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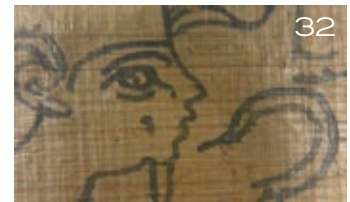
BETH SAULNIER

Ruth Bader Ginsburg '54 has emerged as the leader of the Supreme Court's liberal wing—having voted in favor of such issues as affirmative action, marriage equality, campaign finance limits, gun control, and abortion rights. The former government major had a storied legal career as a pioneer in gender equality before joining the Court twenty years ago. Now eighty, Ginsburg is the court's eldest justice—and no, she has no plans to retire. In a wide-ranging conversation with CAM in her chambers a few weeks before the Court went into session this fall, Ginsburg weighs in on such topics as her vivid memories of Professor Nabokov, the secrets of a lasting marriage, and the thrill of being immortalized in opera.

## 46 The Other Debt Crisis

RONALD EHRENBERG & ROSS MILTON

Much has been said about the rising cost of college—and how student debt loads are threatening to financially hobble graduates for decades to come. But as a Cornell economist and his student write, there's another debt crisis: that of colleges and universities themselves, which are increasingly relying on borrowed money to finance ever-more-ambitious campus facilities. A look at how and why schools accrue debt for capital projects and other purposes—and how Cornell stacks up.



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# The Expanding Role of University Health Services

**F**rom the old Sage Infirmary halfway down the State Street hill to the current Gannett Health Services on Ho Plaza, student health care at Cornell has come a long way—not only in terms of proximity to the center of the campus, but in the complexity and scope of what we seek to do.

There have been enormous changes in the missions of student health services—nationally and at Cornell. Some students today come to college with significant health issues that might have precluded their attendance even a decade ago. They may need help

services are also available to students (or groups of students) who are affected by traumatizing regional or international incidents such as earthquakes, floods, or political unrest.

In addition, the Faculty and Staff Assistance Program, managed by Gannett professionals, offers consultation and personal support to employees, retirees, and postdocs. Other employee services include travel shots and other immunizations, as well as physical therapy and occupational medicine. I have gotten excellent advice and care from Gannett for my own international travel.

In 2012, Gannett became one of the first university health services in the U.S. to be certified by the National Committee for Quality Assurance as a “patient-centered medical home”—where “a team of health professionals collaborate to provide high levels of care, access, and communication, care coordination and integration, and care quality and safety.” And it recently became one of the first university health services to be recognized by the Jed Foundation, a national organization seeking to reduce suicide rates among college students, for its comprehensive approach to mental health.

But Gannett has been strained beyond its physical limits to accommodate today’s students. While the student population on the Ithaca campus has increased by only about 30 percent since the clinic’s last expansion in 1980, visits have increased by 250 percent, from 40,000 in 1980 to more than 100,000 last year. Waiting rooms are often crowded, staff share cramped office space, and patients who might otherwise be treated on campus are transferred to hospital emergency rooms for lack of observation space.

Gannett has made efforts, within current constraints, to relocate some key services—including physical therapy, business services, health insurance support, and some counseling services—to other locations, but there has been a need for a facility upgrade and expansion for several years. Last summer this effort received a wonderful boost from Robert Harrison ’76, chair of the Board of Trustees, and his wife, Jane, who made a lead gift of \$5 million in support of the \$55 million project that we plan to complete by 2017.

By making improvements to Gannett, Cornell will continue to provide the comprehensive care fundamental to student success and achievement. In the process, we will continue to teach students how to manage their own health care and reinforce the healthy habits that will continue to serve them well, long after Cornell. As Professor Glenn Altschuler, PhD ’76, and I wrote in a recent *Forbes* blog, “Going beyond providing medical and mental health care and shaping the environment through a comprehensive public health approach, including prevention and education, is complicated and difficult. But these innovations pay off in healthier and more successful students and, in the long term, a healthier adult population.”

I invite you to stay in touch as plans for the much needed expansion and further evolution of Gannett Health Services move forward.

— President David Skorton  
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in managing complex conditions such as asthma, autism-spectrum disorders, chronic depression, and eating disorders, and university health centers are working to meet their needs.

Under the leadership of Vice President Susan Murphy ’73, PhD ’94, Janet Corson-Rikert, MD, executive director of Gannett and associate vice president for campus health, and their superb team, our health center is recognized as a national leader for its comprehensive approach to student health and well-being. Like many other university health centers, Gannett provides abundant Web-based and print materials and partners with colleagues across campus to promote balanced living, with attention to nutrition, fitness, stress reduction, and sleep. Gannett staff also work collaboratively to address high-risk drinking and drug use, offer bystander education programs, and provide education and support for those affected by behaviors such as hazing and sexual violence.

With many international students coming to Ithaca and a growing number of domestic students spending time in other countries, Gannett must also be prepared to address global health threats such as MERS and avian flu. Counseling and support



# ICELAND TO GREENLAND AND THE ARCTIC CIRCLE: *In the Wake of the Vikings*

BY LISA YAGER

What an adventure! I never imagined that anyone would travel to such remote locations. From the barren landscapes of Iceland to the rugged west coast of Greenland, I wondered what the attraction would be. Now I know. I am delighted to have had the opportunity to host this amazing trip, and discover some of what these countries have to offer. It is an experience not to be missed.

From the Perlan, a landmark building offering fantastic panoramic views of the city of Reykjavik, to the church of Hallgrimur (which resembles our own McGraw Clock Tower), to the stunning sights along the "Golden Circle" where we witnessed geological wonders of nature, our time in Iceland was unforgettable. Even more memorable were the ice-filled fjords, calving glaciers, and majestic icebergs that form Greenland's dreamscape. As we sailed past endless numbers of these floating sculptures, watching their shapes change, the sunlight altering their shadows, and seeing their beautiful colors from sparkling white to blue to turquoise, these icebergs gave true meaning to the word "awesome."

During our time at sea, we attended informative lectures on the culture and history of Greenland, as well as the climate and its effect on marine life in the Arctic. The entire crew, captain, expedition team, and staff on board the M.S. *LeBoreal* ensured that our adventure was fabulous from beginning to end. Not even a sea of ice would stop them from getting us to the places they promised we would see—and they even added a few extra surprises. The zodiac cruise at sunset off Ilulissat was a personal favorite—breathtaking!

As remarkable as the sights were, it was the people who made this trip phenomenal. I so enjoyed the time shared with my Cornell travel companions, getting to know them, and learning of their time on the Hill and since graduation. One of my favorite nights included a performance of "Give My Regards to Davy," as the pianist and alumni group recalled Cornell's fight song, followed by the Alma Mater. I'm honored to have been able to travel with such an exhilarating group of Cornellians.



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LISA YAGER, Administrative Assistant, Office of the President, and recent host for the Cornell Alumni Association Travel Program



# The Big Picture







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### Come Blow Your Horn

In addition to watching Cornell demolish Bucknell 45-13, alumni at Homecoming 2013 enjoyed festivities that included (clockwise from left) the dedication of the new Big Red Bands facility, Ferris wheel rides, and grape-stomping.

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# Defending Technion

## Alumni assert their support for our Cornell Tech partner

In her letter to the editor, Diane Adkin '71 asks Cornell to cut ties with Technion-Israel Institute of Technology because of its “direct link to the Israeli military” (Correspondence, September/October 2013). Other alumni have sent letters on the same subject. Before anyone else disparages Technion, please look at its funding sources and projects. The Technion funding list ([www.technion.ac.il/~research/all.htm](http://www.technion.ac.il/~research/all.htm)) displays an impressive breadth of projects in fields such as agriculture, aquatic sciences, cyber protection, earthquake preparedness, environmental protection, health, medicine, and renewable energy. Technion is as much a “true science and education” institution as Cornell.

*David Levine '78  
St. Louis, Missouri*

Diane Adkin's suggestion to cut ties with Technion isn't an option, as Technion and Cornell submitted a joint proposal for the applied science and technology campus on Roosevelt Island. One of the reasons why that bid was accepted was the strength of the Technion in many areas of applied science, including biotechnology, robotics, nanotechnology, and computer science. Adkin's comment that Technion is a direct link to the military is misleading. It is true that, as the major engineering school in Israel, some of its graduates work in military industries and some staff members work as consultants for military projects. But the military has no control over what is taught there or what research projects are initiated by its staff members. As in the United States, the military may sponsor research, and individual researchers are allowed to submit bids for doing the work if they are so inclined.

It is an unfortunate fact that Israel has



required a strong military to withstand the continuous attempts to destroy it. We only have to look across our border with Syria to understand what would be in store for us if we lower our guard. For this reason, most citizens of Israel realize that a strong military is vital for our survival. One of the most well-known military projects in Israel is the Iron Dome anti-missile system that was developed with the aid of many Technion graduates. During a recent barrage of rockets fired on southern Israel from our neighbors in Gaza, many of them were destroyed in mid-flight, saving countless lives.

*John Wolberg '57  
Haifa, Israel*

*Ed. Note: Wolberg, who holds a PhD from MIT, is professor emeritus of mechanical engineering at Technion-Israel Institute of Technology.*

## On Target

Thank you for the article “It’s Complicated” (September/October 2013) about Duncan Watts, PhD '97. For my field, I can say that his research is right on the mark. I’ve worked in the media for about twenty years, mostly as a journalist, but currently as a public relations consultant in the arts. In the contemporary art world, the success of an artist primarily depends on the PR, image, and “branding machine” behind him or her. Yes, there has to be a basic level of quality—but once there is a critical mass of key people on board, those opinions will drive the rest of the herd to follow.

*John Varoli '90  
Prague, Czech Republic*

## Missing with MOOCs

Re: “Forward into the Past” (July/August 2013). I have read several other articles on this subject, and I am sure that students who now or later use MOOCs will sadly miss the personal contact with the professors involved. This contact is needed and may bring satisfactory experiences that they have not had. There is a saying in Spanish: “Algo es algo peor es nada,” which translates as “Something is better than nothing”—but this is hardly a consolation.

*Gustavo Vollmer '42  
Miami, Florida*

## Corrections—November/December 2013

Currents, page 36: In “The Unkindest Cut,” we reported that Tobe Levin, PhD '79, teaches at “Maryland College”; the correct name of the school is the University of Maryland University College (UMUC). We reported that she gave birth to a daughter in 1984; the correct year is 1987. Also, in the photo caption, we misspelled her first name as “Toby.” Our profound apologies to Prof. Levin for these errors.

“The Buck Stops Here,” p. 52—Sharon Tregaskis '95 wrote that the population of white-tailed deer in the U.S. was “on a par” with that of people. That’s off by a factor of ten; the correct number for deer is approximately 30 million and for people 300 million. Our thanks to Peter Howard '72 for pointing out the error.

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# From the Hill



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Diamond in the ruff: The Vet school's aging teaching facilities—home to, among things, its wildly popular annual open house—are getting an overhaul.

## **\$63 Million Renovation Planned for Vet College**

The Vet college will get a major overhaul with a \$63 million renovation and expansion project set to start next summer. With the aim of increasing annual class sizes to 120 from the current 102, the college will demolish and replace about 68,000 square feet of its facilities and renovate another 33,000 square feet. Although overall space won't increase—in fact, it will go down slightly—the replacement of outdated infrastructure with modern teaching facilities will allow it to accommodate more students. Cornell currently has the smallest class size among leading vet schools.

The project, which is mostly being funded by New York State, features a public auditorium, larger classrooms including two more lecture halls, a new dining facility, and a renovated anatomy lab. James Law Auditorium will be replaced with a three-story building comprising the Veterinary Library, an “e-learning center,” and administrative offices. In addition to allowing for more vet students, the renovation will better accommodate a popular confer-

ence held on campus each year and offer more hands-on training opportunities for vet technician students from SUNY and elsewhere. Construction is scheduled to be completed in fall 2017.

## **U.S. News & World Report Rates CU Number 16**

Cornell ranked sixteenth in *U.S. News & World Report's* 2013–14 ratings of national universities, falling a spot from the previous year. The ranking put the University at the back of the pack in the Ivy League, with Princeton, Harvard, and Yale topping the list. Cornell finished in the top ten in several categories of undergraduate education, including seventh in engineering and tenth in business. It was named ninth on the list of “best value schools” and first on the list of universities rated by guidance counselors from top-ranked high schools.



## Undergrad and Grad Student Die in Separate Incidents

Cornell mourned the loss of two students in September. Shortly after the semester began, twenty-year-old junior Denis Lukashkov of Mamaroneck, New York, left campus suddenly and drove several hours to the Tappan Zee Bridge north of New York City, where he jumped to his death. An applied economics and management student in CALS, Lukashkov had recently transferred from SUNY Albany. Later in the month, twenty-three-year-old Turi Alcoser, a PhD candidate in biomedical engineering, passed away in Ithaca. Although the University did not release an official cause of death, his hometown newspaper in San Antonio, Texas, reported that he took his own life. An alumnus of Carnegie Mellon, Alcoser won several awards for his research on the biophysical properties of breast cancer tumor cells.

## Medical College Launches \$300 Million Campaign

Shortly after wrapping up its research-oriented Discoveries that Make a Difference campaign—which raised \$1.3 billion in about seven years—Weill Cornell has launched a new fundraising campaign aimed at translating scientific breakthroughs into innovations in patient care. When Driving Discoveries, Changing Lives was announced in mid-September, it was already halfway toward its \$300 million goal, thanks in large part to a \$100 million gift from college namesakes Joan and Sanford I. Weill '55 and the Weill Family Foundation.

The campaign will support research and clinical work around chronic diseases, focusing on such areas as cancer, heart disease, diabetes, obesity, neurological disorders, and children's health. It will enhance medical education through scholarships, faculty sup-



JOHN ABBOTT

Discovery central: Weill's Belfer Research Building, now nearing completion, is supported by both the previous and current fundraising campaigns.

port, enhanced clinical experiences, and more. Says President David Skorton: "It's critical to recognize the need to support student scholarship as a way for us to attract the next generation of physicians and scientists who will truly drive discovery and change lives." The Weills' gift—which will fund two new centers, one devoted to cancer research and the other to metabolic syndrome—brings the family's total Cornell philanthropy to more than \$600 million.

## Give My Regards To...

### These Cornellians in the News

**Meredith Scardino '98**, who won her third Emmy for best writing on a variety show for "The Colbert Report."

California chef **Douglas Keane '93**, winner of the reality TV competition "Top Chef Masters."

"Glee" actor **Jane Lynch, MFA '84**, who received a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

Attorney **Manuel Natal '08**, who won a special election to represent Puerto Rico in Congress.

Freedom Now founder **Jared Genser '95**, winner of the International Human Rights Award from the litigation section of the American Bar Association.

Sprint football coach **Terry Cullen, MBA '66**, Africana studies professor **Robert Harris**, and Cornell Police Chief **Kathy Zoner**, named honorary members of Quill & Dagger.

Astronomy professor **Joseph Burns, PhD '66**, winner of the Brouwer Award from the American Astronomical Society for fundamental contributions in planetary dynamics.

The *Daily Sun*, named the nation's best college newspaper by the Princeton Review.

Professors **Julius Lucks** (chemical and biomolecular engineering) and **Marco Seandel** (cell and developmental biology), winners of five-year, \$1.5 million New Innovator Awards from the National Institutes of Health.

Grad student **Pinshane Huang** and applied and engineering physics professor **David Muller, PhD '96**, whose two-atom-thick "pane" of glass was named the world's thinnest by the *Guinness Book*.

**Cornell University**, named—for the seventh year—one of the top 100 adoption-friendly workplaces by the Dave Thomas Foundation, at number sixty-nine.

Grad students **Daniel Cellucci**, **Nicholas Cheney**, **Brian Koopman**, **Ethan Ritz**, and **Jason Yosinski**, named NASA Space Technology Research Fellows.

Immunologist **Gary Koretzky '78**, named dean of the Weill Cornell Graduate School of Medical Sciences.

History lessons: Inspired by this year's New Student Reading Project selection—Julia Otsuka's *When the Emperor Was Divine*, which deals with life in a Japanese-American internment camp during World War II—the Johnson Museum is hosting an exhibit of work by Roger Shimomura. His brightly colored paintings, influenced by Japanese *ukiyo-e* prints and Pop Art, are drawn from his family's experiences at Minidoka Relocation Center in Idaho. The show runs through late December.



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## R&D

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

**By accepting electronic payments**, school cafeterias may be contributing to the obesity epidemic, warn behavioral economists David Just and Brian Wansink. Their study found that cashless systems encourage kids to buy more junk food and consume more calories.

**Researchers at Cornell and Berkeley** have identified a new type of bacteria that lives in the human gut. It may play a role in digesting fiber and synthesizing vitamins B and K.

**By consistently being unfaithful to their mates**, Australia's female fairywrens influence the evolution of their species. Ornithologist Michael Webster, PhD '91, and grad student Daniel Baldassarre report that by having multiple partners, females have kept orange and red fairywrens from diverging into two species.

**Animal science researchers** report that because cows consume byproducts from human food and biofuel production that would otherwise be incinerated, their "carbon hoofprint" may be smaller than previously believed.

**In an effort to create ever more realistic computer graphics**, researchers are using techniques of perceptual psychology to understand how humans view translucent objects.

**The shape of your wine glass** influences how much you fill it, reports Cornell's Food and Brand Lab. Asked to pour a "normal" drink, subjects dispensed more if the glass was short and wide versus tall and thin; holding the glass while pouring also made for stiffer drinks.

**Publishing the results of her doctoral work in *PLOS ONE***, ornithologist Sara DeLeon, PhD '12, reports that even low levels of PCBs can change how some birds sing.

**In one of the largest studies of its kind**, ecology and evolutionary biology professor Jeremy Searle and an international team are exploring the history of a small rodent called the Orkney Islands vole, an effort that is also shedding light on the islands' Neolithic culture.

**Three undergrads have designed a "de-stressing vest,"** embedded with tiny motors, that offers a gentle neck and shoulder massage. They're seeking to patent the garment, which won a \$10,000 innovation award from the School of Electrical and Computer Engineering.

**Pet catfish set free from aquariums** can devastate local ecosystems by depriving them of the phosphorous that feeds algae at the bottom of the food chain. Krista Capps, PhD '11, researched the subject for her dissertation in ecology and evolutionary biology.

**Horticulture professor Su-Sheng Gan** and colleagues have discovered an enzymatic "fountain of youth" that slows the process of leaf death—helping scientists understand the genetic basis of freshness.



## Communications VP Bruce Departs for Dartmouth

Tommy Bruce, Cornell's vice president for university communications since 2004, is leaving the University to become senior vice president for public affairs at Dartmouth College, where he will oversee communications as well as government and community relations. "In Tommy Bruce, Dartmouth is gaining an acknowledged leader in the field of communications and media relations," says President Skorton. "Tommy's executive savvy, forward-looking optimism, and ability to creatively elevate and enhance Cornell's global profile have been important to the continued success of Cornell's educational and public-engagement missions."



Tommy Bruce

## CU Pledges Scholarships to Inner-City Students

The University has joined a national nonprofit that helps students from inner-city schools pay for college. New York-based Say Yes to Education Inc. offers a variety of educational and mentoring services to lower-income students in six northeastern cities including Syracuse, Buffalo, Hartford, and Cambridge. Its mission includes partnerships with dozens of colleges and universities—now including Cornell—that offer free tuition to eligible Say Yes Scholars. The group serves nearly 65,000 children in kindergarten through twelfth grade. "Cornell University is committed to providing higher education access for academically talented students from all socioeconomic backgrounds," said Vice Provost Barbara Knuth. "Partnering with Say Yes enables us to make our generous need-based financial aid policies and strong academic programs visible to students in some of the nation's lowest-income school districts who might otherwise be unaware of their opportunities to enroll at Cornell or similar schools."

## Disgraced San Diego Mayor Takes Plea Deal

In mid-October, former San Diego Mayor Bob Filner '63, PhD '73, pleaded guilty to one count of felony false imprisonment and two counts of misdemeanor battery—the latest chapter in a sordid tale of sexual harassment allegations that ended his political career. Less than a year after being elected, Filner resigned following accusations of lewd conduct—such as groping, kissing, and inappropriate comments—from more than a dozen women, including a university dean and a retired Navy rear admiral. In a resignation statement, which the *L.A. Times* called "a tour de force of self-pity and deflection," he apologized to the city and the complainants, denied the allegations, and described himself as the victim of a lynch mob. The October charges—for which he entered a plea bargain mandating mental health treatment, three months of home confinement, and three years of probation—stemmed from his behavior with three of the women. A Freedom Rider during his undergrad days, Filner taught history at San Diego State University before being elected to the House of Representatives, where he served for two decades.



Bob Filner '63, PhD '73

## Two Professors Win MacArthur 'Genius' Awards

Two Cornell professors are among the twenty-four people named 2013 MacArthur Fellows. The unrestricted awards, commonly known as "genius grants," each carry a \$625,000 cash prize over five years. The University's winners are Craig Fennie, a professor of applied and engineering physics in the Engineering college, and Sheila Nirenberg, a professor of physiology and biophysics at the Medical college. Fennie works in computational and theoretical materials physics, using theory to study new solids and nanostructures. Nirenberg, a neuroscientist, is designing an artificial retina that could restore sight to millions suffering from such diseases as macular degeneration and retinitis pigmentosa.

## MOOCs Debut Next Semester

The University is gearing up to launch its first four MOOCs—massive open online courses—in partnership with the nonprofit distance-learning firm edX. The courses, starting next semester, will be available to any student around the globe with an Internet connection. Titles are Relativity and Astrophysics; Wiretaps to Big Data: Privacy and Surveillance in the Age of Complete Interconnection; Networks; and American Capitalism: A History. "Since Cornell University's start nearly 150 years ago, the University has embraced its land-grant mission," says senior vice provost for undergraduate education Laura Brown. "Now with the advent of MOOCs, Cornell adds progression and more modernity to its mission to serve a broad, even global, community of learners." For more information or to register, go to [www.edx.org](http://www.edx.org).

## Tech Campus Adds Four Profs

Cornell Tech has continued to expand its faculty with the hiring of four new professors, two of whom come from the Ithaca campus. They are Serge Belongie, a computer vision and machine learning specialist from the University of California, San Diego; Mor Naaman, an Israeli-born social media expert who is the first faculty member hired for the Jacobs Technion-Cornell Innovation Institute; Ithaca-based cryptography researcher Rafael Pass, a native of Sweden; and Ramin Zabih, a computer vision expert who has been based in Ithaca but split his time with the Medical College, where he has an appointment in radiology. "All four of our new faculty are not only on the cutting edge of research," says Cornell Tech Dean Dan Huttenlocher, "but are actively translating their work into real, practical solutions for everyday life."

## Lacrosse Team Punished for Hazing Freshman Players

The men's lacrosse team was suspended for the fall semester following reports of team hazing practices that included requiring freshman players to perform menial tasks and to attend social events organized by upperclassmen. As the University reported on its website dedicated to hazing prevention: "At one such social gathering, upperclass team members organized a 'keg race' in which underage freshman members, aided by seniors, were challenged to drink a large amount of alcohol (beer) in a competition against other team members. The freshmen were told to stand in a circle and were tied together with string that was passed through their belt loops. They consumed a large quantity of alcohol to the point at which multiple members vomited." As punishment, all fall competitions were cancelled, though training sessions and practices resumed after a brief suspension.

# Big Day for the Big Red

David Archer '05 opens his head coaching career with a win



PATRICK SHANAHAN

Man in motion: Head coach David Archer '05 roamed the sidelines during the Big Red's Homecoming game.

**T**he David Archer Era of Cornell football officially started when he was named head coach in January. But for most people it really began when the Big Red beat Bucknell 45-13 in the season opener at Schoellkopf Field on September 21.

While Archer '05 entered the game as the youngest head coach in Division I at 30 years old, he had plenty of reasons to feel comfortable on the sidelines. He was a three-year starter on the offensive line and a team captain as an undergrad. He had spent the previous six seasons as an assistant coach for the Big Red. And he enjoyed the role of instructor, having spent two years teaching at the Dr. William H. Horton School in Newark, New Jersey, in the Teach For America program before returning to the Hill in 2007.

Shortly after the Homecoming victory over Bucknell, we caught up with Archer and got his first impressions as the Big Red's 27th head coach.

**Cornell Alumni Magazine:** What was it like walking onto Schoellkopf Field as the head coach for the first time?

**David Archer:** It was a very exciting and humbling feeling. It's such an amazing university and so many great people have been involved with the football program over the years. I'm in love with Schoellkopf—it's one of my favorite spots in the whole world.

**CAM:** What are your most important goals as head coach?

**DA:** I want to build a program that the University and the alumni are proud of, one that attracts high-level recruits from across the country and develops them as student-athletes. I want the players to take advantage of all the resources the University has to offer, create life-long friendships, and have them always be as attached to Cornell as I have been. I've had a great time working with these players and a great time working with our staff. We're all growing together, and I love every day.

**CAM:** When you came to Cornell, did you plan on becoming a coach?

**DA:** No, what I wanted to do is help people. I got an economics degree because I thought it would be marketable. During my senior year, I was pointed in the direction of Teach For America, and I spent two years teaching. I loved it. In my second year of teaching, I was also a volunteer coach at Fairleigh Dickinson University. While I loved helping fourth-grade and eighth-grade kids, I knew I didn't want to do that for the rest of my life, so I decided to give coaching a try.

**CAM:** When Kent Austin announced he was leaving Cornell, did you think there was a possibility you would take over the job?

**DA:** No, I didn't, even though I wanted to. Before his resignation was officially announced, I got phone calls from a couple of players who asked me if I would be interested, but I wasn't going to try to force myself into an interview if I wasn't wanted. But some alumni told me they thought I should get the job; I told them if they felt that way, they should contact [athletic director] Andy Noel and let him know—and I think a lot of them did.

**CAM:** How much does it help taking over a team that has someone like Jeff Mathews '14 at quarterback?

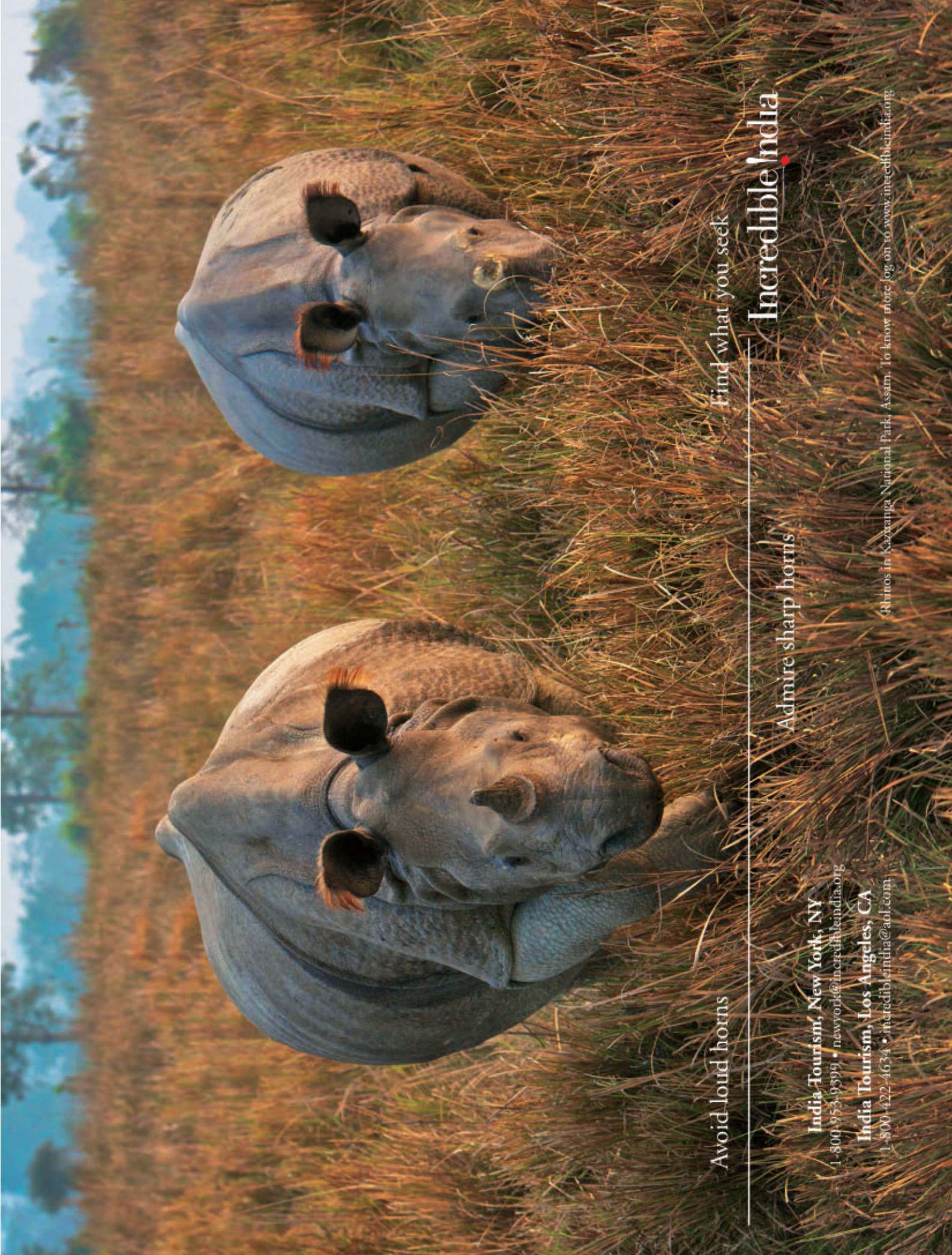
**DA:** Jeff is a really good player, but he's even better off the field with his leadership, the example he sets, his investment in our younger players, and his selflessness. I really can't say enough good things about Jeff Mathews.

**CAM:** Are you getting tired of being referred to as the youngest coach in Division I football?

**DA:** The only time that comes up is in interviews, and I take it more as a compliment to Cornell than anything else. I'm proud to say I'm the youngest head coach in the country, and that I am a product of Cornell University.

— Dennis Read





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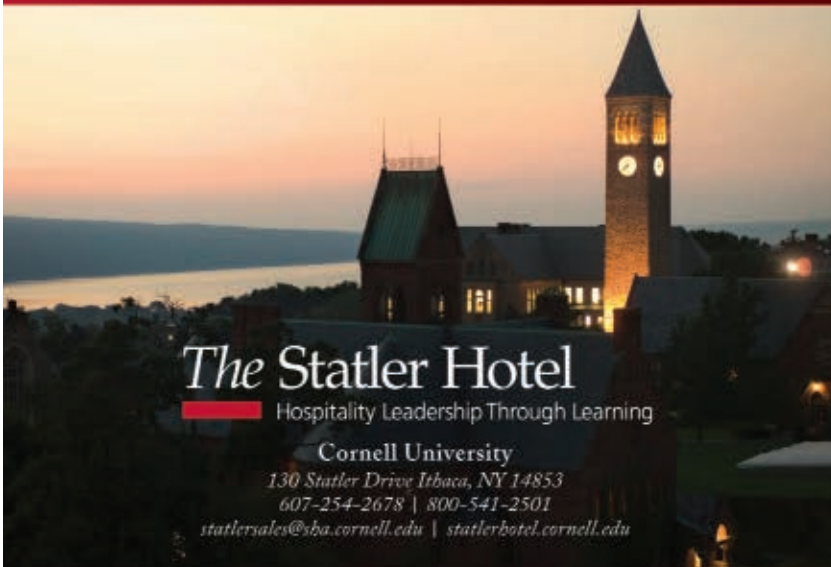
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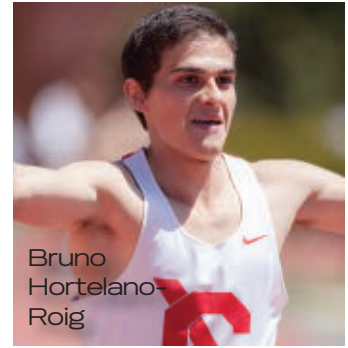


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**FLEET FEET** Sprinter **Bruno Hortelano-Roig '13** established his credentials on the world stage this summer, winning the Spanish national championship in the 200 meters and beating Usain Bolt in a heat at the World Championships in Moscow. He broke his own school record and set a Spanish national record with a 20.47 clocking in Moscow. Hortelano-Roig was also a member of the Spanish 4x100 relay team that set a national record of 38.46 in the heats, although the unit missed the semi-finals by 5/100 of a second.

**MAT MEN** The wrestling team has added a pair of alumni to its coaching staff. **Mike Grey '11** was named assistant coach after two seasons as a volunteer assistant. Grey was first-team all-Ivy all four years and won two Eastern titles while helping Cornell to two national runner-up finishes. His replacement as volunteer assistant will be **Kyle Dake '13**, who became the first wrestler in NCAA history to win national titles at four different weight classes and is now training for a shot to wrestle in the 2016 Olympics.

**TOP EXEC** Shortly after announcing he would step down as commissioner of Major League Baseball, Bud Selig named **Rob Manfred '80** as MLB's chief operating officer, the sport's number-two post. Manfred joined MLB as executive vice president for labor relations and human resources in 1998; previously, he was a partner at Morgan, Lewis & Bockius, where he assisted with various baseball labor negotiations.

**EN GARDE** Five Big Red fencers were among the 60 members of a United States college team that competed in the third annual Korea-USA Elite Fencing Invitational on Jeju Island, South Korea, in August. **Angelica Gangemi '16** was Cornell's top finisher, placing fifth in the women's foil. **April Whitney '14** and **Christine McIntosh '14** posted top-15 finishes in the foil, while **Olivia Weller '15** was 11th in epee and **Audrey Speer '13** was 15th in the sabre.



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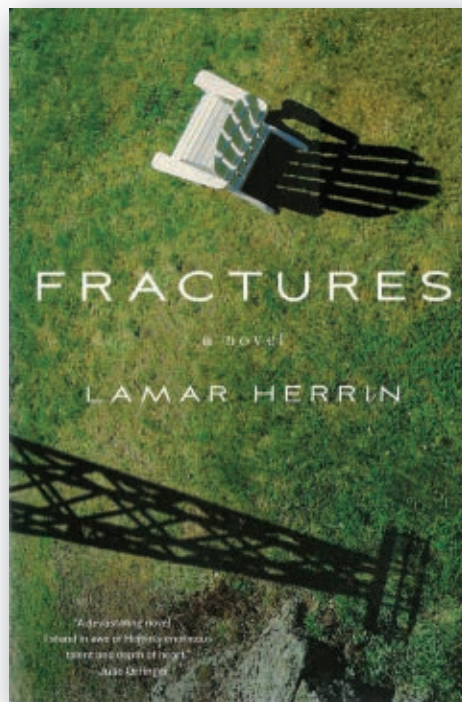


# What Lies Beneath

## Fractures

by Lamar Herrin (Thomas Dunne)

**A** mile below Frank Joyner’s hundred acres sits the Marcellus Shale—and a potential bonanza for him and his heirs. When agents for natural gas companies begin to lease the land around the family’s property, Frank, a sixty-year-old retired architect, must decide whether or not to permit drilling. In his latest novel, the Cornell English professor and author of *The Unwritten Chronicles of Robert E. Lee* plumbs the motives of three generations of Joyners and shows how the complicated issue of hydrofracking and the promise of money intensify underlying loyalties and disloyalties.



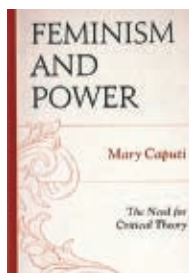
**LIVE From Mongolia** by Patricia Sexton '97 (Beaufort). After nearly a decade as a Wall Street banker, Sexton had gotten caught up in the money, the lifestyle, and the need to stay for just one more bonus. But she decided to stop simply dreaming of becoming a foreign correspondent, quit her job, and landed an internship at Mongolia’s state-owned TV and radio station. Soon she was anchoring the English news, traveling to the remote steppe, and meeting others in pursuit of their dreams: a German brewmaster, a French horse tracker, and Mongolia’s top hip-hop artist.



**Hunting Old Sammie** by John Lauricella, MFA '87, PhD '93 (Irving Place). Three years after 9/11, Armand Terranova has left his job as a petroleum industry analyst and moved his family to Ithaca to escape the grinding hours. But he can’t escape his obsession with terrorists—a trait he shares with Luke Robideau, his next-door neighbor, who has built a sniper’s nest in readiness for the fight he believes will come. Luke sees Armand as an outsider and a privileged interloper; Armand sees Luke as a threat to his family. Mutual distrust builds up to a violent confrontation.



**Feminism and Power** by Mary Caputi '79, PhD '88 (Lexington). “Feminism has always been a movement focused on oppression,” writes Caputi, a professor of political theory at California State University, Long Beach, “and it would be tragic—despite the empowerment women currently enjoy—to lose sight of that.” In her critique of the “brave new girl” strain of third-wave feminism, she argues that the manner in which many young women interpret their power in fact reflects an older, more traditional version of American rugged individualism that does not listen to the needs of the world.



**General Grant and the Rewriting of History** by Frank Varney, PhD '07 (Savas Beatie). Ulysses S. Grant’s version of history in his *Memoirs* has been commonly accepted as a reliable account of the Civil War. After comparing the memoirs with other primary sources, however, Varney, a professor of history at Dickinson State University, discovered instances where Grant falsified War Department records, blamed others for his errors, and did his best to destroy the reputations of several officers, especially General William S. Rosecrans. “Rosecrans was a far more effective general than we had previously thought,” he argues, “and deserves much more credit than he has received.”





## Fiction

**Blue Is the Warmest Color** by Julie Maroh, translated by Ivanka Hahnenberger '83 (Arsenal Pulp). In a graphic novel—the film version of which won the Palme d'Or at the Cannes Film Festival—Clementine falls in love with blue-haired Emma and questions her ideas about who she really is.

**The 228 Legacy** by Jennifer J. Chow '01 (Martin Sisters). Three generations of women in a Taiwanese family living in Los Angeles reconnect emotionally after a traumatic secret from Grandmother Silk's past is revealed.

## Poetry

**Shadow Play** by Jody Bolz '71, MFA '73 (Turning Point). In her latest book, an elegiac novella in verse, Bolz explores youth and lost love with psychological insight as she retraces a backpacking trip through Asia and explores a failed early marriage.

## Children's

**Polly and the Peanut Pull** by Rodo Sofranac '71 (Inkwell). The smallest inhabitant of Peaputt Place teaches her friends the valuable lesson of working together for a common goal.

## Non-Fiction

**Awkward Family Holiday Photos** by Mike Bender and Doug Chernack '96 (Random House). In their latest foray into cringe-worthy territory, the authors of the Awkward Family Photos blog commemorate uncomfortable and humiliating images from Valentine's Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas, Hanukkah, and other holidays.

**Travel for Seniors Made Easy** by Mike Eicher '60 (Tate). With research, planning, and a realistic assessment of one's physical condition, travel does not have to be an ordeal for retirees. A former corporate executive provides practical advice on how to make international travel an enjoyable and stimulating experience.

**Do Cool Sh\*t** by Miki Agrawal '01 (Harper-Business). The founder of Slice pizzeria provides advice for entrepreneurs and people who want to lead more fulfilling lives. She explains how to find your calling, put your passion in motion, and have the courage and confidence to become the "best version of yourself you could ever imagine."

**Algorithmic Trading** by Ernest Chan, PhD '94 (Wiley). The principal of QTS Capital Management offers practical strategies on the use of mathematics and software for trading in complex financial markets.

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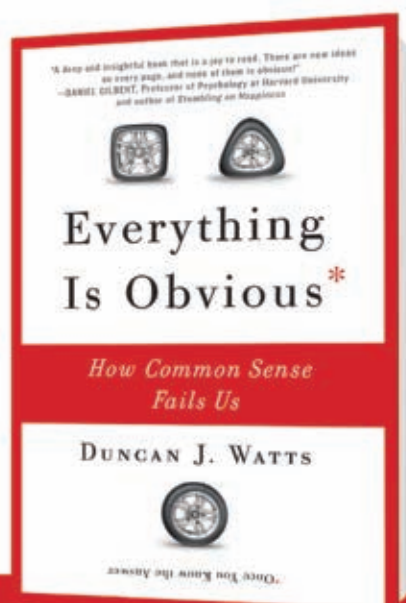
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# Have a Cow

The long-awaited dairy processing plant opens for business

It's important to understand that our primary mission is not making ice cream for the campus," says Jason Huck, general manager of Cornell's dairy processing plant. "It's supporting teaching, research, and extension."

Huck, MS '06, seems like an honest sort of fellow. So it's entirely possible that he means what he says—even if legions of cone-loving Cornellians would respectfully disagree.

For the past two and a half years, Huck has had the unenviable job of explaining why Cornell Dairy fans have had to live without their beloved butter pecan, mint chip, Sticky Bunz, and Cornellia's Dark Secret—but on the bright side, he's been establishing a state-of-the-art dairy processing operation. As part of its \$106 million overhaul of Stocking Hall, CALS demolished the old plant (in operation since 1923) and built a gleaming new facility. With a long glass wall facing Tower Road—it glows bright cobalt by night—the new, computer-controlled plant offers multiple vantage points for the lactically curious. While the plant itself is off-limits to the public for food safety reasons, a viewing gallery looks down on the main floor, home to giant steel tanks, filling machines, a pasteurizer, a homogenizer, and other gleaming equipment. "Once we get running, it'll be a little like a reality TV show about dairy processing," Huck says. "We'll be on display all the time."

The 12,000-square-foot plant also includes a dry-storage room redolent with the aroma of 2,500 pounds of cocoa powder—and if you've ever wondered what 22,000 pounds of sugar looks like, here's your answer. There's a dedicated yogurt room; a "batching room" with a 200-gallon industrial blender; a Willa Wonka-style conveyor belt that takes jugs, cartons, and tubs on two-story thrill rides, from empty to full to chilled. A room-sized blast freezer prevents the formation of ice crystals by bringing finished ice cream down to an Arctic minus-35 degrees.

Construction on the plant was completed early this fall—work on other parts



Milk money: The \$106 million renovation of Stocking Hall includes (clockwise from facing page) a high-tech dairy plant, a bottle sculpture advertising the Dairy Store, and a lounge area with a view of Tower Road.



of Stocking Hall will continue into 2014—and since then Huck and his staff have given the facility a thorough cleaning, tested the equipment, and ramped up production. By the end of the semester, University-made products like chocolate milk, yogurt, cider, and—yes—ice cream will have returned to the shelves of the renovated Dairy Store, now under the aegis of Cornell Dining.

Eventually, fiberglass mascots Cornell-



Just say Moo: Mascot Cornelia (left), under lock and key. Right: The new Dairy Store, now run by Cornell Dining.

ia and Cal will go back on display. Past victims of cow-napping, they will reside in what Huck cagily describes as a “secure area.” But even without them, the new plant and store are cheerily cow-themed,

with large black and white spots figuring prominently into the décor. And look closely: if you stare at them just right, you’ll find a hidden herd of bovine faces.

— Beth Saulnier

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# Mission: Menu

Engineering professor **Jean Hunter** explores strange new worlds of space cuisine

*In the sci-fi classic Alien, among the chief complaints of the crew on a deep space mission—besides the fact that a man-eating monster is killing them one by one—is the terrible food. By contrast, in a sunnier version of space exploration—the good ship Enterprise—any cuisine can be summoned instantly. Captain Jean-Luc Picard, as “Star Trek: The Next Generation” fans know, is particularly fond of “tea, Earl Grey, hot.”*

*For more than a decade, biological and environmental engineering professor Jean Hunter has been studying how to supply real-life space travelers with meals that are tasty, practical, and even nurturing. This year, she and a colleague from the University of Hawaii oversaw a four-month experiment in which six volunteers were sequestered in a simulated Martian base on the slopes of the Mauna Loa volcano. From April to August, in addition to conducting a variety of scientific studies, they subsisted on meals made from shelf-stable ingredients. The experiment allowed Hunter to explore such factors as resource use, menu fatigue, and the benefits of home cooking—even millions of miles from home.*



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**Cornell Alumni Magazine:** Do you expect that astronauts on long-term missions will bring all their food, or will they grow it en route?

**Jean Hunter:** We're interested in three possible strategies. There's prepackaged food, which is what astronauts now eat. There's what I like to call the nineteenth-century explorer approach, which is what guys like Amundsen and Shackleton did; they brought shelf-stable foods and had a chef to prepare meals or the crew cooked for themselves. And the third is the Polynesian voyagers' approach. They were the long-term space travelers of their day, because they set out for places where they weren't sure of having much to eat; they brought their crops with them and when they arrived at new islands they set down roots, literally. The space-age counterpart is a bioregenerative life support system, where plants purify your air and water and provide your food. Those three schemes form the points of a triangle, and any food system will be found somewhere in the middle of it. The ideal blend of foods will depend on what sort of mission you're on, where you're going, how long you're staying, and how many people are in your crew.

**CAM:** For your Hawaii experiment, what was on the menu?

**JH:** They had freeze-dried or canned meat and seafood, freeze-dried and dehydrated vegetables, freeze-dried fruits, textured vegetable protein, oil, loads of baking supplies, freeze-dried cheese, Velveeta, shelf-stable salami and pepperoni, precooked bacon, crystallized eggs, coffee and tea, powdered beverages like lemonade and Tang. There were also some unfamiliar Asian foods, because on a long voyage you need to kick in some novelty from time to time. And hot sauce—essential.

**CAM:** Were they allowed to prepare the foods however they wanted?

**JH:** We had them on a four-day cycle, and for two of those days they weren't permitted to cook. They could rehydrate things, so we gave them a lot of back-packing foods. Instead of bread, they had tortillas. On a non-cooking day, they might have cereal with reconstituted dry milk for breakfast, and on top they could put raisins or freeze-dried raspberries. For lunch they might have a peanut butter and jelly tortilla or they'd open a can of tuna or some pepperoni and make wraps with

rehydrated vegetables. Our crew went beyond what astronauts can do because they're in unit gravity; food will stay in the pot. So for dinner they might have an instant entrée or soup and some couscous. On the other two days they could cook anything they liked.

**CAM:** What's the simulated Mars base like?

**JH:** It's about 900 square feet of living area inside a thirty-six-foot-wide dome. It has six sleeping chambers of about fifty square feet each, a lab, office space, a dining area, an upstairs half bath, and a downstairs full bath. We insisted on two toilets, because if you have only one and it breaks, your simulation is doomed. The kitchen has three induction burners, a convection oven, a microwave, a bread-maker, a sink, counter space, a tiny fridge, and a tiny dishwasher, because we wanted to compare resource use under various experimental conditions. For example, we compared water use with a dishwasher versus washing by hand.

**CAM:** Are there any windows?

**JH:** Just one porthole, and what they saw looked like Mars. We wanted the habitat to be visually and physically isolating. You couldn't see any ocean or trees—just lava fields. When we had people go up to replenish the water or take away sewage and trash, we asked the crew to close the porthole. That was meant to enforce the feeling of isolation which, along with the barren and rocky landscape, was designed to make them feel like they were all by themselves on another planet.

**CAM:** Was the crew in contact with the outside world?

**JH:** They had a cell phone for emergencies, which they never used. All communication went by e-mail. For the first portion of the mission they had instant access to the Internet, but afterward we put them on a twenty-minute communication delay. If they wanted to look up something on Wikipedia, it would take twenty minutes for the page to respond.

**CAM:** Were they allowed to leave the dome?

**JH:** They were able to suit up and go outside, and they really enjoyed that. There's nothing like a walk in the sun, even if you're wearing a spacesuit.

**CAM:** How did you find people who were willing—and psychologically suited—to spend four months in relative isolation?

**JH:** Out of almost 700 applicants, we interviewed thirty semi-finalists by Skype.

## Under the Dome

The view from inside

*Among the six crew members in Hunter's experiment was Yajaira Sierra-Sastre, PhD '09. Trained in materials chemistry and nanotechnology, the Puerto Rican-born Sierra-Sastre served as the mission's science officer.*

**Cornell Alumni Magazine:** Why did you want to participate?

**Yajaira Sierra-Sastre:** I have always been interested in space—last year I applied to the NASA astronaut program—and I'd been looking for opportunities to connect to space-related research. I also love cooking as a hobby, and I understand that space food is an important problem to solve.

**CAM:** Could you describe the atmosphere in the habitat?

**YSS:** It felt like being a specimen in a test tube, because we knew we were part of the science that the principal investigators are working on; we were test subjects. We were also six scientists living and working together every day, and that fostered creativity and collaboration in ways I haven't experienced before. For me it was a very enriching environment. And the habitat itself was beautiful—small, but roomy enough and so well designed that we didn't feel confined or trapped.

**CAM:** Did you ever have cabin fever or long for more privacy?

**YSS:** I didn't. The high levels of social interactions in this confined environment reminded me of home—Puerto Rico—where life always revolves around people and relationships.

**CAM:** What did you think of the food?

**YSS:** It was tasty, especially the things that the crew was allowed to cook. We had a huge variety of ingredients, so we ate pretty much everything you can think of. Every time someone would cook a new dish, it was a party.



Then we brought nine finalists to Cornell for a week and put them up in the Best Western. They stayed three to a room and were together all the time. We trained them in the scientific work they would have to do, took them to the Hoffman Challenge Course for team-building activities, and had two days of cooking classes in the Martha Van teaching kitchen. Then we picked our six crew members and three backups, and in January the crew spent two weeks at the Mars Desert Research Station in Utah.

**CAM:** Did the Hawaii experiment go as expected?

**JH:** We have mountains of data to analyze, but one surprise was that the crew members lost some weight, and they weren't supposed to. In fact, NASA is very eager for people on long-term space flights not to lose weight; it endangers their health. But I think what happened is that as soon as the mission started the crew launched into some serious workouts, because we were doing a study with the Advanced Clothing Technology lab at Johnson Space Center on antimicrobial fabrics for exercise wear. So they were doing forty-five to sixty minutes a day of hardcore exercise, which is going to change anybody's body type. They all came out a lot more buff than they went in.

**CAM:** What lessons have you learned so far?

**JH:** The crew was wildly enthusiastic about doing their own cooking. Part of it was that they liked their cooking better than backpacking foods, but I think they also appreciated the opportunity to be creative and do something for each other. Cooking and sharing food is a part of human culture that's difficult to maintain when your food comes out of bags or cans, and all you do is mix it with water.


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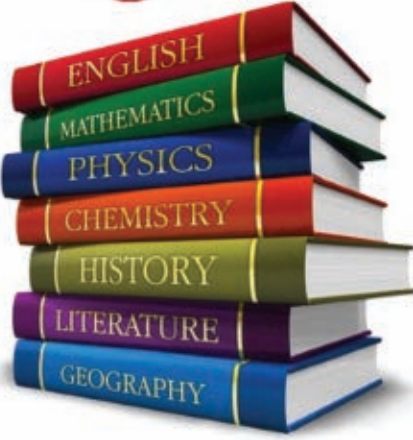
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## Making a Spectacle of Yourself

When a professor dons Google Glass, classical music goes high-tech

**C**onducting class is just hitting the downbeat when music professor Cynthia Johnston Turner gets a cell phone call on her Google Glass. She turns to her teaching assistant, Tyler Ehrlich '14, and says: "It's your mother."

Ehrlich is working with Turner to develop an application that will embed musical scores into the Glass—letting conductors see their sheet music without looking down at the podium—and their phones are tethered to expedite messaging. After a moment of puzzlement, he replies,

"Hi, Mom." Students laugh. "Your mom says she loves you," Turner tells him. He smiles. "Love you, too, Mom."

Turner slides a finger along the right stem of her glasses, ending the call. "This," she tells her students, "is the weirdest thing that's ever happened."

Weird, yes. But now that Glass is in the classroom, the unexpected is the norm.

Turner is best known as the energetic director of Cornell's wind ensembles, an award-winning teacher, and champion of new music. Now she's adding Google Glass-master to her portfolio.

The journey started in July, when Turner's response to a Google contest on Twitter ("#ifihadglass") caught the attention of developers at the Internet megacorp. The maestra's tweet: "I'd use it in the music studio, rehearsal room, and classroom to record conducting students

and give immediate feedback!"

The now-famous Glass is Google's digital eyewear, featuring a voice- and touch-activated webcam/cell phone. Beta-testers like Turner—dubbed "Explorers," they each shelled out \$1,500 for the privilege—see a small computer screen in the right lens that displays text messages, e-mail, and other data. "It was a brilliant marketing strategy," Turner observes. "I'm paying Google to advertise their product."

A month into the semester, she was already reaping the rewards of her investment. Because conducting is such a physical art, students greatly benefit from seeing their performance on the podium, and video is standard practice. The glasses, Turner says, save considerable grunt-work at the computer, and students appreciate the instant gratification of viewing their lessons just hours later.

The eyes have it: Music professor Cynthia Johnston Turner records conducting student Jacob Cohen '16.



“What we do today we see tonight,” says Steve Helmer, PhD ’80, a professor emeritus of art history taking Turner’s class. “It really helps to speed up the learning process.” When Turner uses a tripod-mounted camera, by contrast, its fixed viewpoint is limiting and the uploading process can be tedious. “Glass is very cool,” says Jacob Cohen, a sophomore majoring in government and music. “We get these awesome point-of-view videos where we can see ourselves like it was with [Professor Turner’s] own eyes.” Students show no signs of being Glass shy. Conducting student Rain Zhou, a sophomore engineer, much prefers Glass to a standard camera. “There is no anxiety of being filmed,” Zhou says, “since it looks merely like a pair of glasses.”

After shooting video, Turner receives an e-mail notifying her that it’s ready. She uploads it to her online student community, which the genial group allowed to go public following a request from Google. Now anyone can join the community and see videos of the conducting class—including a foray outdoors where Turner had her students practice using bubble wands in place of batons. But as Turner has learned, shooting clear video with Glass is a skill of its own. Her teaching style is

dynamic, and keeping her head still can make for an almost-robotic affect. “I’ve had to learn to curb my enthusiasm,” she says with a laugh.

This fall, Turner is also conducting three days a week at Eastman School of Music in Rochester. Traveling with Glass helps her juggle a jammed schedule and stay close to the team of faculty, staff, and students she recruited to assist with her own learning process. She’s also keen on advancing the technology for other conductors, teachers, students, and performers. (Ehrlich, for instance, is developing the embedded score application as part of his senior honors thesis.) Turner’s other ideas for Glass include live-streaming video during concerts, giving audiences a conductor’s-eye view.

But recording audiences could raise the sort of privacy concerns that have dogged Google Glass since the project was first announced. While Turner acknowledges there are privacy challenges inherent in such technology, she notes that “cameras are everywhere”—and students, especially, are open to innovation. “I know some people are frightened by it, but I’ve received only one negative response so far,” says Turner, who communicates regularly with other testers via


online communities. “I’m looking at Glass from the viewpoint of someone who wants to know, ‘What makes our lives better as conductors, performers, and educators? What will make my students’ lives better?’ I’m not afraid of technology. I embrace it. Anything that helps me remember everything I’ve ever read, or the names of all of the people I meet, is a good thing, in my view.”


Privacy issues aside, Glass has had some technical downsides; the prototype is undergoing constant software upgrades and occasionally fails. Early adopters expect glitches, and Turner, who possesses what the industry terms a “high user IQ,” is an agile tester. Her first headset was a dud and Google sent her a free replacement. This fall—on the same day she intercepted the call from Ehrlich’s mother—her second pair went on the fritz; halfway into class the unit overheated. Turner didn’t miss a beat, using the moment to discuss fermatas—bird’s-eye symbols in music scores that indicate a held note. She removed the Glass, plugged it into a wall socket, grabbed a piece of chalk, and continued the lesson the old-fashioned way. “I wonder,” she said, rubbing her right temple, “if this is frying my brain cells.”

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When Julie Kathryn '01 was considering songs by other artists to record, Bob Dylan's "Emotionally Yours" seemed like a perfect choice. For one thing, Kathryn—who drops her last name, Smith, as a performer—readily acknowledges the influence of Dylan, Neil Young, Joni Mitchell, and other Sixties singer-songwriters on her work. And she says that exploring the range of human emotion is at the core of her songwriting.

Kathryn traces that influence to her days as a psychology major at Cornell and through her three years as a social worker in a New York City public defender's office after earning an MSW at Columbia. Her job included visits to prisoners in the Manhattan Detention Center—better known as the Tombs. "That helped me get more in touch with the human condition," she says. "Social work is about empathy and just being with people, more than fixing or treating anything. When you do that day in and day out, you get in touch with raw human emotion. And I think that's the strength in my writing—that my songs can hit a deep emotional core."

Growing up in Lake Placid, New York, Kathryn studied piano. She taught herself to play guitar while in high school and says that she's always considered herself a musician, even when she was in graduate school and considering an academic career. At Cornell, she took music theory classes and sang with the *a cappella* group Hearsay. But for a long time her musical aspirations were limited by stage fright. "I had a real challenge performing," she says. "But I kind of forced myself through a bunch of gigs, because it became clear to me that this is really what I want to do." She also tried hypnosis, which, she reports, "works if you want it to."

Two years ago, after gaining more confidence onstage, Kathryn decided that playing the occasional gig while working full-time was unsatisfying. She quit her job, started to teach music, and focused on her songwriting. After testing the waters with a four-song EP last year, she completed a full album, *Black Trees*, which was released in August. Eight of the eleven tracks were written or co-written by Kathryn; she also covers Greg Brown's "Blue Car" and Jay Farrar's "Windfall" along with the Dylan song. One of her originals, "Nightingale," is presented in two different versions. While this might be a sign of uncertainty for some artists, for Kathryn it's more indicative of her emotional range. On what she calls the "synth-dance version," the upbeat music offers a counterpoint to a lyric about a bird "too fragile to fly"; the folk-rock alternate take leans harder on introspective lines like, "Teardrops fall underneath it all / You are broken and you don't know why."

Kathryn has been encouraged by the initial response to *Black Trees*, including a review in the music magazine *Relix* that praised the album as "executed beautifully both sonically and lyrically, and with nuanced simplicity." She performed at the Greenwich Village showcase Rockwood Music Hall in early September and hopes to take her band on the road soon, probably as an opening act for an established artist. "And I'm writing more songs," she says. "I've written fourteen over the past few months. I want to keep moving, to keep writing, to keep creating."

— Jim Roberts '71

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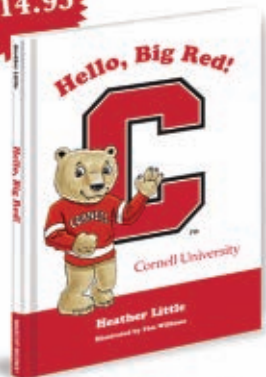
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## Dead Letter

A. D. White's ancient papyrus languished, untranslated—until now



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Old soul: Archaeology buff Fredrika Loew '12. Above: a detail of the scroll.

Fredrika Loew '12 has wanted to be an archaeologist since she was five, when her older sister came home from second grade agog over Greek myths. Last winter, while working in the Division of Rare and Manuscript Collections as she pondered grad school, the former Near Eastern studies and archaeology major decided to take a closer look at one of the University's Egyptian treasures: a papyrus scroll that Andrew Dickson White brought back from Cairo in 1889.

Found in the tomb of a high-ranking priest and dating from the Ptolemaic period—roughly 320 to 30 B.C.—the scroll is in hieratic, the version of hieroglyphics that's written on papyrus. Eight feet wide and a foot tall, it features an illustration from the *Book of the Dead*: Spell 125, the famous passage describing how a person is judged by having his heart weighed against a feather.

