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Jennifer Raab '77 took an unconventional route to the presidency of Hunter College; although the former head of New York City's Landmark's Preservation Commission holds three Ivy League degrees, none of them is a PhD. In office since 2001, Raab has helped guide Hunter—founded in 1870 as a teachers' college for women—from a floundering institution bruised by CUNY's open enrollment policy to an educational force in the city. In late October, Raab sat down with CAM in her seventeenth-floor office to talk about her approach to the job, her days in the trenches of city politics, and one surprising skill she learned on the Hill.

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Cornell's home far above a lake has much to recommend it—but being located in a bustling metropolis isn't among its virtues. Increasingly, New York City is becoming a vital second campus, offering an urban experience for students studying not only medicine but human ecology, ILR, business, and more. The program that arguably benefits most from an NYC outpost is one sponsored by the College of Architecture, Art, and Planning. After all: it's not always easy to learn urban planning hundreds of miles from a major city, to train in architecture far from marquee buildings and centers of the profession, or to study art far from world-class galleries and major museums.

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For NPR audiences, David Folkenflik '91 is a familiar voice. He has been on its media beat since 2004, covering such major stories as the phone hacking scandal that has bedeviled Rupert Murdoch and his company, News Corp. In October, Public Affairs published Folkenflik's book *Murdoch's World*, which explores the Australian-born media mogul and the powerful global firm he has built. In an excerpt, Folkenflik chronicles the rise of one of Murdoch's signature creations: Fox News. "Just about every news organization," he writes, "either mimics or reacts against the way Fox presents the news and the values it represents."



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An Interview with Provost Kent Fuchs

The position of provost is perhaps the most critical to the overall strength of our University. As the chief academic officer and chief operations officer, as well as the president's first deputy officer, the provost oversees all of Cornell's academic programs and units except those reporting to the provost for medical affairs. We are fortunate that our current provost, Kent Fuchs, brings to his position deep knowledge of Cornell and higher education gained from his years as a faculty member and dean of our College of Engineering. He has the qualities of leadership and vision that are essential to creating a university that is even more distinguished and financially sound—one that is capable of inspired teaching, path-breaking research, scholarship and creative work, and transformative public engagement. Kent and I recently discussed the state of our University and its future, and I'm pleased to share some of that discussion with you.



ROBERT BARKER / UP

David Skorton: The overarching aspiration expressed in Cornell's 2010 strategic plan is for us to be "widely recognized as a top-ten research university in the world, and a model university for the interweaving of liberal education and fundamental knowledge with practical education and impact on societal and world problems." Given all that has changed since 2010, how are we doing?

Kent Fuchs: We are doing exceptionally well, but our aspiration is to do even better. For example, twenty-two of our academic departments are now ranked in the top five of their discipline, which is matched by only two other universities. Our goal is to enhance the University's overall stature, as well as the stature of our numerous individual programs.

DS: Faculty renewal has been a key component in our efforts to increase our stature among the world's great universities. Given this "once-in-a-generation" opportunity for Cornell to reshape our faculty, are there academic areas in need of significant improvement or that present unusual opportunities for us?

KF: The faculty renewal initiative has been exceptionally successful, thanks in part to the resources for faculty recruitment and retention we have gained through the Cornell Now campaign. We now have 1,627 faculty on the Ithaca campus, which matches our all-time record. The academic deans and chairs are recruiting faculty in areas of future strategic importance; arts and sciences, life sciences, technology and innovation, economics and business, and the social sciences are broad areas of particular focus, in addition to Weill Cornell Medical College.

DS: Looking ahead, what looming disruptive changes need to be on our radar? And how do we prepare for them?

KF: I see three disruptive changes in the immediate future: our commitment to grow Cornell's physical presence in New York City, the use of connective technology to scale educational impact, and the business model for sustaining excellence in research and creativity. We are already seizing the opportunities provided by the first two disruptive changes, but have a ways to go before fully resolving the business model for scholarship and innovation. Input from alumni on these and other disruptive changes facing higher education is particularly welcome.

DS: How will we know that we have succeeded?

KF: We have launched an annual rigorous comparative assessment of our progress, including how we compare to our peers and how Cornell has changed over time. This assessment already is helping us understand and plan Cornell's future, and it will also help us engage and lead in the national debate regarding student learning and the value of higher education. Again, alumni input is needed and welcome.

We value the insights that readers of *Cornell Alumni Magazine* can provide us as we continue to move Cornell to an even more prominent position of national and global leadership. Please feel free to contact us by e-mail at david.skorton@cornell.edu and provost@cornell.edu.

— President David Skorton

DEEP ROOTS AND DEEP HISTORY IN ENGLAND'S LAKE DISTRICT

BY JENNIFER CAMPBELL

The Lake District has been a popular vacation spot since the days of William Wordsworth and the Romantic poets, and by the end of our first day, it was easy to see why. From our home base on Windermere, our group of Cornell alumni, spouses, and friends set out with local guides to explore something new each morning. Around every narrow bend in the road, a striking vista would continuously unfold: forbiddingly steep heather-capped hills, their drastic contours and outcrops starkly outlined above the calm waters and sweeping valleys.

It was also easy to see how strong the ties can be among Cornellians, even if they start out as strangers. Arriving in England alone or with family, the group formed a camaraderie that suggested they'd known one another for far longer than a few days. Stories about life on campus and from the day's excursion intertwined freely; alumni meeting for the first time discovered they'd led similar lives at Cornell or beyond; lifelong friends and partners formed new memories to share back home. Starting with little more than shared Cornell roots, we formed friendships, rekindled memories, and discovered a singularly beautiful destination together.

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Cornell Alumni Association Travel Program visit:

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By the Books

The Law Library hasn't changed much over the years—but now students come equipped with laptops, earbuds, and Vitaminwater.

ROBERT BARKER / UP



Husband and Wife

In praise of two legal paragons

Thank you for Beth Saulnier's wonderful story about Ruth Bader Ginsburg '54 ("Justice Prevails," November/December 2013). Saulnier touched briefly on Ruth's late husband, Marty Ginsburg '53, a giant in his own right and a man of the highest integrity. After he passed away, the *Wall Street Journal* law blog (June 28, 2010) had the following to say:

Ginsburg joined the Georgetown University Law Center's faculty in 1980, and focused his scholarship largely on the Internal Revenue Code. He also worked as a tax lawyer at Fried Frank in Washington. Ginsburg is well known for, among other accomplishments, helping Ross Perot resolve a handful of thorny tax issues during General Motors' acquisition of his company, Electronic Data Systems, in 1984.

According to versions of the story we've heard, in just several hours' worth of work, Ginsburg helped Perot save some unbelievably whopping amount of money. But the two couldn't agree on how Ginsburg should be paid. A couple hours at Ginsburg's hourly rate wasn't enough, in Perot's mind. At the same time, paying out even a modest fraction of what Perot saved as a result of Ginsburg's work was too much, in Ginsburg's mind.

The two settled on an endowed chair at Georgetown law school in Ginsburg's honor.

I wish for the day when more such "disputes" could be settled in such a gentlemanly and noble way.

*Skip Newman '76
Glenview, Illinois*

Dealing with Debt

Re: "The Other Debt Crisis" (November/December 2013). Because our family has had a long love affair with Cornell, I am quite concerned with its financial situ-



ation. As a trustee emeritus and confirmed liberal, I am still a fiscal conservative. The size of the endowment is not as relevant as the endowment per student. We are the lowest [in the Ivy League] in this category, trying to compete with smaller and better-endowed peer institutions. I worry that things that enrich the campus experience will continue to be shortchanged at the expense of too much debt and too many students attending on University-funded tuition, housing, and dining. Unless more external sources of these grants can be found (federal, state, and private providers), we will sadly need to find more paying students and limit how much financial aid Cornell can really afford.

With each increase in tuition, more applicants will need help. With incomes stagnant and not likely to improve much, more parents will need help. With the growth of more-affordable public institutions, Cornell runs the risk of taking weaker applicants over time. While there

has been some much-needed cost-cutting, you can go only so far before you hit bone. I believe we should consider, for example, year-round options (a trimester or quarterly system) to better utilize the underused dorms, dining, etc., and generate more revenue. I think we need to put a realistic lid on Cornell-funded grants. I think the academic staff should be well paid generally, while establishing minimum teaching levels for most. I think the myriad of organizations—sports teams, theater, dance, music, and so on—need to be funded like faculty salaries. The cost of all those enrichment programs is trivial in relation to debt service, financial aid, and debt repayment. It's kind of like getting rid of National Public Radio, the National Science Foundation, and the like in the phony name of balancing the federal budget. Let's not fall into that trap. I still support and love the place, but significant change is needed for Cornell to remain a premier educational institution.

*Curtis Reis '56
Rolling Hills, California*

The tone of "The Other Debt Crisis" suggests that Cornell made a mistake by issuing debt during the Great Recession, but the facts presented actually suggest that the University made incredibly shrewd decisions during the downturn. Cornell made the right call when it chose to issue \$500 million in bonds for liquidity. The S&P 500 is roughly double what it was in 2009, so if Cornell had sold \$500 million in assets instead of borrowing, our total endowment could be \$1 billion lower than its current level. Similarly, the University was able to benefit from historically low construction costs by continuing projects during the recession. With the recession over, Cornell is now focusing on reducing debt. It is not a "crisis"—it seems more like a "success."

*Christian Griffith '95
Sacramento, California*

Correction to Corrections

In our last issue, we published two editorial corrections labeled "Corrections—November/December 2013." They were actually corrections to articles in the September/October 2013 issue.

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From the Hill



LINDSAY FRANCE / UP

Endowment Up in Fiscal 2013

In October, chief investment officer A. J. Edwards announced that the value of Cornell's long-term investments (LTI)—which includes the endowment and two smaller funds—had increased by 11.4 percent in the fiscal year that ended on June 30, 2013. The value of the LTI at that point was \$5.7 billion, up from \$5.2 billion at the end of the previous fiscal year. At Cornell, the payout from the LTI supports about 10 percent of the operating budget.

Cornell's performance was better than that of many of its peer institutions, including Harvard (up 6.5 percent), Yale (up 7.8 percent), and Stanford (up 9.7 percent). Nationwide, college and university investment returns were up overall after several years of erratic performance initiated by the Great Recession. "The LTI is positioned both to weather the continued uncertain economic outlook and to benefit from opportunities that may arise from time to time," said Edwards. "We remain focused on maintaining a generally healthy liquidity position within the LTI, allowing it to comfortably meet the projected needs of the University, while at the same time taking advantage of our long-term investment horizon."

Access issues: In November, members of the University administration, including President David Skorton (on crutches), participated in a simulation in which they negotiated campus buildings while their mobility was impaired.

DKE Banned for Alcohol

In the wake of an incident of underage and binge drinking at the beginning of the semester, the University has revoked recognition of Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity for at least three years. In addition to allowing an underage student to drink to the point of needing transport to the hospital, assistant vice president for university communications Tracy Vosburgh said in November, "the chapter failed to contact any resource to summon medical assistance and attempted to impede the police in their effort to help." The fraternity, which has had a history of alcohol-related incidents over the past several years, was placed on provisional status in November 2012. The chapter house closed at the end of fall semester, requiring residents to find other housing.

Library of Congress Gets Carl Sagan Papers

Thanks to a gift from a Hollywood humorist, the papers of the late astronomer Carl Sagan and his wife, Ann Druyan, have been donated to the Library of Congress. The collection—which fills 1,705 boxes—was dedicated at a ceremony in November. “Like millions of other science lovers, I was heavily influenced by Carl Sagan growing up,” said “Family Guy” creator Seth MacFarlane, who donated the funds that enabled the purchase of the collection. “He was the only way we got our science information in a digestible form.” The collection includes journal article drafts, to-do lists, scientific notations, letters to promising astronomers, and more. The Pulitzer Prize-winning author and longtime Cornell professor died of a blood cancer in 1996 at age sixty-two. This spring, MacFarlane will produce an updated version of Sagan’s popular TV show, “Cosmos.”



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Star power: Sagan teaching in 1977

Horse Hospital to Open Near Belmont Racetrack

The Vet college will open an equine hospital on Long Island in April. Dubbed Cornell Ruffian Equine Specialists, the 22,000-square-foot facility is within walking distance of the Belmont Park Thoroughbred racetrack. Staffed by Cornell vets and technicians, it will provide surgical, imaging, diagnostic, and rehabilitation services. Says Dean Michael Kotlikoff: “Our goals are to improve the health and safety of the equine athlete and by so doing to strengthen one of the world’s premier racing programs.” The hospital is named in honor of a champion horse who raced in the Seventies.

CU Mourns Longtime Faculty

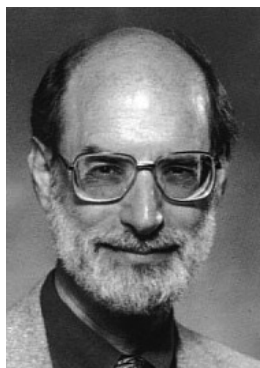
Cornell lost two distinguished professors—who joined the faculty a year apart in the mid-Sixties—when Cushing Strout and Michael Kammen passed away in November. Strout, ninety, a professor emeritus of English, had served on the faculty since 1964. Colleague Daniel Schwarz remembered him as “a brilliant, innovative, and important scholar in American literature and American studies” and “a paradigm of personal and intellectual integrity.” He held the Ernest I. White Chair of American Studies and Humane Letters for a decade and a half before his retirement in 1989. He is survived by his wife, Jean Philbrick Strout, MA ’70.

Kammen, seventy-seven, was the Newton C. Farr Professor of American History and Culture Emeritus. He came to Cornell in 1965 and remained until his retirement in 2008, though he returned to teach last fall. His book *People of Paradox: An Inquiry Concerning the Origins of American Civilization* won the 1973 Pulitzer Prize in history. He is survived by his wife, Cornell historian Carol Kammen.



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Michael Kammen

Give My Regards To...

These Cornellians in the News

Seniors **Samantha Olyha**, a CALS biological sciences major, and **Emily Shearer**, majoring in biology and government in Arts and Sciences, winners of Marshall Scholarships.

Nutritional sciences researcher **Sera Young, PhD '07**, winner of the Margaret Mead Award for her book *Craving Earth*.

Plant breeding professor **Ronnie Coffman, PhD '71**, winner of the inaugural World Agricultural Prize from the Global Confederation of Higher Education Associations for Agricultural and Life Sciences.

History professor emeritus **Walter LaFerber**, whose lifetime achievements were recognized by the American Historical Association with its Award for Scholarly Distinction.

Biomedical engineering professor **Lawrence Bonassar** and surgery professor **Jason Spector '91**, whose bioengineered ears took first place at the recent World Technology Summit.

ILR professor **Ronald Ehrenberg**, founder of the Cornell Higher Education Research Institute, winner of a distinguished career award from the Association for the Study of Higher Education.

Professor **Christine Shoemaker**, honored with the National Engineering Award from the American Association of Engineering Societies.

Cornell trustee **Ratan Tata '59, BArch '62**, chairman emeritus of India’s Tata Group, inducted as a foreign associate of the National Academy of Engineering.

Famed Sports Agent Art Kaminsky '68 Dies

On December 5, the well-known attorney and agent Art Kaminsky '68 died at his home on Long Island from cancer. He was sixty-six. Kaminsky majored in government at Cornell, graduating with honors before moving on to Yale Law School. A casual hockey fan before coming to the Hill, he became an enthusiast while watching the teams coached by Ned Harkness and began a lifelong involvement with the sport. He wrote about hockey for several publications and then began to represent professional players, beginning with famed goalie Ken Dryden '69. At one point, his company had signed up more than 40 percent of the players in the NHL. He also represented the winners of nine of the thirteen U.S. medals awarded at the 1980 Winter Olympics, including the "Miracle on Ice" hockey team. Kaminsky later expanded his company, Athletes and Artists Inc., to include major figures in entertainment and broadcasting. After selling the business he returned to journalism, writing a series of articles for CAM. Dryden posted a remembrance at SI.com, praising his friend and former agent as a man who "took on life with a jock's intensity and competitiveness, wanting to know everything about everything."



Art Kaminsky '68

Men's Lacrosse Coach Fired

In November, athletic director Andy Noel announced that men's lacrosse coach Ben DeLuca '98 had been dismissed. "This was a

difficult decision," said Noel, "but our students are our first priority and there is no doubt that new leadership is required." No explicit reason was given and Noel refused further comment. The announcement came two months after the team's fall-semester competitions had been canceled in response to reported hazing, including an incident where freshmen were forced to drink large amounts of beer in a "keg race."

There was widespread reaction from the Cornell lacrosse community, with many former and current players lamenting the removal of DeLuca, who had been an outstanding player and team captain for Cornell before serving as an assistant coach and then being named head coach in 2010. He had a 37-11 record in the top position. An open letter published in the *Daily Sun* expressed "frustration and disappointment" at the dismissal and thanked DeLuca for his service to Cornell. It was signed by more than 170 people, including former head coaches Jeff Tambroni and Dave Pietramala. Assistant coach Matt Kerwick was named interim head coach while a national search is conducted.

NYC Extension Director Dies

Donald Tobias, the longtime executive director of the New York City office of Cornell Cooperative Extension, died in late November. Tobias, sixty-eight, reportedly committed suicide by jumping in front of a subway train. A former professor of policy analysis and management, Tobias led the office since 2005, expanding its programs into all five boroughs. "In the city that never sleeps, Don worked nonstop in his role—as a mentor, visionary, teacher, researcher, cheerleader, and partner," Human Ecology Dean Alan Mathios said in a tribute. "He transformed the work of so many who knew him and guided programs that touched thousands of New Yorkers." Tobias is survived by his wife, Brenda Platek Tobias '97, Cornell's former director of communications for New York City.

R&D

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

After following more than 36,000 women in a nationwide health study lasting nearly two decades, nutritional sciences professor Rebecca Seguin has shown that a woman's BMI and waist size in her mid-sixties is a strong predictor of whether she'll live to her mid-eighties.

In the first major analysis of the great white shark's genetic code, Vet professor Michael Stanhope and colleagues report that, surprisingly, the animal's proteins are more closely related to those of humans than to zebrafish, the classic fish model.

A new Cornell-based website offers information about climate change and how to be involved in the solution. The site, climatechange.cornell.edu, includes a directory of research and outreach programs as well as issue-specific pages for farmers, local officials, and others.

Girls who suffer sexual abuse reach puberty earlier than aver-

age, finds human development professor Jane Mendle and colleagues, noting that early maturation can lead to emotional problems such as anxiety and depression.

While assessing bird damage to orchards and vineyards, natural resources grad student Heidi Henrichs conceived an innovative way to repel them: tall, inflatable plastic characters, typically found in used car lots, known as "scary dancers."

Perception of online betting depends on how it's labeled, says marketing professor Kathy LaTour. She found that the practice is more accepted when it's called "gaming" rather than "gambling."

