that you will not want to miss.

This month's news includes graduations, travel, and classmates switching careers or jobs. Several classmates wrote from California. In May, **George Atkins**, BArch '83, received a JD from Santa Clara U. School of Law. "I became a registered patent agent back in 2009, then decided that becoming an attorney was a jolly thing to do. I plan to intern with the Sacramento County Public Defender's Office while awaiting Bar results." When **Paul Werbaneth** wrote from Petaluma, he was looking forward to the summer wedding of his and Yuko's younger daughter. Paul had the lucky chance (and has the photos to prove it) to visit campus for 18 hours in mid-May. "All was lovely, Cosmos is a world-class work of art, and the student running through Baker Hall, crying, with a chemistry final in her hands gave me the willies." Paul reports that **Marc Peter Keane** did a wonderful job with the new pocket garden at the Johnson Museum (that is particularly lovely when the azaleas are in bloom) and likes that Silicon Valley legend **Jim Morgan** '60, MBA '63, and his wife, **Becky Quinn** '60, donated the funds for this serene space. Paul looks forward to seeing everyone at reunion in 2014!

Ron McCray lives in Dallas, TX. After 22 years as a lawyer and executive in senior management

at Kimberly-Clark Corp. and Nike Inc., he now has been working as an investor, corporate director, and Boston Celtics minority owner. Ron was recently elected to the corporate boards of EveryWare Global Inc., Career Ed, and Children's Medical Center-Dallas, and was also reelected to the Cornell Board of Trustees in May 2013. He has been doing a lot of traveling, including a safari in South Africa and trips to the London Olympics, Nice, Cannes, and Lisbon. Ron has three children: Morgan graduated from Wesleyan in 2010 with honors, Adriane graduated from the U. of Pennsylvania in 2012 with honors, and Jordan will graduate from Rice in 2014. **Tom McKinnon** (Boulder, CO) formed InventWorks in 2012 "to meet a need in the engineering and design world for a shop that can creatively attack a wide range of problems without preconceived skill set constraints." The firm's goal is to help clients who are at any stage of the product development cycle. Often his clients' projects are at the early stage of design—sometimes they walk in with nothing but an idea and some rough sketches—and he also works with engineers who arrive with detailed solid models but need some assistance in manufacturing. He works with contract manufacturing facilities in Asia for large production volumes.

Jeff Berg, ME '80, MBA '81, and his wife migrated west to Scottsdale, AZ, after selling their house in Katonah, NY, in February 2013. However, they have not entirely left the East Coast because they rented a condo on Cape Cod for the summer and fall. He adds, "We spent 11 days driving cross-country from Arizona to Massachusetts in mid-May visiting national parks, museums, historical sites, cheesy roadside attractions, and, along the way, classmates **Carol French** Ducommun, MBA '85, **Steve Sues**, MS '80, MBA '81, and **Dan Mansoor**, MBA '80. We also saw classmates **Lon** and **Lisa Barsanti Hoyt**, **Patty Garr**, **Bill McNamara**, and **Jeff Dingle** at the Cornell-Duke lacrosse game in Philadelphia during Memorial Day weekend." That was a disappointing game, but lots of us watched it in person or on TV. Jeff is singing the praises of **Jonathan Talamo** '82 after undergoing cataract surgery on both eyes.

Mark Hallock (Irvington, NY) left Jefferies in 2012 to start a financial advisory firm, M20 Private Fund Advisors. M20 works with private equity fund managers to help them prepare for fundraising and then raise capital. The Hallock family planned to travel to Turkey in June after Mark's eldest son, Nick, graduates from the Hackley School. Nick will enter Columbia College in the fall. Mark keeps in touch with **Scott Jacobs**, **Ray Yasson**, **Denis Barone**, and **Dave Boor**. **Stephanie**

Jacquaney resides near me in New York City and has been a lawyer with Madison Square Garden for 19 years. Her triplets are now 12, and Stephanie and her husband Mark really enjoyed their empty nest this summer when all three children were at sleep-away camp.

Send your news and keep this column filled! Classmates would love to hear what is going on in your life. You can also keep up with class events by joining CornellConnect (<http://www.alumniconnections.com/olc/pub/CEL/homepage.cgi>), our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/Cornell1979/>), and the Cornell Class of '79 LinkedIn group. As always, you can submit news to us throughout the year at classof79@cornell.edu, or directly to: **Linda Moses**, mosesgurevitch@aol.com; **Kathy Zappia** Gould, rdgould@comcast.net; or **Cynthia Ahlgren** Shea, cynthiashea@hotmail.com.

80 Wastrel that I am, I have remained true to a promise I made in 1978 through the beery haze of another Collegetown party punctuated by sirens and flashing lights, namely that I would never be the kind of neighbor who calls the cops on loud college kids celebrating the end of the semester. My wife and I live in a college neighborhood, too. There are plenty of parties when school is in session, and they get loud and boisterous. Lest I sound too sanctimonious in my "cool" empathy with the youngsters in the 'hood, I should probably point out that I'm hard of hearing now. I blame the Cornell Concert Commission and the Doobie Brothers.

Speaking of the Cornell Concert Commission, I have a fond memory of Dickey Betts performing "Melissa" to an unusually small crowd in Barton Hall when the Allman Brothers played there. In my telling, it was Dickey and me and a few other people. It seemed so intimate. If you were there, and you remember it differently, never, ever tell me the truth.

Joyce Rosen writes that she traveled to Cuba late last year. She says that she loved riding in the antique cars (most of the oldest cars are 1950s American models), "but even better was the ride I took in the rumble seat of an even older one!" **Ruth Ormsby**, MPS '82 (Huntington Beach, CA) reports that she is still a full-time employee and now a part-time mom as well. Her son, 25, is living in San Francisco and works at CBRE, and her daughter, 23, is currently living at home and working at a law firm. Ruth and her husband were still dealing with water damage in their condo, four months



Class of 1979!

Watch for event details and more!

35 th Reunion in Ithaca	Jun. 5-8, 2014
Homecoming in Ithaca	Sep. 20-21, 2013
International Spirit of Zinck's	Oct. 17, 2013
Cornell Men's Hockey in NYC	Nov. 30, 2013

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after a neighbor's fire. She adds, "I have been employed in hotel development for 30 years, with no line of sight to retirement yet. Currently working with Carlson Hotels, based in Southern California. We boat to Catalina as often as we can." Other travels for Ruth and her husband have included a recent dive vacation in Grand Cayman and a cruise in summer 2012 to celebrate their 30th anniversary.

Jeffrey Lindy writes: "Although the game did not turn out as we had hoped, I had a great time

of Wilmington, DE. Michael was a founding member of the campus humor magazine, the *Cornell Lunatic*, in 1978 and also served as photography editor for two years. He was a sweet, quiet guy with a wonderful sense of humor. For the Fall 1978 issue of the *Lunatic* (available in the Cornell Archives in Kroch Library), he dressed up as an army soldier and jumped from a rope swing into the reservoir for a photo in the magazine. He was my roommate for two years, attended my wedding,

recently completed an MS in STEM education at Tufts U. and will start his PhD in STEM education at Tufts this fall. **Gail Henry Katz** has been running Leon Henry Inc., a family-owned, direct marketing business, and shares the sad news that her husband passed away recently after a 27-year illness. Gail has twin 19-year-old boys who finished their freshman year in college. She keeps in touch with **Pam Weigel Brennan** and **Amy Berger Morse**. **Peter Schott** writes, "I've been enjoying my service as the Rochester (NY) district rep for the CALS Alumni Association. It's been a great way to reconnect with old friends and make new ones. The CALSAA board is really committed to serving the interests of the College and the alumni. It's inspiring to be involved with such a capable group, and my appreciation for all things CALS continues to grow." **Colin Rehkugler**, MS '83, will be retiring after 30 years with IBM at the end of 2013. Next steps are unknown, but he is looking forward to even more ski time next year.

Lynn Ciolino Boyajian's daughter **Lindsay '13** graduated from Cornell in May and received her BS ILR. She has been accepted into the ILR master's program in International and Comparative Labor and will be staying at Cornell another year. In addition, she launched a startup company called Weareveryougo.com through Cornell's prestigious incubator program, eLab. Kappa Delta sister **Janice Kerzner** Tillo writes from Jacksonville, FL, that a round of golf is five hours of mental and physical stress . . . as a parent spectator! "It was all worth it, however, when our BU freshman, Emily, was named the MAAC (Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference) Women's Golf Rookie of the Year at the conference championship held at Disney's Palm Course in April. All of us were on hand to support her, except her older sister, Carolyn, who now has a 'real' job in Boston. Lizzie, 17, would love to join her sisters in Beantown. Our youngest, T.J., 13, probably wouldn't mind a little separation from his sisters. He can't get away with much having four mothers!" **Leslie Watson** Pearson was selected as principal of a K-5 elementary school in her home district of Fairfield, CT, as of July 2013. "McKinley School is wonderful. It has about 470 students, and Fairfield is a great district. I'm very lucky to have been chosen. Needless to say, life is hectic and exciting right now." The Leland C. and Mary M. Pillsbury Inst. for Hospitality Entrepreneurship (PIHE) recently welcomed four new hospitality industry leaders to its advisory board including our classmate **Kenneth Blatt**, chief operating officer of the hotel division and principal in Caribbean Property Group LLC (CPG). CPG is a real estate investment firm that owns and operates real estate assets in Puerto Rico, the Caribbean, and Central America across the retail, hotel, industrial, and office sectors. Its current hotel assets include the Ritz-Carlton San Juan Hotel, Spa, and Casino and the Radisson Ambassador Hotel and Casino.

Thanks for all the great news! Please keep those e-mails coming! We love to hear from you. **JoAnn Minsker** Adams, joann@budadams.net; **Barb Amoscato** Sabaitis, beachba@hotmail.com; **Betsy Silverfine**, bsilverfine@comcast.net.

82 My fraternity brother **Eric Bauer** writes that his fourth book, *Reliability and Availability of Cloud Computing*, was published by Wiley-IEEE Press in 2012. I also heard from fraternity brother **Randy Marcus** of Ithaca, who, along with fellow Lambda Chi **Greg Deierlein '81**, catches the radio show

“The first lesson Gretchen Ritter learned as dean: “Don’t follow David Skorton as a speaker.””

Alyssa Bickler '83

at the National Lacrosse Championships [in Philadelphia], where I got together for the first time in 30 years with my old friend **Josh Rosenblatt**. Josh came down from Montclair, NJ, with his son **Jackson '16**, who just finished his freshman year at Cornell!" **Shawn Boyne** reports: "I was recently appointed to full professor at Indiana U's Robert H. McKinney School of Law in Indianapolis. In my spare time, I teach meditation at an alternative high school for students recovering from alcohol or drug problems."

David Mallory is a professor of biological sciences at Marshall U. and was recently named department chairman. He writes, "Kimberly and I are now campaigning our 3-year-old Leonberger for his AKC Conformation Grand Championship. Who knows, Westminster may be in his future. We are still on the ICS Chili Trail, and I will be competing for the ninth time in the World Championship Chili Cookoff in Palm Springs next October." Daughter Caitlin is married, and she and hubby are finishing their third year of medical school at Virginia College of Osteopathic Medicine in Blacksburg. Son Max graduated from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical U. with a BS in aeronautical engineering and will be a pilot in the Air Force. "He will be flying the mighty C-130!"

Gail Wechsler says she just completed her fifth anniversary as director of domestic issues/social justice at the Jewish Community Relations Council of Saint Louis. "I love my job, which involves legislative advocacy and coalition building on issues including the environment, health care access, immigration, and poverty. I was pleased to participate in the Leadership Saint Louis program in 2011-12." Last year she received a scholarship to attend the Siach Jewish Social Justice/Environmental Action Conference in Israel. "It was my first time visiting Israel and I was able to sight-see and visit with relatives I had not seen for many years." Gail is married to **Bob Cropp '81**, who last year became a full professor at Saint Louis U. "We are very proud of our children, Jeremy (NYU '11), who lives in Portland, OR, and works for the Hive-FX film production company, and Hannah, who just graduated high school and will be a freshman at Bard College in Annandale-on-Hudson in the fall."

We enjoy reporting good news from our classmates, but life is tenuous, and can take a tragic turn. **Joey Green**, BFA '81, writes, "Sadly, I must report the death of **Michael Crowley**. He died May 21, 2013 from esophageal cancer in his hometown

and made me laugh out loud with his gentle wit." **Dik Saalfeld**, rfs25@cornell.edu; **Dana Jer-rard**, dej24@cornell.edu; **Cynthia Addonizio-Bianco**, caa28@cornell.edu; **Leona Barsky**, Leonabarsky@aol.com.

81 This spring has been a busy one for the Adams household! I am working as a project manager for a software consulting firm while also running our coffee-house. We are planning a trip to Yosemite this summer, as well as our annual week of camping and boating in Bass Lake. Both our kids were very active in show choir, and our son Tyler's choir took Grand Champion title at the FAME Orlando Show Choir competition. This summer he spent two weeks in Boston. Luckily, I enlisted the aid of my friend **Kathy Philbin** LaShoto to pick him up at the airport and bring him to Boston U. for the Summer Challenge program. Kathy is enjoying life with her two college-age kids: James is a senior at Bentley, and MaryAnn is at Holy Cross. Kathy is in Boston working in real estate as a regional facilities manager.

Mark Elsaesser reports from Ohio that his daughter Catherine will graduate from high school in a few weeks and enter Cornell's School of Hotel Administration this fall. Recently, Catherine, as a representative of the Cornell Club of Southwest Ohio, presented the Cornell Book Award to a fellow student at her high school. After over 20 years working in public policy studies, **Robert Cropp** is now a professor of political science at Saint Louis U. He recently converted to Judaism, joining his wife, Gail, and two children, Hannah and Jeremy. Jeremy graduated from NYU's Tisch School of the Arts in 2012 and is a video producer/editor for Crowd Supply and an artist at Hive FX, a company that works on the "Grimm" series on NBC. Hannah graduated from high school in May and will start at Bard College this fall. Robert keeps in touch with classmates **Aaron Stern**, **Peter Rosenblum**, **Scott Lilienfeld '82**, and **Roland Bonawitz**. He adds that he and Gail are part of a group of St. Louisans of diverse racial backgrounds, called Bridges, who meet periodically to discuss ways to decrease racial polarization in the area.

Steve Cogger is finishing up his sixth year as a teacher after a career in industry. Presently, he is teaching physics and a digital electronics engineering elective at Reading (MA) High School. He

“Rockin’ Remnants,” which has aired on WVBR since 1972 on Saturday evenings. Said Greg (from the West Coast): “Last night I was playing around with a new SONOS music system that my son and I had just hooked up, and by chance I tuned into WVBR just in time to catch ‘Rockin’ Remnants.’ The show, the call letters, and the ever distinctive WVBR DJ took me back to the days of vinyl. It was heartwarming to hear local Ithaca ads, concert logs, and weather reports.” Randy replied, “It is great to know that you and [Greg’s son] Nick are listening at the same time as I am—still one of my favorite radio shows. Nice that some things never change, though these days I’m more likely to head down to Just a Taste or Madeline’s afterward, rather than the Hot Truck.”

Chris Fontana also says hello from the town we can’t forget: “Still bumming around Ithaca, enjoying the hippy town vibe. I got married! (Once NYS popped its head outta you know where and finally legalized it.) I fix up old houses in the winter and tan in the summer. My 22-year-old, Cady, is finishing grad school and playing old-time fiddle in a band.” Also interacting with the government is **Jennifer Gardiner** Liguori: “I continue as the director of the Low Income Taxpayer Clinic at Legal Aid of Arkansas. We assist poor taxpayers in their struggles with the IRS. We regularly have tax debts forgiven for disabled and impoverished clients. We recently scored a \$62,000 victory. We help clients from all over the State of Arkansas, and I operate my e-mail, phone, and fax from the comfort of my Charlotte, NC, home office.” Jennifer recently started her third home vegetable garden and says, “E-mail me at jgliguori@gmail.com with your organic gardening hints and suggestions.” She also traveled to Conway, AR, in May for her youngest child’s graduation from Hendrix College. Jennifer adds, “I love the Facebook updates on our class page. I always look forward to seeing where my classmates are going in their Cornell garb.”

James Hober (Los Angeles) is using his AB in Music to teach guitar privately and at the Los Angeles Music and Art School. He also plays in a classical guitar trio. Like several of our classmates, he has recently become a published author: “I have written and posted an online book about Ted Greene’s V-System: http://www.tedgreene.com/teaching/v_system.asp. Ted Greene was an extraordinary jazz chord melody guitarist and he developed an important system for categorizing chords based on their spacing.” From Virginia Beach, VA, we heard from our class co-president (with **Greg Busby**) **Charles Stuppard**. Charles recently obtained his PhD from Salve Regina U. in Newport, RI, and is still in the Navy. He is on his way to serve a one-year tour in Saudi Arabia as Chief of US Naval Forces Division in Riyadh and has been immersing himself in studying Arabic in preparation for his next duty.

Randolph Hunt is putting his BS in Civil Engineering to good use: “I am now the lead supervisor for the in-house design staff in the NYS Dept. of Transportation’s design unit NYC office. The staff designs from \$50 million to \$60 million in highway projects every year. I also received my advanced communicator silver award from Toastmasters Int’l for completing ten speeches from the Toastmasters advanced speaking manuals.” From Gilbert, AZ, **Helen Zamorski** Hollands writes, “After several careers, I have landed in public education as the director of communications and marketing for Mesa Public Schools, the largest district in Arizona. Not sure how a ChemE ended up here, but I love it. I just finished a 12-year commitment as an

elected member of the Gilbert Public Schools governing board. My husband, Bob, continues to work in the semiconductor industry as the director of sales and marketing for ASM America. He stays active playing local men’s league tennis. We have been in Arizona for 18 years and have three children: **Jeffrey ’12**, who works in the bridges department of HDR in Norfolk, VA; Sarah, who studies musical theatre at Pace U. in NYC; and Daniel, a sophomore in high school and a USTA tennis player. Jeffrey is the fifth Cornell Engineer in the family, along with me, Bob, aunt **Chris Hollands** Tokish ’89, and uncle **Leonard Tokish ’89**. Grandpa **John Hollands ’51**, MBA ’52, is also a Cornell grad. We recently had dinner with **Peter Knollmeyer**, his son **Michael ’09** (who works in Gilbert at Orbital), and Michael’s fiancée.”