After White bought the scroll—for about \$125—he consulted a scholar in Cairo. But the Egyptologist in question was too busy to translate it; he told White that, based on the illustrations, the text had to be Spell 125. The papyrus was labeled as such—and stayed that way for the next century and a quarter. “It just sat here,” Loew says, “everyone assuming it had been translated, but nobody actually knowing.”

But just as you can't judge a book by its cover, you can't necessarily divine an ancient scroll from its drawings. Last February—inspired by the hieroglyphics on a blue scarab that White had made into a hat pin—Loew undertook a translation. Having studied hieroglyphics as an undergrad, she figured she could teach herself hieratic, which is read right to left and has no vowels. At the time, she still thought the ancient document described Spell 125—but she quickly realized that was wrong. It turned out to contain a description by the priest, named Usir-Wer, of what awaited him after death. “It talks about all the festivals that he's going to partake in and everything that's going to happen to him once he reaches the afterlife,” Loew says. “How Osiris and Isis will praise him—how it's going to be great for him, pretty much.” The text reads, in part: “Your *ba* [soul] will appear in a chamber of white gold. Royal linen will descend on your mummy bandages.”

So far, with the help of classics professor Caitlin Barrett, Loew has done a rough translation; now she aims to complete a definitive one. It's no easy task. “You have to have it perfect, because if you publish it people will tear you apart,” says Loew, who spent part of last summer working twelve-hour days on an archaeological dig in northern Israel. “There are multiple possible translations for each sentence. You have to justify how you translated every single word.” The two are at work on a book about the scroll and its translation—an exhaustively detailed volume that, Loew says, “is definitely not for a lay audience.”

Last summer, Kroch Library hosted an exhibit devoted to the scroll and some of the University's related holdings, including a mummified ibis, ancient coins and statuary, and a few of the 140-plus photos that White brought back from Egypt. The scroll itself is displayed and stored face up, under glass; hanging it could damage the papyrus, which is warped and flaking in places. There are no records on the provenance of its blonde wood frame, backed with Masonite and masking tape. “Our conservator looked at it and said it was abysmal,” Loew says, noting that the library is seeking funding to properly conserve it. Meanwhile, she continues her quest for another key to the scroll's history. “I haven't been able to find the mummy whose tomb it came from,” she says. “That's my white whale.”

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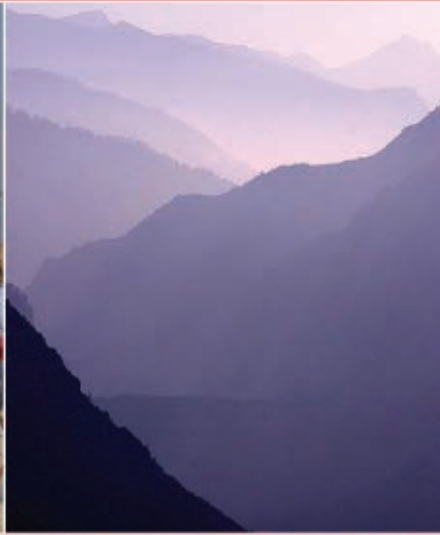
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# Veggietopia

Cornellian couple turns a Vermont country estate into a weird and wonderful organic farm



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Baker's dozen: Oliver Levis '01 at the farm's wood-fired oven

**W**hen then-CALS student Oliver Levis '01 proposed to recent Human Ecology grad Bonnie Aronowitz '99, he got down on one knee and gave her an engagement ring carved out of a potato; instead of a gem, it had a "B" inscribed in cloves. She said yes.

So maybe it's not entirely surprising that more than a decade later, the couple runs an organic farm together—a lively, eccentric operation that has taken over the house and land of his parents' stately home in Manchester, Vermont. At Earth Sky Time Community Farm, some of the workers live in a converted schoolbus; others dwell in campers, a treehouse, a teepee, and a former apple cider shed. A bakery with a giant wood-fired oven—shipped from Barcelona, along with the two Spaniards who installed it—protrudes from the side of the main house, a white gabled-and-pillared affair dating from 1915. Hanging near the oven are dozens of pairs of old-



fashioned roller skates, which Oliver bought on a lark from a defunct rink, and which the farm staff occasionally don for group outings. Friday night celebrations marking the Jewish sabbath, a convivial riot of food and folk songs, routinely stretch past midnight.

Among Earth Sky Time's most avid WWOOFers—Willing Workers On Organic Farms, who generally swap labor for room, board, and training—is Bonnie's father, recently retired from the IRS. Oliver's parents, a psychiatrist and an innkeeper, still live upstairs. The family kitchen has expanded into an industrial production facility, jammed with huge mixers and racks of baking pans. Oliver and Bonnie's three children—the youngest is named Eden—are as free range as their 300 chickens. "The palatable story of organic food is different from us—we're the fringe," says Oliver. "There's an idea that organic farmers are hipsters doing cool stuff. But we're an eclectic community in a unique arrangement with different businesses and family members. It's a more complicated story."

Each week, Oliver oversees production of some 2,000 loaves of artisanal bread—from a classic *pain rustique* to a chewy gluten-free multigrain to a white, pre-sliced takeoff on packaged sandwich loaves dubbed "Stevie Wonder." Bonnie is in charge of processed foods, which include veggie burgers—called VT Goldburgers, they require about 2,000 pounds of carrots annually—as well as hummus, garlic-scape pesto, and a zucchini-based version of baba ganoush. The farm hosts about a dozen WWOOFers a season—"They don't have to pay for anything while they're here," Bonnie notes, "unless they're snooty about their beer"—runs a sixty-family CSA, sells at four weekly farmers' markets, and supplies bread to local shops and restaurants. Every Tuesday they host a popular farm night at the family's Wilburton Inn, featuring a vegetarian buffet and live music, that draws a mixed crowd of tourists and locals. "It's a crazy lifestyle—just crazy," Bonnie says with a laugh. "We have these other people who become our family. It's a great way to operate, and I think society needs more of it. People are in their houses doing their own thing with their own families and having their own struggles; it's just nicer to share it. It's not all good and it's not all easy, but I wouldn't choose another way."

Neither Oliver nor Bonnie—who grew up in Queens—comes from a farming background. Oliver got interested in agriculture as a teenager, took some time off before college, and started dabbling with

animals and crops on his parents' land. "I tried to go around selling chickens, knocking on doors," he recalls. "It was ridiculous and gross. I'm vegetarian now. But that was an early incarnation of the farming idea." At CALS, he soaked up the course offerings: "I took everything I had a chance to take—vegetable crops, pomology, metalworking, chickens, sheep, dairy desserts." For a while, he bunked at the University's cow barn in rural Harford, where he worked at the adjacent sheep farm. He and Bonnie met as housemates in a group rental on Cayuga Lake—site of

the potato-themed party that prompted his proposal. "After we got married we moved into a shanty that was closer to Stewart Park," Bonnie says. "Last time we went to Ithaca, it was condemned. It had caution tape all around it."

The couple started Earth Sky Time in 2005, and the enterprise has been growing ever since. They note that by splitting the business among the vegetable crops, bakery, and prepared foods, they help to insulate themselves from the vicissitudes of making a living off the land. "It's nice to have these other aspects of our business



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that are steady,” Bonnie says. “If there’s a flood, you can be the best farmer in the universe, but you can’t control the weather. I think that baking and farming are fairly similar, in that there are a bunch of variables—and you can control some of them and not others.” Adds Oliver: “But baking is a much shorter cycle. If you screw it up, you get another chance to do it the next day. You don’t have to wait for another year to come around.”

— Kitty Kemp

Green acres: Levis and his wife, Bonnie Aronowitz Levis '99, on pick-up day at the farm stand



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The stated mission of Goose Watch Winery is to offer "a selection of wine . . . that is uncommonly found in the Finger Lakes," like Viognier, as well as such Cornell-developed hybrids as Melody and Traminette. They also make styles not usually produced by the area's smaller producers, such as their Classic Cream Sherry.

This dessert wine is made by the *solera* method, in which only some of the wine from each of forty barrels is bottled each year. The barrels are then "topped up" with



fresh wine from the new vintage. The Goose Watch *solera* was established in 2000, so the currently available 2012 bottling presumably contains a portion of twelve-year-old wine.

According to winemaker Derek Wilber '80, new wine destined for the sherry is "baked" at about 140 degrees in a stainless-steel tank in order to oxidize and caramelize it slightly before adding it to the barrels. Prior to baking, the wine is sweetened and fortified with grape brandy made at Swedish Hill. The result is a delicious wine with a rich aroma reminiscent of roasted nuts and flavors that hint at toffee and vanilla. The Goose Watch Classic Cream Sherry (\$16 retail/375 ml bottle) would make a fine accompaniment to a Thanksgiving pumpkin pie or an array of Christmas sweets. To learn more, go to: [www.goosewatch.com](http://www.goosewatch.com).

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# Justice

## A conversation with Ruth Bader Ginsburg '54

By Beth Saulnier

**A**fter Ruth Bader Ginsburg '54 graduated Columbia Law School tied for first in her class, she was recommended as a clerk to Supreme Court Justice Felix Frankfurter—but she was turned down due to her gender. A generation later, how times had changed: Ginsburg became the second woman to serve on the nation's highest court.

Now eighty, Ginsburg has emerged as the leader of the court's liberal wing, having voted in favor of such issues as affirmative action, marriage equality, campaign finance limits, gun control, and abortion rights. Among her proudest achievements, she says, is *United States v. Virginia* (1996), in which she wrote the majority opinion in the 7-1 decision that ended the exclusion of women from the Virginia Military Institute. In *Ledbetter v. Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co.* (2007), she wrote a strong dissent that ultimately prompted Congress to pass a law making it easier for workers to win claims of salary discrimination on the basis of gender.

Born in Brooklyn, the younger daughter of a furrier and a homemaker, Ruth Bader was a stellar student despite personal travails; she lost her sister to meningitis in childhood, and her mother died of cancer the day she graduated from high school. At Cornell—which she attended as a New York State Scholar—she majored in government, pledged Alpha Epsilon Phi, and belonged to the Women's Self-Governance Association. Shortly after graduating Phi Beta Kappa and *summa cum laude*, she married Martin Ginsburg '53, who'd just completed his first year at Harvard Law. Their first child, Jane, was born during a two-year stint in Oklahoma, where her husband was stationed during military service. She enrolled at Harvard Law in 1956, one of just nine women in a class of more than 500; after two years she transferred to Columbia when her husband—who would become one of the nation's leading tax attorneys, with a client list that

included Ross Perot—got a job at a New York firm.

Despite Ginsburg's unimpeachable credentials, no firm in the city made her an offer after she graduated from Columbia. She spent two years as a clerk in the U.S. District Court, pursued an academic career at Columbia and Rutgers, and eventually became a leading legal advocate for gender equality. She argued six cases before the Supreme Court, winning five. Her victories include *Frontiero v. Richardson* (1973), which prohibited discrimination in military benefits on the basis of gender, and *Duren v. Missouri* (1979), which struck down a law making jury service optional for women. In 1979, President Jimmy Carter nominated her to the nation's second-highest court, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia, where she served until President Bill Clinton named her to the Supreme Court in 1993. After a relatively low-key review by the Senate Judiciary Committee, she was confirmed 96-3.

Ruth and Marty Ginsburg had a storied union that lasted until his death in 2010 at age seventy-eight. Long before societal shifts in favor of shared household responsibilities, he took an active role in childrearing and—after a now-infamous tuna casserole she served him during his Army days—took charge of the kitchen, teaching himself classic French cuisine from an Escoffier cookbook they'd received as a wedding gift. Daughter Jane is a professor at Columbia Law School; the couple's second child, James, runs a classical music label. Ginsburg has four grandchildren.

Now the eldest member of the Supreme Court, Ginsburg—who has twice survived cancer—has recently faced predictable pressure to retire while President Obama remains in office. "It's a logical question to ask considering my age," she admits—but she has no plans to step down, being in full possession of her faculties. And after all: Justice John Paul Stevens, who retired in 2010, served robustly until the age of ninety.

In mid-August, Ginsburg sat down with CAM in her chambers, whose décor includes modern art, dozens of family photos, a Ruth Bader Ginsburg bobblehead, and a sugar cake-topper depicting her as her favorite opera character: the Marschallin, Princess von Werdenberg, in *Der Rosenkavalier*.



# Prevails





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Senior portrait:  
Ginsburg in the  
1954 yearbook

**Cornell Alumni Magazine: What was it like to be a woman student at Cornell in the early Fifties?**

**Ruth Bader Ginsburg:** It was a different world. In the Arts college, there were four men to every woman. The reason given: the women had to live in the dormitories while the men could live in Collegetown. As a result, the women in my class were ever so much smarter than the men. It was not a good time for the United States; it was the heyday of Senator Joe McCarthy from Wisconsin, promoter of the Red Scare. The greatest thing about Cornell, in addition to the incredible beauty of the place, was the faculty. I was a government major so I had Robert Cushman '40, PhD '49, for Constitutional law, Mario Einaudi who taught comparative government, Clint Rossiter '39 who taught American government, and Milton Konvitz, PhD '33, who taught American ideas. I had Nabokov for European literature, and to this day I can hear that great man speaking. He changed the way I read; he changed the way I write. He was an unforgettable character. One thing more, my husband of fifty-six years was one year ahead of me at Cornell. We met when I was in my first year. He was extraordinary for that era, a guy who cared that I had a brain.

**CAM: Are there lessons from Professor Nabokov that you still find useful?**

**RBG:** He was in love with the sound of words, and the placement of words was very important. English was not his first language, but he told us why he liked writing in English more than in French. He gave us a very simple example: “a white horse.” In English, you see “white” before you hear “horse,” so when you get to “horse” it’s already white. In French one says *le cheval blanc*. You see *le cheval* first, probably colored brown. Then you must adjust the image to make it white. When I read *Lolita*, I could hear him saying her name musically, Lo-lee-ta. He had a fantastic imagination. He would make up things. When he lectured on [the Nikolai Gogol novel] *Dead Souls*, he invented a word, “poshlist.” A poshlist is a very material, conventional person, who shows how bold he or she is by doing something unconventional in the most conventional way; his example was Emma Bovary smoking a cigarette on the street. Everyone loved his class. I don’t think anyone ever missed it willingly.

**CAM: You and your husband met on a blind date on campus your freshman year. Where did you go?**

**RBG:** I don’t remember. I think it was a fraternity party. At the time he had a girlfriend at Smith and I had a boyfriend at Columbia Law School. Our friends thought it would be a good idea for us to spend time together during the week. Marty had a grey Chevrolet. My friend and her boyfriend thought we could double date, moving easily from place to place in Marty’s car. That whole first year we were just good friends. He would tell me everything on his mind. Not a bad way to start a relationship.

**CAM: Could you share your secrets for a successful marriage?**

**RBG:** My beloved mother-in-law’s advice: “In every good marriage, it helps sometimes to be a little deaf.” It proved great advice, not simply in relations with my dear spouse, but even today, in relating to my colleagues on the Supreme Court. When something unkind is said, forget it. Treat it as if the words were never spoken. Something else Marty’s mother did when times were rough—a typical example, our childcare aide moved away during my last year in law school. (My daughter, Jane, was then between three and four.) Mother would put a sign on our bedroom mirror, “Even this shall pass.” However low you were feeling at the moment, it would pass. Perhaps the best advice I ever got came from my father-in-law. When Marty completed his first year of law school, he was called up for two years in service. So we went off to Fort Sill, Oklahoma, home of the artillery school. A few weeks there, I became pregnant, a joyous thing, yet I worried: how will I manage law school with an infant? (Jane was fourteen months old when I became a “1L.”) Marty’s father’s advice: “Ruth, if you don’t want to go to law school, you have the best reason in the world and no one would think less of you. But if you really want to go to law school you will stop feeling sorry for yourself; you will find a way.” That advice works for me to this very day: “Do I want this enough? If I do, I’ll find a way.”

**CAM: You were working for Social Security when you found out you were expecting your daughter—and as a result you were demoted and your pay was cut. How did your experiences with gender discrimination inspire you to effect change?**

**RBG:** Many things like that happened. I put them on a back burner. I didn’t think there was anything one could do about it. It was expected that when you became pregnant you would leave paid work and not come back. There was no





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A more perfect union: Ginsburg and her husband, Martin Ginsburg '53, in 2003. In addition to being a leading tax attorney, Marty Ginsburg was an accomplished home chef; in 2011, four dozen of his recipes were published posthumously in the volume *Chef Supreme*.

'My beloved mother-in-law's advice: "In every good marriage, it helps sometimes to be a little deaf." It proved great advice, not simply in relations with my dear spouse, but even today, in relating to my colleagues on the Supreme Court.'

maternity leave; we just got severance pay. One experience I had many times over; most women my age have experienced it. A woman could be attending a meeting and say something she thought helpful. Her remark is greeted by silence. Then fifteen minutes later, a man says the same thing—"That's a fine idea," he is told. It's as though they weren't expecting a woman to say anything worth listening to.

The changes I've seen in my lifetime are enormous. My children are ten years apart—Jane was born in 1955, James in '65—and by then I was working at Rutgers Law School on a year-to-year contract. I feared that if I told the dean I was pregnant, my contract would not be renewed. So for the last couple of months I wore my mother-in-law's clothes; she was one size larger. Then, with the renewed contract in hand, I told my colleagues the last day of the term, "When I come back in the fall there'll be one more in my family." I was tenured at Rutgers in 1969, when the civil rights movement was still under way, and the revived women's movement was burgeoning. I was fortunate to be in the right place at the right time, where I could help in the effort to nudge social change along.

**CAM:** Do you think that women's lives are unequivocally better now than they were then, or have there been some losses along with the gains?  
**RBG:** Adults have to make choices, and there's

no doubt women have many more choices than they once did. Do I think there's any loss from days when women were typecast—"You're a woman; naturally you take care of the home and children"? Women today can do with their lives what they will. Even in the early Seventies when I was arguing gender discrimination cases, I knew that most judges would not really understand what I was talking about. They had the idea, "We know race discrimination is bad; so is discrimination on the basis of religion or national origin. But sex? We treat our wives and daughters very well." I tried to get them to think of what they would want their daughter's or their granddaughter's opportunities to be. It was all about choices—instead of being hemmed in, relegated to a corner of man's wide world, the doors would be open and if a woman wanted to, she could walk through them.

Of course, it is not easy when you're raising children and you have a demanding job. When I look at it in retrospect, it seemed long while I was going through it, but now I've had so many more years of my life without childcare responsibilities than with them. That reality has played an important role in increasing the participation of women—they are going to live many years with no childcare responsibilities. What are they going to do with those years? Many bright women of my generation at Cornell did the traditional thing, they did what society expected of

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them. Their husbands climbed the ladder in a chosen career. Then, twenty years later, they find themselves caged. The main idea of the revived feminist movement was no cages or pigeon-holes—no assumption that because you’re a woman you are this way and because you’re a man, that way. You should have the opportunity to follow wherever your talent and will take you. It’s a very healthy development for society.

**CAM: What gains do you think still need to be made for women? What fights still need to be fought?**

**RBG:** There’s a formidable problem, mainly in the corporate world and in large law firms: the notion that you must be totally committed to the firm. You must be there at all hours, there’s no room for home. To me that notion is puzzling. One would think that with modern means of communication, it should be much easier to do whatever is needed from home. And yet, the large firms haven’t made that adjustment. I think it will take young people to insist, “People should have a family life and a work life, and each should balance, and provide respite from, the other.” My dear husband headed the tax department at his firm. We made an agreement that unless something really important delayed us, we would have dinner together as a family. If there’s a will you can do it; the tax department wasn’t losing money because he wasn’t there at all hours. The image needs to be changed, and we’ll all be better off for it—men, women, and children.

**CAM: Was it especially meaningful to come on the Supreme Court having lost the opportunity to clerk solely due to your gender?**

**RBG:** Justice Frankfurter had taken the first African American clerk, yet he couldn’t adjust to the idea of a woman as a law clerk. He thought it would make him uncomfortable. Even more than for Frankfurter, I wanted to clerk for Learned Hand on the Second Circuit, a great judge. The judge for whom I clerked lived around the corner from Hand, and would drive him home. I would sometimes sit in the back of the car. The man would say or sing anything that came into his head. I once asked, “Judge Hand, in this car you speak freely—you say words my mother never taught me. I don’t seem to be inhibiting you.” He replied, “Young lady, I’m not looking at you.” You see, he was in the front seat, I was in the back. He wasn’t looking at me, so he felt no need to censor his speech.

**CAM: What atmosphere do you strive to create in your chambers for your clerks?**

**RBG:** These chambers work as hard as or harder than any other, but we are flexible. I’ve had more than a few clerks with children. Some terms ago I engaged a woman who had a three-year-old when I hired her. By the time she embarked on the clerkship, she had a one-year-old as well. On top of that she was an Orthodox Jew, so we had to make sure she left in good time before sundown [on the Sabbath]. I never felt the least bit disadvantaged. I don’t know how she did it, but she arranged her work schedule so that the job could be done efficiently.

**CAM: Very few people ever sit where you do as a Justice. What’s the view like from your side of the bench? Is it what you expected?**

**RBG:** Even now, twenty years later, when I walk into the courtroom I’m still in awe. Sometimes I think it’s all a dream. What surprised me most was the collegiality of this place. Even though we divide sharply on some very important matters, we all get along with each other, we respect each other, we even like each other. We work together as a family. I can say that from surviving two cancer bouts while serving on the Court. My colleagues rallied around me and enabled me to get through those trying times. Whatever might appear from some sharply divided opinions, we know that we must get over whatever momentary annoyance we feel. We revere the Court. We don’t want to leave it in worse shape than we found it.

**CAM: From the layperson’s view, your job seems like such a heavy burden. Does it always feel like an awesome responsibility?**

**RBG:** Yes. I often fall asleep thinking about the issues that the cases we take up present.

**CAM: What are your work habits?**

**RBG:** They’re bad; I tend to work until the job is done. My husband would say, “If you would leave off and come to bed, in the morning the issues will be clearer.” He was right. Sometimes I feel like I’m in a maze, then go to sleep thinking about the way out, and when I wake up in the morning I see the path. But now there’s no one telling me it’s time to quit.

**CAM: Last term, you gave a striking number of oral dissents. Could you talk about the role of the dissent in Constitutional law? Why is an opinion**





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important when it's not on the winning side?

**RBG:** Dissents are summarized from the bench when the Justice wants the public to know that, in her opinion, the Court got it terribly wrong. If it's a question of statutory interpretation, one can get an immediate correction from Congress, as occurred in the Lilly Ledbetter case. If you think the court has misconstrued Congress, Congress can change the law. If it's a Constitutional question, only the Court itself or an amendment to the Constitution can cure the error. Let's go back to 1857, the *Dred Scott* decision [affirming that slaves are property]. There were two dissents. One of them, by Justice Curtis, is particularly compelling. When the court makes a dreadful mistake it's nice that we can look back and see that some members of the Court recognized the danger from the start.

In the Red Scare around the time of World War I, Brandeis and Holmes reminded the public [in the 1925 case *Gitlow v. New York*] that the First Amendment instructs Congress to pass no law abridging freedom of speech. Or think of *Plessy v. Ferguson* [which upheld the constitutionality of segregation] and before that, the civil rights cases that addressed racial segregation in places of public accommodation. When the Court comes to see that it has made a dreadful mistake—that's what the dissenter is hoping

for. You write to capture a future court.

**CAM:** You and Justice Scalia are the subject of a comic opera, *Scalia/Ginsburg*, that's in the process of being written. As a lifelong opera fan, how does that feel?

**RBG:** Great. Especially because the person who plays me is a lyric soprano and in reality, I'm a monotone. Scalia is a tenor in the opera and in life. The composer, who just graduated from University of Maryland Law School, said he was reading in his Constitutional law class things we said in opinions, speeches we had made, and thought, "This is good stuff," fit for an operatic stage.

**CAM:** Are there any similarities between a good opera and life at the Supreme Court? Is it an operatic world here?

**RBG:** In opera, everything is exaggerated, everything is very dramatic. Here, we try to keep the temperature low. Consider the words of Justice Scalia's "rage aria" [from *Scalia/Ginsburg*]: "The justices are blind; how can they possibly spout this? The Constitution says absolutely nothing about this!" My response is to this effect: "You are in search of bright-line solutions for problems that don't have easy answers. But the great thing about our Constitution is that, like our society, it can evolve." ■

State of the Union: Ginsburg greets President Barack Obama before his address to the nation in 2010.

# The Other Debt Crisis

By Ronald Ehrenberg  
and Ross Milton

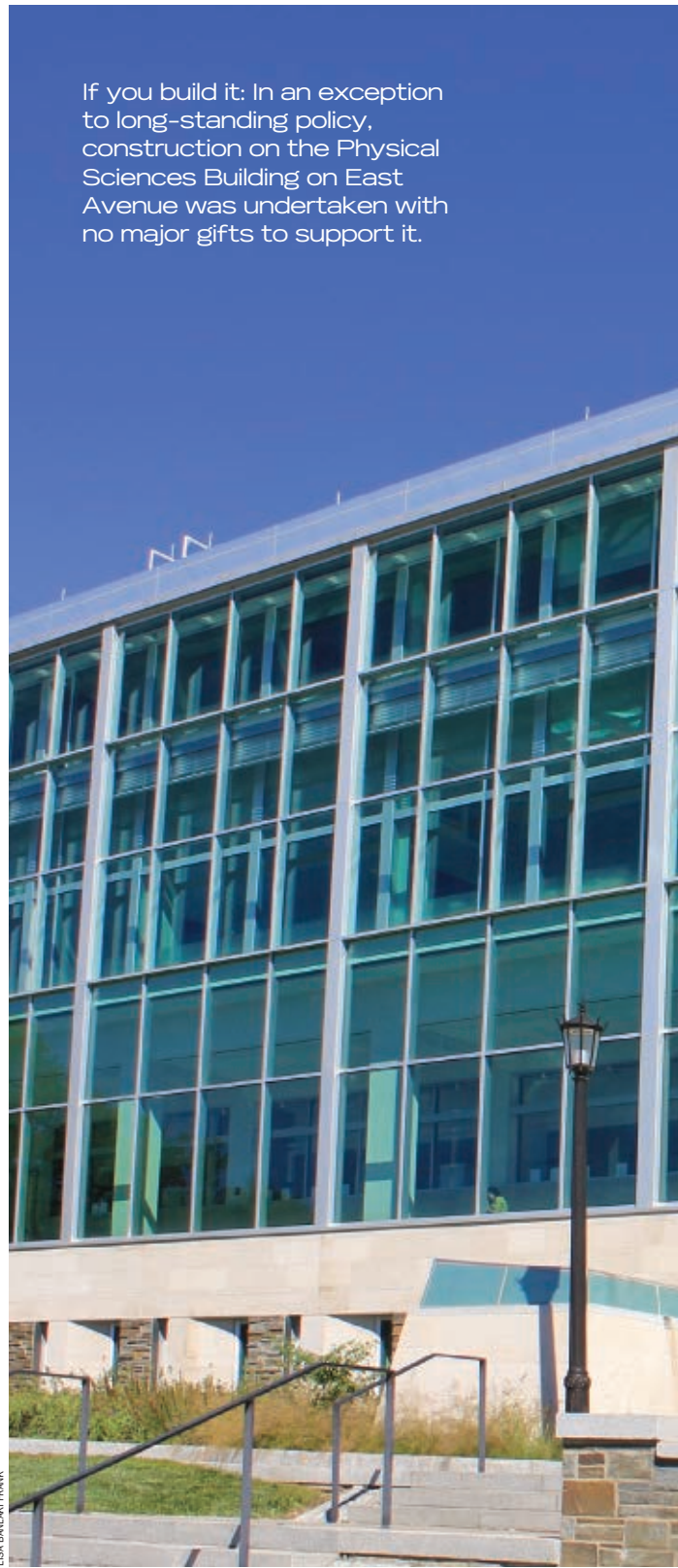
How has Cornell's borrowing affected the University?

**M**uch public attention has been focused on the growing debt burden of higher-education students. One *New York Times* article proclaimed that this is “a generation hobbled by the soaring cost of college,” citing more than \$1 trillion in student loans outstanding. The authors focused on one graduate with \$120,000 in debt and no good job prospects.

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While such cases are dramatic, most graduating students have less debt. At Cornell, thanks to the University's need-based financial aid policies, a majority of students graduate with no debt or only modest indebtedness. For the 45 percent of the Class of 2012 that had ever borrowed, the mean cumulative student debt at graduation was only \$20,490.





There is, however, another debt crisis in higher education—one from which Cornell has not been immune. While most people understand that colleges and universities hold financial assets, it is less well known that they also borrow funds and incur debt. The *New York Times* has reported that, for the more than 500 academic institutions whose debt was rated

by Moody's, college and university debt doubled in inflation-adjusted terms between 2000 and 2011 and stood at more than \$205 billion in 2011. At Cornell, the total external debt level (for Ithaca and the Medical College) was \$495 million on June 30, 2003; ten years later, on June 30, 2013, it had risen to almost \$1.9 billion—a 375 percent increase.

This article is based upon a working paper posted at the CHERI website ([www.ilr.cornell.edu/cheri](http://www.ilr.cornell.edu/cheri)); that paper includes citations to data sources.





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## Why do universities borrow money?

Academic institutions borrow for many reasons. They may finance building projects—partially or entirely—that have revenue streams associated with them that will cover the cost of debt service; for example, residence life projects such as student housing and dining facilities, where debt-service costs can be included in the housing and dining rates. They also may borrow to finance infrastructure projects such as IT networks or for utilities (heating, electric power, cooling), where debt-service costs can be charged out to users and recouped through tuition and other revenues that the units receive.

Many construction projects, especially

academic and research buildings, are financed largely by gifts from individuals, corporations, foundations, and the government. Academic institutions—and Cornell is no exception—have used a process in which the Development office makes a feasibility assessment of the number and size of gifts that are likely to be received for a project; typically the project is undertaken only if the projections exceed the expected cost. However, debt financing may be used “strategically” if otherwise the institution would fund part of the project with its endowment and the expected return on the endowment exceeds the cost of borrowing funds. It may also be used for buildings in which externally funded research is conducted, because the interest payments on such

debt can be at least partially recovered from the research grants.

Even if the projections are accurate, sometimes gifts are received at a slower rate than anticipated and the institution must borrow “bridge funds” to finance a project until the anticipated gifts have all been received. In some cases, the project costs more than expected or the gifts fall short. When this occurs, institutions must borrow using long-term debt. The funds needed to service the debt will come from the general operating budget, which includes revenues from tuition, gifts, endowment spending, and cost recoveries on external research grants. For universities with a medical college, revenues from physician practice plans may also be included.

Academic institutions also use lines of credit—short-term borrowing—to help cover operating expenses, as the revenue that a university receives does not necessarily generate a smooth flow of funds over the course of a year. For example, tuition payments flow primarily at two points of time (the start of the fall and spring semesters), but staff salaries and other expenditures occur all year. Similarly, funding from the federal or state governments may not arrive until after expenditures have been made.

If an institution has sufficient financial assets invested in very liquid form (short-term money market instruments), this reduces the need for lines of credit; however, if the rates of return on longer-term assets such as stocks, bonds, and private equity are substantially higher than money market rates, asset managers may focus their investments on these and seek to preserve liquidity through lines of credit. Prior to the financial collapse of 2008, many institutions, including Cornell, did not worry a lot about the liquidity in their asset portfolios and depended on lines of credit to assure that they had the funds to make payments. During the crisis, when it was feared that lines of credit might be frozen, many institutions borrowed large sums to generate liquidity and avoid having to sell endowment assets in a depressed market. In 2009, Cornell borrowed \$500 million, split equally between five- and ten-year maturity bonds.

## How do universities borrow?

Nonprofit institutions can borrow using tax-exempt debt—which allows them to pay lower interest rates—for qualified capital projects such as new buildings, renovations, and infrastructure that are used for educational purposes. These projects cannot be used for any taxable activ-



ities or for business incubators. Borrowing to support operating expenses, either long-term or via lines of credit, must be done at taxable rates.

Long-term borrowing can be done at either fixed or variable interest rates. Variable-rate bonds have weekly or daily maturities and interest rates that are tied to a broad index rate; their interest rates may increase or decrease over the life of the bond. Decisions on whether to issue fixed- or variable-rate securities are based on the institution's expectations as to what will happen to interest rates over time.

To provide protection when an institution is unsure about the direction in which interest rates will move, it can buy "swaps"—contracts that require it to sell bonds in the future with a variable or specified interest rate. For example, if an institution is planning a construction project that will start in three years and it believes that interest rates will rise, it can buy a swap that allows it to lock in a lower future interest rate for the bonds needed to finance the project. This has a risk: if interest rates fall, the value of the swap becomes negative because it will force the institution to borrow at a higher rate than the then-prevailing market rate.

In some circumstances, a university can try to "unwind" a swap by paying market price at the time to get out of the contract. Unwinding swaps can be costly—and in some cases it is not possible to exit the contract, so the institution is locked into borrowing at a higher rate than necessary. Last July, *Bloomberg News* reported that Cornell purchased more than \$1 billion of swaps before the financial collapse, that it had paid \$30 million in termination fees in 2010 to unwind some of these swaps, and that it is continuing to pay interest on bonds that it has never issued because of the swap contracts that it could not unwind. Cornell has never confirmed the report's accuracy.

## What determines interest rates?

Given the prevailing interest rates at a point in time, the actual interest rate that a university must pay on a bond it issues depends upon its credit ratings. The major raters—Moody's and Standard & Poor's are two of the largest—determine an institution's rating based upon many financial and academic indicators that measure student demand, financial reserves, capital investment and debt, operating performance (including diversity of revenue sources), and the quality of management and governance.

**Table 1**  
Total debt and endowment values at Cornell and other private research universities in 2011–12

	Total debt (billions of dollars)	Total endowment (billions of dollars)	Ratio of debt to endowment
Cornell	1.897	4.497	0.384
Brown	0.660	2.460	0.268
Columbia	1.650	7.654	0.216
Dartmouth	1.125	3.486	0.323
Duke	1.389	5.555	0.250
Harvard	6.039	30.435	0.198
MIT	2.460	10.150	0.242
Princeton	2.883	16.594	0.170
Stanford	2.709	17.036	0.159
Pennsylvania	1.100	6.755	0.163
Yale	4.508	19.345	0.233

Sources: Debt data is at the end of FY2012 and was shared with us by the Yuba Group from FY12 financial statements and rating reports. Endowment data is from Cornell's 2013–14 Operating and Capital Budget Plan (May 2013), Table L. All data have been rounded to the nearest million dollars. These data do not take into account the support Cornell received for operations and capital projects from New York State for its contract colleges.

Moody's highest ranking, Aaa, is given to institutions that demonstrate the strongest creditworthiness relative to other tax-exempt issuers. The rankings then decline to Aa, A, Baa, Ba, B, Caa, Ca, and C, with rankings below Baa indicating below-average creditworthiness. Within each category other than Aaa, Moody's adds a numerical modifier indicating that the institution is in the highest (1), midrange (2), or lowest (3) part of that category. As an institution's ranking declines, the interest rate it must pay increases; this limits its ability to borrow funds and undertake projects. With interest rates at current historically low levels, the spread on rates between the top classes is very low: if Cornell's rating changed in either direction, the impact on its borrowing rate would probably be in the range of 10 to 15 basis points (0.10 to 0.15 percentage points).

In May 2007, prior to the financial collapse, five Ivy League schools (Columbia, Dartmouth, Harvard, Princeton, and Yale) were rated Aaa; Brown and Cornell were rated Aa1, and Penn was rated Aa2. In April 2010, Moody's warned of a possible

downgrade of Cornell's rating by revising its outlook to negative. In response to the steps that the University was undertaking to restore its financial equilibrium, this downgrade never occurred. In February 2012, Moody's returned Cornell's outlook to stable. (Standard & Poor's did reduce Cornell's rating after the financial collapse, downgrading it from AA+ to AA, which is the equivalent of a move from Aa1 to Aa2 on the Moody's scale.) In July 2012, after most institutions had recovered from the worst of the financial crisis, the only Ivy school whose Moody's rating was lower than in 2007 was Dartmouth, which had dropped to Aa1. However, among the broader set of colleges and universities rated by Moody's, more than twice as many schools saw their credit rating downgraded rather than upgraded during this period.

## Why did Cornell's debt increase so dramatically?

Cornell is not unique in having a high level of debt. See Table 1, which shows the total debt and endowment value, as of 2011–12, for Cornell and ten other private

**Table 2**  
Ithaca campus debt service level and comparison  
FY08 to FY14

	FY08	FY09	FY10	FY11	FY12	FY13	FY14
Debt service (DS) (millions of dollars)	59.9	56.1	128.9	117.3	112.2	101.3	100.4
DS relative to operating expenditures	.035	.031	.073	.064	.060	.053	.051

Source: Authors' computations from data presented in the 2009–10 to 2013–14 issues of Cornell's Operating and Capital Budget Plan (Ithaca Campus—Summary Table; available at <http://dpb.cornell.edu>). The figures for FY08 to FY12 are actual realized values; those for FY13 are forecasted final values, and those for FY14 are the budget-plan values.

research universities. Cornell's debt of \$1.897 billion ranked sixth, although its ratio of debt to endowment, .384, was the highest of the group. (It is important to note that the debt on construction projects at the contract colleges that is financed by New York State bonds is not included in Cornell's debt total. The state funds the interest payments on that debt.) While some might conclude from this ratio that Cornell has taken on too much debt, the story is actually much more complicated.

Cornell's debt balance for capital projects in June 2013 was approximately \$948 million on the Ithaca campus and \$449 million at Weill Cornell Medical College. More than half of this debt came from three sets of major construction projects, whose different natures illustrate the complexities of institutional debt.

Debt from two major projects relating to infrastructure contributed to about 14 percent of the Ithaca total. The Lake Source Cooling project of the late Nineties expanded the capacity of the University to cool buildings in a way that was environmentally friendly and at a lower operating cost than conventional alternatives. Similarly, the Combined Heat and Power Plant, which became operational in December 2009, was expected to lead to dramatically improved efficiency and thus lower operating costs, as well as lower greenhouse gas emissions. Although not part of the initial plan, it also allowed the University to eliminate its use of coal, which further reduced greenhouse gas emissions.

These two projects were planned to be funded with debt, and their debt service is charged out to units in the rates they pay for utilities. Although the debt for both projects is still being paid off, if the projected savings for the latter prove correct, both will have reduced the utility rates

charged to units below what they otherwise would have been, and thus both will have been economically beneficial as well as environmentally friendly.

Decisions made by Cornell's leaders to provide a common living experience for first-year students led to the expansion of residence life on North Campus in the late Nineties. A decision was also made to guarantee all sophomores the opportunity to live on campus, which led to building the living-and-learning houses on West Campus. Again, both projects were planned to be funded by debt; their debt service, which currently is about 18 percent of the Ithaca campus total, is charged to students living on campus in the rates they pay for housing and dining. So the Cornell students who benefitted from these improved facilities directly bore their cost. And, to the extent that higher residence-life costs increased the grant aid that undergraduate recipients received, these financial aid costs took funds away from the academic side of the University and put pressure on tuition levels.

A major research university always wants to have the most modern and up-to-date scientific facilities to foster innovative research and to attract and retain high-quality faculty. After the completion of Duffield Hall, which placed Cornell at the forefront of research in nanotechnology, the University understood that to be a twenty-first-century leader in genomics and other emerging life sciences a new facility would be needed on the Ithaca campus. And, in 2006, a decision was made to build another new facility to enhance Cornell's research capabilities and ability to attract grant funding in the physical sciences.

For both of these projects, it was anticipated—after prospect analysis by

the Development office—that at best they could be only partially financed through donations from public and private sources. Nonetheless, initial budget projections for the two projects prepared by the provost's office and published in Cornell's budget-plan documents assumed that both would be fully funded by gifts.

Given the pressure the University felt to remain at the forefront of scientific research, both projects began before substantial external funding was received. In addition, the estimated costs of both projects increased. While a \$50 million gift was received from Joan and Sandy Weill '55 to support construction costs for the life sciences facility and an institute to be housed there—in recognition of which the University named the building after them—the flow of gifts that was anticipated to fund Weill Hall never fully materialized. Over time, the annual budget and operating plan began to assume that a bridge loan would be needed to complete the construction. Then, shortly after the building opened in 2008, financial markets collapsed and prospects for large gifts to complete the funding vanished. The bridge loan became much more long term.

Construction of the Physical Sciences Building began in November 2007, although no major gifts had been received for the project. The University's 2008–09 budget plan assumed that only a small portion of the cost would be funded by long-term debt, with the vast majority of the construction costs funded via a bridge loan. After Cornell's large projected structural deficit became apparent in 2009–10, the debt for this project clearly became more long term. Debt from Weill Hall and the Physical Sciences Building now represents more than 20 percent of the Ithaca campus's capital-project debt balance.



President David Skorton instituted a temporary freeze on all new construction in 2009–10; that was followed a year later by a stricter set of spending guidelines requiring that no more than 50 percent of any capital project should be debt financed, unless it was a life safety or major infrastructure priority. New non-core facilities, such as the Johnson Museum expansion, were to be constructed without any debt. In addition, debt financing for any project should be undertaken only if the overall financial position of the University, as measured by key financial ratios, permitted it.

A major project now under way at Weill Cornell Medical College in New York City is the \$650 million Belfer Research Building. More than \$400 million in gifts has been received to support that project, which is being partially financed by debt in the range of \$218 million. This building was deemed by the University's leaders to be essential to the future of the Medical College. However, the debt it added to the balance sheet brought Cornell to the point where a decision was made that, at least temporarily, no new debt will be permitted for any building projects, including those at the Cornell Tech campus. For the time being, construction at Cornell will be, in President Skorton's words, "in a pay-as-you-go mode."

These three buildings all make important contributions to the research mission of the University. Some, but not all, of the support for their debt service comes from cost recoveries on federally funded research conducted within the buildings. But because their debt service comes largely from the operating budget of the University, its impact on that budget must be considered. Table 2 shows, for the Ithaca campus, how debt service in the operating budget has varied between FY08 and FY14. The dramatic doubling in debt service in FY10 is largely due to another cause: the \$500 million in taxable bonds that Cornell issued in 2009 after the financial meltdown to generate liquidity and avoid having to sell off endowment assets at depressed prices. The gradual decline in debt-service levels in the years after FY10 reflects the fact that Cornell has not been taking on any new debt for construction and some of its existing debt is being retired.

## What are Cornell's prospects?

Debt service was about 3 percent of Cornell's operating expenditures in FY09, before the financial crisis. By FY10 it had



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Crunching the numbers: Ronald Ehrenberg (left), director of the Cornell Higher Education Research Institute, with co-author Ross Milton, a PhD candidate in policy analysis and management

jumped to 7.3 percent; this reflects both the increased cost of debt service in that year and the reductions in operating expenditures that the University was making to solve its structural budget problem. This included freezes on faculty and staff salaries for a year as well as reductions in employment. Since then, the ratio has fallen back to slightly more than 5 percent. This ratio will continue to decline in future years as more debt is retired. A big reduction will occur in FY14, when Cornell will retire the first half of its \$500 million taxable debt; a second big reduction will occur in FY19 when the remaining \$250 million will be retired.

The annual debt-service payment on the \$500 million of taxable debt was \$24.5 million last year. After the first half of the debt is retired, the payment will fall to \$13.6 million and about \$10.9 million will be freed up from the FY14 budget. Cornell could use these funds for such things as new initiatives, faculty and staff salaries, undergraduate financial aid, or limiting tuition increases. Then, in FY19, the end of the remaining payments will provide another set of choices.

As Cornell's external debt declines, its financial picture will improve. The Uni-

versity will have more freedom to borrow funds without fear that doing so would reduce its bond rating, which would increase the cost of borrowing and make servicing the cost of future debt more difficult. Will Cornell ever return to using debt financing for new building projects? We shall see.

As our analysis shows, Cornell has incurred debt to support many worthwhile and important projects. Borrowing is a key aspect of the University's operation, but it is not without risk. Just as an individual who borrows to buy a house takes on the risk of not being able to pay off the mortgage, the University must always consider how and when it will be able to repay its loans—and whether such borrowing will have an adverse effect on its overall financial picture. We've also seen that drawing simplistic conclusions about an institution's debt level can be deceptive. With projects such as Lake Source Cooling and the Combined Heat and Power Plant, Cornell's borrowing led to efficiencies that reduced costs. Careful analysis of the reasons for borrowing and the impact of debt are required—and that's why this is such an important issue for the University's administrators and trustees. ■

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## For Architecture Grads, a Trip to Naples Follows a Roman Holiday

If you were in Naples, Italy, in May and saw a group of middle-aged men and women wearing carnelian red and taking lots of photographs, you may be surprised to learn that they weren't traveling with Cornell's Adult University. They were members of the architecture Class of '72/'73—and the trip is becoming a tradition.

In 2009, Marty Powell '72, BArch '73, spearheaded the idea of a group trip of architecture grads as a way to bring his classmates together. "It was actually born out of sadness—several of our classmates had passed away," says Powell. "So we wanted to do something happy."

That led to a four-day trip to Rome in 2010 with many members of his class. The city was a logical choice because they were able to tie into the Cornell in Rome program, which has been part of Architecture, Art, and Planning for almost thirty years. Jeffrey Blanchard, the program's academic coordinator, hosted walking tours; as his specialty is the Italian Renaissance, he was able to offer in-depth descriptions of Roman architecture as well as urban design. The trip helped strengthen their bonds to each other and to their alma mater, Powell says. "The glue was Cornell," he says. "You remember the professors who stood up in front of you when you were twenty; they were impressive and instilled a love of learning.



**Bella Napoli:** With Mount Vesuvius in the distance, the Cornell in Rome program's Jeffrey Blanchard points out features of the city of Naples from the plaza in front of the Castel Sant'Elmo.

And now that you're sixty, you appreciate it more."

For their return trip to Italy this spring, the group of twenty-five classmates and their spouses spent three days in Naples, "touring ancient streets, piazzas, galleries, churches, catacombs, museums, and art collections," says Powell. The fourth day offered a side trip to Certosa di Padula and Paestum, led by Blanchard.

The trip takes a lot of planning. Individual classmates are given specific responsibilities, including restaurant

selection and bus transportation. After the trip, travelers can upload photos to a Flickr account overseen by Bob Joy '72, BArch '73. "It's about finding your friends, enjoying traveling, and the love of learning," says Powell. "We have as much fun planning the experience as actually getting together."

The program has gone beyond an alumni trip to become a fundraiser; any money left over goes into a class fund for use by AAP. The group is already planning its next trip, to Genoa and Turin in 2016.

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# What's the Word From CACO?

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By Jay Waks '68, JD '71, CACO President

**E**xcitement is the watchword among board members of the Cornell Association of Class Officers (CACO). This year CACO introduced and refined more than twenty initiatives to better serve the 1,700 class officers who represent Cornell's 150,000 undergraduate alumni and to introduce a new cadre of students to the rewarding world of class leadership.

A few of the programs of which we are especially proud include collaborations with volunteer organizations such as the Cornell Alumni Association, the University Council, and Mosaic. For example, we hosted our second leadership reception with multicultural student leaders and alumni leaders at Homecoming. These informal exchanges offer student leaders the opportunity to explore career goals with and get guidance from experienced alumni, show off their critical thinking skills, and demonstrate their potential to become future leaders—as Cornell volunteers and in other aspects of their lives.

We also are excited about the work we have done to extend the value and momentum of the Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC). We have stepped up our leadership training curricula to include about fifteen year-round conference calls and webinars for reunion classes and class leaders, and increased (to twenty) the number of CALC 2014 sponsorships offered to multicultural student leaders.

Speaking of CALC, it is there that we recognize the recipient of CACO's prestigious William "Bill" Vanneman '31 Outstanding Class Leader Award—the coveted "Vanne." Every year we receive dozens of terrific nominations from our class officers; the hardest part is choosing just one. So besides bestowing the singular Vanne, the officers of classes who have completed their five-year terms are also being highlighted at CACO's annual meeting at CALC.

But there is still—always!—more to do. To guide us in our planning, we are examining feedback collected from our class officer survey that saw a highly respectable 40 percent response rate. Specifically, we have heard that class officers want more two-way communication from CACO—especially around changes that affect established processes—and further guidance on taking advantage of CACO's innovative training resources. And we are making adjustments to address their needs.

Finally, I must recognize the extraordinary commitment of CACO's board members. All nineteen of them are deeply committed to the work of CACO's five standing committees: leadership development; membership; communications; students and young alumni; and diversity and inclusion. They participate in the annual CACO Summer Retreat and dozens of calls and meetings throughout the year. At CALC, we hope to announce that 100 percent



of the CACO board is supporting the Annual Fund—and by the 2015 Sesquicentennial, that 100 percent of alumni class officers have joined this tradition.

CACO's overarching source of pride is that its many activities and its board membership are driven by the demographics of diversity and inclusion—across the decades of alumni classes, geography, colleges, ethnicity, and gender. Finally, we want to express our gratitude to the extraordinary staff in Alumni Affairs, who make our jobs fun and fulfilling.

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## The News About Dues

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**T**he class dues structure has been alive and well at Cornell for about a hundred years. For the past fifteen of those years, we've collected online payments with the same technology. But we're happy to announce that earlier this year we upgraded to a new online payment system. This means you have a cleaner interface, an easy and secure way to view your dues-paying history, and the ability to manage your auto-renewal options. If you

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# Club Spotlight: The Cornell Club of Thailand Rises Again

For alumni in the Cornell Club of Thailand, the Eighties and Nineties were a period of great activity. Now, after more than a decade of dormancy, the club has roared back to life during the past couple of years under the leadership of Surong Bulakul, ME '79, MBA '80.

This was evident at the club's annual meeting in July, hosted by Chittimas Ketvoravit, MPS '94, at the Novotel Siam Square. A wide variety of more than 100 alumni—ranging from members of the classes of the Fifties to students entering in the fall—attended the meeting and dinner. In addition to karaoke, Sage Chaiyapechara '99 led participants in a quiz, guessing the names of Cornell buildings.

To add cachet to the event, professors Ralph Christy (entrepreneurship) and Shorna Allred (natural resources) spoke about engaging students in global service learning projects, including

ones in Thailand, carrying on a long-standing collaborative tradition between Cornell and Thai institutions. Hongnan Ma, MA '01, director of international programs in the Office of Alumni Affairs, shared University updates. She also spoke about Cornell's alumni engagement throughout the world and about connecting the global community of Cornellians.

With more than 500 Cornell alumni living in Thailand, enthusiasm is growing; the club's events now attract anywhere from fifty to 100 people. And with the July meeting such a success, they look forward to holding the




Far from the Hill: Young alumni entertain the audience at the Cornell Club of Thailand's annual meeting.

next one in 2014. If you should be visiting Thailand then, the club welcomes you to join them!

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**41** Picking up where we left off . . . Several years ago, an updated foreword to the 1944 historical treatise *Six Thousand Years of Bread* by H. E. Jacob detailed the wartime activities of classmate and former soldier/baker **Herbert Ernest** (Greenport, NY). Shortly afterwards, an article in the *Suffolk Times* newspaper recognized this honor, and Cornell's *Hotelie* magazine picked it up and reprinted it. According to the article, Herb, son of the first chef at the New York Hotel (his father was also one of the founders of the Culinary Inst. of America), "went straight into the service and, logically enough, ended up commanding a quartermaster baking company in North Africa and Italy, where he supervised the baking of millions of pounds of bread and other baked treats for the troops." From the foreword: "The 163 enlisted men and five officers moved their 48 ovens, along with mixers, pans, and small wares, 13 times. They tore down and reassembled their bakery approximately every two months. That bread fed over 300,000 soldiers and villagers through whose sacrifices the civilized world was granted yet another cycle to pursue its hungry search for continued acts of transformation." Others who savored Herb's "delectable loaves": Bob Hope, Italy's Prince Umberto, photographer **Margaret Bourke-White '27**, opera diva Lily Pons, USO entertainers, and, among countless others, actress Marlene Dietrich, who once called him "the captain with the cake."

**William Turin** says he lives in a nice apartment in Indian Wells, CA. "I still drive and shop, but, sadly, I can no longer fly to Switzerland to see my son and his family. He visits once or twice a year. My daughter lives in L.A. and visits frequently. I spend my time playing Scrabble with friends and family on the Internet. Reading is my main activity, with movies from Netflix a close second. Arthritis is a bit of a bother, but otherwise, my health is good." **John Matthews** wrote last June that not much is new down in Albany, TX, "except for the drought—the worst two years ever, at least in my lifetime." He says he's still active but moving a little slower.

**Edward S. White**, BS ME '48 (Eugene, OR) put in 25 years and 10,500 hours as a US Navy pilot before retiring in 1970. His work and activities since then: "36 years as a flight simulator instructor at NAS Corpus Christi; crew member in a CAL 29 during sailboat races on Corpus Christi Bay; 1,500 hours in four different sailplanes at the Refugio (TX) Soaring Circle, with more than 5,000 tours in their supercub tour plane." He adds, "I had to retire from instructing due to an auto accident. The doctor said I should have died, but I'm still here and almost fully recovered. I'm now living in the Willamette Oaks retirement community."

Frances Weintraub sends the sad news that her husband, **Jack Weintraub**, "a proud Cornellian," died on May 28, 2013. We send our condolences to you, Frances. **Jane Frier** Bertrand (E. Syracuse, NY), quite independent still, wrote in July: "I play some bridge, enjoy summer theatre, and love seeing grandchildren and family members." **Dolores Dirlam** Daudt is still living in her 1957 home in Midland, MI, "with good help in the house and yard. Best of all is being able to travel to visit

family and friends across the country and having visitors here. Still great Cornell memories, and a few classmates to share the tales." Dolores is thankful for her health and good spirits.

**David Altman**, BA '40 (Menlo Park, CA) has been spending time reading papers and periodicals and writing some memoirs. "I'm trying to organize a large collection of significant literature (plus original writings) accumulated over the past 60-plus years . . . what to donate, give to acquaintances, throw out." He'd like to hear from **David Silverberg '42**. He tells this story from his first days in Ithaca: "In 1937, I brought a suitcase of essential clothes and personal effects to Cornell. My roommate-to-be, **Alex Inkeles**, MA '46, and I walked up the hill to campus and engaged the first 'Room for Rent' we could find."

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**42** We're temporarily low on news, but our recent class News & Dues mailings will hopefully have created a new supply by the time you read this. If you haven't done so yet, do return the hard copy News Form in the envelope provided or e-mail me at the address below. If you're wishing you could submit a News Form via computer, check out the new questions at the Online News Form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>, and just his SEND when you're done. Keep the Class Notes tradition going. Your classmates want to hear from you, and so do I. **Carolyn Evans** Finneran, 8815 46th St. NW, Gig Harbor, WA 98335; tel., (253) 326-4806; e-mail, [carolynfinn@comcast.net](mailto:carolynfinn@comcast.net).

**43** **Hotelie Curt Strand**, former CEO of Hilton Int'l, commends both his friend **Shig Kondo** and our late president **Miller Harris** on Shig's appointment as the leader of the class—"a brilliant decision worthy of both of you." Curt adds, "I was very sad to hear of Miller's death. I always enjoyed his messages and his style. I did not know him . . . wish I had. I will make a contribution in his name to the Class of '43 Scholarship Fund."

From Shig: "Re-reading the *Compendium* brings back many memories. When I was in the Army, I wondered if any of my friends were bombing me. When **Knox Burger** flew over Tokyo as an observer on March 9-10, 1945, I was in another part of Tokyo. Did you read the anecdote about me in the *New Yorker* magazine when we met at a Cornell reunion in Tokyo during the occupation? **Fred Johnson**, BS Ag '46, bombed Tokyo's Haneda Airport, and I could see the planes in the distance."

Send your latest news, thoughts, and memories. Write to the magazine at the address below, return the News Form from our annual class mailing, or catch hold of a computer and answer the new questions at the Online News Form:

<http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>. **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](mailto:adr4@cornell.edu).

**44** The news keeps rolling in. **Barbara Van Slyke** Anderson (Glendale, AZ; [dba86505@gmail.com](mailto:dba86505@gmail.com)) writes, "Since I live independently in a CCRC, I spend quite a bit of time just living nicely. I still drive—in the daytime and not long distances. I enjoy time with both daughters and families, and this involves travel. My book, *Ákó hoo t'éé nt'éé: That's the Way It Used to Be*, was published in 2010. I still write, catalog, research, and occasionally give a talk on our lives within another culture—Native American. I am grateful that my head is still straight and spurs me on physically." Though Barbara still reads, corresponds, and does water aerobics and church activities, she had to give up on bridge due to a dearth of suitable partners. She would like to hear from **Kay Snell** Sigety. She also shares this story: "When I had occasion some time ago to mention to grandchildren that I enjoyed getting cookies in my laundry box, they exploded, 'You sent your laundry home?!'"

**Jean Zenner** Kaelber lives in Green Valley, AZ ([geojean.k@gmail.com](mailto:geojean.k@gmail.com)), where she spends time volunteering, reading . . . and remembering! Neurology has slowed down her walking a bit, but she finds independent living in the La Posada retirement community "delightful." She only wishes she could visit her daughters more often. What Jean brought to Cornell freshman year: "A steamer trunk that came by rail, a small suitcase, and hopes for a great four years!" Ellen and **Robert Rochford** moved from South Carolina to Copley, OH (near Akron), last spring to be near their son and his family. Also in a relatively new location, **Renee Wolf** Steinberg (Rye Brook, NY) writes, "Adapting to a busy assisted living lifestyle, and trying to clear the tabletops of papers. Being me is a business." She says she'd rather be spending easy time with family and friends.

**Gretchen Eichorn** Facq ([gefaccq@gmail.com](mailto:gefaccq@gmail.com)) is settling into a new address in Bridgewater, NJ—Arbor Glen, a Friends retirement community. "I lost my husband, John, in February 2012, and no longer needed or wanted the expense and care of a large house. Besides, it was lonely. I'm quite happy doing what I'm doing these days: playing bridge and enjoying my garden club (without a garden) and my French club. And I still play 'cello (badly but with pleasure) in the Somerset Valley Orchestra."

**Curt Beck**, BA '43 (Storrs, CT; [curt.beck@uconn.edu](mailto:curt.beck@uconn.edu)) sent an update on his June 2006 entry: "I retired from serving on the Connecticut State Board of Mental Health six years ago. I served as chair of the UConn Center for Learning in Retirement for four years. I continue to give lectures on foreign policy to fellow retirees. I am close to completing the memoir of my life. I recall quite clearly the three years I spent at Cornell: arriving in Ithaca two years after leaving Czechoslovakia, just in time to avoid Adolf Hitler's attack. Unfortunately, I have not been in touch with all



my friends at Cornell who lived at Algonquin Lodge, nor with **Ruth Aronson** Singer. I travel less than I used to, but spent two weeks last September driving with my wife from Munich to Prague and Berlin. I guess I cannot leave the past alone."

**Richard Hillman** and his wife, Lois, live in Northridge, CA. Richard had what he called a slight setback last spring due to a dislocated hip replacement. At the time, he was also deep into radiation for cancer on his left leg. Our best wishes to Richard. **Carol Goldfarb** Schreiber (Great Neck Estates, NY) writes, "Well occupied with maintaining house and garden, some bridge games, and faithfully watching 'The Doctors' on TV for hints on staying alive. Fortunate to have daughters and grandchildren in New York (one daughter is in Great Neck), plus lots of phone friendships and dining out. Traveling less. Reading less, too, but can't live without the daily *New York Times*. The piano is still a great joy, and my fingers are still in good shape." Carol remembers bringing something to Cornell that her daughters never did: evening dresses!