An international team based at Cornell may have found a way to end dropped cell phone calls: a new material that could vastly improve the phones' microwave circuit capacitors.

Taxes on junk food, combined with public service announcements and subsidies for healthy options, could convince Americans to make better dietary choices. Economics and management professor Harry Kaiser led an experiment in which 258 volunteers chose from lunch menus.

Research psychologist Melissa Ferguson reports that keeping a secret can be physically exhausting—causing lapses in physical stamina, mental acuity, and more.



Future perfect: The first phase of construction will include an academic building, a corporate co-location building, and a residential building.

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Development of Roosevelt Island Begins

Just over two years after Cornell and our academic partner, Technion–Israel Institute of Technology, were named the winners of New York City’s applied sciences campus competition, Cornell NYC Tech is preparing to break ground on an innovative, sustainable new campus in the heart of the city. On December 19 at a city press conference, President Skorton and Mayor Bloomberg signed a lease between Cornell and New York City turning the Roosevelt Island site over to the University. Now the work of building a spectacular campus can begin.

Cornell Tech is a revolutionary model for graduate technical education, forging a new intersection between academia and industry. It’s a staging ground for what’s next, fueling groundbreaking research and inspiring entrepreneurial thinkers who will create the technology that re-invents the way we live.

Cornell Tech opened its doors in July 2012 in temporary space provided by Google. We will be running all campus programs out of this space until 2017, when the permanent campus on Roosevelt Island opens. That site will cover more than twelve acres, with glorious waterfront views. It is easily accessible by subway, the tram to Manhattan, and a bridge to Queens. The first phase of development will include at least three significant facilities: a flagship academic building, a corporate co-location building, and a residential building, as well as several acres of public open space.

As Cornell Tech is based on innovation, the physical campus will break new ground in every way. The academic building is being designed by Pritzker Prize-winning architect Thom Mayne of Morphosis and will set the tone for the entire campus. The building will be a big departure from traditional academic facilities, taking its cues from the tech world by offering open-plan space and extensive collaborative workspaces that encourage creativity and interaction among students, faculty, researchers, and industry partners. The building will have an oversized central internal staircase to encourage energy-saving walking and constant social inter-

action. A ground-floor café will spill into the outdoor space, welcoming the public. The building was designed with net-zero aspirations, most clearly visible in its prominent solar canopy.

At the heart of the campus, across a public plaza from the first academic building, will be the corporate co-location building, designed by WEISS/MANFREDI and developed in partnership with Forest City Ratner Companies. This building defines the mission of fusing academia and industry to encourage innovation for the public good. Just as the academic building acts as a mixing bowl, the co-location building will bring together corporate innovators, world-class researchers, and energetic start-ups under one roof. It is central to the campus and Cornell will be an anchor tenant—a unique and vital approach.

The residential building—with housing for faculty, staff, and students—will be designed by Handel Architects and constructed by Hudson/Related. Providing convenient and affordable housing is critical, and it will ensure that the campus is active 24/7.

Finally, we continue to work on plans for a possible executive education center/hotel. This facility will help ensure that Cornell Tech is a magnet for innovation by providing conference, executive program, and academic workshop space in conjunction with an exciting hotel and destination restaurant. Plans for this building are still in the early stages, but our hope is to open it in the same general timeframe as the others. Stay tuned—we look forward to keeping you apprised of our progress on the academic programs as well as the site development through these periodic updates in CAM.

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

For more on the progress of Cornell Tech, go to:
tech.cornell.edu or follow us on **Twitter @ cornell_tech**.

Goalie goal: On November 26, with 8.6 seconds remaining in a game against Niagara, freshman goalie Mitch Gillam took advantage of an empty net to fire a shot the length of the ice and score. It had never been done before by a Big Red goaltender and was only the eighth such score in NCAA history. Cornell won the game 4-2.



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Sports Shorts

NOT SO HOT In the fourth installment of the biannual post-Thanksgiving Red Hot Hockey game with Boston University at Madison Square Garden, the Big Red men came up short, losing 3-2 despite outshooting the Terriers 39-11 and dominating possession throughout the contest. The sellout crowd was, as usual, overwhelmingly in favor of Cornell, but a few opportunistic plays tipped the game to BU, which now has a 3-0-1 record in the series. Wait till 2015 . . .

BIG FINISH The **Jeff Mathews '14** era in Big Red football ended in grand style, with the four-year starter leading the team to a 42-41 win over Penn. The senior QB threw for 467 yards and four touchdowns in the game, but it was linebacker **Tre' Minor '14** who made the biggest play, blocking a Penn PAT kick with just over a minute left to seal the win. Mathews completed his Cornell career with 11,284 yards and 72 touchdowns through the air, just two of the 47 school and 18 Ivy League records he now owns. He was a second-team All-Ivy selection for the second straight season, and the Big Red placed two on the first team: receiver **Grant Gellatly '14**, who led the league with 91 catches for 1,224 yards, and punter **Chris Fraser '17**, who had a league-best average of 42.9 yards per kick and was named Ivy Rookie of the Year.

STEPPING UP Thrust into a starting role with the NHL's Los Angeles Kings after an injury to goalie Jonathan Quick, former Big Red netminder **Ben Scrivens '10** posted a shutout in his first start and followed with another, starting a 191-minute scoreless streak that earned him an NHL First Star of the Week in November. When the month ended, Scrivens led the league with a save percentage of .944 and three shutouts, and he was second in goals-against average at 1.52.

LONG RUN Led by **Rachel Sorna '14**, who finished 14th, the Cornell women's cross country team placed 23rd in the NCAA Division I Championships. Sorna covered the six-kilometer course in 20:26.5 despite windy and muddy conditions. It was the best Cornell individual finish at the nationals since **Pam Hunt '94** was 12th in 1992.

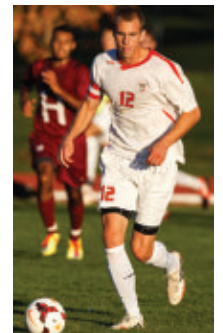
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Rachel Sorna

Cornell player has taken one of the Ivy League's top honors in men's soccer. Last year, it was **Daniel Haber '14**, who was named Offensive Player of the Year before leaving school early to play professionally in Israel. This year, **Patrick Slogic '14** was selected as the Defensive Player of the Year. Slogic anchored a Big Red defense that allowed just 11 goals in 17 games and also led the team in scoring with three goals. He was a unanimous pick to the All-Ivy first team and is Cornell's first three-time All-Ivy player since **Peter Pakeman '84**.



DAVE BURBANK

Patrick Slogic

HOCKEY HONORS Field hockey standout **Hannah Balleza '14** extended her collegiate career when she was selected to play in the post-season Front Rush/NFHCA Division I Senior Game. Balleza was just the fourth Cornell player to earn All-Ivy honors for four straight seasons after being named to the second team this fall. Goaltender **Carolyn Horner '14** earned first-team honors for the second season and leaves Cornell second on the career shutouts list with eight.

BIG SPLASH Paced by a pair of freestyle sprint wins by **Jenna Immormino '16**, the women's swimming team recorded its first win in 32 tries against Princeton while also beating Penn for the first time in 13 years. Immormino won both the 50 and 100 freestyle in the double-dual meet and also helped the 200-yard medley relay squad secure a victory.

Fall Teams Final Records

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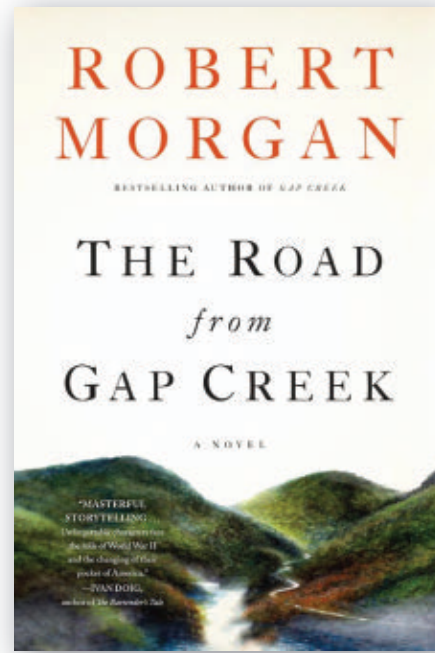
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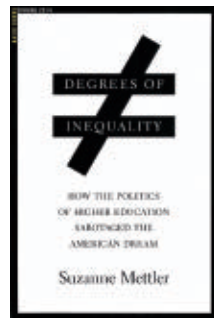
The Road from Gap Creek

by Robert Morgan (Algonquin)

In the sequel to his novel *Gap Creek*, Morgan, the Kappa Alpha Professor of English at Cornell, continues the chronicle of the Richards family in the voice of Annie, the youngest daughter. She begins the story in 1943 with the news of her beloved younger brother's death in World War II, an event that brings forth memories of her siblings Effie, Velmer, and Troy, her mother's struggles to bring beauty into their home, her husband's dreams of becoming a preacher, and the hard-won grace with which she endures a hardscrabble life.



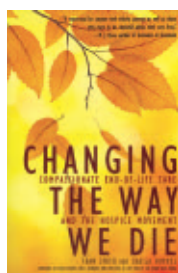
Degrees of Inequality by Suzanne Mettler, PhD '94 (Basic). "Over the past thirty years, our system of higher education has gone from facilitating upward mobility to exacerbating social inequality," argues Mettler, the Clinton Rossiter Professor of American Institutions at Cornell. Low- and middle-income students often graduate with burdensome levels of debt. "College-going, once associated with opportunity, now engenders the creation of something that resembles a caste system. The tragedy is that while public policies in the past helped mitigate inequality and open the doors to college to more Americans, today they themselves play a crucial role in segmenting our society."



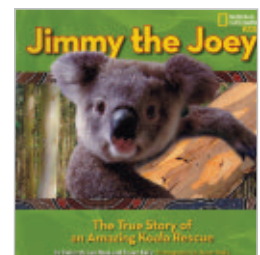
Game by Paula Young Lee '86 (Reaktion). "Until the rise of the slaughterhouse made beef, pork, and chicken cheap and widely available," writes a faculty fellow at Tufts University, "humans ate nearly every bird and animal they could scavenge or catch, even the ones that didn't taste very good." Over the centuries, dishes that were once prized delicacies are now taboo, a change that has more to do with disappearing wildlife habitat than it does with palatability. Today, paradoxically, game meat has become the food of social extremes—subsistence for the rural poor and a luxury for the wealthy.



Changing the Way We Die by Fran Smith '75 and Sheila Himmel (Viva). Most Americans would prefer to die at home, rather than in a hospital or nursing home. "Hospice care offers the best hope for dying well and living fully until we do," write two medical journalists, bloggers at *Psychology Today*. "Hospice occupies a strange, uneasy place in the health-care system, in the popular imagination, and in a famously youth-obsessed society that does not like to think about mortality." Their research shows how hospice is much more than a way to relieve the discomforts of dying.



Jimmy the Joey by Deborah Lee Rose '77 and Susan Kelly (National Geographic Kids). In this book for children, a UC Berkeley science writer and her photographer tell the true story of a successful animal rescue. When a baby koala is left injured and orphaned in a road accident that kills his mother, the staff at the Koala Hospital in New South Wales, Australia, nurse him back to health and name him Jimmy. Photographs document Jimmy's progress as he climbs trees, learns which eucalyptus leaves are safe to eat, and gains the survival skills necessary to return to the wild.



Fiction

It Happened in Wisconsin by Ken Moraff '83 (Lake Union). During the Great Depression, the Racine Robins baseball team travels throughout the Midwest, raising money for soup kitchens and union workers. When a snowstorm forces the team to stay in a fancy hotel, the temptations of love and money threaten to pull the players apart.

The Seventh Pleiade by Andrew J. Peters '91 (Bold Strokes). After his cousin and two other boys go missing, sixteen-year-old Aerander makes a dangerous journey underground to find them and save his family's reputation in this young adult novel set in Atlantis.

Africa's Embrace by Mark Wentling, MPS '83 (Peace Corps Writers). Magical realism and autobiographical fiction combine in a surreal tale of an American from Kansas who joins the Peace Corps and becomes enchanted with Africa.

Poetry

20 Poems & Other Translations from the English by Jeff Schwaner '87 (Blackstone). In his fifth collection, a novelist and editor at LexisNexis examines the idea of translation—how an idea for a poem is translated into words, and how the reader translates those words into sound and sense.

Chamber Music by Lisa Wiley '94 (Finishing Line). In a series of villanelles, an English professor at Erie Community College captures the poetry in everyday objects and conversations.

The Dailiness by Lauren Camp '88 (Edwin E. Smith). The second book by the host of the "Audio Saucepan" program on Santa Fe Public Radio focuses on loss, mystery, and wisdom.

Non-Fiction

Global Pension Crisis by Richard A. Marin '75, MBA '76 (Wiley). Millions of Baby Boomers are poised to experience painful adjustments to their retirement income, writes the president and CEO of the New York Wheel project and professor of asset management at the Johnson School. He examines the problem of underfunded pension plans and what we can do to avert the looming disaster.

Credit, Fashion, Sex by Clare Haru Crowston, PhD '96 (Duke). An associate professor of history at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, analyzes the connection between economic credit, fashionable appearance, and power in Old Regime France.

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Randy Garutti '97 is helping New York's Shake Shack go global



DANIEL KRIEGER

Burger king: Shake Shack CEO Randy Garutti '97. Opposite: The original Shack in Madison Square Park

It's around 3 p.m. on a Monday, a time when most restaurants see a lull between lunch and dinner. The temperature is in the fifties—mild for late October, but not weather that encourages outdoor dining. Still, the line at the Shake Shack kiosk in Manhattan's Madison Square Park is at least thirty

people deep, creating a twenty-minute wait for what would traditionally be considered fast food: a burger, fries, and a shake. There are only a few free seats at the small metal tables, jammed with a mix of students, tourists, office workers, and sundry other New Yorkers. When Shake Shack CEO Randy Garutti '97

shows up—clad in a sporty fleece vest emblazoned with the company logo—he notes that as crowds go, this is nothing. “You’ll come out in here in January, it’ll be five degrees, and it’ll look like this,” Garutti says. “Pretty much every day in the summer, the line goes to what we call the fourth tree, and the wait is forty-five minutes to an hour.”

Like the queue for Space Mountain, the wait to get to the Shake Shack window is part of the experience; there’s even a live video stream of the Madison Square Park line, so diehards can plan their strategy. Neither has the expansion to a half-dozen locations around the city—including Times Square, Grand Central Terminal, JFK Airport, and the Upper West and Upper East Sides—lightened the load at the park, where Shake Shack was born as a hot dog cart in 2001. According to Garutti, each Shack has gotten busier every year.

What’s all the fuss about? Fans go gaga for the burgers, which are cooked to order from Angus beef raised without hormones or antibiotics, ground fresh daily. The shakes’ base is frozen custard, made on site from hormone-free milk. The hot dogs, which are served split, are either all beef or a sausage made of chicken, apple, and sage. Vegetarians can opt for a battered and deep-fried portobello mushroom, served on a bun with melted cheese. There’s beer brewed in Brooklyn, wine from the Napa Valley, even a concoction for canines—the Pooch-ini, vanilla custard topped with peanut butter sauce and dog biscuits from a local bakery. “We asked, ‘What did fast food ruin over the past fifty or sixty years?’” Garutti muses. “It used to be the place to hang out. Fast food used to be fresh. And then it became, ‘How fast can you go in and out, how many calories, how cheap, the worst possible everything—and we’d love it if you just drove through and didn’t even come in.’ We turned that on its head.”

With nearly 4,000 reviews for the Madison Square Park location alone, Shake Shack has a four-star rating on Yelp. The chain was less popular with *New York Times* restaurant critic Pete Wells, who slammed it for inconsistency in a February 2012 review, though he awarded it one star. “I ate at the Shake Shack in Brooklyn and others around the



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city more than a dozen times recently,” Wells wrote. “After about a third of those trips, I walked away thinking, ‘Wow, that was an awesome burger.’ The other times, the food generally wasn’t worth the wait. Finally I understood that the people in line were looking for something that doesn’t come in a wax-paper wrapper.”

For Garutti, Shake Shack is the latest chapter in a hospitality career that began with a job in a New Jersey bagel shop at age thirteen. He interned at Chili’s and Marriott during his years at the Hotel school and went on to restaurants in Aspen, Maui, and Seattle before moving back to New York to work for legendary restaurateur Danny Meyer, who made him general manager of the upscale, Indian-inspired Tabla at age twenty-four. After running Union Square Café and heading up operations for Meyer’s company, Garutti took over Shake Shack six years ago. The company has been expanding in recent years, with locations in New Jersey, New England, Florida, and Washington, D.C., as well as international spots like Istanbul, Moscow, Beirut, and Kuwait City. “We don’t just parachute our idea into your neighborhood,” Garutti says. “Every one is different and designed to fit the place. We always tailor a few things so it feels like Shake Shack, but it tastes like where it is.”

The London restaurant, which serves a pork sausage from a small farm in Sussex, is in a centuries-old market building in Covent Garden. In Dubai—where no

liquor is served and the meat is halal—two locations are in glitzy malls. In Chestnut Hill, outside Boston, the walls are made of wood sourced from an old mill. The King of Prussia, Pennsylvania, restaurant gets 10 percent of its power from solar panels on the roof. When a Shake Shack has indoor seating, odds are that the tables were made by an artisan in Brooklyn from reclaimed bowling lanes. “Hanging on my office wall is a sign that says, ‘The bigger we get, the smaller we need to act,’” Garutti says. “Every time we come up against a choice, we run it by the filter of, ‘Would we have made that same decision when we had one restaurant?’” Garutti cites the Fair Shake, made with fair-trade Arabica beans. “Most people would say, ‘We want to do a coffee shake; let’s find a really cheap coffee that we can get anywhere,’” he says. “And we said, ‘Let’s find a really great one, and figure out how to get it all over the world.’”

While the core menu has stayed roughly the same over the years, Garutti says, the company has made some improvements, like replacing the corn syrup in its custard with real sugar. The original crinkle-cut fries—which came frozen, and which Wells decried as “pretty awful”—are in the process of being switched over to being hand-cut from fresh potatoes. “I’m the person who doesn’t eat fast food, but I still want to eat a burger—and when I do, I want it to be good,” Garutti says. “And that’s Shake Shack. We take the classics and make them better.”

— Beth Saulnier

Oil Change

Cornellian-owned company makes the most of leftover seeds



Out of their gourds: Kelly Coughlin '93 and husband Gregory Woodworth '94 make oils from squash and pumpkins.

cooking conditions. The squash-seed oils have high smoke points, which makes them ideal for frying. The pumpkin-seed oil—derived from an heirloom varietal, the Kikai, grown specifically for its hull-less seeds—doesn't do well at high temperatures and is best drizzled over salads or soups, or added to rice, couscous, or pasta. Their most popular oil is butternut squash-seed, the product that launched the company. Says Woodworth: "It has a flavor that pleases just about everybody—toasted almonds, walnuts, peanuts, and warm butter."