Paul Weisman (Fox Point, WI) is chairman of the section of cardiology at a new medical center in Grafton, WI. He has been practicing interventional cardiology for over 20 years in the Milwaukee area. He is empty-nesting with his wife of 27 years, trying to keep up with cycling and tennis, and recently traveled to Sicily. Son Eric works for NVIDIA in Silicon Valley, and son Ryan is a freshman at U. of Wisconsin in Madison. Paul would love to hear from any old (“and getting older”) classmates. **Tom Gagne** (Simpsonville, SC) has been a general practice attorney concentrating in personal injury and criminal defense in Greenville and Spartanburg, SC, since 1992. He is a former JAG officer, special assistant US attorney, and district attorney. He also has a degree from the Harvard Business School and is a member of the Cornell Club of New York and the Harvard Faculty Club. Tom volunteers with CAAAN, meeting with young people who fill him with “pride and hope for the next generation.” His own daughter, Katie, is an honors student at St. Joseph’s Academy in Greenville and received a \$40,000 college scholarship. She is hoping to study law. Son Colin is in sixth grade at St. Joseph’s. **Sam Nazzaro** recently joined PwC as a director with their US Forensic Services Practice. He will assist global organizations, including those operating in emerging markets, to develop threat management capabilities. He comes from the US Dept. of Justice Criminal Division and will be based in McLean, VA. Sam received the assistant attorney general’s Award for Distinguished Service “for the dismantling of the New England La Cosa Nostra.” A fuller list of his very impressive accomplishments can be found in the press release at <http://www.pwc.com/us/en/press-releases/2013/sam-nazzaro-joins-pwc-press-release.jhtml>.

To bring things full circle, I’ll mention that I spent a few hours catching up with Lambda Chi **Mark Portera** over lunch and on the chilly sidelines of a Worcester Polytechnic Inst. varsity baseball game, for whom his son pitches. Mark is in the Atlanta, GA, area and enjoying the satisfaction and challenges of growing business as VP Sales & Marketing for TransMed Co. LLC. TransMed Co. does sales and distribution of drug-testing devices and supplies, along with ancillary laboratory supplies. **Mark Fernau**, mef29@cornell.edu; **Doug Skalka**, dskalka@nplaw.com.

83 At last report, nearly 300 classmates, friends, family, and children came back to the Hill for our 30th Reunion. Most of us arrived in time for the Friday night reception held at the Plantations. We enjoyed a delicious Thai food buffet and the

entertaining remarks of President Skorton. He spoke of how proud he was of Cornell alumni—helping each other during the recession, networking to help other alumni and new graduates get jobs, **Kyle Duke ’13** achieving *Sports Illustrated’s* Athlete of the Year—and introduced our own Class of ’83 dean-elect, **Gretchen Ritter**. President Skorton was a tough act to follow, but Dean Ritter held her own, reporting that the first lesson she learned as dean was, “Don’t follow David Skorton as a speaker.” After the reception, the class headed to the tent parties on the Arts Quad and the ice cream social at the top of what we all remember as High Rise 1.

There were several activities to choose from during the weekend, and a popular one for our class was the zip line. I understand that **Nancy Gilroy** was a champion yeller! Saturday night found us gathered at the Founders’ Terrace outside Uris Library (adjacent to the clock tower) for a reception prior to the class photo on Libe Slope. Then it was on to dinner at the Physical Sciences Building, an impressive atrium location with dozens of tables. Back to the tent parties after that, where I missed several of our classmates—including **Gary Bullis** and **Dave Menapace**—representing us in the Karaoke Tent! Brunch on Sunday wrapped up a great weekend. Thanks go out to our reunion chairs **Susan Wasserman** Guerin (sguerin62@gmail.com) and **Andy Sosa** (jas247@cornell.edu) for a job well done!

Here’s news from some of the attendees. Dave Menapace lives in Syracuse, where he is a buyer for Goulds Pumps. He is proud to be a Cornellian because of the friends he made here. His message to the class: “You must be here in 2018. Having too much going on is not an acceptable excuse for not attending reunion.” **Diane Waters** Robbins was also happy to be at Reunion this year. She is proud of her daughter’s recent graduation from the U. of Vermont, and suggests that we add a bocce tournament to the schedule for the next reunion. Do you hear that, Susan and Andy? **Mike Rosa** “finally surfaced,” as he put it, and was happy to be there.

Gary Bullis, who hangs with Dave Menapace whenever possible, loves taking out his trawler on the Chesapeake Bay. Upon further questioning, we determined that a trawler was a cruising boat. Gary also saw two Cornell lacrosse matches at Maryland this season with **Carlo Frappolli** and attended the Army-Navy game with **Peter Lynch**. **Steve** and **Lisa Polte** came to Reunion from Knoxville, TN. **Liz Cogan** (liz@rukapress.com) and her husband, Dan Kohan, have started Ruka Press, a publishing company focused on environmental nature non-fiction, and are excited about their new book covering the Keystone XL Pipeline. Liz is working as a psych crisis center counselor in Washington, DC, and would love to hear from **Corrine Kostrub** Isakson and **Barb Friedman**.

I also enjoyed seeing **Lucretia Gonshak** Ryan ’82, **Omar Saldana**, **Karen Gottschalk** Bakos, **Dee Longfellow**, my fellow class officers **Nancy Gilroy**, **Abbie Bookbinder** Meyer, **Matt Palumbo**, **Diane Barsky**, **Lisa Esposito** Kok, **Mark** and **Kim Osborn** Rhodes, and many other dear friends. If any of you have anything you want to share from Reunion—or anything else going on in your life—please do send it to one of our newly appointed class correspondents, **Barb Warner** Deane and **Jon Felice**, at the addresses below. I have enjoyed my role, but am taking on the responsibility of VP, communications for the upcoming term. So it is still my job to make sure that we all stay in touch! By the way, **Philip Rickey**, BFA ’84 (sulltric@aol.com)

wrote a short thank-you to all who did so much to make his first Cornell reunion such great fun: "I met many of you for the first time, and look forward to seeing you again at future events. In spite of the weather I think everything went well and all of the class events were great."

In other news, the Class of 1983 has reserved a block of 100 tickets (price approx. \$50 each) for the Cornell-BU hockey game on Saturday, November 30, 2013 at 8 p.m. in Madison Square Garden. Plan to join us for this fantastic biennial event (since 2007)! Details on how to order your tickets in the class block should arrive soon.

That's all I have for now—and I hope you've enjoyed my efforts over the past five years! In addition to sending your news to our new class correspondents, please keep in touch via our Facebook page, and join our group on LinkedIn. Best regards to all. [Alyssa Bickler](mailto:alyssa@bickler.com), cousinalyssa@yahoo.com; [Barbara Warner Deane](mailto:barbdeane@barbdeane.com), barbdeane@barbdeane.com; and [Jon Felice](mailto:jbfelice@jbfelice.com), jbfelice@jbfelice.com.

84 In the "That's so cool!" category: **Chris Cummins** lives in Westchester County, NY, and writes that what's been happening is: "Synchronicity or something like it. I got the e-mail requesting news on the way to Cornell to give a speech on deploying CubeSats from the Int'l Space Station. My company, NanoRacks, provides laboratory accommodations both inside and outside the Space Station and deploys CubeSat (small satellites) from the ISS. Couldn't think of a better place to talk about that."

Education-related news: **Scott Kominkiewicz**, our new Class of '84 membership chair, writes that he and his wife, Teresa (Rutgers '88), live in East Brunswick, NJ, and are working through the college phase of their lives with their four children. "Scott Jr. graduated from Lafayette College in 2012 and is teaching English in Japan in the JET program. Daughter Corinne is a junior at Dartmouth and a member of the track and field team. She competed in her third straight outdoor Heptagonal Track and Field Championship at Princeton in May. Constance is finishing her freshman year as a fashion major at Philadelphia U. And our 6'1" 'baby' John is wrapping up his sophomore year at East Brunswick high school. We attended the Cornell graduation this year to watch our niece **Rachel Evanowski '13** receive her diploma and will return in July to drop John off at Cornell track and field camp. Looking forward to our 30th (ouch!) Reunion next year.

Candie Johnson Killackey and husband **Ed '85's** son **Sean '13** also graduated in May! Sean, a four-year ROTC scholar, was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the US Army during a ceremony at Statler Hall the same weekend. In more legacy news, **Sharon Hayner's** daughter, Kristen Hegedus, will be joining the Cornell Class of 2017. Sharon is a patent attorney at Johnson & Johnson. **Wendy Lecker** is a senior attorney at the Campaign for Fiscal Equity, a project of the Education Law Center. "My work focuses on advocating for adequate resources and equity in New York City public schools. I am also the education columnist for Hearst Connecticut Media Groups, where my columns appear in Hearst's four Fairfield County newspapers." Wendy has three children, a daughter graduating from high school, another daughter one year younger, and a newly rising ninth grade son. **Margaret Crupi Skelly** is working as a writer for edX, a joint venture of MIT and Harvard that provides

free Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs). Cornell recently joined the edX consortium.

In New York Area news, **Maria Sekas-Krum** (mhs55@cornell.edu) is the founder of the Long Island Chapter of the ILR Alumni Association and the ILR Alumni to Alumni Network. She is also an ILR Board member. Maria is proud that her husband, **Ted Krum**, is part of the Beta class at Cornell Tech in a Master of Engineering, Computer Science program. Ted can be reached at eok9@cornell.edu. Maria is still in touch with many alumni. **Shari Cohen** lives on Manhattan's Upper West Side with her husband, Craig, and their 3-year-old son, Ari. "I recently became a partner at a leadership and executive coaching company called Next Step Partners, where we work with leaders and teams to help them become more effective, creative, and strategic." Shari keeps in touch with **Jessie Stein Diamond** and **Aviva Weintraub**. **Dorothy Pelovitz** Frank lives almost around the corner from me in Chatham, NJ. She recently started working as a project manager, handling procurement for Lincoln Educational Services. She and husband **Andy Hollander, JD '91**, have twin fourth grade boys, Caleb and Sam, and are very active on a number of boards, including the Cornell Club of Northern New Jersey. Dorothy sings in a choral group, is preparing a kitchen and yard remodel, and getting the boys ready for their first sleepaway camp experience. They visited Hawaii in 2012 and plan on seeing the Finger Lakes region this summer.

Jay Lindy lives in Memphis, TN, and is looking forward to our 30th Reunion! Jay is chief operating officer and general counsel for Tower Ventures, which is, according to the company's website, a "one-stop" shop for wireless telecommunications structures. **Christian Itin** recently retired from Humboldt State U. and has been appointed chair and professor of the Dept. of Social Work at Metropolitan State U. of Denver. He is happy to be back in Colorado and is looking forward to reconnecting with many old Cornell friends in the area. **Daniel Colbert** has successfully launched a business consulting practice in Santa Barbara, CA, and is senior partner in a new Russian venture capital firm. Colbert Venture Consulting specializes in people and businesses in cleantech, materials, and nanotech. Dan has been playing a lot of music lately (guitar, harmonicas, and singing) and having a great time! His daughter is halfway through her undergrad studies at the U. of Colorado, Boulder, studying psychology.

The saddest part of this volunteer activity is reporting the death of a classmate or spouse. **Dwight Vicks**, MBA '91, has informed us that his wife, Jean (UVA, '85), passed away in April after a 14-year battle with medullary thyroid carcinoma (MTC). Her poise and strength inspired many and was the impetus for the creation of the Int'l Thyroid Oncology Group (ITOG), a nonprofit group of 50 leading physicians and scientists from around the world whose mission is to find better treatments for patients with advanced thyroid cancer (www.itog.org). Cornellians **Mark Adams**, **Rob and Jenny Katz Goldwasser '85**, **Brian Guernier**, MPS '89, and **Dave Rehmus** attended the celebration of Jean's life in Clinton, NY, on April 13.

Finally, we are actively seeking classmates who would like to get involved with class activities, either locally or in June 2014 for our 30th Reunion. Thank you to **Karla Sievers McManus**, who is stepping down as a class co-correspondent after many, many years of volunteering in different capacities! If you are interested in the work of the Class Council, please reach out to Rob Goldwasser,

our nominations chair, at robgoldwasser@yahoo.com. All other interests, please contact me, your class president **Lindsay Liotta** Forness at fornesszone@aol.com. Send news to your class correspondents at: [Janet Insardi](mailto:janetinsardi@hotmail.com), insardij@hotmail.com; or **Karla Sievers McManus**, klorax@comcast.net.

85 I wrote this column in mid-June, but hadn't heard from anyone about their big 50th party/event/hoopla. Did you all forget? I am an October birthday and party plans are in the works! Write any one of us at the addresses below, and let us know how you celebrated this milestone.

Let me start out this column by first congratulating **Lisa Bluestein!** Lisa was sworn in on June 14 as the new president of the Westchester Women's Bar Association at the Mamaroneck Beach and Yacht Club. Lisa had some very close friends there to witness the big event. **Mark Irgang**, a high school buddy of mine and a Hotelier, lives in Greenlawn, NY, and has just accepted a new position as general manager at the Renaissance Meadowlands Marriott Hotel in Rutherford, NJ. For you football fans, Mark will be hosting the NFL personnel for the planning of Super Bowl 2014. He will then be transitioning into a regional VP position, opening Concord Hotels' first two hotels in NYC. **Jim Joseph** (Newtown, PA) has had a banner year for recognition of his professional accomplishments! "I recently won two big industry awards: Agency of the Year from *PRWeek* and Social Media Icon Award for my blog from *PRNews*. Not bad for a 50 year old!" Jim's daughter is a junior at Penn State and is going to be studying abroad in Australia in the spring. His son just graduated from high school and will attend IUP in the fall for business.

Susan Lyons writes from Ann Arbor, MI: "I work as a hematologist/oncologist, care for my 13-year-old daughter and 15-year-old son, and bike, hike, and enjoy all things outdoors. I'm looking for a new position after losing my job due to a back injury." Susan, we wish you well. She would love to hear from her old friend **Susan Diaz**. **Abby Strongin** Cherner (Washington, DC) is busy raising four kids. The oldest is going to be a member of the Hotel school Class of 2017! She also started a cooking center training business—At Home with Abby. She would love to hear from **Marc Goldfarb** and **Sue Levy**. From Tenafly, NJ, **Deborah Goodman** Davis writes that she has published a children's book about a runaway stroller at the Guggenheim Museum entitled *Speeding Down the Spiral: An Artful Adventure*. **Karen Mayo-Tall** (Burke, VA) works at the US Dept. of Education and enjoys reading, scrapbooking, and Pan-Asian cuisine. She volunteers at her church and is involved in mentoring high school students who want to go to college through various programs. Karen writes that it's been a busy year with her daughter entering her senior year and her son preparing for high school this fall.

Jennifer Steig-Strugger (Maplewood, NJ; jsteig@cheshirellc.com) is a partner at a real estate development company in NYC. Her company developed the luxury condos Philip House and Devonshire House on the Upper East Side and Greenwich Village, respectively. In her free time, Jenn loves to ski with her family in Vermont and took a trip out to Park City, UT, this winter. She has been married to Bill Strugger for 13 years and they have three kids: Sara, a senior at Temple U., Abby, 11, and Justin, 9. She would love to hear from

Cornellians in the Maplewood area. **Dawn Makwinski** Young is missing her recently deceased husband, David. She lives in Upper Black Eddy, PA, and is busy running her business and looking forward to her kids' return from college. She would like to hear from **Jeanne Varney**. **Nicole Bertomen** Cooper (East Greenbush, NY) still loves to swim every day and ski all winter. "I started my own IT consulting firm after years in the business. My daughter will be attending Cornell in the fall. She's really looking forward to the whole experience."

In June I went to Breezy Point, NY, with Cornell Cooperative Extension to do a post-Sandy volunteer work project and help with the clean-up and revitalization of the Breezy Point community. A number of us from Cornell, of varying class years, spent the day at residents' homes doing such things as cleaning the sand off decks (almost hip height), painting, sheet-rocking, and planting. While Breezy Point is a relatively middle-class community, many residents have been displaced and still have not been able to rebuild or return to their homes since Sandy. They still need lots of help down there and many residents do not have the cash or insurance money to get their homes in order.

Writing from California, my dear friend **Cheryl Dembner** Weingord has been married for almost 18 years to husband Jerry, and they have two beautiful daughters. Elana graduated from middle school and was chosen to give one of the graduation speeches. She is also on the Big Mountain Ski Team at Squaw Valley in Tahoe. Younger daughter Hailey is entering seventh grade and is a competitive gymnast, placing first in the vault at one of her meets last season. The Weingords share their home with two dogs and two cats. Cheryl graduated from the Tufts veterinary college and has worked as a veterinarian at Santa Cruz Veterinary Hospital for 15 years. She also heads up the local Cornell Alumni Admissions Ambassador Network (CAAAN) and interviews prospective applicants. Hope you all had a great summer. Send your birthday news to: **Roberta Zwiebel** Farhi, rfarhiesq@aol.com; **Joyce Zekowitz** Cornett, cornett0667@comcast.net; **Risa Mish**, rmm22@cornell.edu.

86 **Gretchen Paul** Schnabel writes from Indiana: "I am about to start my fifth year working at the U. of Indianapolis, after staying home with my three kids for 18 years, including running my own photography studio during the last four. I worked at GM as an engineer for five years in safety and crashworthiness until the kids started coming along. I celebrated my 25th anniversary in July with my sweet husband, Ken, who is an engineer for Rolls Royce. Our oldest son is a senior in college, our younger son is a college sophomore—studying engineering!—and our daughter will be a junior in high school this fall." Gretchen keeps in touch with classmates **Karen Abrams** Hilde, **Susan Milner**, **Alison Weir**, **Stacey**

Cowap, **Earl Cox**, ME '91, "and a bunch of people on Facebook."

Lisa Wallach Mandelblatt has a third-generation Cornellian in the family. "My daughter Jen will be the newest Cornellian in the family: ILR '17. (My mom, **Rosalie Frankel** Wallach '60 (CALS), was the first.)" Lisa writes that after a long hiatus, she is once again involved with the Cornell Alumni Admissions Ambassador Network (CAAAN). "It's been so much fun meeting the extremely accomplished high school seniors that are applying to Cornell." **John Kaprielian** (Mahopac, NY) shares this news: "In 2012 I set a goal for myself of writing a poem a day for an entire year. I studied poetry writing with Archie Ammons when I was at Cornell and it had been a while since I had done any serious writing. In 2013, I published all 366 poems as a book, *366 Poems: My Year in Verse*." John's book is available on Amazon.com.