Thanks for all your news! More to come in the next issue. By the way, it was suggested that, for many of you, submitting news might be easier on the computer. If so, you can go to: <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>, fill in your name and the answers to some or all of the questions, and just hit SEND! ☑ **Class of 1944**, c/o *Cornell Alumni Magazine*, 401 East State St., Suite 301, Ithaca, NY 14850. **Dorothy Kay** Kesten, 1 Crestwood Rd., Westport, CT 06880; e-mail, dotkes10@optonline.net.

**45** **Julie Kamerer** Snell, your scribe-of-the-month (so to speak), reports that son **Mark '76**, PhD '80, made one of his rare visits from Albuquerque to join many other family members helping her celebrate a 90th birthday. Answering a question someone will surely ask, "No, I don't feel any older." **Virginia Mikkelsen** MacGuire (Charlotte, NC) spends her time figuring out what might be going on in the economy, both at the state and federal level. She serves on several committees at Sharon Towers, her retirement home, is very busy, and likes what she's doing. When she first came to Cornell, she brought clothes and whatever Cornell had suggested.

Sadly, we inform you of the death of **David Carter** in March, and we send our sincere condolences to his wife, **Mary (Meter)** (Dowling Park, FL). She describes the loss as "the graduation to heaven of my Cornell sweetheart of 66-1/2 years." The couple met at Cornell's Methodist Wesleyan Foundation student group. A memorial service was attended by many, including a busload of 22 and two carfuls from their Ocala church. Mary plays the cello in a local orchestra and volunteers at a "Twice is Nice" shop. She'd like to hear from **Bob** and **Phyllis Benscoter**.

Last spring, class prexy **Maxine Katz** Morse (Portsmouth, NH) received the 2013 Eileen Foley Award, handed out by Friends Forever—a nonprofit, nonpartisan global advocacy and awareness organization dedicated to peace—at their annual St. Patrick's Day dinner and roast. The award is given to a New Hampshire citizen who has dedicated his or her life to making the world a better place and ensuring a higher quality of life for those less fortunate. Maxine has served as chairwoman of the 1975 Commission on Laws Affecting Mental Health, as director of the first nonprofit

child care center in New Hampshire (1969-74), on numerous boards, and in leadership roles in many state and local agencies. Friends and family roasting Maxine at the event included John Lynch, the former governor of New Hampshire, and documentary film producer Ken Burns. Hooray, Maxine!

**George Karp** (Palm Beach Gardens, FL) attends Lifelong Learning classes and plays golf and bridge. Recently he worked on the Yom Kippur Hunger Appeal and Auction for the Food Bank. He'd like to hear from **Fred Bondi**. When he entered Cornell, he brought clothing and a radio. **Walter Hamilton** (Port St. Lucie, FL; brwjham@comcast.net) enjoyed the 65th Reunion three years ago and was looking forward to the 65th Reunion of wife **Barbara (Rapp) '48** this coming June and to his 70th in two years. He'd like to hear from **Harold "Bud" Saunders**. He says he brought nothing when he came to Cornell the first time. **Richard Gorzegno** (Carlsbad, CA; gorzeg@aol.com) informs us that Alice, his wife of 51 years, died in March this year. We extend our heartfelt condolences. His old roommate **Stan Bender** phones him occasionally.

**Joe McDonald** (Mashpee, MA) spends his time reading, doing puzzles, chairing the transition committee at the condo community pool, playing bocce, cooking, and socializing. He is working on his memoirs for kids and grandkids. He wishes he could be playing golf, but his legs won't allow it. He'd like to hear from **Frank Swingle '44**, MS '49. When Joe arrived in 1943, he was a member of the Navy V-12 program, and uniforms were supplied. He brought what he wore, plus underwear and toilet articles. **Dwight Brede** (Los Altos, CA) spends some of his time on leisure activities, but is reading and teaching company lectures while focusing on writing memoirs to let his children and grandchildren know what his life was like.

**Ann Buchholz Alden** (Delmar, NY) and husband **John '43** took the Mississippi River Cruise with the Cornell alumni group this past spring. She tells us it was a great trip with good people. They had a family gathering—all six adult children, plus some grandchildren—for her 90th birthday. She came to Cornell the first time with one suitcase of clothes, a portable typewriter, and an alarm clock. **Walter MacFarland III** (Media, PA) spends his time on financial matters, golf (this summer), and swimming on Long Island Sound. He keeps up with finances and taking care of inheritance issues.

**Charles Holmes** (Lexington, KY) keeps busy reading books, journals, and the local newspaper, along with doing aerobics and walking, plus watching PBS, CSPAN, and CNN sports. **Richard Allen** (Cincinnati, OH) does three workouts a week and reads lots of nonfiction. He is also active in local chamber music circles. Last winter he made downhill ski trips to Alta, UT, and Steamboat Springs, CO, and in March he visited a son who has moved to Barcelona. **William Packard** (Boca Raton, FL) keeps busy with gym, tennis, duplicate bridge, dancing, partying, reading, and swimming. He says he does all of the above to maintain health after triple bypass and double valve repair surgery. Two years ago he helped his son (after a stroke) make a stained glass window. He'd like to be seeing his new twin great-grandsons and his grandson's new son and daughter. When he first came to Cornell, he had only the Navy uniform he had on.

Your scribe enjoys frequent get-togethers with **Jane Hanse** Bishop, who is happily occupied with family and church-related volunteering. Do keep in touch with either Bob or me. It's a great pleasure learning about what our classmates are doing.

Please write carefully, though. I've had to omit some info occasionally due to illegibility. ☑ **Julie Kamerer** Snell, 3154 Gracefield Rd., #111, Silver Spring, MD 20904; e-mail, julie.snell@verizon.net; **Bob Frankenfeld**, 6291 E. Bixby Hill Rd., Long Beach, CA 90815; e-mail, betbobf@aol.com.

**46** QUIZ TIME: Do you remember what the initials WSGA mean? Hints: It was a pretty dominant force in your daily life when you were a coed. **Nancy Hubbard** Perryman's husband wrote in her obituary that she was president. Recently, **Priscilla Alden** Clement Rice wrote that she had also been president. So I went to our '46 yearbook and looked at the group's photo on page 98—and found a number of our classmates (maiden names only): **Charlotte Fry**, **Margaret Monteith**, BA '45, **Jane Purdy**, **Dorothy Hotchkiss**, and **Joanne Skinner** were listed on the Activities Board; and **Priscilla Alden**, **Eleanor Beach**, **Virginia Dondero**, **Charlotte Fry**, **Joyce Manley**, and **Nancy Mynott** were on the House of Representatives for that year. Let me know if I missed anyone, or if you served previously.

ANSWER: Women's Self-Government Association. You remember, it was the group that enforced rules for us regarding our behavior—like nightly and weekend curfew times, etc.

The idea for this article was given to me by **Priscilla**, whose sister, **Betty Alden** Talpey '48, had been at Barton Hall for her reunion—where no one there had ever heard of it! Times have really changed since our days on the Hill. Anyone else with quiz items? My mailbox is temporarily empty, though your next round of news should arrive sometime this fall. Write me anytime of year or send in the News Form from the class mailing! ☑ **Elinor Baier** Kennedy, 9 Reading Dr., #302, Wernersville, PA 19565; tel., (610) 927-8777; e-mail, mopsyk@comcast.net.

**Lewis Beatty Jr.** (Media, PA; cindy@beattylincke.com) reported that he's been practicing law in Media since 1949. He also asked about former Navy V-12 roommate **Paul Atteridge**, BS '45, B Chem E '47 (Granby, CO; platter80446@gmail.com) and whether Paul and **Louise (Vannederynen) '48** were alive and well. Your CC (class correspondent) phoned Paul and asked him to contact Lew and advise how he was doing. The fee for this service was a squib for the column. Paul sent us a copy of the e-mail he sent Lew: "Still alive and kicking—and still surrounded by snow-capped mountains! Insofar as I can tell, I'm the last of the ChemE's who started in the fall of 1942. We were en route to visit fellow ChemE **John Fraser**, BS '45, PhD '49, when a call-ahead informed us he had died a day earlier. Still have only five children and 13 grandchildren—but now also have two great-grandchildren. Louise and I expect this summer to celebrate our 65th wedding anniversary."

PS: Your CC will happily do the legwork or phonework to persuade classmates to contact other classmates on the chance that a squib or article might result.

PPS: Your CC moved October 1 to a CCRC (continuing care retirement community). The new address and phone number are in the last paragraph below.

**Lee Rothenberg**, BS ORIE '48 (Bradenton, FL; rothlee@aol.com) apologized for taking two months to answer my latest e-mail. It wasn't the computer's fault; it didn't fit in the space allotted

by the CCRC until he built a custom desk. Lee and Frances are pleased with their March 1 move into one of 30 one-story commodious townhouses on a large landscaped oval. Many CCRCs offer hi-rise buildings: "Been there, done that." But finding one-story townhouses nearby was a dealmaker. The Rothenbergs live independently amid tennis courts and plenty of activities, but elaborate health facilities are available if needed. The food (30 meals per month) is surprisingly good—sometimes gourmet. They're eating more and better than they ever did. Lee didn't go to reunion, though he talked with **Jim Mayer '49** (Wilmette, IL; mayer1410@aol.com) about it. The month before, he went to a granddaughter's graduation in Amherst and found travel takes too much out of him. For now, Lee and Frances will limit themselves to cruises.

As mentioned above, Lois and I have moved to a CCRC as of October 1. Our "been there, done that" is 25 years of townhouse living. So, naturally, we opted for hi-rise living. We'll advise how it worked out in a future issue. To list your e-mail address in your submissions, e-mail me at the below e-address. Include your name, city, and state. **Paul Levine**, 3273 Streamside Cir., #202, Pleasanton, CA 94588; tel., (650) 207-0161; e-mail, plevine@juno.com. Class website, <http://classof46alumni.cornell.edu>.

**47** The newest form that many of you filled out (and those responses provide grid for this column) asks a question about which old friends you'd like to hear from. So, consider this an All Points Bulletin for **Cynthia Pines** Jacobson: **Yetta Haber** Farber (Hyfarb@yahoo.com) is looking for you. **L.R. "Andy" Anderson** (Hudson, OH; andpeg@gmail.com) would like to get in touch with **Bill Davies**. **Ray Fox**, PhD '56, lives in Ithaca and would like to hear from **Greta Adams Wolfe '48**. **Ralph "Mike" Ware** (San Antonio, TX) would like to make contact with **C. Dan Cornwell** and **Dick Del Signore**. **Eileen Farley** McDonnell (Stow, MA; McDonnell\_E@verizon.net) listed **Jeanne Powell** O'Donnell, BS HE '46, as the person whom she'd like to be in touch with. **Renée Gaines** Wallace (Houston, TX; rwallace355@yahoo.com) would like to hear from **Evelyn Weiner** Barrow.

Some of the '47 crowd is playing golf on a regular basis. **Robert Schultz** (jabobb@iinet.com) plays a couple times a week near his Murrieta, CA, home and also sings in a chorus of 57 people. **Gilbert Tandy** (gtgolr27@hotmail.net) and his wife, Florence, live in a senior community in Delray Beach, FL, and Gilbert plays golf four or five times a week. They also play bridge. Also in Florida, **Charles Cox** (grambocox@aol.com) lives in Vero Beach and plays golf regularly with **Dan Emerson '49**. Charles also reported that his grandson **Thomas Cox '16** is now on the Hill, the fourth generation of the family to attend Cornell. **Betty Rosenthal** Newman, BA '46 (bnewman201@comcast.net) lives in Short Hills, NJ, and Lake Worth, FL, where she is still hitting tennis balls and playing golf.

**Malcolm Steinberg**, BCE '46 (San Antonio, TX) disavows any responsibility for that state's governor. He does claim credit for his new book, *Geomembranes and Expansive Soils*, published in a global edition by an Indian company. His co-author is another Cornellian, **Gajanan Sabnis, PhD '67**. **Margot Poritsky** Jerrard (mjerrard@illinois.edu) and husband Richard are both retired from their posts at the U. of Illinois. Together they

wrote *The Grad School Handbook* published by Penguin's Berkley imprint. Margot reports, "Writing the handbook enabled us to advise our three children—who all went to graduate school, received additional degrees, and changed their professions." Two of those three children earned their undergrad degrees at Cornell: **Leigh Jerrard '85** and **Robert Jerrard '86**.

It was good to hear from **Joan Flynn** Rogers of Elmira, NY; **Vivian Ruckle** Traendly (FloridaViv@aol.com) of Pompano Beach, FL; **William Eberle**, BS '50 (weedram43@gmail.com) of Salem, NY; **Stuart LaDow** of Allison Park, PA; and **John W. Carrier** (jcar474880@aol.com) of Sarasota, FL. We wish everyone a wonderful holiday season and a bright and healthy 2014! **Artie Williamson** Anderson, 238 Dorchester Rd., Rochester, NY 14610; **Sylvia Kianoff** Shain, irashain1@verizon.net.

**48** **Jacqueline Smith** Flournoy, Westport, CT: "Sailing, crafting, reading. Still healthy except for minor complaints. Had six inches of water in lower level of house due to Superstorm Sandy. Kids and spouses cleaned it up for me. Now waiting for restoration people. I live on the second floor, which is fine. I have three kids and six grandchildren—three in Connecticut and three in Maryland. I've enjoyed living in Wilton, CT, the most." **Gloria Gordon** Gilbert, White Plains, NY: "Five children, seven grands, three greats. Cornellians are **Richard Gilbert '69**, **Steve Cohan '73**, and **Adam Gilbert, MLR '00**."

**Betty Buchsbam** Weinstein, Rye, NY: "Attending theatre in Manhattan and concerts in Rye and museums. One child and one grandchild in Indiana, PA. My son is an English professor at Indiana U. of Pennsylvania, teaching in the classroom and online. Grandson is in middle school. He draws a lot and is creating his own comic books. My son also enjoys drawing and puts his artwork on his blogs. I can't predict if Obama and Congress will agree and put his policies in effect and end the recession, or if the Republicans will dominate national issues and the recession will continue. I liked living in Manhattan the best."

**Clarine Capuzzi** Hall, Winnetka, IL: "Travel, symphony, keeping up with family and friends. I'm worried about the present situation. Four kids, 11 grandkids, with one Cornellian—**Nomoya Hall '13** in AAP. She was born and resides in Africa. We have business executives, techies, sports broadcasters, fundraisers, entrepreneurs, book authors, magazine and newspaper writers, not-for-profit executives, and art museum staff. It won't be easy, but the US will pull out of this mess we are in. I did not vote for my representative in 2012. Her political and philosophical views are the absolute opposite of mine. My best living has been in Winnetka."

**Barbara Bookstein** Brandt, Roslyn Heights, NY: "Bridge, socializing, book group. Can't believe I'm here in 2013! Two children, four grandchildren, one great in Massachusetts, Connecticut, Virginia, and Long Island. Daughter **Laurel Brandt**, MA '74, and grandson **Harrison Leavens '04** are Cornell grads. Thankfully they have jobs. I don't expect less taxes—ever! Best living was in Tupper Lake, NY." **Vivian Hoffman** Grey-Miller, Haverford, PA, and Loveladies, NJ: "Failed at retirement. As a writer I've been teaching various courses in creative writing—including 'Write Your Life Story'—and workshops on this topic. I'm on the faculty of Temple U. and Rosemont College, among others, having started at the U. of Pennsylvania. Hurricane

Sandy devastated Long Beach Island, and I'll be teaching a workshop on 'Sandy Stories' at the Long Beach Island Art Foundation. I have one surviving daughter, **Leslie Grey '74**, BFA '75, and one granddaughter. Leslie is in charge of art programs in Camden, NJ. Her students win all kinds of art awards. Best living has been in Princeton, NJ, and Long Beach Island, NJ. I play tennis and bridge and don't have time for retirement. I'm active in widow/widower groups. Would love to hear from other '48ers—anytime!"

**Hyla Brodtkin** Garten, Summit, NJ: "Reading—a lot! Three children, six grands, seven great-grandchildren. Scattered all over the country. I have an aerospace engineer who wants to raise horses, a five-year Marine veteran working for the government, a social worker, a grandson in the physics department of the US Patent Office, etc. Things will be great if our legislature ever gets its act together. I voted against my congressman. He's too far right for me! I have never moved from Summit, NJ, which is OK. I wrote a book about time travel that sucked all the creativity out of me." **John Ross**, Wickenburg, AZ: "Docent at Desert Caballeros Western Museum; vestryman at St. Alban's Episcopal Church; art historian at Wickenburg Art Center; past section president of Phoenix IEEE; Colonel, Signal Corps, US Army Reserve. Took a river trip down the Seine to Normandy for my 90th birthday party with friends. We need to pull out of Afghanistan."

**Richard Brown Jr.**, Rockville Centre, NY: "Travel, reading, theater, and sailing in the summer. Situation is tolerable. In the last hideously expensive election the country dodged a bullet, but we must still contend with the Tea Party segment of the Republicans. Five children and four grandchildren, including two lawyers, an engineer, a school teacher, an occupational therapist, a translator for the deaf, and a homemaker formerly on Wall Street. The next four years will be important—decisive. Problems include high unemployment, anemic economy, dysfunctional federal government (principally due to the Republicans). Global climate change has not been addressed, and there remains obvious foreign policy difficulties. If all can be resolved, the future is good. I voted for my congresswoman. She is reasonable. Our best living was in Jamesport, NY."

**Phyllis Flyer** Kavett, Union, NJ: "Spend time online reading national newspapers and offline in nearby swimming pool. Grandkids? Six, all in early 20s. All have jobs, some with benefits. They reside in Boston, NYC, New Haven, and San Francisco and are in theater, marketing, marketing research, academia, and Internet entrepreneurship. One is Cornell '10; one is in Yale graduate study. Some 'super' events in my life: Mayor of Howell Township, NJ (1979); daylong visit with His Holiness, the Dalai Lama; professor emerita, mathematics education, Kean U.; Cornell Historic Mathematics course notebook (1948) accepted for Cornell Library; and an appearance with Will Shortz on NPR's Weekend Edition 'Sunday Puzzle' session. Future plans? More fun." **Bob Persons**, 102 Reid Ave., Port Washington, NY 11050; phone and fax, (516) 767-1776; e-mail, bobpersons48@gmail.com.

**49** Many of our class would still be working in their chosen professions if retirement wasn't mandated. **Beverly Sher** Cohen (beverlyc3x@gmail.com), who lives in NYC with husband Stuart, is a case in point. She writes, "Since my age-required retirement as judge in New York County



Supreme Court, I have enjoyed attending theatre and concerts and getting around on public transportation and walking. I do some legal and court-appointed work." She adds, "I have been delighting in my first grandchild—had given up hope of ever being a grandmother." Beverly's response to what she brought to the Hill when she first arrived: "I don't know how I could get along without my iPhone and iPad, but I guess I did." **Joan Feder** Green (egreen1@twcny.rr.com) and husband Edward have a new address in Cazenovia, NY. **Mark Taylor** (Atlanta, GA; mktaylor1@gmail.com), married to Judith, is retired.

**Joyce Graham** Jordan (Wyoming, NY), married to Gilbert, is busy with gardening, housework, church, the local historical society, and book club. She'd also like to be visiting her granddaughter in Glasgow, Scotland. When she first came up to school, she brought clothing and a typewriter. **Elinor Schatzkin** Multer (Orr's Island, ME; emofme@comcast.net) said that she's been "dealing with tenants—for better or worse." She adds, "I ran for re-election as selectman in the Town of Harpswell, ME, and won a second term over two opponents. Now I am carrying out such responsibilities as determining the fate of an abandoned school and an abandoned naval fuel depot. Not much I'd rather do. I enjoy the daily challenges."

**Wendel Kent** writes from Sarasota, FL: "Retired, loafing, and taking care of the mail. I would like to hear about **Dirk TenHagen** and **Lee Metzger**." **Carman Hill** tells us, "My wife, **Sandy (Wager)**, MS '77, and I live in Kendal at Ithaca, a continuous care institution (God's waiting room). Many retired professors live here. At graduation, Crew coach 'Stork' Sanford advised us to stay in good condition. I hike, play tennis, and go dancing."

**Erik and Phyllis Meyer Simons '51** (Spring Valley, NY; eriksims@verizon.net) have a granddaughter, Leah Simons, in the Vet college. They also have a son in charge of ultrasound at the hospital in Ithaca. **Norman Merz** (Manasquan, NJ; talktomerz@gmail.com), married to Pat, is involved with "many, many projects. Then, I go to the beach." Last year he wrote that he had just completed volunteering with the AARP TaxAid program helping mostly seniors complete their federal and state income tax returns." He spent a week downhill skiing at Loon Mountain in New Hampshire, and biked a five-day, 184-mile trip on the C&O tow path from Cumberland, MD, to Georgetown in D.C. Rather be doing? "Nothing else. I have a great life." When he first came up to school, Norman writes that he brought what he could carry on the Lehigh Railroad. It was his swimming coach, Scotty Little, who had the greatest impact on him at Cornell.

"Like most everyone in our class," writes **Bill Eldred**, LLB '53 (Princeton, NJ; eldredd2@aol.com), "my wife, **Margy (Saecker)** '50, and I have traveled all over the world with no place left we want to visit. Most of our travel now is to grandchildren's graduations. We do visit Hilton Head one or two times a year, as we have a timeshare there. We still live in the same house, with pool, spa, etc., but need to think about downsizing. Our golf game is sad, so we also need to think about our club membership. Activities this year have been focused on Margy's knee replacement in January and rehab, which went well." **Bob Corbett**, BArch '50 (Austin, TX; bobcorb84@gmail) writes that he is "still practicing architecture," humorously crossing out "practicing" and inserting "attempting to practice." He is currently designing a co-housing

community in Austin. Bob would enjoy hearing from **Bob VonDohlen**, BArch '50, MRP '54, and **Chan Clark**, LLB '56. Prof. Tom Canfield, critic in design, had the greatest impact on Bob when he was at Cornell.

**Susan Potter** Hall (Westfield, PA), writing last year, tells us that her time is spent "singing (and leading) church choir, water aerobics, gardening, keeping up house, car, politics." She adds, "Enjoyed seeing picture of **Jack** and **Inger Molmen Gilbert** in KD news." Susan would like to hear from **Bernice Gray** Whitney (Pocatello, ID; yukon92311@aol.com). "Missed her Christmas card." **Joe Mengel** (Chapel Hill, NC; jummp123@aol.com) wrote last year that he had married Candace

from January 17-19, 2014. Also for the second year, our annual mid-winter class dinner will be at the elegant Algonquin Club, 217 Commonwealth Ave., at 7 p.m. on Friday, January 17. To make a reservation, send \$85 each to **Stan Rodwin**, Box 904, Scottsville, NY 14546. There will be a class meeting the following morning, Saturday, January 18, at the Marriott, at 9:30 a.m. So do come!

**Ames**, MD '53, and **Barbara Filippone** (Morristown, NJ; aflippone1@me.com) and **Bob** and **Jane Post** (Mantoloking, NJ; chiefpost@comcast.net) were all finally able to move back into their rebuilt houses in midsummer, nine months after Hurricane Sandy severely damaged them. Ames writes, "Our house was inundated with three feet of water as

‘I wrote a book about time travel that sucked all the creativity out of me.’

Hyla Brodtkin Garlen '48

Owens at a small living room party on Dec. 31, 2011, at Carolina Meadows in Chapel Hill. Who had the greatest impact on Joe at Cornell? "Dusty Rhodes!" Another classmate at Kendal at Ithaca, **Bob Nafis** (rnafis@twcny.rr.com) wrote, "Still working with the men's and women's Cornell soccer coaches taping games, updating to HD DVD systems, etc." Until recently, he has been working on a study of ACL injuries to soccer players for a grad student thesis. He notes that he has been "spending too much time at doctors." In fact, he has had open-heart surgery and is now in rehab.

Architect **Alfredo Larin** (San Diego, CA) tells us that he is giving away his library to architecture schools. He has designed a great many buildings in the US and Mexico since his graduation from the School of Architecture. He would enjoy hearing from **Wally Rutes**, BArch '50. Alfredo writes that it was "the atmosphere" at Cornell that had the greatest impact on him while he was in school. **Jim Henry** (Naples, FL), married to Natalie, is still playing golf three times a week. "Have had two holes-in-one since turning 80." He spends summers in California with children and grandchildren.

Our class is greatly saddened by the news of the passing of **David Nagel** (Clifton, NJ) and **Paul "PJ" Kiely** (Naples, FL). David is survived by his wife, Norma, two sons, **Bruce '74** and James, daughter Wendy, six grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. Paul is survived by his wife, **Mary (Mears)** '48, sons James and John, and four grandchildren. **Thomas Duval** wrote last fall from a healthcare facility in Winston-Salem, NC, shortly before his death in Oct. 2012. He had been participating in daily activities with his wife, Martha—who was able to live in a nearby cottage—and enjoyed good memories of travels abroad, Navy service, college life, and his family.

Next year—our 65th! Let's make it our best reunion ever! **Dorothy "Dee" Mulhoffer** Solow, 3608 N. Sunset Ave., Farmington, NM 87401; tel., (315) 717-6003, (505) 258-4778; e-mail, winspeck@yahoo.com.

**50** For the second year in a row, the annual mid-winter Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference will meet in Boston, at the Marriott Copley Place Hotel,

the ocean crossed the barrier island to meet the bay. We stripped the house down to the 2x4s and started over. We did manage to save a few objects. Books on the lower shelves were reduced to mushy pulp, yet fragile glassware somehow managed to survive intact as it floated gently from shelf to floor." At the Posts' house, "the surge wave actually undermined the foundation," Bob reports. "The upholstered furniture had to go because the moisture wicked up. However, all the antique furniture with wooden legs was saved and cleaned up." **Al**, JD '52, and **Doris Neimeth** (Melbourne, FL; acneimeth@cfl.rr.com), whose house in Breezy Point, on the Rockaway Peninsula in Queens, was totally destroyed by the storm, have not yet decided whether or not they will rebuild on their now-empty lot. "We will probably sit on the lot for a year or two before making that decision."

Weill Cornell professor **Dick Silver**, MD '53 (rtsilve@med.cornell.edu) writes that he is heavily committed to Cornell. "I have an endowed chair and a visiting lectureship in my name." Last year, Dick received the Lifetime Achievement Award in Medicine and Science from the SASS Foundation for Medical Research. He adds, "I am still actively working and am the head of the Myeloproliferative Disease Center." **Jack Richard**, MD '53 (New York, NY; jr理查德29@gmail.com) has retired from medical practice, but continues to teach and work. "At Weill Cornell, where I am clinical professor of medicine, I now teach medical ethics. I also work half-time for the NYS Dept. of Health in the investigation of physicians who have had complaints about professional misconduct."

**Ann Leister** Mayer (Anacortes, WA) taught elementary school—first, second, and sixth grades—in New Jersey and in Woodstock, NY, for 24 years. For 40 years, during her vacations, she also helped run her family's Pocono Wild Animal Farm in Stroudsburg, PA. "I worked all possible positions, worked with visitors, and raised young animals." Ann now makes quilts, which are sent worldwide by the Lutheran Church. **Dave Gardner**, MBA '55 (Ponte Vedra Beach, FL) served in the Air Force in Korea, then returned to Cornell to earn an MBA in 1955. He was a manufacturer's representative and also worked for Nordstrom. For years Dave volunteered at the renowned PGA Players Tournament in Ponte Vedra, where he was a marshal at

the 18th hole and was able to meet all the top golfers. **Esther Artman** Hammer (Rochester, NY; [hammering@gmail.com](mailto:hammering@gmail.com)) was a school social worker who specialized in working with troubled children. In the middle of raising her four children, Esther went back to school for three years and earned her MSW from Syracuse U. in 1973. "I developed child sexual-abuse-prevention programs, using a puppet show, that were then used in New York schools, in the Boston, Chicago, and California areas, and, with a Spanish translation, in Lima, Peru."

**Al Mitchell** ([7appleal@gmail.com](mailto:7appleal@gmail.com)) served in the Navy during WWII. After Cornell, he returned to the family farm business in North Rose, NY (his father was **George Mitchell**, Class of 1912), where he grew apples and cherries until he turned the farm over to the third generation of Mitchells, including son **George '73**, in 1988. Al writes, "In the 1990s, I got interested in the state bird of New York, the bluebird, and built 15 nest boxes, which are now scattered on a nearby farm and on our lawn. During nesting season, I monitor the boxes and last year fledged 41 birds." In May, Cornell professor emeritus **George Casler**, MS '59 ([gcasler@twcny.rr.com](mailto:gcasler@twcny.rr.com)) was able to move back into his office in newly renovated Warren Hall. George has been retired from teaching Agriculture Economics for nearly 20 years, yet the university still provides him, and a number of other retired professors, with office space. "We have coffee with other retirees and occasionally with professors who are still working, so we keep up with the goings-on in the department." George also keeps in touch with **Cecil Lamb**, MS '52 (Palo Alto, CA; [acclamb@gmail.com](mailto:acclamb@gmail.com)) and professor emeritus **Bob Plaisted** (Ithaca, NY; [rlp3@cornell.edu](mailto:rlp3@cornell.edu)), former chair of the Dept. of Plant Breeding at Cornell. **Marion Steinmann**, 237 West Highland Ave., Philadelphia, PA, 19118-3819; tel., (215) 242-8443; e-mail, [cjoinder@ix.netcom.com](mailto:cjoinder@ix.netcom.com); **Paul H. Joslin**, 6080 Terrace Dr., Johnston, IA 50151-1560; tel., (515) 278-0960; e-mail, [phj4@cornell.edu](mailto:phj4@cornell.edu).

**51** **Patty Redman** Wetherbee (Columbus, OH) writes, "This takes a lot of guts: not sending any money (too many needs in the Columbus area) but writing to say that your frosh/sophomore classmate—after six children and a painting career—is now living in a retirement center . . . with **Francille Maloch** Firebaugh, PhD '62, former dean and professor in the College of Human Ecology, 1988-99! We exercise together!" Patty's business card offers: "Drawings, Oil Paintings" out of Worthington, OH. **Richard Teel** has retired from a career at Richard H. Teel Sales to Centerville on Cape Cod, MA, "enjoying time with my wife, children, grandchildren, and great-granddaughter!" A popular question in our new News Form asks, "What did you bring to Cornell when you first came?" Richard's answer: "Everything fit in one duffle bag!" But Patty Wetherbee says she "can't possibly remember!"

**Phil**, PhD '54, and **Ann Styer Aines** write from their new Centennial, CO, address. "We moved from Bend, OR, to Colorado because at our age it was time to be closer to family. We found a retirement facility here close to our daughter, husband, three married grandkids, and now six great-grandsons. Our son and family are scattered, but all like to visit Colorado, so we are not lonely! Our vacations were often spent in the Colorado mountains, so it isn't a new place for us."

**Thomas Peterson** (Wausau, WI) is collecting his writings for a possible book. "I've written stories, comments, philosophical pieces, and poetry since high school, and also collected stamps and coins, etc. Went on a Never Forgotten Honor Flight (Wausau to D.C.)—a one-day experience, but very inspiring!" Tom says he'd rather be gardening or traveling, but lacks the stamina due to chemotherapy for a pre-leukemia blood condition. He and Lucy are still living in their own home. Tom adds, "I'm working with a county alcohol and drug committee, Faith in Action (keeping seniors in their homes), and the Ethics Committee of our local hospital." He'd like to hear from **Norm Pava**, **Norm Morse**, MS '53, reports a new e-mail address from Williamsville, NY ([nmorse2012@gmail.com](mailto:nmorse2012@gmail.com)).

**Joanne Gully** DeWolf (Concord, CA) writes, "I have been attempting my family's genealogy without a computer (mother, Class of '22, nephew **Joshua Gully '83**, and brothers **Royce Gully '53**, MS '60, and **Stewart Gully '56**), talking (fascinated with personalities in an independent living facility), walking outside and up stairs . . . nothing dramatic. Fairly healthy for 84! Broke five ribs about two years ago." Joanne would like to hear from **Theodora** "Todi" **Frizzell** Duncan Frick. "She climbed the Great Wall of China after hip surgery!" Joanne left Cornell after two and a half years for her first baby, now 63 years old and retired.

**Herbert Spirer**, Columbia U. professor emeritus, is volunteering at the Stamford, CT, library and reading great books he was too busy to read while working. He is also working out at the gym. Asked what he came to Cornell with in 1946, he says, "Self; nothing." He would like to hear from fellow Engineering Physics major **John Gay**. **Thomas Keaty** (Thompson, OH) is trying to keep up with his 17 grandkids and seven great-grandkids, "for graduations, showers, weddings, and ballgames. I also stay active with Elks, Moose, Eagles Lodges, VFW, and the American Legion posts." He says he still hears from **Gordon Paull** (Herkimer, NY), his roommate at South Baker Hall. "Would rather be traveling—especially to my birthplace of Dundee, Scotland. Still have nieces and many cousins there." As to what he brought to Cornell: "Dirt poor, I hitchhiked to Cornell with two suitcases and a collapsible laundry container, which I mailed home every two weeks full of dirty laundry."

**Luther** and Mary Lou **Kroninger** (Woodland Hills, CA) recently gave up their sailboat: "A sad day when we bid goodbye to our sailboat, *Awesome*." Asked what he brought to Cornell when he first came: "Enthusiasm." **Donald Victorin** (Frisco, TX) watches TV and does aerobics, bike exercise, e-mailing, other computer work, photography, and Kiwanis projects. Lately, he's been trying to get back in touch with friends from high school, Cornell, and Army days at Aberdeen Proving Ground and in Korea. He says he'd rather be playing tennis, hunting, and fishing—"also more cruises." He'd like to hear from **Robert Nelson**. What he brought to Cornell?: "Val-A-Pak with my clothes, laundry mailing case to send a wash home, my grandfather's slide rule, winter coat."

**Robert** and Carole **Morlath** are retired in Smithtown, NY, and spend much of their time with their eight kids and 19 grandkids. For the last 18 years, Robert has been village clerk in the Village of the Branch on the north side of Long Island. **Margaret Crawford** Fay (Berkeley, CA) volunteers at a thrift shop that raises money for low-income children that need orthodontal help and at various jobs at church. Recently she visited sons in the East (D.C.), North (Montana), and West (California,

three hours south of Berkeley). She'd love to spend more of her time reading a book: "I have stacks!" Her closest Cornell friend is **Maddy Scott** McDowell, BArch '82 (Cambridge, MA), who returned to Cornell to get her Architecture degree. "We write back and forth." Send news to: **Brad Bond**, 101 Hillside Way, Marietta, OH 45750; tel., (740) 374-6715; e-mail, [bbond101@suddenlink.net](mailto:bbond101@suddenlink.net).

**52** The 1952 class council met in Ithaca on July 29. My deadline for this column followed shortly after that, August 15. Time to leave the mailbag to tell about the meeting, who was there, and who they are now.

The meeting convened at the Ithaca Country Club at 1:00 p.m. Present were **Bob Conti**, MS '54, and **Don Follett**, class co-presidents; **Joy Rees** Hoffman, co-secretary; **Jack Carpenter**, treasurer; **Bibbi Antrim** Hartshorn, archivist/historian; **Paul Blanchard**, webmaster; **Sue Youker** Schlaepfer and **Dick Dye**, MPA '56, reunion co-chairs; and **Cappy Heyl** Innes, **Eleanor Hospidor** Conti, MS '54, and **Terry** and **Dori Crozier Warren**, Class Council members. **Jan Hofman** McCulloch, co-secretary, and **Rik Clark**, Annual Fund chair, were absent, but they sent reports. Lauren Coffey and Brenda Teeter represented the university, and I was there, too.

The co-presidents reported that the class has 401 dues-paying members. We had been getting our dues notices in the fall, but the university is changing its structure for mailing news and dues notices, so henceforth all classes will be sent notices in the spring. The notice you received in September or October will—for this year only—cover 18 months, to put us in synch for future mailings. And this year only, the rate will be higher since it covers 18 months. You will not receive another notice until spring 2015. This will create a long news gap, but I'll cover that in another column.

The treasurer's report showed outgo exceeding income. Income is derived almost entirely from dues. Investment income, as we know, is weak. Outgo comprises *Cornell Alumni Magazine*, the 60th Reunion and DVDs, postage, and miscellaneous copying and printing. Bibbi Hartshorn, who takes the archivist job seriously, brought things up to Ithaca, investigated, and says the 1952 collection is sparse. She asks you for more material. She welcomes diaries, photos (individual, group, club, sorority, fraternity), beanies . . . anything that relates to our four years in Ithaca. Got things? E-mail Bibbi at: [bibbi@atlanticbb.net](mailto:bibbi@atlanticbb.net).

The 2012-13 Annual Fund report was good. There was the expected slip from 60th Reunion highs, but it was not terrible. We raised \$8,280,975 and had 54 Tower Club members and 354 donors. Rik thanked Brenda Teeter for her help. Our webmaster has not received much of anything from our class. Paul welcomes notes, digital pictures, and just about anything else to juice up the page ([paul.w.blanchard@verizon.net](mailto:paul.w.blanchard@verizon.net)). What he would like most, though, is a new webmaster who would enjoy the work. Paul does so much else for the class, that the request is not unreasonable.

Sue and Dick reported on plans for the next reunion, our 65th. We will be headquartered at the Statler, though people are welcome to house themselves off campus. They would welcome your ideas on theme, events, and any other aspect of the reunion at [sschlaep@twcny.rr.com](mailto:sschlaep@twcny.rr.com) and [dickdye@verizon.net](mailto:dickdye@verizon.net): My theme, "On the Hill, but not over it," was rejected, so think about it and send ideas. New business included 2013 Homecoming plans,



expanding the number of '52 events, and discussion of the '52 scholarship. It still exists. The scholarship is awarded annually and you can contribute.

Also present, silent at the meeting but good company at the Dutch Treat dinner, were **Mibs Martin** Follett '51, Suzy Blanchard, and Stuart Gaul. Joy's husband, Jim Norton, joined us at dinner. Post-meeting, I had a note from Dori Warren reminding us to help Paul Blanchard in his quest for a new webmaster: "Call class co-chairs Bob Conti or Don Follett. Changes during the past pre-reunion system have made this more important. A 'writer/photographer' would be really welcome!"

I'm sure many of you know/knew the people mentioned above, but some may not. I asked them to send me a little about themselves for this issue, and this is what they sent, plus what I learned. Don Follett volunteered that he and Mibs are fortunate to be in good health, enjoying their cottage in a lifecare community, traveling to see their children, and trying to keep up with their grown grandchildren. They spend four months in winter in Tequesta, FL, and the rest in Pennsylvania. "Life remains good," wrote Don. Bob Conti wrote, "Emeritus professor Bob Conti continues his research and writing. He authored the chapter on Frederick Taylor, the father of scientific management, for the newly published Oxford U. Press *Handbook of Management Theorists*." What neither wrote was that after graduation they, with just a secretary for support, started a company that has grown nicely. Bob, who loved going to school and later wanted to teach, is now emeritus at Bryant U.

Sue Youker Schlaepfer wrote that she has lived in Ithaca since 1955 and continues to spend summers there. She spends time in Colorado and Arizona, where she sees family members pretty regularly. She has nine grandchildren, all doing good things, and four great-grandchildren. Sue has lately been into home improvement. I learned that Sue had followed my post-Cornell path. An English major, she went to Katie Gibbs and became a secretary. My post-grad training was not as rarified as Katie Gibbs. Dick Dye, Sue's reunion co-chair, didn't send me anything, but I learned at dinner that post-Cornell, he was abroad with the State Dept. for many years and then worked internationally for the Ford Foundation.

As **Lillian Schneider** Gerstman could not continue as class secretary, Jan Hoffman McCulloch and Joy Rees Hoffman agreed to share the job. Jan was unable to come to the meeting, but wrote, "I love to work in the gardens, so I am still in a couple of garden clubs, a Friend of the Library—stuff like that that I can do in the vicinity." Joy wrote, "Because of the fact that Jim and I each kept our homes after we remarried, life continues to be very busy. We say we have a 'country home' (his) in Montour Falls and a 'city home' (mine) in Elmira—and we are wherever our schedules determine. It works: only a 33-minute drive. This summer, we often have our 'Happy Hour' at my merlot and cabernet vineyards overlooking beautiful Seneca Lake. We tote our chairs and drinks and nibbles—and enjoy. All this because each of us sold our lake houses."

Paul Blanchard, who made all our Ithaca arrangements, wrote, "Main activity is golf, but Cornell athletics are a close second, with partiality given to basketball (men's and women's), softball, and baseball. I retired in 1995, but still work part-time as a sales rep for H. H. Robertson Floor Systems, a division of Centria out of Pittsburgh. Part-time becomes less with each succeeding year, but it's been fun keeping involved with the

electrical industry and the players. Big interest nowadays is with grandson Matt Blanchard, who is one of three QBs on the Chicago Bears roster. My five years with Joy Hoffman as co-president of our class was not only an honor but a lot of fun. What a great class we have."

Next time, mailbag—maybe with some new news. In closing, a death particularly sad to me: **Jane McKim** Ross died on July 6, 2013. Rick died in 2011. Goodbye to two very good friends at Cornell, and after. ☒ **Joan Boffa** Gaul, joangaul@verizon.net. Class website, <http://classof52.alumni.cornell.edu/>.

**53** People of our class picnicked under the tall timber of Tanglewood—summer home of the Boston Symphony Orchestra, not far from the West Stockbridge, MA, summer home of Phil and **Roz Zalutsky** Baron—one midsummer Sunday afternoon. They heard music with a truly out-of-this-world history: Antonin Dvorak's *Symphony No. 9 in E minor*, aka *New World Symphony* or, if you prefer "Goin' Home." Neil Armstrong took a copy with him on Apollo 11, the first lunar landing (remember?) in 1969. Roz and Phil have been rounding '53s up for classical music and super suppers in the Berkshire Hills for these many years, always under unbelievably green trees and blue skies. The music was up to Roz's sophisticated taste, as always, but the heavens were leaking. Some ducked into the Koussevitzky Shed, where flutes, bassoons, trumpets, trombones, timpani, triangles, and such were presenting more Dvorak (*Carnival Overture, Op. 92, B 169*) and a bit of Sergei Prokofiev (*Piano Concerto No. 3 in C Major*). Supper followed at the rustic hillside retreat of the Barons of Berkshire, where '53 dined in fine company. Those present: **David and Sonia Berke**, **Jim** and Sandy **Blackwood**, **Tom** and Joy **Brass**, Bud and **Jackie Klarrett** Freedman (Roz's freshman corridor friend and AEPi sister and two-year prez), **Bob**, BArch '57, and Ann Louise **Mann**, **Joe Martino**, **Gerry Scher**, JD '57, and others. Let us give the Barons a long-standing O for many years of fine music, company, and cuisine.

**Jack Brophy** (New Canaan, CT), who has been composing memoirs of late, shared a sample a while back, following sea stories of his time as a Naval person with Fifties retrospectives of Mostly Good Old Days on the Hill. For instance: "Cheerleaders, led by my friend **Jack Allen**, PhD '66, asked me to drive my tiny Hillman Minx onto the football field at the end of halftime during the Cornell-Navy game and release from the trunk a cardboard Navy goat attached to helium balloons. All went as planned, but the Big Red Band had played too long and both teams were on the sidelines, ready to restart the game. Now, 'restart' was a problem for me that day, since the battery picked that moment to die. The car sat like a big metallic football on the 50-yard line and the audience of 25,000 began to show signs of impatience. The cheerleaders finally pushed the clown car off the field. Thus I became one of two Cornellians to cross the Navy goal line that day." (**Dick Cliggott** was the other, on a 50-yard pass play from **Jack Jaeckel**. The future admirals sailed, 31-7, over the team that mashed mighty Michigan the year before.)

Those of us who hung around to check the credits of the much-admired *Lincoln* film may have spotted the name **Glenn Crone** and wondered, "Could it be?" We knew he was a regular Santa Claus portrayer of four decades' standing in

Richmond, VA. So naturally he is comfortable appearing in public—in red and white. But also where central decisions are made on what course a divided nation is to take. Director Steven Spielberg thought he was right for a speaking part in the great Congressional battle on which the flick turns. Spielberg was so determined to get the history right that he collected first editions of Lincoln's books to appear in the masterpiece that many thought was the year's finest. There were, of course, some well-reported slipups. Octagon- and ILR-trained Glenn left "conventional business" years ago and took to performing and composition. His fourth book, *Us*, is out this year. Better watch out, everyone. Ithaca's own Glenn Crone may be right around the corner.

**Joyce Wisbaum** Underberg, BS '52 (Rochester, NY) reports the graduation (summa and Phi Beta) of grandling **James Underberg '13**, son of **Mark '77**, JD '81. "Where did he come from?" she wonders. We know where he's been. Summering as a White House intern is all. Close perusal of our 55th Reunion class photo gave her to "notice considerable aging since then." But, she added, "most everyone was having a good time" at our Sweet Sixtieth last June. Perhaps you can imagine what saved co-chairfolk **Caroline Mulford** Owens (Bridgeton, NJ) and **Dick Halberstadt** (Cincinnati) from idleness through the year preceding the rare days of June '13.

One of the last events of Reunion '13 drew family, friends, and fellow Cayuga's Waiters to the lake overlook at the foot of the Libe Tower, where the names of **John** and **Lea Paxton Nixon** are engraved in stone to honor their many good works for Mater. It's just over a small wall where a stone monument thanks '53 for a patch of greenery given at a reunion past. The Waiters of the Fifties, making the latest of many reunion appearances in recent years to serenade '53, the Continuous Reunion Club (CRC), and other classes, sang again at the salute to the Nixons. A footnote: **Liz Fuchs** Fillo '58, sister of Fifties Waiter **Carl Fuchs '55**, replaced him in the lineup after his demise. You may recall the Waiters' favorite "Good Night Little Girl," which ends with a disappointed suitor's, "I thought I could win you with all that gin in you." Liz composed a reply that is now a revered Waiters' traditional air: "Good Night, Little Boy." It ends with, "It's I who'll be rolling along / You couldn't continue with all that gin in you / Good Night, Little Boy, Good Night."

Tough two-way guard **Lou Conti '41** was a key guy on the National Champion '39 Big Red line, coach of the '51 team that upset Michigan, a Marine combat fighter pilot in WWII and Korea. He rose to major general, a top industrial executive, and first winner of the Cornell Football Association's Lifetime Achievement Award. This year's winners are **Walt Bruska '50**, a leader of the 1948 and '49 Ivy champions—and his alumni class; football letterman and lacrosse captain **George Slocum '62**, MBA '67; and CFA lifetime historian and retired writer-editor of the *New York Daily News*—moi. We will celebrate at the Columbia game November 16. ☒ **Jim Hanchett**, 300 First Ave., #8B, New York, NY 10009; e-mail, [jch46@cornell.edu](mailto:jch46@cornell.edu).

**54** A class correspondent's yearbook is a well-worn book of memories, as it is used each time a column is written. It is faded, tattered, and torn, the back is broken, some pages are dog-eared, but it is loved and treasured. When opened, it brings

thoughts of old friends and lost friends, of parties and prelims, of rushing and stadiums full of cheering students, of the sun setting over the lake, of fall in the Finger Lakes, of the Alma Mater sung proudly at an event, and of the emotion-filled “Evening Song” that still brings a lump to one’s throat. If you are lucky enough to still have yours, peruse the opening pages and the history of our four years that is just before our senior pictures. You might then consider sharing some of those memories in person with good friends next June. **Dave**, PhD ’60, and **Mary Gentry Call** would like to invite you to a party celebrating those memories with cohorts of your own vintage, leaving the Boomers and Millennials in the dust. They are organizing our 60th Reunion and hope you will join them to reflect on the past 60 years, relax ‘50s-style, and party-on at least until 9:30 p.m.

“Teaching and learning in retirement is a great way to keep the brain alive.”

Daniel Sachs ’55

This column is written in the dog days of August, before dorm headquarters are assigned or caterers are chosen. But by the time you read it, there will be a definite assignment of headquarters and where meals will be held. The venues will be easy to get to and comfortable to be in, no matter the weather. There will be one special meal in the new Food Science Building on Tower Road. It is a wonderful, spacious, shiny place that will show you some new levels of Cornell research and some down-home attention to comfort and good food. You might even learn what tasty new cheeses Cornell is developing or savor a new flavor of ice cream. Yum.

Meantime, to get the up-to-the-minute news of reunion plans, people who are coming and thinking of coming, and areas in which they would love your help in party planning—and to add any ideas you might like to share—stay tuned, read your e-mails, and check into our website, which **Jan Jakes** Kunz will keep up to date (<http://classof54.alumni.cornell.edu>). Most importantly, stay in touch. You can contact Mary and Dave at: [DLC3@cornell.edu](mailto:DLC3@cornell.edu).

**John Hochmann** has been traveling and reading extensively and, as his card reads John L. Hochmann Books, that would seem appropriate. Prof. Arthur Mizener’s courses in Shakespeare and 20th-century poets and novelists were certainly contributory to his profession. John said he enjoyed his two years living in London, but was happy to return to his home in New York City. **Annadele Ferguson** Jackson moved to a retirement location in Sarasota when her husband was ill and has remained there since his death. She travels with the family, does library work, and volunteers for her church and PEO. Numero uno on her bucket list is to play tennis on a grass court. You go, girl. My hope is she will return to reunion with all the Tri-Delts. Speaking of Tri-Delts, I had a lovely note from **Jane Gregory Wilson** after husband **Lynn**’s death asking why she was no longer receiving mail from Cornell, as she was at the same address they have had for 40-some years. I asked **Chick Trayford**, BFA ’55, MBA ’60, our list guru, and he has restored Jane to the mailing

lists. Jane did not wish to miss any reunion mailings. She is planning on being in Ithaca in June.

**Marjorie** and **Charles Sumner** moved to Nashville, TN, from Rochester, NY, to be close to two out of three offspring, and now four out of five grands are in Massachusetts. Sometimes the odds are hard to figure. **Barbara Wegryn** Marroquin’s novel *Hands*, written over 30 years ago upon her return from living for several years in Spain, was her master’s thesis from the New School for Social Research in NYC. It is the story of a young woman adjusting to living in two cultures and is available on Amazon, either in paperback or Kindle. Barbara presently lives in San Antonio, TX. Upon moving to Texas she chose to be Papa Noel for an orphanage in Oaxaca, Mexico, for several years. Dan and **Mary Lou Treharne** Warren have lived in Upstate New York for the past 20 years.

Mary Lou, having been a realtor for 23 years and a Home Ec teacher for 31, is now volunteer co-director and treasurer of Shenendehowa Food Pantry, a 40-year-old community organization. I don’t think retired is a word she understands. She and Dan go to Sanibel a couple of times a year to see their daughter and her husband.

**Rodney** and **Nina French Glover** ’56 spend their time on the water in their 37-ft. Tartan 3700, which is convenient when you live in Bradenton, FL. Rodney was introduced to sailing at Cornell and has been involved with the sport in one way or another ever since, working either for sailing organizations or race administration. Sounds a great deal like the work Jan Jakes Kunz did in Annapolis, MD, before she moved to landlocked Corrales, NM. ☐ **Les Papenfus** Reed, [leslie.jreed@me.com](mailto:leslie.jreed@me.com). Class website, <http://classof54.alumni.cornell.edu>.

**55** **Elaine Rose** Cerny reports that she’s in touch with four old friends: **Barbara Ramsey** Adsit, **Charlene Vickery** Campisi, **Mary Jane Kent** MacGregor, and **Jean Crighton** Eckert. Elaine says she’s still enjoying time with Lawrence (57-plus years) and their family. “The big dream,” she adds, “is to bring our freeze-dried blood process to market.” **Daniel Sachs** writes, “This past spring I taught a course entitled Signs, Symbols, and Archetypes at the Osher Lifelong Learning Center (OLLI) at American U. in Washington. As an offshoot of that course, I’m preparing to teach another full semester course at OLLI, this one on fairy tales. Teaching and learning in retirement is a great way to keep the brain alive—use it or you lose it!” Dan has also been taking groups around the US Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, as he’s done for eight years.

**Leslie Plump**’s grandson (Class of 2017) is carrying on a proud tradition, following his father (Class of 1981) and his grandfather to the Hill. **Seymour Musiker**’s grandson is also a third-generation Cornellian. **Ruth McDevitt** Carozza met **Marcia Willemen** Sutter for lunch in Lancaster,

PA, and says she’d also love to get some news from **Lauren Wilton** and **Elizabeth Purdy** Schwarzweller. **Frank Tetz**, MBA ’56, is enjoying life in Saratoga Springs, NY, where he and Nancy moved after 50 years in Princeton, NJ. He’d like to hear from his former Acacia fraternity brothers. **Eliot Orton**, PhD ’71, would like to reconnect with **Doug Stafford**, a fraternity brother and roommate. And **Barbara Brott** Myers hopes for word from **Emmy Larkin** Jakes.

**Pat Hewson** Mason has been busy as chairwoman of Ogunquit Performing Arts in Maine. “We provide concerts, theater, film, and dance programs throughout the year.” Last June found Pat on the beach in Puerto Rico. **Bob Tischler** lives in Woodstock, NY, and reports that he went to Ecuador on a Cornell-sponsored trip. He’d like to: a) find a new girlfriend, and b) hear from old friend **Joe Silverman**! Well, Bob, Joe writes that his psychiatric practice is “limited to evaluations only, primarily for the court,” and that he’s editing a medical journal on a very worthwhile subject: regaining medical idealism and activism. We send condolences to **Tara Prince** Goldman on the death of her husband, Warren. Tara would like to catch up with **Lorraine Silverman** Abrash, PhD ’66.

Here’s a note from **Bill Moyer**, who asks: “Didn’t you (**Nancy Savage** Petrie) play the piano at parties?” [Yes, I did!] Bill goes on, “At the Delt house, when I rushed, **Jim Casey** ’51 was the piano player and very active with Cayuga’s Waiters. I think he scouted out possible successors. He had **Ed Sutherland** ’54 in the class ahead of us, who was terrific. I played a lot at the house my senior year, songs such as ‘Robinson Crusoe,’ ‘Red Riding Hood,’ ‘Silver Dollar,’ and ‘The Great Ship Titanic,’ that were fun to sing to and make fools of ourselves with. **Keith Rowan** ’56 recommended me for the Savage Club, and I think my proudest accomplishment at Cornell was being accepted. I played ‘Maple Leaf Rag’ and ‘Kitten on the Keys’ that night, which did the trick.” Bill adds, “My wife, **Sue (Sutton)** ’57, came in as a freshman in 1953, and **Larry Way**’s sister, **Marilyn Way** Merryweather ’57, suggested I call her. We had a double date with **Tom Tomfohrde** and **Joan Murray** Jobsis. Sue and I married at the end of her junior year and went to Germany together in the Army. We will have our 58th anniversary in November. Boy, are we getting old and creaky, though!” Joan stays in touch with **Renee Kirsch** Bergner. Her schedule includes swimming, dancing, biking, and acting in community theatre, most recently in the role of Aunt Martha in *Arsenic and Old Lace*.

**Marie Chandesh** Spollen, MS ’74 (Homer, NY) likes volunteering at her local library, as well as at Loaves and Fishes in Ithaca. **Norm Nedde** keeps busy with bowling, Sudoku, and his poker club. **David Berler**, MD ’58, is still working as an ophthalmologist, but was able to get away last January for “an interesting bicycle trip in the Golden Triangle of Thailand, with a side trip to Laos.” **Peter Hoss**’s book, *Born in Yosemite*, which sold 1,500 copies, covers “75 years of the human history of Yosemite: passions, politics, traditions, and personalities, adventures, and misadventures.” Speaking of books, I was delighted to receive the book Cornell selected for its reading program, *When the Emperor was Divine*. It is a thought-provoking look at the experiences of a Japanese American family interned for three years during WWII, and a devastating example of racial profiling.

We learned from **Harry Wieschhoff**’s wife, **Catherine (Welch)** ’56, that Harry is at Thomson-Hood Veterans Center in Kentucky. “Harry suffered



a stroke more than a decade ago," she explained, "which turned into many ailments—Parkinson's is the worst." Catherine visits Harry several times a week (28 miles one way), so her free time is limited. She adds, "However, I still volunteer weekly at the Int'l Museum of the Horse at Kentucky Horse Park. My Sheltie accompanies me and greets visitors." **Ann Morrissy** Merick has taken up art classes, and is working in watercolor and acrylics down in Naples, FL. Also continuing to paint, mostly portraits, is **Joan Groskin** Promin. Joan is associated with a clinical medical research group in Ocala, FL, and would enjoy hearing from any Chi O's in Florida. **Lawrence** "Pat" **Conlon's** business card describes him as "Gentleman farmer extraordinaire: builder, rebuild, project manager, and driver." Pat's spending his time "doing crosswords, writing odes, procrastinating, and thinking about the old days." He remembers arriving on campus with a laundry case and a 1940 Plymouth Sedan. So classmates—keep your memories coming, and start thinking about June 2015! **Nancy Savage** Petrie, nancypetrie@optonline.net. Class website, <http://classof55.alumni.cornell.edu>.

**56** I received a memoir from our classmate **Lenore "Lenny" Brotman Greenstein**. It is a tribute to her late husband, **Howard '57**, whom most of us knew. It is also a tribute to our history at Cornell and the memories of our good old times on the Hill. Therefore, I share it with you as this month's class column: "The Voice": A Cornell Memoir.

"In the mid-'50s I fell in love with a voice. I was a college sophomore and too young to be one of the bobby socks generation that swooned over Frank Sinatra. My love affair was much deeper, and even spiritual in nature.

"I thrilled to a different sound in a totally unexpected place. It was at a Friday evening Sabbath service at Anabel Taylor Hall. This gothic-style building, typical of the Ivy League schools, was home to Cornell United Religious Work. The chapel was inter-faith and had a three-sided revolving ark. One side had a Jewish star, the second the Christian cross, and the last a peace symbol for those who called themselves non-denominational.

"I wasn't very religious growing up, but it was different at Cornell. I looked forward all week to hearing the thrilling voice of the student cantor. The liturgy was familiar, but that special quality was the 'kavanah,' a Hebrew word meaning, literally, 'the direction of the heart.' It came through in every note that this young 'chazzan' (cantor) chanted. It was the first time I truly felt religious.

"His name was Howard Greenstein, and in addition to his vocal gift, he had a compassionate spirit and a wonderful sense of humor. I looked forward, as we got to know each other better, to driving in his new 1953 Chevy. His sparkling wit and charm matched his beautiful baritone voice. He was a lowly freshman, Class of '57, and I a more experienced sophomore. But I didn't let age (he was actually five months my junior) deter me.

"Howard was a versatile performer, which made him the original crossover artist. He and his Tau Epsilon Phi fraternity brother **Marty Blum '57**, BArch '58, improvised a routine called 'A Couple of Song and Dance Men,' which was popular at the fraternity house. Howard loved to imitate Al Jolson getting down on his hands and knees singing 'Mammy,' or bring tears to your eyes with his rendition of 'Danny Boy.'

"He loved musical theater and was one of the stars in a campus production of *Brigadoon*. When he sang 'Come to me, bend to me, bid me good day,' the Cornell coeds in the audience were ready to jump onto the stage, including yours truly. Howard joined the Cornell Men's Glee Club during his freshman year, and was immediately made baritone soloist. This meant many rehearsals and out-of-town tours, including Carnegie Hall. He brought the house down with his rendition of George Gershwin's 'It Ain't Necessarily So.' Its lyrics, . . . *The things that you're li'ble to read in the Bible / It ain't necessarily so*, were ironic for a future clergyman. His charismatic leadership led to the presidency of the Cornell Glee Club, and he was the first Jewish member to be elected to this office in its history. (25 years later, our son **Micah '84** followed his father's example and was also elected president of the Cornell Glee Club, perhaps the first father-son duo in Cornell history.)