The primary markets for the Wholehearted oils are specialty stores such as Dean & DeLuca and Whole Foods. They've also been welcomed at natural food stores, including Ithaca's Greenstar Co-op. A third and fast-growing market is in "tasting stores" in places as far away as New Mexico and Oregon, where sales have more than doubled in the past year. The oils have also found favor with professional chefs in Maine, Massachusetts, and New York City.

Woodworth, who earned an MBA from Bentley College after graduating from the Hotel school, and Coughlin, a CALS alumna who studied marine biology and fine arts, decided in 2005 that they wanted to move their mail-order cookie company from Boston to more easygoing environs. Their dreams of returning to Upstate New York solidified when they learned about Cornell's New York State Food Venture Center, an incubator for food-related start-ups. A pro-

The oil business is booming in the Finger Lakes—without the aid of rough-necks or drilling rigs. It's culinary oil, and for husband-and-wife entrepreneurs Gregory Woodworth '94 and Kelly Coughlin '93, it's turning into a thriving business, with their products winning over both professional chefs and health- and taste-conscious home cooks.

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Cooley told Woodworth and Coughlin about a farm in Brockport, New York, that grows thousands of acres of squash that is peeled, seeded, and cut up for sale at supermarkets. The process leaves behind twenty-five to thirty tons of seeds each year; disposing of them was burdensome—and expensive. Cooley roasted and pressed a test batch. "The roasted seeds were good to eat," he says, "and when pressed, the oil was plentiful and a beautiful color and flavor."

He suggested that Woodworth and Coughlin look into extracting oil from the seeds to replace some of the butter in their cookies—and they were impressed. "I thought, This is amazing stuff and with a little tweaking of the flavor profile, I'd like to see this developed into a culinary oil," Woodworth says. "It became our calling."

After further experimentation and refinement, the couple had a product that seemed more promising than cookies. They switched gears and founded Wholehearted to produce and market squash-seed oil as an alternative to olive oil and other specialty oils, most of which are imported. Drawing on her background in art, Coughlin designed packaging, labels, and a website (wholeheartedfoods.com). She aimed for clarity and simplicity. "You don't need a lot of bells and whistles to showcase a product you've put so much of yourself into," says Coughlin. "We care about how we make that product, and that's what we want to get across."

Venture capitalists found the idea too risky, so the entrepreneurs moved ahead on a shoestring budget, with equipment borrowed from Cornell. They got a boost when Noah Sheets, the chef at the New York State Governor's Mansion, purchased their squash-seed oil for a special event—becoming their first official customer. Sales took off; last year they were up 25 percent and they continue to rise. The company's modest profits have fueled growth, with new equipment including an expeller press from Germany and a roaster custom manufactured by one of the few U.S. producers. "And maybe one day," muses Woodworth, "we'll have the time to go back to doing cookies."

—Peggy Haine '65, BS '72



Big dig: Jorge de la Guardia, MEng '74 (inset), has spent much of his career at the Panama Canal.

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Locked and Loaded

Jorge de la Guardia, MEng '74, helps lead the \$5.3 billion Panama Canal expansion

Imagine a floating barge 160 feet wide and longer than four football fields. Fill it with some 10,000 shipping containers—each about the size of a double-wide trailer—and send it across the Pacific, then squeeze it through the Isthmus of Panama by way of a three-chambered, mile-long lock system that raises the ungainly beast from sea level up eighty-five feet to a manmade freshwater lake. There it churns past similar vessels, fishing boats, and cruise ships filled with gawking tourists. As the barge approaches the Atlantic, the sequence is reversed, and the Panama Canal Authority rings up another hefty toll.

If all goes according to plan, by June 2015 the passage of these enormous “post-Panamax” ships will be business as usual on the expanded Panama Canal—an engineering project as enormous in scope as the original “Big Ditch” that

opened in 1914. Seventy-three-year-old Jorge de la Guardia, MEng '74, is executive manager for the \$3.3 billion Locks Project Management Division, the centerpiece of the \$5.3 billion overhaul. De la Guardia shepherded the project from design to planning and construction—a task he could never have imagined as a young man growing up in Panama. “To us as children,” he says, “the canal was just a given.”

As a youth, de la Guardia dreamed of teaching at the University of Panama, where he later earned an undergrad degree in civil engineering; a World Bank scholarship then brought him to Cornell. But the canal, not the lecture hall, would consume much of his professional career.

De la Guardia described his vocation in a campus talk last November, six years into working on the world’s biggest infrastructure job. He touched on the political and economic challenges of the locks proj-

ect, then nine months behind schedule. “Overall, delays are to be expected on a project of this size,” he told an audience of more than 100 in the Plant Science Building. He pointed out that the international contracting firm building the locks was losing \$300,000 a day and had a “\$54 million problem.”

Blame it on bad cement. The new locks are made of steel-reinforced concrete that must resist moisture for up to 100 years; it took contractors six gritty months to get the recipe right. Other setbacks, including major storms in 2010, pushed the completion date from October 2014 to June 2015. All the while, maritime trade—and the ships that handle it—keeps growing.

It was the explosive rise in trade between Asia and the Americas that led to the construction of post-Panamax ships—those capable of ferrying upwards of 50 percent more cargo than the vessels,

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known as Panamax, that fit the current canal. “China is the main driver of the expansion—especially container traffic from the East Coast of China to the East Coast of the U.S.,” says de le Guardia. “The canal will be able to handle some of the biggest ships now being built, with the exception of oil tankers, which do not use it.” The Canal Authority earns some \$4.5 billion per year, a substantial chunk of the nation’s GNP—and, thanks in part to a boom in exports of liquefied natural gas from the U.S. to Asia, revenues are expected to increase sharply.

Comparisons to other manmade wonders help put de la Guardia’s project into perspective: the new locks are more than a mile long and wide enough to accommodate the Sears Tower; they use enough structural steel for thirteen Eiffel Towers; crews have pumped enough concrete to build the Great Pyramids at Giza. But as grandiose as the project is, the central task is simply widening, dredging, and hauling away earth. (The original canal removed enough material to fill a fourteen-foot-wide tunnel through the globe.) Digging through sloppy tropical terrain is still a tough job for machines that aren’t a whole lot different—just bigger—than they were a century ago. Mother Nature

still holds the upper hand. Landslides have slowed recent widening and dredging operations, especially on the Pacific side.

The real engineering novelty of the expansion, says de le Guardia, is its use of water-saving basins built alongside the new locks. The canal’s current locks lose about 50 million gallons to the sea each time a boat transits, he notes. With 14,000 vessels moving through each year, that’s a lot of water under the bridge. With the new system, 60 percent of the water used on each transit will be reclaimed, for a 7 percent overall reduction compared to the current system. That water comes from Gatun Lake, the source of drinking water for Panama City as well as the reservoir for the locks. Keeping it potable while maintaining optimum lake levels for shipping is a chief concern for de la Guardia’s team. The canal expansion will raise the level and create wider channels at the Atlantic and Pacific entrances. A redundant system of sixteen rolling gates—eight on each side—is designed to prevent the ultimate nightmare: a ship crashing through the locks and draining Gatun Lake.

Once the job is done, says de la Guardia, “I think it will be time to retire.”
 — Franklin Crawford

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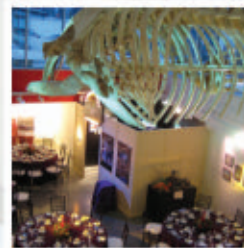
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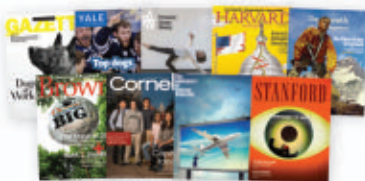
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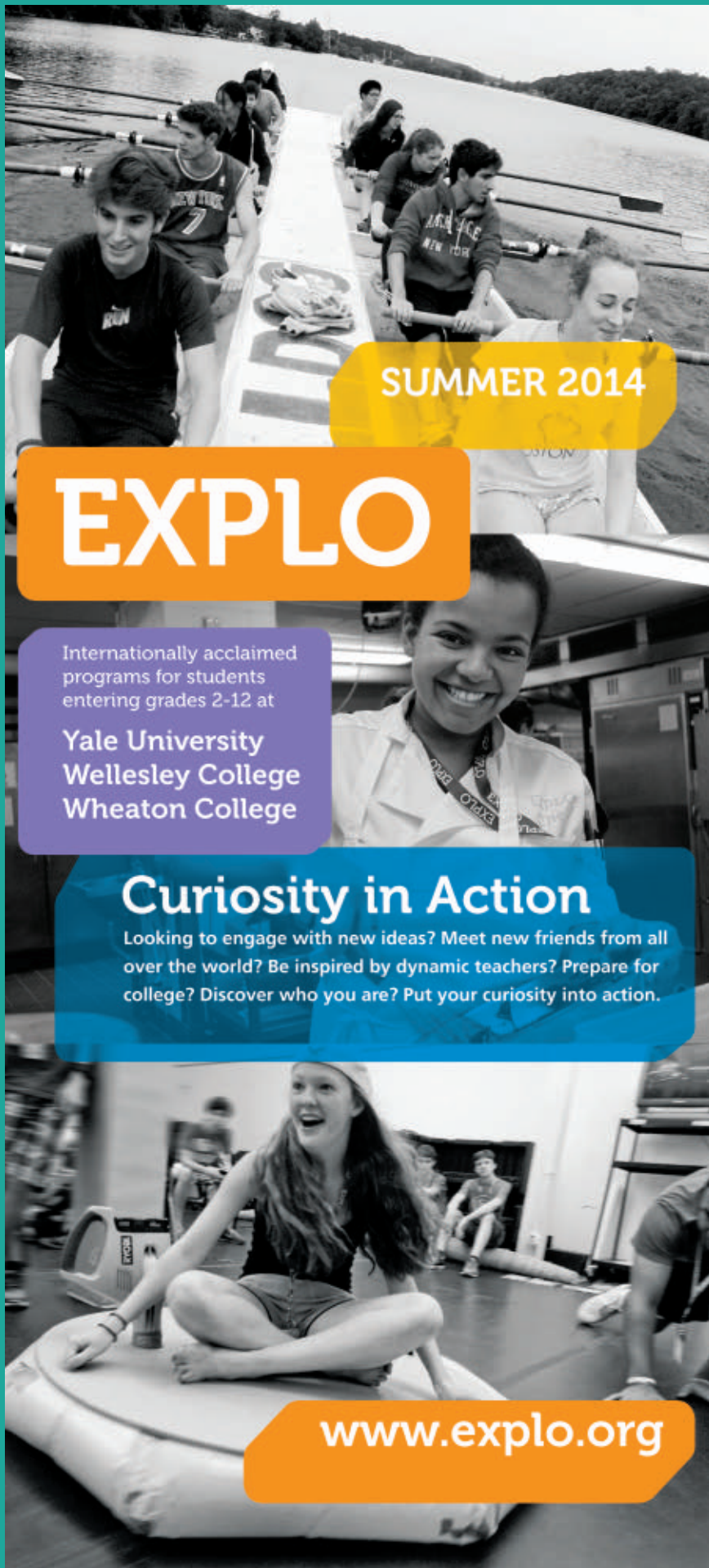
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Tech Savvy

Farhad Manjoo '00 is the *Wall Street Journal's* voice on the digital domain

Farhad Manjoo '00 started writing about the tech industry for Wired News just as the first dot-com boom was ending. Today, with the industry on another upswing, he has made it to the major leagues: as of last September, he's the twice-weekly tech columnist for the Wall Street Journal. In between those two gigs, Manjoo—a former CAM intern and Daily Sun editor-in-chief—wrote for Slate and Salon. Born in South Africa and reared in California's Orange County, Manjoo majored in economics on the Hill. "But," he admits, "I was mostly at the newspaper." In 2008, Wiley published Manjoo's book True Enough: Learning to Live in a Post-Fact Society.

Cornell Alumni Magazine: Like all *Wall Street Journal* columnists, your headshot is in the paper's antique style. What did you think when you saw yourself as a woodcut? **Farhad Manjoo:** I thought I looked like an old banker.

CAM: Reader comments are a big part of online journalism, especially at a site like Slate. Does knowing you might get eviscerated affect how you write?

FM: I think it makes me a better writer because it makes me think about objections to a column, and then I can defend my position better. But having said that, it really, really makes me feel bad, though I've gotten used to it over the years. Nothing puts me in a worse mood than a negative comment, even if I know it's totally wrong. I feel like I've failed by not having convinced this anonymous person who sounds kind of stupid. I do try to read all the comments because they're a good way to spot a factual error. But it's still not good for my mental well-being.

CAM: Which column of yours has caused

the biggest firestorm?

FM: Three years ago I wrote something I had no idea would be objectionable, saying it was wrong to use two spaces after a period. It's by far the most popular thing I wrote at Slate; it might be one of the most popular Slate articles of all time. It got a lot of comments telling me I was stupid and a lot telling me I was brave for taking a bold stance. It was totally surprising. The thing that I learned about writing on the Internet is that it's completely unpredictable.

CAM: In November, Amazon unveiled its plans for Prime Air—a delivery system using unmanned drones. Did you think it was a prank?

FM: No, but I probably would have if I hadn't heard about other start-ups who had the same idea. The video that Amazon put out does look a little *Onion*-ish; there's something comical about this machine flying into your backyard and dropping off toothpaste. But drones are one of the few technologies that I'm genuinely excited about. I'm not usually optimistic or pessimistic about technology, but I'm curious to see what will happen with this.

CAM: How has the tech industry changed since you started covering it?

FM: When I started, tech was kind of like the health-care industry or some other niche of the economy. People interacted with tech because it was part of their



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jobs, but it wasn't part of the culture at large. Now what I write about isn't just affecting people at work, but in their lives throughout the day. I feel like I'm writing about a central force of the economy.

CAM: What was it like to come in just as the first dot-com party was ending?

FM: It was scary. It was especially bad in the Bay Area. At *Wired* a lot of people were laid off, but I was luckily spared. For a while people seemed discouraged about the possibilities for the Internet. I remember the launch of the first iPod, right after 9/11. It turned out to be the device that saved Apple, but no one saw its potential at that point. I didn't. It seemed like a small gadget released by a company that was a little washed up. One of the things I've learned is that we tech writers tend to over-hype the short-term potential of technology and underestimate the long-term.

CAM: What do you remember about those now-legendary Steve Jobs launches?

FM: He made you unbelievably excited about something, even though you didn't know how it would fit into your life; I'd feel like I needed to run to the Apple Store and buy it. Often he focused on the use of a computer rather than the specs. The launches had this quality that you'd only experienced from infomercials—that this thing that you didn't even know was annoying you could be so much easier. It was a multimedia experience. He would say things, and on the screen behind him there would be a sloganized version of it. I think if you read a transcript it would sound dull because of its simple language; it would seem like he was talking to small children. But that's why it worked—it was powerful in its simplicity.

CAM: How does being a tech reporter affect how you use technology personally?

FM: Most of the gadgets that people are excited about, I don't really get excited about because I see so much. I've had the new Xbox for a couple of weeks and I've

used it a little, but very few things wow me anymore—which is kind of sad. Recently a radio interviewer asked me to describe the most old-fashioned way I do something, and I couldn't think of a single thing. Almost everything in my house is as technologically advanced as I can make it. I have infrared soap dispensers and a trashcan with an automatic lid.

CAM: What do you think would happen if you got completely cut off—a long-term power failure, say, or a zombie apocalypse?

FM: I would probably do really badly. I have trouble taking a vacation or going to a place where I don't have an Internet connection. How much I depend on technology, and whether it's too much or if it's bad for me, are constant preoccupations. I also sometimes wonder whether I'm worrying too much. A hundred years ago, did people worry that they were getting too dependent on electricity?

CAM: Now for the tech version of “boxers or briefs.” Are you an Apple or a PC man?

FM: I use both. The computer I use for

work most of the time is a desktop PC. I have a Macbook Air that's been my go-to computer for a while because it's so light. My phones for the last several years have been iPhones, but I'm always getting Android phones to review. I use so many different technologies that I don't feel tied to any one platform. The one I do feel tied to is Amazon. It's the first place I think of to buy stuff, to rent or buy TV shows or movies; I spend more money at Amazon than at any other tech company. Being a Prime member kind of hijacks your mind—anytime you think of something you need, you can buy it.

CAM: Here at the alumni magazine we have fond memories of you as an intern. But your stock dropped with us last year when you wrote a Slate column against taking dogs to the office. Have you since seen the error of your ways?

FM: I did get a lot of reaction to that. I still think I'm right. Luckily, I work at home by myself, so I don't have to impose my intolerant views on everyone else.

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count two more times, the performer can “magically” identify the top card in the pile. Says Mulcahy, an undergrad alumnus of University College, Dublin: “It’s amazing what these fifty-two pieces of paper with different numbers and values on them can do.”

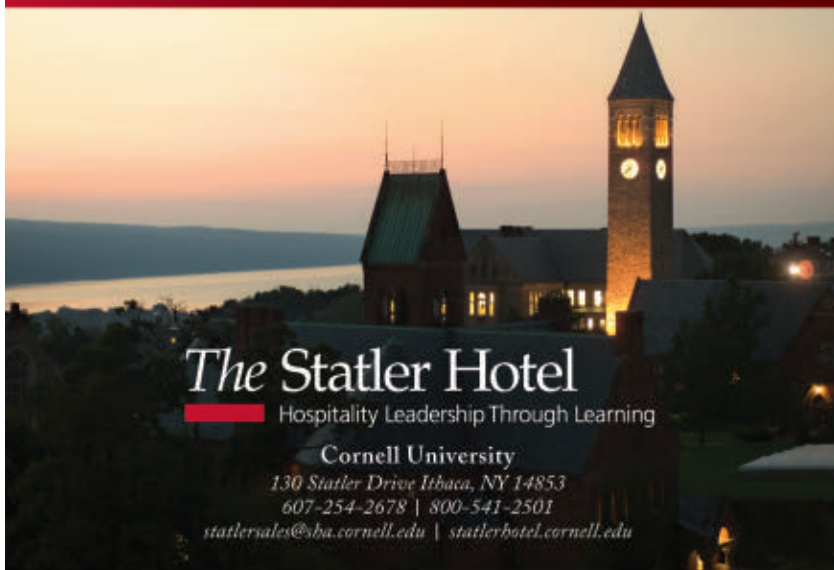
While the principles behind the tricks may be sophisticated, their execution is relatively straightforward—so much so that Mulcahy taught his daughter to perform one with him when she was in elementary school. “She didn’t understand big words like ‘permutation,’ and ‘combination,’ but I was able to explain it to her at a performance level,” he says. “She and I would do it together at parties, and it blew people away.” Although Mulcahy’s book does get technical at times—touching on such fields as algebra, probability, and statistics—he stresses that *Mathematical Card Magic* isn’t a standard math text. “There are almost no equations in it; there’s an old joke that for every equation in a book, you halve the number of sales,” he says. “I tried to make it accessible for people who don’t know much about mathematics, with the hope that it would inspire them to learn more.”