Co-correspondent **Holly Isdale** sent this update—from Kenya!—in early July: "My 16-year-old son, Jack, wanted to work at the UN this summer and I put him in touch with a law colleague who is with the UN in Nairobi. I figured he would end up as a volunteer page in NYC; instead he went off to Nairobi and has been working in a school in the Mathare slums for several weeks. They wanted book donations, but when he suggested using Kindles because they were easy to transport and could hold thousands of books (many of which are in the public domain—and free), they were over the moon. Jack raised money to bring over almost 40 Kindles—with cases—pre-loaded them

and delivered them to the school. He has worked here doing some training with the teachers, helping on computer issues and bringing them some of the various curriculum for different classics.

"The school lets the students take books home if they sign them out and bring them back the next day (the Kindles will not leave the school), and Jack brought over about 50 small rechargeable lights that the kids can use at home at night, since most of the shanties have no electricity. I visited the school and was really humbled by what they do with so very little." Jack was scheduled to return to the States in late July—in time for crew camp at Cornell. Holly adds, "I have wanted to visit Kenya since my grandparents were here around 1969. We are going to take a few days to see the wildebeest migration and the Masa Mara reserve on a short safari, then I head home." Holly's husband, **Tony Ryan** '84, MS '85, is home with their daughter, Abby, who starts college this fall at Hobart and William Smith.

Holly also enjoyed a mini-reunion of Tri Deltas from 1984-88 at the Philadelphia Flower Show in March. "Although we are all connected on Facebook, it was amazing to catch up with old friends and reconnect, as I had not seen many of the other Tri Deltas since we left college." Also there from 1986 was **Aruna Inalsingh**.

News Forms have started to arrive from our most recent class mailing, and we'll start up with them in the next column. Till then, do send an update if you haven't already. Mail in the News Form, write to Mike or me at the addresses below,

Snow Business

Jeff Kohnstamm '84

Six thousand feet up on Oregon's Mount Hood, Jeff Kohnstamm is surrounded by history—both his family's and that of the American Northwest. Kohnstamm is president of Timberline Lodge, a hotel and ski area built in the Thirties under the Works Progress Administration. The lodge, made of local timber and stone, was dedicated by President Franklin Roosevelt in 1937.

Now a national historic landmark, Timberline is owned by the U.S. government, administered by the Forest Service, and leased by Kohnstamm's family firm, RLK & Company. The Hotelie grew up at Timberline and is the second generation to run the business; his father helped save the then-closed lodge from demolition in the Fifties. Kohnstamm, who has three children, hopes to pass its management on to a third generation someday. "The cool thing about working in the hospitality business is that it's different every day," observes Kohnstamm, whose firm also operates a nearby brewpub and condo resort. "We try to expect the unexpected."

After working elsewhere in the hospitality industry, Kohnstamm took over management of the lodge in 1992. The seventy-one-room property plays host not only to skiers and snowboarders—who can hit the trails year-round—but to climbers, mountain bikers, wedding parties, and more. Many of the lodge's guests return year after year. "The culture, history, and location of Timberline are neat,"

Kohnstamm says, "but the most rewarding part is seeing people who have created family memories and traditions."

— Alexandra Clement '16



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87 **Gail Stoller Baer** still enjoys the visitors she and husband **Mike '88**, MBA '89, get in their adopted hometown of Scottsdale, AZ. She writes: "**Rich Friedman** visited us in February, getting a much needed break from Boston winter weather. **Susan Klugman** Gorobetz '84 also visited with me while she was in Phoenix for a meeting. **Peter Moss '88** and his family visit us every year for Passover/Spring Break in Scottsdale. We recently joined the Moss family in Princeton, NJ, to celebrate the bar mitzvah of their son Andrew. It was a mini-reunion with **Andrew McDonald '88**, **Steve Fuchs '88**, **Harris Cohen**, and **Doug '86** and **Gayle Reichler Mazlish '86**. By chance, this April I caught up with

'85, **Lisa Hollis** Capone, **Melissa Hodes** Friedenberg, **Aruna Inalsingh '86**, **Rise LeBlanc** Wilson '85, **Liz Wilson** Ruvo, **Cathy Slade** Wolfe, **Jennifer Sullivan** Recker, **Jill Fields '88**, and yours truly all made the trip to view the flower displays and had dinner at Chifa, a restaurant featuring Peruvian-Cantonese cuisine. It was so much fun, we are thinking of making it an annual thing. The theme of this year's flower show centered on Great Britain, which tied in nicely with my sophomore and junior year roommate Cathy Slade Wolfe's return from living in London for the past several years. Cathy was recently promoted to president and CEO at Wolters Kluwer Health Medical Research in NYC. She and husband Pete, along with their two boys, bought a house in Somerset County, NJ, and are settling in stateside.

Lastly, congratulations to **Liz Brown**, JD '90, who recently celebrated daughter Alexandra Pinski's bat mitzvah in June, with fellow correspondent **Whitney Weinstein** Goodman and classmate

all capped off with Cornelliana Night in a packed Bailey Hall that was streamed live on the Internet. If you could not get to Ithaca in person, I recommend at least viewing Cornelliana Night online, which you can still do at <http://www.cornell.edu/video/cornelliana-night-2013>.

Our class owes a great deal of thanks to our reunion chairs **Pam Darer** Anderson and **Angelica Watson Botkin** for the incredible effort they put into planning and managing Reunion before, during, and after Reunion Weekend itself. Angelica's husband and fellow classmate **Brad Botkin** also deserves recognition for the energy he put into aiding his wife with running the event. Brad and Angelica celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary just a few weeks before Reunion, having married one day before our commencement back in 1988. The Botkins are quite the dedicated classmates! Even when Reunion was over, they carted 28 boxed Cornell canvas lawn chairs—our main reunion souvenir item—back to their home in Virginia and shipped them out to those who had traveled from afar to get to Ithaca. A big congratulations and thank you to Brad and Angelica!

Speaking of reunion "chairs," the slate of classmates who will start a five-year term as class officers was announced before dinner on Saturday evening. **Alan Riffkin**, having finished a term as class president, will return to serve as co-president, joined by **Howard Greenstein**. Former reunion chair **Lisa Pasquale** Semmes is returning to the fold to serve as class secretary, and newcomer **Wendy Huang** will take on the position of class treasurer. Long-standing council member **Jason McGill**, BArch '89, will assume the post of VP for membership, and new officers **Nicholas Daniels** and **Clark Smith** will be VPs for affinity networking. Angelica Botkin will return again as reunion chair and will be joined by **Nicole Abbatecola** and **Amanda Smith** as reunion vice-chairs. Brad Botkin (I told you these Botkins were dedicated) will continue as class webmaster, and **Lilli Siegel** Roth will once again be our class Cornell Annual Fund representative. **Rob Rosenberg** and **Paul Kitamura** will continue as Class Council officers, and **Kelly Smith** Brown, MBA '92, will be the nominations chair, heading the search for the next slate of officers when another five years have passed. **Brad Mehl** will continue as a class correspondent for another term and will be joined by **Andréa Meadow** Danziger. Retiring from class "officership" are the aforementioned Pamela Anderson, plus **Suzanne Bors** Andrews, **Sharon Nunan** Stemme, and yours truly, **Steven Tomaselli**.

There are a few important numbers to report. As of this writing (final counts may change), 320 classmates attended Reunion, with 76 guests and 128 children. Among all reunion classes, all but three states in the US were represented (an attendee from South Dakota was "discovered" during Cornelliana Night), and Cornellians came to Ithaca from 35 countries around the globe. Our own **Paul Kitamura**, who came from Singapore, and classmate **Dale Fuchs** from Madrid, Spain, were part of that international contingent. The Class of '88 had outstanding results for reunion fundraising as well. At the close of Reunion Weekend, the class had 662 donors to the Cornell Annual Fund, with 95 Tower Club members and a dollar total of over \$9,100,000! Both the Tower Club number and the total dollars figure are records for class best and class reunion best. '88ers also had 438 members of the 1865 Society, a new giving society recognized for making a gift to Cornell for two or more consecutive years. A great Big Red thank-you to all of

‘Cornellians came to Ithaca from 35 countries around the globe.’

Steven Tomaselli '88

my Sigma Delta Tau sister **Gail Schlüssel** Allen '86, her husband, **Keith '86**, and their daughter **Sophie '16** in Ithaca during Cornell Days for accepted students. I am thrilled that our daughter Rachel is joining the Class of 2017, along with the children of Cornellians **Lisa Wallach** Mandelblatt '86 (daughter Jennifer), **Ken '86** and **Susan Rosenberger** Cooper (daughter Rachel), and **Bonnie Lavnick** Schulman '84 (son Eric). I have also reconnected in the Bay Area and Chicago (twice in one year!) with **Tom Tseng**, ME '94, and in New York City with my Engineering buddy **Wendy Myers** Cambor '88 and my sorority sister **Lisa Nishman** Knoop." Thanks for all the news, Gail!

Mark Mandarano lives in St. Paul, MN, where he is a member of the faculty and conductor of the orchestra at Macalester College and artistic director at Sinfonietta of Riverdale. He writes that he has been corresponding with **Anoush Boghraty**, who has been living in Lugano, Switzerland, for many years. Anoush mentioned that he had not been to New York in ages. Coincidentally, Mark was scheduled to be in NYC for a concert during the last week in May, and he basically guaranteed that they would be joined by a significant number of their Sigma Chi brothers if Anoush made the trip. Lo and behold, Anoush booked a flight and, somehow, much of the old gang was able to get the dates worked out. Mark writes: "We were joined by **Philip Devorris**, MBA '88, **Brian Siff**, **Frank Bruno**, **Ted Whetstone**, **Ari Nachmanoff**, and my brother **Angelo Mandarano '83**. The guys we missed most were **Bardia Mesbah** and **Matt Sanderson**." Mark adds: "A year ago I started my new position at Macalester College. My wife, **Wilhelmina** Smith, and my two children, **Augie**, 9, and **Giovanna**, 7, and I travel back to New York several times a year for concerts."

Now that I am back living on the East Coast, I've had a lot more opportunities to see Cornellians locally. In March, a group of Tri Deltas made a day of it at the Philadelphia Flower Show. **Annette Lee**, **Holly Isdale '86**, **Ann Kahlow** Hobbs

Victoria Lazar in attendance. That's it for now. Send us your news via e-mail to: ☒ **Heidi Heasley** Ford, hfhf6@cornell.edu; **Whitney Weinstein** Goodman, wwg5@cornell.edu; and **Liz Brown**, etb29@cornell.edu.

88 Greetings, fellow '88ers! Another five years has flown by and our 25th Reunion is now one for the history books. Unlike five years ago when the weather was unusually hot and humid for early June, this reunion was marked by weather much more like the "Ithacation" we remember from our undergraduate years. Driving to Ithaca from downstate New York on Friday morning was through light but steady rain, and the sky above campus remained a shade of gray we all recognized through the balance of the day. However, as my California-native wife, Ann, stated, the cool dampness was much preferable to the heat index we had to struggle with five years ago.

On Friday evening our class dinner, catered by Dinosaur Bar-B-Que, was hosted in a tent behind our headquarters at Hans Bethe House on West Campus. This was the first big event where many classmates first connected over the weekend, and there was much laughter and good cheer as old friends saw each other for the first time. The overcast weather finally broke on Saturday evening during our class happy hour in front of Bailey Hall—perfectly timed for our class photo taken on the steps of Bailey, after which we all walked to dinner in Barton Hall, where we were serenaded by the Big Red Band.

Much like Cornell's motto that ends, "... where any person can find instruction in any study," any person of any generation could find something of interest at Reunion. There were college receptions, academic lectures, athletic events, walking tours, rock climbing, rappelling from the Schoellkopf Crescent, and musical concerts (including a Dueling Pianos show featuring classmate **Edward Mondress**),

you who made a gift to Cornell this past year and everyone who made the trek to Ithaca for Reunion.

There are a tremendous number of things to do during Reunion Weekend for alumni and their guests of all ages. Regardless of the events attended, though, I believe that reconnecting with old friends and this special place is the best thing that happens at reunion. This year was extra special for me as my 4-year-old daughter, Grace, visited Cornell for the first time, which got me to see Cornell in a whole new light (all the gothic buildings were castles, and McGraw Tower could have held Rapunzel captive!). Grace recognizing the "Evening Song" on the chimes (I use it as a lullaby) and putting her arm around me when the Big Red Band played the Alma Mater as she saw others doing, just about made my weekend. And my wife putting Class of 2031 on Grace's reunion button had me a little choked up, thinking, "What if?"

As I mentioned earlier, after 28 years of service to the class in a variety of posts as an undergrad and alumnus, I am stepping down and taking a break. I want to especially thank classmates and friends Rob Rosenberg and **Steve Werblow**, who first got me involved in class council all those years ago in Ithaca. It has been my extreme pleasure to give my time back to Cornell and the class, and the last ten years as a correspondent has undoubtedly been the best of all. Reading about the amazing things classmates are doing all around the world helps me stay connected to Cornell even when living on the other side of the country. I do hope that, in spite of all the electronic methods we stay connected with today, you will all continue to send news to Brad and Andréa, and I look forward to seeing it in this space. It's been a blast! See you in 2018 for our 30th! As always . . . I wish you peace. ■ **Steven Tomaselli**, st89@cornell.edu; **Brad Mehl**, bradmehl@gmail.com; **Andréa Meadow** Danziger, aldanziger@gmail.com.

89 Fall brings foliage, football, and the start of a new semester! Plenty of '89ers have kids heading off to college this fall. And for our class, this academic year leads up to our 25th Reunion, June 5-8, 2014! Make plans now to celebrate this milestone!

Thanks to all of you who sent in quick updates to let us know what's going on in your lives. **Janine Peyser** Lossing wrote: "My daughter, Sarah, just graduated from high school and will be attending Princeton in the fall. It will definitely take some adjusting, having her away from us. Son Brian will be a freshman in high school, so he will have four years as an 'only child.'" Janine lives in Potomac, MD, and enjoys running weekly with classmate **Kathryn Underberg** Zimmerman and their dogs, Field Spaniels Lily and Daisy. Classmate **Joe Tagliente** sent exciting news of a Cornell matriculation, e-mailing from Weston, MA: "My wife, Romie, and I are very proud of our daughter Kristina, who will be attending the Hotel school this fall as a member of the Class of 2017." And **Annette Anderson** Gardner wrote from quite near Ithaca (Campbell, NY) with this update: "I've worked as a licensed veterinary technician at Corning Animal Hospital since 2001 after moving back to New York from Maine, where I lived for 11 years. My daughter, Ashley, is attending Mercyhurst College in Erie, where she is studying to become a music teacher."

Dina Weiss-Linfoot sent news from Savannah, GA, where she works as an assistant professor of obstetrics and gynecology at Mercer U. School of Medicine. "I have a busy private practice that is

complemented by my teaching responsibilities in the medical school and in the ob/gyn residency program. It keeps me on my toes and up to date on progress within my specialty and in medicine in general. We greatly enjoy life in the South, close to the ocean, and like the relaxed lifestyle and prolonged summer-like weather. Our oldest son, Noah, just graduated from fifth grade and is starting middle school this fall." Dina also gave a shout-out to another classmate and friend in the medical profession: "**Marla Keller** Silvers came to Savannah last fall to give a Grand Rounds presentation to our department about her accomplished and extensively published research in the areas of women's health and HIV/AIDS. It was a privilege to hear from her in a professional manner and to entertain her in our beautiful city." Dina keeps in touch with other classmates as well and attended the bar mitzvah of **Amy Susman**-Stillman's son in Minneapolis last November. She looks forward to combining the bar mitzvah of **John** and **Laura Pearlman Kaufman**'s second son with our 25th Reunion in June and also communicates regularly with **Mindy Schechter** Tashlik and **Jackie Daniels** Saril '88.

Lisa Paton Kessler lives in Mahwah, NJ, and keeps in touch with several classmates. She passed on the happy news that **Julie Holden** Pollack (with husband Rich Schulman) recently had twin boys, Scott and Gordon, and that **Stacy Basking** Paton and her husband, Craig, spend a lot of time with the Kesslers at family events. Lisa is working at Pearson Education in the Digital Learning Group as the director of global people services and operations. She reports: "Have been traveling a bit, but really enjoy the work. Starting to kick into high gear on college searches. My daughter is completing her junior year in high school, with my son right behind her. College is so different than what we experienced."

Luis Chaya checked in all the way from Bogotá, Colombia, happily reporting, "I finally got married last January 25 (!) to Claudia Zuloaga in Bogotá. Cornellians in attendance were **Ricardo Sanchez de Lozada**, **Juan Mini**, **Gilberto Rios '88**, and **Luis Fernando Leal '92**, ME '93. We had a great time!" **Lauren Hoefflich** made a big move last spring. After almost 14 years in Chicago, she moved back to Los Angeles to be near family and seek new employment. Lauren is hoping to connect with fellow Cornellians in L.A. Look her up if you're local! **Sarath** and **Carla Johnson Ravipati '91** and their three kids moved to Perth, Australia, about a year ago. Sarath works for Chevron, managing supply chain for the Australia business unit. Keep sending your news!

It's great to hear about your lives. See you in June 2014! ■ **Anne Czaplinski** Treadwell Bliss, ac98@cornell.edu; **Lauren Flato** Labovitz, LFlato@comcast.net; **Kimberly Levine** Graham, KAL20@cornell.edu; **Stephanie Bloom** Avidon, savidon1@hotmail.com.

90 *Konnichiwa* from Kobe! As an expat in Japan, it is always an extra kick for me to catch up with visiting classmates. In June, **Masaki Takai**, ME '92, one of the co-founders of the Cornell Japanese Animation Society, was traveling in the Land of the Rising Sun to attend a family gathering and enjoy a family vacation with his wife, Amanda, and their future Cornellians Marika and Kazuya. Thanks to Facebook, it didn't seem like 27 years had passed since we last saw each other in Saturday morning Chem 207 lab. We thought that Drunk

Bears, a Cornellian-owned pub in Osaka, was the most appropriate venue to get reacquainted in person. The Takai family currently resides in Hawaii.