"Howard had no formal voice training until he attended college. His first voice coach at Cornell was Thomas Tracy, who taught Howard how to read music. Tracy was amazed at Howard's perfect pitch, since he never studied voice or played an instrument. His voice was the instrument, with a timbre, quality, and power that was unique.

"Howard was accepted at rabbinical school, and for many years thereafter delighted his congregants on Friday nights with the same quality that I had heard all those years ago at Cornell. In June 2006 Howard was at my 50th Reunion. He sang his solos with the Cornell Glee Club and even serenaded the incoming president, David Skorton. That was his last concert, and it was meant to be at his beloved Cornell. Rabbi Howard Greenstein, PhD, DD, died in October 2006 after a courageous battle with lymphoma."—Lenore Brotman Greenstein

Send news. Write to Steve or me at the addresses below, return the news form from the recent class mailing, or visit the online news form at: <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>. **Phyllis Bosworth**, 8 East 83rd St., New York, NY 10028; e-mail, [phylboz@aol.com](mailto:phylboz@aol.com); **Steven Kittenplan**, [catplan@aol.com](mailto:catplan@aol.com).

**57** Not a whole lot of news as I write this column—the dog days of August, I guess. And to escape the heat and humidity of South Carolina, I took a train trip from Vancouver through the Canadian Rockies and returned via the *Rocky Mountaineer*. I met two Cornell alums on the train. We're everywhere!

Later in the summer, I took a "road trip" to the North—my 55th Reunion-plus-one to visit a few classmates I had missed seeing last year. I had a great question from **Bert Grunert DeVries**: Who was the first person you met at Cornell? For Bert it was **Adelaide Russell** Vant. I couldn't remember the first person, just a whole lot of friendly 17- and 18-year-olds at frosh camp. Next time you send news, let me know *your* answer.

I did meet **Judy Richter** Levy, LLB '59, at that time, and she's still an enthusiastic Cornellian. Once again this year she's planning a class dinner at Niles Restaurant, just across the street from Madison Square Garden in NYC where Cornell and Boston U. will face off in hockey. The date is November 30 and the group will meet starting at 5:00 p.m. You can e-mail Judy ([judyrlevy@aol.com](mailto:judyrlevy@aol.com)) or call (212) 962-1965 if you'd like to attend.

News and dues letters should have arrived by now. Please, oh, please send some news! E-mail us at the addresses below, or do it electronically

at the online news form: <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>. **Judy Reusswig**, [JCRauss@aol.com](mailto:JCRauss@aol.com); **John Seiler**, [suitcase2@aol.com](mailto:suitcase2@aol.com).

**58** **Dick Haggard**, PhD '65, wrote a wonderful column last time with lots of news from our 55th Reunion. Sounds like everyone had a good time! It was wonderful to learn that he and Connie will chair our next one in five years. I'm sure they will keep us abreast of all the plans. Now that Reunion is over, let's make use of our class blog, which is an online chat. On your computer or tablet, type in: <http://58at55th.wordpress.com>. Any questions can be answered by **Irene Lazarus** Soskin ([soskirene@gmail.com](mailto:soskirene@gmail.com)).

I have a correction to make for **Steve Bank**. It seems he has been living in the Raleigh area for over 12 years. He worked for 39 years in the Bronx as a dentist and then for 12 years in Raleigh as a part-time librarian. **Barbara Center** Mann is still working as a Nuance Dragon healthcare partner, specializing in medical speech recognition software configuration, customization, instruction, and support for members of the medical community so they can talk into their computers instead of typing. She has her own business, SpeechSolutions Inc., and has been working with Dragon speech recognition for 20 years. She got into the business on the ground floor, which was, and still is, exciting, she says.

As shared in the last column, **Bob Dunn** died in an auto accident just before Reunion. He had written earlier in the year, however, about seeing the '49ers in the Super Bowl in New Orleans. "It was the first appearance for San Francisco in 19 years, so I figured if that was going to be the interval between Super Bowl appearances, I had better catch this one. As almost all the world knows, the '49ers came back from 22 points behind to five down with first and goal on the seven-yard line, but failed to score. I had seats on the end zone corner right above the last series of plays and could see everything painfully well." We'll miss Bob greatly.

**Joan Kuter** Czernewicz went back to work at the age of 75 as a consulting nutritionist. Her husband spent five years in a nursing home and passed away last February. **Beverly Amerman** Lewin keeps busy with research, family, and travel. In early 2013 she took short trips to Italy and France. Her most recent book is *Crossed Words: Criticism in Scholarly Writing*, co-edited with F. Salager-Meyer. **Gretchen Cuyle** Davis is managing her folk art and antique gallery, Lion and the Lamb, which she has done for the past 25 years. She is also manager of the historic society's antique show. She loves to travel and last year cruised the Dalmatian Coast. The year before she was on an African safari.

The New Jersey State Bar Foundation's highest award—the prestigious Medal of Honor—will be conferred on Newark attorney **Michael Griffinger** for his longtime dedication to his profession, clients, and community. The award is given each year to candidates who have made outstanding contributions to improving the justice system in New Jersey. Congratulations, Michael! **John Morrison** plays poker two to three times a week and has been selling real estate and assisting a certified real estate appraiser. He also volunteers at his church and at the senior center.

We were saddened to learn of the passing on September 14 of our classmate **Jack Meakem**, MBA '61. Jack was a close friend to many of us and a

constant source of inspiration as a loyal Cornellian. From his college years and throughout his successful business career Jack was never too busy to do something for the university, the Class of 1958, or his friends. We shall miss him. Send news to: [Jan Arps Jarvie, janjarvie@gmail.com](mailto:JanArpsJarvie@gmail.com); [Dick Haggard, richardhaggard1@gmail.com](mailto:RichardHaggard1@gmail.com).

**59** Our congratulations go out to **Ann Schmeltz Bowers** and **Alan Rosenthal**, 2013 recipients of the Frank H.T. Rhodes Exemplary Alumni Service Award honoring alumni who have given exceptional, long-term volunteer service to the University. Ann, a trustee emeritus and founding member of the Cornell Silicon Valley Program, has served on many committees and advisory boards along with being a presidential counselor for Cornell. Al also has served in many volunteer roles at Cornell, including on the boards of the Cornell Engineering Alumni Association and Cornell Hillel. He is a life member of the University Council and a frequent guest lecturer and student mentor. Previous recipients of the Rhodes award from our class include **Eleanor Applewhaite** (2004) and **Barbara Hirsch Kaplan** (2007).

Congratulations, too, to **Wayne Scoville**, who remarried last November. He and his new wife, Julie, both widowed, have a combined family of seven children and 19 grandchildren, plus three houses, two in Mississippi and what Wayne refers to as “the money pit”—a summer place on Lake George. Barbara and **Phil Yarnell** have taken four Semester at Sea voyages, three of them circumnavigating the globe and one traveling down the west coast of Central and South America. “They have all been very special and exciting in their own ways,” writes Phil. “Our most recent trip this past spring left from Ensenada, Mexico, and moved westward—to Hawaii, Japan, China, Vietnam, Singapore, Myanmar, India, Mauritius, South Africa, Ghana, and Morocco, ending in Barcelona, Spain. We were accompanied by a special passenger, Archbishop Desmond Tutu, a delightful man with an infectious laugh who was very friendly and approachable. He gave some lectures, conducted Easter services, attended the Passover Seder, and mingled informally with the passengers. In addition to memorable excursions and interactions with locals, we enjoyed auditing courses taught by exceptional college faculty from many different universities. There were also nightly educational seminars on all manner of topics, from ocean contamination to vampires.”

**Toni Vogel** Carey is enjoying life as an independent scholar, with a busy writing and speaking

schedule. Her work appears in both scholarly journal papers and shorter magazine pieces, and spans an increasingly wide range of topics, including ethics and the relation between real and ideal, philosophy of science, and the Scottish Enlightenment philosophers. She is a regular contributor to the magazine *Philosophy Now* and has a book in the works. This summer she gave papers at the 2013 Conference of the Int’l Society for Intellectual History at Princeton and the Int’l Adam Smith Society’s conference at the Sorbonne. **George Vernardakis** continues to teach political science at Middle Tennessee State College—“Don’t wish to retire yet!” **Hank ‘56**, BA ‘58, and **Marianne Smith Hubbard** have moved to Columbus, NY. Down in Delray Beach, FL, **Ed Tavlin** continues to golf three times a week. “Over the last two years I have shot my age (74) or better 12 times.”

**Bill Woods**, BArch ‘60, one of our youngest classmates, celebrated his 75th birthday this past summer at a party hosted by his wife, Deborah Freedman, at their Soho loft in New York. Bill’s fellow architects, **Bob Furno**, BArch ‘61, **Bob Mayers**, BArch ‘61, and **John Schiff ‘60**, BArch ‘61, plus classmates **Nelson Joyner**, **Neil Janovic**, and **Harry Petchesky** were among the guests. Bill’s brother **Frank ‘54**, who lives in California, couldn’t make it, but sent a message that paid tribute to Bill’s “advanced age,” noting that the life expectancy of children born in 1938 was 60. Everyone toasted Bill’s accomplishments in planning the revival of the New York waterfront, for which he received an AIA award, and reveled in their 58-year friendships. And, says our reporter: “Let the celebrations continue at our 55th Reunion next June 5-8—which all the ‘59ers at Bill’s celebration plan to attend!”

Among others planning to be at reunion are **Jean Finerty** Wandel, **Linda Rogers** Cohen, **Len Rubin**, **Mimi Petermann** Merrill, and Eleanor Applewhaite. And what a great event it will be! Reunion chairs **Gwen Woodson** Frazee and **Nancy Sterling** Brown have already scheduled some exciting events, in addition to all those that will be offered by the University. At one point during the weekend, we’ll be serenaded by Cornell’s oldest a cappella group, the wonderful Cayuga’s Waiters. And thanks to **George Schneider**’s membership in the Country Club of Ithaca, we’ll have a reception and dinner at the club on Friday evening. “CCI is a lovely facility, and the food and service are exceptional,” says Gwen, who attended a Class of ‘58 function there during this year’s reunion. There are many ways to get involved with our reunion—contact Gwen at [gwenwrite@aol.com](mailto:gwenwrite@aol.com) to learn how you can participate. Join others who are already volunteering, including **Carole Kenyon**, **Diane Bishop** Davies, George and **Bobbie Greig** Schneider, **Ron Demer**, **Patricia** “Paddy” **Hurley**, **Bill Day**, and Barbara Hirsch Kaplan.

BTW: Our illustrious class still holds the attendance records for the 25th and 50th reunions—the only class ever to hold two records simultaneously. I’m all for adding our 55th to the list! [Jenny Tesar](mailto:JennyTesar@cornell.edu), 97A Chestnut Hill Village, Bethel, CT 06801; tel., (203) 792-8237; e-mail, [jet24@cornell.edu](mailto:jet24@cornell.edu).

**60** Now retired after a career of running businesses and serving as president of a college system in Indiana, **Myron “Mike” Eicher** says, “I began a new career as an author at age 75. My first book, *Travel for Seniors Made Easy*, was published earlier this year by Tate Publishing. The book chronicles 60 years of business and family travel

with advice, checklists, site-specific recommendations, and anecdotes for seniors, told with humor and a bit of self-deprecation.” It sounds like a good resource for our group; you can find out more at [www.tatepublishing.com/bookstore](http://www.tatepublishing.com/bookstore). Mike and his wife, **Lassie (Tischler) ‘61**, continue to travel. “We recently returned from Australia and New Zealand, and we will take the family to Maui in February.” At home in Scottsdale, AZ, the Eichers are active volunteers in the continuing care retirement community where they live. Lassie recently served as chair of the resident council, and Mike is on the executive committee of a foundation that provides scholarships for the employees of the community and their dependents. Daughter **Tiscia ‘85** lives and works in Chicago. Daughter Ardith lives in Santa Fe, NM. Says Mike, “Life is good as we continue to enjoy and count our blessings.”

**Judith Thompson** Hamer sent word from Redding, CT, that she had returned from a five-day Road Scholar program for grandchildren and grandparents to White Stallion Ranch in Tucson, AZ. She highly recommends the program—“lots of action, some education, well planned, reasonably priced, and memories to last a lifetime.” She went with her oldest granddaughter, who LOVES horses. Judith recalls, “I first rode a horse at Cornell—thought it would be a neat way to satisfy those physical education credits. Fell off the horse each time it started to canter. Though I never got hurt, I was never was competent enough for a trail ride. Then, thirteen years ago, I went to a guest ranch in New Mexico and loved the scenery and the fact that the horse only walked so I managed to stay on it. This time I also got a horse that walked and loved every minute of my ride. Will take another grandchild somewhere else next year.” Judith adds that she keeps in touch with her Cornell roommate, **Claire Weidemier** McKarns.

**Joanne Brown** Otto also recently took a grandchild-related trip when she traveled from Boulder, CO, to San Francisco to see her granddaughter Ella graduate from middle school. Ella reportedly can’t wait to get on to high school, where she wants to continue her music studies (voice). Joanne had the pleasure of seeing her perform at an outdoor concert with her band, the April Fools. “While I was in California,” Joanne adds, “my husband, Jan, took a road trip to Dinosaur National Monument (which straddles the Utah-Colorado border), where he took lots of pictures of petroglyphs, dinosaur bones, birds, lizards, and flowers. Photography is his new passion, and he is enjoying exploring out-of-the-way areas here in the West.” She continues to do Adult Protective Services consulting work, which is, she says “always challenging,” and also will be auditing a course on the Harlem Renaissance at the U. of Colorado in the fall.

**Aubrey Vaughan**, MBA ‘63, writes from South Carolina that his life has changed yet again. After his wife of 47 years, **Valerie (River)**, died several years ago, he sold his house and moved onto his sailboat. He has now remarried and moved to Hilton Head, where, he says, “I am serving as commodore of the Hilton Head Yacht Club this year. My term expires in November, and this winter, Jan and I plan to cruise to the Bahamas on our own boat.” The Vaughans recently returned from a trip to Alaska, which, he says, “was fabulous, one of the best vacations ever.” When they are at home, Aubrey plays some tennis and Jan some golf. He still has a wonderfully appropriate e-mail address, [Aubrey@sailserenity.net](mailto:Aubrey@sailserenity.net).

During the summer, **John Siegfried** spent an entire week celebrating his 75th birthday, along

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with his wife, Susan, his six kids, and 14 grandkids (ages 1 to 16) all together in one beach house in Topsail, NC. It must have been quite a house! A retired corporate attorney, now doing pro bono work in Cleveland and wintering in Marco Island, FL, John has also been working with memorabilia belonging to notable Cornell figures from the past. He recently donated to Kroch Library several items belonging to Judge Francis Finch (1827-1907), a friend of Ezra Cornell's who occupied important positions in the university's early years, serving as a trustee and counsel, then dean of the Law School. In addition, John has material from Finch's grandson, Goldwin Smith Professor of History **Henry Guerlac '32**, MS '33 (1910-85), which may be of interest to classmates who took his memorable History of Science class. The material includes "frameable prints largely on scientific and medical subjects," apparently purchased by Guerlac in Paris over the years, which are now "free to a good home," according to John. If you are interested, contact him at [sasieg@sbcglobe.net](mailto:sasieg@sbcglobe.net).

**Geoffrey Bullard** sent along the sad news that **Chuck Sutherland**, of Kettering, OH, died in July. A former Sherwood who continued to be active with the a cappella men's group in performing at Cornell reunions and in charity concerts around the country, Chuck is survived by his wife, Joyce, three children, and five grandchildren. His death, says Geoffrey, was preceded in June by that of another notable Sherwood, **Fred Kewley '65**, which was the occasion for a multi-day memorial gathering in Nashville, TN, of about 25 members of the singing group that Fred had led at reunions since 1985. Send your news to: [jw275@cornell.edu](mailto:jw275@cornell.edu).

**61** Greetings from Oregon on a cool, sunny day. Thankfully, many of our classmates have been returning the class news form, and I'm happy to quote their news and comments that I guarantee you will enjoy. **Fred Siegal** (New York, NY; [fpsiegal@mac.com](mailto:fpsiegal@mac.com)) says he spends his time "reading, rehabilitating flooded summer home on Fire Island after Superstorm Sandy, completing a medical article to submit for publication, and creating a viable structure for retirement that started in June 2012." (That we all could use, Fred.) **Gordon Lee Seward** (Bergen, NY) stapled his business card to his form, announcing Gor-Del Farms (Del referring to his wife, Delores). Gordon raises red and white Holsteins and features bull oxen in parades. His other activities include: "grave digger, part-time farmer, making firewood, renting out two houses (if they pay!), and counseling (marriage and wedding and more)." Gordon says, "I can't retire because I never had W-2 work in my life. No one paid my health care or Social Security or retirement." He'd like to hear from **Allen Shapley**, MS '63.

**Peggy Monkmeyer** Mastroianini is in D.C. She works full-time as

legal counsel of the US EEOC to advance the civil rights goals of President Obama—"a very ambitious policy agenda that I am responsible for advancing. I love what I do. When I no longer love my job, I will retire and figure out other ways to work." Peggy adds, "I meet every year for a long weekend (sacred) with three great women from 1961: **Linda McCarthy** Schick, **Kati Taylor** Boland, and **Nancy Jo Cooper** Cameron. It is one of the most important events of my life. When I came to Cornell I was 16 years old, totally naive, and a product of a public girls high school. All I brought to Cornell was my belief in English literature and the liberal arts." **Bruce Cowan** is a retired physician living in Williamsburg, MA. "I tend my farm, read, play the guitar, and shoot a long-bow and a flintlock rifle (target only). I cook. I write and am content where I am and with what I do."

**Ellie Browner** Greco ([misselliegrec@gmail.com](mailto:misselliegrec@gmail.com)) writes, "Bill and I live on the water about 200 yards off Barnegat Bay in Forked River, NJ. We went through a scary time with Hurricane Sandy. We live a few houses away from several homes that were totally destroyed, while our home had little damage. The vagaries of nature are baffling. It is heartwarming to see how people have met the challenges and disheartening to hear of looters taking things from neighbors who had disasters. Certainly living through this time is life-changing." Ellie mentioned how she decorated her space at Cornell with a corduroy fabric as curtains

and a chair cover. "I still have that fabric. A quilting friend made it into a lap quilt, which is now 20 years old—I have it still."

**Frank Cuzzi**, MBA '64, announces his new book, *Make \$\$\$ in Sports Without Breaking a Sweat*, available now on Amazon and createspace.com/4155769. We learned this from a Facebook/LinkedIn social media message. The article calls Frank a "sports man for all seasons—an unequaled sports professional in the areas of sales, marketing, economics, teaching, consulting, and leadership. Simply put, Frank does it all." **Myron "Mike" Eichler '60** ([meicher@cox.net](mailto:meicher@cox.net)), husband of our classmate **Lassie Tischler Eichler** ([leicher@cox.net](mailto:leicher@cox.net)), has written a new book, *Travel for Seniors Made Easy*, that will be available from the usual sources when you read this. It offers tips, checklists, anecdotes, many photos, and senior-friendly sites.

**Al Bruce**, BS '65, reports, "Several Class of 1961 Central New York alumni have created their own 'Rump Reunion.' **Richard Beal**, **Pat Brown**, and **Joe Molino '60**—with occasional attendance from Joe's brother **Carmon '58** and Al too infrequently—enjoy a quiet lunch at Antonetta's in Rochester, NY. The go-to subject is always, 'Whatever happened to . . .' Lively conversation explores Richard's career as an Eastman Kodak senior research chemist and winner of the youth soccer national Coach of the Year award. Pat, as a NYDOT right-of-way engineer, helped transform a sepia-toned 1942 map of Central and Western New York land ownership into I-86. Joe's career diversity includes a

## Wings of War

Austin Wadsworth '59, BS '61

Each July, more than 20,000 aviation enthusiasts flock to Geneseo, New York, for the annual airshow—a two-day event featuring about eighty World War II-era aircraft, flight demonstrations, parachute jumps, historical re-enactments, and more. As president of the National Warplane Museum, Geneseo native Austin Wadsworth is responsible for staging the spectacle, which he calls "the greatest show on turf." "Our museum and our show are based on getting close to the airplanes, feeling them, touching them, and getting your hat blown off when they start," Wadsworth says. "It's an amazing transport to a different time."



Founded in 1994 and housed in a 30,000-square-foot hangar at the Geneseo Airport, the warplane museum displays more than a dozen vintage aircraft from World War II and the Korean War—from Piper Cubs to a B-23 bomber to a C-119 troop carrier. (Wadsworth's favorite is a C-47 cargo plane that dropped paratroopers on D-Day; he hopes to send it to France for a re-enactment of the drop on the seventieth anniversary of the invasion next June.) Open year-round, the museum features a 7,000-volume library, offers tours, and hosts an educational program—named in honor of the Tuskegee Airmen—that brings in hundreds of inner-city schoolchildren each year.

A former agricultural economics major, Wadsworth is retired from a long career in land management and farming—giving him time to focus on aviation, his longtime passion.

A licensed pilot himself—"I've flown everything that flies down there," he says of the museum's collection—he traces his fascination with vintage aircraft to his childhood during World War II. "Airplanes were the glamorous thing," he says. "Every kid wanted to fly."

— *Lindsay Isaksen*

decade of membership on the Wayne County Board of Supervisors and as an excavation contractor who has dug from the northern tier of Pennsylvania to the north of the Tug Hill Plateau. AL is a retired banker who moved from Dixie to within two hours of Alma Mater. His hobby: reporting for the daily *Hornell Tribune* about area school districts while writing a self-deprecatory column, 'Ask Dr. Answer-Expert,' billed as 'Weakly Nonsense.' Critics say that Joe, Pat, and Richard write the column. That's wrong—they only write the good stuff. AL self-published a humorous exposé of Vermont innkeeping called 'Damn This Inn.' Royalties to date: \$3.19. Probably what classmate **Ken Blanchard**, PhD '67, earns in a nanosecond."

for our family to gather regularly. Despite these newfound pleasures, and after thinking that I was through with community service and social work, I began to miss feeling useful, so I now serve on the Jewish Family Services Advisory Committee and the Jewish Federation Board of Directors." The Elkins took a motor trip down the East Coast and spent an afternoon visiting with Judi's former roommate, **Nancy Fink Witschey**, who lives in Virginia. Nancy recently sold her computer service business.

**Tomas Zeisel** (zeiselmt@msn.com) is busy with short-term assignments and projects in the hospitality sector. Tomas and Maritza continue to live on Johns Island/Charleston, SC. Maritza works for Sea Island Habitat for Humanity, while he is

recognized with the Slow Food Int'l Award for Biodiversity in 2002.

**Stephen Holbreich** (Huntington Station, NY; holby1030@aol.com) retired at the end of last year as vice president and general counsel for Arkin Industries in Westbury, and appreciates the free time to do volunteer work. **Benina Berger Gould** (bgould@berkeley.edu) is hiking, visiting grandchildren, and doing research on Islamic fundamentalism in Indonesia and Pakistan, with the goal of training teachers in peace and tolerance curricula. "I love what I am doing!" Benina and **Jeffrey '61** live in Berkeley, CA. **Samuel '61**, MD '66, and **Judy Shapiro Greenblatt** (judygreenb@yahoo.com) live in Providence, RI, where she is president of Temple Emanu-El. **A. Patrick Papas** lives in Chicago, IL.

It's time to remind you to send a copy of your annual holiday letter to this correspondent—or just jot a few lines about you and your activities and whereabouts and send them off. Happy holidays! ☒ **Jan McClayton** Crites, 2430 76th Ave., SE, #331, Mercer Island, WA 98040; e-mail, jmc50@cornell.edu.

## 'I am still bowling and golfing and can sing both verses of our Alma Mater!'

Larry Menzer '65

A personal note to the eulogy for **Steven Mulder**, PhD '58, from **Gail Kweller** Ripans (ripans@mindspring.com): "I took his first course as a professor on Political Theory in the fall of 1958." He became her advisor and aided her Honors in Government Phi Beta Kappa. Lifelong friends, she believes he was "a great asset to Cornell." Gail teaches international relations at Senior University at Mercer U.'s Atlanta campus. Please keep your news coming. ☒ **Susan Williams** Stevens, sastevens61@gmail.com; **Doug Fuss**, dougout@attglobal.net. Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

**62** For those of you who are active users of the Internet, you'll be pleased to know that our class is doing a new and expanded website. You should have already bookmarked our unique URL at <http://www.cornellclassof62.org> in your browser. Keep checking for the new site release and let us know what you think. The Frank H. T. Rhodes Exemplary Alumni Service Award honors alumni who have given long-term volunteer service to Cornell throughout the broad spectrum of alumni organizations. Congratulations to classmates **Ruth Zimmerman** Bleyler and **Sam Fleming**, who received recognition for this year.

**Francine Olman** Hardaway (Phoenix, AZ; francine.hardaway@gmail.com) is coaching and consulting with startup technology companies in both Arizona and Northern California. She also works in London, because her daughter **Samantha Hardaway '91** and grandson Dashiell live there. Francine writes, "I live with my two dogs and my adult foster kids, all three of whom are employed taxpayers." From **Judi Lichtman** Elkin (jelkin@optonline.net): "Mike and I both retired and, after 40 years in Oceanside, moved to Hopewell Junction, NY. After a career that culminated as executive director of Talbot Perkins Children's Services in New York City, I am pleased to be relaxing, gardening, and dabbling in crafts. We enjoy the local arts in this area and the many historical sites that abound in Dutchess County and take advantage of our newfound freedom to travel both domestically and abroad. We are delighted that our two daughters, sons-in-law, and two grandchildren live near enough

available to various hotel management firms, including recent assignments in Sulphur, LA, Rapid City, SD, Nashville, TN, and Panama City Beach, FL. **Les '60** and **Liz Belsky Stiel** (llstiel@att.net) have lived in La Jolla, CA, for 16 years, "having abandoned the snowy winters of the East and Midwest. We love living in the San Diego area." For the past eight years, they have rented an apartment in Paris for a month in the fall, whence they've traveled to Vienna, Berlin, Munich, Barcelona, and Jerusalem. Liz writes, "This year we plan to stay in Paris for the entire month because we are taking our year-old Havanese puppy, Ziggy, along. The French are supposed to love dogs. We will find out." Liz volunteers at a cancer infusion center, and Les continues to do arbitration for FINRA. The Stiels have come through various aches and pains: Les had a hip replacement and Liz had a broken arm. "We swim laps and walk a lot," says Liz. "All is well." They have two sons and two grandsons.

**Donna Hunt Call** (dcall@rochester.rr.com) reports both joy and sorrow. **Doug**, her husband of 50 years, died in April. Doug was a former Genesee County sheriff who spent more than two decades as a Stafford town justice. His Cornell activities included four years on the lightweight crew, Scabbard and Blade, Ho-Nun-Da-Kah, Quill and Dagger, and DU. Donna adds that their granddaughter will be entering Cornell as a member of the Class of '17. Anne Burgheimer sent word that her husband, **Frank Burgheimer**, of Ramat Hasharon, Israel, passed away several months ago. Condolences also go to **Betty Krebs** Zielinski (bandbzielinski@aol.com), who lost Bob to cancer in August. Also in August, **Midge Lorig Leventry** passed away in Athens, GA. She and **Bob '61** were married 51 years, and have a daughter, **Ellen '95**, a son, Richard, and three grandchildren. Midge worked as a dietician with both healthcare and academic organizations, teaching at the college level for over a decade. She and Bob were Peace Corps volunteers in Ecuador in the mid-'90s, developing programs in prenatal and childhood nutrition. Upon returning to the US, they founded Inca Organics, a social business working with indigenous Ecuadorians to perfect organic farming techniques, raise heirloom grains, and distribute their fair-trade products in global markets. Their work was

**63** Thanks again to all who made our 50th such a memorable experience. The following classmates were elected to the Class Council during Reunion: **Carol Badgasarian** Aslanian, **Jim Billings**, MBA '64, **Ed Butler**, MS '65, **Jim Byrnes**, MBA '64, **Zack Fluhr**, **Donna Forsman**, BFA '64, **Judy Kross**, **Walt Laessig**, MBA/LLB '66, **Paula Trested** Laholt, **Peter Lee**, **Marty Lustig**, BEE '65, **Betty Card** Lynham, **Lila Fox Olson**, **Marcia Bergren** Pine, **Gwen Sibson** Porcaro, **Marjorie Walker** Sayer, BFA '63, and **Bill Wycoff**. Thanks for serving!

**Jay**, MS '65, and **Karen Dean Abbe '65** were at Reunion. Jay is involved with the Cornell Rowing Association and the Cornell Silicon Valley Advisors and has been building "America's Serengeti" at the American Prairie Reserve in Bozeman, MT. They are both, writes Jay, into "wine grape growing/making/drinking." **Martha Viehe** Kleinberg was one of our Reunion hosts. After losing her husband to cancer, she closed her pediatric practice and is now busy in Toledo, OH, volunteering on boards for two charter schools and Toledo Day Nursery for inner-city children. She still does enough continuing education in pediatrics to maintain her medical license and enjoys her seven granddaughters and traveling, dividing her time between Toledo and Chautauque, NY.

**Joan Travers** Barist writes from Washington Depot, CT, that she and her husband, Jeffrey, spent two months in Asia last year. Jeffrey had an arbitration in Singapore for two weeks after which they traveled to Australia and New Zealand. **David Raddock** wrote a book, *Finding My Way: An American Maverick in China*. David is also on the Board of Founding Fellows for the Johnson Art Museum at Cornell and the board of the U. of Colorado Art Museum in Boulder.

John and **Sandra Kebbe** Hansen live in Dexter, MI. Sandra writes that she spends her time with: "1) my family—including our daughter, son-in-law, and a wonderful grandson; 2) civic involvement (it's a small community)—tree commission, zoning boards, historic commission, and cultural activities; 3) professional activity (landscape architect)—haven't figured out how to pull off full retirement so am operating with about one-third the complement of clients; and 4) life with a wonderful husband."



**Nan Rick** (Boise, ID) writes that she loves painting, spending time with grandchildren, reading, writing, and playing pickle ball. She enjoys her summers in the Stoneridge Resort Community in northern Idaho. **Pat Sutton** Lipsky lives in New York City and is working, swimming and bike riding, and writing a memoir about her life as a painter. Peter and **Rae Messer** Reilly spent part of last year in Brisbane, Australia, where Peter was on sabbatical at the U. of Queensland. Rae volunteers at a Fair Trade shop, is involved at her church in liturgical art and furnishings, and is now an advanced beginner watercolorist. Peter is professor of chemical and biological engineering at Iowa State U. **Art Resnikoff** and his wife, Mary Ann Tucciarone, live in San Francisco, where Art is still working full-time in leadership development as an external consultant.

**Larry** and **Nancy LeVine** live in Poughkeepsie, NY, where Larry stays busy with gardening, exercising, volunteering, reading, and managing functions at a social club. At times, Larry says, he would like to be working again! **Maury** and **Miriam Browner Lacher** also live in Poughkeepsie. Miriam is a clinical neuropsychologist in private practice, and she and Maury are birders and nature aficionados. **Dennis** and **Margaret Crawford's** permanent residence is in Hilton Head, SC. Though Dennis still practices law part-time as an Of Counsel attorney at a Jersey Shore law firm, he's finding time to play more golf and live with less stress. **Hal Spitzer**, BArch '66, and his spouse, Tom Martin, live in Hamden, CT. Hal is a semi-retired architectural consultant. He is board chair of Professional Children's School (NYC) and is also on the boards of Alpha Workshops in NYC; Mary Wade Home (senior citizen facility) and East Rock Village (both in New Haven, CT); and the Independent School Chairpersons Association. Hal is a Toastmaster, takes art classes, and has participated for 27 years in a reading group.

**Robert Chia-Ting Sze** and his wife, Corinne, live in Santa Fe, NM. He writes, "I retired from Los Alamos National Labs in 2001 to study architecture at Harvard U. (March '05). I do lots of art, including watercolor, sculpture, and etchings. I also play cello in a small orchestra and attend a lot of concerts and operas." Robert and Corinne's son went from computers to med school, graduating in 2012 with his MD. He is a radiology intern and also a Scottish fiddle national champion. **Peggy Schwartz** Chipkin is a part-time family nurse practitioner in Mill Valley, CA, "doing alternatives: homeopathy and Feldenkrais for people of all ages and the Anat Baniel Method for children with special needs." Peggy dances three nights a week. This past summer she took a river cruise with folk dancers through Germany and France, including a stop in Prague. That's all—send news! **Nancy Bierds Icke**, 12350 E. Roger Rd., Tucson, AZ 85749; e-mail, ick63@gmail.com.

**64** For reasons stretching far back into antiquity (some 5,000 years to ancient Sumer, for those interested), the number seven has been revered. Among other facets, it's considered a lucky number. Well, there are now just seven months until our 50th Reunion! So let's roll! Our reunion co-chairs want to extend an invitation to any classmate who would like to help with any aspect of reunion. The more involvement we have, the better our reunion will be.

Congrats to **Ronay Arlt** Menschel, one of six 2013 recipients of Cornell's prestigious Frank H.T.

Rhodes Exemplary Alumni Service Award. Established in 1994, the award honors Cornell alumni "who have demonstrated extraordinary service to Cornell through long-term volunteer activities within the broad spectrum of Cornell's various alumni organizations." Up to six alums are honored annually—and Ronay is the ninth awardee from our class! All of our class award recipients can be viewed on the class website.

**Ülle Laaman** Lewes, who lives in Delaware, OH, was last heard from in this column in 1990. She seems to have written us indoors on a sunny day in May, for in answer to the query on the new news form about what you'd rather be doing, she wrote, "Being outdoors in our amazing blossoming spring!" When Ülle does get outdoors, it's to garden and take pictures. She also travels, most recently to California, Boston, and New York City. When she's indoors, she is proofreading both fiction and non-fiction manuscripts. **Hiroyuki Takatori** writes, "I'm now retired and still live in Chiba, Japan." **Philip Lindquist**, ME '66, last appeared in the Class Notes in the mid-1990s. He sent a news form from Pasadena, CA, where he lives with wife Paula, but included no additional news. We'll hope to see them at reunion to get an update on what's been happening in their lives.

**David Smith**, who lives in Washington, DC, with wife Inci, underwent prostate surgery last May. Of his recovery, he writes in response to what he would rather be doing: "Anything but the above!" David retired from the famed Smithsonian Institution last December, but continues to do research on a volunteer basis for the institution and hopes to resume his activities there soon. **Paul Goldstein**, MD '68, retired nearly two years ago from his medical practice, and now spends his time playing golf and tennis, skiing, taking piano lessons, and spending time with his four grandchildren. Paul and wife Gillian also do interesting travel, most recently a cruise from Dubai to Rome via the Suez Canal. Paul writes, "It was a classic journey that included the Nile River, which I never thought I'd see." The Goldsteins live in La Jolla, CA, but spent this past summer in Steamboat Springs, CO.

**Virginia Glann Schneider** is deep into community activism with her husband, David. She's on several boards in and around their home in Woodbridge, CT, and the Schneiders recently spent a year and a half working on a no-pesticide policy for Woodbridge's town properties. Jinny is also vice president/treasurer of Massaro Community Farm in Woodbridge, an organic farm that donates up to three tons of its seasonal harvest to charity, plus she teaches children about nature, nutrition, and use of open spaces. Her activities aren't limited to the outdoors, for she writes that she would rather be doing less paperwork and record keeping! A serious musician, Jinny enjoys fiddling around with her violin (pun intended) and attending concerts at Tanglewood (just two miles from their vacation home) and at Yale U., just eight miles from home.

**Helen Schwartz** (Chevy Chase, MD) is still an active freelance writer, volunteer, and frequent CAU attendee. Helen recently returned from an "intensive" one-month French study at the Institut de Français on the Cote d'Azur. She writes, "While I was in France I also spent two weeks in rainy Paris researching the Camondo family, Turkish-Jewish bankers who I became fascinated with while on a Fulbright teaching stint in Turkey." **Ellen Lipton** Farrar, MS '66, who lives in Danbury, CT, with partner Warren Lay, is still working—and also gardening, reading, and volunteering. She writes that she would love to travel, but is hampered by a serious

ankle injury that resulted from an auto accident.

**Barbara Lutz** Brim and reunion co-chairs **Linda Cohen Meltzer**, **Joan Melville**, and **Bruce Wagner**, ME '66, joined class president **Susan Mair** Holden on a trip to Ithaca last June for a look-see at the Class of '63's 50th Reunion to see what they did and garner ideas for our own big reunion. Barbara is also in charge of collecting our pictures for reunion. She writes, "Last summer, I left Acworth, GA, to take three of my grandchildren for a week's vacation at Lake George, NY."

**Stephen Abramson** shows no signs of retiring anytime soon: he's still president of APS Pension & Financial Services, he's authored several pension books (latest: *The Advisor's Guide to Qualified Plans*), and he addresses business groups on financial concerns. Steve enjoys tennis, reading, travel with his wife, Phyllis (including a recent Volga River cruise from Kiev to Odessa), and unwinding at their country home in New Lebanon, NY. Steve recently received a Circle of Excellence award from AXA Financial. He's also treasurer of the homeowner's association in Hauppauge, NY, where the Abramsons' permanent home is located, and is on the board and finance committee of the Family Service League in nearby Huntington, NY. He is looking forward to our 50th Reunion next June.

**DeVeau "Dee" Hurley Bissell**, retired and living in Newfane, NY, spends much of her time playing the piano and singing in church, at nursing homes, and also at a Salvation Army soup kitchen, where, she says, she sometimes stays for dinner. As of last May, she has seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. **Marshal Case** still manages his farm in Shaftsbury, VT, and specializes in benefitting wildlife, a purpose he also supports as a volunteer naturalist-in-residence at the regional middle school, where he works with students and produces weekly radio shows. Marshal's even produced a documentary film, *Farming for Wildlife*, that encourages farmers and farmland owners to manage wetlands, forests, and open fields for wildlife along with raising crops. On his wish list is more time for kayaking and other outdoor activities.

That's all for now. Please take a few minutes to send me your news by whatever means (at my home or online at the e-mail address below), so it may be shared with your classmates. Also be sure to visit our class website, [www.cornell1964.org](http://www.cornell1964.org). **Bev Johns** Lamont, 720 Chestnut St., Deerfield, IL 60015, e-mail; [blamont64@comcast.net](mailto:blamont64@comcast.net).

**65** Lots of news has come in for this issue, and Ron and I thank you. To conserve space, I will utilize the abbreviation CF to reference the old Cornell friend you would most like to hear from, and TC in reference to what you brought to Cornell when you first came. Remember, you can shoot a short e-mail to either Ron or me anytime with your latest commentary about life, work, or retirement pursuits—including children and grandchildren!

**Becky Baskett** (Cincinnati, OH; [bbaskett@cinci.rr.com](mailto:bbaskett@cinci.rr.com)) enjoys working with the Cincinnati Art Museum's Duveneck Association, planning events as co-president of the local Cornell Club and the Foreign Policy Leadership Council of Greater Cincinnati. She is studying Italian and French and recently arranged two Italian cooking demos/dinners for the Cornell Club with School Amici, a local organization that offers Italian language classes, cultural experiences, translation services, and social events. Becky adds, "I am planning a trip through France, Switzerland, and Italy because of

my interest in languages and international affairs.” CF: **Lari Hovermale** Muller. TC: Enthusiastic anticipation! **Kenneth Johns** (KJohns@johnseastern.com) is making progress recovering from a stroke. “I’d rather be in the North Carolina mountains,” he states. We’re sending get well wishes your way, Kenneth. Kenneth and his wife, JoAnn, live in Sarasota, FL. Work and family pursuits are his primary interests, along with golf. **James**, MBA ’66, and **Carol Bittner Altemus** (Bloomfield, NY; caltemus44@frontiernet.net) enjoy spending time with grandchildren. Carol’s particular interests are quilting and gardening. She is a master gardener in Ontario County and designs flower arts for the village business district, along with potting plants for garden club fundraisers. She writes, “I’d rather be reading a good book and traveling to Alaska.” CF: **Lari Hovermale** Muller. TC: analog windup alarm clock, radio, and typewriter.

**Dave Tetor** (dtetor@gmail.com) and spouse Louise live in Clinton Corners, NY. According to Dave, “I’m retired, but volunteering for many organizations, which keeps me very busy! I’m teaching a class for 60 adults for Marist College Center for Lifetime Studies. In 2011-12, I was president of the New York Agricultural Society.” TC: “I brought a few clothes, then went to the old campus store in Collegetown and bought some used textbooks and Cornell shirts and sweatshirts.” Dave would like to be in touch with **Dick Talcott**. This past June, **Shelly Brown** Levine (levineshelly@yahoo.com) retired after 35 years at Delbarton School in Morristown. Shelly and husband Bert make their home Bridgewater, NJ. She comments, “Not at all sure what I’ll be doing next.” **Loren Meyer** Stephens (lorenstephens@attglobal.net), and her husband, Dana Miyoshi, are making their home in Los Angeles, CA. Loren writes, “I’m still building my ghostwriting business, WRITE WISDOM, in Los Angeles and New York full-time and just finished my first novel based on a true story, *Floating in Arashiyama: Tale of Two Mothers*.” She is on the editorial advisory board of *Memoir*, a literary journal. Loren reports that she is rebuilding her house which, sadly, recently burned to the ground. CF: **Phyllis Weiss** Haserot, MRP ’67, and **Judy Hayman** Pass.

**Susan Brown** Dana (Portland, ME; sdana@maine.rr.com) and husband **Howard**, MPA/LLB ’66, are enjoying grandchildren. Susan notes, “I’m painting, traveling, and playing golf.” **Larry Menzner** (Studio City, CA; thepeddoc@sbcglobal.net) is starting his 40th year as a pediatrician in Los Angeles. “I have five beautiful grandchildren and am still bowling and golfing and can sing both verses of our Alma Mater!” **Jan DiMartino Foreman** (Greensboro, NC; jan4man1@gmail.com) writes, “This has been my first year of widowhood since **Bob** died in May 2012, and I’m learning to navigate alone.” She is currently tutoring and plans to go to Australia. CF: **Marty Fanning** Cronk, MA ’67. TC: clothes, typewriter, and radio. **James L. Williams** (jameslynnwilliams@gmail.com) and his partner of 40 years, Charles Longcope Jr., are living in Dallas, TX. They will be traveling to Mexico to celebrate their anniversary. After retiring from actuarial work, James sings in the Dallas Turtle Creek Chorale and spends time on the water with the Dallas Rowing Club.

**Jane Harris** (janeellenharris@yahoo.com) finds herself seated in some of Princeton U.’s classes. Jane and husband Joseph Longino live in Pennington, NJ. Besides taking classes, Jane plays tennis, runs, hits the gym, and enjoys theatre, classical music concerts, museums, and art

galleries. TC: one valise of clothes and a pillow. **Owen Wavrinek** (Aurora, IL; owen3814@comcast.net) donated two red maple trees and one ginkgo tree, along with flowers, shrubs, and evergreens to help the PTA improve the landscape of Owen Elementary School in Naperville, IL. He writes, “I am the namesake of the school, which celebrated its tenth anniversary.” Owen retired in June 2013 after 21 years on the board of directors of the Indian Prairie Educational Foundation, which raises funds for educational enrichment for K-12 students in the Indian Prairie School District in Naperville and Aurora. He says, “I’d like to visit Prague, Spain, and India, plus take another trip to Hawaii over the next ten years. I’d also like to travel to Key West, New York City, Montana, and Wyoming.”

Sugar Hill, GA, is where **Martha Weiss** Dobra, MS ’67, and husband David call home. She gardens, swims, goes to the gym, quilts, prays, crochets, and reads. Recent travel included a trip to California and the annual meeting of Camps Farthest Out, followed by a tour of the national parks in the north and some state parks. Martha says, “I would love to hear from anyone in Science Education (CALS). Maybe the guy in Dr. Uhler’s class who offered to buy some of my prepared slides.” TC: blankets, clothes, typewriter, eraser with brush attached, wind up alarm clock, and bristly curlers. **Joel Perlman**, BFA ’65 (jperlman43@gmail.com) resides in New York City with his wife, Nancy Skluth. He continues to make sculpture and will have an exhibit at Guild Hall Museum, East Hampton, NY, and Loretta Howard Gallery in New York City. Joel would like to hear from **David Brockway**, BA ’68. The Cornell video website (<http://www.cornell.edu/video/>) has a wonderful series of Reunion lectures, with audience participation. The Class of 1973 Forum was most interesting. Do take a look. All the best for your end-of-the-year activities! ☑ **Joan Hens** Johnson, joanhpj@comcast.net; **Ron Harris**, rsh28@cornell.edu.

**66** As we go through life, we continue to learn! **Laura Bowman** Gray, MAT ’67 (laurabgray@aol.com) was recently appointed to the Dean’s Advisory Council, College of Human Ecology. Having completed a six-year term on the executive board of HEAA, she is excited to continue working with Dean Mathios and the entire team. Laura has returned to school in a PhD program while continuing to work as a professor of developmental psychology. She adds, “Still living in California, but spend every July in NYC. I’ll also be traveling to Italy this summer with my husband, Phil. Life is great—still feel like I’m in my 20s! You can reach me through Facebook (‘Laura Bowman Gray’). I have been lucky enough to contact friends and classmates this way.”

**Ron Berenbeim** (Ronald.Berenbeim@conference-board.org) writes, “I continue to teach Professional Responsibility: Markets Ethics and Law at the Stern School of Business Administration, New York U., and I am now a senior fellow at the Conference Board (where I worked for 32 years). But much of my time is devoted to a United Nations project that introduces anti-corruption curriculum in business schools throughout the world. During the past year, I have helped to establish pilot projects in India and Tanzania, and I am looking forward to returning to see how they are doing.” **Ed Arbaugh** (edarbaugh@gmail.com) has, with two friends, started a consulting business, Institutional Fiduciary Assurance LLC, which aims to assure that

charitable institutions operate with good governance and excellence. Ed spends summers at the family’s Michigan lake house, cruising lakes Michigan and Huron on his boat. Cold winter months are spent in Seabrook Island, SC. Ed would like to hear from **Tom McCarthy**, **Dave Kantorczyk** ’67, MBA ’69, and **David Worrell** ’67. He remembers arriving in Ithaca in ’62 with a 33/45 rpm record changer, a Royal portable typewriter, and a sleeping bag—but not enough winter clothes!

**Alice Katz** Berglas, too, writes of continued learning. She and her husband, Peter, returned to campus in late July for Cornell’s Adult University. “We tend to take different courses from one another (which adds to the fun), reporting back in the evening, meeting the other’s classmates over shared supper. CAU remains a jewel: the professors are spectacular and the classmates even more so. Cornellians do NOT get dumber, they get smarter, as they age (well, maybe not ME, but everyone else!). We’ve made friends from almost every decade—and met so many non-Cornellians too. Peter took a course on Cornell’s ‘new’ Baroque organ. He says it was tremendous, and he knew nothing about organs before the week. My course was at the Johnson Museum of Art, with print curator Nancy Green leading a class of seven, about how one curates and mounts an art show. In five (FIVE!) days, the seven of us somehow managed to do exactly that. Not sure how we did it, but we were thrilled—and terrified!—and learned more than we ever could have imagined. Peter and I had lunch/dinner with Ithaca classmates/friends **Ralph Janis** (retired director, CAU) and his wife, Rhoda, and **Francine Blau** and husband Larry Kahn (both ILR professors). We even made it over to Seneca Lake to sip wine . . . and to Sunday breakfast with **Penny Skitol** Haitkin ’65 at the State Diner (newly reopened after a fire last year). Best of all, we spent the whole week in shorts, T-shirts, and jeans—with no exams and 90 percent SUNSHINE!”

Your correspondent **Susan Rockford** Bittker and husband Donald have become collectors of art on a modest scale, focusing on work in clay, glass, and welded steel. Always interested in process, in August they attended a five-day workshop on building stone structures with stone artist Dan Snow at the English Harbour Arts Centre on the Bonavista Peninsula of Newfoundland. They completed one section of a stone wall maze. In 2012 they attended a workshop on glass casting in Detroit in conjunction with the annual conference of the Glass Art Society. Susan commented that, although they will never be artists, they learned a greater appreciation of what it takes to be one. Send news to: ☑ **Susan Rockford** Bittker, ladyscienc@aol.com; **Deanne Gebell** Gitner, dgg26@cornell.edu; **Pete Salinger**, pete.sal@verizon.net. Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

**67** **Janetta** “Jinny” **Rebold** Benton (Greenwich, CT; JBenton@pace.edu) is currently Distinguished Professor of Art History at Pace U. in New York. “I received a Fulbright Senior Scholar Award and was visiting professor at the Graduate School of Art History, European University, St. Petersburg, Russia, from September 2012 to January 2013. I also published my eighth book, *Handbook for the Humanities* (Pearson, 2013). I have long presented subscription lecture series for the Metropolitan Museum of Art and the Smithsonian Institution, and am the speaker on trips sponsored by both institutions.”



**Kiran Smith** Coyote (Eugene, OR; bkkiran@msn.com) writes: "Since 1979, I have been a student and teacher of the Brahma Kumaris World Spiritual Organization, living a fully dedicated life roughly since 1993. I served in Vancouver, BC, for eight years and since 2001 in Oregon. My work involves teaching meditation, sustaining a spiritual community, writing, editing, community outreach, being an IT project manager for a couple of websites, organic gardening, and sustainability—all while maintaining a spiritual practice. In early May I visited Trinidad, Guyana, and Barbados to conduct a teacher training for about 60 teachers from nine Caribbean countries. Earlier this month I was in retreat at our facility in the Catskills and subsequently passed briefly through Ithaca with my daughter en route to Rochester for visits with family and friends. Although I was happy to see many of the old haunts, I was saddened by the state of Clara Dickson Hall—so degraded inside from what it was like in the '60s. Daughter Heidi lives in Berkeley and works for an accounting firm in San Francisco as an administrative professional."

**Marty Gold** (New York, NY; megold@sidley.com) was named to Super Lawyers and to Best Lawyers in America again this year. However, he says he is prouder this year about reaching the 100-country mark (not to mention 48 states) in his travels. He and his wife's most recent trips have been to the former Yugoslavian states and Albania, Cuba, and Iceland. This July they stayed home to be the hosts of a 9-year-old Fresh Air Fund girl at their house in Ridgefield, CT. This year, Marty switched from being a partner of 28 years at 1,700-lawyer Sidley Austin LLP, to being senior counsel ("joining Newt Minow"), so he can have more time to travel. **Warren Kessler** (Los Angeles, CA; skessler@kesslerandkessler.com) reports: "I am still practicing law and enjoying it very much. Just returned from Paris and Budapest (yawn)! Our older son, **Marc '98**, and his wife, Jenny, just gave birth to our first grandson, Andy Asher Kessler (Class of 2035?). Parents and grandparents are doing very well. Had dinner recently with **Harvey Kinzelberg** and his wife, Mary Anne, who were visiting in Los Angeles. Harvey looks great. It was a real treat for the four of us to share dinner."

**Barbara Goldman Eigen** (New York, NY; barb.eigen@aol.com) writes: "Eigen Arts is the company I created and ran for 24 years. I sold it this year and am now working on other projects. Ceramic design and development is my work and my passion. Homestead is the kitchen collection I did for Crate & Barrel—in stores now." "There was a mini-DPhiE reunion at the beginning of June," advises **Karen Kaufman Polansky** (Carmichael, CA; kkpolsky@gmail.com), who got together with **Marsha Beirach Eisen**, **Sally Shoolman** Mechur, and **Marian Flinker** Brodsky in Great Neck, NY. "My husband and Marian's were in Great Neck for their 50th high school reunion (Great Neck North High School,) which was also attended by **Georgia Green** Weinstein, **Jaye Goodman** Roter, **Carol Handelman**, and **Thea Moskow** Levey." **Richard B. Hoffman**, 2925 28th St. NW, Washington, DC 20008; e-mail, rhoffman@erols.com.

**68** So many of our classmates give generously of their time and resources to enhance the lives of those in need. One of us received national attention for her good deeds in a segment on CBS News and in a *Washington Post* article. You'd be right on if you called **Judy Gleklen Kopff** and husband

**Gary, MPA '71**, a couple of clowns. Actually you'd be complimenting them, as Judy has been clowning for children since her initial retirement from the Pentagon in 1996, and Gary joined her in 2004. Judy uses her expertise in balloon craft, which she first developed in the '70s, and Gary is a clown magician. But their greatest talent is bringing smiles and an "endearing touch" to the children and families of wounded vets, foster families, the elderly, and others in need. They spend much of their time just listening to the stories of wounded vets at Walter Reed and encouraging patients and their families to clown around too. Judy's signature balloon hats appear everywhere around the Pentagon, and they are a big hit when they're squirting senior officers. They plan to work with red noses and paddle shoes as long as they can walk. "It's not like there are young clowns clamoring for our jobs," Gary said.

**‘Gary and Judy Gleklen Kopff plan to work with red noses and paddle shoes as long as they can.’**

**Chuck Levitan '68**

**Susan Ford** volunteers with the Animal Assisted Therapy Program at the SF SPCA. She often visited homes with her cat, Paco, one of the very few therapy cats, until he passed away last year. Susan lives in San Francisco, where she works with seniors as a professional fiduciary, and has a part-time role at UCSF with a research group studying ophthalmology in Ethiopia and Niger. When she's not doing all that, she enjoys hiking in the Trinity Alps, north of Sacramento, as well as in Sequoia National Park and Yosemite. **Bennett Marsh** recently had an exchange of "Proustian" e-mails with his fraternity brothers **Richard Felder**, **Andrew Stone**, **Cary Sherman**, **Gary Klein**, and **Michael Wolf '69**. They shared fond memories of their fraternity brother and our classmate **Jim Gurfein**, recently deceased. Jim was remembered most especially for his lifelong belief and practice of "good fellowship." Bennett also reports this: "At 67, I am just learning what it feels like to become emotionally attached to a four-legged creature. Our 'shelter-rescued' cocker spaniel, Riley, has brought us great joy over the past year. But he does complicate our weekend planning!" (No kidding, Bennett!)

As senior counsel in the Office of Legislative Counsel to the US House of Representatives, **Douglas Bellis** bears no responsibility for congressional gridlock. Doug is too busy, as he's also an adjunct professor in the Graduate School of Political Management at George Washington U. Doug also presented at the first Federal Bar Association conference on legislative drafting and attended another conference of the Commonwealth Association of Legislative Counsel in Cape Town. Doug's daughters, Elizabeth and Margaret, while growing their families, are also practicing law. **Alan Altschuler**'s second career as a full-time actor since 2006 is going strong, as he recently appeared in two NYC productions. Daughter Sari is an assistant professor at the U. of South Florida, and son Daniel directs the Long Island Civic Engagement Table, a coalition of community organizations and

immigrant rights groups. Alan stays in touch with **Richard Kasdan**, **Art Kaminsky**, and **Kipi Turok**.

**David Silverstein**, JD '73, by now should be getting some sort of discount from Cornell, as his younger son, Brett, has started the Master of Management in Hospitality program in the Hotel school. Brett joins a long and proud family tradition of Cornellians that includes his parents, David and **Leslie (Roth) '73**, and his brother **Scott '08**, as well as various grandparents, uncles, and cousins. **Michael George**, ME '69, retired at the end of 2012 as VP operations for Zeechem LLC. He and his wife, Linda, moved from Louisville, KY, into their new home in Savannah, GA. Michael does not intend to sit idly sipping peach mint juleps yet, as he has started an operations consulting company, MGKB LLC. **C. Edward Kemp**, DVM '71, is very busy working with his wife, Carol, at their real estate company, Act 1 Carol O'Loughlin Real Estate, in

Falmouth, MA. "Business is booming," Ed reports. The little time he has for hobbies finds Ed attending area car shows in either his 1965 Ferrari 330 GT2+2 or his 2003 BMW M-3 convertible.

**Chet Stein** is another of our classmates giving of their time and resources. Following his retirement after 35 years as a periodontist, Chet volunteers for the Jewish National Fund and the Arava Inst. for Environmental Studies. Combining his interests in photography and his interest in Israel, Chet chairs the Bird Watching and Native Photography Mission for the JNF. Along with his wife, Rita, Chet has also been snapping pictures in Papua, New Guinea, and Borneo this year. **Sharon Solwitz** is anxiously awaiting the birth of her second novel, due to be published in the next year. She's already had a novel and a book of short stories published. While she's waiting, she keeps very busy with teaching, writing, tennis, bridge, and caring for her husband, Barry Silesky.

Please use whatever means of communication is most convenient to report your news. We really enjoy hearing about our classmates. E-mail me at the address below, fill out the class news form, or go online at: <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>. **Chuck Levitan**, clevitan22@comcast.net; (732) 570-9490 (phone or text).

**69** Greetings—and thanks for all your news this time around. **Ron Gidron** (rongidronk@gmail.com) sends this from Madrid: "After retirement I am much into music, mainly composing and recording songs and lyrics in English, Spanish, and Hebrew. I have a musical website, [www.rongidron.com](http://www.rongidron.com), where anyone can listen to my two published CDs and preview the third to be issued later this year. I also have a musical group page on Facebook ('Ron Gidron'). All four children are emancipated and working, and three are married. We have six grandchildren, ranging from almost 14 to just a few

months old.” Ron keeps in touch with **Darwin Herrera**, ME ’70, in Colombia, and with **Ken White**, ME ’70, via Facebook. **William Winans** (Prescott Valley, AZ) keeps busy with his model trains. He was elected president of the NASG, a national model train organization of approximately 1,500 members. He stays in touch with **Richard Karnes ’61**, **William Loomis ’66**, **Gus Noojin**, and **Tom Catanzarite ’78**. **Bob Pegan** (Pittsford, NY) writes, “I retired from HP as project consultant in May 2007. I have two new grandkids for a total of 14 (so far).” Bob stays in touch with football teammates and Theta Xi alumni.

‘All of our “kids” have four legs and fur.’

## Sandra Schroeder Bricker ’69

**Gloria Jacobsen** Lang enjoys adjunct teaching Home Products Development at FIT (Fashion Inst. of Technology) in NYC during the spring and fall semesters. She is also active in PCCW activities, which, she says, “embrace three generations of active Cornellians and opportunities to participate in many Cornell mentoring programs at the Hum Ec college and the Career Center. Husband Roger is retired and they enjoyed travel on the Rhone River this past summer and Costa Rica last winter. Son Andrew is a power and energy engineer with Siemens living in Hoboken, NJ. Gloria is looking forward to the 45th Reunion in 2014. **Jane Plitt** (Bradenton, FL) was recently appointed visiting scholar at the U. of Rochester to complete her next book on patient empowerment. She is also completing a teenage book about Martha Matilda Harper, the creator of modern franchising. Jane adds, “I am heading to Spain to celebrate 40 years of marriage and attend a two-week Spanish immersion program. My newest grandchild, Stefano Manuel, born March 21, will be bilingual!”