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Of these, Riesling is the winery's flagship product, as it is throughout the Finger Lakes. But Dave Breeden, Sheldrake's winemaker since 2002, would like to see more attention paid to the other two—especially Gewürztraminer. "It can be a tough sell compared to Riesling and Pinot Gris," says Dave, "but to my mind, it should be second in importance only to Riesling."



Things seem to be looking up, as the winery now produces and sells about 500 cases of Gewürztraminer a year, compared to 200 cases during the latter half of the previous decade. And, if the 2012 rendition is any indication, Sheldrake Point will soon be winning more converts to this delightful variety.

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City Planner

Far above the streets of New York, Jennifer Raab '77 is president of Hunter College

By Beth Saulnier

It sounds like the wind-up to a joke: How much of a city girl is Jennifer Raab? *She's such a city girl that when she first got to Ithaca and saw some basement steps on State Street, she thought it was the subway.*

She's such a city girl that when she closed on her house in the Bronx, she asked if it came with a super.

True stories.

The president of Hunter College for the past twelve years, Raab was educated outside New York—she graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Cornell in 1977, then earned a master's in public affairs from Princeton's Woodrow Wilson School and a law degree from Harvard—but has spent most of her life in the five boroughs. In contrast to one New York stereotype, though, she does drive; she commutes by car from her home in Riverdale to the Hunter campus on Manhattan's Upper East Side.

Part of the City University of New York (CUNY), Hunter was founded in 1870 as a teachers' college, later gaining acclaim for its nursing and social work programs, among others. Originally a women's school, it went co-ed in the Sixties. A CUNY shift to open admissions four decades ago dealt a blow to its standing, and the policy was abandoned shortly before Raab took office in 2001. Her appointment was controversial; as the *New York Times* reported at the time, the 10-6 vote of CUNY trustees was greeted with some hisses and boos from the audience. She had not, after all, entered the seventeenth-floor president's office via the traditional academic route; she may hold three Ivy League degrees, but none of them is a PhD. Backed by then-Mayor Rudy Giuliani and Governor George Pataki, Raab came to Hunter from the city Landmarks Preservation Commission, which she led for seven years.

Raab's resume also includes stints at other city agencies, work as a litigator at two major law firms, and time in politics, including serving as issues director for Giuliani's unsuccessful 1989 mayoral bid. ("I have a small specialty in losing political cam-

paigns," she says with a laugh. "So if anyone wants to run but doesn't really want to win, I'm your girl.") Her long-standing connections in the city—and her potential as a fundraiser—were among her selling points for the Hunter post; according to her official biography, she has been responsible for garnering more than \$150 million in philanthropy. She has spearheaded such projects as the renovation of a decrepit townhouse formerly owned by Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt into a public policy institute and the construction of a \$131 million home in East Harlem for the School of Social Work. Hunter's nursing school has partnered with Weill Cornell on numerous research and outreach projects, and Hunter recently purchased a floor of the Medical College's nearly completed Belfer Research Building. In October, she and Weill Cornell Dean Laurie Glimcher—both of whom are on *Crain's New York Business's* most recent list of the city's fifty most powerful women—posed for celebratory photos, clad in matching hard hats.

The youngest of four children, Raab grew up in a working-class family in Upper Manhattan's Washington Heights neighborhood. Her father died when she was in elementary school, and her mother supported the family with a job as a teacher's aide. She attended public schools in the neighborhood before winning a coveted spot at Hunter College High School, which was then all female. "It was sort of controversial," Raab says, "because if you went down to the Upper East Side to go to this all-girls school, you might become a snob or a man hater." The first of her siblings to go to college, she applied to Cornell early decision at age sixteen. "I remember my mother saying, 'Don't get your hopes up,'" Raab recalls. "It sounds mean, but it wasn't; it was protective. It was, 'These things don't happen to us; how will we even get the money?' But a week later, I got two fat envelopes."

On the Hill, Raab was a College Scholar, focusing on European government and intellectual history. She attended on scholarships and worked her way through school, including serving as a short-order cook on North Campus (for which she recalls making green omelets on St. Patrick's Day). "My favorite job was as a banquet waitress," she says. "I came back from Cornell with an incredible education—and an ability to fold napkins into many different shapes, like swans and *fleurs de lis*. I remember coming home and there was my mother, finally having had a child go to college, and she was like, "That's what you learned?"

‘I see Hunter College as my client. My job is, “What more can I get for our students? How much can I push the envelope for them?”’

Cornell Alumni Magazine: After a career in government, politics, and corporate law, what made you want to be a college president?

Jennifer Raab: A lot of it was to create opportunities for those who may not otherwise be able to go to college. We were the second school in the City University system and the ninth in America to accept women in higher education. Thomas Hunter was a rebel who was kicked out of Ireland; he had a radical idea that teachers should be trained and not just return to the classroom after graduating high school. Dr. Hunter had a famous line about access: “The Negro should sit next to the Gentile, should sit next to the Jew.” We didn’t discriminate against anybody but men. In the late Sixties the decision was made to open up all the senior CUNY colleges—there would basically be no standards for admission—but after a while it wasn’t working; if you were a strong student you would often choose other options. We weren’t able to recruit all the faculty that we wanted, the facilities were declining, the state was disinvesting, and alumni were not as proud of the institution. That’s when I really wanted to come here, because I felt I could bring my management and leadership skills and the connections I had made to convince people to support this mission. I was clear that it was controversial for me to become a college president, not coming from this world. But in my mind, just having a doctorate didn’t make you more qualified to do this job.

CAM: Is your time in the trenches of politics and corporate law serving you well?

JR: Absolutely. I see Hunter College as my client. My job is, “What more can I get for our students? How much can I push the envelope for them?” My job is to try to get everybody I can find, compel, or argue to do something for our students—whether that’s supporting a scholarship, providing an internship, giving a career talk, or selling us a floor of their research building.

CAM: What are the biggest challenges that Hunter is facing—issues that may be common to higher education nationwide?

JR: People have a misperception that everyone goes to college for four years and you finish where you start. That’s true in most private colleges, where 98 percent of students finish in four years. But the average in America is that only about 60 percent of high school graduates go to college and only about 60 percent of them will finish in six years, so we look at a six-year graduation rate. We want to make sure that our students stay in school and that they finish. And when you’re dealing with students who for the most part don’t live on campus, their lives are complex. They’re commuting, they’re almost all working, many have family responsibilities. So they go home and a parent may say, “You have to watch your little brother” when they planned to work on a research paper, or they thought they were going to be able to use the computer and another sibling needs it. So there are many challenges. I remember coming home from Cornell and my mother asking me, “What did you learn?” It was interesting to explain to someone who didn’t have a college education that it’s actually not a specific thing you learn; it’s that you’re learning to learn and to think critically, which then changes you completely as a person.

CAM: You had the classic campus experience, but your students attend a commuter school in the heart of the city. What do you see as the advantages of a Hunter-style education?


JR: There’s no separation between your college life and life afterward. I was here on 9/11, and I walked the halls and broke up some very tense conversations between different interest groups who had different visions of what had happened. I’ve heard from so many students that the diversity here is unparalleled. We have people from 150 countries; we have more than a hundred languages spoken; we have students who come back to school and graduate at age seventy-five. Having said that, it’s still a challenge to create community. In a residential college there’s a dorm, a quad, hang-out space, so we’ve been trying to do that. It’s a challenge to create those community spaces—but we have that incredible diversity and then you get New York as a laboratory. You might not have a quad, but you can hop on the subway at that station that says “Hunter College” in the mosaic and you’re Off-Broadway, or you can walk over to the Met, the Whitney, or MOMA. If you’re interested in health research you can walk over to Weill Cornell or Rockefeller; if you’re interested in politics you can go to our Roosevelt House, the China Institute, the U.N., or the Council on Foreign Relations. You could make the argument

that you have the best of everything by having this campus that's New York City.

CAM: The world of New York politics is legendary. What was it like to work on a mayoral campaign?

JR: You have so many decisions to make, and there are so many different interests and racial, religious, and ethnic groups; you really have to have more than, "How would you keep the streets clean?" Candidates could go to a forum and have thirty questions on completely different subjects thrown at them, each extremely important to the person asking—whether it's about schools, the local health clinic, or traffic patterns. It can be small and local, but then there are big conflicts. Any problem that any municipality has, New York will have. But I don't know if there's another city in the world that has its own foreign policy; our mayor is asked about Israel and Ireland, and you have to have a position. It's fascinating, it's fast-moving, and we have so much media here. Where else do you have two tabloids with front pages that can say anything, and then everybody's holding them up on the subway?

CAM: Can you share a war story?

JR: Back in 1989 a lot of things that are now taken for granted, like gay rights, were still issues. There was a big Court of Appeals case about whether gay partners could inherit the leases if they lost their lovers—and that was during the terrible AIDS epidemic. The campaign was formulating Giuliani's position on gay rights, and I said to him, "Look, it's a housing issue; it's a family issue. It makes sense to support keeping a family together." So one day he was doing the kind of things that candidates do—march in a Puerto Rican Day parade and then play stickball. Except someone asked him about the case, and whatever came out, or whatever people heard, didn't sound the way we thought it was going to. And before we knew it the front page of one of the tabloids had a photo of him playing stickball with the headline, "Rudy Sticks It to Gays." That's New York City. It's never a dull day. 



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Commuter campus: Located in the heart of the city, Hunter has its own subway stop, at East 68th Street and Lexington Avenue. Below: Raab (right) marks the purchase of a floor of Weill Cornell's research building with Dean Laurie Glimcher.



CARLOS RENE PEREZ

URBAN OUTFIT

Architecture, Art, and
Planning's New York City
program puts students
where the action is

By Beth Saulnier

Photographs by Vicki Long

On a drizzly Friday in early November, a class of Cornell students is gathered around a conference table at a hip architectural rendering firm in New York's Greenwich Village. Down the hall, workers at tomato-red, industrial-style metal desks are creating startlingly lifelike images on broad computer screens. Just outside the door a photo shoot is in progress, its intense flashes repeatedly stunning the students along one side of the table.

On the wall, next to the firm's Emmy statuette, is a flatscreen TV displaying images the students took for the class on architectural rendering—a field that, over the past decade or so, has segued from handmade models to computer-generated imagery. Their assignment: to photograph a location and manipulate the images to create works in the style of two renowned photographers—Philip-Lorca DiCorcia, whose seemingly spontaneous street scenes are painstakingly crafted, and Oliver Boberg, who photographs dioramas that come across as amazingly lifelike settings.

After a discussion of a classmate's shots of a construction site, it's Vicki Long's turn to be critiqued. The instructor—the firm's art director, Mike Golden—puts Long's two images of a parking garage up on the screen. One version includes a bright orange traffic cone that's absent in the other, one of several differences between the two. "The cone is actually great," Golden says. "It gives a focal point to the image."

Long, a second-year master's student in urban planning, points out a set of surveillance cameras that's more visible in one image than the other, and the class debates their merits. "The Boberg one, I think, is rather successful," Golden says finally. "It's busier than Boberg's work, but the idea wasn't just to mimic it."



Tour de NYC:
Planning
student
Max Taffet
commutes
daily from
Crown Heights,
Brooklyn, to
the AAP studio
in Chelsea.



Getting such hands-on feedback from a pro at the vanguard of the city's design scene is the sort of thing that most students only dream of—but it's just another day for Long and her classmates, all students in the College of Architecture, Art, and Planning's New York program. Dubbed AAP NYC, the program brings more than 100 undergrads and grad students to the city annually for an intense period of work and study, either for a semester or a summer. "The center of the architectural world really resides in two

or three large, international locations—New York being probably tied with London," says Bob Balder '89, the program's executive director. "So in terms of professional development, New York is the obvious choice. Given its close proximity to Ithaca, it's a natural fit. It's a fabulous way for Cornell to have it both ways."

Founded in 2006, AAP NYC is one of several University programs in the city, which has become an increasingly important part of the Cornell experience. The Medical College has been in Manhattan for

more than a century, of course, and the University is in the process of designing a multi-billion-dollar tech campus on Roosevelt Island. City-based programs—some for traditional students, others geared toward mid-career professionals—also include offerings in human ecology, business, and ILR. "I love the urban landscape and the diversity that you have in New York City," says Long, a Toronto native who ultimately aims to bring her planning skills back to her hometown. "Life in New York is fascinating in and of itself. There



Close quarters: AAP NYC executive director Bob Balder '89 is looking for the program's next home, with room for more students.

are always new exhibits relating to urban infrastructure or urbanism in general, and the arts scene is great. It provides a great background for the studies we're doing, because we're not limited to reading reports or professional research. We're able to see how it actually works in practice."

AAP NYC is housed—at least for now—in a former garment-industry loft on West 17th Street in Chelsea. The 5,000-square-foot space feels like the home of a scrappy start-up: open floor-plan; large industrial-style windows; clusters of desks made of hollow-core doors slung across orange sawhorses; tech-savvy twenty-somethings hunched over computers or working in groups late into the night, papers and drawings spread out on every surface. But as of next fall, the program will no longer call this space home. Balder and his colleagues are searching for a new location, prompted by a rent increase and a desire for more square footage and expanded enrollment; a city map on one wall of his office is dotted

with more than 100 purple pushpins denoting spaces he's visited.

By leaving their current spot, the program also sought to escape a quintessentially urban menace: ear-splitting noise. Until last summer, the tenant directly beneath the AAP NYC space was Splash Bar, a wildly popular gay nightclub—and, like the notoriously busy students, the partiers kept vampire's hours. When the program held special events, they'd have to end by 8:30 or 9:00, lest the music drown out the speakers. "The impact of the club on the studio was pretty intense," Balder says with a rueful laugh. "The whole floor would shake. The sound system was right underneath us, hanging off the floor. I could feel the shockwave at my desk. There would be a mob outside the window—black cars, taxis, all the people getting dropped off. You'd have this party underneath you seven nights a week until four in the morning. Some students could put headphones on and work through anything, but for some it was quite unpleas-

ant." (The bar closed in August, after the program had already decided to move.)

The AAP NYC experience is a combination of coursework and paid internships, interspersed with regular field trips around the city. Sojourns have included bike tours of the waterfront and of an old waterworks in Queens; a visit to the Lower East Side (including a look inside a historic apartment building and a snack stop at Essex Market); and a boat trip that comprised everything from Superfund sites to the Statue of Liberty. In October, Master of Regional Planning (MRP) students in an infrastructure technology class taught by John An '97, BArch '00, visited a site way off the usual tourist route: a state-of-the-art wastewater treatment facility in the basement of a condominium in Battery Park City. "The expert who designed the system talked to them and they took a detailed tour," says An, a senior director at a sustainability and energy-management consulting firm in the city. "Having that direct connection between the topic area being discussed, and being able to go see the technology in action, makes a big impact on the students."

Such outings underscore an inherent limitation of Cornell's location on a hill above a lake: it's not always easy to learn urban planning hundreds of miles from a major city, or to train in architecture far from marquee buildings and centers of the profession, or to study art far from world-class galleries and major museums. "We use the city as a learning laboratory," says Balder, who previously worked for New York's Economic Development Corporation under three mayors. "Because there are so many offerings here, we don't have to produce everything ourselves—as opposed to Ithaca, where you're largely recruiting people to come lecture, be involved in a special event, or curate an exhibition. It's also a unique opportunity for us to tap into people who may not have enough time to come to Ithaca. We can integrate them here in a way that's much more manageable to them."

That sentiment is writ large earlier on that same Friday, when Scott Lee '92, ME '93, a principal with Morphosis Architects, meets with students in AAP NYC's only enclosed classroom. In a course known as a design studio, the students are working on a master plan for the Cornell Tech campus—and Morphosis is the project's architectural firm. So, in addition to visiting Roosevelt Island (which is located in the East River between two boroughs), the students have their work painstakingly critiqued by one of the project's leaders. "It makes a huge difference that we're actually in New York City being able to

experience the difference between Manhattan and Queens,” fifth-year architecture student Mary Bray Erickson says afterward. “It was pretty cool to be able to do that firsthand.”

A resident of Winston-Salem, North Carolina, Erickson is working on the project on a team with two close friends, fellow fifth-years Lillian Simon and Sarah Schwartz. The three were roommates last year in AAP’s Cornell in Rome program. “I think this a great second abroad experience,” says Schwartz, of Horsham, Pennsylvania. “It’s great that we saw something in Europe that’s completely different from the U.S., but then it’s great to have the New York program because we’re getting outside the school bubble and we’re immersed in the city. It feels like architecture has a more practical implication here, versus in Ithaca where it can sometimes feel theoretical.” Like most AAP NYC students, Simon interns two days a week. Her work for the major architectural and engineering firm Skidmore, Owings & Merrill has included building models, drawing diagrams, and coloring plans. “They’ve done a great job integrating me and using me,” says Simon, of Newton, Massachusetts. “It’s been a month, and I’ve learned so much about the process of real-world architecture, the way the business works. In school we don’t get past the design phase into real life; it always ends at a certain point.”

In contrast to design studios—which are more theoretical and academic—workshops are built around projects for real-world clients, with the students in the role of unpaid consultants. Second-year MRP



candidate Max Taffet is working on one such effort, studying the potential for technological and cultural enterprise zones in the neighborhood around the Noguchi Museum in Queens. The area is seeing growth and change due to the museum and other factors—and in future decades, it could be the site of start-ups overflowing from Cornell Tech across the river. “My group probably spent twenty hours studying building quality in the space around the

museum over the course of a month,” says Taffet, who comes from Boulder and holds an undergrad degree from the University of British Columbia, Vancouver. “Just being in a random warehouse district that you’d otherwise have no reason to be in, you begin to see things differently.”

Like a number of AAP NYC students, Taffet lives in Brooklyn—for many, the borough offers the right balance of proximity, affordability, and hipness—and bikes to school daily, a thirty-minute trip each way. (He and three classmates share the top floor of a brownstone in Crown Heights—the same neighborhood his forbears lived in after escaping pogroms in Eastern Europe.) Balder, too, is an avid biker, and numerous pedagogical outings have been conducted on two wheels. “New York City is big, but with a bike it shrinks very quickly,” says Taffet, who’s interning with the city’s Economic Development Corporation as well as serving as AAP NYC’s official blogger. “I feel like the subway is this magic thing where

Creative collisions: Fifth-year architects (from left) Mary Bray Erickson, Lillian Simon, and Sarah Schwartz. Above: MRP student Dan Moran at work.



you just pop up places, and the transitions aren't very clear. But with a bike, you're seeing a neighborhood as it changes, as different populations show up, as the buildings get nicer or less nice. For our workshop, it's kind of a straight shot through Bed-Stuy and Greenpoint to Astoria. Seeing these classic Brooklyn pockets and then going through these incredible high-rise districts that are growing from scratch as the result of new zoning codes, and then arriving at our site where we're looking at the implications of a new zoning project—the bike allows you to see that in its regional context.”