One-time Hawaii resident **Donna Sampson**-Thomas now calls New Jersey home. A civilian training manager of the US Army's Armament, Research, Development, and Engineering Center since 2008, she and her family have also lived in Texas and Colorado. Her two boys, Donovan and Ethan, are 10 and 7. US Navy veteran **Eric Horning** puts his expertise to use as senior marketing manager for Ultra Electronics Ocean Systems in Boston. Eric was in the Navy until 2010, but hopes that his work projects with the Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force will allow him to revisit his old stomping grounds on this side of the Pacific.

Steve and **Lisa Rodriguez**, MAT '97, wrote from Pleasanton, CA, to let us know about their new son, Coby Gage, born on April 20. Older son Jax is 2. Steve is on the Safeway supermarket team at Advantage Sales & Marketing, where he is a vice president. **Michael Gen** took a few minutes out of his hectic schedule to share that he has been working as an interventional cardiologist and vascular interventionalist in Fresno, CA, for the last ten years. "Most of my time is spent between work and the accelerating fledgling tennis careers of my five avid kids." Michael is actively involved in cardiology research and on staff at Stanford U. and stays in touch with **Dave Liu**, a cardiac surgeon at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston.

More news of former U-Hall 4 residents came from **Adam Segal**, PhD '00, a senior fellow in China studies at the Council of Foreign Relations. "Several years ago, I had a mini-reunion with **Devi Gupta**, **Jerry Lazore '76**, **Pam Gillons**, and **Sheri Katz** Taback. I used to see **Colleen O'Neal** quite often because we lived near each other in Brooklyn, but she has moved to Maryland." Colleen is currently an assistant professor at the U. of Maryland, College Park and stays in touch with **Tami Wardle '91**, **Matthew Gold**, **Anna Greenberg**, and **Debra Helfand**. She was back in New York in January to receive a Fulbright New Leaders Award at the United Nations for her research on refugees. In March, she revisited Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, on a short trip to assist with refugee schoolteachers' training.

Another Cornellian helping schools abroad is former Cayuga's Waiter **James Park**. As vocalist and guitar player for the Unoriginals in Seattle, music is still a big part of his life. Following a few fundraising gigs, he went to Mexico with his family as part of a school-organized trip to visit a sister school in Puerto Vallarta. While there, Jim taught an art class and led a T-shirt painting workshop for third graders. The Park family also helped to beautify a school with fresh coats of paint and new playground equipment. In June, the Unoriginals were part of the pre-game festivities at the US-Panama soccer World Cup qualifying match in Seattle. Finally working up the courage to go up and say hello to Dave Matthews after several random encounters around town, Jim reports that the well-known rocker is really a down-to-earth guy.

Thwen Chaloeintiarana and a few other Cornellians are some of the brains behind the award-winning Flux Foundation, a Bay Area nonprofit organization whose motto is, "Building art through community. Building community through art." Their piece entitled "Sidewalk's End" grabbed a lot of attention at the Coachella Festival and was a popular spot for music lovers to get an elevated view of the Red Hot Chili Peppers and other bands during their sets. As a rideaway.org volunteer, Thwen also finds time to share his passion for

surfing with autistic children. He and his wife, **Jennifer (West)**, general counsel for Levi Strauss & Co., celebrated their 21st wedding anniversary in March and are happily raising their two multi-talented daughters Kate and Saijai.

Also celebrating 21 years of marriage in May were **Carrie Gallup** Friend and her husband, Josh. In addition to running her own company, Friend-sight LLC, and bringing up three children in Connecticut, Carrie is an avid runner and aims to complete 13 half-marathons in 2013, including Disney half-marathons on both coasts. Once a member of the M&M Mars product development team, Carrie is now a qualitative researcher. She was on a business trip in Los Angeles when she saw Vince Vaughn and Owen Wilson on the red carpet at the Westwood premiere of *The Internship*. Lindsay Lohan's mom, Dina, also happened to be on Carrie's flight out west.

Last year, I managed to get a backstage photo with Tony Hadley of Spandau Ballet following his solo show in Osaka. I'm wondering if I can get one with former Cornell Engineer **Hugh Anthony Cregg III '72** (aka Huey Lewis) when he comes to town in October. Maybe I should dig out my Cornell sweatshirt just in case. Let us know about your brushes with famous people or get-togethers with classmates—we really love to hear from you! ☑ **Rose Tanasugarn**, nt28 @ cornell.edu; **Kelly Roberson** kroberson @ lightswitch.net; **Amy Wang** Manning aw233 @ cornell.edu.

91 Greetings, Class of '91! I hope that everyone has had a relaxing and enjoyable summer. I recently had the opportunity to visit Cornell with my wife, **Daphne Liu '93**, my brother **Stefan Greenberg '93**, and **Tyrene Tucker '93**, during their class reunion. If you haven't been up to Ithaca lately, I highly recommend it, especially while the weather is nice. Within a span of three days, we managed to catch up with a lot of our Cornell friends, paddle a canoe on Beebe Lake, climb the Lindseth Climbing Wall, run through the Cornell Plantations, and traverse the gorge. In addition to the scenic natural beauty of Ithaca, the constantly changing Cornell campus never ceases to amaze me.

One of our classmates who enjoys spending time in Ithaca year-round is **Todd Kennett**. Todd recently completed another successful year as the Spirit of '57 Director of Rowing and Head Coach of Cornell Heavyweight Rowing. Todd has been coaching the heavyweight rowing team for the past five years, and before that was the coach for the lightweight rowing team. He frequently sends out e-mail updates to Big Red Rowing alumni, parents, and friends about the progress of the team and race performances. As a reader of these updates and a former rower myself, I can tell you that Todd's e-mails are interesting and inspirational. Todd and his wife, **Jessica (Funk) '97**, reside in Groton, NY, with their two daughters, Emma and Sophie. Also living in the Finger Lakes region is **Janet Sullivan** Meaney, who spends most of her time in volunteer work devoted to climate change, particularly stopping high-volume hydrofracking and gas storage on Seneca Lake. She and husband Donald enjoy as much time as possible with their children and grandchildren. Janet retired from the Schuyler County Mental Health organization in 2006 and recently completed her last year as a mental health consultant for Head Start.

Barrie Isaacson Mann lives in New York City with husband Andreas and has been spending

much of her time working at her own company, Barrie Isaacson Management Inc. She represents directors, editors, musicians, and digital designers to the advertising world. Barrie has been spending a lot her time learning about new technology for advertising and entertainment, but acknowledges that it is hard to keep up with the ever-evolving technology changes on a day-to-day basis. **Loretta Dougherty Gallo**, who lives in nearby Pelham Manor, NY, spends time relaxing with her husband, **Ferdinand '90** . . . and three dogs, which she acknowledges may not be exactly relaxing, but fun! She has been concentrating on work, but would rather be concentrating on vacation. **Lewis Wheeler** has been working in theatre and film in Boston, where he has been acting and directing. He started a new theatre company on Cape Cod called Harbor Stage Co. (www.harborstage.org), a professional ensemble of six actors, writers, and directors.

Our classmates are also well represented on the West Coast. Writing from the San Francisco Bay Area, **Anna Doyno** Tague has been very active in keeping in touch with our former classmates. She recently attended a gathering in the Dominican Republic for three great days of "sharing, reminiscing, and laughing." Anna was amazed by the group's accomplishments and the unique and impressive steps so many are taking in their lives. The gathering included **Kirsten Blau** Krohn, **Jodi Rogoff** Gonzalez, **Katherine Miller** Eskovitz, **Meagan Heaney** Wise, **Alexandra Floyd** Bray, **Kimberly Seibert** Sleeman, **Lauren Gallagher** Heil, **Maria "Cha Cha" Ortiz** Fournier, **Jana Pompadour** Kierstead, **Lori Attanasio** Woodring, **Kerry Nelson**, and **Stacey Neren-Lender**. Other friends from Cornell have visited Anna in the Bay Area, including classmates **Don** and **Jen Bensadoun Shaffer** and **John** and **Lisa Munter Clarke**.

Also in the Bay Area, **Sarah Abbe** Taylor lives in Mill Valley, CA, and spends her time mostly with her two daughters, ages 5 and 7. They like to do art projects, go on bike rides, and cook together. Sarah got a new job as investment associate, program-related investments at the San Francisco Foundation, after staying home for the past five years, and also recently moved into a new house. **Rebecca Darien** Yodzio made a cross-country move from Florida to Laguna Niguel, CA. She has been busy unpacking, finding new schools and football leagues, and everything else to keep her boys busy in their new area. She also started a job search and networking with the alumni association in Orange County. Further north, **Christine Anderson** Perkins recently accepted a position as executive director of the Whatcom County Library System in Bellingham, WA. When away from work, she spends a lot of time watching her two kids play competitive soccer.

Short takes: **Chris Reynolds** (CBReynolds@iCloud.com) and his wife, Ginette, live in Cold Spring Harbor, NY. **Julie Dugoff Waxman** (julie waxman@gmail.com) and husband **Scott '90** are in Scarsdale. And **John Cheung Tsang** (john_tsang1@yahoo.com) and wife Miranda are in Los Altos, CA. John is executive principal at Sabre Travel Network out of Southlake, TX. He'd like to hear from his first-year roommate, **Stephen Lo**.

We really appreciate the updates and encourage you to keep them coming! Submit class notes updates by visiting <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>. You can also visit our class website at <http://cornellclassof1991.com> and our Facebook page, <http://www.facebook.com/Cornell91>, to stay up to date on news

of our class. ☑ **Tom Greenberg**, twg22@cornell.edu; **Wendy Coburn**, wmlkscoburn@me.com; and **Charles Wu**, ccwu@mac.com.

92 Your latest updates hadn't arrived as of the deadline for this column, so we'll save them for next time. If you haven't done so yet, return the hard copy News Form from the class's annual News and Dues mailing (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. Hope you had a great summer! Send your news to: ☑ **Lois Duffy** Castellano, LKD2@cornell.edu; **Jean Kin-tisch**, jmk226@cornell.edu; **Megan Fee** Torrance, mtorrance@torrancelearning.com.

93 Our 20th Reunion was really terrific! While we could have done with a little less rain, the weather was still better than at our 15th, where the temperatures were over 90 degrees! We kicked things off on Thursday night with a reception at our headquarters in Balch Hall. Friday evening we had a beach party at Beebe Lake, including canoe rides, and then capped things off with an ice cream social at HQ and the ever-popular tents on the Arts Quad. On Saturday, there was lots of family fun on the Quad in the afternoon at Fun in the Sun, with all kinds of fun activities and crafts. In the evening we headed over to the new Milstein Hall for a cocktail reception, followed by our class picture and dinner outside the Johnson Museum. At Cornellianna Night, where all of the classes were recognized, it was very moving to see three people there for their 75th (!) Reunion and to sing the Alma Mater with alumni of so many different ages. From there you could go to Goldwin Smith to hear some of the cappella groups from days of yore or head back to the tents for some more music and fun. After breakfast on Sunday morning, we had one last chance to say good-bye to old friends and the campus. Reunion Weekend was really great and a huge thank you goes out to **Lauren Bailyn** Sapira, MBA '94, **Christine Watters** Stuhlmiller, **Jess Graus** Woo, and the rest of the reunion committee for organizing everything!

It was great to see so many old friends. We got to catch up with **Jeff**, ME '94, and **Galit Cohen** over lunch on Saturday. They live in Teaneck, NJ, with their three girls, Dahlia, Mia, and Keira, and Jeff is enjoying working for Ab Initio and starting his second year as the school treasurer at the girls' school. I also got a chance to catch up with my sorority sister **Fern Weinfeld Silverman '94** and her husband (and our classmate) **Brett**, MS '95. They were there with their kids Samara, 10, and Zachary, 7. The Silvermans live on Long Island, where Brett is a physiatrist in private practice and Fern is the research compliance officer at the Northport V.A. Medical Center. I also had a nice time catching up with **Seth Kestenbaum** and enjoyed checking out the amazing 1929 Model A Ford Phaeton that he drove to Ithaca for Reunion—and back home without any major incidents. Seth purchased this car about two years ago and has slowly been restoring it all by himself.

A new slate of class officers was elected at Reunion. On behalf of the class, we'd like to thank

the outgoing officers and welcome in the new: president, **Earl Pinto**; VP - executive, **Mike McMahon**; VP - membership, **Scott Kauff**; VP - Metro NY, **Michelle Lee**; treasurer and secretary, **Todd Rethemeier**, ME '94, MBA '95; Cornell Annual Fund representative, **Loren Rosenzweig**-Feingold; reunion gift campaign chair, **Elise Rosenberg**; webmaster/social media coordinator, **Theresa Flores**; class correspondents, **Melissa Hart Moss**, JD '97, and Theresa Flores; reunion chairs, Lauren Bailyn Sapira, Christine Watters Stuhlmiller, and Jessica Graus Woo; Class Council, **Yael Berkowitz** Rosenberg, **Melissa Carver** Sottile, **Jon Russell**, MBA '94, **Jason Rylander**, and **Alison Ehrmann**.

Our new class president, Earl Pinto, lives in Bethesda, MD, where he is the director of the Employee Assistance Program at the Federal Occupational Health Service in the US Dept. of Health and Human Services. He oversees 17,000 mental health counselors, serving more than 1.1 million federal employees. He is married with three kids, Gabriel, 16, Raina, 9, and Aisla, 7. Earl said that he had a fantastic time at Reunion catching up with former soccer teammates and former disc jockeys in Party With Chuck. He is very excited to be assuming the role of Class of 1993 president and looks forward to what the next five years will bring. VP Mike McMahon lives in Lexington, KY, where he is a partner at McMahon and Hill Bloodstock and manages Bourbon Lane Stable and the Spruce Lane Pinhook. During Reunion he had a great time catching up with **Jim Murray**, **Evan Kloch**, **Jon Taylor**, **Mike Moravec**, and **Brian Kirby** from AGR, and **Mike Trepeta**, **Paul Sethi**, **Evan Williams**, JD '96, **Brian Pessin**, **Chris Levine**, **Anthony Cucchi**, and **Rifino Valentine** from the Sprint Football team. Mike and his wife, Natanya, have two kids, Madison and Aidan.

Jessica Graus Woo wrote, "I have been living in Cincinnati for the past 14 years (!) and am now an associate professor at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center. I am an epidemiologist doing research on childhood obesity and the development of diabetes and cardiovascular disease risk factors. I am married with two girls, aged 8 and 5, who keep us busy." Jason Rylander lives in Arlington, VA, with his wife, Elizabeth, and children Lauren, 7, and Patrick, 5. He is senior attorney for Defenders of Wildlife, as well as a professional classical singer specializing in Baroque and early music.

As for me, my husband, Sandy, and my three kids, Jonathan, 7, Ari 4, and Maya, 1-1/2, joined me on the Hill for the weekend. We live in Westchester and I just celebrated my 20th anniversary working as a principal at Buck Consultants doing healthcare consulting. After 20 years of writing our class column, I have decided to take a hiatus (I am not completely going away as I will still be serving on the class council). I want to thank everyone for all the news updates you have given me over the years. I have truly enjoyed writing about your work accomplishments, your adventures, your weddings, and your babies. Please keep the news coming!

Finally, we'd like to extend our deepest sympathies to the family and friends of our classmate **Courtney Erickson**. Courtney passed away in July after a courageous battle with pancreatic cancer. Amazingly, just a month earlier he was able to join us at Reunion, where he inspired many with his words during dinner on Friday night. Courtney had just finished serving as our VP of class programs. His contagious smile, positive attitude, and unbridled enthusiasm will be sorely missed. More

Reunion news will follow in the next issue. **Yael Berkowitz** Rosenberg, ygb1@cornell.edu; **Melissa Hart Moss**, melimoss@yahoo.com; **Theresa Flores**, taf6@cornell.edu.

94 For those of us in certain parts of the country, the warm weather was late in coming—but you can always count on the class column to arrive in a timely manner. I hope everyone had a lovely summer. Without further ado:

Arielle Hecht Schiffman, wife of **Ethan** and mother of **Lucas**, 12, and **Samara**, 9, wrote from New Jersey to tell us about her family's ongoing support for the Cornell men's lacrosse team: "We celebrated Lucas's birthday at the City Classic Tournament, where Cornell won a decisive victory over Princeton." On Memorial Day weekend, a road trip to Philadelphia for the Cornell-Duke NCAA lacrosse semifinals was in order: "Cornell lost, but it was amazing to see so many Cornell fans—as amazing

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Dika Lam '94

as watching Cornell men's hockey in Madison Square Garden every year! Go Big Red!" Also in the Garden State is **Nicole Vantuno** Wagner, who is back in the workforce after eight years as a stay-at-home mom. During that period, she certainly kept herself busy: she published one of her knitting patterns, and she also played hand bells at her church, edited the newsletter for the Mountain Plains Mothers of Multiples Club, and served as president of the Community Nursery School board of directors. Now at Rutgers U., she writes, "It's exciting to be back in the laboratory and catching up on the new technologies, performing next-generation sequencing of genomes and cDNA libraries for the Genome Cooperative."

Shana Lory (Brooklyn, NY; shanalory@hotmail.com) recently completed a two-year professional certification program to become a life coach. "I specialize in coaching people in their 20s who are just stepping onto their career path, want to make an impact on the world, and need help identifying and owning their unique gifts (new website currently in development)." I think everyone could use a life coach . . . and a week at a spa. For that, you might want to contact **Larisa Alonso**, senior nutritionist at Canyon Ranch Hotel and Spa in Miami Beach, FL. Writes Larisa, "I love my job, and who wouldn't—with the views of the ocean that we have!" Larisa and Alejandro Ramirez are also the proud parents of baby Nicolas. I was lucky to spend some time with Larisa last winter, and I was also happy to see my old friend **Brian Penney** in March. Brian and his wife, **Suzu Iverson** '95, recently welcomed their second daughter into the world. The family lives in New Hampshire, where Brian is an associate professor of biology and Suzu is a doctor. Speaking of old friends, **Jason Saculles** and **Seth Stuhl** met up in Australia back in January. They attended the Australian Open in Melbourne, went to Port Douglas for the Great Barrier Reef, then capped off their stay with a week in Sydney. Good on ya, mates!

Kristin Barbato, who's been working in the energy industry for most of her career, has been appointed deputy commissioner/chief energy management officer for the City of New York. She adds, "Through work and just for fun too, I get to catch up with **Kristin Gutenberger** '96, BArch '99, and just met up with her again recently to chat about her new job at Cornell!" Not far from the Hill, **Leah Shafer**, PhD '08, is an assistant professor in the Media and Society Program at Hobart and William Smith Colleges in Geneva, NY. **Toni Scime** has moved to Smithtown, NY, to live with her fiancé, Dave. She hopes to meet up soon with old friends and Long Island/NYC Cornellians. **Jordan Wallens** writes, "Still working in investments and currently earning my executive MBA at the U. of Michigan, as well as assisting in the founding of an innovative high school for social entrepreneurship. That and 3-year-old son Atticus keep us ever scrambling. Keep up the superb work, Cornell!"