**Sándor Kovács** (St. Louis, MO) is approaching the final years as a tenured, full-time professor of internal medicine, physiology, biomedical engineering, and physics. (Whew!) He says, “Once my current crop of graduate students finish their PhD theses, I plan to modify my job description and gradually wind down the research group activities. I am still working full-time, involving invasive cardiology (diagnostic cardiac catheterization) and research in cardiovascular physiology and biophysics. New ideas continue to bubble up—and new patents are being applied for.” Sándor also has an interest in underwater photography and was looking forward to an annual two-week vacation in Grand Cayman, “with daily scuba diving and snorkeling. Also plan some night dives and ample underwater photography. I have finally given up using film and have gone to digital imaging underwater.” Son Sandor, a PhD in chemical engineering (Washington U.) works for Bayer. Second son **Tom ’09**, ME ’10, works in St. Louis for a start-up. And daughter Katherine, who got her BA in 2010 from Washington U., works as an admissions officer there. The office had more than 30,000 applications for undergraduate admissions last year.


**Ann Agranoff** sent this news in late July: “Husband Fred and I just got the Certificate of Occupancy for a house we’ve been building in the Catskills since 2001! Our daughter April is spending the summer working as a raft guide on the American River in Coloma, CA.” **David Shannon** sent a new address in Auckland, New Zealand. He

retired from remuneration consulting at the end of 2011, but keeps active with volunteer work for various local agencies. “We’re also building a new house—our third build. You’d think we would have learned long ago. This should be the last!” Last May, David traveled to the Middle Kingdom: “Hong Kong, Guilin, Shanghai, Suzhou, Luzhi, Yichang, cruise on the Yangtze River, Chengdu, Xian, Beijing, pandas, Terracotta Warriors, Great Wall . . . the whole thing. Amazing! An overwhelming experience—not for the casual traveler. Go-go-go, every day! Will go back some day. Our older daughter, 22, and three friends did a four-month circuit

of the US, staying with family and friends, including Cornellians.” David keeps in touch with **Henry McNulty**, **Warren Lem**, **Lynn Selos**, **Dave Mason**, **Ted Clayton**, ME ’70, **Lee Sanborn**, **Jim Bowman**, **Al Shineman**, and **Bob Woodworth ’71**.

**Sandra Schroeder** Bricker and husband Jeff live in a golf course community in Lancaster County, PA. “All of our ‘kids’ have four legs and fur; at present, three golden retrievers and four rescue cats. Our big news is that we sold our business—two retirement communities that we developed and operated for nearly 20 years—at the end of 2012. Jeff and I are gradually easing into retirement. We continue to hike with our dogs, participate in canine agility, and golf. We are members of the Gold Wing Society of the Cornell Lab of Ornithology and the Friends of Astronomy within the Arts and Sciences college, and we are looking to expand our involvement in those groups. I am on the development committee for OperaLancaster and am considering joining the board of the Lancaster Int’l Piano Festival, an organization that we love and support. We are also members of St. James Episcopal Church in Lancaster, and Jeff is a longtime Rotarian.” The Brickers have no plans for expanding the four-legged fur family.

**Susan Wohryzek** Mittler is one year retired from public education after 32 years in elementary education and 18 years as president of the Ithaca Teachers Association (NYSUT and NEA). She’s been caring for her elderly mother, reviewing and organizing teaching materials, and starting MittlerAdvises, consulting in matters related to collective bargaining, labor contracts, Common Core standards, and more. In addition she has been voluntarily teaching a four-credit course in the ILR school during the fall semester. Some retirement, Susan! Daughter **Jessica ’94** is an associate professor at Penn State, and son **Craig ’98** currently works at RBC in Manhattan.

Please plan to attend our 45th Reunion in June 2014. The reunion committee welcomes all volunteers and suggestions for the class program, etc. Please pass along any recommendations, suggestions, and ideas, and I will pass them along to the committee. Enjoy the holidays and stay warm this winter.  **Tina Economaki** Riedl, triedl048@gmail.com.

Who can believe this has really happened—and so “quickly”? It seems like just yesterday we were looking forward to our last semester as undergraduates at Cornell in the spring of 1970. But, as we know, it has been nearly 45 years since we graduated! Speaking of graduation and leaving our beloved Cornell, why don’t you start making plans to journey back to Ithaca for our very own 45th Reunion? Make note of the dates: Thursday, June 4 to Sunday, June 7, 2015. Our 45th Reunion committee will have a wonderful weekend planned for all who attend. The more the merrier!

**Fredric Chanania** (fchanania@gmail.com) and his wife, Elisa Grammer, live in West Newbury, MA. Fred is now retired from teaching science full-time, but he substitutes from time to time at Newburyport High School, which keeps him in touch with teenagers. He and Elisa enjoy gardening, bird watching, exploring New England, and visiting the ocean. And they do lots of reading! They put in a large permaculture garden and orchard at their dream house. Fred reports that he is quite content being involved in all these activities, especially when his health is good. He would like to hear from **Allan Reich**, **Howard Rodman ’71**, **A. J. Mayer ’71**, and **Jon Leland ’69**. When Fred arrived as a freshman he brought penny loafers, a basketball, and “nary even a radio.”

**Sharon Sauerbrunn** Doyle, MFA ’72 (sedoyle@verizon.net) is teaching screenwriting at USC. She recently returned from four years at the Red Sea Inst. of Cinematic Arts in Jordan, teaching for the MFA program established by His Majesty King Abdullah to train young filmmakers from the Arab world! She now lives in Sierra Madre, CA, with her husband, Bart. Sharon also writes the newsletter for her Quaker Meeting. She took this past summer off to write, and she babysits her grandchild Flynn. Sharon gathered with her freshman- to senior-year roommates **Sally Margolick** Winston, **Phyllis Rabineau**, and **Laura Dingle** Avery this past Memorial Day weekend. When she first came to Cornell, she brought a large toy spider monkey and a record player for her music collection that included *The Fantastics*, Strauss waltzes, and Dave Brubeck.

**Patrick Kelly** (pkelly42@sympatico.ca) resides in Ottawa with his wife, Angela. He does volunteer work with Rotary and for the Red Cross and the Salvation Army. Patrick is also a mental health counselor for Ottawa’s First Responders (fire, police, and EMS) on a pro bono basis. He would like to be sailing the Aegean by the Greek Cycladic Islands—Opa!—and would like to reconnect with **Curt Smith ’69**. Patrick brought a typewriter and Canadian maple syrup with him freshman year. **Kurt Krammer** (gerhardt@krammer@yahoo.com) is living in Concord, MA, and works part-time at an Alzheimer’s clinic. In recent years, he has traveled to France, Austria, and South Africa. He says he loves his life the way it is right now. **Mary DiLibero**, BS Nurs ’70 (marydil@verizon.net) and husband Peter live in Foster, RI. Mary enjoys spending time with her family, as well as working, gardening, traveling, and caring for her animals. She would like to hear from **Bonnie Hogan**, BS Nurs ’70.

**Susan Rutberg** (San Francisco, CA; smrutberg@gmail.com) spends her time teaching and directing clinical programs at Golden Gate U. School of Law in San Francisco and visiting her daughter in New York. She is also director of externships at the law school. She is preparing for retirement by winding up a long teaching career (20-plus years) as a clinical law professor at Golden Gate. She was also a visiting professor at Suor Orsola Benincasa U. in Napoli, Italy, during November and December

**70** Ah, 2013. The year that so many in our legendary Class of 1970 turned 65 is almost over! Now many of us are retired and on Medicare as well.



2012. Susan would like to be walking, biking, and visiting Ithaca! She is still in touch with all of her old friends from Cornell. As a freshman, she brought a giant black and white poster of Paul Newman—with hand-colored blue eyes!

Sadly, I am reporting the deaths of two of our classmates. I was notified that **John Bandfield** died in August 2010, and I also received a note about the death of **Michael Kadlubowski**, of Staunton, VA, on August 25, 2012. He was 63. Before he retired, Michael was a chemical engineer with Virginia Power. Most recently he worked at the Waynesboro Country Club golf course. He is survived by many relatives and friends including his daughter, Julia, and his close friend **Nadine Bott Kadlubowski**. ☐ **Connie Ferris** Meyer, cfm7@cornell.edu; tel., (610) 256-3088.

**71** As we settle into our 60s, more and more of our classmates are retiring and/or pursuing old and new hobbies with a vengeance. **Tim Lamm**, PhD '76's has to be one of the most interesting transitions. Tim (Berea, Kentucky; tml36@cornell.edu) retired from his programming job two years ago and now teaches, performs, and leads social dance. Most recently, he created a dance program entitled "Dances of the Downton Abbey Era," featuring dances from England and America from 1912-23. **Joan Batson McLeod**, BS Nurs '71 (ltcmcleod@aol.com) retired in February and is having fun with her twin daughters and leading a women's group. She traveled to Panama and is now involved in a home-based business, 5LINX, as a "broker of essential services." She would love to hear from her old Cornell friends **Margaret Barber**, BS Nurs '71, and **Susan Sanders Harty**, BS Nurs '71. **John Grosskurth**, MS '73, who lives with his wife in Northport, NY, retired from his aerospace career to have more time for golfing, boating, and weekends at the Cornell Club of NYC.

**Lisa Fremont** Freund (laf307@gmail.com) retired from teaching in June 2012 and is now living in Naples, FL. She volunteers for the League of Women Voters. **Stephanie Bell** Hill, BFA '72 (Orefield, PA; sbh5237@verizon.net) has not retired; in fact, she is doing a lot of business travel throughout the US and Canada. However, she recently began playing tennis in her spare time, so it sounds as if she has many happy hours in front of her. According to Stephanie, tennis is a lifelong sport that she began on a whim but soon fell for, finding it good for her body and soul. You can also count **Margaret Spear** among the ranks of the un-retired! Margaret has been elected board chair of the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care (AAAHC). She currently serves as the senior director of University Health Services at Penn State and is a clinical professor of medicine in Penn State's College of Medicine. Margaret previously worked at UC Berkeley and at Cornell as a primary care internist and women's health physician, so she's been working in the college health arena for more than 30 years.

Closer to our old "home" (i.e., Ithaca), **Carolyn McMaster**, DVM '78 (cm@briarpatchvet.com) lives in Newfield, NY. Carolyn is a veterinarian and has owned Briar Patch Veterinary Hospital since 1986. Unfortunately, some back and neck problems have restricted her professional activity to running her business (as opposed to seeing patients) as well as her ability to do landscaping work at home. However, this has freed up some time for bird-watching and gardening. When the time is right, Carolyn dreams about going on an African safari,

visiting Costa Rica again for the birdwatching, and traveling to England. **Alan Mittman** lives in Ithaca. He works in the Division of Human Resources at Cornell, where he's the director of workforce policy and labor relations. Alan is enjoying his work and family, including three grandchildren, a daughter who is a producer on Showtime's "Dexter," and a son who is an associate professor at Cal State and married to a successful author and stained-glass artisan.

We received a nice e-mail from **Michael Kubin** (Michael.kubin@gmail.com), who included news about his family and his businesses. Oldest son Zach works for OnSwipe, the mobile digital advertising company. Middle son Daniel is associate director of admissions at the Avenues World School, an international private school based in New York. Son Greg has been working at Scratch, a subsidiary of MTV, and is in the process of setting up Hello Sponsor, a Web-based sponsorship company. Michael's own media-related companies are progressing nicely. Invidi, the television addressable advertising company, recently hit the 60 million household mark, giving it a relationship with more than half the households in America. And Ionic Media, his media planning and buying firm, continues to grow nicely. Michael remains in close touch with **Bob Beleson**, **Ted Grossman**, **JD '74**, **Marty Michael**, **Jerry Ostrov**, **Stu Oran**, **Bert Distelburger**, **Cliff Essman**, **Rich Price**, and **Danny Bernstein '70**.

**Nancy Seligman Goldmark**, BS Nurs '73 (Yorktown, NY; nsg52@aol.com) works part-time at the stable where she boards her horse, Savannah Belle, and at her husband, **Harry**, MD '73's orthopedic practice. She spends her free time riding and rehabilitating birds of prey that have been injured or orphaned. Both of Nancy's sons are married, but so far she has only "grand-dogs," no grandkids! Nancy would love to hear from **LaVoy Spooner**, ME '72. By the time you read this, your co-correspondent **Gayle Yeomans** will have moved out of her Upper West Side apartment in New York City—after 35-plus years—so that she can devote herself completely to fiddling, horseback riding, "bear watching" (from the front porch of her house in Big Indian, NY), and renovating a nearby re-sale house. We'd love to hear from you with your news! E-mail updates to: ☐ **Gayle Yeomans**, gyeomans@gmail.com; or **Linda Germaine-Miller**, LG95@cornell.edu; or go online at: <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

**72** Holiday greetings from California. **Dianne Gwynne** Berger (berger dgalt@gmail.com) sent an e-mail in late July with this story: She and **Diane Brenner '71** met when dating the same Cornell sophomore in the fall of 1968, then became friends while commuting to another school to spend time with roommates there. Born on the same winter day in 1950, they kept in touch for decades with yearly birthdays cards. Having read in the Class of '72 Class Notes about Berger's part-time move to Red Bank, NJ, Brenner called from her daughter's home, and the Dian(n)es got together for a quick reunion. Four intense hours later, they swore to get together more often in New Jersey and Florida. Dianne adds, "Thank you, class correspondent!" **Andy Griggs** is program director of the Interfaith Communities United for Justice & Peace in Los Angeles. **Susan Rosenthal** (East New Brunswick, NJ; rosentsu@gmail.com) writes that she is a practicing pediatric gastroenterologist. She was a dean of students at

Rutgers Medical School for many years and has recently assumed a new position as associate dean for student affairs at Jefferson Medical College. She notes, "I enjoyed playing the flute at Cornell in the Cornell Symphony under the direction of maestro Karl Husa and I still take lessons and play in a flute chorus." She adds, "My daughter, Rebecca, is a fellow in hematology/oncology at Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital in Boston. My son, Aaron, works for Google and married a woman several years ago who works for Facebook. My youngest child, Jonathan, is a junior at the U. of Vermont. I still keep in touch with **Carolyn Jacobson**, **Leslie Brody Davidov**, **Vivian Katzenstein** Friedman, and **Doreen Kalter**."

Former US attorney and judge **Zachary Carter** made several appearances on the MSNBC network as a legal expert, analyzing evidentiary rulings and other aspects of the highly publicized George Zimmerman trial in Florida. **Kenneth Nusbaum**, DVM '76 (nusbake@auburn.edu) retired as professor emeritus from the College of Veterinary Medicine at Auburn U. in 2010. He moved to Ormond Beach, FL, where he teaches a Pathogens and People course for Stetson U. and works for the Marine Science Center in the bird hospital and outreach programs. Ken writes, "I enjoy working with Veterinarians Without Borders, and have traveled to Liberia to teach Zoonotic and Transboundary Diseases of Animals to employees of the Liberia Ministry of Agriculture. It was a powerful cultural dislocation." **Eugene Ungar** (Palm City, FL; Gene Sunbelt@aol.com) retired from Florida Power & Light Co. in April 2013. That same month, his daughter gave birth to their first grandchild, a beautiful baby boy. **Jeri Sielschott** Whitfield, an attorney with the Greensboro, NC, office of the law firm of Smith Moore Leatherwood, was recognized by her peers for her work in Workers' Compensation Law (employers) in the Best Lawyers in America for 2013. Jeri has been recognized every year for at least 15 years.

**Bob Tausek** and wife Marjie celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary. The "newlyweds" frequently travel to Charleston, SC, to visit their daughter, Allison. **Lorna Rosenkrantz** Pascal (Teaneck, NJ; lomard@aol.com) is nutrition director of the Dave Winfield Nutrition Center and newly appointed nutrition consultant for the Renal Transplant Center, both at Hackensack U. Medical Center. Lorna enjoys her five young grandchildren, and she and her spouse, Mark, have been married for 42 years. **Steven Eckhaus**, JD '76 (steven.eckhaus@cwt.com) has practiced employment law and executive compensation since graduating from the Cornell Law School in 1976. In July 2013, Steve joined the law firm of Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft LLP as a partner and chair of the executive compensation practice. Cadwalader, founded in 1792, is one of the nation's truly historic law firms. Steve's first wife, Sandra, passed away in 2006, and he is remarried to Shery Weindorf. The couple lives on the West Side of Manhattan. Son **Jon '12** graduated magna cum laude from Arts and Sciences and is a filmmaker in New York City. Son Michael is a partner in the design firm Eckhaus Latta.

In July, I completed a one-year term on the San Mateo County Civil Grand Jury, serving on the health and human services committee and the public safety committee. Our 18-member grand jury completed 14 investigative reports on subjects such as how law enforcement deals with people who aren't proficient in English, embezzlement at the county's Mosquito Control District, and the county's substantial unfunded pension liability.

The most controversial report dealt with whether county officials misled voters about the true state of the county's finances when asking voters to approve an increase in the sales tax. Send news to: [Alex Barna](mailto:Alex.Barna@cornell.edu), ab478@cornell.edu; or [Gary Rubin](mailto:Gary.Rubin@cornell.edu), glr34@cornell.edu.

**73** As your class co-correspondent, let me say how much I appreciate that so many of your submissions this month are by e-mail. Not only does it make editing easier, but it's gratifying to see that our generation, which, after all, invented the personal computer, is finally comfortable using it for class communication.

Good to hear that **Thilde Peterson** (thilde.peterson@gmail.com)—who was instrumental in making our 40th Reunion a weekend to remember—is keeping the reunion spirit alive. She sat down to lunch in Laguna Beach with **Shelley Benjamin** and husband Elie, then they walked it off, meandering among the art galleries, exploring the boardwalk, watching others tan, and finally calling it a day after dessert at Gelato Paradiso. I assume the conversation was entirely focused on Cornell trivia. Thilde also reports that **Carol Worman Nolan's** Balch buddies photo from freshman year will enter the class's permanent photo collection. All classic photos of youthful exuberance are welcome, and, don't worry, in most cases the statute of limitations has expired. **George Mitchell** (North Rose, NY; dube73@gmail.com) writes that he still loves coaching high school track—when he's not coaching his apple orchards. His grandchild count has now reached five. **Su Clauson-Wicker** (Blacksburg, VA; clausonsu@hotmail.com) reports that Globe Pequot Press just published her latest book, *Scenic Routes & Byways West Virginia*. In November, they will be releasing the latest edition of her book *West Virginia Off the Beaten Path*.

**Judy Hart** (Ithaca, NY; jh20@cornell.edu) writes that she took her second CAU course as a commuter this summer—a birding class that included a field trip to the Montezuma Wildlife Refuge at the top of Cayuga Lake, where five immature (but fully grown) bald eagles made an appearance. She adds that it's an uplifting experience for a member of the *Silent Spring* generation to see the eagle population recover, though it's tempered by the knowledge that species like the red-headed woodpecker are disappearing, along with their habitat. CAU is highly recommended as a way to reconnect with wildlife and fellow Cornellians. **Mona Deutsch** Miller (Los Angeles, CA; monadmil@aol.com) is a lawyer and writer (after attending law school at Stanford and deciding to stay). She's been volunteering one day a week as a mediator handling unlawful detainers in Superior Court. Lately her emphasis has been on writing. Her play *The BEATING* was a success at the Hollywood Fringe Festival, and her original sci-fi television pilot program, "Escape from Order," got a reading in August. If you're an agent or manager—Mona's looking for representation. She and husband Steve are looking forward to a trip to New York to see daughter Thais, who works for an ad agency there, as well as working on her latest novel. Mona keeps in touch with Cornell friends **Helen Bendix '74** and husband **John Kronstadt**, **Joan Fabry**, BArch '75, **Lisa Pollak '74**, and **Janet Beizer**.

**Sarah Slater** (Cambridge, MA; Sarahslater28@gmail.com) reports that she's getting back in touch with **Luis Rivas** from the Dept. of Architecture for

the first time since graduation. Luis is in Romania with his wife drilling wells. **Jamie Lawenda**, BFA '73 (New York City, NY; jamie@kingo.com) writes that she and her husband have been designing shoes for a brand called 2568, and another brand called Sendra. They report selling their second home in Bridgehampton to buy a combined office/living space in Brooklyn. Jamie's son spent the summer working at Marvel Comics and will be finishing up soon at the Art Inst. of Chicago. She keeps in touch with Cornell friends **Jennifer Cerece**, BFA '73, **Charles Steiner**, BFA '73, and **Dick Gutman '71**, BArch '72. **Shelley Spandorf** (spanr@dwt.com) had a mini-reunion with classmates **Ivy Masserman**, **Marcia Lewis**, **Elaine Snitzer** Better, and **Janice Litwin**, all of whom lived together at 129 College Ave. for two years. Jamie writes, "It had been 40 years since the five of us were all in the same space, and we burned the midnight oil, picking up all the conversations and great times we enjoyed at Cornell right where we left them." **Leslie Roth Silverstein** (Andover, MA; hihosilver@comcast.net) and husband **David '68**, JD '73, report that their younger son, Brett, is continuing the family's Cornell tradition as a student in the master of management in hospitality program at the Hotel school.

In the congratulations department: **Sam Rosenthal**, JD '76 (Potomac, MD; srosenthal@gmail.com) chairs the Government Investigations and White Collar Practice Group at Patton Boggs LLP, probably the most secure specialty in the legal profession. Congratulations to Sam on his latest book, *Director and Officer Liability in Financial Institutions*, published by Bloomberg. **Michael Heberting's** election as president of the Council of College and Military Educators was mentioned in the Jul/Aug class column. An additional detail: he was part of a White House forum to gather ideas on ways veterans can put their military experience toward college credit or a professional license. A certain First Lady even happened to stop by to lend her support. **Frank Scruggs** is a partner at Berger Singerman LLP in Fort Lauderdale, and was recently elected to the board of directors of SunTrust Banks Inc. Finally, congratulations to **Roger Jacobs** on being elected chairman of the New Jersey Educational Facilities Authority for the fourth year in a row.

Here are the final 40th Reunion numbers from Alumni Affairs: 89 Tower Club members; 598 total donors; \$6,830,627 total raised. Congratulations, indeed! [Dave Ross](mailto:dave@daveross.com), dave@daveross.com; **Phyllis Haight** Grummon, phg3@cornell.edu.

**74** **Dale Lazar**, JD '77, reports that he and wife Debbie have been enjoying life in McLean, VA. He continues to practice patent law at DLA Piper. Oldest son Stephen is working toward a PhD in marine biology from the Florida Inst. of Technology. Middle child Kevin is working as a supervisor for UPS in Columbus, OH. Their youngest, daughter **Vanessa '09**, a Human Biology, Health and Society major at Cornell, just received her doctorate in physical therapy from Columbia U. and is in the process of looking for a job in the Boston area. **Mindy Coffino** Waitsman now lives in Atlanta, GA, with her husband of 34 years, Rick. She writes, "I'm a partner at the firm of Moore & Reese, specializing in community association, homeowner association, and condominium law." One daughter is finishing her second year at Duke's doctoral program in physical therapy. Another daughter, who received her PhD from Clemson U. in industrial

organizational psychology, works as a civilian for the Walter Reed Army Inst. of Research on developing ways to avoid PTSD in soldiers. Mindy tells us, "I was a member of Leadership DeKalb Class of '13 and had a great time meeting new people, dealing with ropes courses, and learning a great deal about the operations and leadership of DeKalb County, GA." **Roberta Stickney** has a new address in Houston, TX, and volunteers at Lakewood Church. She says, "I'd enjoy hearing from former classmates." **Wally Howard**, ME '76, offers updates on his progeny: "Sons **Brian '04** and **Scott '09** are doing well. Son Warren and spouse Lauren are a pleasure." Wally adds, "During the spring lacrosse season, **Vern Gabel**, **Ben Brungaber**, and I sat down next to **Randy Bryan '72** at the Yale game. Great conversation and a close game! We were all at the Brown game together, too, among many others."

**Wendy Goldberg**-Hammond sends news from Fairfax, CA. "My artwork is being/has been exhibited in several shows: 'Drawing,' juried by the Seager/Gray Gallery, at Art Works Downtown in San Rafael; at the Summer Annual National, juried by George Rivera, curator of the Triton Museum of Art in Santa Clara; at the Marin Museum of Contemporary Art in Novato; and at ACCI National Juried, juried by Suzanne Gray and Marc D'Estout in Berkeley." She adds, "I keep in touch with **Ann Rollins** and **Rebecca Ryland '73**, MFA '74, and have two grandchildren." **Paul Burmeister**, MBA '76, reports, "I never thought I would leave Concord, MA, again, much less move to Los Angeles. But a couple of years ago a friend who's a partner with a private equity firm asked if I could manage a project out here for a few weeks. One thing led to another, and a year ago I accepted the position of CFO of Align Aerospace in Chatsworth, CA, a supply-chain and distribution firm focusing on fasteners and other hardware for the aerospace and defense industry. Gail and I have sold the Concord house and are living in Calabasas. Of course, we are keeping our home in Chatham on Cape Cod—we don't expect to be out here forever! We have three (soon to be four) grandchildren, all on the East Coast, so there's a great incentive for us to get back East whenever possible." Paul continues, "I'd love to connect with Los Angeles-area alums and am willing to help out from a distance with reunion planning and fundraising." (Class officers, take note!)

**Jonathan Kreisberg** has a new address in South Dennis, MA, after 33 years in the NLRB's Hartford regional office, the last three as regional director. The Hartford office was consolidated with the Boston regional office following the retirement of former regional director **Rosemary Pye**, JD '74. Jonathan relocated to the Boston area to become the regional director of the combined Boston/Hartford region, creating the largest regional office in the country. He notes: "I now work closely with many former ILR grads in the Boston office. The relocation has been challenging and rewarding, although I could do without the mind-numbing traffic jams. The location—right next to the TD Bank Garden and a short hop to Fenway—has also put this native-born New Yorker and lifetime Mets fan in the thick of the passionate lunacy of the Boston sports scene. But rooting for the Celtics and Bruins at the Garden, and watching a Sox game from the Green Monstah is still wicked awesome." He continues, "Upon retirement, we'll have the luxury of spending our summers at the Cape and our winters at our condo in Delray Beach, FL, where my retired wife, **Mary Anne Germain '75**, already spends the winter. Fortunately, our condo on the Cape will enable me to



pursue four of my favorite pastimes: golf, biking, the beach, and organic vegetable gardening. Last year we also had the opportunity to travel to Turkey." Daughter **Kara '05** is a Spanish teacher at the West Bronx Academy, living in Manhattan in a cozy apartment overlooking Central Park. Son Jay is an Ohio State U. graduate and teaches physical education in Cambridge, MA, along with coaching junior varsity soccer. Jonathan adds, "I keep in touch with **Charles Andres** (via Facebook, as he now lives in Portland, OR), **Neal '75** and **Suzanne Heller Haber '75**, and **Peter Hoffman '64** (my former boss in Hartford)."

Not far away from Cornell, I'd like to report that I have a 17-year-old son entering his senior year in high school, with all of the excitement of the college search process under way. I continue to enjoy my job as a professor of interior design at Cazenovia College and attempt to roll with the daily challenge of chairing the Division of Art and Design at this small, private college. I have no plans to retire anytime soon! Keep the news coming! ■ **Betsy Moore**, emoore@cazenovia.edu; **Helen Bendix**, hbendix@verizon.net; and **Jack Wind**, jjw@mwlawfirm.com.

**75** It's less than two years to Cornell's 150th birthday—and our 40th Reunion! Did we really walk onto campus for the first time such a long time ago?

**Eliot Schuman** (EMS@ddw-law.com) left the firm he founded more than 20 years ago to become a partner in one of Westchester's largest firms, DelBello Donellan Weingarten Wise & Wiederkehr LLP. He continues to specialize in medical malpractice, but now concentrates on commercial litigation as well. Daughter **Rachael '13** worked in human resources for UBS last summer after taking courses at Tel Aviv U. in international labor relations. Son Paul played football in his senior year in high school. Wife Heidi edits a daily publication of events and news in the world of finance. **Alexander Kosenko** (Erie, PA; amkosenko@gmail.com) practices medicine at Bayview Nephrology and writes that he's working and planning his retirement. When he's not working, Alexander is following soccer, going elk hunting in New Mexico, and traveling to China. What did he bring to Cornell as a freshman? "Clothes, soccer shoes—what else do you need?" **Deborah Schoch** (Deborah.Schoch@gmail.com) is senior writer at the Center for Health Reporting at the USC Annenberg School for Communications & Journalism. She's part of a team of journalists that works with newspapers and other media across California, helping them do in-depth and investigative articles on healthcare. Deborah says she'd rather be "sailing on Cayuga Lake." Deborah, I know for a fact you are not alone in that wish.

**Cynthia Lewis Cummings** (cycummings@earthlink.net) is executive director of Community Parents Inc. in Brooklyn. In the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy, Cynthia's organization was transformed into a disaster relief center, and she and her staff provided assistance to the community for over two months in collaboration with the Red Cross and multiple other organizations. In May, **Amy Cohen Banker** (amycohenbanker@earthlink.net) wrote, "I will be teaching as artist-in-residence at the Cornell Club-NYC, and will teach a workshop for Yates County near Rochester, NY, in conjunction with a recent three-person exhibition spring show. I also just exhibited paintings in NYC—at Onishi Gallery in Chelsea and at Theatre For The

New City in the East Village. I will be exhibiting at a palace in Milan, Italy, curated by Stefania Carozzini. I continue to make custom jewelry as well." Check out amycohenbanker.com. **Horace Bradshaw**, JD '78 (horacebradshawesq@gmail.com) reports that daughter Alexandria was named "one of the 21 most interesting law students at Harvard Law." His son works with him in his law practice. Horace adds, "Martha and I are having a ball. We like 60."

**Paul Dionisio**, ME '76 (Branchburg, NJ; paul\_dionisio@msn.com) writes that he has been recovering from medical treatments and looks forward to more activities, including wine tasting. Paul married Karen in June 2012 and they honeymooned in Italy. He keeps in touch with **Dave Roth**, **Bill Longhi**, **Neil Cheperak**, and **Fred Fontana**, ME '76. **Kathy Ganss Grillo** (kegrillo@bellsouth.net) will be taking on the responsibilities of director of dance costuming at U. of North Carolina's School of the Arts, where she's worked since 1984, first as an independent freelance costume designer and draper in the School of Design and Production, later as adjunct design faculty, and eventually as a permanent designer and crafts person in the School of Dance. "Aside from **Henry '74's** and my seemingly continual renovation on the house, my work is really my hobby and my fun, as it is a constant creative and technical challenge. How lucky is that!" She adds, "I've taken up river kayaking and make regular trips out to San Jose, CA, where both of my kids—daughter Kristin and son **Daniel '08** and his wife, **Nurul Abrori '08**—live." With her children and granddaughter Dalia all in California, Kathy says most of their travel plans will be cross-country trips.

**Betsy Grover** (Palo Alto, CA; elizgrover@me.com) retired 12 years ago and enjoys volunteer work, traveling with archaeology professors to Pompeii, Hadrian's Wall, and Rome, continuing studies classes at Stanford, and returning to Ithaca fairly frequently as a member of the University Council and the A&S Advisory Council. She's also the co-chair for CAAAN in Palo Alto, CA. Betsy's son graduated from Cornell this past May and, according to Betsy, "the weather couldn't have been colder." She was happy to return to sunny California! While in Ithaca, Betsy caught up with **Gwenn Tannenbaum** Canfield, who was there celebrating her nephew's (**Leslie Canfield** Perlman's son) graduation from the hotel school, and **June Miller** Woollard. Later, Betsy had dinner with **Ellen Roche** Yecies in Washington, DC. **Julia Karlson-Waid** (Julia.karlson-waid@deuschinc.com) is still in the advertising industry, living in New York City and working as VP accounting director at Deutsch Inc. She and Guy have been ballroom dancing for a number of years, with a recent emphasis on the Argentine tango. They have eight grandchildren, via Guy's first wife. Julia says, "I've had all of the pleasures and none of the work of becoming a grandparent." She keeps in touch with **James Smith '76** (aka **James Learned**), who just received his MSW from Hunter College, and her old roommate and dear friend **Anne Swardson** Truehart, who still lives in Paris with husband, continuing her work as a global editor for *Bloomberg News*.

**Kathryn Gabinet-Kroo** (kgroo1219@gmail.com) is still painting and translating. She reports that two French novels she translated into English were published this spring and launched at the Blue Metropolis Int'l Literary Festival in April. **Chukwuka Clement Ndubizu**, MS '76 (Burtonsville, MD; ccndubizu@gmail.com) has written a book, *Going to America: A Struggle of an ex-Biafran soldier to attain his American dream*. The book tells

the true story of his passionate desire to obtain an Ivy League education in the US. There are several twists and turns, each one revealing a new and seemingly insurmountable obstacle, beginning with the "extreme difficulty of a young Igbo man trying to get a Nigerian passport and a US student visa" and also having to overcome factors like culture shock and racial prejudice. The book sounds like a fantastic read and is available on Amazon, Barnes and Noble, and Xlibris.com (more information at GoingToAmerica.net).

**Steven Riegel, JD '75** (Alexandria, VA; steven.riegel@usdoj.gov) has been an attorney with the Dept. of Justice in Washington, DC, since 1981 and has handled aviation and admiralty accident litigation since the mid-'80s (his office softball team is called "Crash and Splash"). As senior aviation counsel, he defends the US in civil suits arising out of air crashes (including airliners, military planes, charter planes, and small aircraft). Steven writes, "This has allowed me to combine my avocation of flying airplanes (I'm still an active pilot) with my work." Steven worked on the 9/11 World Trade Center litigation, and the Space Shuttle *Challenger* explosion. Business has taken him for depositions or trials to Anchorage, San Francisco, Stockholm, and Rome. Wife Natalie has worked in the import business representing Asian factories, and daughter Carolyn is starting college at James Madison U. Steven has two older stepchildren in the Chicago area, Stefanie and Robert. The family has recently traveled to Istanbul, Lisbon, Venice, Paris, and London.

Some of us were lucky enough to have professor Walter LaFeber, either in a seminar or more likely in History 383 (US Foreign Relations, 1776-1914) or 384 (the sequel). I still remember walking to his fall class one Saturday at 11:15 a.m., thinking the whole way that I would be the only one there because there was a home football game that day. How very wrong I was. To read a short but great tribute, check out **Andrew Roter's** excellent *EZRA* magazine piece at <http://ezra.magazine.cornell.edu/Summer12/Viewpoint1.html>. Thinking back on some of the very fine teachers that Cornell gave us is a great way to end this column. ■ **Mitch Frank**, MJFgator@gmail.com; **Karen DeMarco** Boroff, boroffka@shu.edu; **Joan Pease**, japease1032@aol.com; **Deb Gellman**, ds.gellman@hotmail.com.

**76** Great to hear from so many of you this past spring! We're just starting to catch up. **Norman Weiss** is an attorney in Albuquerque. He and his wife, Christine, live in Tijeras, NM. Working has taken up most of his time recently, but he did have a chance to take a vacation in the US Virgin Islands. In general, he'd choose to be spending time with his family, hiking, doing photography, and scuba diving. Norman would most like to hear from his old ILR friend **Charlie Davis**, BS '82. Thinking back on what he brought with him when he first arrived at Cornell—in contrast to what freshmen cart in these days—Norman remembers bringing spiral notebooks, cutoffs, jeans, sneakers, and sandals. **Lynne Pollenz** Weber and husband Griff live in Emerald Hills, CA. Lynne writes: "I'm a managing director at the financial advisory firm Duff & Phelps, working on a wide range of valuation and litigation issues. This year I testified in federal court as an expert for the first time. Enjoyed attending the Baja car competition in Cokeville, TN, this April to cheer on our son **Bobby**

'13 and the Cornell Big Red Racing team. They won! Go Big Red! Also had time to see the largest waterfall in the Southeast; very nice. In January, we took a vacation to Thailand and Myanmar. I highly recommend both—especially Myanmar, a surprisingly friendly, spiritual, and fascinating place. Great food, too!”

**Michele Brand Medwin** and husband **Steve** live in Binghamton, NY. They are proud grandparents of Zimra, 3, and infant Gavi. Congratulations! Michele is also proud to announce the publication of her second book in the series *A Spiritual Travel Guide to the World of God*. Part two is titled *God Questions*. **Leslie Sheldon**, MBA '78, writes that she is “coming up on 35 years with the oft-renamed Western Electric/AT&T/Lucent/Alcatel-Lucent. An interesting and varied career to say the least.” As of May, she was ready for a weather change, writing, “Can’t wait for summer to come to the Ocean City, MD, area so that we can start boating and biking again.” Speaking of change, **Steven Stein** writes, “I’ve been retired from medicine for six years. I now run two real estate companies in northeastern Connecticut.” Steven and wife Nora live in Mansfield Center, CT. He says he’s been visiting his three grandchildren and would most like to hear from his old Cornell pal **James Filreis**.

**Julia Hurwitz** Coleclough and husband Chris celebrated their 31st wedding anniversary this spring. Julia works in the Dept. of Infectious Diseases at St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital in Memphis and lives in Germantown, TN. She spends her time on work, tennis, motorcycling, visiting family, and fighting squirrels in the attic. She claims, “I’m too old to do more.” What would she rather be doing right now? “All the above and I want to be a grandma!” She adds, “Not having to fight squirrels in the attic.” Good luck with that—I know they can sound like a herd of elephants when they’re directly overhead. Julia would most like to hear from **Karen Krinsky** Sussman, **Ellen Cord** Dember, and **Beth Mitchell** Wachenfeld. She recalls arriving at Cornell with her typewriter (remember those?), bedding, towels, and books. Simpler days! **Michael “Guv” Hilf** (mgh13@cornell.edu) retired from government service in 2010 and recently relocated from Forest Hills to Ithaca. He invites old friends to contact him. Speaking of government service, **Cameron Munter** writes, “Departed my post as US ambassador to Pakistan in summer 2012, retired from the Foreign Service, and taught at Columbia Law in fall 2012. I started teaching international relations at Pomona College in spring 2013, along with consulting overseas.” What does he remember bringing to Cornell as a freshman? “A bike and saddlebags.” **Donald Fanelli** and wife Donna live in River Edge, NJ, where Donald is working full-time in his family dental practice. He also enjoys gardening, golf, and being with his family. He says, “I enjoy my granddaughter Sophia, born to my daughter **Lauren ‘03**, and watching my son, a regular (house member) of the UCB Improv Theatre in Chelsea, New York City, perform.” That’s the famed Upright Citizens Brigade. The younger Don has also appeared on quite a few TV shows, so keep an eye out! Donald says he’d most like to hear from classmates **Peter Brown**, BS Hotel '80, and **Bill Marino**, MBA '79. He remembers bringing “clothes, record player/tape player, hotpot (for tea and soup), my guitar, and quarters for laundry” with him to Cornell.

**Stanley Kolbe** and wife Nina live in Washington, DC, where he is director of legislative affairs

for the Sheet Metal and Air Conditioning Contractors’ National Association. Besides working on Capitol Hill, he volunteers with nonprofits. Daughter **Katie** is member of the Hotel school’s Class of 2016. Here’s what Stanley remembers bringing to Cornell: “Music—records!”

Records! Hot-pots! Tape decks! Typewriters! Could it be that most of us will be SIXTY soon? Thanks, all, for the blasts from the past and the great updates. Keep them coming! 📧 **Pat Relf** Hanavan, patrelf1@gmail.com; **Lisa Diamant**, lj.diamant@verizon.net; **Karen Krinsky** Sussman, krinsk54@gmail.com.

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Greetings from Portland, OR, and thanks to all who responded to the news solicitation so we can now share your news with our classmates. It appears that academia has been either a first or second career for many of our classmates. **Stacie Swingle** Nunes (nunes@newpaltz.edu) is a member of the Dept. of Physics and Astronomy at SUNY New Paltz and is going on her fourth year as chair of the department. This year Stacie received the SUNY Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Faculty Service. Stacie’s daughter, **Jennifer Nunes ‘05**, is a poet and writer, and is also in academia as an assistant professor at Southern U. in New Orleans. Here in my neck of the woods, **Jone Sampson** (samsojo@yahoo.com) is a clinical associate professor at Oregon Health & Science U. in the Dept. of Molecular and Medical Genetics. She has been director of clinical cancer genetics at the Knight Cancer Inst. since 2006 and recently received the Professional Staff Chair’s Award for outstanding contributions to innovation for developing a telemedicine program for cancer genetics in Oregon. In her spare time, Jone enjoys riding dressage. Her oldest daughter graduated from Colorado College and hopes to attend medical school, her middle daughter was accepted at Stanford U. and has deferred to dance with the San Francisco Ballet, and her youngest is a sophomore in high school. **Steve Yale-Loehr**, JD '81 (Ithaca, NY; swy1@cornell.edu) will be teaching an Immigration Law seminar at Cornell Law School this fall. Steve’s immigration law casebook was recently published by Lexis. Steve’s daughter was about to make him a grandfather, and son Jon was married in July and lives in Boston with his wife.

At the secondary school level, **Karen Zelkind Buglass** (kzb2@cornell.edu) is in her eighth year of teaching fourth grade at Green Acres School in Rockville, MD. Karen took up the Appalachian dulcimer about six years ago and this summer attended a week of instruction and performance at the John C. Campbell Folk School. Karen’s husband, **Ralph ‘75**, has been retired for two years and volunteers as a history host at a restored one-room schoolhouse in Montgomery County. Daughter Amy is working toward a master’s degree in digital arts at Goucher College while working at Rosetta Stone in Virginia. **Clemence Tousson** (tousson.clemence@gmail.com) decided to heed the call for math and science teachers and left engineering to enter the teaching profession in 2005. Clemence reports that moving from engineering into teaching has been frustrating and that she’d like to get back into environmental engineering. We are glad to hear that she has fully recovered from the severe spinal injury she suffered after Hurricane Ike and is back to feeling like her healthy old self again. Clemence also reports, “My house in Galveston is paid off in full. Yeah!” Travels have taken her to

Portugal, Spain, Hawaii, and all over the US, including a recent family wedding in Maine.

A few classmates reported working in interesting areas outside of academia. **Carlos Maycotte** (carlosmaycotte@hotmail.com) manages a family resort hotel in San Miguel de Allende, Mexico, which has been in business for 60 years. The 51-room hotel is a converted 17th-century hacienda located in a “beautiful bohemian and colonial town in central Mexico.” All of Carlos’s family have returned to Ithaca to participate in the summer Cornell Adult University programs. “And, needless to say, we are proud to be Cornellians,” Carlos writes. His son **Carlos ‘07** works in a law firm in Boston, and son Rodrigo works in advertising and marketing for the Richards Group in Dallas. **Tom Windmuller** (windmuller@iata.org) has accepted a new position as a senior vice president at the Int’l Air Transport Association (IATA) in Geneva, Switzerland. In his new role, Tom is responsible for all of IATA’s activities related to passengers, cargo, airports, and aviation security. Tom writes that his office is located at the Geneva airport, and he invites any of his Cornell friends to let him know whenever they are passing through. At CBS News, **Amy Birnbaum** (amybirn@gmail.com) is in her 30th year working in the news business, currently reporting on medical and health news and “enjoying the change from general assignment news.” Amy’s youngest daughter is in her senior year of high school and her son is a junior at Wesleyan U. He is spending this semester in Delhi after a month in the Himalayas. Amy is “very excited” that her family will be headed to Italy at the end of August.

Some of us decided to switch careers at different points in our lives. **Jeffrey Stupski** (jeffstupski@optonline.net) did it fairly early in his career, going back to school in 1986 and then working in the information technology field in northern New Jersey and New York City. He reports that his daughter plays electric guitar for the Shamrock School Music Banks, and his son swims on the Piranhas Swim Team. Jeffrey is now semi-retired, and I expect we’ll be hearing from more classmates in “retirement mode” soon enough. **John Speese** (jspeese3@yahoo.com) worked at the Eastern Shore AREC, an off-campus research station of Virginia Tech, for 23 years after graduating from Cornell. In 2005, he “switched gears,” moving to the Augusta, GA, area and becoming a freelance translator. John does volunteer translation for Doctors Without Borders and Deaf Friends Int’l and participates in various local mission projects at his church. His wife Sherri works in elementary education. Son Joshua graduated from the U. of Georgia, and daughter Genevieve is a graduate of George Mason U. and of the U. of South Carolina Law School.

After 34 years in the private and public sector, **Charles Samul** (cms2261@columbia.edu) left his job with the Dormitory Authority of New York State to go back to school. In May 2013, he received his MS in sustainability management from Columbia U. and writes that we should “stay tuned” for his “PhD announcement circa 2049.” His new degree incorporates science, law, policy, and economics and, Chuck notes, “it was a simply amazing experience to dive into the topics and back into academia after such a long hiatus!” Chuck would love to hear from anyone who is interested in making their business, municipality, or university more sustainable, and he is especially interested in making agriculture more resilient in the US. He has frequent contact with classmate **Mike**



**Nolan**, who is with JP Morgan Chase in New York City, and he recently spoke with **Mike Briggs '76**, currently president of USNY Bank in Geneva, NY.

Speaking of semi-retired, earlier this year I joined those ranks myself after almost 30 years of practicing law. I can report many benefits, including having the time to learn Italian and to spend a month in Sicily, and I generally enjoy life in the "slow lane." Thanks again to those who shared news with us. Your class correspondents always love to hear from you. You can send news via e-mail, snail mail, or the Class of 1977 website (<http://classof77.alumni.cornell.edu/>). ☐ **Annette Mulee**; [annette@mulee.com](mailto:annette@mulee.com); **Howie Eisen**; [howard.eisen@drexelmed.edu](mailto:howard.eisen@drexelmed.edu).

**78** Lots of news from our classmates for this issue. Thanks to all for contributing! **Michael Gallup** lives in Houston. He is managing director with an infrastructure fund, where he currently serves as acting CEO for a gas storage company and on the board of a fiber optics business. As one who conducts interviews for Houston-area Cornell applicants, Michael was a little disappointed when his middle daughter (a nationally ranked swimmer) decided to attend Colorado School of Mines for engineering instead of considering Cornell! His oldest daughter is at U. of Texas, majoring in theatre lighting, and has assured Michael she'll be able to earn a living! His son was a Texas State champion in polo as goalie last year. Michael keeps in touch with classmate **Paul Johnson**. **Sandy Darrow** Falcone had the opportunity this year to visit and help out in Haiti, where her daughter, a 2010 Hotel school graduate, works for Samaritan's Purse. Sandy and her husband are hoping to do some short-term mission work in the future. Their other four children are all grown: two sons work in the gas field, one daughter is married and living nearby, and another daughter is at SUNY Brockport. Sandy is grateful for "more than 30 years of marriage—and children who want to help other people."

After 20 years at Johns Hopkins U., most recently as executive vice provost, **Sarah Beran Steinberg**, ME '79, was recruited to become the CEO of an educational services company called ShalomLearning, which partners with synagogues nationwide to enhance curriculum and technology for students in grades four through six. You can see a recent *Washington Post* profile of the company, which Sarah says is a great match for her passions in education, technology, and Judaism, at [www.shalomlearning.com](http://www.shalomlearning.com). Daughter **Lauren '10**, ME '11, and her husband, **Dean Robinson, PhD '13**, are moving to Berkeley this summer. Son Aaron and wife Adina are the parents of Sarah and husband Bob's 2-year-old granddaughter, Dahlia, whom Sarah calls "the love of our life!" **Nina Silfen** is enjoying the freedom of having her own law practice. Her boutique firm in New York City ([silfenlaw.com](http://silfenlaw.com)) focuses on trusts and estates. She is also of counsel for trusts and estates matters at Feder Kaszovits LLP. Nina's newfound independence allows her more time to spend with her 11-year-old daughter. **Stephen Kesselman**, JD '81, joined the Boston office of law firm LeClair Ryan, where he will continue his litigation practice. Last year, classmates **Bill** and **Ellen Haas Sternberg**, **Ron Frier**, and **Brian Ochs** joined Stephen in celebrating his oldest child's bar mitzvah.

Right after **Dawn Cassie** (Park Ridge, IL) made the move from law firms to a publicly traded company, corporate America decided to do more with

less, so she says her work is pretty constant. Dawn also does pro bono trademark work for the Old Town School of Folk Music in Chicago and keeps in touch with **Nancy Reese**, **Genevieve Chu Chang**, **Agnes Moy-Sarns**, and **Elizabeth Holland**. After many years in hotel management, **Robin Weiss Kramme** is happily retired, cultivating her creative side by writing plays. A springtime trip to Italy included a family wedding and a day of touring wineries. When heading to Cornell, Robin recalls bringing her state-of-the-art Smith Corona typewriter with auto-return and erase keys. **Barbara Ford** lives in Murfreesboro, TN, and spends time traveling, facilitating meetings and strategic planning sessions, and writing a weekly food column for the local newspaper.

In Joshua Tree, CA, **Kathy Landau** can be found writing, renovating her house, reading, cooking, and researching pop culture for her fictional autobiography. She is also nurturing a desert garden of vegetables, herbs, and fruit trees from seed and finds the ritual of putting her hands in the dirt "spiritually rewarding." Kathy would like to hear from **Julie Davenport**, **Kenn Douglas '76**, and **Pam Savage-Roglich**. **Liebe Kazan** Gelman is a psychiatrist practicing in the Philadelphia area. Her oldest son graduated from USMA, West Point, and is now at Temple School of Medicine. Her second son transferred from USMA to Cornell, and her daughter is at U. of Pittsburgh. **Mindy Schwartz** is a general internist at U. of Chicago Medical Center, where, in addition to maintaining a busy clinical practice, she teaches nutrition to medical students. She also has an interest in the history of medicine. Her son graduated from Brandeis U. last spring and her daughter is a junior at Tufts U. **Jody Katz** enjoyed a family trip to Ecuador and Peru, where they celebrated her husband's 60th birthday and spent family time with their sons, who were headed off to Africa and Fiji. Jodi is content doing volunteer work and teaching exercise classes and would like to hear from **Kitty Cullina-Bessy** and **Tony Foux**.

**Yolanda Thomas** Ardds is back in school, seeking meaningful diversion after a car accident. Aside from studying, she can be found sampling diverse ethnic cuisines. She would love to travel the world and, on a more modest note, hear from **Beth Garner**. Though generally reticent on my own exploits, there are a few milestones worth mentioning. We are now official empty-nesters since my daughter headed off to U. of Delaware this fall. She had spent a gap year in Israel with Young Judea's Year Course program, and I was just getting used to having her home again. We

enjoyed Passover with her in Israel and then traveled to Turkey. My son graduated from Brandeis U. this year, majoring in biology and environmental studies, and is doing field research in forest sustainability. I'm still working in health communications, trying to figure out when—and where—to retire! So, what's new with you? Let us know! ☐ **Ilene Shub** Lefland, [ilefland@snet.net](mailto:ilefland@snet.net); or **Cindy Fuller**, [cindy@cindyjfuller.com](mailto:cindy@cindyjfuller.com).

**79** It is difficult to believe we are only seven months away from our 35th Reunion (June 5-8, 2014). In honor of this event, our class will showcase the accomplishments of 35 members of our class. These members will be peer and staff-nominated based on accomplishments and achievements in community or public service, academic or professional activities, athletic or creative endeavors, business or entrepreneurship, or service to Cornell. This honor supplements the 25 distinguished classmates featured at our 25th Reunion and the 30 classmates during our 30th Reunion. Your class officers are now soliciting nominations. Go to <http://79classmates.net> to download the nomination form and return it to nominations chair **Jeff Berg**, ME '80, MBA '81 ([jfb14@cornell.edu](mailto:jfb14@cornell.edu)) or Alumni Affairs staff contact Teri Baier ([teri.baier@cornell.edu](mailto:teri.baier@cornell.edu)) by November 30, 2013. Our class elects a new slate of officers at each reunion. Between now and December, nominations chair Jeff Berg is soliciting interested classmates and pulling together the slate of candidates. Approximately a dozen positions must be filled, so please indicate your interest—or make a suggestion regarding a classmate we can approach. We would really like to have a number of classmates who have never served, or who have only been members of the Class of '79 Council, to take on officer roles for 2014-19. Job descriptions are available at <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/caco/caco2.0.cfm#leadership>.

This month's column is filled with news about classmates whose children entered Cornell this fall. We have a cluster of Californians who are sending their offspring back East. **Daniel Girard** (Hillsborough, CA) reports that daughter **Gabrielle '15** was joined by her sister **Virginia '17** this fall. Both are enrolled in the Arts college. Daughter Renee, a sophomore at Menlo School in Atherton, CA, will make her first visit to Cornell this fall. Daniel enjoys going back to Ithaca and is astonished to discover how little has changed, from Ruloff's to the Fall Creek House (which he finds hard to believe is still standing). Daniel practices law in a firm in



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35 <sup>th</sup> Reunion in Ithaca	Jun. 5-8, 2014
Cornell Men's Hockey in NYC	Nov. 30, 2013
Cornell Men's Hockey at Harvard	Jan. 17, 2014
Regional Events	TBA

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San Francisco that he founded in 1995 and specializes in securities and antitrust class action cases. **John Wilkinson** (Napa, CA; john@bintobottle.com) operates Bin to Bottle Winery, Total Adventures, and a growing number of wine labels under the brand Slo Down Wines, including Sexual Chocolate and Broken Dreams. Last summer he took a family trip to Europe, then worked as a course marshal on his boat during the America's Cup race. Son **Max '17** is a freshman at Cornell, where he is majoring in Viticulture and Enology in CALS. Max is excited to explore all that Cornell has to offer and hopes to earn a spot on the golf team during his freshman year. John assured Max that

**Chet Simon**, MBA '80, lives on Long Island and has two daughters at Cornell. Daughter **Elise '17** just started there, and daughter **Tobi '15** is a junior in CALS, so Chet is reliving his Cornell experience multiple times. Other news is that he and his wife, Dana Getz, got a Tibetan terrier puppy. Being a Dodger fan, he named him Dodger; since they got him, the Dodgers went from last to first place. Chet says the dog does not replace his kids, but taking care of him is as much work as when his daughters were babies. In May, Chet is going with his wife to Machu Picchu on a ten-mile hiking trek. He credits his ability to do this hike at age 56 to living on West Campus for two years and

book manufacturer, and tend not to believe the "print is dead" claptrap I frequently run across in my efforts to keep apprised of current trends. In fact, I had a recent chat in the square with my wheelwright and the local whale-oil candlemaker, and the three of us agreed that this "internets" thing was a fad that would soon go the way of non-animal-powered transportation. By the way, if you are reading this online, please substitute "magic screen" for "printed page," and "LOL" for "thou hast amused me."

Fortunately, most of our classmates are more cutting-edge than I. **Dawn Fotopulos** is a leader in the effort for meaningful job growth in this country. She has been on the front lines working with thousands of businesses for over 15 years as a turnaround expert, and is a member of the Job Creators Alliance, a select group of CEOs charged with promoting an environment where new businesses can flourish with the support of lawmakers. **Sukwah Lai Lin** promotes breakthrough nutrition products that work better than medicine—"nutraceuticals." Her company, Sozo Int'l, is located in Mililani, HI, a spot known to be an instant cure for cabin fever. **Mark Steckel**, an ophthalmologist for the past 25 years, continues to cultivate ties to Cornell. "I have enjoyed having a Cornell extern every January. They observe me in my practice in the pursuit of their own medical career. Also, my wife and I frequent the quarterly wine tastings with the Cornell Club of Fairfield County."

**Gwen Korovin** would also be featured in the Jeopardy category "Starts with 'O'/Ends with 'ol-ogist.'" Dr. Korovin is an otolaryngologist in Manhattan, treating, among others, ailing professional vocalists. Gwen was featured last spring in a *New York Daily News* article entitled "Vocal Hero" and is known in entertainment circles as the "Wizard of Ahhs." When asked via our Class Notes form what she'd rather be doing now, Gwen gave the ideal answer, "I want to continue what I'm doing now!" **Leslie Dale Feldman** has written two books exploring the links among science fiction, politics, and philosophy. *Spaceships and Politics: The Political Theory of Rod Serling and Planet of the Apes and Philosophy: From Twilight Zone to Forbidden Zone* are each available in the uber-functional paper block format. Prof. Feldman enjoys travel, writing, teaching, and watching "I Love Lucy." She came to Cornell as a freshman with "a typewriter, a refrigerator, and a lighted duck," only two of which remain relevant to today's Cornell student.

**Sam Wennberg** and his wife **Lola Cooley '81** are approaching that wonderful day when tuition payments are but a memory. This spring their daughter Maren earned her degree in engineering from U. of Connecticut. "A few more years of grad school and we'll be ready for the next chapter of life," writes Sam. Also riding that tuition train are **Donna Chin** and her husband. Donna is a practicing attorney in Ithaca, representing nonprofits and children in New York's Third Judicial Department. With a teen rower in the family, 6 a.m. rowing practice adds a bit of additional spice to life's mix.

**Geoffrey Jarvis** works and plays in the Delaware Valley of southeast Pennsylvania. "I am an avid Phillies fan and I subsidize struggling artists," he redundantly reports. He is a class action attorney with Grant & Eisenhofer in Wilmington, DE. "I love every minute I spend toiling at the law. I graduated from Harvard Law in 1984 and am beaming with pride that my daughter **Mary '16** is in the Arts college at Cornell." Just up I-95 from Wilmington is Holland, PA, home of **Gregory Gordon**. He is a family physician in Bucks

‘We started out without beds or furniture, not even grapefruit crates!’

Thomas Stopyra '80

the inclement weather in Ithaca is not quite as bad as everyone says. As a graduate of the Hotel school, John also made sure Max is aware of the excellent food available at the Statler. Daughter Hunter will be entering high school this fall.

**Zena Saunders**, MBA '81, and her husband, Glenn Schlossberg, are very excited that their daughter **Tiana '17** began her Cornell journey as the fourth Cornell generation in their family. She's studying Animal Science and may follow in the veterinary footsteps of her grandfather **Burton Saunders '51**, DVM '55, and her aunt **Maureen Saunders '83**, DVM '87. Tiana entered Cornell with three other alumni kids from her school: **Justine Harrison '17**, daughter of **Bob Harrison '76**; **Alexandra Chilton '17**, daughter of **Nancy Aronson Chilton '82**; and **Zachary Braunstein '17**, son of **Doug Braunstein '83**. In April, **Renee Smith Rotondo '78** came down to New York City from Syracuse, NY, to spend a weekend with Zena and attend the second annual Kappa Kappa Gamma reunion at the Cornell Club. Thirty Kappas from the late '70s and early '80s celebrated together, sharing both old and new stories.

On Zena's very first day in Dickson, she recalls that the first friend she made at Cornell was **Marcy Wachtel**, who just celebrated her daughter **Allison Hartel '13's** graduation in May. Zena's cousin **Rich Bobrow '79** has a daughter **Rebecca '15** who just entered her junior year at Cornell. Rich's sister-in-law is **Wendy Nacht '79**, and her daughter **Margo Motulsky '17** is at Cornell. The tradition lives on! Wendy Nacht's college housemate **Lori Freimark Banks** and husband **Michael '78** have a daughter **Haley '17** who just started in the ILR school after graduating from the Shipley School in Bryn Mawr. They are very excited about driving to Ithaca for the next four years to visit. Son **Jarett '08** works in New York City at Perry Capital. Daughter Samantha is in her final year at Villanova Law School. Since she sold her design/Web/branding firm in 2008 she has been working as a mentor at the Baiada Entrepreneurial Center at Drexel U. and teaching art and reading in West Philadelphia Public Schools with WePAC, a literacy outreach program. Lori also paints and recently held a solo art show with 46 paintings in Haverford, PA. The exhibit section of her website lists her recent showings and awards (<http://www.lorifbanks.com/exhibit.html>).

climbing Libe Slope multiple times a day. Of course, the fact that he bikes 75 miles a weekend and walks the hills of Manhasset several times a week also helps. **Bob Eisenbrown's** son **Tom '17** started in the College of Engineering, joining sister **Megan '14**, a senior in the Dyson School of Business. The siblings are fourth-generation Cornell attendees, and Tom is a third-generation Engineering student. Bob still lives in Milwaukee. He left Rockwell Automation a year ago and is CEO of EDGE Global Supply, an investment and operating company focused on building a network of electrical distributors outside of North America.