Across the room, fellow MRP second-year Dan Moran is working on an urban design studio project on revitalizing the Lower East Side waterfront—an area dominated by a massive Con Ed power plant that flooded during Hurricane Sandy. Armed with a stack of rainbow-hued Sharpies, Moran is color-coding a diagram of various transit methods including bike paths, pedestrian walkways, bus routes, and subway lines.

A Boston native and graduate of Skidmore College, Moran is interning at the Port Authority, working on one of its highest-profile projects: the reimagining of the neighborhood surrounding Penn Station and Madison Square Garden, which includes the transformation of a grand post office into a new rail station. “Penn Station is at total capacity, it's an underground maze, and it's generally hated by everyone who uses it or has to look at it,” Moran notes. “Madison Square Garden is ugly and crowded and the district surrounding it is not very pleasant. There's low-end shopping, which is not inherently bad—but considering that it's the busiest transit hub in the Western Hemisphere, there's not as much value surrounding it as there could be.” For research, Moran pounded the pavement inside the station and in the surrounding neighborhood, identifying “soft sites” for potential demolition and redevelopment. “I look at it all as value added,” Moran says of his urban semester. “Every time I walk down the street I think of it as experience added to my playbook. In New York, I've been able to get my head in the game.”

On top of their coursework, internships, and field trips, AAP NYC students can tap into the many professional organizations that have presences in the city, such as the Center for Architecture and the American Planning Association. In October, future planners attended a two-



Living lab: Balder leads students on one of many excursions.

day conference at the Municipal Arts Society, where speakers addressed topics ranging from historic preservation to disaster resiliency. They also benefit from mentorship and networking for future jobs. Engineering alum Jim Greenberg '68, a principal with the international architecture firm Perkins Eastman and one of the program's faculty, has hired AAP NYC graduates into its New York, Boston, and San Francisco offices. He notes that he wishes that the course he co-teaches—the required class on professional practice—had been offered when he earned his master's in architecture at Penn. “Our emphasis is on preparing people for what you need to know if you want to go out on your own,” he says. “Architectural education is strongly focused on design—which is very important, but it's something that many architects aren't involved with in

most of their career. If you look at the fee structure, only a third is spent on design and two-thirds is spent on technical and administrative aspects.”

Another, more esoteric benefit of AAP NYC is cross-pollination with other disciplines. While architects and planners may be more isolated in their own programs back on campus, in New York they're working elbow to elbow; a view over someone's shoulder can spark the sort of “creative collision” prized in the modern workplace. “It's dynamic, because you're constantly in contact with others,” says Long. “You're never alone; there's a lot of group work. You're always having that ricochet of thoughts and ideas. You definitely go through periods of exhaustion because you absorb so much information. But in the end, I think that process will reveal something really worthwhile.” ■

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Media Maven

NPR media reporter
David Folkenflik '91
pulls back the curtain of
Murdoch's World

The cover of *Murdoch's World* evokes a tabloid newspaper à la the *New York Post*: a blood-red masthead above a grainy black-and-white photo of its subject in a moment of abject misery. Inside, veteran journalist David Folkenflik '91 explores what the subtitle calls “the last of the old media empires”: News Corp founder Rupert Murdoch’s vast holdings in print and broadcasting, from Fox News and the *Wall Street Journal* to the now-defunct *News of the World*, ground zero of a sordid phone hacking scandal that continues to play out in the British courts.

The longtime media reporter for NPR and a former staffer at the *Baltimore Sun*, Folkenflik saw the hacking case—in which journalists illegally intercepted the voicemails of, among others, a teenage murder victim and members of the royal family—as a fascinating window into Murdoch’s universe. “It both provided an incredible story and also real insight into the ways his empire worked,” he says. “The intersections of journalism and politics and law enforcement; the confluence of influence and power; the way in which his political and ideological impulses interacted with his business interests.”

Folkenflik notes that writing about Murdoch inherently comes with ideological baggage—unlike, say, covering Michael Bloomberg and company. “When you write about Murdoch, people assume that if you’re writing easy it’s because you’re conservative; if you’re writing harsh it’s because you’re liberal,” he says. “If you’re in the Murdoch circle, you cast those who write critically about you as being driven by political motivations. And even if you accept that most journalists are liberal, that’s not what gets them out of bed in the morning.” Folkenflik got no official cooperation from the Murdoch family or News Corp, which forbade its employees from speaking to him. “News Corp corporately, and Fox News specifically, are exceptionally controlling and adverse to public discussion of what they do on anything other than their own terms,” he says. “They deem criticism as enmity or critique as an attack. They really view things as ‘us and them,’ and that’s not typically a journalistic mindset in this country.”

Published in October by Public Affairs, *Murdoch's World* garnered generally favorable reviews; the *Washington Post* called it brisk and readable, while *Booklist* lauded it for “fascinating and credible” reportage. Then there was the assessment of a highly placed News Corp executive, who told Folkenflik: “You made an entire corporation wince for several weeks.”

Given that the company’s detractors have been known to find themselves on the wrong end of News Corp’s aggressive investigative tactics—or even shredded in print—was Folkenflik worried about making some powerful enemies? As he puts it with a laugh: “My wife joked that this would be the wrong year to be arrested for cavorting with hookers.”

— Beth Saulnier



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FAIR AND BALANCED

An excerpt from
'Murdoch's World'
explores the rise
of Fox News

By David Folkenflik

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Tabloid blood would circulate through the arteries of what would become a new American television network, breaking the monopoly of the big three. In 1985 Rupert Murdoch acquired six television stations in the nation's largest ten markets, including New York, Los Angeles, Dallas, and Washington, D.C., from John Kluge's Metromedia conglomerate. The deal, constructed before Murdoch had acquired 20th Century Fox, put the creation of a fourth network within reach. When Murdoch bought out Marvin Davis's stake in both Fox studios and the stations that year, the Australian newspaper king was suddenly America's newest multimedia mogul—with major holdings in print, movies, and television.

At its debut in 1986, the Fox network broadcast but a night or two a week. Even when Fox became full-fledged, it provided just two hours of nightly prime-time programming. It offered magazine shows inspired more by the *New York Post* and daytime television than nightly news programs. In fact, Fox had built no indigenous news division to cover the news.

The American news consumer of just fifteen years ago would not have been able to recognize the country's current media landscape—the range of choices, the technological innovations, and in particular the cacophony.

“A Current Affair” was a syndicated scandal and entertainment TV show that originated in 1986 from News Corp’s flagship local TV station WNYW Channel 5 in New York City. One of its stars was Steve Dunleavy. He wore a trench coat, chain-smoked like Bogart, and cut a memorable figure with a jutting chin and unavoidable pompadour. And he chased just about anything with two X chromosomes. The oft-recycled claim was that he had been in coital vigor with a Scandinavian heiress late one

snowy night outside a bar when a city snowplow ran over—and broke—his foot. Dunleavy was said to be so soused that he continued his aerobic affections unabated.

The tabloid columnist Pete Hamill joked, “I hope it wasn’t his writing foot.”

Dunleavy shone as a reporter for Murdoch’s tabloid *Mirror* in Sydney before breaking stories for the *National Star*. He headed to greater glories on the *Post*. During the height of the scare over the Son of Sam serial killings in the New York City boroughs of Queens and Brooklyn, Dunleavy wrote a florid front-page piece adver-

tised by the headline “Gunman Sparks Son of Sam Chase.” Readers learned right before the article’s conclusion that the gunman was not the Son of Sam at all.

After helping to launch “A Current Affair,” Dunleavy surfaced yet again for Murdoch on the early Fox weekend show “The Reporters,” another hour of gossip and crime. “In its first couple of years, television was considered a foul little business that no self-respecting journalist wanted anything to do with,” *Washington Post* TV critic Tom Shales wrote at its debut in 1988. “Fox Broadcasting is trying to bring those days back.”

“The Reporters” didn’t last long, but Dunleavy never lost his luster with Murdoch. Fox did not need to develop refined taste. The early reality Fox show “Cops,” an exceptionally cost-effective production that taped raids by patrolling police officers on low-level criminals, frequently beat its competition in the ratings. “The Simpsons,” a spin-off of Tracey Ullman’s comedy show, became a breakaway hit. “Married with Children,” coarse by anyone’s definition, helped brand the network as edgier and younger than its network elders and prefigured some of its recent successes, such as Seth MacFarlane’s animated “Family Guy.”

Meanwhile, local Fox stations conjured up newscasts with a brisker, more tabloidy feel. By 1992 Murdoch decided that the local stations Fox owned and ran itself would no longer carry

CNN’s feed (which he had obtained from CNN founder Ted Turner at a dear cost). In 1995 Murdoch brought to New York one of his foremost British executives, Andrew Neil. To be precise, Neil was a Scot, like Murdoch’s grandfather, but not stereotypically dour. The mirthful former reporter and editor for the *Economist* had served for nearly a dozen years as editor of Murdoch’s *Sunday Times*; he was also the founding chairman of Sky TV, later merged into BSkyB, today one of the most important holdings that News Corp and the Murdochs control. Neil came to the U.S. to help guide the creation of Fox News.

The birth of Fox News sprang from Murdoch’s decision to create a television empire around sports, as he had previously in Australia and the U.K. In 1993 Fox bought the rights to broadcast the games of the NFL’s then dominant NFC division, swiping football from CBS for nearly \$1.6 billion. “We’re a network now. Like no other sport will do, the NFL will make us into a real network,” Murdoch exulted to *Sports Illustrated*. “In the future there will be 400 or 500 channels on cable, and ratings will be fragmented. But football on Sunday will have the same ratings, regardless of the number of channels. Football will not fragment.”

He was right. And he wanted a winning weekly bookend for football to strike at another top-rated CBS program. “At that stage, Rupert Murdoch had in mind to set up a Fox News answer to ‘60 Minutes,’” Neil told me. “It was to be an hour-long news show going out after the NFL football program on Fox.” His costar was to be Judith Regan, a young woman who had sliced her way to the top-selling echelons of the book publishing business. Smart, and possessed of finely sharpened elbows, Regan had by this point been rewarded with her own imprint, ReganBooks, at Murdoch’s HarperCollins publishing house. Neil started getting uneasy as Murdoch brought in a consultant to help punch up the concept of what news would look and sound like on Fox. The idea of creating a show yielded to the idea of creating an entire cable network—a niche news channel.

The new network would speak to viewers who felt the rest of the press was too liberal, like the *New York Times*, even “60 Minutes” itself. The consultant had been a political strategist for Presidents Richard Nixon and George H. W. Bush, the executive producer of a TV show starring Rush Limbaugh, and the head of financial news channel CNBC.

His name was Roger Ailes.

MSNBC launched at about the same time. It was a partnership of Microsoft and the giant manufacturing and finance conglomerate GE’s NBC division. In short, its executives had very little idea of what they were doing other than amortizing NBC News’s costs across an additional channel. A parade of executives came and left in the ensuing decade.



Under Ailes, Fox's vision was clear and pure. Its cultural sensibility offered a modern version of a "Mad Men" world, where opinions were declarative; men were confident; professional women smart, young, and sleek. And it chased stories of dysfunction in Bill Clinton's America.

"I'll tell you what television didn't do at the time," Ailes later told *Esquire* magazine. "It didn't reflect what people really thought. I mean, they're sitting there saying, 'Wait a minute, New York's going broke, Los Angeles is broke, the United States is broke, everything the government has run is broke, Social Security is broke, Medicare is broke, the military is broke, why do we want these guys making all these decisions for us?'"

The American news consumer of just fifteen years ago would not have been able to recognize the country's current media landscape—the range of choices, the technological innovations, and in particular the cacophony. And no other news organization has done more in recent years to reshape that terrain than Fox. Just about every news organization either mimics or reacts against the way Fox presents the news and the values it represents.

That's not because Fox News breaks many big stories. It doesn't. (Part of the brilliance of its financial model is to have a lean reporting staff.) That's not because the channel draws the biggest audiences in news. Nor does it do so in television news, with some exceptions, though it is a dominant force in cable television.

What Fox News does, instead, is to determine what it believes should be the story of the day. It is a choice intended not just to select its own coverage, but to force others to pay attention—day after day. Fox News does so with an eye for episodes overlooked by other major news outlets. It particularly seeks storylines and themes that reflect and further stoke a sense of grievance among cultural conservatives against coastal elites.

"Cable news punches above its weight, if you look at its influence," former Fox News vice president David Rhodes once told me. "How many people are actually watching it, from moment to moment?" The highest-rated shows draw between 2.5 and 3.3 million viewers on any given night, at most a bit more than 1 percent of the U.S. population.

When not inflamed, the channel's anchors often look as though they're having fun. And the network's news staff includes some professionals whose work could appear on any number of outlets.

At the outset, Ailes made a couple of key moves on the news side to shore up its credibility on the air. He hired John Moody '75, a veteran of *Time* magazine and United Press International (UPI), as a senior news executive. Fox's first reporters included Jon Scott and Gary Matsumoto of NBC. Catherine Crier of CNN and Court TV became an early anchor. Tammy Haddad, the executive producer and creator of CNN's "Larry King Live," was briefly employed to develop a Sunday public affairs interview show carried on both the Fox network and on the cable channel. As perhaps Washington's premier booker of top-shelf guests, Haddad also helped to plot the show's launch more generally. The first day, anchors interviewed Israeli prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu, Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan,



STEPHEN VOSS

David Folkenflik '91

and GOP presidential candidate Bob Dole. For the desired core audience, the channel offered someone to root for, someone to root against, and someone to vote for.

On the first day, Bill O'Reilly, formerly of ABC, CBS, and the tabloid television show "Inside Edition," appeared on his new program, the "O'Reilly Report" (later rechristened the "O'Reilly Factor"). "How did television news become so predictable and in some cases so boring?" O'Reilly asked viewers. "Few broadcasts take any chances these days and most are very politically correct. Well, we're going to try to be different—stimulating and a bit daring, but at the same time, responsible and fair."

Those remarks sounded much more temperate than O'Reilly proved to be. He had a calibrated sense of rights and wrongs, and a hair-trigger temper. With O'Reilly, Sean Hannity, a forceful conservative paired with a relatively weak liberal, Alan Colmes, and Bill Shine, who oversaw the opinion hosts, the new network was defined at least in part from its earliest days by three Irish Catholics from Long Island who liked a good rumble.

One of the most important new faces of Fox was Brit Hume. He had been a political reporter for the *Baltimore Evening Sun* and did legwork and writing for Jack Anderson's investigative column. (The CIA had briefly put Hume under surveillance after the column featured some scoops involving the agency.) He had risen to become the chief White House correspondent for ABC News. Tall and courtly, his suits often accompanied by a pocket square with a printed pattern complementing his ties, Hume bestowed credibility and class on the brash new network. His wife, Kim Hume, had left ABC to become Fox's first Washington bureau chief before he arrived.

Brit Hume was a hardworking reporter with a textured understanding of political combat and a sly appreciation for irony. He had been the one to make the considered case for the journalistic soundness of the Fox way. Most reporters and editors, he argued, approached their jobs with professionalism but could not escape a culturally liberal outlook. Reporters covered gay rights and envi-

On Fox, the news programs served to get out the mission statement: the other news organizations look down on you and your beliefs. Here, you're home.



ronmental activists through this prism, Hume said, seeing parallels to the civil rights movement, and failed to subject them to the same scrutiny social and religious conservatives faced.

“A very large percentage of readers and viewers out there were really insulted and found their sensibilities offended,” Hume told me some years later. “I had always had the feeling that if somebody built a broadcast network that challenged that, that there would be a tremendous market for it.” Stories not being told by the other news outlets represented “low-hanging fruit,” the kinds of pieces that could be reported evenhandedly by anyone but were not selected for broadcast or publication elsewhere.

A push for new EPA rules might strike the *Washington Post* or CBS News as a story about the debate over cleaner water. Fox might frame the same story around small business owners struggling to keep pace with red tape from Washington.

Perhaps most important, Ailes instinctively recognized good television and understood how to create it—defining “good” as something viewers would want to watch and keep watching. It

was close to Murdoch’s definition of the public interest. In this case, Ailes knew that Fox’s defining feature would require a highly cultivated resentment toward other news organizations. The “fair and balanced” slogan alone was an increasingly explicit assertion that mainstream press organizations were not fair or balanced. “We report. You decide,” provoked the same reaction in viewers and the competition. On Fox, the news programs served to get out the mission statement: the other news organizations look down on you and your beliefs. Here, you’re home.

Fox initially had to fight to force cable system providers to carry the network. Luckily for Ailes, he had a powerful friend in the nation’s most populous metropolitan region. Time Warner’s refusal to welcome Fox in New York City caused Mayor Rudolph Giuliani to threaten to carry the channel (along with Bloomberg TV) on the city’s public access station. Giuliani also implied he would revoke Time Warner’s lucrative cable franchise for the city. His brass-knuckled tactics showed a preference for one for-profit over another. He argued that Time Warner was favoring its own station, CNN.

Murdoch had been angered by Time Warner’s roadblocks. Ailes had run Giuliani’s first, unsuccessful bid for the mayoralty in 1989, and they remained close. Top Murdoch executives (including Ailes) had spoken more than two dozen times with aides at City Hall to coordinate a strategy in a two-month period. The coordination was too cozy for the federal judge ruling on the case. “The city’s purpose in acting to compel Time Warner to give Fox one of its commercial channels was to reward a friend and to further a particular viewpoint. As a consequence, Fox was the recipient of special advocacy,” wrote federal judge Denise Cote. “The city has engaged in a pattern of conduct with the purpose of compelling Time Warner to alter its constitutionally protected editorial decision not to carry Fox News. The city’s actions violated long-standing First Amendment principles that are the foundation of our democracy.”

Yet Time Warner yielded. And Fox took advantage to build a greater audience. It covered the Clinton impeachment as ABC built “Nightline” on coverage of the Iranian hostage drama—an ongoing crisis with an uncertain outcome of national import. Only Fox News would tell the full truth, its tenor implied.

The pacing was fast, the graphics crisp and lively. Fox’s Ailes wanted viewers to enjoy what they saw. And he made enough liberals part of the mix to ensure some ideological clashes. Ailes hired people he had battled during earlier political campaigns, including Geraldine Ferraro and Bob Beckel, Walter Mondale’s campaign manager. Children of such prominent Democratic families as the Kennedys and the Jacksons found work at Republicans’ new favorite place to watch TV.