The arts and art education are in good hands with **Arvind Manocha**, who was recently named

the new president and chief executive of Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts in Vienna, VA. Prior to that, he was general manager of the Hollywood Bowl and the chief operating officer of the Los Angeles Philharmonic where, among other things, he diversified the summer festival with programs that included world music, jazz, and many other genres. During the summer, Wolf Trap continues its sold-out shows and provides a laid-back venue for the National Symphony Orchestra. According to a long article in the *Washington Post* ARTS section on April 14, Wolf Trap is also synonymous with an arts-based teaching method taught in 956 classrooms nationwide, "embracing the philosophy behind 'Schoolhouse Rock' and other programs that use music and dance to help kids internalize concepts." "We're not teaching arts appreciation," says Arvind. "We work with teachers to help them use the arts as a way for very young children to grasp concepts like math. There are kids in Detroit or Nashville who've never been to the Filene Center, and for them, the entire definition of Wolf Trap is this education program." Congratulations, Arvind! **Dika Lam**, dikaweb@yahoo.com; **Dineen Pashoukos** Wasyluk, dmp5@cornell.edu; **Jennifer Rabin** Marchant, jar1229@yahoo.com.

95 We ask several questions when reaching out for news, and one is about connecting with long-lost classmates. Yes, even in this day of information and connection overload, we lose track of people. I was thinking about **Selena Leary** the other day and wondering what she was up to, and out of nowhere, I received a friend request. I did not even have to tweet it!

Todd Sauers, so far, has not reported any such mystical occurrences, and would love to connect with **Tom Cameron** '94. Tom, this is your tweet: Todd can be reached via e-mail at Todd@sauers.net. He is in lovely Virginia Beach with his wife,

Michelle, and their daughter and son. He leads “risk assessments for various departments of Amerigroup Corp.,” but what he would rather be doing is “sailing around the Caribbean with a twinkling string of Christmas lights swinging from the mast.” We would, too, Todd. We would, too.

Exciting word-nerd news for several classmates! St. Martin’s Press is publishing **Brenda Janowitz’s** third novel, *Recipe for a Happy Life*, in July. Her first two novels, *Scot on the Rocks* and *Jack with a Twist*, are available on Kindle. **Henry Neff** shares this: “I’m writing and illustrating *The*

2012, I got married to my beautiful wife, Neha, in Boston. We had a four-day Indian wedding at the waterfront area of the city.”

Two hours from her hometown and within walking distance of the homes of at least five other Cornellians, **Becky Turner Wong** is living in Portland, OR. She writes, “I see **Cara Roberts** Eckhardt regularly and we were visited by **Lisa Olafson-Hurdal**, ME ’96, last summer for a fantastic reunion. I also met **Peter Maxfield ’96** recently at soccer practice for preschoolers in our neighborhood. I keep in touch via FB, e-mail, and phone with **Raj**

and all of the home improvement projects that come along with it!” Keri is the assistant director in the Social Enterprise Initiative at Harvard Business School. **Julie Schwartzman-Morris** (juliesyd29@yahoo.com) has a new address in Port Washington, NY, and works as a rheumatologist in NYC. She writes that she celebrated the first birthday of her amazing daughter, Reilly Faith, on April 22. Julie adds, “I’m getting together with classmates **Lauren Kalter** Hass, **Stefanie Schwartz** Steinberger, **Rachel Balaban**, **Joy Guidi** Wygant, **Stephanie Schwarz** Sailor, and several other ’96 girlfriends this fall for a reunion.”

A native New Yorker and the first person in his family to forge into the restaurant business, **James Mallios** is now the co-owner of Amali, a farm-driven Mediterranean restaurant in NYC’s Upper East Side. James, a former attorney, left his practice as a litigator five years ago to become a restaurateur, starting with manager stints at Tribeca Grill and Resto. Amali’s cuisine uses classic Mediterranean ingredients, and the wine list is full of Greek wines “almost no one has heard of but everyone loves”—earning awards such as *Wine & Spirits Magazine’s* Top Newcomers in 2012 and *Wine Spectator’s* Award of Excellence, among others. Congratulations, James! Send news to: **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>.

‘Dave Lesser started a blog about his experiences as a stay-at-home dad and mud run enthusiast.’

Andrea M. Chan ’00

Red Winter, the fifth and final book of *The Tapes*, a contemporary fantasy fiction series published by Random House. It’s been a wild ride and I’m excited to bring the story to a satisfying close.” Aside from Henry’s literary pursuits, he’s also been pursuing other things: “We moved from Brooklyn to Montclair (space), enjoy chasing our 2-year-old son around (exhaustion), and are preparing for a new arrival this fall (optimistic terror).”

Juvenal “Juv” Marchisio has published *Dan’s Dumb Decision*, a “fun children’s book with a moral to the story,” through Authorhouse. The moral of Juvenal’s book is never to run away from home (a lesson we need to unlearn as adults, right?). Juv says, “I actually wrote the book almost 30 years ago as part of a fifth grade English assignment when I attended St. Mary’s grammar school in Closter, NJ. Sharing this fun story and life lesson with the rest of the world has always been a passion of mine. Now with my own children (Christian, 6, and Brooke, 3-1/2) growing up, it felt like a good time. The book is a true family effort. Original inspiration from my mother, current inspiration from my wife and children, and wonderful illustrations from my father-in-law, Pedro Anlas.” Juv is considering sharing some of the book profits to help aid local educational programs and initiatives. Although he missed the last reunion, he hopes to catch up with some folks at Homecoming.

Brett Blumenthal, BArch ’96, MBA ’04, is raising a future alum. She and her family welcomed Alexander Lee Wax into the world on May 17. “He is already proudly wearing Cornell gear!” After graduating from Cornell, **Kamal Ramani** racked up a couple more degrees—a master’s in ’98 and a medical degree in ’01. “After completing residency in 2004, I began working in both private offices and the ER in the Bronx and Westchester. In 2006, I opened my own practice in midtown Manhattan and expanded to a larger office named 20 East Medical in 2009. In 2011, I was one of the very few non-Japanese volunteer physicians to assist the region in Japan hit by the earthquake and tsunami. I then began working with the people of Tohoku (northeast) Japan, including setting up a medical resident education program inviting residents from Tohoku to train in NYC. For these efforts I was recently given the status of a clinical professor at Tohoku U.” Congratulations to Kamal on his relatively recent nuptials as well: “In June

John, Tom LeCourt, Kavitha Chetty, Rohit Mehrotra, Liz Scott Richards ’96, and about 20 others. Friend me on FB: Becky Turner Wong.” Becky, married, with two young sons, ages 2 and 3, says she seeks to enhance her toddler/preschooler negotiation skills. “I have the pleasure of staying home to take care of my sons while I also run my new health coaching business called Health Coach Becky (healthcoachbecky/tsfl.com) I lost all of my baby weight and feel so much younger because of an awesome health program, so I became a health coach to help others lose weight and feel as great as I do.” Becky also serves on the board of trustees for Oregon FBLA Foundation. That’s all the news that’s fit . . . well, that fits. Keep it coming! **Veronica K. Brooks-Sigler**, vkbrooksigler@gmail.com; **Abra Benson** Perrie, amb8@cornell.edu.

96 Your latest updates from the class’s annual News and Dues mailing were just starting to arrive at the deadline for this column, so we’ll save those for next time. In the meantime, thanks to those who sent news in response to our e-mail solicitation late last spring.

Sarah Yonder (syonder@gmail.com) is a family physician and assistant dean for student affairs at the Central Michigan U. College of Medicine. She writes that she is enjoying work and family and keeps in touch with **Erin James Conte**, **Teena Kohli ’95**, **Joy Baldwin** Astle, and **Noe Copley-Woods**. **Michelle Cram**es (mcrames@gmail.com), her husband, and their growing family—two daughters at the time she wrote—live in Los Angeles. Michelle started a company, SkuLoop, in the mobile/social/retail technology space, and later sold it to Revionics. She has traveled to every continent except Antarctica (“Too cold!”), including to her husband’s native Netherlands, and worked in India, Singapore, and China before her children were born. Michelle enjoys visits from **Lee ’97** and **Marjorie Frazier Maschler**, and gets together with **Daniella Ballou**-Aares regularly.

Keri Salzillo Santos, her husband, and their two girls, ages 1-1/2 and 3, recently moved from Boston to Westwood, MA. “My twin sister, **Kara Salzillo** Buckley ’97, her husband, and their two girls (ages 2 and 4) moved from Boston to Westwood as well. We are getting used to suburban life

97 Summer is over and already another class of Cornellians has begun their time on the Hill. It is hard to believe that we started our time in Ithaca 20 years ago! So much has changed for many of us during that time. Marriages, moves, births, career changes—much of it shared with our classmates on these pages. We would love to share more, so please keep submitting your news.

Donell Hicks sends news that he was chosen to be part of the inaugural class of the Florida Bar Leadership Academy. As a Fellow, Donell will be joining attorneys from throughout Florida in opportunities for networking, interacting, collaborating, building relationships with state and national Bar leaders, and enhancing leadership skills. As you might expect, competition for this honor was tough and we wish Donell the best of luck in the upcoming year. It sounds like an amazing opportunity. Also taking steps forward in the legal field is **David Ratner**, who recently formed his own law firm, Creative Law Network. David has been working with music and entertainment for some time in various roles, and after earning his law degree from U. of Denver, decided to focus on intellectual property and entertainment law. His firm, he says, is “dedicated to helping small to mid-size businesses and members of the creative arts community navigate complex legal issues.” Prior to striking out on his own, he was a partner at the Denver firm of Replin, Rhoades & Ratner LLC. Congrats and best of luck with your new company, David!

Do you get tired of sitting around at the office all day? Looking for an alternative to the standard desk and office chair? Then look no further than classmate **Day Sherman** Martin’s new standing desks. Day writes, “I’ve recently started my own business selling standing desks. After more than a decade doing marketing and data analytics for several companies, most recently the wonderful CEB

(Corporate Executive Board), I've taken the plunge to be a small business owner. The Stand Steady desks are my design, they are Made in America, and I'm currently selling them through various sites on the Internet." Curious? Check out Day's website (www.standsteady.com) and read some of the research on why standing at work is beneficial. Now excuse me while I go stretch my back . . . **Andrea Muchinsky** sends news that despite the federal government sequester, her government contractor consulting company founded in 2009 with three other partners is growing. She and partner David Popelier collaborated in real life as well: baby Michael was born this past January. I have to say, I never thought the phrase "federal government sequester" would ever be used in a class column!

Joining Day and Andrea as a Virginia resident is **Colleen Clarke** Norman. Colleen explains that she and her husband recently relocated to the Commonwealth to be closer to their parents; however, it has been quite an adjustment as she's lived in New York all her life. On the upside, her house and office are 15 minutes from the ocean! When not working as a human resources professional in the education industry, Colleen keeps in touch with **Miessha Thomas**, **Novelette Williams '98**, **Joy Hodge**, **Nicole Innis**, **Solomon Smart**, **Jonel Daphnis '98**, and **Anika Daniels-Osaze '96**. Hope you continue to adjust to the South, Colleen! For **Matthew Hartman**, the answer to the question, "What did you do over summer break?" would be, "Prepared for the publication of my book!" Matthew is currently assistant professor of radiology at Allegheny General Hospital in Pittsburgh, PA, and is co-editor and contributing author to the fourth edition of *Clinical Radiology: The Essentials*. Congratulations, Matthew.

That's it for this month. If you still have that e-mail in your inbox requesting a quick update—send it along. Find us on Facebook or send an e-mail to either Erica or me at the addresses below. Nothing is too short, and almost nothing is too long. We want to hear from you! ✉ **Sarah Dear-dorff** Carter, sdj5@cornell.edu; **Erica Broennel** Nelson, ejb4@cornell.edu.

98 For those of you who have never returned to our alma mater for reunion, you sure are missing out on an incredible time celebrating with generations of Cornellians! From university-wide activities planned for the alumni and their families, the college-specific receptions and lectures, and individual class events to Cornelliana Night, the beauty of the Cornell Plantations, and the hustle and bustle of Collegetown, there is something for everyone. One of our last moments as a class was, of course, our procession from the Arts Quad to Schoellkopf Field during graduation, being cheered on by Cornell professors and faculty. After that momentous day, we acquired a new status: alumni! I was lucky to return to campus in 2008 with my husband Al, **Sheeleza Bacchus** Deba, and **Cristina Martinez** for our 10th Reunion. It was truly a wonderful trip down memory lane: picnicking by Beebe Lake, wine-tasting at Trillium, dancing under the stars and tents in the Arts Quad, catching up with old friends and making new ones.

Back in May 1998, we were saying good-bye to *Seinfeld* and promising to keep in touch via e-mail and IM (since Facebook and Twitter wouldn't surface until 2004 and 2006, respectively), and we were soaking in the possibilities and readying ourselves for the future. I wanted to experience the

Cornell magic again this past June—and I wanted to share all things Big Red with my two little boys—but my preschooler and 9-month-old had summer plans of their own. I guess I'll have to wait until next time to share with them the wonders of our home away from home. Fortunately, **Leslie Kirchler** Owen volunteered to cover Reunion for our class column. Here is her report:

"This was my first time back since the 10th and it was amazing to hang out with people who were there for their 50th and 50th-plus reunions. So cool. I don't know what it is about Cornell, but there is something about coming back here. We had a great time—everything from Thursday night's Savage Club show to the Dueling Pianos on Saturday (definitely two of the highlights for me). We also got to hang out at Goldwin Smith on Saturday night for the sing-offs. The one thing I will definitely miss is the great nights at Dunbars. It looks like they are closing. I spent most of the time with **Puneet Agrawal** and **Julie Pactovis** Katz, but also hung out with **Albert Choi**, **Erica Chan**, **Marc Weissman**, **Aaron Tax**, **Elizabeth Pomper**, and **Rita Doyle** Pederson and her husband, Jay. I also caught up with **Ken Flanagan** and the whole brood. We got to reminisce about some crazy adventures in High Rise 5, including trying to figure out what happened to some of the old group that we lost touch with. **Rebecca Gellert** Amin, **Michelle Pangborn**, **Lori Wilfling '97**, **Hal Kaplan**, ME '99, **Vipin Samtani**, and **Jennifer Bambach**—are you out there somewhere? Reunion chairs **Erik Weinick**, JD '01, and **Shana Elberg**, JD '01, did a great job and kept us all stuffed with lots of food (Hot Truck and insomnia cookies!). So good, but I think there is something about Hot Truck that may make it taste better after a night at the bars."

Cheers! Leslie attended Reunion as a newlywed, having married Brad Owen in January 2013. Celebrating with her on her wedding day were close friends Puneet Agrawal, Julie Pactovis Katz, and **Anne Law '99**. Congratulations, Leslie, and thanks for sharing your reunion experience with us. Remember to keep your news coming! ✉ **Uthica Jinvit** Utano, udj1@cornell.edu; **Molly Darnieder** Bracken, mbd4@cornell.edu; **Karen Dorman** Kipnes, kld8@cornell.edu.

99 Our annual class News and Dues mailing will be arriving in your mailboxes soon (via e-mail or postal carrier—or both), and we hope you'll take the opportunity to update your classmates on what's been happening in your life recently. In the meantime, thanks to those of you who have responded to our electronic solicitations for news, which we will report on in the next column. Hope you had a good summer! Send news to: ✉ **Liz Borod** Wright, lizborod@gmail.com; **Melanie Grayce** West, mga6@cornell.edu; **Taber Sweet**, tabersweet@gmail.com; **Beth Heslowitz**, beth.heslowitz@gmail.com.

00 Lately there's been a great deal of news coming from our classmates down in North Carolina. (I hope you're all getting together down there! Class of 2000 regional events, perhaps?) **Azais Elguea** Curtean recently graduated from veterinary school and landed a fantastic research position at the North Carolina State School of Veterinary Medicine studying koi fish! She and her husband will be celebrating her accomplishments and also her husband's

upcoming birthday this September as they take their first-ever trip to Las Vegas. Also in academia, **Christopher Godfrey** just received tenure and a promotion to associate professor in the Dept. of Atmospheric Sciences at the U. of North Carolina, Asheville. He, along with **Stephen Hudson**, recently led a group of undergraduate atmospheric science majors on a career-development course that included seeing five tornadoes in the Great Plains. Christopher is also having fun with his two daughters, Kathleen, 4, and Eleanor, 2, who are especially enjoying the summer weather of Arden, NC, and their big yellow farm house down south. After obtaining an MBA from Georgetown U. this past spring, **Peter Weinert** accepted a position with Bank of America in Charlotte, NC. Peter also reports that he added country number 27 to his portfolio when he vacationed in Aruba this year. He hopes to take another trip to either Peru or Ecuador sometime in the near future and make that number 28!

Our West Coast friends seem to be enjoying themselves as well. **Ross Siegel** had some very exciting news to share with us from the Golden State. Earlier this year, he had been the VP of business development and partnerships at Pulse, where he ran their entire business team. Then this past April, Pulse was acquired by LinkedIn, and now Ross is getting to have some fun and explore new opportunities. His two current projects are: fighting to ensure that the Golden State Warriors do not build a new arena on the waterfront in San Francisco and trying to persuade fellow Class of 2000ers **Adam Lindenbaum** and **Nick Powers** to come to S.F. for a visit! Good luck with both endeavors, Ross! Further north, **Heather Barmatz** Moreno has been living with her husband in Seattle for about three years. Heather is the front office manager at the Pan Pacific Hotel Seattle. The couple also welcomed their first child, Norah Olivia, into the world this past April.

Dana Kent Wood had her third child, Jonathan James, on January 22, 2013. Dana informed us that big brother Aidan, 9, and big sister Arianna, 5, were absolutely thrilled about having a new baby brother! The Woods live in Webster, NY, and Dana is currently senior counsel at Xerox Corp. **Katie Dealy** has two sons. Noah was born on Inauguration Day in January 2009, and Eli just turned 2 in August. Katie and her family have been residing in the Chicago area for almost nine years and are currently in Evanston, a few blocks north of the city line and right near Northwestern U. Katie serves as the chief of staff for alumni affairs at Teach For America.