**Sherrie Zweig** and **Richard Vinegar, JD '79**, live in Chapel Hill, NC, a college town much like Ithaca, and they would love to host visitors! They are planning to attend our upcoming reunion and are happy to report that son **Zach '17** entered Cornell this fall as an Engineering student interested in studying Computer Science and Robotics. Both Sherrie and Richard visited some of their old haunts during Orientation Week and are especially grateful to **Brad** and **Mary Maxon Grainger, MPS '87**, for hosting an open house and picnic supper to welcome and celebrate new Cornellians! Daughter Zandra just graduated from MIT and is currently working at the new Museum of Mathematics in New York City. My son, Matthew Gurevitch, worked with her at the museum.

Please send your news to keep this column filled—classmates 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](mailto:classof79@cornell.edu), or directly to us. **Linda Moses**, [mosesgurevitch@aol.com](mailto:mosesgurevitch@aol.com); **Cynthia Ahlgren Shea**, [cynthia.shea@sothebyshomes.com](mailto:cynthia.shea@sothebyshomes.com); **Kathy Zappia Gould**, [kathy.gould57@gmail.com](mailto:kathy.gould57@gmail.com).

**80** It warms the cockles of my heart to know that you are reading this column via the printed page. And since cockle temperature is a key indicator of overall health, well, that's doubly beneficial for me, isn't it? You see, I work for a



County and enjoys weekends on the Jersey Shore. Greg is one of our growing troop of Class of 1980 grandparents. His oldest son, **Steven '08**, is the proud father. Greg's youngest son, **Jonathan '15**, keeps the Cornell connection alive. From the minimalist file, **Stacey Freeman** is director of major gifts for the American Red Cross in Los Angeles.

Cornell has taken a leadership role in the research necessary to keep our food supply safe. Our classmate **Thomas Stopyra** is on the front lines, working for a company that exports grapefruit to Europe and Asia. He writes, "I am responsible for good agricultural practices and food safety." Talk about easier said than done! Tom's Cornell experience was unique in that he arrived on campus as a married student with two children in tow. "We started out without beds or furniture, not even grapefruit crates!" Tom and his wife, Vera, make their home in Ft. Pierce, FL.

Go Red, Beat BU, and best wishes for the holiday season to come from your Class of 1980 correspondents: [✉ Dana Jerrard, dej24@cornell.edu](mailto:de24@cornell.edu); [✉ Cynthia Addonizio-Bianco, caa28@cornell.edu](mailto:caa28@cornell.edu); [✉ Leona Barsky, Leonabarsky@aol.com](mailto:leona@cornell.edu); [✉ Dirk Saalfeld, rfs25@cornell.edu](mailto:rfs25@cornell.edu).

**81** I hope you are all well. I had an interesting few months over the summer. I broke my right foot in four places (#1-4 metatarsals) and had to have a fiberglass cast for three weeks—quite difficult since I have two young children and am used to being so active. I was in a boot for three weeks after that, but was allowed to drive . . . and then physical therapy! The doctor says it will take time, but I will be back to my running self at some point. In any event, it was a lesson learned: patience. Daughter Ella, in second grade, is into gymnastics and soccer, and son Brayden started a new school and is happy to be there.

**Jerry Cosgrove, JD '88**, is associate director at the New World Foundation Local Economies Project in Kinderhook, NY. **Velda Breckon Ward**, who lives with husband Michael in Delphi Falls, NY, tends her herd of 32 polled Herefords, two horses, three cats, and one Cairn terrier along with the operation of their business, the Delphi Falls Golf Course. She adds, "I've been vocally opposing 'hydrofracking' in the two townships where our beef farm and golf course are located. I feel it is my duty as a citizen to become politically active when I see harm being done to the environment, our water, our air, and our farmland." Velma would love to hear from **Lysanne Cape '79, DVM '84**. She remembers bringing clothes, books, paper, pens, pencils, stereo, records, and money to Cornell freshman year!

**Diane Wishengrad** Wilson lives in Warren, NJ, but is a senior account executive for Marriott Int'l Inc. in Quincy, MA. **Lisa Todes Meyer** (Bethlehem, PA) is a dentist in Easton, PA, and has three daughters. "Rebecca, 13, celebrated her bat mitzvah in April, with an evening party at the Banana Factory in Bethlehem, PA—an awesome day! Middle daughter Rachel did a summer field internship with the Dept. of Defense and recently completed the first year of a master's program in computer security at Carnegie Mellon U. Oldest daughter Laura visited Antarctica last winter for a Michigan State U. biology and geology course. She is currently on a 'School of Rock' course for science educators, on a marine research vessel off the coast of Vancouver, BC. When she wrote, Lisa, husband Eugene, and Rebecca were looking forward to a relaxing Caribbean cruise with Carnival Cruise Lines.

**Erik Engberg** writes, "I moved to Cary, NC, where I have launched a leadership development company called Mindful Solutions ([www.mindfulsolutions.net](http://www.mindfulsolutions.net)). Lately, I have been enjoying being near my daughter, Larsen, a sophomore in high school, and catching up with son Jaryd, who was in Istanbul teaching English to local students and professionals." Erik would love to hear from **Wendy Kibrick Frank** and **Mark Davison**. He remembers he couldn't wait to get his turntable and speakers set up freshman year, "so I could blast Aerosmith out my U-Hall 1 windows when my parents left!" Also in North Carolina is **Carol Wolverton Johnston**, a full-time ophthalmologist in Jacksonville. She also participated in "Mission Cataract," providing free cataract surgery to 15 individuals in eastern North Carolina with no health insurance and no other means to pay.

**Terry Steinberg** and husband **Robert Lanza '80, ME '82**, live in Takoma Park, MD. Last spring, Terry transferred to the quality assurance branch at the Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, US Dept. of Labor, in Washington, DC. **Mario Maldonado** (San Juan, PR) spends his time working, but says there's always time for family, golf, fishing, and travel. His work involves organizing business startups in Puerto Rico and the US. He also runs a successful business administration company for financial entities locally and in the US. **Gabe Diaz-Saavedra** (Bradenton, FL) has taken a new job. After four and a half years of being "the Bumblebee man," Gabe is now working for Perdue AgriRecycle, the organic fertilizer division of Perdue, the chicken producer. He is responsible for sales of MicroStarts branded fertilizer in Florida, Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee, the Carolinas, and some of Virginia.

**Jessica Pearlstein Zachs** is on her second year as an empty-nester and says it's great. "It leaves time for long road rides on my bike—3,300 miles last summer—exercising, baking, and learning to play bridge. Lately I have also been a 'professional volunteer.' I sit on various not-for-profit boards and run major events for their fundraising. I find great satisfaction in giving back to our community." Jessica would love to hear from **Joe Ruocco**, **Cory Zwerling**, and **Robin Geller** Diamond. She remembers bringing her electric typewriter and turntable to Cornell freshman year. **Mark Kirk** (Highland Park, IL) is currently a US Senator for Illinois and serves on four Senate committees: 1) Appropriations, 2) Banking, 3) HELP (Health, Education, Labor and Pensions), and 4) Aging. Mark is the ranking Republican on the Appropriations Subcommittee for Military Construction and Veterans Affairs.

We would love to hear from you, so please e-mail us at the addresses below or at the online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>. [✉ Betsy Silverfine, bsilverfine@comcast.net](mailto:bsilverfine@comcast.net); [✉ Barb Amoscato Sabaitis, beachba@hotmail.com](mailto:barb@amoscato.com); [✉ JoAnn Minsker Adams, joann@budadams.net](mailto:joann@budadams.net).

**82** Our classmates continue to write great reports about their lives, careers, and families. We certainly appreciate the news and hope it will keep on coming. Many of us, no matter where we may be located, continue to focus a great amount of time and energy on our families and careers. At the same time we maintain fond memories of our days at Cornell and look for opportunities to connect with Cornell and classmates.

Classmate **John McDaniel III** ([johnsmcdaniel@hotmail.com](mailto:johnsmcdaniel@hotmail.com)) lives in Baltimore, MD, and writes, "I continue to hope for a revival of the old Cornell-Johns Hopkins lacrosse games." John would like to hear from his senior year roommate **Howard Friedman**. **Kathryn Elmer Frohlich** ([Kath.Elmer@gmail.com](mailto:Kath.Elmer@gmail.com)) writes that she is eager to connect with Cornellians. Kathryn lives in Westford, MA with her husband, **Bert '81, ME '82**, and four sons. When not working part-time as a wellness and nutrition coach and consultant, she spends her days managing her household and providing full-time care for her father, which she describes as a "wonderful honor. I adore my dad!"

One of many lawyers in our class, **Carl Butler** ([cbutler@leblancbutler.com](mailto:cbutler@leblancbutler.com)) lives in Metairie, LA, with his wife, Joyce. "I've been practicing law and building a business and enjoying the privileges I've been blessed with as much as I can." In his free time Carl enjoys kayaking, fishing, reading, and watching his son Karl play SEC football at Vanderbilt U. Carl would like to hear from classmate **William Veillette**. **Olson Okada, MCE '85**, writes in from Aiea, HI, where he still works as a civil engineer with the Army Corps of Engineers. **Martha Daniels** ([mertsquirt@ne.twcbc.com](mailto:mertsquirt@ne.twcbc.com)), a teacher, writes from Belfast, ME, where she lives with her husband, Ezra Kreamer. When she's not teaching or serving on her church board, she dreams of: "Sailing! Skiing! Traveling the world!" She would like to hear from **Mark E. Hansen '79**.

When not working, **Cyndy Schillinger** Rochford (Victor, NY; [rochford@rochester.rr.com](mailto:rochford@rochester.rr.com)) reports that she spends much of her time driving her twin daughters to crew and sailing practices. "I know every body of water in and around upstate New York!" Cyndy recently started a mediation practice focused on family and divorce mediation. She would like to hear from **Chris Woiwode** and **Bob Seipel**. From Florida, **Jill Schwartz** Rowan ([rowanpsy@yahoo.com](mailto:rowanpsy@yahoo.com)) has been busy taking care of her first puppy, a Poodle-Maltese mix. Jill and husband Tom live in Tallahassee, FL, with their three children, Esther, 18, Hannah, 15, and Caleb, 13.

A dentist who spends a great deal of time donating services to his community, **John Pisacane** ([drjohn@wgdentistry.com](mailto:drjohn@wgdentistry.com)) lives in San Jose, CA, with his wife, Teresa Newell. John volunteers in organized dentistry, seeking to strengthen the dental profession and improve the health of the citizens of California. He was the director of clinical operations for CDA Cares San Jose, a two-day free dental clinic held in San Jose that treated 22,000 people and provided over \$1.5 million worth of free dental care. He would like to hear from **Kathleen Millian**. When not at work **Beth Smith** ([beths@holtintl.org](mailto:beths@holtintl.org)) enjoys occasional visits with her daughter (who attends the U. of Oregon), as well as walking and gardening and dreaming of "working less and playing more!" Beth, who lives in Eugene, OR, with husband Mike Lambert, places children from China into US adoptive families. Beth would love to hear from **Ann Connors Kedia**, **Kari Huttar Heffley**, and **Agnes Liptak '83**.

**Lillian Hall, BS Ag '84** ([hall.lillian@gmail.com](mailto:hall.lillian@gmail.com)) writes in from another hemisphere. After working 28 years in Nicaragua, where she ran a small Quaker nonprofit, she moved to the Caribbean coast of Columbia. She is now with Sembrandopaz, an organization that works with displaced Afro and mestizo communities on both peace efforts and community economic development. Lillian was married in January this year to Ricardo Esquivia, a human rights lawyer, interfaith leader, and peacemaker. Her son Trevor attends Haverford College.

She keeps in touch with **Mark '80**, MBA/ME '83, and **Kristina Elmstrom Younger**, **Cathy Law**, **Lisa Geduldig '83**, and **Diana Andersen '83**.

**Jennifer Knapp** Crawford, BArch '83, recently had her design of the AIM Academy in Conshohocken, PA, featured in the article "Blending Arts and Academics with a Community Spirit" in the national education magazine *School Business Affairs*. Jennifer is a principal with the firm Blackney Hayes Architects in Pennsylvania. After 28 years at a public company, **Earle Weaver**, ME '83, MBA '84 (eweaver@harbourgroup.com) has moved to the Harbour Group Ltd., a private equity firm, and is responsible for a number of the firm's portfolio companies. If given a choice, he says he would rather be watching a great Cornell lacrosse game. Earle lives in St. Louis, MO, with his wife, Becky, and spends much of the time driving his kids around to "hockey games, baseball tournaments, lacrosse games, golf matches, and Irish dancing competitions."

**Ginger Verbeyst** Leonard (leonarddmark@aol.com) writes, "After almost 20 years as an 'at-home Mom,' I finally rejoined the workforce. I worked for Marriott for ten years as a catering manager prior to having my family, and I am back with the Princeton Marriott as the F&B operations manager, working crazy hours—like a 20-year-old would do—in order to help pay for my children's colleges." Ginger lives in Princeton, NJ, with her husband, Mark. Thanks again for your news and your great stories of Cornell. I hope you all enjoy a wonderful holiday season and I look forward to reporting to you again in 2014. **Doug Skalka**, dskalka@npmlaw.com; **Mark Fernau**, mef29@cornell.edu.

**83** Hello, class! My name is **Jon Felice** and I am pleased to have the opportunity to write my first column as a class correspondent. I urge you to become involved in Cornell by sharing your news with us. Additionally, please note that you can access a digital edition of the alumni magazine at <http://www.cornellalumnimagazine-digital.com>. We have made it VERY easy for you to get, and stay, involved, so please do!

Inasmuch as you will be hearing from me over the next five years, I'd like to tell you about myself, my family, and our strong connection to Cornell. I am currently practicing real estate law in Manhattan at Newman Ferrara LLP ([www.NFLP.com](http://www.NFLP.com)). For over 25 years, my office was strategically located across the street from the Cornell Club on East 44th St. Over the years, I brought Cornell externs to my office, networked with Cornellians in business, taught at Cornell Law, and served as an Alumni Admissions Ambassador, college fair representative, and Cornell Summer College advocate. Of course, I made the Cornell Frozen Apple hockey games at the Garden and haven't missed a Cornell lacrosse game in five years.

My dad, **Alfred Felice '55**, MD '59, spent eight years studying at Cornell and then his entire career as a physician at one of Cornell's teaching hospitals on Long Island. Dad stayed in contact with his Pi Lambda Phi fraternity buddies and loved everything Cornell. Unfortunately, he died unexpectedly last May, but his legacy lives on. My son, **John Daniel Felice '11**, is a third-generation Cornellian, and was the first legacy of the Cornell in Washington program. In his internship with the US Supreme Court, Johnny interacted with each judge, including **Ruth Bader Ginsburg '54**. He has taken a leave of absence from law school and

presently attends the world-renowned Berklee College of Music in Boston, where he hopes to complete his degree in professional music in 2014. Rock star or lawyer . . . ?

News from our '83 classmates is coming in from around the globe. **Adam Sappern** (asappern@hotmail.com) recently made a move from London to Hong Kong. He tells us, "There appears to be a core group of Cornell diehards out here, particularly Hotelies." Adam stays in touch with his buddies at Kappa Sigma and had "good fun at a reunion in New York City last summer." Lucky Adam, he now has two Cornell tuition bills to pay, for son **Billy '15** and daughter **Chloe '17**. It's totally worth it, Adam! **Mark Lacasse** (Bloomfield Hills, Michigan; mlacasse@guardian.com) is the VP North America for Guardian Industries. After 25 years of living in Europe and Latin America, Mark has returned to the US. Daughter Tami is thinking of attending Cornell. Mark, tell your daughter how great Cornell is and give her a nudge! He keeps in touch with **Max Vasquez, PhD '87**.

**Abbie Bookbinder** Meyer (Summit, New Jersey; abbiemeyer@aol.com) announces that her son **Clayton '17** is a freshman in the Hotel school. Congratulations to you and Clayton. Let the Cornell days begin all over again! Wait—didn't you work as an athletic trainer on the 150's varsity football team? I think you treated my foot! **Penny Nemzer**, DVM '87 (Rye Brook, NY; vetmom28@aol.com) writes: "Still working part-time as a veterinarian. I enjoy gardening, reading, and walking on the beach in Martha's Vineyard." That sounds nice! Her youngest is a freshman at Georgetown and her daughter is at Oberlin. Four kids spread out in four states—yikes. Lots of care packages! **John Russek** (RussekJR@aol.com) shares his love for the Duke/Taylor wrestling championship match. He's still trying to understand the "stall call" as he gets all of his workers and co-workers to watch and re-watch the match. **Nell Cady-Kruse**, MBA '85 (nell@execs.com) recently moved back to the US from Singapore after 11 years abroad (London, Hong Kong, Singapore). Nell plans on spending more time with her parents, her family, and hopefully with her Cornell family! Welcome back, Nell.

**Robert Stelletello** (bobstell283@gmail.com) held a grand opening for his business, Right at Home, which provides non-medical, in-home care to the elderly and disabled adults, on May 31, 2013. Congratulations, Robert! **John Sapienza**, DVM '87 (jsapeye@aol.com) works as a veterinarian, examining animals at the Bronx Zoo and New York Aquarium. He has two children, enjoys fruit and vegetable gardening, and travels to Italy and Spain for lectures. John would like to hear from **Marie Schwartz**. Please send your news! **Jon B. Felice**, jbfelice@jbfelice.com; or **Barb Warner** Deane, bldeane@gmail.com. Online News Form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

**84** Lots of news for this column! More is welcome anytime—email me at the address below or use the online news form: <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>. Many thanks to all who sent in updates already. Remember, you can access *Cornell Alumni Magazine's* digital edition at: <http://www.cornellalumnimagazine-digital.com>. No special access or registration is required to view the Class Notes (they are not searchable by Google), and all e-mail and websites are active hotlinks.

**Wayne Hartung** is marking his 20th year as chief meteorologist at WEHT-TV in Evansville, IN, where lucky viewers know him simply as Wayne Hart. Wayne explains, "Back in the day, it was fashionable to make your name as simple as possible so viewers could pronounce and remember it." Happy anniversary, Wayne! **Marty Heebner** is launching her new business, Clear Home Solutions (Marty@ClearHomeSolutions.com). "I was inspired to launch Clear Home Solutions by my experiences with my 90-year-old father, my 88-year-old aunt, and many years of experience organizing and inventorying the 'stuff' in my own life and businesses." Marty still sees her dear old (young!) friend **Kathy McCullough**, who is the author of two great books for young adults, and fondly compares what she brought to Cornell as a freshman (electric typewriter) versus what they bring these days (computer and cell phone).

Many doctors in our class sent in news. **Mark Hoch**, a family practitioner in Asheville, NC, recently attended his medical school's 25th Reunion, along with fellow doctor **Scott Chelemer**. **Catherine "Kitty" Cantwell** and husband **Kevin McCormick** have a recent Cornell graduate. Son **Nicholas '13** will be teaching Spanish in Atlanta, GA, as part of the Teach For America program. Their other children are at U. of Rochester, SUNY Geneseo, and Cornell (their two youngest daughters). Kitty writes, "Kevin and I need to make lots of bank withdrawals for tuition!" **Deborah Dawson** recently met with **Maurya Kilroy** and **Karen Kwik** Kernan in Philadelphia to jointly celebrate their big birthday! They enjoyed art at the Barnes Foundation and excellent food, wine, and beer in Philly. Deborah says, "I'm grateful to Cornell for introducing me to these wonderful friends!" **Jonathan Cayne** reports, "Our twin daughters, **Lindsay '17** and **Hailey '17**, are freshmen at Cornell, and our oldest daughter, Jocelyn, is entering her senior year at Washington U. in St. Louis, MO." **Michelle Rossi** is working in geriatric medicine at the U. of Pittsburgh and at the Pittsburgh V.A. hospital. She sees patients, teaches medical students, and does research, in addition to her gig as a mom of four. In 2010, twin boys joined their two older sisters, ages 6 and 15. Michelle writes, "My husband and I are covering pre-school, high school, and the in-between!" **Linda Singletary** is working hard in her radiology practice in suburban Montclair, NJ, and is happy to report that business is booming! When she's not working, she says, "I enjoy reading, collecting fine art, strolling through art galleries or museums in New York, Charleston, or Atlanta, and just relaxing." She would most like to hear from **Wendy Bethel** Cleare.

**Cindy Donato** writes, "I have been in St. Louis for nearly 25 years now and at Novus Int'l for the past 18 months. Novus is a global biotech and nutrition supplement business with over \$1.2 billion in revenue and 800 employees. In the past year, I have been fortunate to have traveled the globe working with Novus's people, and I have been working to complete my doctoral dissertation in organizational behavior. My sister, **Maureen Donato** Goodman '88, recently attended reunion and had an incredible time catching up with old friends." **JoAnne Magin** Hourihan spends her time at home with her husband on the sheep farm in Burlington Flats, NY. She says, "I recently went through a challenging lambing and have been bottle feeding a number of baby lambs. When I'm not caring for lambs, I'm busy in my vegetable garden." JoAnne would love to hear from **Robin Boselli**. **Gina DiGregorio**-Taguchi is the general



manager of Taguchi Women's Clinic PLLC, a leading women's healthcare facility in Oklahoma owned and operated by her husband, a physician. Her daughter is a competitive ice skater at the southwest regional level.

**Mary Ann McDonald** Kelley is an associate broker at Russ Lyon Sotheby's Int'l in Scottsdale, AZ. Hubby Bruce is a senior vice president at First Southwest. **Mark Sibble** has a new address in Mattydale, NY. **Owen Perillo** is running Santa Fe Mountain Adventures in Santa Fe, NM, ([santafemountainadventures.com](http://santafemountainadventures.com)) and conducting corporate team-building events. He says, "I'd rather be playing on beaches in Hawaii with family or climbing mountains and hiking." He's also busy cheering on his son at sports events, serving on nonprofit boards, and trekking to Machu Picchu. Kudos to **Lisa Sotto**, who was selected by the *National Law Journal* as one of the 100 most influential lawyers—the only "star individual" in the category of privacy and data security law. Kudos also go out to **Sue Morris**, who met up with classmates **Tim Rice** and **John Demitroff** at the "Nor'easter Masters," a 40-plus masters CrossFit competition in Boston, where Sue and John were competing athletes. Tim, a fellow CrossFitter, was there for support. CrossFit is a relatively new sport that combines Olympic weightlifting with traditional boot camp-style conditioning like pull-ups, push-ups, rope climbs, and running. Sue writes, "My 16-year-old daughter, Lorelei, placed third in the teen division of the sport's worldwide competition, the Reebok CrossFit Games, held in California in July!"

Finally, my sincere thanks to the lovely and talented **Karla Sievers McManus**, a dedicated class correspondent for many, many years, who is taking a well-deserved leave of absence. I hope you had a fabulous summer—you're the best! Thanks to the rest of you for sending along your news. And if you would like to be a class correspondent, give **Rob Goldwasser** a shout ([robgoldwasser@yahoo.com](mailto:robgoldwasser@yahoo.com)). **Janet M. Insardi**, [insardij@hotmail.com](mailto:insardij@hotmail.com)). Class website: <http://classof84.alumni.cornell.edu>.

**85** It's time. We've hit that mark: 50. Crazy. We are all at such different stages, though. And I have the news to prove it. **Marjorie Riemer** Setchko says she has ten—count 'em, ten—children, including one each going into high school, middle school, third grade, and preschool (4 years old). Madge also has a stepchild in college and in med school and four actually out there working. She is enjoying life as a "housewife with two Ivy League degrees, helping out with homework." Sounds like the good life! Well, she says, except for the head lice. But that is another story.

**Dale Bornstein** Reinhardt, **Leslie Greenberg** Josel, and **Abbey Huret** marked the anniversary of their 25th birthdays with a girls' weekend in Miami and Boca Raton! While they say it wasn't "Girls Gone Wild," the trio made the scene at Sea Ranch Lakes, Canyon Ranch, and the Bazaar at SLS Miami, where they highly recommend the Liquid Nitrogen Caipirinha (and now have a renewed appreciation for Chem 101). Buddies **Sue Mould** Engdahl and **Ginny Scarola** got together in Boston and ran around like freshmen enjoying the city and seeing one another. **Warren Fields** apparently provided fine wine and dining, as any good Hotelie would!

**Tara Shuman** Gonzalez is getting her son, **Jesse '17**, settled into a high rise on North Campus

as a new freshman at Cornell. The university apparently has a new system for moving in the new freshmen—much more organized. I personally prefer the station wagons on Libe Slope and dragging the trunk up the stairs of U-Hall 1. Not to make us feel old, but it was 32 years ago we were getting our school trunks with stereos, typewriters, stationery, and coffee pots unloaded into the dorms. **Troy Rosasco** is in St. James, NY. He, too, is trying to nudge his teenagers to Cornell. An adjunct professor at St. John's U. School of Law, he co-teaches a course on Protective Legislation for Workers with **Evan Barouh '82** (ILR). Tony wants to hear from **Scott Wilson**, who is missing the Cornell hockey games with Joe, Howard, and Troy.

**Beth Lenarsky** Shmariahu is a freelance grant writer for nonprofit agencies by day and dreams of finding some property in Barbados to move there one day. **Ellen Baum** Rabinowitz is in Rhode Island with husband Lloyd and son Brent, a sophomore in high school. Brent keeps her busy with his activities and being his chauffeur, but the alternative is not an easy option either—letting

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JoAnne Magin Hourihan '84

them go and allowing them their independence. Ellen's daughter Sonia has started her sophomore year at UMass, Amherst. Ellen keeps in touch with co-correspondent **Roberta Zwiebel** Farhi, **Laura Weiner** Siegal, and SDT sisters on Facebook. Co-correspondent **Risa Mish** was awarded the **Stephen Russell '60**, MBA '61, Distinguished Teaching Award by the five-year residential MBA reunion Class of 2008, in recognition of her lasting influence on their education. Risa is a senior lecturer of management, critical thinking, and problem-solving at the Johnson School, as well as the faculty advisor to the Cornell women's lacrosse team.

**Milagros Valentin** is a psychiatrist treating our deployed soldiers that have combat stress-related issues. She loves her work, and we are grateful to her for doing this. She and her daughter, who had a liver transplant recently and is doing great, want to travel and live in Europe to learn about other cultures. She'd like to hear from **Rick Broncato**, **DVM '87**, **Janet Pagan Sutton '84**, **Magda Yrizarry '84**, **MRP '03**, and **Jose Rodriguez '84**. **Todd Shal-lan** has picked up his family and moved to London for a new job in hotel management. We wish him well and hope he can handle the Guinness and the MLTs (mutton, lettuce, and tomato sandwiches).

I see many alumni on Facebook . . . Some traveling to Europe or skiing in Aspen, posting pictures of children graduating high school or taking their first steps. Some going back to Cornell for a visit or attending a lacrosse or hockey game. Everyone appears to be enjoying their lives, and I am happy to say I am as well. As we manage our work lives, our home lives, our children, our aging parents, and our day-to-day minutiae, we celebrate each other's happiness and console one another in sadness and tragedy. I look forward to 2015 when we can return to campus to recapture some of our youth, rejoice in seeing old friends, and spend time catching up and reliving the "glory days." I wouldn't trade those four years for anything.

So, friends, as we turn 50, we may be in different places and stages of life, but we all have our memories of Cornell. I hope this finds you well and doing what you enjoy. Send your news to: **Joyce Zerkowitz** Cornett, [cornett0667@comcast.net](mailto:cornett0667@comcast.net); **Risa Mish**, [rmm22@cornell.edu](mailto:rmm22@cornell.edu); or **Roberta Zwiebel** Farhi, [rfarhiesq@aol.com](mailto:rfarhiesq@aol.com).

**86** While football season has yet to begin at the time of this writing, our class wants to give you Cornell Hockey news. Once again, Cornell men's hockey will be playing Boston U. at Madison Square Garden on Saturday, November 30, at 8:00 p.m. It should be a sellout, but check [www.cornellbigred.com](http://www.cornellbigred.com) for ticket information. Our classmate, **Mike Schafer**, is leading the team into his 19th season as head coach. While that great collegiate sport tradition continues, it is with mixed emotions that I write that, after 25 years on the Hill, assistant football coach, administrator, fundraiser, and recruiter extraordinaire, Pete Noyes, retired

this summer. His sendoff in August was marked with a retirement dinner, held under a tent in Schoellkopf, with several hundred fans in attendance, coming from far and wide, including **John Tagliaferri** from San Francisco, CA; **Steve Garrison '85** from Orlando, FL; and me from Cleveland, OH.

Speaking of football, **Martha Peterson** Gonzalez, who was a student manager for the football team—and who never missed a game in her four years—wrote in for the first time since announcing her wedding in 1988. Martha currently resides in Sakhalin, Russia, an island north of Japan, after also living and working in California, Louisiana, and the Hague. While many of us who are parents of teens have taken our kids up to Cornell at some point and probably touted the university as a possible college choice, Martha never once suggested Cornell to her kids as she sat through 25 admission information sessions or went on campus tours (including all the Ivies except Cornell). Despite that, she has both her kids on the Hill! Son **Frank '14** is in Arts and a member of the Big Red pep and jazz bands. Daughter **Eva '16** is a Hotelie and also a member of the all-female Cornell Chorus. Look for Martha at the hockey game against BU in November, as she's committed to coming in for that from halfway around the world!

From New York City, **Amy Kates**, **MRP '87**, writes that she will have a son on the Hill this fall in the Class of 2017, starting in the same AAP major as Amy did: Urban Studies. She wonders if he will have some of the same professors she had, or perhaps even have her old mailbox cubby. (Do students still have mailbox cubbies?) Also writing in from New York City, **Gary Portuesi**, who is with American Express as a VP of travel partnerships and loyalty and member benefits, says he recently got married, thanks to New York State's new equality law. Congratulations, Gary—and FYI, I've had the same AmEx Green Card since 1987. **Susan Danziger** lives in NYC as well. She created Ziggeo

(www.ziggeo.com), which lets you screen people by watching their videos before you meet. You can screen interns, roommates, and job applicants, just to name a few.

**Mindy Kaplan** Silberg started her own gift rep business. Her biggest client is Whole Foods and, to date, her company is working with 90 stores. This has meant a lot of travel, trade shows, and store visits. She takes her kids on work travel as much as she can, so they have been to Whole Foods stores all over the country. **Emily Mathes** Kuvin, JD '95, recently left her day job to focus on building and expanding Emily Kuvin Jewelry Design (www.emilykuvin.com). She loves what she does and specializes in designs for brides, bridal parties, and other

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Whitney Weinstein Goodman '87

special occasions. **Michele Fagnan** Boretti writes that she is a school psychologist in Scotia, NY, and keeps busy singing in the church choir and transporting her 7-year-old daughter to after-school activities. While I never knew Michele on the Hill, I remember her from the summer after graduation when there were so many recent Cornell grads getting their first jobs in NYC and socializing after work, that Manhattan felt like an extension of Collegetown. Do the Normandy Court Apartments and the Tumble Inn Bar on First Avenue still exist? They both accommodated many young Cornell grads back in the mid-'80s.

**Toby Goldsmith** writes from Atlanta, GA, that seeing 50-plus patients per week in her psychiatric practice keeps her busy, but that she has started to follow Big Red sports. She took a road trip with **Robert Mandelbaum '81** to watch Cornell hockey when they played in Florida. **Eve Seaman** Edwards recently produced and performed the role of Mimi in Puccini's *La Boheme* at the Delphi Opera in Wilmington, DE. Eve was also responsible for founding the Delphi Opera Co. In my hometown of Cleveland, OH, **Jeff Dunlap** is practicing law at Ulmer & Burne. He keeps up with friends from Cornell and Harvard Law and was busy helping his daughter with the college visit, application, and decision process. While Jeff loves Cleveland, he also loves escaping the long winters, and last March took a vacation to the Turks & Caicos.

Our class has another published author, **Donna Turner** DeCosta, a practicing radiologist in Maryland. Inspired by her passion for promoting food allergy awareness, she founded www.foodallergy momdoc.com in 2010 and recently published *A Little Bit CAN Hurt: The Shocking Truth About Food Allergies*. The book includes 16 personal narratives of individuals and families living with, and managing, severe food allergies, as well as seven interviews of professionals who care for food-allergic individuals.

Hope that many in our class will find each other at Madison Square Garden on the Saturday after Thanksgiving for another round of Red Hot Hockey! Keep the news and updates coming. **Michael Wagner**, michaelwagner@wowway.com; **Holly Isdale**, isdale@mac.com. Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

**87** It's been a chilly August in the Northeast. Kind of puts you in the mood for a fall visit to Cornell. Here's what I found in this summer's news bag. **Larry Kraft**, MBA '88, who has been living in St. Louis Park, MN, has decided to leave the working world to spend a year with his family (wife and two kids, ages 8 and 6) on an environmentally focused trip around the world. They departed in August. "We're sharing our experiences on our blog, with our kids' elementary school, and with a great organization: the Wilderness Classroom." Check out Larry's blog at <http://krafttrip.blogspot.com>. **Tom Riford** is the president and CEO of the Hagerstown-Washington County Convention and Visitors Bureau. He was

awarded the Maryland Governor's Cultural Heritage Tourism Award and recognized by a national magazine, *Rejuvenate*, as a Top Tourism Professional in the US. Tom spends his winter teaching skiing and is also an examiner in the Professional Ski Instructors of America. He has a daughter at West Point, and his son just enlisted in the Army National Guard.

Should you find yourself in Santa Monica, CA, be sure to check in with **West Hooker-Poletti**, who runs Lago Restaurant & Caffé Bellagio. He reports that he is currently looking for new locations and thinking about building a small hotel in Bellagio on Lake Como in Italy. He chairs the board of the Italy-America Chamber of Commerce, and enjoys sailing to Catalina and raising his 2-year-old daughter, Helen. He's fixed up a beautiful villa in Bellagio and is experimenting with the short-term villa rental business. Check it out at [www.villapolettibellagio.com](http://www.villapolettibellagio.com).

**Elaine "Jamie" McLaughlin** Halliday lives in Fairfield, CT, where she teaches and tutors students in test prep, writing, and math. On the side, she's also a ghostwriter. She loves spending time with her children and husband and feels very blessed and lucky to have always done what she loves. She would like to hear from **Wendy Hoose**, BS '91, MS '06. **Matthew Nagler** lives in Livingston, NJ, with his wife, Alissa, and sons Joshua, 11, and Aaron, 9. He is an associate professor of economics at the City College of New York. Recently, he's been doing research on the effect of social capital (strength of community) on highway safety. He has two published articles in economics journals on the subject and is currently working on a collaborative project relating social capital to rural traffic safety. Matthew, please consider using Ithaca as a research subject!

**Deanna Silver** Jacobson tells us that she was recently reunited with her freshman- and sophomore-year roommate, **Amy Comstock** Kingsley, who was visiting Chicago from Boston, where she works for the Federal Reserve Bank. They also got together with **Tina Choi**. This was the first time the three of them had managed to reunite in over 20 years. They reminisced for hours and closed down the restaurant. Deanna reports that her oldest just graduated high school and will be attending RPI

this fall. Her second child is starting his junior year and she hopes to get him up to Ithaca for a visit this fall. She adds, "I had no idea how stressful the college application process is for parents! I knew what it was like for me, but I didn't realize that my parents had their own anxiety at the time!"

**Melanie Commins** Higgins lives in Acton, MA, with husband Joe and their three daughters. After graduation, she went on to receive a degree in accounting and worked in Cornell's Controller's Office for a while. She is now a stay-at-home mom. "Caring for our three daughters keeps me busy. The oldest just received the Yale U. Book Award at school, and one of her twin sisters received the Honors Earth Science Book Award, so we are very proud of them." Melanie would like to be traveling through Europe or taking pictures on a safari somewhere. She shares that when she came to Cornell she brought a duffel bag filled with clothes, a clock radio, and a full-length picture of Albert Einstein! **Julia Chu** is a director of private banking for Credit Suisse Securities in NYC.

**Stephen Denney Smith** lives in Williamsburg, MA, and is the COO of the Sperry Group Inc. "We develop new businesses for large corporations focusing on the intersection of equipment, services, and data. It's entrepreneurship on behalf of large companies." When not doing that, Stephen raises chickens with his spouse, Sean Mallari. Freshman year he brought his vinyl LPs and prized stereo to Cornell. **Laura Szeliga** relocated to San Diego this summer to start her new job at Provide Commerce. **Phil Lam**, a principal in the design firm HOT Studio, is now a product manager for Facebook in NYC. FB bought HOT Studio in December, and the transition took place this summer. Now even more reason to obsessively check FB every day.

Keep the updates coming. We can be reached through our Facebook page ("Cornell University Class of '87"), through our e-mail addresses below, or at the online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>. **Whitney Weinstein** Goodman, [wwg5@cornell.edu](mailto:wwg5@cornell.edu); **Heidi Heasley** Ford, [hfh6@cornell.edu](mailto:hfh6@cornell.edu); and **Liz Brown**, [etb29@cornell.edu](mailto:etb29@cornell.edu).

**88** Our 25th Reunion was a resounding success! There were over 500 attendees and plenty of activities—the class dinner in Barton Hall (complete with a spray-on tattoo artist adorning classmates with a Big Red "C"), taking in the view from the top of the Johnson Museum of Art, savoring a PMP from the Hot Truck on the Arts Quad, and, most importantly, catching up with old friends. Check out the photos on our Class of 1988 Reunion page on Facebook and on the CornellConnect website for our class. A HUGE thanks to the people who organized the weekend—**Angelica Watson** Botkin and **Pam Darer** Anderson (reunion chairs) and **Nicole Abbatecola**, registration chair.

Here's what's new with our classmates, starting with **Andréa Meadow** Danziger, who recently joined the team as the newest Class of '88 correspondent. She writes, "The rain didn't dampen the excitement at our 25th Reunion. The campus is as beautiful as ever and the energy level was through the roof." She was thrilled to reconnect with friends from near and far. Andréa lives in Larchmont, NY, and is the head of business development at Loeb & Loeb, a law firm in New York City. She frequently travels to the firm's Los Angeles office and was able to visit **Danielle Leonhard-Spark** Bier on a recent trip to the West Coast.



**Jouel Velasquez** (JouelV@aim.com) joined Tata Consultancy Services in January 2013, where he works on HR Transformations and often meets other Cornell colleagues during his trips overseas. In April, Jouel went to Singapore and met Cornell alums **Bruce Lockhart**, PhD '90, and **Bob Yang '87**. He recently adopted his first dog, a great 2-year-old, mixed-breed rescue dog chosen by his wife. According to Jouel, "Her name is Piper and her tail wags like a wiper!" The new dog has been a "blessing for the kids," two girls in elementary school. Jouel also keeps in touch with **Shuk-Yin Lai**.

**Ethan Goldrich** is in charge of the US Embassy in Belarus. He's been busy traveling around Eastern Europe lately. **Amy Crawford-Faucher** and husband **Gus Faucher** also visited the Eastern Europe region. She writes, "We spent a week in Slovakia visiting our oldest daughter, Justine, 19, who is finishing the year there as an exchange student. She will start at Berklee College of Music in the fall. Sons Ford, 17, and Theo, 13, and daughter Antoinette, 10, are doing well." The Cornell '88 couple moved to Pittsburgh about a year ago and are "getting to know the city and helping their kids settle in." Amy is working at U. of Pittsburgh Medical Center, teaching medical students, and Gus is a senior economist at PNC Bank.

Classmate **Mark Unger** is working and playing drums, golf, and softball in Armonk, NY. He also loves to get out on his road bike. Lately he's been enjoying his family and his flat-coated retriever named Windy. Back in Ithaca, **Catherine McCarthy** feels she's lucky to live there. She works for the Science Museum of Minnesota on a national collaborative project with scientists and museums engaging the public in nanoscale science, engineering, and technology. Her husband, Paul Davis, works for Cornell Engineering. Son Ezra graduated from high school in June 2013. **Amy Doig** Cullen lives in Burnt Hills, NY, with her husband, Tom. She writes, "We travel a lot for our kids' softball, hockey, and volleyball games. Our oldest son attends SUNY Oneonta in a physical therapy doctoral program." Amy would like to hear from **Hillary Rossman**, **Marlene Fogarty** Sughrue, and **Angela Helms** Anello.

**Eva Erlacher** Pekkala is the director of catering for Aspen Skiing Co. She handles large events, high-end weddings, and social events, but says she'd rather be spending more time on the beaches of Hawaii. She remembers arriving as a freshman at Cornell, her minivan filled with clothes and a stereo. **Michael Sochaczewski** concisely describes how he spends his time: "Work. Sports. Family." His daughter **Danielle** is attending Cornell (Class of 2015), so he's "investing in US assets to pay the tuition." Michael also coaches basketball. He recalls what he didn't bring to Cornell when he first came: "The iPad (wasn't invented), iPhone (wasn't invented), laptop (wasn't invented), iPod (wasn't invented), Nikes (weren't cool yet), and Ritalin (wasn't a problem yet)."

**Barbara Walker** Burne is busy doing home improvement projects and reading. She's also substitute teaching, but says she'd "rather be traveling or on the beach." Barbara would like to hear from **Leonel Chavez**. **Elena Neuman** Lefkowitz is a documentary filmmaker and mother of three teenagers. "Oops," she writes, "one just turned 20, so no longer a teen." She still sings chorally (as she did at Cornell) and serves as VP of the Zamir Choral Foundation, a cultural nonprofit that promotes choral music as a vehicle to inspire Jewish life, culture, and continuity. Elena enjoys abstract painting, bike touring, and mountaineering. She'd

love to hear from **Simon Miller**, **Jill Oberlander**, and **Bonnie Glick**.

We have a new member of the Cornell regional board: **Karen Kao**. She's the director of events and says, "It's gratifying to train the next generation of Cornell leaders." Karen recently passed her state license exam to become a registered environmental health specialist (aka health inspector). She still performs per diem physical therapy part-time, enjoys viewing waterfalls fed by Sierra Mountain snowfall, and teaches piano. She'd like to hear from **Marina Ho '87** and **Naomi Tam**. For those of you who didn't attend Reunion, remember we can always keep in touch on Facebook and on our class website. Keep that news coming . . . ☐ **Brad Mehl**, bradmehl@gmail.com; and **Andréa Meadow** Danziger, alm46@cornell.edu.

**89** Hi, everyone. I'm writing this from sunny California in August knowing you will be reading it as winter approaches—so happy holidays in advance! We'll start off with some news about babies! **Karen Weinrich** Weiss (krw6@cornell.edu) was happy to report some new arrivals among our Class of '89 family. **Lisa Berg** and husband, Russell Yellin, welcomed a son, Ian Alexander, in May. **Lynda Ferrari** and husband Wilson Kerr celebrated the birth of daughter Arianna in February. Arianna arrived just in time to meet her grandfather, **Tony Ferrari '51**, before he passed away. Tony was a dedicated alumnus, and an inspiring volunteer in his Naples, FL, community. Karen adds, "Meantime, my own 2-1/2-year-old son is more amazing every day. Yes, I know I sound like every other parent that ever existed, and yes, it's true. But, hopefully, our 'newbie' excitement is a reminder of the magic of childhood to those classmates dealing with the shock of the teenage years, or (gasp!) sending their children off to college!" Well said, Karen!

**Melissa Lanning** Trumpower (mel@good360.org) also writes that she is enjoying her children, and that she loves the outdoors and gardening. Melissa says, "I'm chief marketing officer and executive VP at Good360 in Alexandria, VA. Good360 helps companies efficiently donate slow-moving, obsolete, and seasonal inventory to charitable organizations." **Robert Lis** (Princeton, NJ; bobalicia@verizon.net) writes that, outside of work, he and his wife are busy transporting their three very athletic daughters all over New Jersey and the East Coast for various soccer, basketball, and lacrosse games. His oldest is a sophomore in high school and starting to think about college.

Chauffeur children is also mentioned by **Lauren Rosen** (laurenrosen@gmail.com), who has opened up her own social work practice offering individual, couples, and family counseling for adolescents and adults. **Jeffrey Spector** notes that the only thing he brought freshman year was a stereo system! Jeffrey writes, "I'm busy with kids, work, a softball league, and synagogue activities. Recently I was a member of the cast of a local synagogue-church joint production of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*. I got involved because I like to sing and it built interfaith community relations." Coincidentally, I just bought the CD for that very show this week and can't get the songs out of my head. My daughter was in a production of *Joseph* last year and we are going to see the national traveling show this winter here in San Jose.

**Jeffrey Krawczak** (jeff.krawczak@alliantfoodsafety.com) lives in Connecticut and is the

laboratory director and a food safety specialist at Alliant Food Safety Labs. "I work on food safety issues and am growing an accredited food microbiology lab. I'd rather be vacationing in Europe." Wouldn't we all, Jeffrey! **Douglas Scherr** (dss2001@med.cornell.edu) is clinical director of urologic oncology at Weill Cornell Medical College in New York City. He writes, "This past spring I co-founded DiscoverBeauty.com, a website devoted to enhancing communication between doctors and patients desiring plastic surgery." **Michael Thomas** (mthomas@appianpartnersllc.com) is the CEO of iSonea, a mobile health asthma device company. iSonea launched its flagship product, Air Sonea, in Australia in September 2013 and will be launching in the states in January 2014.

Last, but not least, **Susan Conninos** (scomn@aol.com) is a freelance journalist living in Guilderland, NY. "I write for the *Boston Globe*, *Christian Science Monitor*, *Jewish Daily Forward*, and others. My poetry most recently appeared in *Subtropics*, the *Cortland Review*, and *Tablet Magazine*, as well as the poetry anthology, *The American Dream*."

Remember, our 25th Reunion is coming next summer. Don't forget to plan on attending—and please keep the news coming! ☐ **Lauren Flato** Labovitz, LFlato@att.net; **Kimberly Levine** Graham, KAL20@cornell.edu; **Stephanie Bloom** Avidon, savidon1@hotmail.com; **Anne Czaplinski** Treadwell Bliss, ac98@cornell.edu.

**90** Hello, esteemed classmates! With luck, this column finds you well. Starting on the West Coast, **Keith Peterson** (San Francisco, CA) has wrapped up his annual summer vacation in Norway. "I had a great time at my family reunion, which included over 70 people across four generations. The highlight for me was being able to stay in the house my great-great-grandfather built. I'll be starting a new job when I get back home, teaching middle school math at Notre Dame des Victoires in San Francisco." **Corinne Lopez**-Allen, senior labor relations consultant at UC Santa Cruz, gleefully writes, "I have to share, since I am so proud that my daughter, **Angela Allen '14**, is a senior at Cornell and will graduate next May from Arts and Sciences! No more tuition payments after next year!" Certainly a great reason to celebrate.

**Alex Tasker** Marx thanks **Rose Tanasugarn** for her support for *Gardenista* magazine's Residential Landscape Architecture Design Contest. "It was a very close contest, and it happens that the one other finalist who always seemed to be in the lead was also a Cornellian! Anyway, I won by a hair, which means that every single vote was extremely important, and I am so very grateful to all who helped. Michelle Slatalla, who used to write for the *New York Times*, wrote *Gardenista's* article: <http://www.gardenista.com/posts/best-urban-garden-winner-alexandra-tasker-marx-landscape-architect>. I am especially happy about the timing of all this because I am practicing landscape architecture in Los Angeles again. We have been in San Diego for the last three years. I'm also beginning the process of becoming a licensed contractor." Yours truly, **Kelly Roberson**, class correspondent on this column, still lives in San Francisco and designs lighting systems for buildings. My current project is located in Boise, ID, where I hope to see **Jayne Bick**. I often hang out with **Ryan Wyatt**, director of the Morrison Planetarium at the California Academy of Science. During the last Venus transit

across the sun in June 2012, we poured a nice beverage—basically a mimosa with a raspberry. The raspberry collected enough CO2 bubbles on the furry exterior that it slowly bobbed up and down. Ridiculous but true.

From Baltimore, **Lauren Berkow** has started lecturing all over the world about airway management during anesthesia. Destinations have included Thailand, Chile, and Spain; when she wrote, she was headed to Portugal and Switzerland. Lauren adds, “The kids are growing like weeds. I cannot believe my daughter Cassie is starting middle school in September—how did that happen?” The always cheerful **John Flores** writes from New Jersey, “I’m at the tail end of a summer of riding, writing, and photographing for *RoadRUNNER* magazine, the country’s largest (and, dare I say, best) motorcycle touring magazine. This summer I’ve seen two moose in Algonquin Provincial Park, the eponymous Great Smoky Mountains, and Revolutionary War era roads in the Northeast Kingdom of Vermont. One more trip to Kentucky for donuts, and my season is done! I’ve also started my own publication, writing about alternative fuel vehicles: EVs, hybrids, fuel cells, and more. It’s an interesting space, and it’s been great fun following the fits and starts of what is a new era in transportation. I’ve ridden Teslas and LEAFs and Zero electric motorcycles and more, and in many ways it feels like ‘The Jetsons.’ Check out [www.NewMotorMag.com](http://www.NewMotorMag.com), and look out for the first issue of the digital magazine, coming soon to an iPad near you!”

**Penny Smith Eifrig** has begun a European adventure. “Our family is embarking on an exciting year. We moved to Berlin, Germany, and our kids have started a year in German schools. Kind of a ‘year abroad’ for the kids, but we went with them! I am working on expanding my publishing company, Eifrig Publishing, for the European market during our stay. I have now published two books by fellow Cornellians: *From the Top of the Mountain*, by **C. Robert Logue**, and *Where We Once Gathered: Lost Synagogues of Europe*, by **Andrea Strongwater ‘70**. I’ll be at the Frankfurt Book Expo soon promoting her next book, *Lost Synagogues of Germany*, which includes beautiful paintings of synagogues destroyed on German territory during the Holocaust. Our kids, Casie, 10, and Saede, 13, will have great new experiences here as well, with Casie joining a track club and Saede attending a school for athletes—she is in a ‘soccer class.’ They will be adding written German to their life skills. Both are bilingual in speech due to my German husband, Chris.”

Please continue to send your news items to the correspondent team. ✉ **Kelly Roberson**, [kroberson@lightswitch.net](mailto:kroberson@lightswitch.net); **Amy Wang Manning**, [aw233@cornell.edu](mailto:aw233@cornell.edu); **Rose Tanasugarn**, [nt28@cornell.edu](mailto:nt28@cornell.edu). Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

**91** Greetings from Maine, and happy holidays to all of you. As usual, we’ve heard exciting news and announcements from you, and we hope you keep them coming!

**Wendy Fuhr** lives in Philadelphia, PA, with husband Eric Allen, daughter Iris, 8, and son Duncan, 4. She is on the faculty at Bryn Mawr Family Medicine Residency. “I teach med students and residents, and run the office surgical curriculum. I also play in a country/western/bluegrass band called Rock Salt & Nails.” Wendy would love to hear from **Keith Simmel ‘90**, **Denise Mandel Emer**, and **Regina**

**Toomey Bueno ‘83**. **Eva Jean-Jerome** Desrosiers lives in Windermere, FL, with husband Effel. She would love to hear from **Tammie Ridges**.

When **Sara Weaver** (San Mateo, CA) wrote over the summer, she was about to start a new job running US marketing for InSound Medical. In her free time, she enjoys biking with her two children, Jane, 9, and Jack, 6. **Chris Cripps** sends this big news from Greenwich, NY: “In September 2012, I stopped practicing veterinary medicine and bought a beekeeping supply company called Betterbee with two other veterinarians. We are working hard to teach people about beekeeping and having a lot of fun. It’s a big change from large animals (cows) to small animals (bees)!” **Andy Peters** writes from Kew Gardens, NY, that he has published his first book in the paranormal adventure series “Werecat,” from Vagabondage Press. “The books are coming out in e-volette form. They’re quick reads that chronicle the journey of a college senior from the fictional upstate New York Calverton U. who drops out of school and takes a free fall into the violent world of feline shifters.”

**Ruth Ann Keene**, JD ‘98, lives in San Anselmo, CA, with her husband, Charles Ehm, and their two daughters, Annie, 4, and Elizabeth, 2. She works as VP and assistant general counsel at the design software company Autodesk. She loves Marin County, but adds, “I would love to see my East Coast friends more often.” Ruth remembers bringing her boombox to Cornell and that she and her roommate, **Kim Rugala LaFontana**, had a couch that was usually occupied by **Jeremy Schaap**, who liked to “borrow” their cable. **Sharilyn Carter** Hleslam (Weston, MA) writes that she hosted a mini-reunion with Delta Gamma sisters. **Jenny Harris**, **Kari Ginsberg** Nesbit, **Kris Hurley** Van Riper, **Cynthia Lee** Dow, **Kristen Sciacca**, and **Hilary Nagler** were all there. They had a lot of laughs over a box of Cornell photos of Date Nights and Fun in the Sun.

**JoAnn McDermott** (Cape Coral, FL) has an active personal yoga practice and would love to hear from **Ally McKersie**. **Beth Huizenga** Shaz writes that the second edition of her textbook, *Transfusion Medicine and Hemostasis: Clinical and Laboratory Aspects*, was scheduled to come out in summer 2013. **Ben Stewart** (Windsor, CA) works in financial services, plays guitar and golf, and is also dad to Payton, 11. In addition, Ben is very involved in his church (including singing in the church choir) and participates in a weekly program called Open Table, which ministers to people living on the streets in Santa Rosa. He’d love to hear from **Paul Gascoigne**, MRP ‘92. Like others who wrote in (and myself), Ben remembers bringing a boombox to school back in 1987. **Sumaya El-Ashry** Ali sees her dear friend and sorority sister **Tammy Blum** Ross regularly since they both live in Boca Raton, FL. Sumaya has three kids—Zane, 15, Jaden, 12, and Sofia, 7—and is busy running them around to all their sports and activities. My good friend **Maria Tillis Connor** is doing well in Katy, TX, running the business of her family: two beautiful girls and her great husband, **Eric ‘90**. They relocated there a year ago and are thriving.

Sadly, we lost a classmate this year: **Patrick Farrell** (Eagle, WI) succumbed to brain cancer in July after a two-year battle fought bravely and without complaint. He leaves behind his wife, Charity Lynn, three daughters, and his mother, Jane. His full obituary is available in the *Wisconsin State Journal*, July 22, 2013. Thanks to all who wrote in—we appreciate it! Hope your holiday season brings you joy. ✉ **Wendy Milks** Coburn,

[wmilkscoburn@me.com](mailto:wmilkscoburn@me.com); **Charles Wu**, [ccwu@mac.com](mailto:ccwu@mac.com); **Tom Greenberg**, [twg22@cornell.edu](mailto:twg22@cornell.edu).

**92** I’ve recently been noticing Cornell alumni at every turn. A hotel near our home turns out to be owned by a multi-generational Cornell family. The restaurant where we’re having my mom’s 75th birthday dinner is managed by a Cornell graduate. The newest craft pizza place in town is co-owned by Cornell alumni. A family at our swim club—you guessed it! Cornellians are everywhere and it’s so great to see!

Class news this time revolves around hobbies, travel, kids, and work. Under Hobbies and Travel: **Patricia Wagner**, MS ‘95, is gardening and running near Tarrytown, NY. Running, she says, is “a personal challenge that is very rewarding.” Patricia would like to hear from **David Contiguilia**. **Alexandra MacDowell** works in television and has also been running. She’s training for the 2013 New York Marathon. “I was ready to run last year, but Hurricane Sandy canceled it. I ran 26.2 miles anyway, in Central Park on the original course, with 20,000 others—so much fun!” **Derek McCarthy** recently honeymooned on Cape Cod with his new wife, Sandra Mrowka. They stayed in Wellfleet and took trips to Provincetown and various beaches. **Gregory Della Rocca** went to Stockholm in December to watch his PhD advisor receive the Nobel Prize in Chemistry. Gregory is an orthopaedic trauma surgeon in Columbia, MO, and was an American/British/Canadian (ABC) traveling fellow via the American Orthopaedic Association. Five Americans and two Canadians traveled on the tour. David spent five weeks in the UK and South Africa, lecturing and touring orthopaedic centers.

**Cynthia Caruso** returned to New York from “two wonderful vacations.” She says, “I traveled to Iceland in March 2013 to snowmobile, hike a glacier, and see the Northern Lights, and then to Italy and Sicily to spend time with family in southern Sicily.” Cynthia is on the board of trustees for Cristo Rey New York High School, which provides a college preparatory education to underprivileged students in the inner city. **Allison Bergstrom** is back from her 24-day trip “around the world” and tried hard to limit the photos on her Facebook album to only 200! While not quite as exotic, my family returned from our annual vacation to Long Beach Island, NJ, and, while we still see some of Superstorm Sandy’s effects, we were happy to find most of our beloved LBI as active, charming, and beautiful as ever.

Moving on to Kids: **Richard Brewer** writes, “We’re taking care of our new baby boy and future Cornellian (maybe Class of 2034? Arts and Sciences, of course!), born April 19, 2013.” Richard would like to hear from **Eric Cooper** and **Michael Bean**. **Jennifer Krain** Wurtzburger is a stay-at-home mom with two very busy boys. Ryan is in seventh grade and Gavin is in fourth grade. “We go to lots of Yankees and Knicks games, and they are both involved in sports activities.” This past summer she got them ready for summer camp and was planning Ryan’s bar mitzvah for October 2013. Jennifer plays golf, reads lots of books, and helped a friend write her first published novel. **Brian** and **Meg Valentine Tallman** are busy raising two kids. “Madeline is entering high school and James will be in seventh grade. Her ice skating is a favorite activity, and for James it’s tennis and Lego robotics.” Brian and Meg would like to hear from Meg’s roommates, **Tracy** and



**Ni-Ni Kuo** Reinhard. They both remember using the computer lab a lot. I wonder if current students need computer labs anymore . . .

**Tanya Kachen** Bentley lives in Pacific Palisades, CA, and spends her time doing fun things with her kids, Sarah, 11, and Jack, 8, plus the CrossFit conditioning program, road biking, going to the beach, running, going to movies, reading, snowboarding, and “trying to surf.” Tanya says she brought Wite-Out, stamps, and envelopes when she first came to Cornell. So true! **Jackie Schulman** Dobranski, DVM '97, lives in my old neighborhood in Washington, DC, and divides her time between enjoying her spunky 3-1/2-year-old son, volunteering at the National Zoo's Asia Trail, and working as a relief veterinarian. She writes, “We just completed building our dream home, and are enjoying settling in and starting our garden.”

Finally, we end with Work: **Stephanie Hochman** is a podiatrist in New York City and the PTA co-president of her children's school. “I am bringing New York State agriculture programs from Cornell Cooperative Extension to our school and volunteering at schools throughout all five boroughs. Life is good—I feel that once my children went to school, the hazy cloud of motherhood lifted.” **Heather McConnell** Hallenbeck recently left Eastman Kodak and joined Bose Corp. as the emerging business marketing manager. She lives in Westborough, MA, and is an avid walker and reader. **Jessica Ingram-Bellamy** is the East Coast associate director of marketing for the Trust for Public Land out of New York City. **Ruth Seroussi** is in Venice, CA, with husband Michael and boys Holden, 6, and Dylan, 3, along with three dogs, Jebidiah, Cashew, and Bianca. She writes, “I am shareholder of my own small law firm in Los Angeles.”