In 2000, Fox News covered the political conventions for the first time. In news from the Middle East, Fox won favor with many Jewish viewers by employing the term “homicide bomber,” rather than the more common “suicide bomber,” to keep the emphasis on the deaths of innocents, not the perpetrators. Fox painted those who did not climb on board its various campaigns as opposed to the country’s well-being. ■

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Three Rhodes Award Recipients Share 'Why I Volunteer'

During Homecoming weekend, six people were presented with Cornell's highest alumni honor, the Frank H.T. Rhodes Award for Exemplary Alumni Service. These individuals are true alumni leaders, volunteering for a broad range of activities—from class and regional club events to the Cornell Alumni Admissions Ambassador Network (CAAAN) to serving on the Board of Trustees. But what motivates them to give their time and talent back to Cornell?

The simple answer from Rhodes recipients: because Cornell gave them so much.

Samuel Fleming '62, a Cornell volunteer for forty-five years, served in the military after graduation and then went to grad school—but as soon as he relocated to the Boston area, he got involved. Initially, his volunteer activity consisted of interviewing prospective students in chemical engineering, the program from which he graduated. Although he stayed involved through the years, the pivotal moment in his volunteer career came when President Rhodes invited him and two dozen classmates to return to campus for a dinner in advance of their 25th Reunion. Nearly everyone accepted.

Rhodes was concerned with the "lost generation"—those students from the Sixties and Seventies who had lived through the Vietnam era and lost their connection with, but not their love for, Cornell. Each of the dinner attendees



Active alumni: Rhodes Award winners (from left) Samuel Fleming '62, Alan Rosenthal '59, and Bob Huret '65

was charged with getting twenty-five classmates involved with Cornell. Sam got twenty-five out of thirty-two chemical engineering classmates to help fund a speaker series that still runs today. Says Fleming: "I was officially hooked."

For fellow engineering alumnus Alan Rosenthal '59, his prime motivation was a feeling that he was obliged to give something back. "Cornell did a great deal for me," says Rosenthal, who also volunteers as a docent at New York's Metropolitan Museum of Art. "The College of Engineering gave me access to great teaching. But the whole college experience—and that includes access to the humanities—made me a success."

Bob Huret '65 says that the main reason he volunteers is simple: because it's fun. "You get to meet an amazing group of people way beyond the group

you knew in school; some were in school the same time you were, but you'd never met them," he notes. "Over the decades, I've made wonderful friendships. Secondly, you have the opportunity to have a positive impact on the University. Finally, there is no set path; you can do whatever is of interest to you."

Each of the Rhodes awardees has forged his own volunteer path. "I love to give back through students," says Rosenthal. "Here we have these young people who are trying to find their way. I get lots of satisfaction by speaking with them, telling them about my experiences, offering my guidance. Most of the things I do relate to the undergraduate experience, whether it's mentoring or doing CAAAN. I bring a taste of the outside world to the academic communities."

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Meet the 2013 Rhodes Award Winners

Ruth Zimmerman Bleyler '62 is chair of the Cornell Plantations Advisory Council, a life member of the Cornell University Council, and the newly elected president of the Class of '62. Ruth has served as chair of the Boston-area Tower Club. She has been an active member of the Regional Campaign Committee for more than a decade and served on her 45th Reunion Campaign Major Gifts Committee and her 50th Reunion Campaign. She has served as chair of three reunions, including her 50th. She has also chaired the Washington, D.C., Cornell Alumni Admissions Ambassador Network (CAAAN).

Ann Schmeltz Bowers '59 is an emerita member of the Board of Trustees and a Presidential Counselor. Ann was a leading voice in the creation of the Cornell Silicon Valley program and is a founding member of the CSV Advisory Council, which she now chairs. She co-chairs the Major Gifts Committee and has served as chair of the Education/Teaching Committee of the Life Sciences Advisory Board. She served four years on the advisory council for the Johnson Museum and is an emerita member of the President's Council of Cornell Women.

Samuel Fleming '62 joined the Board of Trustees as an alumni-elected member in 1997 and was elected by the board for a second term in 2001. In 2009 he became trustee emeritus. He established and chaired the Life Sciences Advisory Board in 2005 and has served on the Engineering College Advisory Council since 1996. He is also a member of

the Weill Cornell Board of Overseers. He helped spearhead a multi-million-dollar fundraising campaign to restore the Sigma Chi fraternity house.

Robert Huret '65 is a lifetime member of the University Council and served on its administrative board for fourteen years, including a term as vice chair from 1998 to 2000. He led the effort to found Cornell Silicon Valley and provided the inspiration, leadership, and seed funding for Cybertower, which enables alumni to stay involved remotely in the intellectual life of the University. A graduate of the School of Industrial and Labor Relations, he and his wife, Judy, created the Duncan MacIntyre Award for excellence in teaching. In 2005, he received the Jerome Alpern Distinguished Alumni Award from ILR. He has served as an alumni-elected member of the Board of Trustees and successfully led the campaign to renovate Lynah Rink.

Ronay Arlt Menschel '64 is an emerita member of the Board of Trustees, a presidential counselor, and a member of the Weill Cornell Board of Overseers. She is an emerita member of the advisory council of the College of



Summa cum laude: The Rhodes winners, their spouses, and University dignitaries pose for a group portrait at the award ceremony.

Arts and Sciences, a former chair of the Major Gifts Committee, and a longtime member of the President's Council of Cornell Women.

Alan Rosenthal '59 has spent his alumni life mentoring students, especially those in New York City participating in the Engineering Co-op program, and has served as a guest lecturer on numerous occasions. He is a life member of the University Council, a board member of Cornell Hillel, an officer of the Class of 1959, an emeritus member of the board of the Cornell Engineering Alumni Association, and a member of the Cornell Financial Engineering Master's Program. He currently serves on the Committee on Alumni Trustee Nominations and the Career Services Advisory Committee, is a member of the Cornell Club-New York, and is an active member of CAAAN in New York City.

Alumni Leadership Conference Set for Boston

This month, hundreds of alumni volunteers will converge for the fifth annual Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC), held at the Boston Marriott Copley Place January 17-19.

Sessions will focus on exploring fundamental skills used by a broad range of volunteer leaders. Topics will include communication, leadership, building and maintaining relationships, project management, strategic planning, and engagement. Participants will share best practices to foster collaboration among the many types of volunteer organizations. Reunion leaders will spend the weekend in sessions to plan Reunion 2014.

CALC is also a time to recognize volunteer engagement, which will include the presentation of the second annual Cornell Alumni Association Cup. This award is voted on by CALC attendees and is based on submissions from



volunteer groups describing the outstanding programs they created in the past year. In addition, the Cornell Association of Class Officers will present the annual William "Bill" Vanneman '31 Outstanding Class Leader Award.

More information about the conference is available at alumni.cornell.edu/calc.

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For Huret, volunteering is more than worth the time commitment. "You have the opportunity to meet faculty, staff, and administrators and form great friendships," he says. "You learn and participate in something much bigger than yourself. Representing the University is enormously gratifying; you are never taken for granted. You can never tell where connections you make in volunteering are going to lead. I love seeing the people, doing the work, and watching the impact."

Fleming recalls one of his early volunteer efforts, promoting Cornell's chemical engineering program to Boston-area students in the late Sixties. "The response I got," he says, "was that Cornell was a good safety school, but they wanted to go to MIT or Stanford." He realized that Cornell was not getting the message out about how great its chemical engineering program was. He got permission from the University to share information about the program with high school guidance counselors—and as a result, a number of students wound up matriculating.

Volunteering does have its challenges—not only in finding the right way to support Cornell, but in getting others to get on board. "The biggest challenge is knowing where to get started," says

Rosenthal. "You have to find what your passion is and give back through that. I always suggest CAAAN; for me, a key point of engagement was the Engineering Advisory Board. You need to plug the person into the right spot. And when you volunteer to do something, Cornell is supportive beyond belief."

Huret seems to follow the axiom that if you want something done, give it to a busy person. "The best volunteers are the busiest volunteers, the ones who are already doing lots of stuff," he says. "Those that have kids, jobs with increasing responsibilities, career and family issues, and other volunteer activities. They're still willing to get involved. The challenge is getting the best people to find the time to make volunteering for Cornell a priority."

Fleming says the first step in recruiting volunteers is simply a matter of getting them involved. "Once they dip their toe in and meet all the wonderful people who are part of the Cornell volunteer community, most are committed to staying involved," he says. Fleming asks people to describe their favorite memory of Cornell. When he sees a sparkle in their eye, he asks about ways in which they can spread that excitement to others.

According to Huret, the first step in getting alumni to volunteer is simply to approach them. "Others assume they are just too busy and won't do it," he says. "Some will naturally volunteer. Most people are waiting to be asked; it was certainly true of me. Another way is to start small—'Could you help with an event we are having?'—to get them involved so they can see how much fun volunteering can be."

Rosenthal suggests telling people how Cornell and volunteering have helped your career. "You have to give people a mission," he says. "What can they do to help Cornell? What are their interests?" Rosenthal is greatly interested in the volunteer management system that will be available for preview at the Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC) in January, as it will give alumni a starting point for volunteering. Adds Huret: "At CALC, talk to alumni and you'll see everyone has a story. Most can point to a specific event or person that motivated them to get started."

All agree on one thing: they give back because Cornell has given them so much. Says Fleming: "Everything started because of the life-altering, wonderful experience I had as an undergraduate at Cornell University."

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41 Stanford U. professor emeritus **Herbert Abrams** (Palo Alto, CA; HLAbrams@stanford.edu) celebrated 70 years of marriage with his wife, Marilyn, last March in Palo Alto, and a 93rd birthday in Martha's Vineyard a few months later. Happily, the party coincided with the annual Martha's Vineyard Agricultural Fair, and everyone, from Herbert himself to his young great-grandsons, enjoyed the games, rides, exhibits, hotdogs (cooked up by the firemen), and strawberry shortcake (by the police). He writes, "I continue to get to medical and radiology Grand Rounds at Stanford, and to participate in the activities of the Center for Int'l Security and Cooperation at Stanford. The sixth edition of *Abrams' Angiography* (first edition, 1961) was published in Chinese in Shanghai, with unusually good illustrations, compressed into 1,100 pages. In March I presented a paper on the potential carcinogenic effects of low-level ionizing radiation on the two-year anniversary of the Fukushima disaster." June found Herbert at a 100th anniversary reunion of the Peter Bent Brigham Hospital in Boston, where he served as radiologist in chief for 18 years before returning to Stanford in 1985. "I still savor the taste of the 70th Reunion in Ithaca two years ago and send my very best to those classmates who shared the joys of return."

Marjorie Lee Treadwell (Naples, FL) lost her husband, Donald, in March 2013 after more than 66 years of marriage. "I am active and involved in the activities at Glenview, especially in a singing group called the Warblers. My only training goes back to the Glee Club with Mr. Dudley (!) and several church choirs. I also play some golf, take lots of 'Teaching Company' courses, and spend time with family and new friends—mostly younger!" As of August 2013, **Shirley Richards** Sargent Darmer has officially changed addresses and is continuing to move into her new home and get acquainted. "Husband Ken and I moved to Delmar Place to enjoy assisted living and learn what it's really like to downsize from a four-bedroom house to a 700-sq.-ft. apartment. We're still in the process."

Your news is always welcome. Send it via US Mail or e-mail any time of year to: **Class of 1941**, c/o *Cornell Alumni Magazine*, 401 East State St., Suite 301, Ithaca, NY 14850. Class Notes Editor e-mail, adr4@cornell.edu.

42 From class president **Liz Schlam** Eddy: "Our wonderful class correspondent, **Carolyn Evans** Finneran, MA '44, is leaving the job and will no longer be doing the column for the Class of '42. Like so many of us, she had a bad fall coming home from walking her little dog, Rudy—who, by the way, is named for the former mayor of New York City, Rudolph Giuliani. Fortunately, one of her sons was with her and got help right away.

"Rudy (the dog) is at one of Carolyn's granddaughters, and Carolyn has now moved to assisted living. She would love to hear from you at: 3213 45th St. Court NW, Apt. 314, Gig Harbor, WA 98335 or by e-mail at: carolynfinn@comcast.net. Don't hesitate to write!

"Carolyn has been in charge of the class column since our 40th Reunion in 1982—more than three decades. The class owes her a big thank you for all the years helping us stay in touch and keeping it interesting. Many thanks, Carolyn, from every one of us!"

Keep sending your news—e-mails, news forms, letters—in the envelope provided in our annual dues mailing, or directly to the address below. Whenever there's news to share, there will be a '42 column in the Class Notes. Classmate **Shirley Clark** Shumate, who lives in Lake Katrine, NY, sent a note to Liz Eddy, thanking her for the complimentary copy of the New Student Reading Project book, *When the Emperor Was Divine*. Her enthusiastic letter was written all in verse, which unfortunately doesn't translate well to the Class Notes, but we can report that the book took Shirley back to those ghastly war years when so many of her peers were battling far away while she continued her studies in Chemistry. Twenty years afterwards, she traveled to both Korea and Japan and made several friends, and the book brought all those memories forward again.

Send your news any time of year, and we will publish it here. **Class of 1942**, c/o *Cornell Alumni Magazine*, 401 East State St., Suite 301, Ithaca, NY 14850. Class Notes Editor e-mail, adr4@cornell.edu.

43 Thanks for all your news submissions—it may be enough for several columns! First, an update from **Robert Kiernan** (brobert@westonpriory.org): "I am an ordained Roman Catholic priest who has been a Benedictine monk for more than 60 years. My last 45 years have been served as Brother Robert at the Benedictine monastery of Weston Priory in Weston, VT. We do not use the title 'Father,' but rather 'Brother' because that is what we aim to be to one another. We are following a rule that was written in the sixth century and has been observed by men and women in separate monasteries all over the world ever since that time. We are living a simple life of work supporting ourselves, daily prayers, and hospitality to guests. We chant most of our prayers in English and invite others to share that with us."

Lawrence Swezey (Palo Alto, CA) writes, "**Betty Ann (Bischoff)** left us on October 3, 2013 from congestive heart failure. Most of her nine children and 21 grandchildren visited her before she left. I'm still writing for the *California Worker's Compensation Reporter*. The editors don't seem to be moved to replace me. I try to attend most of my grandchildren's sports and other events." **Beatrice Swick Ornitz** (Palm Beach Gardens, FL; MartinOrnitz@earthlink.net) spends most of her time at home with her husband of 70 years, **Martin '42**, and their 13-year-old purebred Maltese dog, Princess. "I have been taking care of all that my husband did for the 70 years of our marriage because he had a minor stroke and can't be as actively involved as he was before." Bea says she would love to be traveling more. She and Martin went around the world four times and have been on 45 cruises!

Dorothy Kellogg Conti and husband **Lou '41** live in Inverness, IL. **Barbara Styles** Hagan is in Salt Lake City, UT. **Jean Lewinson** Guttman is in Waban, MA, and says she has been mostly volunteering—early intervention, the school library, and the public library. **Jerry Batt** (Williamsville, NY) writes, "I enjoy golf two days weekly at the Country Club of Buffalo. I am also reading biographies of past US presidents, having covered 21 books over the last 49 weeks. Daily, weather permitting, I enjoy walking several miles around our scenic campus here at Canterbury Woods, a continuing care community with beautifully designed residences, apartments, and patio homes. My wife, Dorothy, is great and keeps me inspired and happy at every turn now that we have experienced 69 years of a very enjoyable marriage." Jerry is proud of their daughter, **Rosemary Batt '73**, who has been a professor in the ILR school for the last 20 years, along with her husband, Ronald Applegate.

Leon Schwarzbaum (North Woodmere, NY; wordman847) offered some disparaging words about the current Speaker of the House, but went on to say, "I promote my consulting practice (Park, Talbot & Kilmer Assocs.), providing solutions to business problems and bureaucratic red tape. Lately, I've been writing for Japanese publications and still recovering from 'Sandy,' both physically and financially. Why? Because three feet of Jamaica Bay filled my house." **John Alden** (jdbalden@aol.com) and his wife, **Ann (Buchholz) '45**, have a new address in Slingerlands, NY. John writes that he has been unpacking, sorting, and discarding unneeded items. "We have just downsized drastically and moved to a one-bedroom apartment in Beverwyck, a prominent retirement community a few miles from our former home." He hopes to be relaxing more sometime soon and getting back to his Naval research on WWII submarine attacks in the Pacific and Far East.

Many of you still remember what you brought to Cornell as a freshman. Lawrence Swezey brought his toilet kit, a couple of pairs of slacks, a sports jacket, raincoat, and overcoat, and money for books and meal tickets. John Alden brought one suitcase and the ever-popular laundry case to mail dirty clothes home. Bea Ornitz brought clothes, books, and "lots of good expectations. My uncle, **Manny Farber '36**, inspired me to attend." Leon Schwarzbaum says he brought a burning need for a job because his scholarship didn't provide enough money to live on. "I brought a thirst for knowledge," he adds, "and an optimistic outlook." More to come in the next issue. Send your news to: **Class of 1943**, c/o *Cornell Alumni Magazine*, 401 East State St., Suite 301, Ithaca, NY 14850. Class Notes Editor e-mail, adr4@cornell.edu.

44 **Peter Miller**, MBA '48 (millerp236@aol.com) writes from Newtown Square, PA, where he lives with wife Nancy. "Reading, a little gardening, reading sessions with some fifth graders, personal care, genealogy, and a little golf. At our age, the present activities seem about right. We also took a trip to New York City for our granddaughter **Morgan Miller '07's** graduation from NYU Law School." Peter says

it was just himself that he brought to Cornell freshman year—along with a couple of suitcases with clothes. **Louis Shor**, BS '47, DVM '53 (Voorhees, NJ) brought clothing, writing paper, and pencils. Lately, he has been reading books, and as a former official at baseball and softball games, he still enjoys watching sports on TV.

Also reading—and volunteering—is **Marian Stout** Lynes-Bouck (Middleburgh, NY). "I volunteer at the local library's history-genealogy room, and at church, the historical society, and the Service Club. I am still cleaning up from the Hurricane Irene floods of August 2011 and continue to mow three acres of standing black walnut trees. Freshman year I brought my high school graduation gift—a new typewriter—clothes, and a Bible with (spare) money from my mother." Marian would like to hear from **Barbara Hall** Bowne. **Maryann Trask** Whitcomb (Cape Elizabeth, ME) has 20 great-grandchildren "from Oregon to Texas to New Hampshire to Maine!" She'd like to hear from **Betty Scheidelman** Droz. Maryann goes to Clearwater Pond in Industry, ME, every summer, and spends time reading and playing bridge.