Allie Wesson and **Dave Lesser** are living in Jersey City, NJ. Allie continues to work as a fundraiser for the NYS Trial Lawyers Association, and Dave is a full-time parent raising their two kids, Penny, 4, and Simon, 1. He's started a blog about his experiences as a stay-at-home dad and mud run enthusiast, and is now a featured columnist on the Good Men Project. If anyone's looking for a chuckle, visit www.amateuridiotprofessionaldad.com.

Lastly, it is with deep regret that I report the passing of one of our classmates, **Cindy So**. Cindy died unexpectedly on July 4, 2013 while hiking in Utah. After graduating from Cornell with a BS in Human Development, Cindy earned an MS degree in biomedical science at the U. of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey and completed the pre-med program at Columbia U. She was finishing her education at Rocky Vista U., College of Osteopathic Medicine in Denver. She had previously worked in publicity for Scholastic Inc. and Sesame Workshop and also served as a medical assistant,

most recently at Capital Region Special Surgery. Cindy was full of life with an infectious laugh. She enjoyed hiking, skiing, music, hanging out with friends, and spending time with her nephews. Many of us will remember her fondly from our days as teaching assistants for Prof. **Andrea Parrot, PhD '81**, where we learned so much from each other. Cindy was always considered a beloved member of our TA family and I know all of her Cornell friends will miss her greatly. If you would like to make a memorial contribution in Cindy's name, please send them to the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

Thank you for sharing your news with us. We love hearing from you and we love writing for you, and we dedicate this column to our dear friend and classmate Cindy Marie So. With loving memories and caring thoughts, the Class of 2000 sends its most heartfelt condolences to the So family. ✉ **Andrea M. Chan**, amc32@cornell.edu; **Christine Jensen Weld**, ckj1@cornell.edu.

01 Happy fall, Class of 2001! It's so great to hear that many of our classmates are doing well and have had so many positive life changes since graduation. As fall starts, it's hard not to think back to moving into the dorms 16 years ago and the excitement as we all began our time at Cornell. With that, we share the news that shows how much our lives have changed.

An awesome achievement was made by **Alan Nawoj**, who competed on March 30th in the 2013 Antarctica Marathon at the bottom of the Earth and came in first place overall, with a time of 3:29:56. He was one of 92 participants that hailed from nine countries to brave temperatures that hovered around 22 degrees Fahrenheit while navigating the hilly snow- and ice-covered course. He commanded an early lead in the race, extending it to about 10 minutes by 20 miles into the race. Alan is an avid marathon runner (personal best marathon time of 2:52:27), but the race was incredibly challenging and he got hypothermia shortly after finishing. He says it was certainly an experience of a lifetime.

Congratulations to **Vicki Johnson** on her marriage to Ryan on October 20, 2012 in Washington, DC. "We held our reception at the Tabard Inn at Dupont Circle, and in attendance were my best friends and classmates **Cherie Carter** and **Amy Cunningham Ganderson**. The wedding was officiated by my father, Rev. Dr. **Gregory Johnson '71**. After our honeymoon in Spain, Ryan and I moved to San Francisco and are now living in Nob Hill." Vicki says it's been great reconnecting with friends and family after living in New Zealand for 19 months. They had been living there since February 2011 when Vicki became an Ian Axford Fellow in Public Policy at the Ministry of Civil Defence & Emergency Management.

Arnold Mok moved back to the US after living in Hong Kong for the past ten-plus years. He's settling down in the Greater New York area and is in the midst of pursuing a new business venture, social networking/media combined with consumer markets. He adds that he was able to attend the 2012 CHS Asia Chapter-Cambodia. Congratulations to **Kathryn Bisordi Deal**, who was promoted to partner at Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP in the Philadelphia office. She is a member of the firm's commercial litigation group. Kathryn's litigation experience extends to a variety of complex commercial matters, including product liability suits, trademark infringement and unfair competition

claims, contract disputes, consumer class actions, employment and discrimination cases, and corporate governance matters.

Congratulations to **Kenneth Vorrasi**, who was also promoted to partner at Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP in the Washington, DC, office. Ken's antitrust practice focuses on litigation, mergers, and conduct investigations before the US Dept. of Justice, the Federal Trade Commission, and state enforcement authorities, and counseling on a variety of antitrust issues, with an emphasis on matters at the intersection of antitrust and intellectual property. Additionally, Ken's practice includes representing clients in government investigations and appearing before the federal antitrust agencies to obtain clearance of mergers, acquisitions, and joint ventures.

George Jaramillo, BArch '01, is an architect by training and was working at Yosemite National Park as a historical architect. He was accepted to the U. of Edinburgh PhD program in human geography in September 2012. Since then, he's moved to the UK and has been traveling around the British Isles. Even though distance stands between them, he's mainly kept in touch with friends in New York City, especially **Amanda MacBlane** and **Christina Evans**, BArch '01. So . . . what's new with you? E-mail us at classof2001@cornell.edu or at the addresses below and, in between columns, stay connected via our Twitter feed (@Cornell2001) and Facebook page (www.facebook.com/Cornell2001). ✉ **Lauren Wallach** Hammer, LEW15@cornell.edu; **Nicole Neroulis** Gupte, NicoleMN6@gmail.com.

02 Not much news to report this time, but congratulations go out to **Jason Wiener** of Boulder, CO. Jason, co-owner and general counsel at Namaste Solar, writes that he was honored to win one of five 2013 *Denver Business Journal's* Best Corporate Counsel Awards. Namaste Solar, an employee-owned cooperative, designs, installs, and services solar electric systems for homes in Colorado, and also provides project planning and consulting services to businesses.

Marianne Drowne (Washington, DC) writes, "Following three-plus years as an executive assistant to the director of the USAID Health Care Improvement Project, I am now the executive assistant to the president/CEO of the YMCA of Metropolitan Washington, supporting programs in the ever-changing city I've called home for nine years. Outside of work, I have been a communications and events volunteer for seven years with GreenDrinksDC, which hosts eco-minded happy hours and sustainably focused, DC-based Facebook posts." Send your news to: ✉ **Carolyn Deckinger** Lang, cmd35@cornell.edu; **Jeffrey Barker**, jrb41@cornell.edu.

03 Our thanks to **Tom Struble**, **Adrian Korduba**, and **Jon Schoenberg**, PhD '11, for their contributions to this report on Reunion Weekend! Jon, our recently elected class co-correspondent, starts us off.

"Reunion 2013 was filled with intellectual and social events for our class! Class HQ at Risley Hall sprang to action beginning Thursday, with classmates trickling in from around the world, and Reunion started in earnest Friday morning with breakfast from CTB attended by many classmates with growing families! Later on, **Beth Nelms** and

Susan Engleson joined over 50 other '03ers on a wine tour to several Cayuga Lake wineries, and my wife, **Katie (Nelson)**, PhD '10, and I went to the Continuous Reunion Club (CRC) luncheon at the Statler, where newly minted coach **David Archer '05** discussed the future of Cornell football. The class dinner Friday was casual, and an oft-repeated refrain was, "You look familiar, how do we know each other?" as classmates reconnected after years. The Arts Quad tents were filled with dancing, and the late night calzones at Risley were a fitting end to a successful, albeit wet, first full day of Reunion.

"Saturday breakfast served as a reminder that it is still completely acceptable to wear pajamas to the dining hall. Classmate **Alexander Hayes**, ME '04, treated Reunion attendees to an interesting lecture about lakefront vacationing on Saturn's moon Titan. **Michael** and **Sarah Jensen Racz**, **Benjamin Chen**, and **Daniel Broderick**, ME '04, were spotted at the Engineering dean's luncheon in Duffield, and Trillium hosted the CALS wine tasting, where we connected with **Daina Schatz**. The afternoon highlight was the Cornell NYC Tech lecture, where Dan Huttenlocher reminded the audience that the new campus is a startup itself and that an entrepreneurial spirit is ever-present. The big class dinner was held on the Ag Quad and featured Dinosaur BBQ and a performance by the Hangovers. We connected with **John Zelenka**, MBA '12, and met new classmates, including **Erika Ettin**. Saturday wrapped up with arguably the best Reunion event: Cornelliana Night! A big thank you to our reunion chairs **Jaimie Hanlon** and **Rich Chomko**."

Tom and Adrian report that, upon arriving in Ithaca, they met up with **Doug McLean '02** at his house, got settled, and headed over to Libe Slope to meet their old friend and Teagle gym lifting buddy Ken Gabard, former assistant dean in Arts and Sciences, who retired in June after many years of service to Cornell along with his wife **Deb Durnham**, MFA '84, senior director of advising in AAP. The four of them had a nutritious dinner at the relocated Collegetown Pizza ("So long Mama-T's!"), made a stop at Ruloffs, and ended the night on the Arts Quad dancing to a great live band until 1 a.m.

Tom continues, "We slept in the next morning, then got right back in the action. A stop at Collegetown Bagels for breakfast energized us for a jaunt through campus. You would not believe the number of new buildings, finished and under construction! We made a brief stop at the campus store to load up on Cornell swag and then went down to an alumni party hosted by our fraternity house, Phi Sigma Kappa. The big white house on the corner of University and Stewart looked just as beautiful as I remember. Adrian and I shared drinks and laughs with some '03 brothers—**Dan Franco**, **Kyle Archie**, ME '05, and his bride **Sara (Miller) '04**, and newlywed **Dave Brechbiel** and his wife, **Samantha Ade**—and we enjoyed meeting numerous Phi Sig brothers from other years. Dinner that night was in Collegetown, then to the Arts Quad music tents. It was another late night with barrels of laughs.

"Adrian headed home the next day to his wife, Karen, in New Jersey—and to the end of his third year of medical school at Robert Wood Johnson at Rutgers—and I to my wife, **Caitlin (Stansell) '04**, BArch '05, and my beautiful 1-year-old daughter, Eleanor, in Medfield, MA. It might have been nice if the weather had not been so representative of what we all remember (cold rain the whole time), but in a way it made the entire weekend all the more nostalgic. I had a blast and already have my 2018 calendar marked

for our 15th Reunion. If you haven't made it to a Cornell reunion: go. You won't regret it. The university puts on a great show, and catching up with friends you haven't seen in all those intervening years is invaluable."

Thanks again to our guest columnists. I hope this column will inspire you to attend future reunions! Between now and then, we look forward to hearing from you with your latest news and adventures! ✉ **Samantha Noonan**, swnoonan@gmail.com; **Jon Schoenberg**, jrs55@cornell.edu.

04 High summer as I write this column, and finishing up with some more of the e-mail responses we received last spring. **William Keim** (willkeim@gmail.com) writes that he and **Stephanie Sereno '07** started their life together back on October 16, 2011 when they got married in San Clemente, CA. "After teaching physics in the San Francisco Bay Area for four years, I have lately been working as an RF systems engineer for Raytheon Integrated Defense Systems in Massachusetts, where Stephanie was also a systems test engineer. In October 2012, I accepted a new position as a senior systems engineer in San Diego, also with Raytheon, and we made the cross-country move. Stephanie is currently back in school getting her MA in nutrition and dietetics, and I'm working on my MS in electrical engineering part-time at USC."

Jake Johnson (jake@bajigroup.com) was an English major on the Hill, as well as an *Alumni Magazine* intern and Class Notes name-checker! He now lives in Seattle, WA, with his wife, Collette, and their two boys, Liam, 7, and Dylan, 3. "After graduation, I moved to Seattle for a year and then spent seven years in Phoenix working in commercial real estate acquisitions and project management before moving into full-time writing. For the last seven years or so, I've worked as a copywriter, content strategist, and ghostwriter. Last year, I formed a creative agency with three other partners. We've grown to a team of ten talented folks and are doing work with companies like Microsoft. We focus on branding, content creation, and interactive solutions for our clients. My work takes me around the country, including D.C., NYC, and a great trip to Austin, where I drank a beer next to Robert Plant. Didn't get a chance to talk with him, but it made me cooler just sitting next to him. Collette and I also like to cook and have a pretty sizable veggie garden in our back yard. I'm also, slowly, working on the manuscript for my first novel, based on my experiences growing up in a semi-cultish fundamentalist, Pentecostal church. You know, the usual stuff."

When **Mona Olsen** (mao24@cornell.edu) wrote in April, she was just finishing up her Fulbright grant in education to Norway. She defended her doctoral dissertation, "Exploring Faculty Members' Perceptions of Undergraduate Entrepreneurship Education," in March and was looking forward to graduation in May 2013 from George Mason U. She also got to participate in organizing Startup Weekend Stavanger and says it was a great event and a wonderful way to meet entrepreneurs in Norway. She adds, "I am moving back to Ithaca this summer. I accepted a dual teaching/admin appointment at the Hotel school as a visiting assistant professor and assistant director of the Pillsbury Inst. for Hospitality Entrepreneurship (PIHE). Very excited to get involved with entrepreneurship education at Cornell!"

Jessica Crolick Rolph, MBA '04 (jessica@happyfamilybrands.com) writes, "On Mother's Day 2013—seven years to the day of when we launched HappyBaby in five stores in New York City—we sold our company to Group Danone. (We couldn't think of a better parent for our 'baby'—Group Danone is one of the world's most respected and highly regarded infant nutrition companies.) My partner and I will continue in our current roles. Thank you to the Johnson alum who invested and supported us! Husband Decker and I have a 6-month-old baby named Thacher (my grandmother's maiden name). We are still living in Boise, ID, where HappyFamily's Operations and R&D is located."

And that's not all the baby news. **Jamie Peters** Sonnevill, MPS '05 (jlpl47@cornell.edu) and her husband recently had their second child, Casen Jon. "Big brother Carter is quite proud of his little brother! We just spent a month of my maternity leave visiting both of our parents near West Palm Beach, FL, with our sons." Jamie keeps in touch with **Linde Rickert** Tassell, **Lisa Vance** Graf, **Jessica Garay** Redmond, **Alex Patterson**, and **Jon Hunt**. **Alexander Cwirko-Godycki** (alex.cwirkogodycki@gmail.com) wrote in early April that he and his wife, Michelle, welcomed their first child, Tate Alexander, on September 7, 2012. The family resides in their hometown of San Mateo, CA. "As is typically the case when a newborn arrives," writes Alex, "it's taken six months to find time to share this news." Share your news any time of year! Write directly to your class correspondent or do it all online at <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>. ✉ **Anne Jones-Leeson**, CU2004Correspondent@gmail.com.

05 Hello, Class of 2005! I hope everyone out there is doing well. It has been a busy spring and summer for many of your classmates. **Alexandra Tursi** is now the social media strategist at Fletcher Allen Health Care in Burlington, VT, where she directs social media communications for a 7,000-strong organization. Alex also serves as the president of the Cornell Club of Vermont and volunteers with a number of technology-oriented groups, including the Burlington arm of the National Day of Civic Hacking. Alex keeps in contact with **Jennifer Bellor**, who earned a PhD in music composition from the Eastman School of Music in May. Jennifer herself adds, "In addition to my studies, my works have been featured at festivals and institutes in the US and abroad and have been presented by many local and national ensembles. Following Commencement, I will be composing a 20-minute opera, commissioned by the Washington National Opera American Opera Initiative, for a fall premiere at the Kennedy Center. And on June 2-4, I will be participating in the Jazz Composers Orchestra Inst. readings in NYC, where my new orchestra piece, 'Crystal Skies,' will be played by the American Composers Orchestra." In other accolades, Jennifer received a *DownBeat* Outstanding Performance award in the magazine's 36th annual Student Awards competition for her composition "Midnight Swim," and received the Bernard Rogers Prize at Eastman for her operatic work "Christabel." In early March, she was composer-in-residence at UMass Amherst for a performance of her wind ensemble piece "Uprising." Jennifer found out in May that she will be a visiting assistant professor in music at Nazareth College in the fall. Visit

Jennifer's website, jenniferbellor.com, or find her on Facebook.

Nathaniel Bank is currently a business/corporate/financial attorney with Woods Oviatt Gilman LLP in Rochester, NY. "I am helping lead the efforts of Rochester Young Professionals Inc. and RocCity Coalition as well as promoting the philanthropic mission of NextGen Rochester." **Melissa Castle** wrote in May that she was admitted to doctoral candidacy in clinical and development psychology at the U. of Pittsburgh. She keeps in touch with **Allison Higginbotham**, **Erin Connolly**, **Rachel Farr '04**, **MAT '05**, and **Jack Castle '09**. **Jessica Furst** is completing her internal medicine residency at Cornell Medical Center and was scheduled to start her fellowship in endocrinology at Columbia U. Medical Center this summer. She keeps in touch with **Evan Losi**, **Lara Chausow**, **Jennifer Dudanowicz**, **Sara Olson**, **Thomas Zeihnert**, and **Elizabeth Ninivaggi**. After working as a litigator on Bay Street in Toronto for the past few years, **Jonathan Ng** (jtn5@cornell.edu) has opened a law firm "to serve the litigation needs of individuals at the community level." He says to drop him a line if you need any litigation help in Toronto. He also sends a big hello to Eric T. and Charles Y., "from your favourite Canadian."

Colleen Ramsey Nguyen was recently promoted to senior legislative assistant in the Office of Congressman Steve Israel. **Yasin Senbabaoglu** is in New York City and a postdoctoral scholar at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center working in computational cancer biology. **Jon Auerbach** is also in New York City and is an associate at Goodwin Procter, where he has spent the last five years in the firm's intellectual property litigation group. He and wife Danielle welcomed the birth of their twins, Robert Murray and Allison Grace, on March 29. Proud Cornellian family members include grandmother **Sandi Belsky** Auerbach '75, aunt **Alissa Auerbach '09**, cousins **David Pantirer '03**, **Marc Pantirer**, and **Jason Belsky '08**, and great-uncles **Larry Pantirer '71** and **Jeffrey Belsky '77**.

Thanks to Jon and to everyone else who had news to share. Please keep your updates and news coming! ✉ **Hilary Johnson**, haj4@cornell.edu; **Michelle Wong**, mrw29@cornell.edu; **Johnny Chen**, jc362@cornell.edu.

06 Hope everyone enjoyed the summer! Looks like we're all extremely busy Cornellians, but please do remember to update us with your news. We love to hear from you!