Thank you for sharing your news and please keep it coming! Feel free to e-mail any of us or use the online form at <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>. **Jean Kintisch**, jmk226@cornell.edu; **Lois Duffy** Castellano, LKD2@cornell.edu; **Megan Fee** Torrance, mtorrance@torrancelearning.com.

**93** Our class is still happily reporting 20th Reunion news. Keep it coming, everyone, and happy winter! Our reunion chairs, **Lauren Bailyn** Sapira, MBA '94, **Christine Watters** Stuhlmiller, and **Jessica Graus** Woo, did an amazing job from A to Z. They would like to thank the following classmates for their hard work: **Alison Waxberg** Milgrom (souvenirs), **Michelle Lee** (decorations), **Scott** and **Jackie Finkel Kauff** (kids lounge), **Theresa Flores** (social media), **Kimberly Powell** Sendelbach (Fun in the Sun), and **Earl Pinto** (affinity networking). Also, congratulations and thank you to everyone who contributed to the successful Class of 1993 20th Reunion Campaign. Here are our fantastic results: \$3,464,980 (173 percent of goal!), a new class best and 20th Reunion record (broke an 11-year record); 50 Tower Club members (125 percent of goal!), the highest total for the class since 1994; and 580 donors, the fourth highest year for the class since graduation!

We are fortunate that **Elise Rosenberg**, our 20th Reunion Gift Campaign chair, will continue her role for our 25th Reunion. Elise is living in Manhattan and loved seeing so many friends at Reunion. We are also lucky that **Loren Rosenzweig**-Feingold will continue serving as our Cornell Annual Fund representative. She sent this great update: “I'm living in Weston, MA, where I'm

senior principal gifts officer at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, a hospital whose focus is on advancing biomedical research, compassionate patient-centered care, and education and training of the next generation of physician-scientists.” While Loren is intrigued by science, she is passionate about art, travel, and adventures with her kids and husband. She also enjoys Ping-pong, tennis, yoga, rock climbing, great wine, and community service. She serves on the board of Hope and

the men's baseball locker room at Cornell. If you wish to contribute, please go to <https://www.giving.cornell.edu/give>, and designate your contribution to “Athletics and Physical Education, Cornell Baseball Endowment Fund (#252629), in memory of Courtney Erickson.” Our goal is to raise \$5,000. Lastly, I want to welcome our two new class correspondents, **Mia Blackler** and **Theresa Flores**. Thank you both for agreeing to contribute your talent and efforts to this column and to our

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Chris Cripps '91

Comfort, the nonprofit her husband started out of their garage with the mission of collecting and distributing personal care products like soap and shampoo to homeless and needy families ([hopeandcomfort.org](http://hopeandcomfort.org)). They've already delivered over 27,000 items across the US!

Loren adds, “During our 20th Reunion I had a great time introducing my kids, Kenny (Class of 2028) and Grace (Class of 2030), to the beauty and experience of Cornell: rappelling off Schoellkopf, zip-lining across the gorge, canoeing on Beebe Lake, perusing the Johnson Art Museum, crossing the suspension bridge, sprinting on the football field with the Mandells, fresh Collegetown bagels with Nutella, visiting the Q&D tower, meeting the Cornell Big Red Bear, and going to the carnival, Dueling Pianos, and Cornelliana Night. Hanging out and catching up with classmates and their family members, fellow Class Council members, and many others made Reunion 2013 truly memorable. The Feingolds are all still brimming with enthusiasm—humming and singing ‘Far Above Cayuga’s Waters’ nearly every day.”

**Jim Babashak**, MD '97, also shared his Reunion adventures with us: “Lifelong friends from 414 Stewart Avenue (aka The Barn) traveled with their families from around the country to spend Reunion weekend together at a lakefront compound in Lansing. We had ten '93 alumni with a combined 14 Cornell degrees in attendance. Our weekend highlights included kayaking on Cayuga Lake, imbibing microbrews at the Nines and the Chapter House, unveiling a vintage Cornell Knowledge T-shirt, seeing many beautiful campus updates, and swapping new and old stories around a lakeside bonfire. It was refreshing to see all of our children trudging together up Libe Slope, as we did so many times (though in much colder temperatures). Freshman year seems especially distant now, since Sperry Hall (newly renovated in 1989) and the other U-Halls no longer exist on West Campus. We cherish the memories and the friendships that were forged among this group during four years at Cornell.” Jim was joined by his wife, **Kara (Gaetano)**, **Rick Angell**, **Dave Caro**, **Blake Glenn**, **Nate Heilman**, DVM '97, **Tracey Jaquith**, ME '94, **Chris** and **Stephanie Sesbagiri Noviello**, and **Eric Schneider**.

On a more somber note, our class will be dedicating a plaque to our classmate **Courtney Erickson**, a dedicated volunteer who passed away one month after attending Reunion. The plaque will read: In Memory of Courtney Erickson '93 / From his Classmates. It will be installed on a locker in

class. Take care and please share! **Melissa Hart Moss**, melimoss@yahoo.com; **Theresa Flores**, taf6@cornell.edu; **Mia Blackler**, miablackler@yahoo.com.

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Hi, everyone! I'm writing this on a very rainy August day in New Jersey. In a few days my daughter returns from sleepaway camp, my son finishes day camp, and we start the countdown to the first day of school! I'm sure as you are reading this you are in countdown to the winter holidays. Time certainly does fly. Can you believe our 20th Reunion is this June? Can't wait to head back to campus!

Thanks for taking the time to share your latest news with your fellow classmates. As we prep for reunion I'll bet there are a few folks you haven't seen in years and want to get reacquainted with! First up is **Jeanne Ramage Rentezelas**. We received a press release announcing that Jeanne has been promoted to senior vice president and general counsel of the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia. Congratulations to my sorority sister! **Sean Alexander**, MBA '01, writes, “Still in Hong Kong working for Macquarie Bank selling Asian equities to institutional investors. Will visit Burma in June to inaugurate a primary school in Mandalay that I raised funds for last year. And in August, I will complete training at Clipper Racing in the UK, which prepares me to race from Qingdao to San Francisco on a 70-foot racing boat in early 2014. Working, traveling, sailing, scuba diving, and giving back remains the mantra.”

Also giving back is **Kaila Colbin**, who writes from New Zealand, “I'm deeply involved in the rebuild and recovery of Christchurch, New Zealand, following the earthquakes that devastated our city in 2010 and 2011. I'm the co-founder of an organization called Ministry of Awesome, which works to create an environment where people feel encouraged and supported to turn their dreams into reality. We were recently included in the Christchurch Emerging Power List as one of the groups having a profound influence on the city.” Kaila is also the curator and licensee for TEDxChristchurch, which she's been doing since 2010. In addition, she runs a social media marketing consultancy and sits on the board of the Natural Gourmet Inst. for Health and Culinary Arts in New York. Wow—she is busy! Kaila also notes that she regularly connects with **Sean O'Day**, who

lives in Boca Raton, and **Michelle Connolly** Campagna, who lives in Boston.

**Bonnie Albright** writes in from Concord, MA. "I bought a new house where I can walk to work and still have chickens in my yard!" Bonnie has owned a fine arts gallery in Concord for five years, and enjoys volunteering to deliver meals-on-wheels. Her children with ex-husband **Julian Pelenur**, ME '95, are currently in third and seventh grade and "doing great." Sending in an e-mail from Ann Arbor, MI, is **Susan Bryan**, who is "running an environmental outreach and education program for water quality in Washtenaw County, MI. Very fun!" Her son, Hamilton, is almost 3, and, according to Susan, "saying cute things like, 'When I grow up, I will be a baby. Now I am a big boy.'" Susan keeps up with her friends from her Buffalo St. house at Cornell: **Lisa Nakamura**, **Cynthia Hwang** Eppeldauer, **Isaac Bess**, **Leo Yen**, **Carmichael Angeles**, **Brian Rose**, and **Andrej Wisniewski**.

Speaking of entrepreneurs, **Carl Meier** has caught the bug and recently started his own business out of the love of his hobby, beer making. "After years of thought and discussion I started a brewery in 2013 with two business partners. The Black Abbey Brewing Co. is based in Nashville, TN, and will produce 'unique but approachable' Belgian-inspired ales. I have been a homebrewer for 20 years. My 'craft beer conversion' took place at Cornell in 1993 when Michael

Jackson spoke during our Introduction to Wines and Spirits class in the Hotel school (see my blog post about it here: <http://www.blackabbeybrewing.com/main/throwback/>). The Black Abbey Brewing Co. incorporated in 2011 and will launch this fall. Exciting times!" When Carl isn't working, he enjoys spending time with his children, Maggie (third grade), William (kindergarten), and Betsy (just turned 4). Carl stays connected to several Class of '94 alums, including **Fred Archer**, **Mike Barone**, **Chris Horan**, **Stephanie Davis Long**, and **Lori Stepp**.

In New York City, **Elizabeth Golluscio** writes about her new HealthTech business called Altah.net, an alternative health network (in NYC, to start). Members can find and book the best alternative medicine providers online. Good luck, Elizabeth! **Monica Flores** (San Diego, CA) writes, "Big siblings Gus, 11, and Maia, 5, are thrilled for the new addition of Athena Victoria, our newest member of the family, who joined us in March 2013 and was born at home." Monica works as a Web developer with her own consulting practice, focusing on membership organizations, green businesses, and women entrepreneurs. Also on the West Coast, **Isaac Bess** has worked in the music industry since graduation and currently works on YouTube's music team. Send news to: [Jennifer Rabin Marchant, jar1229@yahoo.com](mailto:JenniferRabinMarchant.jar1229@yahoo.com); [Dineen Pashoukos Wasylik, dmp5@cornell.edu](mailto:DineenPashoukos.Wasylik.dmp5@cornell.edu); [Dika Lam, dikaweb@yahoo.com](mailto:DikaLam.dikaweb@yahoo.com).

**95** With the super-big reunion less than two years away, our Class Council created an exciting new blog you will want to check out! The project, called "Cornell '95 Faces," features a profile of one member of the Class of 1995 each week for 95 weeks leading up to our 20th Reunion. The blog, located at [www.cornell95faces.com](http://www.cornell95faces.com), was launched on August 5, 2013. You can either stop by each week to find out what your classmates are doing now, or subscribe via e-mail. Didn't realize the blog started this past August? No worries, you can search it and get caught up on all the profiles you've missed.

Now for some mini-profiles many of you sent in, in response to the e-mail plea for news (thank you very much, by the way)! **Kim Smith** Major wrote, "Two years ago I left a decade-plus-long career in fundraising to join the world of college admissions. After volunteering for Cornell's Alumni Admissions Ambassador program for ten years, I realized I was enjoying my volunteer work more than my professional work, so I jumped ship and made a career change. I work for a small liberal arts college in New Hampshire and I recruit students from New Jersey, Long Island, and the New York City metro area. It's a lot of travel, but it has its perks—one of which is connecting with friends in the region. In fact, I crashed at **Anita Bergman's** place before a fair in Manhattan." In her free time, Kim enjoys taking advantage of the ski slopes and beaches in New Hampshire with her two boys, Aiden, 8, and Owen, 5.

More movers and shakers in our class sent in updates. **Kathryn Wang** received the President's Volunteer Service Award for her civic contributions. Created on behalf of the President of the United States, this national award is a way to thank and honor individuals who, by their demonstrated commitment and example, inspire others to engage in volunteer service and take positive actions to strengthen communities. **Erica Chapman** recently moved to Evanston, IL, for a new job as VP of finance for Woodward Inc. Outside of work, Erica is an Ironman several times over, with her most recent Ironman in Tahoe. Erica also went on a couple of great trips in 2013, including three weeks in New Zealand hiking and one week of biking in the volcano region of Chile.

**Charles Ufford** moved from Utica, NY, to Pittstown, NJ, to work as section grower/propagation for Garden State Growers. He likes to travel around taking photographs of nature—in particular, native orchids—and over the summer visited family in New Mexico. Charles encourages all of us to donate blood or platelets if possible. **Eun Kim**, BFA '95, moved to a new home in Marlton, NJ. **Carrie Fox** became the deputy general counsel of BioScrip Inc., a national home health and home infusion provider. She loves her work—and the 20-minute commute. "I certainly do not miss commuting into Manhattan, which I did for three years since moving to

## Art Smart

### Meg Feury Ragland '94

**M**eg Ragland loved her daughter's artwork, but the clutter was getting out of hand. "It was stuffed in a drawer in my kitchen, totally overflowing," Ragland recalls. "Every once in a while I'd go through and try to weed stuff out, but I'd feel bad about it—throwing out her creative endeavors."

Ragland wasn't alone; her cousin, whose daughter also loved making art, felt similarly guilty for "sneaking it out with the recycling." An idea was born: in March 2012 the two launched Plum Print, an online company that consolidates children's artwork into coffee table books. To order, parents mail in their kids' art; the works are photographed and laid out, with proofs sent back to make sure the drawings are right-side up. (With children's artwork, Ragland explains, it's often hard to know.) The finished book is professionally printed and sent to the family—with or without the original artwork, per the buyer's request.

A former communication major on the Hill, Ragland worked in the magazine industry in New York City after graduation, most recently at *Family Circle*, before moving to Asheville, North Carolina, where Plum Print is based. Now a mother of three, Ragland recently had a book made of her own childhood drawings. "My mom pulled them out, and I was surprised by the enjoyment my daughter got from looking at them," she says. "It was funny to see my daughter say, 'Oh my gosh, you made snowmen, too. You made Santa Claus, too.' Otherwise, she would have never seen my artwork. It would have remained in my parents' basement, probably forever."

— *Harmony Wright*





Westchester. We are now a three-car family and feeling very suburban."

Completing his 17th year in the Navy/Naval Reserves, **Phil Spiller**, ME '96, lives in Maine and has been a captain at JetBlue Airways for the past eight years. He recently finished an extensive green renovation project on his 1750s farmhouse, which also happens to be his childhood home. This past year, he and his girlfriend, Susan, traveled all over Italy, including Tuscany, Capri, and the Amalfi Coast. One of Phil's final assignments as a Naval Reserve C-130 pilot brought him to the Seychelles for Thanksgiving. He writes, "Life as an airline captain is never boring!" In Silicon Valley, **PJ Kirner** co-founded Illumio, a venture-backed cloud security startup.

**David Anderson** has lots of great news. His custom T-shirt printing business, Imprint Revolution, has grown over 1,000 percent since he took over six years ago. He has even had the pleasure of printing shirts for fellow Cornell alumni who saw him featured on USA Network's "Character Road Trip" and local news broadcasts. David writes, "It's fun to run a small business, but not quite as fun as the seven years I spent singing a cappella and touring with Blind Man's Bluff and Four Shadow. My 2-year-old daughter is turning into quite the future Cornell Chorus member, singing her heart out every chance she gets." Thanks so much for your updates! Happy Thanksgiving, everyone! ☑ **Abra Benson** Perrie, amb8@cornell.edu; **Veronica Brooks-Sigler**, vkbrosksigler@gmail.com. Class website, <http://classof95.alumni.cornell.edu>.

**96** **Lourdes Torres** Ciervo and husband Joe spend as much time as possible traveling the world with their 5-year-old son. When she's not collecting passport stamps, Lourdes is a researcher with the New Jersey Dept. of Agriculture. **Justine Harrison** lives in Las Vegas, NV, and spends her time working and flying, for business and pleasure. Loyal Class Notes readers may remember that in June 2012, Justine and a partner flew a Diamond DA-40 from Lake Havasu City, AZ, to Batavia, OH. **Leonard Edelstein** checked in from Belle Mead, NJ, where he lives with his wife, Janette. **Mathew Smith** writes that he's living in Houston, TX.

Baldwinsville, NY, denizen **Eve Varon** Ryan, DVM '01, is an associate veterinarian at Beaver Lake Animal Hospital. She writes, "I also volunteer my time with the Central New York Veterinary Medical Association, helping to organize events and newsletter issues." Eve and husband Elmer often take advantage of the outdoor opportunities available in the lush landscape northwest of Syracuse, spending much of their time swimming, camping, and fishing with their 6-year-old son. Eve would like to hear from her old friend **Cristy McCaffrey** Rice. Speaking of Syracuse, **Elizabeth Boll** just returned from a two-year assignment in Germany and is now a resident of the "other" Syracuse—Syracuse, UT—with husband Mike and their four sons. Elizabeth has taken command of the 368th Recruiting Squadron at Hill Air Force Base. In July 2013, **Eric Nay**, MArch '96, completed two long terms as associate dean of the faculty of Liberal Arts & Sciences at Ontario College of Art & Design in Toronto and embarked on a one-year administrative leave. Eric is looking forward to writing, spending time with his wife, Polly, and playing soccer with their son.

New Yorker (and fellow 1992-93 Mary Donlonite) **Javier Romero** just left his legal career to

become a wealth and tax planner with US Trust. A man of many and varied interests, Javier spends his free time running, playing football in a local league, escaping to the Adirondacks, and throwing pottery. **Beth Malizia** Taylor juggles a medical career as an infertility specialist (private practice) in Birmingham, AL, with a busy home life—she has four kids (including 5-year-old twins!). Beth is still mourning the loss of Ezra, her recently deceased black Labrador retriever, but writes, "We enjoy playing, at the lake, at home, and all points in between." **Richard Girards**, MBA '09, is still working for Celgene Corp. in Summit, NJ, now as the executive director, intellectual property and trade policy, corporate affairs. **Albert Nguyen** writes, "I graduated from the U. of Chicago Adult Psychiatry Residency program in June, after a long, circular path of working in hospital administration and pharmaceutical marketing in NYC. I'll be joining a group practice in the Lakeview section of Chicago and am enjoying life with my partner, Kyle, and our Morkie, Zoe.

For a change, yours truly, **Ron Johnstone**, has a bit of reportable news. Earlier this year, my 10-year-old son Casey delivered a fifth grade graduation speech (yep, such a thing exists!) on the travails of growing up as the only Los Angeles Dodgers fan in the heart of San Francisco Giants country. In a wildly improbable sequence of events, Casey's 45 seconds at the mic resulted in 15 minutes of fame, including a front page article in the *Los Angeles Times* and throwing out the first pitch at the June 24 Dodgers-Giants game at Dodgers Stadium. The best part was when Casey donated the \$1,000 in ad revenue earned from YouTube views of his speech to a very worthy (and rivalry-transcending!) cause: [www.support4bryanstow.com](http://www.support4bryanstow.com).

Finally, those on the East Coast might be wise to enjoy some live hockey with their Thanksgiving leftovers this year, as the Big Red men's team faces the Boston U. Terriers at Madison Square Garden on Saturday, November 30 at 8:00 p.m. Our class secured a duespayer-exclusive ticket block in section 224, and tickets might still be available. Check our class Facebook page (Cornell Class of 1996) and LinkedIn site (Cornell University Alumni Class of 1996) for the latest info.

Autopsied a buffalo? Learned to sew? Discovered a dwarf planet? Disproved a widely held theory? Tell us all about it! ☑ **Ron Johnstone**, raj6@cornell.edu; **Carin Lustig** Silverman, CDL2@cornell.edu; **Liam O'Mahoney**, liamom@yahoo.com. Class website: <http://classof96.alumni.cornell.edu>.

**97** Another semester is almost over on the Hill, and current students will soon be preparing for finals. I'm certain the level of coffee consumption must go up this time of year! Although some of our classmates are working on additional degrees, many are busy with changes in their professional lives, which I'm sure we all know can be just as challenging as a Chem 357 (or whatever your least favorite course was) final.

**James Bailey** sends word that he has made a career change. After 12 years practicing law at a big NYC firm, he has started his own corporate law firm, Bailey Duquette, with his friend Marc Duquette. He stays in touch with classmates **Andrew Rudenstein** and **Joe Mahoney**. Congrats, James! Also updating us about a professional change is **Donnelly Nariss** Maysey. She has been promoted to regional VP of sales for Hyatt Place

and Hyatt House. "I'll still be based in Scottsdale, AZ, but my travels will be taking me anywhere between New Mexico and New Jersey. Hoping to connect with some Cornellians in the cities where my 21 hotels are located!"

Sending news from sunny Miami, FL, is **Kathleen Rodriguez**. Kathleen completed her master's in nonprofit management from the U. of Central Florida last summer and is currently working as the project director for STEM-TRAC, a grant-funded project at Miami Dade College's School of Science. Fellow scientist **Angela Ledgerwood** is working on remediation projects for contaminated soil and water as a senior scientist with URS Corp. in Houston, TX. Although a Texan for five years, Angela said she is still not used to the summer heat. Just remember all those freezing Ithaca winter days to make you feel cool, Angela! Between keeping up with many Cornellian friends and work, Angela volunteers with Grace Place, an outreach ministry for homeless GLBT teens. She also enjoys traveling to Europe to visit family.

Who in our class works for the NBA? **Todd Jacobson**, that's who! Todd is currently the senior VP, social responsibility, for our nation's premier basketball league. Todd also shared news of his recent nuptials to classmate **Jana Schulman**. "We did not know each other at school. It took a blind date set-up through a mutual friend a few years back for us to eventually meet. You always hear about the amazingly high statistic of Cornellians marrying each other and laugh it off until it happens to you!"

More to come in the next column, but the supply is low. Send along any great trips you've taken, random Big Red encounters you've had, even your favorite place to wear your "Ithaca is Gorges" T-shirt. Return the hard copy News Form in our most recent class mailing, or check out the new questions at the online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>. Can't wait to hear from you! ☑ **Sarah Dardorff** Carter, sjd5@cornell.edu; **Erica Broennle** Nelson, ejb4@cornell.edu.

**98** Greetings, fellow classmates! My name is **Toni Stabile** Weiss, and I am thrilled to be joining the *Alumni News* team with this issue. As a high school English teacher in Long Beach, NY, I have been reading these columns avidly over the years for updates from my friends and, lately, from some of my former students. Perhaps one day I'll be seeing news of my daughters (Madeline, 4, and Lauren, 1) on these pages as well. At least a mom can dream! Although 15 years may have passed since we graduated, it is always great to re-establish ties with our friends from the Hill.

**Haeman Noori**, who just started his own oral and maxillofacial surgery practice in Lakewood, CO, has been busy nurturing its growth. He would love to hear from classmate **Esfandiar Nasr**. Haeman also proudly tells us that he and his wife, Afsaneh, welcomed their first child, Aidan, on August 15, 2012. Another classmate who invites Cornell friends to reconnect with her is **Oksana Yuzefovich** (oyuzefovich@yahoo.com). She has relocated to the San Francisco Bay Area with her family, following her husband's job reassignment, and is looking forward to getting involved with the Cornell Club of Northern California. "If we crossed paths at Cornell," she writes, "feel free to reach out to me."

Combining ingenuity and personal passions has yielded impressive results for some of our

classmates this year. **Steven Gutierrez**, assistant professor of integrated media at Lake Erie College, melds his loves of science and art into two very diverse and fascinating projects: "Toward the Black Hole, 2012," is one of the imaginative new holes at the Boca Raton Museum of Art's new exhibition, "Big Art: Miniature Golf." "Python Reticulatus" is a sculpture selected for the "Year of the Snake" public art project in Cleveland's AsiaTown. Steven and his wife, **Tamara (Baker)**, have a daughter, Lia, who suggested the python as his subject for the sculpture. **Sara Maamouri** is an independent documentary filmmaker based in the San Francisco area. She writes, "I'm co-producing a documentary about Tunisia post-revolution called 'Tunisia 2.0'—we just launched a Kickstarter campaign!" For more information, you can check out the following site: <http://www.kickstarter.com/projects/742675458/tunisia-20-a-documentary-film>. Sara is also the mom of a 1-year-old daughter and a member of an all-women's cappella group, the Loose Interpretations.

*Super Lawyers* recently recognized **Daniel Traver**, who practices business litigation at Gray-Robinson, among the 2013 "Florida Super Lawyers." Quite an accomplishment, as only five percent of Florida attorneys are honored with inclusion on this list each year! According to his firm's website, Dan is also heavily involved in the competitive central Florida running and triathlon community. He was the founding coach and coordinator of the Downtown YMCA Running Club, which currently has a membership in excess of 175 people. While many of us may share Daniel's goal to stay healthy and active despite working full-time, some of our classmates have taken this a step further, managing to successfully combine their business and fitness pursuits. One is rock climber and entrepreneur **Lucas Kovalcik**, who was named New Jersey State Small Business Person of the Year by the US Small Business Administration. Lucas and fellow climbing enthusiast Tim Walsh opened their New Jersey-based indoor rock-climbing franchise, the Gravity Vault, in 2005. Their gyms, which offer a safe but exciting environment for novices and experienced climbers alike, have been featured in numerous publications, such as the *New York Times* and *Fitness* magazine, as well as on Fox News and local cable programs. The Gravity Vault family of gyms has also made it a priority to give back to the community, helping to raise funds for Cresskill's Earth Day celebration and for leukemia research in "Climb for a Cure."

This past January, **Robert Cohen, MMH '98**, became the director of operations for Kripalu Center for Yoga and Health in Stockbridge, MA, the largest yoga-based retreat center in North America. He and wife **Amy Damers, DVM '00**, a veterinarian in Falls Village, CT, have two children, Benji, 9, and Kaylee, 7. **Bjarne Eggesbo** writes that he has been traveling all over Europe and the Middle East, and that he recently moved to Norway from London with his family. Bjarne has two children, Bernardo, 9, and Amalia, 4. **Alice Tromble** Fagin has put down roots in Iowa City, IA, where she works as a trauma/burn/critical care surgeon. Alice, husband J, and Elias, 3, welcomed new son and brother Wyatt on March 29.

The online news form is always an easy way to keep those updates coming. You can access it at <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>. Or feel free to e-mail either of your class correspondents; we would love to hear from you! **Toni Stabile** Weiss, [tls9@cornell.edu](mailto:tls9@cornell.edu); **Uthica Jinvit** Utano, [udj1@cornell.edu](mailto:udj1@cornell.edu).

**99** When this issue of *Cornell Alumni Magazine* hits your mailbox, we will be approaching winter. But as I write, it is still autumn in NYC. In fact, just last week the weather turned chillier, the wind picked up, and a popular coffee shop started turning out pumpkin-spice lattes. For me, the season marks the moment when I pull out my lovely wool blanket from Cornell's sheep program (<http://www.sheep.cornell.edu>). Seriously, it's the nicest blanket. Show some school spirit and get one.

We've lacked for news the past few months and I urge you all to send in a quick update. **Jay-eesha Dutta**, in New Orleans, LA, has been working as a consultant, facilitator, and organizer since graduation. She recently took a job at the Gulf Restoration Network, organized the Int'l Democratic Education Conference 2013, and led a civil rights movement tour in the South this summer. Her consulting work involves group facilitation and organizational team building, conference and event planning, social media promotion, and Web content development. After practicing law, then building and selling a startup in the legal industry, **T.J. Duane** is now pursuing an MBA at Stanford's Graduate School of Business in California.

**Nathaniel Hoffman** and **Nicole Salgado** recently coauthored the book *Amor and Exile: True Stories of Love Across America's Borders* (Cordillera West Books, May 2013). The book tells the story of American citizens married to undocumented immigrants, a story that Nathaniel, who lives in Boise with his wife and two daughters, covered as a journalist for more than a dozen years. Nicole lived the story from 2001 until she left the US and relocated to central Mexico with her husband, Margarito, in 2006. Nicole now lives in exile as a writer and environmental educator in Margarito's home state of Querétaro. She has a daughter. Nathaniel and Nicole delivered a copy of *Amor and Exile* to every member of Congress last summer and are promoting the book as a way of contributing to the debate on immigration reform. They were scheduled to present the book in Ithaca in November. More information is available at their website, [amorandexile.com](http://amorandexile.com).

**Jill Ausiello** Greier (Hopewell Junction, NY) is still an actuarial recruiter at Actuarial Careers Inc. and loving her job, which allows her to work from home. "It's been such a fulfilling job, allowing me to help people not only find jobs but guide them through their career. Any alumni that are actuaries—feel free to contact me," says Jill, who lives with her husband, Tony, and two "wonderful, highly energetic, adorable little boys." AJ is 4 and started nursery school in the fall, and Colton is 18 months. The family just returned from a trip to Nashville, where they toured the Country Music Hall of Fame and did a studio tour where they got to sit and play Elvis's piano. "It was such a great city with music playing on every corner." **Maureen Ryan** Schmit recently moved to Burlington, WI, where the smell from the local Nestlé plant fills the air with chocolate. She is working now as a sales representative for Badger Fluid System Technologies, a Swagelok distributor. "I'm selling valves and fittings that cost a little more than the ones I used to sell at the family hardware store during my school years."

In Mountain View, CA, **Nikhil Shanbhag** is working in Google's legal department. "I recently became the director of our Global Competition team, responsible for all of the company's antitrust issues around the globe. It's busy and full of travel, but a lot of fun and great legal work." Lastly,

kudos to **Erin Houck-Toll** in North Fort Myers, FL, who has once again been named a rising star in Florida's *Super Lawyers* magazine. She works for Henderson Franklin and serves on the executive council for the tax section of the Florida Bar and on the board of directors for Empowerment Alliance of Southwest Florida Inc. and Special Equestrians.

This column runs on tips, e-mails, snail-mail, and other dispatches. Please contact us at the addresses below, send in the news form from our most recent class mailing, or check out the new online news form at: <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>. **Melanie Grayce** West, [mga6@cornell.edu](mailto:mga6@cornell.edu); **Liz Borod** Wright, [lizborod@gmail.com](mailto:lizborod@gmail.com); **Beth Heslowitz**, [beth.heslowitz@gmail.com](mailto:beth.heslowitz@gmail.com); **Taber Sweet**, [taber.sweet@gmail.com](mailto:taber.sweet@gmail.com).

**OO** Happy holidays, classmates! I hope you are finding much warmth and joy as winter approaches. Now a board certified family physician, **Arriel Atienza** continues to serve in the Navy and is stationed with the 2nd Marine Division at Camp Lejeune, NC. He writes that he was recently promoted to lieutenant commander and is currently deployed at sea with the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit. **Angela Flynn** Tarjick lives and practices in Maryland, where she's a chiropractor in family wellness care with a pregnancy and pediatric specialty. **Jennifer Louis-Jacques** finished a fellowship in adolescent medicine in June and moved to Philadelphia in July. She writes, "I will be working as an adolescent medicine attending at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. Since moving to Philly, I got back in touch with **Kristen Schroeder** and **Julie Katz** Karp '02, and I recently saw **Seema Prasanakumar '01** in Boston." **Allison Byers** Horner is a physician's assistant in surgical oncology at the U. of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, TX, where she's worked since 2008.

**Jed Teres** became a dad in February 2013. He, his wife, and his new son live in Brooklyn, NY. **Pati Kickland** also welcomed a new little one in February, Tycho Alrek Lewis. She writes, "Tycho has the same birthday as my friend and classmate **Julie Nemecek!**" **Katie Dealy** and husband Alan have two sons, Noah, 4-1/2, and Eli, 2. They live just a few blocks north of Chicago in Evanston, IL. Katie has a new job at Teach For America as chief of staff to the co-CEO. Writing from Florida, **Katie Yeoman** Bouyea recently celebrated 13 years working at the Breakers in Palm Beach. She writes, "My son Conner was welcomed in a planned home birth in December 2011, with my husband, Chris, and daughter Mia, my mom, my sister-in-law Renee (who was also my doula and birth photographer), and my wonderful midwife and her birth assistant there to witness this amazing occasion." Katie helps other new moms as an accredited volunteer leader for La Leche League of Jupiter, FL, and La Leche League of West Palm Beach, FL. LLL is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to help mothers worldwide to breastfeed and promote a better understanding of breastfeeding as an important element in the healthy development of the baby and mother. Katie is also the secretary for the Palm Beach County chapter of the Inst. of Internal Auditors. **Olivia Fitch** is finishing up a PhD in neuroscience from Baylor College of Medicine. She and Rene Orozco married in August 2010, and their son, Miguel, was born in September 2012. She keeps in touch with **Sara Robinson**, who was one of her bridesmaids.



**Heather Messina Ford** is currently enrolled in a yearlong online program through the Inst. of Integrative Nutrition, with the goal of becoming a holistic health coach. She writes, "I love the program and have learned a tremendous amount of information in the past seven months. I am looking forward to spending more time focused on working with others to achieve their health and wellness goals for themselves and their families. I hope to one day merge my newly acquired holistic knowledge into the hospitality industry as I've worked for Marriott Hotels since graduation." Along with her husband and children, Heather recently traveled to Turks and Caicos, as well as Idaho and Wyoming. She adds, "I'll also be celebrating my tenth wedding anniversary not far from Ithaca!" When they're not traveling, Heather and her family reside in the Washington, DC, metro area. Another Hotel school alumna, **Cheryl Stanley** recently returned to Ithaca, and has an exciting professional update. She will be co-teaching two classes: Wines with Prof. **Stephen Mutkoski '67**, PhD '76, and Culinary Theory and Practice. Congrats on teaching one of the coolest classes in higher education, Cheryl!

**William S. Walker** has a new book on the shelves, *A Living Exhibition: The Smithsonian and the Transformation of the Universal Museum*. The book traces the evolution of the Smithsonian Institution, focusing on its exhibitions of cultural history, cultural anthropology, and folk life. William places the Smithsonian within the larger context of Cold War America and the social movements of the 1960s, '70s, and '80s and shows how the Institution has mirrored broader changes in American culture. He is an assistant professor of history at the Cooperstown graduate program, part of SUNY Oneonta. Hotelie **Rosa McLean Harris** lives in beautiful Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands, with her husband, Callroy. Following six and half years of service with the Cayman Islands Dept. of Tourism as a marketing manager, Rosa was recently promoted to deputy director, product development. Additionally, she and Callroy opened a small business in October 2012 and enjoy the excitement and challenges experienced with a startup company.

Have you ever felt as though you needed a Yoda in your life? If so, **Alex Iglecia** is your guy! He explains, "When your mind is spinning, I help you create a new perspective, make transitions with clarity, and reset stress so you have more fun living your purpose. My passion is helping people get on track and get unstuck. I believe real freedom is allowing every conscious being to pursue their dream, live their purpose, and make the difference they are here to make." He will also be offering transformational retreats, the first one in Hawaii, where participants will swim with dolphins. Check out <http://www.alexiglecia.com/> for more information on Alex and his professional endeavors.

Applause for **Rory Halperin** and **Lukshmi Kamat** Puttanniah, MD '04, for helping to plan a successful and touching fundraiser in memory of **Samantha Cohn**, one of our most vivacious classmates. After Sam passed away unexpectedly four years ago, her family and friends established a scholarship in her memory benefiting Minds Matter, an organization Sam volunteered with. Rory and Lukshmi, along with Sam's parents and sister Mindy, hosted a fundraiser at the Cornell Club in New York City to benefit this scholarship. Those of us there enjoyed a beautiful night filled with memories of Sam. It was great to share stories

and reminisce about what a caring and exuberant friend she was to so many of us.

Remember, you don't need to wait for a major life event to write to us. We love getting all your updates, big or small. ☑ **Christine Jensen Weld**, ckj1@cornell.edu; **Andrea M. Chan**, amc32@cornell.edu.

**01** Wow, we've been a busy bunch! I'm proud to be part of a class that's doing so many exciting things in the world—writing books, running for office, starting companies, saving lives, having babies . . . Who knows what else we'll have accomplished by our next reunion, two and a half years from now.

For an extra dose of inspiration and motivation, check out **Miki Agrawal's** book: *Do Cool Sh\*t: Quit Your Day Job, Start Your Own Business, and Live Happily Ever After*. Miki is based in New

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York City, working on THINK ([www.shethinks.com](http://www.shethinks.com)), WILD pizza ([www.eatdrinkwild.com](http://www.eatdrinkwild.com)), and tons of other cool, um, stuff. (Google her—even Jimmy Fallon agrees!) Also painting the Big Apple red, **Craig Saslow** has launched an event and experience company, Red Carpet Kids ([www.redcarpetkidsnyc.com](http://www.redcarpetkidsnyc.com)). He writes, "At each of our events, which are held in a townhouse on the Upper East Side, guests have the opportunity to walk the red carpet while doing TV interviews and being photographed by paparazzi, star in their own film (in our green-screen film set), and attend their own world premiere at our in-house movie theater, complete with a concession stand." The company has been voted "Best Over-the-Top Birthday Party" in *New York Magazine* and the "Most Buzz-Worthy Birthday Party" in *Time Out New York Kids*. They've also started doing parties for adults, and special Cornell packages are available! Transitioning from red carpets to green lines, **Deniz Birinci** recently ran for office in the Turkish Cypriot parliamentary elections. She was also profiled as "the frustrated high achiever" in the *Cyprus Mail* ([www.cyprus-mail.com](http://www.cyprus-mail.com)), the island's English-language daily newspaper. "If you say you're a student from Cornell, a lot of doors open for you," she explains, adding wryly, "It's only in [Turkish] Cyprus that people don't know about Cornell."

Another high-profile classmate, **Melanie Woodrow** (Twitter: @MelanieWoodrow) is based in Los Angeles as an investigative reporter for "The Doctors," a nationally syndicated show, and a national correspondent for CBS, where her reports air on CBS stations nationwide. Speaking of doctors, **Benjamin Ransford** recently completed a PhD in computer science at UMass Amherst and started as a postdoc at the U. of Washington. Since finishing her PhD in experimental psychology in 2009, **Sarah Callahan** has been working as a research scientist at an educational software company in Arizona. "Last year, I married the love of my life. The wedding was a Mexican fiesta complete with mariachis," she writes. "This fall we are going to spend

two weeks in France for our honeymoon. We also bought a wonderful older house built in 1953." After eight years in the US Army—not including those four years of running up Libe Slope with ROTC—**Andrew Hammer** was honorably discharged as a major earlier this year. I hope he still goes by Major Hammer, because how cool is that? Then again, Dr. Hammer sounds cool, too—he's currently a civilian ophthalmologist in Maryland. Andrew says that, in his spare time, he's busy hanging out with his wife and their kids in Virginia, running, and getting back in touch with classmates. Lucky for him, the Cornell Club of D.C. is quite active.

From California, **Jennifer Ng Chow** is excited to announce the release of her new novel, *The 228 Legacy*. Inspired by a historical event, *The 228 Legacy* weaves together multigenerational viewpoints in a Taiwanese family, showing how heritage can influence individual behavior. Jennifer

writes, "I also have two young daughters and stay connected to lots of Cornell classmates." South of the border, Hotel school alumna **Claudia Leon** used her graduation money to start her own company, selling health and beauty products to spas and hotels in Mexico. She now has nine stores, plus 11 franchisers, and has begun supplying Wal-Mart de México. Check them out at [www.botanicus.com.mx](http://www.botanicus.com.mx). She adds, "I am the mom of two great kids and am married to a great architect who designs my stores." Synergy!

We hope you'll pay your class dues again this fall, to support the Class of 2001 scholarship, our next reunion, and your copy of this excellent magazine! We've temporarily moved to an 18-month dues calendar to join the uniform dues schedule for all Cornell alumni, so pay now, then relax until we shift back to the regular annual dues schedule in Spring 2015. If you have any questions, e-mail us—while sending in your next update, of course! Between columns, stay connected via our Twitter feed (@Cornell2001) and Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/Cornell2001](http://www.facebook.com/Cornell2001)). You can also tweet me @BeliefBeat. ☑ **Nicole Neroulis Gupta**, NicoleMN6@gmail.com; or **Lauren Wallach Hammer**, LEW15@cornell.edu.

**02** We're temporarily low on news, but our recent class News and Dues mailings will hopefully have created a new supply by the time you read this. If you haven't done so yet, do return the hard copy News Form in the envelope provided or e-mail either of your correspondents at the addresses below. If you're wishing you could submit a News Form via computer, check out the new questions at the Online News Form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>, and just hit SEND when you're done. Happy holidays to all, and see you in the New Year! ☑ **Carolyn Deckinger Lang**, cmd35@cornell.edu; **Jeffrey Barker**, jrb41@cornell.edu. CAM Digital Edition, <http://www.cornellalumnimagazine-digital.com>.

**03** Hello, fellow classmates! I'm **Jonathan Schoenberg**, PhD '11, and I'm taking over for **Samantha Buckingham Noonan** and **Sudha Nandagopal** as the new class correspondent. First, thanks to both Sam and Sudha, who have collected and distributed our news for the last ten years. They were among the first to know of our many successes, great joys, and proud moments, and they dutifully and artfully conveyed those to us in every issue of *Cornell Alumni Magazine*. Sam wrote, "Working on the column is a lot of fun and is a great way to keep in touch with classmates, not only around the country, but around the world." Sudha sent this update: "In August, after more than ten years in progressive campaign organizations, I will be starting at Seattle Public Utilities in the Division of Environmental Justice as an equity planning and analysis strategic advisor." She adds that she finished her first competitive running event, the Ragnar Northwest Passage, a 200-mile, 24-hour relay with 12 team members. "I ran a total of 17.5 miles over four legs, including one at 2:00 a.m. An

intense and exhilarating experience and one I hope to repeat. If other Cornellians are out running or participating in triathlons or adventure sports in the area, please do look me up!" All the best to Sam and Sudha as they move on from their role as co-class correspondents.

I, Jonathan, was in Electrical and Computer Engineering (ECE) as an undergrad and completed an ME in ECE. I spent over three years in Baltimore as a systems engineer for Northrop Grumman Electronic Systems. During that time, I was fortunate to marry fellow classmate **Katie Nelson**, PhD '10, at Sage Chapel in September 2006. Katie and I returned to Ithaca in January 2007 and both started in PhD programs at Cornell. She finished her Animal Science PhD in late 2010, I finished my Aerospace Engineering PhD in late 2011, and we both took post-doc positions at Cornell. We welcomed our daughter shortly after I defended my thesis, and in October 2012 we relocated to the Indianapolis, IN, area, where Katie was offered a great job as a research scientist at Elanco Animal Health (a division of Eli Lilly and Co.). I worked with **Aaron Nathan '06**, ME '09, and **Frank-Robert Kline '08** to launch a cloud collaboration startup called Adept Cloud, then started my own consulting business, Arzentech Inc., focusing on estimation, algorithms, data analysis, and large-scale software development for automation and navigation. We are enjoying being Midwesterners and exploring our new city as a family. If anybody finds themselves in Indianapolis visiting for work, fun, or maybe a future Super Bowl, please feel free to contact us as we love to connect with Cornellians!

To get to know our classmates better, I will often include a classmate mini-feature. The first is **Erika Ettin**. Erika worked at Fannie Mae for seven and a half years and attended Georgetown Business School at night for three years to get her MBA. Dissatisfied with cubicle life, she founded A

Little Nudge, a company that helps people with all aspects of online dating, from writing a unique profile to planning dates. Erika writes, "From economist at Fannie Mae to CEO and founder of A Little Nudge, my career has certainly taken a turn for the best since I graduated from Cornell in '03." She adds, "After doing online dating myself on and off for years, I got to be quite good at it! I often had five dates a week, a very high response rate to my e-mails on the site (tracked in a spreadsheet, of course!), and a general love for both writing and setting people up." When her friends started coming to her for help writing their profiles and advice on their dating lives, she knew she had to pursue this passion, so she quit her job in March 2011 to start A Little Nudge. According to Erica, "So far I've had one couple get married and two others get engaged, but the real success to me is getting people out there, some of whom haven't been on a date in 20 or 30 years." She's worked with over 300 clients (including some fellow Cornellians) and writes that she uses many aspects of her Economics degree,

the opportunity to interact with Cornell students, faculty, and staff every day. My husband and I moved back to Ithaca in June, where I took on the role of assistant medical director at Gannett Health Services. In addition to caring for patients and clients, I am involved administratively in the running of the clinic. We also moved to our first home in Lansing, and I take the bus into campus every day. When I leave the office I walk onto Ho Plaza and try to catch the sunset from the top of the Slope—it feels like I'm right at home. If anyone is living around the area or would like to come for a visit, please let me know!

**Amy Ruszkiewicz** Howard writes, "After graduating I went to the U. of Chicago and earned an MA in Middle Eastern studies. After that, I received a grant from Qatar U. and spent a year studying advanced Arabic. And in 2008 I began working as an analyst for the US Dept. of Defense. It's been a fascinating five years with lots of travel, including a deployment to Iraq, and an upcoming five-year tour in the United Kingdom. My husband, Thomas, and I met at the U. of Chicago and we were married in 2010. There were lots of Cornellians at the wedding, including bridesmaids **Jessica Ma** and **Caren Armstrong**, and **Ting Shih-Okawachi '03** sang during the ceremony. In September 2012 we welcomed our daughter, Lily Caroline." Amy is proud that her daughter had a passport before her first birthday—the family traveled to London last May for a friend's wedding! She adds, "Since graduation I have traveled all over the world. I'm currently up to 33 countries, and my goal is to always have visited more countries than years I am old." The online news form (<http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>) has a new question: What do you wish you had done more of (or less of!) when you were at Cornell? Amy's answer: "I wish I had worried less and spent more time with friends."

**Erin Cohen** writes with a major update in her professional life. "As of July 29, 2013 I was named director, global corporate communications for the Estée Lauder Companies Inc. I was previously director, public relations at Clarins USA." **Matt Hyde** writes in about friends **Matt White** and **Allison Kornet**—fellow Class of '04 Cornellians who got married in December 2012!

Now that I'm here in Ithaca, I'm helping to prepare for our 10th Reunion this June 5-8, 2014. The Class Council would appreciate it if you'd take a few minutes to log in to <http://cornellconnect.cornell.edu/> and update your address with Cornell. This is an important year to stay in touch and we will begin sending you information on reunion this fall. "Like" Cornell Young Alumni Programs on Facebook and follow us on Twitter to hear about the latest and greatest. Send in news anytime to: **Anne Jones**, [cu2004correspondent@gmail.com](mailto:cu2004correspondent@gmail.com). Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

**05** Greetings, fellow '05ers! This month we've had some great responses from our classmates about their successes in graduate studies. **Lydia Gilbert** writes, "I graduated from Harvard Business School in May and recently moved to San Francisco to start a new job with Google." **Michael Alpert** also graduated from Harvard U., with a PhD in virology, and is now a founder of Immunathon, a biotechnology startup in antibody and vaccine technology. May was a memorable month for **Aviesha Palmer** Stephens, who writes from

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Joshua Saul '05

her MBA, and her work experience to enhance the business. "I also got a call one day from a prospective client saying that she saw my ad on JDate. Her name sounded familiar, and then she mentioned that we were in the same sorority at Cornell! She knew she trusted me because of the connection, and we ended up working together."

Though she plans to continue growing her business as the sole employee for the time being, Erika's dream is for A Little Nudge to become the nationally recognized entity for online dating expertise. She writes, "I've been featured in the *Washington Post*, NPR, JDate, AskMen, and Philly.com, so I'm well on my way! My advice for current (and former) Cornellians is to follow your passion. Yes, it's certainly nice to get a guaranteed paycheck every week, but it's even nicer to wake up every day excited about a job you love." Erika keeps an active connection with Cornell, attending young alumni networking events and reunions, plus hiking Old Rag three times with the Cornell Alumni Group. She's active in CAAAN and is proud of her Cornell Alumni license plate frame. Thanks, Erika, for the update, and best of luck with your flourishing business.

If you think that you, or another classmate, would make a good mini-feature, please let me know! I am very much looking forward to hearing the news from our class via news and notes submissions and sharing it with the rest of the Cornell family. All the best. **Jon Schoenberg**, [rs55@cornell.edu](mailto:rs55@cornell.edu).

**04** As I write this column, Cornell is truly buzzing with activity as students have arrived on campus and are just starting their first round of prelims. My own personal and professional news puts me right at the center of campus, as my new office faces onto Ho Plaza and my role allows me

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Lynbrook, NY. "I graduated with an MBA from the Isenberg School of Management at UMass Amherst this May and also gave birth to a baby boy that same month!" She keeps in touch with **Rachel McKie**, **Christina Branche**, and **Ronya Foy '04**, MPA '05. Classmate **Colista Turner** began classes at New York U. graduate school for social work this fall. Prior to this, she was working as a professional actor and preschool teacher. Colista writes, "I plan to continue acting through school, with the eventual goal of becoming an independent teaching artist. I've also learned how to dance with hula hoops (even ones that flame!), and have taken up belly dancing and African dancing." When asked about Cornell classmates she keeps in touch with, Colista says, "I won't single anyone out; I love them all!" Wondering what **Christopher Sasiadek** decided about law school? Previously mentioned in the Jul/Aug class column, Christopher is now at the U. of Buffalo Law School, and he and wife Tara just purchased a home.

**Jessica Corman** is working on her PhD in biology at Arizona State U. studying how elements like phosphorous move through aquatic ecosystems. She says, "I helped co-edit a book that delves further into the social, political, and economic pressures, as well as the natural constraints of the global phosphorous cycle." The book, titled *Phosphorous, Food, and our Future*, was published by Oxford U. Press in June 2013. **Jay Lin** published a book in China (which has sold 10,000 copies so far!), where he went to start his own English language program and attend graduate school in education. He and his wife live in Beijing. **Benjamin Stuhl** writes from Rockville, MD: "I completed my PhD in physics at U. of Colorado, Boulder—a sort of personal manifest destiny." He has now started a National Research Council postdoctoral fellowship at the National Inst. of Standards and Technology in Gaithersburg, MD. He married Deena Rosenberg on October 10, 2010. For their honeymoon, the couple took the California Zephyr from Denver to Oakland via Salt Lake City. According to Benjamin, "It was lovely! And gorgeous. And in a few places it was even gorges."

**Jean Woroniecki** just finished her PhD in strategic management and applied statistics at the U. of Pittsburgh. She moved back to Manhattan and is now working at American Express in their real estate design and construction group. She says, "I'm so happy to be back in New York, finished with my degree, with a job I love." Jean adds, "I had a great time this year attending the weddings of my Cornell friends **Catherine Deneke**, **Laura Siemers-Kennedy**, ME '06, and **Alisha Hart**." Jean keeps in touch with many other Cornellians as well. Keep the news coming and we'll keep printing it! You can share your latest happenings with us via e-mail or on the news form in our class mailings. ✉ **Johnny Chen**, jc362@cornell.edu; **Hilary Johnson**, haj4@cornell.edu; **Michelle Wong**, mrw29@cornell.edu.

**06** Regardless of what life stages we are all at individually, one thing remains the same—we are all moving forward, creating new experiences daily within our professional and personal lives. **Carson Krislov** Quinn (carsonkquinn@gmail.com) writes that she married her "wonderful husband" Casey at the Navy Pier in Chicago, IL, in September 2012. They have since moved within Chicago, from Lincoln Park to the Old Town neighborhood. Professionally, Carson landed a position with the

Illinois Dept. of Revenue as the assistant director of communications. Carson says, "I'm always looking for Chicago-based Cornellians, so please get in touch so we can meet and/or catch up." **Allison Condon** Sjolund, JD '09, works as an attorney at the law firm Brown Rudnick LLP in Boston. In May 2013, she married husband John at the Crane Estate in Massachusetts. She notes, "Half the bridal party was composed of Cornellians!" Additionally, Allison volunteers at Underdog ResQ, a dog rescue organization in New England. In 2010, the couple adopted a long-haired Chihuahua, Chica.

**Joshua Saul '05** and **Tess Millard** were married on July 4 at the Church of St. Luke in the Fields in Greenwich Village, NY. Josh writes, "Our reception was under the Macy's fireworks on a Midtown rooftop. The wedding was attended by dozens of Cornellians, and the wedding cakes were baked by my mom, **Janis Fleischman '79**." Classmate **Whitney Toombs**, who sang a cappella at Cornell, sang "I Can't Help Falling in Love with You" for Josh and Tess's first dance, while **Lauren Sakowich '07**, BS '06, and **Sarah Cassar**, BFA '06, gave toasts at the couple's rehearsal dinner. When the beer ran out at the rehearsal dinner, **Tyler Levin** and **Jasyn Polowitz '05** ran out to buy cases of Red Stripe and Amstel Light to keep the party going. Professionally, Josh covers the Brooklyn Supreme Court for the *New York Post*, while Tess is an interior designer whose clients include Ralph Lauren Fragrances and Tom Ford.

On September 2, 2012, high school sweethearts **Alex Rakow** and **Iris Packman** were married on the shores of their beloved Cayuga Lake, where they went on their first date. Their rehearsal dinner was held at the Nevin Welcome Center at the Cornell Plantations, and their wedding was at Taughannock Falls State Park. Several Cornellians were present, including **Glynis Ritchie**, who officiated at the outdoor ceremony, and **Ethan Rainwater**, who accompanied the guests in a group song. Alex and Iris reside in Washington, DC, where Alex is an environmental consultant with Hitachi Consulting and Iris is a law fellow with the United Food and Commercial Workers Int'l Union.

**Jennifer Weber** has been keeping busy modeling and interviewing for *Michigan Golfer* and Running Television in Michigan. "If any Cornell alumni know of any job prospects, please get in touch," she writes. She's also been volunteering, spending her free time at the local animal shelter. "It brings me joy to take the animals out for walks/runs and do anything else the shelter may need." **Emily Goodell** writes, "I'm starting a vineyard and winery with my family, in the Leelanau AVA in Northern Michigan, after completing a master's in viticulture and enology at UC Davis." Attorney **Patricia DeSantis** (Santa Monica, CA; patricia.desantis@gmail.com) is happy to announce that she joined the law firm of Jeffer Mangels Butler & Mitchell LLP, where she practices in the area of employer-side labor and employment law. She enjoys seeing fellow alumni in the area and would love to hear from you!

**Anastasia Grivoyannis**, MD '11, just moved back to New York City from Seattle, WA, where she was working as an emergency room doctor. She has now changed specialties and will be working at NewYork-Presbyterian, Weill Cornell campus. **Giselle Barone** is now living in Springfield, OR, after graduating from Northwestern U. with a master's in counseling psychology. She specializes in early childhood intervention. **EJ Track** and **Eve Schaming '08**, BS '07, moved to Pittsburgh, PA, to be closer to Eve's family. In September, EJ will be

celebrating five years with his company, McMaster-Carr, where he is an order fulfillment manager. He notes, "I'm looking forward to volunteering with the Cornell Club of Pittsburgh and the Cornell Club of Northeast Ohio." **Greg Collins** and his wife moved to Dallas, TX, a couple of years ago. He is continuing his search for opportunities to follow his passions and achieve his goals and stays involved in the community, including volunteer work with the local Boys & Girls Club. He sends regards to his friends from Cornell, along with apologies for not keeping better in touch.

Classmate **Monica Meeks** entered the active duty Air Force in 2007. Since 2008, she's been stationed in Alabama for officer training, Texas for navigator training, and Kansas. Monica is currently on her seventh deployment in southwest Asia on a six-month assignment with the Air Force, where she works as an instructor/evaluator navigator on the KC-135, and working tanker execution for Afghanistan. She writes, "I started a second master's in international relations after completing my first master's in national security studies in 2011." **Jessica DiMenna** is finishing up nursing school at Simmons College in Boston and will be graduating this December. She ran a marathon in Burlington, VT, over Memorial Day weekend and was training for the NYC Marathon in November. Keep the fabulous updates coming! ✉ **Nicole DeGrace**, ndg4@cornell.edu; **Tory Lauterbach**, tory.lauterbach@gmail.com; and **Katie DiCicco**, kad46@cornell.edu.

**07** Stay tuned to this space for a full column in the next issue, and in the meantime, share your news by e-mailing your correspondent (address below) or by mailing in a hard copy News Form from one of our past class mailings. You can also submit a News Form via your computer. Go to: <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>, check out the new questions at the Online News Form, and just hit SEND when you're done. Happy holidays to all! ✉ **Nina Terrero**, nt58@cornell.edu. CAM Digital Edition, <http://www.cornellalumnimagazine-digital.com>.

**08** Spring and summer were busy seasons for our fellow '08ers! Congrats are in order to **Ashlen Saulson** and **Daniel Lee**, who got married on June 9, 2013. Ashlen graduated from medical school this past May and started her residency in ob/gyn in July at the U. of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas. Dan works at Aero-turbine in Dallas. **Jennifer Soffen** is currently studying for her MBA at Harvard Business School. This summer, she interned with Union Square Ventures. She also got to go to South Africa for two weeks. Last spring **Sean Mooney** climbed Mount Everest and reached the top on May 19, 2013. Sean did this to raise money for the charity Right To Play. Check out <http://www.righttoplay.com/seanmooneyeverest> for more details, as well as <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g1SEiahEPgo> for some on-the-mountain coverage.

**Alina Lane** finished up her job as a dental resident in Brooklyn and solo-backpacked through Thailand, Cambodia, Laos, and Vietnam in July and August. In September, she moved back to New York, where she started work as a general practice dentist. From work to hanging out with her friends to all her travels, she says, "Life is pretty good!" Alina would love to hear from old friends currently

living in New York City. **Adam Breitman** spent a nice five weeks on vacation this past summer, between graduating from Columbia Business School and starting full-time at Toys “R” Us in their finance group. Of course, despite his lovely holiday and spending time with fellow classmate **Allyson Davis**, he tells us he would rather be spending the summer in Ithaca. He would love to hear from **Karlite Raley**, and find out what his old friend has been up to since graduation.

We have several teachers in our midst. **Ashleigh Smith ‘07**, BS HE ‘08, is a third grade teacher at a London prep school called Feltonfleet. Last summer she represented England at the Women’s Lacrosse World Cup in Oshawa, Ontario. **Sarah Lynn**

signed up for another five years of writing this column. Keep us posted and help make our jobs easier! [✉ Libby Boymel, lkb24@cornell.edu](mailto:libby.boymel@cornell.edu); and **Elana Beale**, [erb26@cornell.edu](mailto:erb26@cornell.edu).

**09** **Alexandra Taylor** writes, “I was a History major on the Hill, with a concentration in Int’l Relations. I joined the Dept. of State as a Foreign Service Officer in September 2011 after working in D.C. for two-plus years as a staff assistant, then legislative assistant, in the US House of Representatives. I am currently vice consul at the US Embassy in Abidjan, Cote d’Ivoire, and will reach

‘08, BS ILR ‘07, passed the Bar and began working as a corporate lawyer. I started a new job at Google as a rich media solutions consultant. And in middle of all that, we got married in front of 300 of our closest friends and family (over 50 of whom were Cornellians)! We love being a part of the huge Cornell NYC alumni community. Since graduation we’ve taken trips to Portugal, South Africa, and Israel. In our spare time Matt volunteers as a big brother, and I’m on the board of the Junior Committee of the Alzheimer’s Association NYC Chapter.” Congratulations to all!

**Aki Takahashi**, BS HE ‘08, a Human Biology, Health and Society major who dreamed of becoming a physical therapist, entered Cornell as a transfer student and admits to some struggles finishing her undergraduate degree. After graduation, though, she refocused her attention, did an internship at an outpatient clinic in East Northport on Long Island, and, in 2012, finished her master’s in cardiac rehabilitation and exercise science at CUNY Brooklyn College. Four days later she started at the U. of Connecticut for a doctorate in physical therapy, which she hopes to complete by May 2015. “I am scheduled to start my first acute care clinical rotation at Greenwich Hospital in August. I am also the vice president of the student council of my class for the American Physical Therapy Association and attended the week-long national conference in San Diego, CA, last summer.” Aki adds that her hobby is running. “I’ve run six half-marathons (D.C., Miami, Hartford, Bronx, Staten Island, Sandy Hook) and one full marathon (NYC). I am currently training for the Philadelphia Marathon in November!”