Out of ten grandchildren, writes **Charles De Bare**, JD '49 (mad508@aol.com), "finally one is going to Cornell: **James Arno '17**." Charles lives in New York City with wife Mary. **Bill Elkins**, BA '47, LLB '49 (Burdett, NY) writes, "Since I retired from my job and law practice in December 2011, my wife, **Helen (Sutphen)**, and I have spent two winters at Maranatha Village in Sebring, FL, and have enjoyed it very much. We are thankful for the health and strength we still have." The Elkinses are active in their church, as well as in NYS Conservative Party politics. **Wayne Faulkner** (wfaulkner@parkspring.net) is in Stone Mountain, GA, going to meetings and playing golf and bridge. **Bob Miller**, PhD '51, keeps to a regular and comprehensive exercise program both indoors and out in Orange City, FL, and plays golf once a week as well. His favorite reading material is the *Wall Street Journal*. When he first came to Cornell, he had a minimal amount of clothes, almost no money—and a 1939 Chevy Coupe.

Marion Graham Blöse (New Canaan, CT) lives near **Art** and **Dotty Kay Kesten** and enjoys their phone calls and lunches, etc. The Kestens also received a note from **Hank Baker '70**. **Landon Baker's** oldest child, with the following report on his 90-year-old father's "escapades in Hilton Head, SC": "In short: he still has all his hair, drives around in his convertible, exercises every day, and is dating! After 65 years of marriage, my mother passed away a few years ago. Dad still has plenty of life left in him and, while not golfing anymore, still maintains an active life. He has lived at Tidepointe (a former Hyatt Classic Residence) for over ten years. His five kids and 12 grandchildren are scattered all over the country, but we all get to see him regularly. I'm sure he would enjoy hearing from any of his classmates." Keep sending your news. More to come in the next issue. ■ **Class of 1944**, c/o *Cornell Alumni Magazine*, 401 East State St., Suite 301, Ithaca, NY 14850. **Dorothy Kay Kesten**, 1 Crestwood Rd., Westport, CT 06880; e-mail, dotkes10@optonline.net.

45 IN MEMORIAM: We received the sad news that **Ernest Gosline**, BA '43, MD '47 (Clinton, NY) died in April 2013. Ernie came to almost every reunion, including the mini-reunion last year, when we reported he was "sporting" a new aortic cardiac

valve. Your correspondent **Bob Frankenfeld**, BA '44, MD '47, first met Ernie in medical school. His parents were psychiatrists, so there never was any doubt what specialty he would select. Following specialty training he served in the Navy and then set up a practice of psychiatry and psychoanalysis in Auburn, NY, as well as being commissioner of mental health in Oneida County. He shifted military reserve status from the Navy to the Army and rose to the rank of colonel. For his entire life he continued playing the violin and played with the fine accompaniment of **Thelma Emile** Hunter at many of our reunion dinners. For several decades after graduation our families were close friends. Upon their arrival in Long Beach, CA, his boys would head right to the beach to surf. I have extended my personal and our class condolences to Ernie and wife Whit's son **Peter**, MBA '77.

Stoddard "Tod" Knowles, BCH '47, MBA '49 (Annapolis, MD) passed away peacefully at home last September after a prolonged illness. Tod entered Cornell in September 1941 with the Class of '45, joined the V12 at Cornell, and was coxswain on the Cornell crew. At our 50th Reunion in 1995 he brought our class into the computer age, thus beginning his active involvement in the class. Over the years, he served as treasurer, membership chair, and co-president with **Maxine Katz** Morse until ill health forced him to slow down shortly after our 60th Reunion. He was a generous donor to Cornell and always made an effort to connect with university and *Cornell Alumni Magazine* staff whenever he was in Ithaca for meetings. Farewell, old friends!

Our thanks to **Frances Shloss**, BArch '44, of Beverly Hills, CA (fmshloss@roadrunner.com), who has taken over as treasurer of the class.

From the news bag: **Arlene Loede** Hanley (Rochester, NY) keeps mentally keen with cryptograms and crossword puzzles and nurtures indoor and outdoor plants. She still works several days a week! Freshman year, she brought to the Hill a tennis racquet, typewriter, desk lamp, and warm winter coat. She would like to hear from **Betty Warner** McMurtrie, BS HE '44. **Doris Klein** Lelchook (Newton, MA) stays active chairing a senior group, doing chair yoga, playing bridge, volunteering with the New England Conservatory of Optometry, and making timeshare visits. Since she can no longer drive she has become an expert in all forms of senior transportation, but misses playing tennis and traveling, especially to Israel. She would like to hear from **Marjorie Marks** Levins.

Mechanical engineering professor emeritus **Ed Cranch**, PhD '51 (Bonita Springs, FL) tells us that he and Virginia are no longer "snowbirds" that fly south for half the year, but are now permanent residents of Florida. He writes, "We gave up driving and our computer. Our children produced a wonderful surprise party in late December for our 90th's. We have three children, five granddaughters, and three greats. They come to Florida every Christmas." Ed was the second prime mover of our class for the past several years, helping Maxine plan most of our activities for the 65th Reunion and the mini-reunion. He was master of ceremonies at our banquet last October that went on for hours and featured Ed playing a disc he had made for a "Name That Tune or Musician" quiz. He and Vi were up and dancing at one point. Keep up that joy of life in Florida, Ed.

John Rogers III, BCE '49, MBA '50 (Ithaca, NY) spends fun time following Cornell sports, especially watching his grandson **Christopher Rogers '15**, a fourth-generation Cornellian, row on

lightweight crew. What John brought to college freshman year was a burning desire to play football for Coach Carl Snavely. That he did in 1942 when we had seven Class of '45 players on the starting team. John was born and raised and now resides in Ithaca, and still manages to get to SOME of our reunion activities. **Barney Mayrosohn**, BS Ag '47 (Purchase, NY) says he is "busy, busy, busy" 20 hours a day and sleeps eight hours a day (we need to review some elementary school arithmetic here). He travels, gardens, and plays golf—and plans to keep it up because, as he says, "I'm in good health and 90 years old!" Let's keep in touch. Send your news to: ■ **Bob Frankenfeld**, 6291 E. Bixby Hill Rd., Long Beach, CA 90815; e-mail, betbobf@aol.com; or **Julie Kamerer** Snell, 3154 Gracefield Rd., Apt. 111, Silver Spring, MD 20904; e-mail, julie.snell@verizon.net.

46 Many moons ago I promised to forward Andrew Dickson White's two-volume autobiography to **Lloyd Slaughter**. When this column is published, the books should finally be in his hands. I've become enamored with White, but Lois hasn't. She feels it's two less volumes to transfer Oct. 1 to our new digs in Pleasanton, CA.

Dr. White, from boyhood, had a great love for architecture. In young manhood his love grew with readings from Ruskin and architectural excursions in Europe. He had, on acceding to Cornell's presidency, collected perhaps the largest architectural library in the US. Included were copious photographs, drawings, casts, etc., from the US and nearly every country in Europe. "A propitious time seeming now to arrive, I proposed to the trustees that if they would establish a Department of Architecture and call a professor to it, I would transfer to it my special library and collections. This offer was accepted, and thus was founded this additional department."

Dr. White recalled "one curious experience." On one of his architectural excursions he reached Troyes and the government agent for photographing public monuments. His rooms contained excellent pieces of stone carving—"capitals, corbels, and the like. On my asking him whence these came, he told me they had been recently taken out of the cathedral by the architect who was 'restoring' it. After my purchases were made, he went with me to this great edifice . . . and there I found that, on each side of the high altar, the architect had taken out [some] of the best medieval work, and substituted new ones designed by himself. [The original corbel] must have witnessed the famous betrothal of the son and daughter of the English and French kings mentioned in Shakespeare." Dr. White told the photographer, "I was engaged in founding a school of architecture in the United States, and was especially anxious to secure a good specimen of French work." The photographer sold White the corbel, which, he went on to say, "is now in the museum of the Dept. of Architecture at Cornell. I allude to this, in passing, as showing what monstrous iniquities are committed in the great medieval buildings of Europe under the pretense of 'restoration.'"

Reminder: Send your scrapbooks, diaries, letters, photographs, or mementos from the 1940s at Cornell, to **Elaine Engst**, MA '72, Director and University Archivist, Carl A. Kroch Library, Ithaca, NY 14853-5302; tel., (607) 255-3530; fax, (607) 255-9524; e-mail, EE11@cornell.edu. Your survivors will probably toss out such materials, but

Cornell might very well display them. It's better for the ecology and for Cornell. Elaine advises that they have lots of material from the really early days, but very little from the 1940s.

To list your e-mail address in your submissions, e-mail me at below e-address. Include your name, city, and state. Send news to: **Paul Levine**, 3273 Streamside Cir., #202, Pleasanton, CA 94588; tel., (650) 207-0161; e-mail, pblevine@juno.com. Class website, <http://classof46.alumni.cornell.edu>.

Thank you, thank you, thank you for the news you sent in. **Priscilla Alden** Clement has a new address in Naples, FL, and has her family tree file on Ancestry.com. She's been watching "Jeopardy!" plus "Wheel of Fortune" and going to many doctors (like most of us). She and Bill Rice have been married for five years and are busy blending their families. Priscilla, **Ginny Dondero** Pfundstein, and **Joyce Manley** Forney are still writing the round robin begun in 1946.

Dick and **Nancy Mynott** Davis live in Princeton, NJ, but still miss Connecticut. (Note from your correspondent: Jack Morrison, son of **Jane Mange Morrison '47** and her late husband, **John '47**, has a fish market and restaurant you might like to try.) **Mary Jane Vandewater** D'Arrigo of Irvington, NY, had an awesome family reunion on the Colorado River in the Grand Canyon. **Ruth Rothchild** Mayleas still lives in NYC and regularly sends dues.

The news form asks what we brought to Cornell when we arrived as freshmen (considering what freshmen bring with them nowadays). Many of our classmates answered that it was a steamer trunk—shipped ahead and stored at Cornell for the summer. Priscilla brought "one trunk and a sense of independence," while Nancy brought "a large suitcase including clothing and sheets." Mary Jane also brought her tennis racquet. Priscilla added that she would love to be basking on a Hawaiian beach right now, and would like news of **John Steele**, DVM '46. Ask Nancy what she'd rather be doing, and it will often be "reading a good book."

Thanks for remembering me—I still have more to write next time. Please keep sending your news. I hate to miss a column. **Elinor Baier** Kennedy, 9 Reading Dr., Apt. 302, Wernersville, PA 19565; tel., (610) 927-8777; e-mail, mopsyk@comcast.net.

47 The newest form that we use to gather news for this column asks a question about what we brought to campus as freshmen. Some of us packed the tools of our education. **L.R.** "Andy" **Anderson**, MS '48 (andpeg@gmail.com) brought a slide rule. **Barbara Everitt** Bryant (bryantb@umich.edu) remembers bringing a small Royal portable typewriter. Others prepared for Ithaca's weather. **Amelia Streif** Harding (ameliagh@aol.com) brought a rug because the Risley floors were so cold. **Yetta Haber** Farber (Hyfarb@yahoo.com) packed two fur coats in her steamer trunk. **Ray Fox**, PhD '56, brought almost nothing but his send-home laundry case. **Ralph "Mike" Ware**, who now lives in San Antonio, TX, seemed to be less focused on his academics. He remembers bringing diving trunks and spiked track shoes.

During these cold months, it's nice to hear from a few classmates about their sunny-weather cruises. **Charles Cox** (grambox@aol.com) of

Vero Beach, FL, took an 11-night cruise from Miami to Bermuda and back in April. "Met lots of nice people, but no Cornellians." **Robert Schultz** (jabobb@iinet.com) cruised last January, exploring the Mayan Mystique of Mexico and Guatemala. **Jay** and **Edith Milner** (Dresher, PA; izegmilner@ieee.org) "realized a long-term ambition of visiting South America with a neat cruise around the Horn." He writes, "The Andes are spectacular. And how can I describe the Magellan penguins other than to say they are cute, friendly, and majestic all at the same time."

Joan Dall Patton of Chico, CA, went on a Caribbean cruise at Christmas-time in 2012 with her son Tom and his family and reports that it was "a great way to spend the holiday together." Joan also wrote of being "surprised and delighted" to receive a newsletter from the Cornell Sailing Club. "It was barely a club when my future husband, **Ed**, BArch '49, and our good friend **Ed Rowe** (also a Marine) and I were members." The newsletter mentioned "FJs," Flying Juniors, the type of boat that Joan and Ed sailed when they lived in Foster City, CA. **Sylvia Kianoff** Shain (irashain1@verizon.net) will be writing the next three columns. If you have news, please feel free to send it along to either one of us. **Artie Williamson** Anderson, 238 Dorchester Rd., Rochester, NY 14610.

48 A few updates from the last round of news, as well as from the new. **Mary Holland** Freeman, Albany, NY: "I'm busy with Tai-Chi, swimming, bridge, book and film discussions groups, lifelong learning classes, concerts, theatre, and travel. I'm optimistic about our country's future. Two children; one grandchild presently living in the San Francisco Bay Area. No Cornellians yet. I voted for my Congressman in 2012. He is smart, temperate, kind, experienced, and a good listener, and he votes my way! I've lived in the Albany area since 1948—a lovely area with lots to see and do. Drawback? Winter! I escape part of it by travels to warmer climes."

John Ross, Wickenburg, AZ: "Travel, reading, active in church, and docent at Desert Caballeros Western Museum. Two kids, three grands. I am involved as president of local IEEE chapter and Secondary School Committee chairman for Cornell. I enjoyed living in Phoenix." **Win Shiras**, Evanston, IL, and Palm Desert, CA: "After my wife, Sherry, died in 2010, I followed the Curmudgeon's advice, and in 2011 I began laying traps for Connie Lou from San Francisco. On the last day of 2012, we got married at St. Margaret's in Palm Desert. Connie Lou plays golf and scrambles up mountain canyons like I do. We bought a car together and drove it 14,000 miles through all the national parks in the West and Southwest, ending up in Evanston, then drove back to Palm Desert as winter approached. She has four children and six grandchildren, and so do I. All 20 came to the wedding. She has been a widow for many years. Just like the Curmudgeon, I was very lucky and doubled the size of our family."

Steve Cooper, Fremont, CA: "Girls in their 80s keep me going. I don't drive, so I never go to the post office. My doctor is 23 miles away in Palo Alto, and the Walmart is two miles away. Hope to go to Cooperstown (my birthplace) and Ithaca in 2014." **Jim Howell**, BS '50, Post Falls, ID: "I entered Cornell in the fall of '44 at the tender age of 16. Two years later, when I turned 18, the Draft Board said they were going to call me

up, so I enlisted. Ten days later, Congress ended the draft. Not bad! For 18 months of service, I received four years of GI Bill education, leaving Cornell in 1950 and going to Princeton Theological Seminary for three years. Cornell says I'm Class of '48, so I came back for reunion in 2003 and 2008 (had to miss the last one). All four years at Cornell I lived at Cayuga Lodge, a co-op house where everyone did cleaning and maintenance. I worked for meals at the Navy V-12 mess hall across Stewart Ave. from the Lodge. **Willard Smith** lived with me and we met at the '03 reunion.

"After Princeton in '54, the Presbyterian Church sent me to Northern Idaho as a Sunday School missionary. The task was to take the Gospel into the back country of ten counties in northernmost Idaho, where there were zero churches, just tiny groups of logger families of ten to 100 people around the national forests. I would bang on doors until I found a few moms who would teach Sunday School, train them to do that, provide material, and get them going. Then I would come once a month and invite all in the community for worship in whatever facility was available—schoolhouse, grange hall, large bar, or someone's large living room. In later years, I also worked in some eastern Washington counties. I retired at the end of 1992. Early in the 1950s, some folks helped me get an airplane. I took lessons, found small airstrips here and there, fields, and stretches of road. Gradually, I updated to a real good Cessna 180 bush plane. This got me around in great shape, enticed kids from the backwoods to attend church camp, and flew injured medical patients out to the hospital. My first wife, **Sally (Bame) '51**, died in 2006, and in 2010 I married a lovely Japanese woman named Kiyoko."

Bob McKinless, Alexandria, VA ('48 president emeritus): "My wife, Nancy, had a bad year in 2011 (COPD attack). She stopped smoking, and a hospital stay got her back in the right direction, resuming her musical activities including orchestra and quartets. We moved from Fairfax Presbyterian to John Calvin Presbyterian Church, which is much closer. Everyone knows each other. I sing in the choir and we both play tone chimes. Made two trips to Wilkes-Barre, PA, for Welsh-related events. Over Labor Day, enjoyed three days of music at the Festival of Wales. Connected with many friends from Welsh Heritage Week of past years. I still sing in the Washington Men's Camerata and am music librarian. With son Rich, we took our bikes to South Carolina and completed our goal of riding in all 50 states. I bicycle 1,000 miles a year. I also go to Ithaca once or twice a year for Lambda Chi Alpha activities (the fraternity celebrated its Centennial at Cornell in 2013) and attend Cornell Club of Washington events. Everything we need around here is less than three miles away."

Sylvia Kilbourne Hosie, MNS '49, Northport, NY: "The highlight of my 65th Reunion, besides seeing old friends, was listening to a quartet from the Alumni Chorus and Glee Club singing 'Cornell is Singing' in Bailey Hall. My brother, the late **Edwin Kilbourne '42**, MD '44, composed the music about eight years ago, sent it to me, and I wrote the lyrics. A friend arranged it for four parts and put it on a CD. This was definitely more fun than the ten stitches I suffered injuring my leg on the bed frame in the Statler Hotel room." **Harriet Morel** Oxman, Sarasota, FL: "Regards to all! Sorry I missed Reunion. Ted will be 99 in February, and we were moving into our new abode, the Sarasota Bay Club retirement community. Having traveled around the world, I wanted to remember all my

journeys, so I wrote a book, 'Around the World with Harriet.' It's now with an editor and will be published soon. I look forward to Cornell Club meetings in Sarasota." ■ **Bob Persons**, 102 Reid Ave., Port Washington, NY 11050; phone and fax, (516) 767-1776; e-mail, bobpersons48@gmail.com.

49 Reunion! We're off to the Hill this June! Let's make our 65th a 65th to break records! Class president **Jack Gilbert** and reunion chair **Carl Schwarzer** got together to further reunion plans while they celebrated Homecoming and Cornell's football win over Bucknell in September. Registration materials will come this spring.

Shirley Nagler Coulter (Lockport, NY; coulterfarms@aol.com), writes, "I do treadmill and bike five days a week and walk a lot, as I live on a farm." Visiting, hiking, being active in her church circle of ladies 80-plus years, reading a mixture of subjects, and contacting family all keep her busy! "I celebrated my 85th birthday in Lenox, MA, with my whole family: children, grandchildren, and a great-granddaughter—a gift of love." **Edgar Galson** (egalson@twcny.rr.com), retired, lives in Syracuse, NY, with wife Eva. His activities: "Reading, sports, community service, time with four children and nine grandchildren (all adults), travel, and hiking in the Sierras and Southern California." He'd like to hear from **Jerry Grey '47**, MS '49.