Jennifer Hanley successfully defended her dissertation in space and planetary sciences—titled "On Chlorine Salts: Their Detection, Stability, and Implications for Water on Mars and Europa"—at the U. of Arkansas. This summer, she started a postdoctoral fellowship at Southwest Research Inst. in Boulder, CO, where she reunited with Dickson 3-5 hall-mate **Megan Blanchard**. **Jeffrey Gnerre** graduated from Stony Brook Medical School in May '13, and on July 1 started as a resident at New York Medical College-Westchester Medical Center in Valhalla, NY. "My first year I will be an intern in the internal medicine department, and starting July 1, 2014, I will be a resident in the diagnostic radiology department. Jeffrey keeps in touch with classmates **Marc D'Urso** and **Spark Nakamura** and several old friends in the Class of 2009.

Brian Warshay is in New York City and started a new job earlier this year at Bloomberg New

Energy Finance. “I am working on the Energy Smart Technologies team, performing research on the markets, policies, and technologies that are driving change in the smart grid, energy efficiency, energy storage, and advanced transportation sectors in North America. Happy to collaborate with fellow alumni in the cleantech and renewable energy space.” **Zachary Kaplan** and his wife, Avril, live in Washington, DC, and Zachary is working in international development. **Will Regan** wrote in with a new address—also in D.C.

Thanks so much for sending your updates. Keep your news coming by writing to any of us at the addresses below, or do it online at: <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>. We look forward to hearing from you. **Katie DiCicco**, kad46@cornell.edu; **Nicole DeGrace**, ndg4@cornell.edu; and **Tory Lauterbach**, tory.lauterbach@gmail.com.

07 On April 27, 2013, classmates **Bryan Beutel** and **Iris Lim** were married in Rye, NY, in the presence of many fellow Cornellians. The couple met during Freshman Orientation, began dating in May 2004, and, after maintaining a long-distance relationship while attending medical schools in different states, began their surgical residencies in New York City in 2011. Groomsmen included brothers **Christopher Beutel '11**, **MBA '13**, and **Marvin Lawrence Lim '11**, and Bryan’s mother, **Margaret Garrett Beutel '78**, was also present. Of the six

bridesmaids, three were Cornellians: **Joowon Ahn**, **Opal Hammer**, and **Teresa Martorella '09**, **BA '07**. There was no shortage of Cornellians as wedding guests either, with **Devin Angle**, **Matt Kulick**, **Tomas Lazo '08**, **Jeannie Lui**, **Jonathan Perez**, **Neil Radia**, **Jennifer Ratcliff**, **BS '06**, **BJ Siasoco**, **Timothy Schofield**, **ME '08**, **Grace Zheng**, and even Prof. Clifford Scherer (Dept. of Communications) and his wife, Jane Maestro-Scherer, all gathered from around the world to join in the festivities. It was a great night for a Cornell reunion!

Jennifer D’Amato-Anderson is also a newlywed and was married in Sage Chapel on May 18, 2013, with the reception at the Carrier Ballroom in the Statler. “We honeymooned in Fiji and Yasawa Island—a wonderful experience.” **Beth Rubin** will be getting married in France! She is currently an English and Italian instructor at a language school in Nantes and recently traveled to Austria, Hungary, and Italy. Beth keeps in touch with classmates **Jenny Harbert**, **Julia Robbins**, **Elise Pasoreck** Van Buskirk, and **Michael McKeon**.

Since graduation **Bill McCarthy** has been working with Merrill Lynch as a senior financial advisor and recently became the resident director of Merrill Lynch’s branch office located in Ithaca. Still living in the Rochester area, Bill is active with the Cornell Club of Rochester and also volunteers with the Crohn’s and Colitis Foundation of America. **Anna Weiss** writes, “I’ve been working in the hectic and exciting field of idea and content development for the past four and a half years at a small Cambridge, MA-based company called Idea Platforms, helping

clients take their ideas public.” The big news for Anna is that the book she’s been helping to write, research, and develop for the past four years, *Breaking Out: How to Build Influence in a World of Competing Ideas* by John Butman (Harvard Business Review Press), was published on May 21. “*Breaking Out* explores how people who want to change the world in some specific way successfully take their ideas public and build influence with them, ultimately impacting the way others think and behave.” John and Anna are now expanding and evolving the ideas in the book, so check out their blog at www.BreakingOutBook.com.

Send your news to: **Nina Terrero**, nt58@cornell.edu, or go online: <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

08 It’s September, but I would wager some of our classmates still haven’t recovered from our jam-packed, whirlwind of a weekend 5th Reunion. 754 classmates (785 people in total) showed up for our three days of mingling, reconnecting, and reminiscing in June 2013, and all are already anxiously awaiting our 10th Reunion in 2018! Disappointing none, we had record attendance, as classmates made the pilgrimage back to the Hill from both near and far. For example, **Stacey Katz** made it to Ithaca from her home in Reykjavik, Iceland, and **Ben Birnbaum** traveled from Israel for the weekend.

Thanks to the absolutely flawless, and perpetually upbeat, planning of reunion chairs **Margaret Sheehe** and **Ebony Scott** (and the logistical mastery of housing chair **Sara Patterson**), the weekend went off without a hitch . . . though with a healthy dose of “Ithacating” and rain. Overheard in class headquarters: “I didn’t even pack a raincoat!” Response: “Did you forget where you were coming?” As classmate **Ally Davis** noted, the chilly rain was “appropriate for the Class of ‘08, as that’s how we started and ended our Cornell careers—with rain!”

Clara Dickson Hall was the hub of activity all weekend, home to both class HQ and housing assignments for the majority of classmates. The dorms’ hallways were the site of joyful reunions and replays of freshman-year living, as classmates readjusted to dorm life and shower shoes. Many made it to Ithaca on Thursday night, in time for drinks and late-night pizza in the Dickson lobby and an early morning wake-up on Friday for the day’s wine tours around the Finger Lakes. Buses of classmates braved the weather to sample the region’s finest wines, and many attendees remarked how tame these tours were in comparison to those during Senior Week five years ago. Friday evening featured a class mixer and a catered dinner by Joe’s in the class tent outside Dickson. Following dinner, many classmates, disappointed by the lack of familiar sites in Collegetown (mourning the loss of Johnny O’s and The Palms since we graduated), made their way to the tent parties on the Arts Quad, featuring live bands and karaoke, dancing

Cuckoo for Coco Chips

Vincent Kitiratragarn '06, ME '07

The first thing you notice is the texture—you bite down and it crunches,” says coconut chip entrepreneur Vincent Kitiratragarn. “Then a sweet smokiness permeates your mouth.” Kitiratragarn is the founder of California-based Dang Foods, which produces coconut chips sold in more than 500 stores nationwide. The lightly sweet chips can be used as a dessert topping, baked into pastries, or—Kitiratragarn’s favorite—eaten right out of the bag.

Kitiratragarn’s parents were born in Thailand, where coconut chips are a common snack. Dang’s coconuts are sourced there, then sliced, soaked in syrup, and slow-baked at a low temperature. “You have to take out all the moisture to get that crunch that so many people like,” Kitiratragarn says. The product has just three ingredients—coconut, sugar, and salt—though Kitiratragarn is experimenting with new flavors, such as salted caramel.

The former biological and environmental engineering major worked in sustainability for the City of New York before moving to San Francisco, where he sold home-cooked Thai food at farmers’ markets. While snacking on toasted coconut—an ingredient in his mother’s lettuce wraps—he realized that the chips weren’t well known in the U.S. “It’s a unique taste profile,” says Kitiratragarn, who launched his business in summer 2012. He chose the name “Dang” for two reasons. Not only is it named after his mother, he says, but it describes the reaction he aims for when people taste his chips: “Dang, that’s good!”



— Alexandra Clement '16

the night away until the Wingz Over Ithaca wings were delivered to headquarters at midnight.

Saturday featured the class photo on the steps of Bailey Hall and a leadership forum (co-sponsored with the Class of 1948) titled "Leadership Resilience: Turning Obstacles into Catalysts" with speaker **Risa Mish '85**, JD '88. The opportunity to connect with leaders from a class celebrating its 65th Reunion was a weekend highlight! The clouds finally parted late Saturday afternoon and the sun peaked out, just in time for Dinosaur Bar-B-Que and the awesome jams of the Jeff Love Band in the class tent. Following dinner, classmates trekked back to the muddy Arts Quad tents or to Cornelliana Night (and the subsequent Hangovers and After Eight "arch sing" in the Goldwin Smith Hall lobby, where classmate **Stephen Welker** serenaded his wife **Suzie (Clark)**), and made it back to HQ for an after-party featuring DP Dough and dancing that went on past 3 a.m. The Class of 2008 took the summer's party anthem, Daft Punk's "Get Lucky," to heart as they danced and stayed "up all night," lucky to be home at Cornell.

We have the entire weekend recorded for posterity, thanks to our absolutely fabulous social media presence. Big kudos to **Josh Perlin** and **Tiffany Peterson**, MArch '13, for manning our Facebook page, Twitter feed, and Instagram account. If you haven't yet, be sure to check out our class on the Web as a way to stay connected until our 10th Reunion in 2018: on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/CornellClass2008>, on Twitter at <https://twitter.com/BIGRED2008>, and on Instagram at <http://instagram.com/bigred2008/>.

The Class of 2008 also raised \$287,973 for our alma mater from our Reunion Campaign, co-chaired by **Jason Beekman**, JD '11, and **Jonathan Feldman**. 514 classmates participated in giving back to Cornell, and 13 classmates joined at the Tower Club level, representing the second most successful 5th Reunion campaign in Cornell's history in terms of dollars raised, and the third most successful in terms of Tower Club members. Congratulations to all of you for setting up a strong legacy of giving back!

The weekend also marked a changing of the guard, as we thanked the outgoing Class Council for their five years of hard work, CALC attendance, and conference calling and elected a new slate of class officers. Congratulations to: co-presidents, **Jason Beekman** and **Margaret Sheehe**; treasurer, **Asena Haznedar**; secretary, **Nicole Mangiere**; reunion chairs, **Ebony Scott** and **Sara Patterson**; class correspondents, **Elana Beale** and **Libby Boymel**; Cornell Annual Fund representatives, **Stephanie Posen** and **Jonathan Feldman**; membership chair, **Lance Polivy**; communications chair, **Josh Perlin**; outreach chair, **Mike Wilbert**; and general Council members, **Shirley Cueva**, **Daniela White**, **Anitha Vemury**, **Allison Waks**, **Julie Katz**, **Steven Attanasio**, and **Lisa Raylesberg**. We are all so excited for what the next five years has in store!

Most importantly, Reunion's success was driven by each and every classmate's passion and commitment to Cornell. Seeing so many '08ers celebr(08) our return to the Hill and reconnect was another weekend highlight, and these are the ties that will bind us for decades to come. Thank you to all who made the weekend fabulous; and to those of you who couldn't make it, we can't wait to see you in five years. Send us your news! Libby and I have signed on for a new five-year tenure because of how much we love hearing from classmates! ✉ **Elana Beale**, erb26@cornell.edu; and **Libby Boymel**, lkb24@cornell.edu.

09 Since graduating over four years ago, the Class of 2009 is making diverse and exciting progress all over the globe. **Donald Cerio** is a second-year graduate student in anatomy and paleontology at Ohio U. In addition, he is a teaching assistant in Ohio U.'s Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine. "I completed my first year of graduate coursework in May; meanwhile, I had been and am continuing the 3-D virtual reconstruction of soft-tissue structures in the crania of specimens of a bobcat and a sabertooth cat. I also have just moved into a new apartment on a horse farm, and I am involved in helping my family renovate their new home in Canton, NY. I still harbor a deep-seated love of fantasy and science-fiction and have attempted a little writing of my own. For now, however, that hobby has been put aside while I focus on coursework and research. In its place, I have been experimenting with cooking, a hobby that is both creative and sustaining." Donald keeps in touch with classmates **Alex Roth**, ME '09, **Andrew Kerr**, **Nicholas Nuccio**, **Thomas Riehl**, and many other Cornellians.

Brian Donovan is an engineer with IBM's microelectronics division, using skills he learned getting his BS in Materials Science at Cornell. He adds, "I was recently accepted to a PhD program at the U. of Virginia, which will be my first official step to someday becoming a college professor!" Brian keeps in touch with lots of Cornell friends—"I just got two of them jobs in my department at IBM." **Sindri Kinnier** finished two years with the Peace Corps in South Africa and has moved to Boston to pursue a dual MBA/MPH in global health at Boston U. She would like to give a shout out to the Canada crew: **Grace Chung '10**, **Ray Li**, **Joe Teirab**, and **Rajiv Perinbasekar '08**.

After working in finance two years, **Eva Olesky Ostrowsky** switched gears to begin a career in teaching. She is currently a sixth grade history teacher and a field hockey, basketball, and lacrosse coach. She will be starting graduate school at Columbia U. in January to work toward a degree in social work. Eva and husband **Brian** were married in early November 2012. "Our wedding venue cancelled on us three days prior to the wedding because of damage from Hurricane Sandy. We rescheduled the wedding in two and a half days! It was a wonderful event and we are very thankful that it all worked out." **Michelle Pascucci** just finished her second year at Boston U. School of Law, and is currently working at Choate Hall & Stewart in Boston. She and husband **David Marshak '07** were married about two years ago, in August 2011, and recently bought a condo in Newton.

Justin Reed has been teaching composition at Florida State and working toward his MFA in creative writing for the last three years. "I graduated from Florida State with my MFA in May. This summer I'm teaching reading for the Inst. of Reading Development. In the fall I'll be attending the U. of Cambridge for an MPhil in American literature." Justin keeps in touch with classmates **Chris Nelson**, **Austin Zwick**, MPA '12, **Jean Bailey**, **Lauren Berger**, **Tarik Zawia**, **Chris Duni**, and **Emily Meath**. **Joran Sequeira** was a Human Biology, Health, and Society major at Cornell, with a concentration in Gerontology. Since graduation she has continued to sing, travel, and pursue medicine. "I recently graduated from New York Medical College with an MD degree, and started residency in emergency medicine at the U. of Virginia in June. During the fourth year of medical school, I worked in an ER in Bangalore, India."

Victoria Wolanin co-owns a female record label with her sister, Whitney Wolanin, a Vanderbilt alum. Whitney is a professional singer and songwriter, and her single, "Wrong Guy (I Did It This Time)" was climbing the charts—number 23 on *Billboard* at the time Victoria wrote. "We are very excited for this adventure that we are on and would love for fellow alumni to check out our great music! Visit www.whitneyw.com or go to facebook.com/whitneywolanin. Also in the arts, **Yujin Lee**, BFA '09, has been living in Berlin for the past three years and developing and exhibiting her artwork. "I recently had my first solo exhibition, 'Chronos and Kairos,' at a commercial gallery in Berlin (Morgen Contemporary). In Fall 2013, I will start my MFA at Columbia U. in New York City. I had a chance to reunite with classmate **Christine Lai**, who visited Berlin with her father."

Julie Cantor is entering her third year at Columbia Law School and is looking forward to updating her Facebook status throughout the year with things like, "Last first day of school ever!" and "Last day of school ever!" and "Wow, I can't believe law school is over." Want to see your updates in the next issue of *Cornell Alumni Magazine*? E-mail us anytime. No news item is too small! ✉ **Julie Cantor**, jlc252@cornell.edu; or **Caroline Newton**, cmn35@cornell.edu.

10 As your class correspondent writes this column on a lazy, rainy Saturday morning, he's been doing something that he sometimes does when he's attempting to write: browsing Facebook. Over seven years ago (yes, if you can believe it, it has been seven years since this class was pre-frosh), when Cornell assigned us our netIDs, one of the very first things many of us did was join that mythical walled garden that our older peers had been part of (with us only wistfully imagining what was behind that door). Once we established our online identity, it became, for us, a record of our lives, a way to understand and connect with our community as a whole. It kept our circle wide, but it kept the Class of 2010 close. That guy who sat two rows in front of us in Psych 101, who we spoke to at most three times, became someone we knew, someone who was part of our lives, albeit only a small part. Now, with our busy lives, and the Facebook walls crumbling, we are faced with finding other ways to keep our ever-shrinking circles close. It is your class correspondents' hope that this column will remain a way to stay in touch. Please, send us your triumphs, no matter how small, so we can celebrate them . . . and send us your sorrows, so we can be there for you in your darker hours too.

We start this column with a triumph. **Timothy Skjellerup** writes: "I am in the process of publishing my first book. It's called *Maximize Your College Experience: How to get the most from your college experience for success now and in the future* (available through Amazon.com)." He also says that he has started a public speaking business focusing mostly on the college and high school market. Best of luck in your new endeavor!

Scott Tucker, ME '11, has enrolled as an MD/PhD student at Penn State after two years as a biomechanics research engineer at Hospital for Special Surgery in NYC. **Teddy Lu** has also left the city—and the country, for that matter. He recently moved to Singapore to work as a property market analyst with the Urban Redevelopment Authority in the Singapore government. Teddy had worked in a small private real estate investment

and management firm in NYC for two years after graduation. **Andrea Schiralli** writes, "I've been teaching in a rural village in China for the past year and will start my graduate studies in education at Harvard in the fall." **James Pothén** also went back to school: "I moved to NYC for a nine-week programming course and am looking to stay in the City and hack on as a programmer and Web developer—a big shift from my undergrad major of Civil Engineering! I live in Williamsburg, Brooklyn, and absolutely love it."

We got a message from **Ilya Brotzky '11**, BS '10, who moved down to Brazil to work with Vale after graduation. "I fell in love with the country and decided to quit my job to work at a startup nonprofit from Stanford that does market research in Rio's favelas. I've since helped raise over \$500,000 for two different education startups here and am now going to join a big data company, Acxiom, in São Paulo as a sales executive. I've been featured in *Fast Company* and *Reuters* for my work here. I have also recently launched the Brazil Career Blueprint (www.brazilcareerblueprint.com), an online course that helps those interested in Brazil understand all the steps necessary to make the best of their transition."

Lastly, if you're in the Grand Rapids, MI, area, look up Hotelier **Molly Clauhs** and fiancé **Joel Crist**. Molly writes, "I currently operate a food truck in Grand Rapids, and am involved in leasing space to small food businesses in Grand Rapids's new Downtown Market (a 130,000-sq.-ft. indoor and outdoor food market with brewery, 24 year-round food businesses, greenhouses, etc!)." Keep your class correspondents in the loop. Facebook isn't doing it as well anymore. Send your news to: [Michael Beyman](mailto:Michael.Beyman@cornell.edu), mjb262@cornell.edu; or **Rammy Salem**, rms84@cornell.edu.