**Michael Ziering** has worked in inventory management at Gap Inc. since March 2012. **Lauren Kutik** (Cleveland, OH) accepted a job at OverDrive Inc., in February as cataloging specialist—“making use of my Master of Library and Information Science (MLIS) degree. I am also in the process of closing on the purchase of my first house! Last September I traveled to France for the first time, visiting Paris and parts of Brittany.” **Sky Fogal** (Jim Thorpe, PA) wrote in mid-August: “I just got back from a private 16-day raft trip down the Grand Canyon with one of my Phi Delta Theta brothers. It was a blast as we rowed ourselves through some of the biggest rapids in North America.” **Jordan Fabian** lives in Washington, DC, and works as political editor at Fusion, the new cable TV network from ABC News and Univision. He and **Melissa Frankel** were married on September 1!

Lastly, the word from Virginia Commonwealth U. is that **Jordan Garroway**, former teacher-turned-graduate student in VCU’s School of Engineering, is pursuing his master’s degree full-time with the assistance of a fellowship from the National Academy for Nuclear Training (NANT). Jordan, a geophysics major on the Hill, decided to take the advice he always gave his AP Physics students at a high school outside Richmond, VA: “If you’re truly interested in math and science, you really ought to consider engineering.” He is now one of approximately 18 nuclear engineering students selected to receive \$25,000 for the 2013-14 academic year. After earning his master’s, Jordan hopes to secure a job as a nuclear plant design engineer and ultimately advance into a leadership position.

Thanks for all your news! There’s a new set of questions at the online form, so check it out at: <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>, or write directly to your correspondents: [✉ Julie Cantor, jlc252@cornell.edu](mailto:jlc252@cornell.edu); **Caroline Newton**, [cmn35@cornell.edu](mailto:cmn35@cornell.edu).

‘We re-refine used oil to produce very high-grade motor oil.’

**Jaime Ambrosio ‘08**

**Hansen**, MAT ‘09, writes, “I am a singer, runner, reader, writer, violist, hiker, and camper who is full of love and gratitude for all I have. I am a 20-something still trying to figure out exactly what I want to be when I grow up. I’m getting closer all the time, though!” After four years of teaching middle school science, coaching high school cross country and track, and playing in the high school chamber orchestra at an all-girls school in the D.C. suburbs, Sarah returned to graduate school full-time for a master’s in biological sciences at U. of Maryland, Baltimore County. “I’m so excited to have the chance to learn more cutting-edge science, and then (I hope) get a job where I can use it!” While studying for her master’s, Sarah will also be playing in the UMBC symphony orchestra. She would like to hear from **Anastasia Rudenko**, ME ‘08.

Several of our classmates are making moves—literally. **Andrea Vidler**, BS ILR ‘07, MPA ‘08, moved to Philadelphia in August to start a dual degree program at Wharton to do an MBA and an MA in international studies at the Lauder Inst. focused on Latin America. **Mike Chua**, who listed an address in NYC, wrote that he was moving to London to work for the live music tech startup Songkick. **Jenna Bromberg** writes, “I got a new job as the social media manager for Pizza Hut, so I have moved from Kansas City to Dallas to work at the Hut’s Plano headquarters.” Jenna has also completed five half-marathons, and was training for her first full 26.2! “Planning to run the Chicago Marathon in October!” ChemE grad **Jaime Ambrosio** recently moved to Chicago to work for a company called Safety-Kleen. “We re-refine used oil to produce very high-grade finished product motor oil. It is a very green process that produces 80 percent less greenhouse gasses than traditional refining, and there is no dependency on foreign oil. Our feedstock comes from the US.” In addition to her job, Jaime finds time to play on a rugby team, the Chicago Sirens. Her team has been invited to compete in the 2014 Safari Sevens Tournament in Nairobi, Kenya. Congrats, Jaime! The Safari Sevens is Africa’s premier rugby tournament and participation is by invitation only. Check out the tour website, <http://www.SirensSafari7s.webs.com>.

That’s all for now. Happy Holidays —and don’t forget to keep us updated! Elana and I clearly love hearing from our fellow classmates, since we both

the end of my two-year posting in February 2014. I will be based in D.C. for most of 2014 for long-term language training. While travel between West African countries is quite expensive and time-consuming, I have gotten a chance to travel to Ghana and within Cote d’Ivoire. I was also recently in Istanbul for the first time—direct flight from Abidjan!”

**Jessica Walrath** graduated from the Penn State College of Medicine in May and started residency in emergency medicine at Yale-New Haven Hospital in June. “During the month in between, I traveled to the Galápagos Islands, mainland Ecuador, and Peru. My Cornell roommates (**Kristen Yeager**, **Caroline Newton**, **Caitlin Lucey**, **Tracey Sikora**, and **Allison Rienecker**) had a mini-reunion last summer for Kristen’s bachelorette party!” Kristen and classmate **Steve Schepel** were married on September 14!

At least three of our classmates have started business school. **Sierra Stewart** spent the last four years working for Hillstone Restaurant Group, most recently as the general manager of Houston’s in Irvine, CA, then was accepted to the Johnson Graduate School of Management for her MBA. “I am excited to be headed back to Cornell for the second time. I hope to utilize my MBA to transition into strategy consulting after graduation.” Sierra says she spent the summer learning how to surf! She adds, “**Angela Morel**, MBA ‘11, **Jessica Granoff**, **Erin Litwin**, **Amanda Trzcinski**, **Whitney Wadman**, **Kate Duch**, BS ‘08, MS ‘09, and I have managed to coordinate yearly reunions despite being scattered across the country. Love you, girls!” Noting a new address in Berkeley, CA, **Charles Guo** started his MBA at Berkeley Haas School of Business in the fall. And **Mandy Hjellming** is now in New York City, having matriculated at Columbia Business School in September.

**Brianne Gilbert** Krysia (Media, PA) was engaged in September 2011, immigrated to the US in August 2012, got married on September 22, 2012, and has already begun expanding her family! **Jeremy Behmoaras** married Leila Mokhtarzadeh in Cannes, France, on September 1, 2013. They’ve been together since his days at Cornell. Jeremy works in acquisitions for the Sydel Group, an owner, operator, and developer of independent hotels. **Marielle Mindlin Bernstein** writes, “The last couple of years have been a whirlwind for us. **Matt**



**10** My, oh my, how the time does fly! Season's Greetings, Class of 2010, and best wishes for a new year. If any of you are starting to feel "old," be comforted by the fact that you are not alone. We, your faithful class correspondents, are also having trouble staying up past 11:00, have held vigils for our deceased metabolism, and can't identify with the trends and fads like "twerking" and "Harlem shaking" that have swept the nation. However, what we may have lost in youthful exuberance, we make up for with confidence, maturity, and level-headed thinking. Before we pat ourselves on the back too hard, it is worth noting that biology, in addition to our life experiences, is behind our transition into "responsible adults." You see, the prefrontal cortex, which controls reasoning and impulses, doesn't fully develop until you're 25. So allow us to congratulate those of you who have made it to this stage of your life cycle. Let us now take a look at some of our classmates who have embraced their increased wisdom and sensibilities to capitalize on the opportunities they were given in order to make a positive difference in the world.

**Lauren Barbato** recently moved back to the East Coast after a three-year stint in San Francisco. "I'm still working in Google's user research department and will be starting a master's in psychology in the fall. Looking forward to being closer to Cornell and visiting campus for the first time in several years!" Those of us who are in the eastern United States and haven't visited Cornell since graduation should definitely take a page out of Lauren's book and take a trip up (or down) before life interferes to make our beloved alma mater geographically more difficult to reach. After graduating with a degree in Int'l Agriculture and Rural Development, **Benjamin Davies** left for the Kingdom of Lesotho to serve for two years in the Peace Corps as a community health and economic development volunteer. Upon completion of his service in July 2012, he started a master's in soil science at Texas A&M and is conducting research on the effect of different land preparations on soil nitrogen, phosphorus, and other micronutrients across the four agro-eco systems found in Ghana. A second experiment explores the effect of different phosphorus, nitrogen, and organic fertilizer applications. "This summer I participated in the US Borlaug Summer Inst. on Global Food Security, where we were able to attend seminars held by Purdue faculty, practitioners, and policy makers. In December 2012 I traveled to Ghana to collect soil samples for my research and then went to Rome, Italy, to visit my family for Christmas."

Some of you may remember **Rebecca Daley** Fuoco wearing fabulous peep-toe heels to Organic Chemistry Lab and getting sent home to change her shoes. She is delighted to report that she has founded SO CHIC Los Angeles, a company offering all-natural mineral and botanical makeup. SO CHIC combines Rebecca's love of glamour with her knowledge of health and science. She says to check it out at [www.sochic-la.com](http://www.sochic-la.com) and use code GORGES for a 10 percent Cornell alumni discount! **Berit Nelsen** used her double major in Development Sociology and Communication to serve in AmeriCorps after graduating and then spent a year at a private firm. She then moved to the U.K. to complete her master's in social development and sustainable livelihoods. She took advantage of her location to travel all over Europe this past year and also visited Morocco.

ILR alumna **Melanie Stewart** graduated this past May with a JD from Howard U. School of

Law. "I was selected for an in-house legal fellowship in the legal department at the Johns Hopkins Health System Corp. and Johns Hopkins Medicine and will work in the area of labor and employment law." Melanie is now based in Baltimore. Although it gets more difficult to keep in touch as time goes by, Melanie has been doing a great job of staying connected with classmates, including **Jesutomiloba Odunsi**, **William Cantine**, **Chinomnso Nnodum**, **Taylor James**, and **Sharon Foretia '11**, among others. **Elizabeth Lee** finished the first year of a PhD program at Georgetown U. in global infectious disease. Her current research is related to the age dynamics of influenza transmission. She has become a biking fanatic over the past year and recently splurged for a carbon fiber road bike. She was preparing to complete her first metric century ride at the end of the summer.

**Tommy Felix** graduated from the George Washington U. Law School in May and will begin work as an associate in the corporate law department at Cahill Gordon & Reindel in New York City. He was also a groomsman at the wedding of **Richard Thomson** and **Amanda Teska**, along with **Mitchell Fried**, **Christopher Bevan**, **Cyrus Gentry**, **David Keating**, and **Tucker Moffat**, BS '09.

Be sure to start your new year off right by making a concerted effort to keep in touch with old friends. And while you're at it, drop us a line and let us know how you're doing. E-mail one of us at the addresses below, send in the hard copy news form from our recent class mailing, or check out the new questions at the online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>. **Rammy Salem**, [rms84@cornell.edu](mailto:rms84@cornell.edu); **Mike Beyman**, [mjb262@cornell.edu](mailto:mjb262@cornell.edu).

**11** Stay tuned to this space for a full column in the next issue, and in the meantime, share your news by e-mailing one of your correspondents (addresses below) or by mailing in a hard copy News Form from one of our past class mailings. Already sent in news? You'll see it here soon. Don't know what to say? Go to: <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>, check out the new questions at the online news form, and just hit SEND when you're done. Happy holidays—and keep in touch! **Kathryn Ling**, [KEL56@cornell.edu](mailto:KEL56@cornell.edu); **Lauren Rosenblum**, [LCR46@cornell.edu](mailto:LCR46@cornell.edu). CAM Digital Edition, <http://www.cornellalumimagazine-digital.com>.

**12** Since finishing his work as communications director on Ithacan **Nate Shinagawa '05**, MHA '09's congressional campaign in the 2012 election cycle, **Nate Treffeisen** has gone on to work in City Year's Headquarters Public Policy Dept. as their national mobilization manager, a role seeking to expand service and volunteer opportunities nationwide through policy. On the other side of the country, **Reshma Patolia, ME '12**, has been working for a Johnson & Johnson company in Irvine, CA, since graduation, as a quality engineer. She writes, "I am in the process of purchasing a house. Pretty excited about that!" Reshma will be traveling to the Dominican Republic soon for vacation. In the meantime, she's been keeping herself busy with a new hobby, Munny dolls. Reshma explains, "A Munny doll is a blank white plastic doll that I get to design in any way I please. I use my imagination and creativity to design and sculpt them." **Justin**

**Zupnick** has received well-deserved acclaim for a project he began with Prof. Carol Lynne Krumhansl of the Psychology department while he was a senior. Justin and his fellow students studied autobiographical memories associated with music of the last five decades and found that students had strong autobiographical memories of music associated with their parents. Their findings will soon be published in *Psychological Science*, and have already been picked up in the Huffington Post.

**Gregory Monte** is living in Brooklyn, modeling, writing music, traveling, and DJ'ing. "I love music and am pursuing it with a full heart and a head of blissfully ignorant steam." All things considered, life after Cornell is treating him well and he finds himself content. **Quintana O'Neill** also lives in Brooklyn, working as a project manager in economic development for the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce. **Timothy Lin** has been keeping busy working as an associate analyst in commercial real estate finance for Moody's Investors Service. When he's not working, Timothy enjoys playing tennis and has interests in venture capital, real estate, technology or automotive investments, and hockey. **Caroline Jirka** has spent an eye-opening year teaching English in Thailand and returns state-side in September 2013.

Keep your classmates up to date on your life after Cornell by sending any information you would like to share to: **Peggy Ramin**, [mar335@cornell.edu](mailto:mar335@cornell.edu); or **Emily Cusick**, [egc43@cornell.edu](mailto:egc43@cornell.edu).

**13** Even though we are all gearing up for the holidays, news from your classmates about their summer happenings continues streaming in—and, hey, reminiscing about summer may be a welcome distraction from the impending winter season.

The Class of 2013 came together for the Young Alumni Sunset Cruise in New York City at the end of the summer. 2013 alumni met up with other Cornellians from the classes of 2004-12 at the Skyport Marina, where they played Cornell Trivia for Cornell swag while waiting to board the boat. Everyone felt like college kids again as they cruised around New York City's East River, passing Midtown, Wall Street, the Brooklyn Bridge, and, finally, the Statue of Liberty. 2013ers in attendance were **Ali Tunis '14**, BS ILR '13, who spent her summer traveling along the East Coast, and **Leighann George**, who is deep in her work as a paralegal at Kaye Scholer LLP. **Helen Giles** recently made the big move from her native Ithaca to NYC, where she is working as a recruiter for Northwestern Mutual. Helen actually got the job after serving a Northwestern manager/alum at Dunbar's! Another cruiser, **Andrena Garden**, traveled to Costa Rica on a Groupon deal with fellow ILRies and is now working at J.P. Morgan in human resources. All can attest that the event was a success, and we encourage you to attend Young Alumni events in the future.

Many of our classmates are working at Teach For America in various cities throughout the country. **Adina Rubin-Budick** is working at Sci Academy, a Hurricane Katrina recovery school in New Orleans, as a special education teacher in reading and mathematics intervention. Adina says she has seen first-hand how the growing presence of charter schools can shift the academic lives of young students, and she is excited to be part of a school that "focuses so intently on scholar achievement, relationships with the community, and getting scholars to college." **John Mueller** is doing the

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Men of Last Call proud as he creates his school's first music curriculum in NYC. **Antoinette Gayle** is working as a biology teacher in Newark, NJ.

Over the summer, **Zoe Weiss** traveled throughout South America and then went on to work as a guide in France for Reilly Cycling, a company that offers cycling tours along the Tour de France route. She and **Kristen Jenkins** started work in the UBS Graduate Training Program and ran the Staten Island Half-Marathon together in October. **Benjamin Sellev** is working as a credit representative for Farm Credit East in Riverhead, NY. **Pretty Samantha Martinez** (yes, her first name is actually Pretty; how cool is that?) moved to Brooklyn with other Cornellians and works for City Year in Queens. She enjoys runs in Prospect Park and reading books she didn't have time to read during undergrad. She recently paid for a cab with grapes and strawberries! Who knew you could barter in Brooklyn?

**Obi Asiana** released his EP, "Lamentations," which can be found at <http://obmusic4.bandcamp.com/>. The EP features soulful songs (some co-produced by **Daniel "D Nilsz" Nilsson-Cole**), like the sultry renditions of "Rolling in the Deep" and "Lamentations," featuring **Regina Zarembo** on background vocals. Another a cappella alumna, **Samantha McKenna**, is exploring the West Coast as she continues with her six-month internship with E&J Gallo Winery. Samantha is enjoying learning about wine and applying her Chemistry degree in a fun and unique way.

**Liana Mari** worked as a mechanical engineering intern at Xerox this summer, during which she took advantage of and blogged about various festivals, two-dollar concerts, and food trucks in Rochester. She kept a summer blog that you are all welcome to read, at: <http://webstersequester.wordpress.com/>. Now she is back in Ithaca finishing her ME with a focus in Biomechanics. She is also currently in the "prototyping phase" of her research project with two other Cornellians. **Della Bradt** also did some amazing work this summer: she volunteered in Indonesia through America's Unofficial Ambassadors and worked for an NGO called INTERFIDEI (the Inst. for Interfaith Dialogue in Indonesia). She too wrote a blog about her experiences, <http://dellainjogja.blogspot.com/>, and you can even watch the video she made at <http://youtu.be/40nuHK5wpts>.

**David Hietala** is now in the throes of graduate school pursuing a PhD in chemical engineering at the U. of Michigan. **Iris Hoxha** moved to Madison, WI, where she is working for Epic, a medical technology company. She is an implementation consultant on an oncology application and works with hospitals and universities to install electronic medical records systems. She appreciates being able to apply her Human Ecology education to this real world setting. **Shane Seppinni** moved back to his home state of California to start his job at Google before going on to law school. **Michael Kaplan** also moved out to California and is working at Workday as an associate software engineer. He is still riding the high from when he and the rest of Cornell's Autonomous Underwater Vehicle team won first place at the AUVSI RoboSub competition back in July.

On behalf of the Class of 2013 Alumni Board, we wish you happy, healthy, and safe holidays. As always, we want to know what you've been up to! If you or one of your friends is up to something interesting and you want to share it with the rest of the class, please do not hesitate to e-mail us at: [Rachael Schuman](mailto:Rachael.Schuman@cornell.edu), [rschuman@gmail.com](mailto:rschuman@gmail.com); or **Dan Kuhr**, [dk453@cornell.edu](mailto:dk453@cornell.edu).

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## 1930s

'30, BEE '33—**Edward Hultberg Jr.**, Statesville, NC, November 29, 2007

'31 BA, MA '37—**Mabel Lewis Anderson**, Westhampton Beach, NY, May 1, 2013

'32 BS HE—**Dorothy Hopper Burke**, Amherst, MA, June 16, 2013

'35 BS HE—**Anna Jones Edwards**, Avoca, NY, July 30, 2013

'35 BS Ag—**Viola Henry Miller-Mullane**, Ithaca, NY, January 18, 2013

'35 BA—**Murray R. Socolof**, Pompton Plains, NJ, April 7, 2013

'36 BA—**Walter B. Grimes**, Arlington, VA, June 29, 2013

'36 MS—Brig. Gen. **Duncan Hallock**, Bartow, FL, April 20, 2013

'36 MS, PhD '41—**Woodrow W. Middlekauff**, El Macero, CA, May 19, 2013

'36 BS HE—**Rita Ross Pomada**, Rutland, VT, May 5, 2013

'37 BME—**Spencer Kellogg II**, Glen Head, NY, June 20, 2013

'37-38 GR—**Doris E. Whittle**, Worcester, MA, November 1, 2009

'37 BS ORIE, JD '39—**Bertram A. Ziff**, San Francisco, CA, July 20, 2013

'38 BA—**Barbara Heimlich Aaron**, Long Branch, NJ, May 18, 2013

'38-39 SP Ag—**John M. Bartlett**, Mount Gilead, OH, June 9, 2013

'38 BA—**Anthony J. Gioia**, Pittsford, NY, July 29, 2013

'38 BS Ag—**Douglas M. Gottron**, Spencer, OH, June 12, 2013

'38—**Clement F. Harris**, Johnstown, PA, June 25, 2013

'38 BA—**Judith Jaffe Newman**, Pike, NH, February 11, 2012

'39, BS Ag '40—**Edna Schmidt Aakre**, Albert Lea, MN, July 12, 2013

'39 BS Hotel—**Robert Leigh Brown**, Port Charlotte, FL, June 12, 2013

'39 BS HE—**Elsie Robinson Whalen**, Carlsbad, CA, May 23, 2013

'39 BA—**Richard A. Wilmer**, Sycamore, OH, April 22, 2013

## 1940s

'40 BArch—**Dorthea Thurston Stangle Cole**, Spencer, NY, May 27, 2013

'40 PhD—**Carleton C. Conrad**, Wilmington, DE, July 3, 2013

'40 BA—**Dorothea Daniels Glass**, Palm City, FL, April 20, 2013

'40 BA—**Ward H. Goodenough**, Haverford, PA, June 9, 2013

'40-42 SP Ag—**John J. Kille**, Sequim, WA, May 2, 2013

'40—**Joseph H. Moss**, Hobe Sound, FL, June 29, 2013

'40 BCE—**Malcolm L. Wilcox**, Hastings-on-Hudson, NY, January 17, 2013

'40 BS Ag—**Howard B. Woodward**, Lancaster, PA, May 21, 2013

'41 BA—**Stanley E. Cohen**, Chevy Chase, MD, May 6, 2013

'41 BS Ag—**Jeffrey W. Graham**, Carbondale, PA, July 6, 2013

'41 BME—**Robert W. Haase**, Overland Park, KS, June 14, 2013

'41 BEE—**Arthur T. Klinger**, Winston-Salem, NC, May 8, 2013

'41 BS Ag—**Henry L. McDougal**, Rushville, NY, June 10, 2013

'41 BS Hotel—**Philip J. Parrott**, Summit Point, WV, January 11, 2013

'41 BA—**Mildred Phillips Ramsdell**, Darien, CT, August 16, 2013

'41 BME—**Fraser Scholes**, Sarasota, FL, January 22, 2013

'41 BS HE—**Cornelia Moyer Stowe**, Elmira, NY, April 8, 2013

'41—**Mayo S. Stuntz**, Vienna, VA, May 9, 2013

'41 MA—**Kate Hopkins Von Berg**, Starksboro, VT, January 13, 2013

'42—**Andrew W. Brainerd**, Chicago, IL, May 1, 2013

'42 BS Ag—**Charles G. Castor**, Vero Beach, FL, April 27, 2013

'42 MS HE—**Marie Folsom Clark**, Aiken, SC, April 2, 2013

'42 PhD—**Mary Neville Crawford**, Fort Worth, TX, April 8, 2013

'42 BA—**Margaret Smith Hancock**, Pendleton, SC, July 1, 2013

'42 BS Hotel—**Frederick R. Haverly**, Mt. Dora, FL, June 19, 2013

'42 BS Ag—**James L. Kraker**, New Smyrna Beach, FL, June 11, 2013

'42 BME—**W. Hawley Scott Jr.**, Syracuse, NY, April 17, 2013

'42 BS Hotel—**William A. Slade**, Winter Park, FL, May 25, 2013

'42—**Elizabeth Clarke Tower**, East Aurora, NY, May 2, 2013



'42 BS HE—Phyllis Stevenson Uyeno, East Setauket, NY, Oct. 8, 2011  
'42 BA—Lillian Wilson Willoughby, Leawood, KS, May 28, 2013

'43 BS HE—Dorothy O'Meal Cochrane, Ripley, NY, July 5, 2013  
'43 BCE—Jerry Cohen, Chapel Hill, NC, July 30, 2013  
'43 MA—Kathleen McNiven Compton, Oakland, CA, April 2, 2013  
'43 BA, MD '45—Paul R. Foote, Seneca Falls, NY, April 18, 2013  
'43 BA—Esther Rosenbluth Freedman, Palm Beach Gardens, FL, August 8, 2013  
'43—A. James Gallagher Jr., Palatine, IL, January 4, 2013  
'43 BA—S. Miller Harris, Spinnerstown, PA, June 9, 2013  
'43 BA—Maria Kohlberger Henry, Birdsboro, PA, July 21, 2013  
'43—Joan Ross Hersh, Beverly Hills, CA, June 13, 2010  
'43 BA—Patricia Foss Hickey, Sanford, NC, June 3, 2013  
'43 BS HE—Doris Fenton Klockner, Denville, NJ, June 20, 2013  
'43 DVM—Clyde E. Lanfair, Bennington, VT, June 5, 2013  
'43 BME—Edward C. Mabbs, Lincoln, MA, May 20, 2013  
'43, BS Ag '46—James L. Mayer, Colorado Springs, CO, May 24, 2013  
'43, BA '47, JD '48—John L. Murray, Hastings-on-Hudson, NY, August 24, 2013  
'43 DVM—Ephraim E. Ruebush Jr., Washington, DC, June 20, 2013  
'43—Ruth Vandermuellen Siener, Punta Gorda, FL, May 23, 2013  
'43—Leigh A. Simpson Jr., Syracuse, NY, May 5, 2013  
'43 BS Ag—Mead W. Stone Jr., Millertown, NY, April 10, 2013  
'43 BA—Dorothy Goodwin Whitcomb, Gainesville, FL, January 23, 2013  
'43 BS Ag—Doris Lee Zabel, Fairport, NY, April 12, 2013

'44, BS Hotel '49—David C. Baldwin, Pompton Plains, NJ, Aug. 6, 2013  
'44—Patricia Angell Banfield, Lansing, NY, March 28, 2013  
'44, BA '43—John F. Busch, Greenwood, SC, July 18, 2013  
'44—James R. Elsaesser, Boca Raton, FL, March 8, 2012  
'44—Alfred J. Fisher Jr., St. Clair Shores, MI, June 19, 2012  
'44, BME '43—Warren B. King, Greenville, ME, April 26, 2008  
'44—Mary-Lee Stroud Laird, Little Silver, NJ, August 10, 2013  
'44 BS Ag—Frank M. Reynolds, Springfield, MO, April 9, 2013  
'44—Louis M. Rieser, Durango, CO, July 16, 2013  
'44, BS Ag '47—Leonard J. Schnall, Fayetteville, NY, May 7, 2013  
'44, BA '43—George J. Seligsohn, Ocala, FL, May 11, 2013  
'44 PhD—John F. Thompson, Ithaca, NY, May 16, 2013  
'44, DVM '45—Harrison J. Wilcox Jr., Binghamton, NY, July 13, 2013

'45, BS HE '44—Gertrude Durfee Allen, Schaghticoke, NY, July 12, 2013  
'45—Robert W. Bauer, Rochester, NY, September 7, 2010  
'45 MD—William H. Burke, Trumbull, CT, July 19, 2013  
'45—Warren W. Cole, Wallingford, CT, April 8, 2013  
'45, BA '48—D. Wayne Fleming, Ithaca, NY, April 29, 2013  
'45 BA—Elizabeth Hamm Kenny, New Hope, PA, July 18, 2013  
'45 BS Ag—Benjamin E. Klein, Miami, FL, May 14, 2013  
'45 MD—Hugh F. Lena Jr., Niantic, CT, June 28, 2013  
'45, BS HE '44—Ann Lynch Pape, Los Angeles, CA, August 1, 2013  
'45, BS HE '94—Helene Scheuer Rosenblatt, Mamaroneck, NY, May 10, 2013  
'45, B Chem E '48—Richard B. Sainburg, New Canaan, CT, April 26, 2013  
'45—Lore Van den Heuvel Wall, Morristown, NJ, May 16, 2013  
'45, BA '44—Franklin W. Wedge, Knoxville, TN, April 19, 2013

'46, BA '45—Owen Birnbaum, Boca Raton, FL, May 16, 2013  
'46 BS Nurs—Mary Hunter Christensen, Baldwinsville, NY, July 8, 2013  
'46, BME '49—John N. Eustis, Easton, MD, August 19, 2013  
'46 BS Hotel—Joy Wahl Lamkin, Albuquerque, NM, November 11, 2010  
'46 BA—Frances Connor Lawson, West St. Paul, MN, July 1, 2013  
'46, BA '47—Ernest A. Michael, Woodway, WA, April 29, 2013  
'46, BME '45—Samuel D. Pierson, Manchester, CT, April 25, 2013  
'46, BME '45—Charles A. Swerdlove, Tucson, AZ, May 10, 2013  
'46, BME '48—Howard M. Weiss, New York City, May 16, 2013  
'46—Mary Kirk Whinfrey, Batavia, IL, June 9, 2013

'47 BS HE—Joyce Bauer Brothers, Fort Lee, NJ, May 13, 2013  
'47 BEE—Norbert W. Burlis, St. Charles, MO, September 28, 2012  
'47 BA—Marilyn Rosen Cohen, Troy, NY, July 17, 2013  
'47 BA—Joyce Fincher Coye, Jamesville, NY, May 16, 2013  
'47 BA—Sara Blanchard Erickson, Davidson, NC, June 5, 2013  
'47—Eli H. Horowitz, New Rochelle, NY, April 9, 2013  
'47 MD—Robert R. Johnson, Stuyvesant, NY, May 27, 2013  
'47, BA '48—Jerome Kaplan, Maplewood, NJ, May 8, 2013

'47 BS Ag, PhD '52—Marjorie Paquette Maguire, Austin, TX, Aug. 9, 2010  
'47 BME—Guy E. Martin, Massena, NY, July 25, 2013  
'47 DVM—Ray C. Newman, Island Falls, ME, April 10, 2013

'48 BA, PhD '58—Eileen M. Curran, Waterville, ME, April 22, 2013  
'48-51 GR—Bob M. Fannin, Austin, TX, July 5, 2013  
'48 BS Hotel—Lloyd P. Findholt, Kingston, NY, May 8, 2013  
'48 BA—Robert W. Fogel, Chicago, IL, June 11, 2013  
'48 BA—Mary Jane Burkholder Fredricksen, Harrisburg, PA, June 3, 2013  
'48 MA—Norma McBath Grant, Santa Barbara, CA, July 29, 2013  
'48 MEd, PhD '49—Gerald W. Lattin, Spring, TX, April 16, 2013  
'48 BA—Eugene Littman, Newburgh, NY, July 7, 2013  
'48—Eben W. Lothrop, McDaniel, MD, May 4, 2013  
'48 BME—Robert J. Morse, Portal, AZ, November 2, 2012  
'48 BME—W. James Rea, Lynchburg, VA, July 6, 2013  
'48 BEE—Ralph H. Shamblen, Ghent, NY, May 13, 2013  
'48 BME—Theodore L. Stern, Rancho Santa Fe, CA, May 31, 2013  
'48 BA—John A. Ulinski Jr., Hendersonville, NC, April 30, 2013  
'48—Theodore W. Welles, Pepper Pike, OH, April 24, 2013  
'48 BS Nurs—Bernice Birnbaum Wersan, Harrisburg, PA, April 29, 2013

'49 BS ORIE—Joseph B. Allen, Moorestown, NJ, June 14, 2013  
'49 MS, PhD '51—A. J. Ashe, Akron, OH, July 25, 2013  
'49 JD—Robert L. Becker Jr., Pittsburgh, PA, April 15, 2013  
'49 BS HE, MFS '50—Lorraine Yang Cheng, Valley Cottage, NY, December 29, 2012  
'49—Tadeusz L. Chudy, Plainfield, MA, January 8, 2013  
'49 BS ORIE—George L. Clegg, La Grange, NY, March 19, 2013  
'49, BCE '52—Edward B. Collum, Fayetteville, NY, August 1, 2013  
'49 MD—John T. Craighead, La Jolla, CA, May 29, 2013  
'49—Donald F. Dillon, Williamsville, NY, April 15, 2013  
'49 DVM—Dana C. Dingley, Farmington, ME, July 5, 2013  
'49—Anne Adams Fox, San Antonio, TX, June 28, 2013  
'49 BA—Donald H. Johnston, New Paltz, NY, May 18, 2013  
'49, BA '50—Paul J. Kiely, Naples, FL, June 1, 2013  
'49—Richard M. Krieger, Painesville, OH, August 10, 2012  
'49—Betty-Jean Wright Law, Ormond Beach, FL, May 11, 2013  
'49—Charles F. May Jr., Troy, PA, June 30, 2013  
'49 BME—Walter J. McCarthy Jr., Carmel, CA, July 24, 2013  
'49 BS Ag—David A. Nagel, Clifton, NJ, July 30, 2013  
'49—Christian D. Poitrimol, Commack, NY, February 16, 2013  
'49 BS Hotel—Garfield C. Siverson Jr., Houston, TX, July 17, 2013  
'49, B Chem E '50—Donn E. Skoog, Wilmington, DE, May 15, 2013  
'49 MBA—William B. Thaney, Rochester, NY, April 6, 2013  
'49 BS ORIE—Frederick S. Turk, Fullerton, CA, April 9, 2013  
'49 BS HE—Marilyn Mintz Wasserman, Ithaca, NY, May 4, 2013

## 1950s

'50, BME '51—Kirk E. Birrell, Huntington, MA, June 25, 2013  
'50 BS Ag—Henry J. Bokman, Freehold, NJ, June 26, 2013  
'50 BS ILR—Joseph H. Brinster, Lake Stevens, WA, July 31, 2013  
'50 BS Hotel—Donald C. Cross, Gloversville, NY, February 17, 2007  
'50 BA, MBA '51—David J. Culbertson, Vero Beach, FL, May 26, 2013  
'50—James W. Daniel, New Haven, CT, January 27, 2010  
'50—Donald E. Davie, Poughkeepsie, NY, April 27, 2013  
'50 MD—James B. Given, West Hartford, CT, June 18, 2013  
'50—Jay E. Hardenburg, Pittsfield, MA, August 3, 2013  
'50, BA '51—Miriam McCloskey Jaso, Sarasota, FL, April 20, 2013  
'50 DVM—Stuart V. Jones, Port Richey, FL, May 11, 2013  
'50 BA—Arthur H. Kahn Jr., New York City, May 12, 2013  
'50 LLB—Boyd McDowell II, Horseheads, NY, June 9, 2013  
'50 BA—Robert W. McGrath, Georgetown, SC, August 5, 2013  
'50 BA, PhD '54—Jean-Pierre G. Meyer, Baltimore, MD, April 24, 2013  
'50 BA—Robert W. Murphy, Middletown, OH, April 13, 2013  
'50, BS HE '51—Clara Pertsch Nelson, Inman, SC, April 26, 2013  
'50 BA, MD '54—John E. Peterson, Sandbridge Beach, VA, Aug. 9, 2013  
'50 BA—James L. Smith, Houston, TX, June 19, 2013  
'50 BCE—Howard A. Stevenson Jr., Ithaca, NY, June 8, 2013  
'50 BA—Anthony V. Swerz, Ridgefield, CT, April 22, 2013  
'50 BA—James R. Thomas II, Charleston, WV, May 8, 2013

'51—Richard M. Appleby Jr., New Castle, DE, April 18, 2013  
'51 MA, PhD '59—Daniel Balmuth, Saratoga Springs, NY, March 8, 2013  
'51 BS Ag—Stanley S. Clarke, Mesquite, TX, July 6, 2013  
'51 BS HE—Charlotte Williams Conable, Sarasota, FL, July 19, 2013

- '51 BS ILR—Roger L. Corbett, Hilton Head Island, SC, July 7, 2013  
 '51 BA, JD '56—Noel de Cordova Jr., Boynton Beach, FL, June 4, 2013  
 '51—Lawrence E. Doty, Iliion, NY, July 23, 2013  
 '51 LLB—Ernest M. Found, Batavia, NY, August 20, 2013  
 '51, BS Ag '50—Eugene Ganz, Divine Corners, NY, March 20, 2013  
 '51 BA—Ellis R. Glazier, La Paz, Baja Sur, Mexico, April 24, 2013  
 '51, BS ILR '52—Frederick R. Kaimer Jr., Maineville, OH, April 8, 2013  
 '51 BA—James Ryerson Logdon, Lancaster, PA, March 29, 2013  
 '51 BA—William S. Marshall, Midland, TX, May 31, 2013  
 '51 PhD—Genevieve Miller, Cleveland, OH, June 23, 2013  
 '51 PhD—Erik M. Pell, Webster, NY, August 14, 2013  
 '51 MD—James H. Pert, St. Paul, MN, March 5, 2013  
 '51 BS Ag—Ludwig J. Rowinski, Fairbanks, AK, March 25, 2013  
 '51 MS Ag, PhD '53—Richard F. Saunders, Winterport, ME, April 27, 2013  
 '51 BA—Richard W. Smith, Chilmark, MA, May 22, 2013  
 '51-52 SP Ag—John G. Sullivan, Coopers Plains, NY, June 3, 2013  
 '51-52 SP Ag—Frank V. Tomaino, Syracuse, NY, March 6, 2013  
 '51 BS Hotel—Donald P. Warner, Palm Desert, CA, June 13, 2013  
 '51 BS Hotel—Col. Edward D. Young, Pensacola, FL, January 14, 2013
- '52 B Chem E—James F. Ackerman Jr., Litchfield, CT, August 10, 2013  
 '52 PhD—Norman C. Dondero, Ithaca, NY, July 10, 2013  
 '52, BEE '53, PhD '57—Lester F. Eastman, Ithaca, NY, August 9, 2013  
 '52 MD—Lester M. Felton Jr., Beaufort, SC, December 11, 2011  
 '52 BS ILR—Elwood R. Findholt, Chestertown, NY, March 18, 2013  
 '52, BS Ag '53—Daniel H. Fricke, Baiting Hollow, NY, May 7, 2013  
 '52, BEE '53—William C. Harding, Catasauqua, PA, August 16, 2013  
 '52 BS Ag—Philip G. Horton, Peconic, NY, April 15, 2013  
 '52 BS Ag—William H. Kuntz, Fort Myers, FL, January 25, 2013  
 '52 MD—Richard Lennihan Jr., Wilmington, DE, June 12, 2013  
 '52 BS Ag—Luis E. Montero-Pinillos, Lima, Peru, March 20, 2013  
 '52 BS HE—Barbara Oles Monty, Knoxville, TN, May 26, 2013  
 '52 MS—John W. Morris, Lancaster, MA, August 13, 2013  
 '52 JD—Leonard Rosenstein, Sandy Springs, GA, April 23, 2013  
 '52 BA—Jane McKim Ross, Dallas, PA, July 6, 2013  
 '52 BS HE—Ellen Butterfield Simenstad, Madison, WI, June 11, 2013  
 '52 BS Ag—Walton E. Thomas, Baldwinsville, NY, May 30, 2013  
 '52, BME '53—John E. Werner, Newport Beach, CA, June 5, 2013  
 '52 MS Ag—Russell M. Wilhelm Jr., Dryden, NY, May 6, 2013
- '53 BS ILR—Jay E. Brett, Snyder, NY, June 25, 2013  
 '53, BME '54, MS ORIE '65—Carleton S. Everett, Hilton Head Island, SC, June 9, 2013  
 '53 BS Ag—Roberta Manchester Frink, Branford, CT, June 14, 2013  
 '53-54 SP Ag—Samuel H. Ganshaw, Mifflinville, PA, July 31, 2013  
 '53 BA—Judith Ginsberg Harrington, South Bend, IN, July 4, 2013  
 '53—Eric J. Laubmeier, Warnerville, NY, April 16, 2013  
 '53 DVM—Arthur O. Lindblom Jr., Palm Harbor, FL, March 14, 2013  
 '53 DVM—Arthur Motta, Lewisville, TX, July 2, 2013  
 '53 LLB—Jordan E. Pappas, Pittsford, NY, May 15, 2013  
 '53 BA—Lawrence Rosler, Menlo Park, CA, May 29, 2013  
 '53 BS HE—Esther Church Strawson, Ruffin, NC, June 1, 2013  
 '53 LLB—Robert A. Stull, West Palm Beach, FL, May 14, 2013  
 '53 BA—Shirley J. Tuthill, Chestertown, MD, April 20, 2013  
 '53, BME '54—John V. Wiseman, Fair Haven, NY, May 14, 2013
- '54—Harold F. Bartz, Newark Valley, NY, July 23, 2013  
 '54, BA '58—Burnett Bear Jr., Quakertown, PA, September 7, 2012  
 '54 BA—Donald J. Byers, Eagan, MN, May 2, 2013  
 '54 BA, MBA '55—William G. Clark, Watch Hill, RI, June 11, 2013  
 '54 BS ILR—Richard S. Elliott, West Henrietta, NY, April 30, 2013  
 '54 BA—John R. Ellis, Rochester, NY, May 28, 2013  
 '54 BA—Donald E. Johnson Jr., Grand Blanc, MI, May 31, 2013  
 '54—William R. Lewis Jr., Tallahassee, FL, March 7, 2013  
 '54 BA—Chester B. Martin Jr., Middleton, WI, May 26, 2013  
 '54, BCE '55—Daniel Nadler, New York City, July 10, 2013  
 '54, BEP '55—Robert N. Orpett, Gates Mills, OH, May 8, 2013  
 '54 BA—Lewis I. Rubin, Lexington, MA, July 15, 2013  
 '54 BS Ag—Franklin D. Sahler, Ellenville, NY, April 5, 2013  
 '54, BS Ag '53—Donald P. Sipp, Queensbury, NY, March 31, 2013  
 '54—George S. Stagnitta, Selkirk, NY, March 12, 2013  
 '54 PhD—Charles J. Standish, Greene, NY, January 3, 2013  
 '54 BS Ag—William I. Tucker Jr., Winter Park, CO, July 7, 2013
- '55-56 GR—Charles A. Barrett Jr., Shalimar, FL, March 15, 2013
- '55 PhD—Herman Bouwer, Tempe, AZ, July 28, 2013  
 '55 PhD—L. Arthur D'Asaro, Madison, NJ, March 6, 2013  
 '55—Charles L. Davidson Jr., Canfield, OH, December 6, 2011  
 '55 PhD—Earl E. Deubler Jr., Macedon, NY, June 3, 2013  
 '55 BS Ag, MBA '57—Walter J. Frank Jr., The Villages, FL, May 14, 2013  
 '55 BA, MD '58—Gerald Glick, Hobart, TN, July 12, 2013  
 '55 PhD—Jyotirmay Mitra, New York City, October 29, 2008  
 '55 BS Hotel—Lee E. Morton Sr., Shrewsbury, NJ, May 9, 2013  
 '55 BS Ag—Robert V. Travis, New Wilmington, PA, April 28, 2013
- '56 BA—Jose S. Abizaïd, Brentwood, UK, April 17, 2013  
 '56 MS Aero, PhD '63—Theodore J. Falk, Clarence, NY, May 28, 2013  
 '56 BA—Sondra Hammer Gordon, Houston, TX, July 14, 2013  
 '56 BA—Paul D. McConaughy, Collinsville, MS, April 17, 2013  
 '56—Katharine A. Noling, Peshastin, WA, July 18, 2013  
 '56—Barbara Hodges Peters, Dublin, OH, May 9, 2013  
 '56 PhD—Arthur P. Pieringer, Lakeland, FL, March 7, 2013
- '57 BS Hotel—Donald B. Blackburn, Sarasota, FL, March 28, 2013  
 '57—Martin S. Douglas, Endicott, NY, July 27, 2013  
 '57 BS Ag, MBA '58—J. Andrew Drechsel, Tenafly, NJ, April 30, 2013  
 '57 MBA—Robert J. Hardy, Mountaint Lakes, NJ, May 31, 2013  
 '57 PhD—Roger W. Hemken, Lexington, KY, August 15, 2013  
 '57, BEP '58—Allan S. Krass, Potomac, MD, January 3, 2013  
 '57 BA—Edward Littman, Norwalk, CT, June 3, 2013  
 '57, BS Chem E '58—Theodore F. Olt, Davenport, IA, June 9, 2013  
 '57 BS Ag, MED '66—Bruce S. Petrie, Sandy Creek, NY, May 17, 2013  
 '57—Philip G. Tays, Chelmsford, MA, May 22, 2013
- '58 MBA—Peter G. Biesiot Jr., Shelton, WA, March 20, 2013  
 '58 BA—Robert L. Dunn, Corte Madera, CA, April 13, 2013  
 '58 JD—Frederic C. Goodwin III, Pittsburgh, PA, July 5, 2013  
 '58 MS, PhD '60—Ellis W. Huddleston, Las Cruces, NM, April 1, 2013  
 '58, BEE '59—Richard H. Kingsland, Orange, CA, April 28, 2013  
 '58, BCE '59—John R. Mertens, Atascadero, CA, September 22, 2011  
 '58 MS—Leo N. Namken, Weslaco, TX, July 14, 2013  
 '58 BA—Ilene Shulman Pascal, Eugene, OR, May 1, 2013  
 '58 BS HE—Cynthia Ide Rockwell, Rome, Italy, April 28, 2013  
 '58 MA—Jeanne Sacco Specht, Webster, NY, July 15, 2013
- '59, BS Ag '61—Dewitt L. Branagan, Islip, NY, June 4, 2013  
 '59 JD—John F. K. Cassidy, Sonoma, CA, June 23, 2013  
 '59, BCE '60, MRP '71—Robert J. Coyle, Alexandria, VA, May 1, 2013  
 '59 BS HE—Dorothy Fried Goldmeier, Columbia, MD, November 6, 2011  
 '59—David I. Harris, Plainsboro, NJ, June 10, 2013  
 '59 BA—Samuel E. Henes, Lakewood, OH, April 23, 2013  
 '59 BS Ag—Barbara Shacter Hurwitz, Rochester, NY, October 19, 2012  
 '59 BA—Paul Lebowitz, Woodbridge, CT, May 22, 2013  
 '59—Raymond N. Merena, Vero Beach, FL, and Wolfeboro, NH, May 21, 2013  
 '59, BA '61—Ronald E. Newton, Kennebunk, ME, April 12, 2013  
 '59-61 GR—Joseph A. Szarek Jr., Killingworth, CT, March 1, 2013  
 '59 BS HE—Elizabeth Sachleben Van Horn, Cranston, RI, Nov. 1, 2012  
 '59 BA, MD '63—Robert L. Wegryn, Westfield, NJ, May 5, 2013

## 1960s

- '60, BA '61—David B. Howell, Pemaquid Point, ME, July 21, 2013  
 '60, BArch '62—Jerome J. Maloy, West Hartford, CT, July 2, 2013  
 '60 MS—James C. Maness, Oviedo, FL, May 18, 2013  
 '60, BA '61—Joseph A. Persivale Jr., Whitehouse Station, NJ, May 16, 2013  
 '60, BCE '61—Robert S. Queener, San Mateo, CA, March 12, 2013
- '61 BS ILR—Edwin R. Alley, New Providence, NJ, July 1, 2013  
 '61 BS Ag—Winthrop A. Ames Jr., Horseheads, NY, April 22, 2013  
 '61 BA—Juliann Powell Bidwell, Belmont, MI, July 2, 2013  
 '61, BS Ag '62—Carlo R. Brunori, Annapolis, MD, May 30, 2013  
 '61 BA—Elena Citkowitz, New Haven, CT, June 25, 2013  
 '61—Charles R. Fanning, Copenhagen, NY, July 27, 2013  
 '61 DVM—Richard E. Forrest, Dalton Gardens, ID, April 6, 2013  
 '61—James A. Getchonis, Vonore, TN, July 1, 2013  
 '61—Hirokuni Y. Honzawa, Tokyo, Japan, October 28, 2012  
 '61 BA—Leonard N. Kalcheim, Los Angeles, CA, May 22, 2013  
 '61, BS Ag '62—Roger S. Nevinger, Warsaw, NY, April 15, 2013  
 '61 BS ILR—Guy A. Newton Jr., Berkley, MA, August 15, 2013



- '61 BFA—Jennie Iacono Pappas, Cliffside Park, NJ, July 11, 2013  
 '61 MS—Robert L. Putman, Palm City, FL, July 23, 2013  
 '61 MEE—Vishwanatha Rai, Mangalore, India, November 17, 2008  
 '61 MS Chem E—Ivan G. Szanto, Wilmington, DE, July 1, 2013
- '62 BS Ag—Frank T. Burgheimer, Ramat Hasharon, Israel, Jan. 22, 2013  
 '62 DVM—William B. P. Cadwallader Jr., Homer, NY, July 5, 2013  
 '62 BS Ag—W. Douglas Call, Stafford, NY, April 4, 2013  
 '62, BEE '64, MEE '68—John S. Engelhardt, Greenwich, CT, March 3, 2013  
 '62—Melvin F. Frankel, Miami, FL, May 26, 2013  
 '62 BA—John L. Krakauer, La Jolla, CA, March 4, 2013  
 '62 DVM—Robert A. Mavian, Ossining, NY, April 20, 2013  
 '62 BS Hotel—Anthony A. Pascal Jr., Easton, MD, April 23, 2013  
 '62 MBA—Frank C. Speno, Savannah, GA, April 30, 2013
- '63, BS Hotel '67—Carmine W. DiGiacomo, Myrtle Beach, SC, June 5, 2013  
 '63 BS Hotel, MS Ag '64—Flora Isteero Farag, Giza, Egypt, July 7, 2013  
 '63 JD—Martin A. Stoll, Wake Forest, NC, May 24, 2013
- '64—Sarah Ashbery Baines, Trumansburg, NY, June 24, 2013  
 '64 MS Aero—Diane A. Lemaire, Malvern, Victoria, Australia, Oct. 27, 2012  
 '64, BME '65—Peter E. Loberg, Naples, NY, April 20, 2013  
 '64 BS Nurs—Mary Macfarlan Outslay, Rutland, VT, April 10, 2013  
 '64 BA—John A. Ware, New York City, April 27, 2013
- '65 BS Ag—James N. Arnold, Fulton, NY, April 15, 2013  
 '65 BS Ag—Richard J. Gorthy, San Ramon, CA, June 30, 2013  
 '65 BS Hotel—Frederick N. Kewley, Franklin, TN, June 23, 2013  
 '65 BS Ag—David J. Miller, Victor, NY, May 11, 2013
- '66-70 GR—John A. Buesseler, Lubbock, TX, March 7, 2013  
 '66 BS Hotel—Peter G. Duffy, New York City, March 4, 2013  
 '66-70 GR—Wolfgang M. Goubau, Santa Cruz, CA, April 7, 2013  
 '66 BA—Pamela Hobart Obolsky, Nanuet, NY, February 10, 2013  
 '66 PhD—Sidney J. Stolzenberg, Rockville, MD, August 1, 2011
- '67 LLB—Samuel D. Bornstein, Paramus, NJ, May 28, 2013  
 '67 BA, MD '73—Richard M. Linchitz, Glen Cove, NY, May 13, 2013  
 '67 BS ORIE—Dennis L. McCroskey, Palo Alto, CA, March 28, 2013  
 '67—Stephen R. Powers, Asheville, NC, April 19, 2013
- '68 BA—Jeffrey A. Ersoff, Lewisville, NC, April 16, 2013  
 '68 BA—Michael L. Green, Paradise Valley, AZ, May 13, 2013  
 '68 MBA—Larry A. Liebenow, Providence, RI, May 21, 2013  
 '68 BA—Sandy H. Siegel, Albuquerque, NM, July 19, 2013
- '69 BS Ag—Joel W. Allen, Hudson, NY, July 5, 2013  
 '69-70 GR—Nancy Little Ekstrand, Winston-Salem, NC, June 15, 2013  
 '69 BS Ag, MS Ag '72—Diana Li Jue, Palos Verdes Estates, CA, January 31, 2012  
 '69 BS Eng—Garth R. Nelson, Hanover, MA, July 10, 2013  
 '69 BS, MEE '70—James R. Suyo, Yardley, PA, May 26, 2013  
 '69 BS Hotel—John D. Welch Jr., Basking Ridge, NJ, June 25, 2013
- 1970s**
- '70 BS Ag—John H. Bandfield, Arroyo Grande, CA, August 11, 2010  
 '70, BA '71—Kay Morris DeGraw, Winston-Salem, NC, May 13, 2013  
 '70 DVM—Stephen K. Ellis, Vassalboro, ME, April 10, 2013  
 '70 BA, PhD '75—Steven I. Klepper, Pittsburgh, PA, May 27, 2013  
 '70 PhD—Norma Gallins Kobzina, Walnut Creek, CA, May 4, 2013  
 '70 BS HE—Renee Payson Panoff, Baltimore, MD, April 4, 2013  
 '70 BS, ME ORIE '71—Stephen L. Tanenbaum, Brooklyn, NY, Feb. 11, 2011
- '71 BA—Robert Capparell, Atlanta, GA, May 27, 2013  
 '71, BA '76—Walter R. Sikonowiz Jr., Auburn, NY, May 6, 2013  
 '71—Bruce R. Teague, Geneva, NY, May 12, 2013  
 '71 BA, PhD '78—David M. VanLeer, New York City, April 3, 2013
- '71 BS ILR—Linda Goldspinner Wittlin, San Carlos, CA, May 13, 2013
- '72 BS—Dennis C. Dakin, Lincoln University, PA, July 1, 2013  
 '72, BA '71—George M. McClure, St. Augustine, FL, July 7, 2013  
 '72 BA—Gregory A. Zuroski, Bronx, NY, May 16, 2013
- '73 PhD—Njoku E. Awa, Ithaca, NY, July 21, 2013  
 '73 MPS—Michael C. Charlow, Glen Cove, NY, June 27, 2013  
 '73 BS Hotel—Stephen A. McCleary, Los Alamos, NM, Feb. 19, 2013  
 '73 BS Hotel—Don W. Tatone, Savage, MN, May 2, 2013
- '74 PhD—Donald E. Mock, Manhattan, KS, April 15, 2013
- '75 PhD—Louis A. Magnarelli, Durham, CT, July 1, 2013
- '76 BS Ag—Dana C. Field, Altamont, NY, June 23, 2013
- '77, BS Ag '79—Kirk W. Seitz, Bozeman, MT, March 15, 2013
- '78 BS Ag—Marc E. J. Perosio, Groton, NY, April 15, 2013
- '79—Kendall S. Reed II, Coral Springs, FL, June 30, 2013  
 '79 PhD—Jean-Claude Ziv, Paris, France, May 27, 2013
- 1980s**
- '80—Michael J. Frawley, Wilmington, DE, May 21, 2013
- '81 BS—Douglas H. Calby, Darien, CT, July 14, 2013  
 '81-86 GR—Stephen M. Constantine, Florence, MA, May 4, 2013  
 '81 BS Ag—D. Susan Seaman Knight, Ballston Spa, NY, January 7, 2013  
 '81 BS Ag—Jon T. Lindstrom, Fayetteville, AR, June 1, 2013  
 '81 BS HE—Lorijean Annechino Pillittere, Spencerport, NY, July 1, 2013  
 '81 BS Ag—Paul R. Wellington, Skaneateles, NY, May 15, 2013
- '82 JD—William A. Kolen, Evanston, IL, June 1, 2013  
 '82, BS Ag '85—Carol L. Rittenhouse, Randolph Center, VT, May 3, 2013
- '83 DVM—Richard E. Doran II, Kintnersville, PA, April 20, 2013
- '85 BArch—Alison Hart Schlosser, San Rafael, CA, May 26, 2013  
 '85, BS HE '86—Judy Woo, Oakland, CA, April 5, 2013
- '87 DVM—Laura E. Smiley—Rogatz, Blue Bell, PA, May 15, 2013
- '88 BEE—Michael F. Culbert, Monte Sereno, CA, April 19, 2013  
 '88 BA—Frank M. Martini, Houston, TX, May 13, 2013
- 1990s**
- '90 BA—Douglas C. Elder, Bedford, MA, March 9, 2013  
 '90 BS Ag—William J. Kiernan, Lynn, MA, July 7, 2013
- '91 BS—Patrick J. Farrell, Eagle, WI, July 19, 2013
- '92 JD—Rachel Hardie Share, Tiburon, CA, April 8, 2013
- '93 BA—Bryn Sayenga Enright, Tucson, AZ, May 7, 2013  
 '93 BS Ag—Courtney A. Erickson, Schenectady, NY, July 5, 2013
- '94 PhD—Brian E. Smits, Corvallis, OR, June 28, 2013
- '99 BA—Adam M. Wolf, Atlanta, GA, April 26, 2013
- 2000s**
- '00 BA—Jodi I. Pike, Arlington, VA, July 9, 2013  
 '00 BS HE—Cindy M. So, Denver, CO, July 4, 2013
- '06 BS—Kyle D. Miller, Orangeville, ON, Canada, June 1, 2013
- 2010s**
- '13 BS Ag—Austin Parker, Valdosta, GA, July 16, 2013

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# Starring Role

**Arecibo Observatory** celebrates  
fifty years of scanning the heavens

It sounds like a vintage sci-fi movie: *Karst Conquers the Ionosphere!*

In the late Fifties, Cornell physicist and astronomer William Gordon, PhD '53, wanted to study Earth's upper atmosphere. A mountainous region of northwest Puerto Rico—with a topography of dramatically sloping valleys known as karst—offered a natural setting for a giant dish. And that gave Gordon an idea.

In 1960, construction began on what would become Arecibo Observatory—the world's largest and most sensitive radio telescope, with a 305-meter-wide dish comprising nearly 39,000 aluminum panels. Although the dish is fixed to the ground, the instruments suspended above it can be reoriented, allowing the telescope to observe some 40 percent of the sky. "It was an enormous technical marvel," says Joseph Burns, PhD '66, a professor of theoretical and applied mechanics who specializes in planetary sciences. "Even the way it was put together—by modern standards, it was built in a split second."

Fifty years ago this month—on November 1, 1963—Arecibo officially opened. In the intervening half-century, it has made countless contributions to science—from studies on the molten core and rotation rate of Mercury to Nobel Prize-winning work on binary pulsars that proved the theory of general relativity. The telescope has tracked asteroids that may threaten Earth and listened for extraterrestrial life as part of the SETI project; in 1974, it broadcast an interstellar greeting to a star cluster 25,000 light years away. "Arecibo has been incredibly important, because it's the most sensitive radio telescope that's existed," says Martha Haynes, the Goldwin Smith Professor of Astronomy. "It's also a really interesting telescope, because it doesn't just do passive radio astronomy—detecting signals from pulsars, galaxies, and stars—it also does planetary radar mapping. You transmit a signal from Puerto Rico and bounce it off Saturn's rings and it comes back; that's pretty amazing. And it also studies the Earth's ionosphere. So it's a multidisciplinary facility—which means that the scientists have to interact and understand each others' work. That has made it an exciting, dynamic place."

Arecibo is a federal facility, and for most of its existence the National Science Foundation contracted with Cornell to administer it. But in 2011—a few years after the telescope survived a round of funding cuts and avoided being decommissioned—management was transferred to SRI International, a nonprofit research institute. The reasons, Burns says, are complicated—but the fact remains that the leadership of national labs is generally intended to migrate among institutions, and Cornell had Arecibo



ARECIBO OBSERVATORY



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Dishing it out: Arecibo (above) under construction in July 1963. Left: The finished telescope.

for nearly half a century. "It was a loss to Cornell for sentimental and loyalty reasons, but the bigger loss was to the observatory and the scientific community," says Haynes, who's now analyzing data from a seven-year study using the telescope to inventory gas-bearing galaxies. "People at Cornell have always been responsible for thinking of the next big thing for Arecibo. A lot of revolutionary things—instrumentation and technology, approaches to taking data—were developed by faculty and staff here. Because we're not so closely tied anymore, that tight connection is gone."

Arecibo is open to the public, and its visitor center has greeted about half the students in Puerto Rico—making it a vital symbol of scientific achievement and possibility in an economically disadvantaged region. But to get a good look at the dish, you don't have to fly to San Juan. Just rent the movie version of Carl Sagan's novel *Contact*, which was partially shot there. Or for a more fantastical take, screen the 1995 James Bond film *GoldenEye*. In it, the dish—hidden beneath a lake—serves as the villain's lair.



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