11 Thanks to everyone who responded to our email request for news! **Lisa Opdycke** wrote this at the end of May: "I will be leaving my position at Weill Cornell Medical College this June as I have started my own freelance writing and editing business. In addition, I am moving from New York to Providence, RI, to start a Master of Public Policy program at Brown U.'s Taubman Center for Public Policy and American Institutions this fall." **Jacob Wynne** (Santa Cruz, CA), a clinical research assistant at Stanford U., and fiancée Brittany Taylor, a veterinary technician at Steinbeck Country Equine Clinic, are also pursuing advanced degrees—"in human and veterinary medicine, respectively."

Izzy Spyrou (ibs6@cornell.edu) started coursework last spring for her master's in education at Bank Street Graduate School in NYC and loves it. She adds, "Recently I visited fellow Cornellian **Shivangi Paranjpe '12** at her home in Mumbai. I've also been to Italy, England, and France this year so far. Looking forward to seeing much more of the world as I explore what I want to do 'when I grow up.'" **Elena Moreno** (ecm66@cornell.edu) was moving to Chicago in August to attend the U. of Chicago Law School.

The *Fleet Hometown News* sent reports on two classmates. **Ariel Taylor** recently enlisted in the US Navy under the Delayed Entry Program of the Raleigh, NC, Navy Recruiting District. "The program allows recruits to enter the Navy and take up to one year to complete prior commitments. Using recruiters as mentors, this program helps recruits ease into the transition from civilian to military life." Ariel will report for basic training at the

Navy's Recruit Training Center in Great Lakes, IL. Pfc. **Cristian Espinal** has graduated from recruit training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, SC, earning the title of US Marine. "For 13 weeks, Cristian stayed committed during some of the world's most demanding entry-level military training that included close-order drill, marksmanship with an M-16A4 rifle, physical fitness, martial arts, swimming, and military history, customs, and courtesies."

Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering major **Zachary Gould** (zmgould@gmail.com) is currently living in Heppenheim, Germany, and writes that he will be building an ultra-efficient aquaponic greenhouse in Nuremberg later this summer. "I am working with a German energy management firm called Energy Biosphere Food here in Germany, and have co-founded two companies related to urban agriculture back in Brooklyn, NY. One is called City Farm & Fish, which will produce fresh fish, fruits, and vegetables in cities and then deliver them directly to your door. The other company, agrowculture, is a website that sells products and offers resources to help people grow their own food; I started it with Cornell alumnus **Nick McEvily '09**. We are looking forward to expanding our services in the coming months and fostering partnerships with Cornell in the future."

Thanks again for your news! If you haven't done so yet, write to us at the addresses below, mail in a News Form, or check out the online news form at: <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>. We look forward to hearing from you. [Lauren Rosenblum](mailto:Lauren.Rosenblum@cornell.edu), LCR 46@cornell.edu; **Kathryn Ling**, KEL56@cornell.edu. CAM Digital Edition, <http://www.cornellalumnimagazine-digital.com>.

12 On May 11, 2013, **Hudson Bova** was kind enough to host over 100 of Cornell's youngest alumni, from the classes of 2009 through 2012, at his family's winery in Millbrook, NY. We bused up from Manhattan and spent the drizzly day eating a delicious catered meal, touring the winery, enjoying the property, and tasting some fabulous wine. The event was reminiscent of the many Finger Lakes wine tours we all took as students, and we tapped into our undergrad spirits to enjoy such a day once again. The planning committee, headed by the Class of 2012 Council, Alumni Affairs staff members **Pat Burns '09** and **Margaux Neiderbach '09**, and of course Hudson, hopes to make this an annual event, so look out for news of Wine Tour 2014!

Our "Reunion One" (during Reunion 2013) was an amazing success! The Class of 2012 was the inaugural class to celebrate this event. Twenty classmates came back to the Hill to celebrate Reunion Weekend and joined the Class of 2013's "Reunion Zero" events. Although the weather was predictably unpredictable, the Young Alumni BBQ with the Class of 2013 was full of sunshine! Our class definitely made its mark celebrating in the Arts Quad tents, and joined other alumni in our Cornell pride during amazing events like Cornelliana Night. Though it may seem far away, our own 5th Reunion is coming, so keep an eye out for updates.

Some News Forms have come in from our classmates, and we'll include them in the next column. Till then, as always, if you haven't sent news in yet, please update either of us with your life events, Cornell-related or otherwise! [Emily Cusick](mailto:Emily.Cusick@cornell.edu), egc43@cornell.edu; **Peggy Ramin**, mar335@cornell.edu.

13 Hello, Class of 2013! It's hard to believe that a new school year is upon us—and that most of us are not making our way back to the Hill. But this just means that we are all off to our own new starts. This column is a place to update classmates about how post-graduate life is treating you.

First, let us introduce ourselves. For the next five years we (**Rachael Schuman** and **Dan Kuhr**) will be here to write about and celebrate all of the various events happening in the lives of 2013 classmates. Rachael just spent her summer traveling, while Dan is a first-year medical student at U. at Buffalo. Whether you're attending graduate school, working on a really cool project for your job, traveling, getting married, getting a new pet, or simply pondering your next move, no story is too grandiose or insignificant. We want to hear what you're doing now that we're officially alumni. E-mail your stories to us at the addresses at the end of this column.

We also want to take this opportunity to introduce the rest of the 2013 Alumni Board. Our co-presidents both spent their summers traveling. **Jon Weinberg** was in Europe with some of his brothers from Sigma Alpha Mu, and **Fiona Ismail** traveled to South Africa to visit family. Also spending his free time traveling, treasurer **Matthew Gruber** explored South America. Our three reunion chairs are already thinking about our first reunion in 2018: **James Feld** is serving as a high school math teacher for Teach For America in Nashville, TN; **Juan Carlos Toledo** started his job at Amazon; and **Ankur Bajaj** worked at a technology incubator while studying for the MCAT and falling in love with "Arrested Development."

Class historian **Patricio Martínez-Llompert** is about to start work as a New York City Urban Fellow. Annual Fund liaison **Renae Curless** began graduate school for a master's in education at the U. of Pennsylvania. Membership chair **Alex Bores** spent his summer interning at the State Dept. and is now working at Corning in NYC. **Nicholas St. Fleur**, our class webmaster, is back on his native Long Island reporting on America's only particle collider and helping move a massive \$25 million electromagnet halfway across the country as a news intern at Brookhaven National Laboratory. And **Jaime Freilich**, our class secretary, also on Long Island, is anxiously awaiting the reopening of the Dairy Bar.

Here's several pieces of news to end our first class column. While they were still undergraduates, **Arielle Levy** and **Emily Mitchell** contributed a new term to a design lexicon developed by the HumEc college that gives designers and architects a common language for interior design features. According to an article in the *Cornell Chronicle*, their "unroom"—spaces in homes and commercial buildings that have no furniture but attract people—will become the 86th entry in the Intypes (Interior Archetypes) Research and Teaching Project. Arielle and Emily were the first undergraduates ever to contribute to this project. In addition, a few of our classmates have been hearing wedding bells. **Josh '12**, BS '11, and **Emily Schlüssel Markovic** were wed in June, as were **Tim** and **Rebecca Gregory Shields**. **Camilo Acosta** popped the question to **Gabriela Rodriguez '12** on the Sunday of Commencement Weekend on the balcony next to the clock tower with the help of the Hangovers and their friends and family. Watch it on YouTube if you're prepared to say, "Awww . . ." Congratulations to the happy couples! [Dan Kuhr](mailto:Dan.Kuhr@cornell.edu), dk453@cornell.edu; and **Rachael Schuman**, raschuman@gmail.com

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1930s

- '35 BEE—Earle R. Elmer, Elkridge, MD, January 23, 2012
'35 BA—Robert G. Hyams, Boca Raton, FL, August 27, 2012

1940s

- '40, BME '41—Col. W. Jordan Severinghaus, Shreveport, LA, September 21, 2012
'40 BS Hotel—Catherine Strong White, Rochester, NY, March 22, 2013
'41—H. Douglass Lindsay Jr., Williamsburg, FL, May 7, 2012
'41—Elizabeth Bennett Naglee, Gwynedd, PA, March 10, 2013
'41 BA—Edith Lewis Perman-Allen, South Hadley, MA, March 6, 2013
'41 BS Ag, MS Ag '51—Howard Sidney, Bradenton, FL, Dec. 27, 2009
'42, BA '41—Evelyn Kneeland Schuyler, Leverett, MA, March 22, 2013
'43 DVM—Edwin O. Gilbert, Santa Fe, NM, July 4, 2011
'43 BS Ag—Simeon R. Gluckson, New York City, March 11, 2013
'43 BS Ag—Walter A. Stern, Arlington, VA, December 26, 2012
'44—Lena Hunt Burdin, Ithaca, NY, March 16, 2013
'44—William G. Weimer, Utica, NY, April 2, 2007
'44 PhD—Ernest H. Wood, Tucson, AZ, April 7, 2013

- '45 BME—Spencer J. Dvorkin, Katonah, NY, March 1, 2013

- '46-47 GR—Elizabeth Brann Hendrickson, Allouez, WI, March 6, 2013
'46 BS Ag—Elaine Lang Lifson, Boynton Beach, FL, December 17, 2011
'46—John F. Wynn Jr., Bonita Springs, FL, April 3, 2008

- '47—Marilyn Vitalius Depew, Staunton, VA, February 23, 2013
'47 BS Nurs—Patricia Merkley Hardy, Florida, NY, February 26, 2013
'47, BS Ag '50—Robert T. Scannell Jr., East Fishkill, NY, March 14, 2013
'47 BME—Robert W. Thomen, Prescott, AZ, February 5, 2013
'47, BA '46—Carol Hirschon Weiss, Boston, MA, January 8, 2013
'47—Virginia Bame Whalen, Jackson, MS, January 8, 2013
'47, BA '48—Donald M. Wilson, Lake Pleasant, NY, November 22, 2012
'47—Barbara Christman Wyatt, Cornelius, NC, February 24, 2013

- '48 BS Hotel—David J. Fanning, Cayce, SC, October 15, 2007
'48 BA—Robert L. Van Ausdall, Oak Brook, IL, March 26, 2013

- '49 MCE—Bruce R. Laverty, Pasadena, CA, February 2, 2013
'49 PhD—Paul B. Simpson, Eugene, OR, January 21, 2013
'49, BA '51—Miriam Burnett Uhlán, Massapequa, NY, February 7, 2013
'49 BEE—Benedict P. Viglietta, Cortland, NY, April 9, 2013
'49 BS ORIE—Silvio C. Volpe, South Weymouth, MA, April 11, 2013

1950s

- '50, BS Ag '51—Richard M. Anderson, Cumberland Center, ME, February 14, 2013
'50—George M. Scranton, West Haven, CT, June 13, 2012
'50—Samuel Steiger, Prescott, AZ, September 26, 2012
'50—Marvin Wadler, Bethesda, MD, March 9, 2013
'50 BA—Albert J. Ward Jr., North Barrington, IL, October 2, 2012
'50—Joanna MacLeod Williams, Richmond, ME, March 23, 2013
'50, BA '51—Timothy S. Williams, Richmond, ME, January 5, 2013

- '51 JD—Alan Berk, Great Neck, NY, March 5, 2012

- '52—Patricia Lindau Powers, Pine City, NY, May 8, 2010
'52 MEd—Stephen S. Spurza, Gloversville, NY, March 12, 2013
'52 MD—Virginia D. Weeks, Saranac Lake, NY, May 11, 2012

- '53—Marian Wallace Kooiman, Sacramento, CA, February 5, 2013
'53 BS Ag—Charles W. Meyers, Newark, NY, February 27, 2013
'53-55 GR—Mary C. Miller, Greensboro, NC, February 28, 2013

- '54 PhD—Robert J. Steamer, Pittsford, NY, January 24, 2013
'54 BA—Mary E. Tilley, Ithaca, NY, March 21, 2013
'54 BS Ag—Ivan A. Virtue Jr., Grove City, PA, March 20, 2013

- '55 MA, PhD '60—Robert F. Berkhofer Jr., Davis, CA, June 25, 2012
'55 BS Ag—Eugene Holman Jr., Bellevue, ID, March 4, 2013
'55 BS HE—Helen Kerruish Scott, Benzonia, MI, April 3, 2013
'55 PhD—Walter L. Thompson, Jonesboro, AR, March 31, 2012

- '57 BS ILR—Peter A. Stross, Seattle, WA, September 23, 2012

- '58 MA—Edward W. Spofford, Menlo Park, CA, February 17, 2013
'58 BS ILR—Norman Weber, Rockville, MD, March 18, 2013

- '59, B Chem E '60, MS '61—Richard A. Blacker, Santa Monica, CA, February 28, 2010

1960s

- '60 BA—Robert S. Carabell, Sedona, AZ, February 8, 2013
'61 MS, PhD '67—Janet Sperber Schwartz, Potomac, MD, Feb. 13, 2013
'61 MS HE—Helen Bickel Wolfe, Westminster, MD, March 5, 2013
'62 MD—Nicholas L. Tilney, Boston, MA, March 13, 2013
'64 BS Hotel—Herwig O. Gallian, Lotus, CA, March 19, 2009
'64 MD—Frederick Schweizer, Ithaca, NY, March 4, 2012
'64, B Chem E '65—Donald I. Townsend, Midland, MI, March 10, 2013
'64 MS—Robert B. Waldner, Ipswich, MA, March 11, 2013

- '67 BS Hotel—Paul S. Zottoli, Princeton, MA, March 29, 2013

- '68 BS Hotel—T. Lee Chiovarou, Lyon Mountain, NY, April 1, 2007
'68—Robert A. Dinnie, Taunton, MA, February 12, 2013
'68 JD—Richard S. Lawrence, Merrick, NY, April 21, 2010
'68, BS Ag Econ '69, MCE '70—Thomas S. Stoddard, Wake Forest, NC, January 6, 2013

- '68 BS Ag—John C. Titchner, Shelburne, VT, February 8, 2013
'68 BEE—Albert J. Zielenski, South Stratford, VT, March 20, 2013

- '69 BS ORIE, MS ORIE '70—Michael H. Cole, North Eastham, MA, April 9, 2013

1970s

- '75 MPS—Deborah Dreizhe Searle, Livingston, NJ, February 25, 2013

- '78 MBA—James B. Wells, Plano, TX, March 4, 2013

- '79 MBA, MPA '80, PhD '81—Lance B. Kurke, Marco Island, FL, July 19, 2012
'79 PhD—Thomas E. Stasz, Weybridge, VT, March 16, 2013
'79 BCE—Margaret A. Zentner, Roseville, CA, August 23, 2012

1980s

- '86 BEE—Charlton M. Harding, Lake Peekskill, NY, February 21, 2013

- '88 BA—James M. Reid, New York City, February 9, 2013

1990s

- '99 MS, PhD '00—Jodi Marie Paar, Dubuque, IA, May 5, 2012

Veterans' Affairs

A former Marine spearheads an effort to honor the first Cornellian to die in battle



1900 CORNELLIAN

FRANKLIN CRAWFORD

In memoriam: The bronze tablet that honors Clifton Beckwith Brown 1900 (left), who perished on San Juan Hill.

War fever gripped Cornell in 1898, when America threw down the gauntlet against Spain in support of Cuban independence. Some 300 Cornellians signed on for the fight. Among those who dropped their studies to join the fray was twenty-two-year-old architecture student Clifton Beckwith Brown 1900. He was assigned to New York's 71st Infantry, which landed at Santiago on July 1, 1898. Charged with taking a low ridge on San Juan Hill, Brown's unit was shot to pieces and broke ranks. The intrepid Cornellian ditched his Civil War-era Winchester, grabbed a modern rifle from a fellow soldier's corpse, and led an advance on a hilltop bunker. While he was clipping strands of barbed wire, a Spaniard's bullet pierced his skull.

Back in Ithaca, the campus mourned his death and marked his sacrifice. In a ceremony attended by President Theodore Roo-

sevelt, two stately spruces were planted in his honor in front of his fraternity, Delta Kappa Epsilon; a plaque was inscribed in his memory and remains in the house to this day.

More tributes were to come. Brown's brother established the Clifton Beckwith Brown Memorial Medal, still given annually to the student with the highest cumulative average in architectural design. He also commissioned Bela Lyon Pratt, an American sculptor whose star was on the rise, to create a campus memorial. Borrowing a scene from Homer's *Iliad*, Pratt designed a large bronze bas relief. Weighing some 150 pounds, the tablet depicted Thetis, mother of Achilles, holding a sword and shield made by Hephaestus, the god of fire. A *Daily Sun* review described the piece as "having the strong decorative sense, for which Pratt is justly noted, in the happy placing of the different elements of the composition and the delightful way in which he has treated the ornamental features."

Cornell President Jacob Gould Schurman spoke at an unveiling ceremony in Uris Library on January 23, 1900. "With the death of Clifton Beckwith Brown, Cornell has entered upon a new era," he said. "He is the first Cornellian to die for his country. Our young hero has fallen and we have been baptized to a new life by the blood of a martyr."

It was a somber and resolute occasion—but Uris was never intended to be the memorial's permanent resting place. Funds for a proposed Alumni Hall were being sought and, according to DKE records, the tablet was to be mounted there. That hall was never built, and as Uris expanded it was moved into storage in the library, where it stayed for more than a century. Around 2000, DKE alum Bill Fogle '70 was reminded of the Brown tale when he became house historian, prompting the former Marine to search for the tablet via e-mail from his home in Arizona. By that time, University officials were uncertain of its exact location, a fact that frustrated Fogle to no end. How could 150 pounds of bronze go missing? Rumors that it spent eight years in Barton Hall, for instance, ultimately proved untrue; Morris Bishop 1913, PhD '26, in his *History of Cornell*, erroneously placed it in the College of Architecture.

Fogle not only wanted the memorial tablet found, he wanted it mounted in a place of honor. It was finally located in Uris—intact and, according to the librarian who answered his query, "perhaps a little dusty." For safekeeping, the piece was temporarily relocated to Kroch Library, home of Cornell's Rare and Manuscript Collections. "The tablet was never really lost," says University Archivist Elaine Engst, MA '72. "It was in Uris Library, but no one knew quite where. We brought it here so we'd know exactly where it was until a decision was made about its final display."

In May, the tablet was mounted on the east wall of the Hartell Gallery in Sibley Dome. Now that it finally has a permanent home, Fogle plans to organize a memorial to honor the first Cornellian lost to a war.

— Franklin Crawford

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