A. Arthur Lowenthal, BA '48, and wife Terry live in Saratoga Springs, NY. He shares his daily program: "Wake up, breakfast (with a fistful of supplements), two hours of treadmill at 3 mph at the YMCA (I hate weights), sorting and reading mail (and writing checks!), two hours of fixing things followed by one hour of buying things, power nap, discuss agenda from the week or two of meetings, and in the late afternoon and evening, R&R and calls to family." Arthur has also been traveling to Maine, North Carolina, Washington, DC, and Florida (where his children and grandchildren live). Looking back on his Cornell days, he says, "Students and faculty alike contributed to my maturity." **Jerry Farber** (Boca Raton, FL; jfarber01@gmail.com) wrote last year that he had had a fracture, but that after eight months of recovery, he was back to playing golf and getting around. He would enjoy getting in touch with **Horace Chandler '48** and **Pearce Greenberg**.

Carleton Terwilligar (E. Rochester, NY) wrote that he was relaxing after 60 years in the horticulture business. "I took part in the Rochester for Veterans World War II Honor Flight to Washington, DC, to see the WWII Monument with 46 other vets—an honor loved by all!" When he first came to Cornell, Carleton says he brought "pride—from an Ithacan, born and raised!" **Stephen Profilet** (Winona, MN; sprofilet5130@charter.net) lost his wife, Doris, in 2002. He is active in choral singing and has been in concerts and took a trip to New Orleans and Natchez. He'd like to be doing something "to stay warm in winter" and would like to hear from **Lee Wilson** Schmolli. Stephen brought a seabag with clothing when he first came to Cornell. **Lois Ann Bergen Abbott** (Boulder, CO; labbott@colorado.edu), widow of **Frank '42**, MPA '49, spends her time in her garden, exercising, and with her Jefferson Unitarian Church community in Golden, CO, "driving back and forth." Other travel: "a major trip to Paris, then to Madagascar in October, where there were lots of lemurs. Also visited my five children and their families in five different and distant states." Asked

which old Cornell friends she would most like to hear from, Lois says, "A dangerous question at our age!" Arthur S. Adams, the provost in those days, had the greatest impact on her at Cornell. She also remembers that her upright trunk was shipped directly to Risley Hall and was stored there with her stuff in it over the summer.

Anne "Sue" Sheary Bieter (Sun City West, AZ), married to Jerome, is playing bridge and reading best sellers, particularly mysteries and legal stories. She also exercises about five times a week, "from yoga to gentle aerobics." Sue's sister, **Mary Sheary '45**, and **Jane Callahan** Kelley '46 had the greatest impact on her at Cornell. **Fann Weiss** Markel (Buffalo, NY; thefloristy@prodigy.net) is working, painting (watercolors), and running two

“I would bang on doors until I found a few moms who would teach Sunday School.”

Jim Howell '48

companies, one of which is the Floristry, florists and decorators, a division of Fanther Creations Ltd. Fann credits the entire university for her success in running her two companies. She'd like to hear from **Norma Fell**. Former class correspondent **Mary Heisler** Allison is living in The Villages, FL. "I am really enjoying myself down here—lots of tennis, golf, bowling, bridge, shows, etc. I celebrated my 85th at the Royal Floridian on the ocean at Ormond Beach with my three daughters. Such fun! Also to Hilton Head and Long Boat Key recently. Am healthy and feel mighty lucky!"

Anthony Tappin (Tucson, AZ; agtap@aol.com), married to Mary, writes that he is enjoying life. "We now spend 100 percent of our time in Tucson, AZ, after selling the home in Oak Brook, IL." **Carman Hill** (Ithaca, NY; carmhill@earthlink.net) and wife **Sandy (Brink)**, MS '77, sold half of their farm on the west side of Cayuga Lake and moved to the east side to live in Kendal at Ithaca. "The layout and the management here reminds me of Army camps I was in during the war. So I call it Camp Kendal. Many Cornellians and retired faculty live here. Sandy and I play tennis, hike, garden, and dance if we can find a jazz band that starts playing before our bedtime. I live each day!" Asked which Cornell friend he'd most like to hear from, Carman says, "All of them." The crew coach, "Stork" Sanford, had the greatest impact on him at Cornell.

Martha Coler Risch (Silver Lake, NH; mc_risch@aol.com) lost her husband, Bob, in June 2011, after 58 years of marriage. "I have been adjusting and downsizing for a move to be nearer our son in Newtown, PA. All seven grandchildren were in college this past year. Two will graduate in May. Sadly, no Cornellians." Several people had an impact on Marty while she was at Cornell: "Prof. **Frederick Marcham, PhD '26** (English History) and **Foster Coffin 1912** (Willard Straight Hall), as well as President Day, who welcomed our freshman class and told us that freedom came with responsibility—an excellent life lesson."

Thank you, everyone, for all your news. Please keep in touch and we hope to see each of you in June at our great 65th Reunion! ■ **Dorothy Mulhoffer** Solow, 3608 N. Sunset Ave., Farmington, NM 87401; tel., (315) 717-6003; e-mail, winspeck@yahoo.com.

50 Class news: 1) The class dues you paid last fall are good for 18 months, not 12 months as in the past. 2) For the second year in a row, the annual Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC) will be held January 17-19, 2014, in Boston at the Marriott Copley Place Hotel. To learn about last year's event, and to make hotel reservations, visit www.alumni.cornell.edu/calc. Our class will hold its annual mid-winter dinner meeting at 7:00 p.m. Friday evening, Jan. 17, at the elegant Algonquin Club, 217 Commonwealth Ave. To make a dinner reservation, send a check for \$85 to **Stan Rodwin**, Box 904, Scottsville, NY 14546. Our annual class business meeting will be the next morning, Saturday, at the Marriott.

3) A reminder about the book our class has commissioned about post-WWII college life. The theme is to recount and describe changes in curricula, teaching, and campus life due to the presence of WWII veteran-students and, in general, to discuss socioeconomic/political changes of those times. Please do your part and resurrect memories of those times and send them to: **Brad Edmondson '81** (brade@lightlink.com), PO Box 924, Ithaca, NY 14851; or to **Marion Steinmann** (address at the end of the column). What might seem trivial to you may, when compared and blended with the memories of others, contribute significantly to the richness, accuracy, and attractiveness of the book.

At a dinner on November 16, the Cornell Football Association awarded **Walt Bruska** (WBruska@myfairpoint.net) the **Lou Conti '41** Lifetime Achievement Award for his exceptional achievements on the field and for his subsequent contributions to the university, the football program, and his class. **Frank Osterhoudt**, MS '63, (Alexandria, VA; frank2752osterhoudt@verizon.net) has an interesting job title as a natural resources economist. Frank retired in 1999 from the Office of Policy Analysis of the US Dept. of the Interior. He has held similar posts at New Mexico State U. and in the US Depts. of Energy and Agriculture.

R. Channing Johnson (Glendale, AZ; rcjphd@aol.com) majored in both Chemistry and Physics at Cornell and later earned MDiv and PhD degrees. Thus, on his business card he is listed as Scientist, Pastor, Author. He retired in 2010 after 30 years as a lead scientist in the evaluation of hazardous waste sites for the EPA Superfund. Channing refers to his current occupation as human factors engineering scientist and currently works as a non-stipendiary Episcopal priest. His book, *Where Have all the Young People Gone?* is a study guide for church congregations seeking to reach out to younger people because, as he says, "they are turning grey-haired and fear for their future." He is also involved with a "Big and Loud" therapy program for persons with Parkinson's. He has had Parkinson's for nine years and in fighting back recently won a one-mile race in 16 minutes, 8 seconds.

Subsequent to Cornell graduation, **Ursula "Sally" Sennewald Myers** (Janesville, WI) earned

master's degrees at the U. of Rochester and the U. of Wisconsin. She also received many awards for her directorship of the Rock County, WI, Dept. of Social Services. She taught social welfare at U. of Wisconsin, Whitewater, and authored chapters in social welfare books. A fiber artist and Art League member, Sally and husband **Dick**, MBA '51, have sung in the local Choral Union for over 50 years. About her Cornell education, she says,

‘It is all there just waiting for you to return. Please come back and enjoy.’

Les Papenfus Reed '54

“It gave me personal strength and courage to go forward in many ways.” **Fred Shaner** (Greenwood, SC) is a retired private club manager and currently volunteers at Wesley Commons.

In the infantry in WWII **Dan Roberts** (Stamford, CT) was badly wounded by a German land mine, and years later must now travel in a wheelchair. While employed, he owned and operated several Robert Half Personnel and Accounting firms in the US and Canada. His Cornellian daughter is **Jeri Roberts Appel '79**, MBA '81. In retirement Dan enjoys local men's clubs, forum lectures, and discussion groups. About his Cornell education: “I learned how to think, study, and enjoy life.” Now age 90, Dan notes that “many of the things we thought were disasters turned out to be beneficial to us.” **Edwin “Ed” Kinne**, MS '55 (Cranberry Township, PA), also age 90, had a long career as a marketing and product development consultant. About a Cornell education he says, “A wonderful ‘door opener,’ and once inside very helpful.” Pressing contemporary problem? “Too many troops in too many places outside the US.” Creative thought? “Hang in there and keep active.” In WWII **Eugene Jacobs** (Southern Pines, NC; eugenescjacob@gmail.com) served in Europe with the 10th Armored Division. He had a career with GE as an aircraft engine designer. He now plays golf and pool. His creative thought? “Don't agree with the Tea Party lunatics!”

I, Paul, take this open spot to thank you all for allowing me to be your faithful and happy class co-correspondent. On campus I was a cipher, and it wasn't until age 40 that my Cornell education kicked in and made it possible for me to rise to the top in my profession of science education and have a most fortunate and happy life. Hearing about your post-grad lives, and being able to tell about them in the column, continues to be a significant source of pleasure. Keep the yellow news forms coming. ■ **Paul Joslin**, 6080 Terrace Dr., Johnston, IA 50131; tel., (515) 278-0960; e-mail, phjoslin@aol.com; **Marion Steinmann**, 237 West Highland Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19118-3819; tel., (215) 242-8443; e-mail, cjoiner@ix.netcom.com.

51 As class historian, **Betty Meng** Howell met with Evan Earle, archivist at Cornell's Kroch Library, and started a Class of '51 collection. Says Betty: “Does anyone still have their freshman beanie to donate to the collection? Or any other memorabilia of our class? They can send it to Evan Earle, Cornell Archives, 2B Kroch Library, Cornell University, Ithaca,

NY 14853. Class reunion programs, pictures, scrapbooks, and stories would be acceptable material for the Archives.”

John Ehret (Olympia Fields, IL), a BME attorney, is suing the Army Corps of Engineers for endangering the Great Lakes shores and seven nuclear plants: “Banks v. USA, Federal Circuit Court 2012-5067. Working with NRC and Cook Nuclear to stop Corps' harbor piers from stealing sands supply that

protects our shores.” **Fred Kaimer**, who died in April 2013, is a friend that John still wishes he could hear from. Fred's career was with General Electric, where he retired as employee relations manager of GE's Aircraft Engine Division. With wife **Joan (Rothmann) '52**, Fred had three children, five grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

Jim Stocker wrote, “Thought you'd be interested that our classmate **John Gerling** was named Volunteer of the Year at our fine Medford, OR, retirement community, Rogue Valley Manor, based on an overwhelming vote of our nearly 1,000 residents. John was instrumental in launching and funding an important campaign to establish greater independence from our parent organization in governance and finance. John led the fundraising campaign and secured the attorney who guided us through a seven-month dispute in which we won most of our points. John is very active in other pursuits, including technical consulting to major companies. One of our key achievements was to secure resident board representation, and I was fortunate to be named as one of our two new directors. We have a small but loyal Cornell contingent here, including **Carla Small Javna '44**, BA '43, **Bob Hill '49**, **Wes Weston '50**, yours truly, **Don Ogren '52**, MBA '55, **Pat Gunderson Stocker '53**, and **Lynn Taves Ogren, GR '54-55**. We enjoy having Cornell folks stop by, but it's a bit of a stretch to get up to the active Cornell Club in Portland, OR.”

Philip Harvey '55 sent **Richard Appleby Jr.**'s obituary, having known Dick for the 20 years Philip lived in Wilmington, DE. Dick rowed crew at Cornell, but was drafted into the Army during the Korean War, before finishing his Civil Engineering degree. Back in New Castle, DE, he ran the family business, Brandywine Construction, and then George & Lynch Construction, where he served as president and chairman before retiring in 2003. He was inducted into the Delaware Contractors Association Hall of Fame, was a life member of the Trustees of New Castle Common founded by William Penn in the 1600s, played a key role in the renovation of the New Castle Public Library, and was chairman for many years of the New Castle Planning Commission.

George Hano, MBA '52 (West Lebanon, NH) is happily retired. “I spend six months in Aiken, SC, and six months in Lebanon, near Hanover. Still ride and drive my horse, travel, and read, and am busy writing my memoirs.” **Janet Armstrong Hamber** is working part-time at the Santa Barbara Natural History Museum on the California Condor Archives and in the field with USFWS. “Add house,

garden, and friends and there aren't enough hours in the day. Back in Connecticut working with my son to spruce up a cottage in Salisbury. Why? To get it ready for renters coming on Memorial Day weekend. Lots and lots of work.” Janet says she'd rather be “backpacking down the Sisquoc River in California.” She'd like to hear from her “soph roomie, **Jean 'Kelly' Stone Wade**.” What did she first bring to Cornell? “My big Victrola case filled with enough clothes to last me until my big steamer trunk arrived at Clara Dickson.”

Margaret “Pepper” Dutcher Fluke writes, “Donald and I live in the house we designed and built 50 years ago in the Duke Forest about two miles from the campus. We go to as many of the men's and women's Duke baseball games as we can and share tickets with our son and his wife who have a chicken and egg farm just north of Durham. He is a Duke grad, retired from 36 years with IBM. I'm still making stoneware pottery, but a shredded rotator cuff means I have a good potter friend who helps lift the shelves when I fire the kiln. I'm also taking more courses in pre-Columbian art and visiting all those wonderful places again. We Delta Gamma sisters still keep up by phone, mail, etc.” As to what she brought to Cornell back then: “Too much!”

Jamie Kerr (Houston, TX), retired district manager at Raymond Int'l Construction, reports being married to Sue for 65 years. They have four daughters, ten grandsons, and three granddaughters. **Ruth Hamilton** Fisher, BFA '51, sent me a pamphlet of poems titled “Off-Key” by **Jean Gleason Esteve** (Waldport, OR). Ruth writes, “Our classmate Jean, after a colorful life, has settled on poetry. Please include a little comment about one of my favorite poems, ‘House of Ice.’” It's one of three that first appeared in the *Harvard Review*. I like it too, and wonder about its refrain, “So there! So there! Dick Andrew,” and its ending, “I could not ask for any more but you, but you, Dick Andrew.” Please send your news to: ■ **Brad Bond**, 101 Hillside Way, Marietta, OH 45750; tel., (740) 374-6715; e-mail, bbond101@suddenlink.net.

52 Your dues notices came with a new news form. The order and wording of the first three questions is different. I have heard from enough of you who seem OK with where you are that it seemed wise to change the order and, also, let you imagine. Looking to the future, **Dick Dye**, MPA '56, and **Sue Youker** Schlaepfer, co-chairs, are already at work on our 65th Reunion. More on that as it comes through.

Donn Henn wrote about a year ago that his wife, Abbie, had died October 11, 2012. Unfortunately, his correspondence was lost at the time, so we share it belatedly. We extend our sympathy to Donn. CAU also notified us a while ago that last spring Estelle and **Harold Tanner** enjoyed the New York Theater trip, and in the fall, **Terry** and **Dori Crozier Warren** cruised historic towns from Montreal to New England. Last summer on campus **Charles '51** and **Carol Winter Mund**, **Shirley Sagen Norton**, and **Alan** and **Carol Stitt Sokolski '54** witnessed the Cosmic Dawn. **Abby Weitman** Karp studied the Psychology of Suspense in Art: From Shakespeare to Rembrandt to the Beatles.

Now, as your new news has not reached me yet, here are the last 15 items from last fall's mailbag. **Redding Kane Rufe** and wife Donna Higgins met **Eleanor Ullman** Light at Vi at Silverstone,

their new retirement community in Scottsdale. They didn't know each other at Cornell, but now have time to reminisce. **Tom Weber**, PhD '63, continues with his resident council and is also president of the Torch Club of Buffalo in addition to his other activities in Williamsville, NY. Tom wrote, "If there were something I'd rather be doing, I'd probably be doing it! Such is retirement." **Pierre Thounin** is enjoying life with his family in Bedford, NY. He had been traveling to Europe, mostly France. **Thomas Arnold** had been doing yard work and house work in Hayes, VA. He has two acres with lots of trees, lots of leaves, and lots of work. In addition to raking leaves, he had been patrolling the York River as part of his work with the Coast Guard Auxiliary. "I'm happy," he wrote.

Eben Lang was reading, taking long walks, and enjoying the features of the Shannondell Retirement Community in Audubon, PA. He adds that he really enjoyed the 60th Reunion. "The theme of the old Lehigh Valley Railroad brought back fine memories." What had he been doing recently? "Nothing really special, but it takes all day." Let's drink to that. **Bob Bitz** stays active in Plainville, NY. He plays golf and walks regularly and also plays bridge and writes books. He had just finished his eighth, *A History of Plainville Turkey Farm*, and he had recently written on transportation in Central New York. He promised that on his second time around at Cornell he would be more active on campus. When he first came, he says, "All I brought was a mind, quite empty, anxious to learn all I could! I hope freshmen today bring the same thing, except a mind less empty." **Joan Hockert** Donnelly continues with her law practice in Sarasota, FL. She is active in politics and community organizations and enjoys traveling and the company of friends. She wouldn't change a thing about her time at Cornell, as she had the opportunity to meet people of different backgrounds, learn from outstanding professors, and "have a fabulous time."

Konrad '55 and **Liddel Tauscher Bald** remain in Barrington, IL. Liddel plays bridge, keeps house, and is a Bible study leader at the Lutheran Church. The Balds spent two weeks in Germany on a Danube cruise and visited with Konrad's brother who still lives outside Regensburg. She called her time at Cornell, "the best years of my life." **D. Anne Bezer** Lombardo spends summers in Brantingham, NY, and winters in St. Marys, GA. She golfs, dines with friends and family, plays bridge, and is politically aware. She first came to Cornell with "basic clothes and joie de vivre." When **Helen Pellman** Marsh wrote, she was busy in Middlebury, VT, with cultural events, sports at the college, Town Hall Theater, church activities, and visits to the fitness center. She is a photographer and reads and watches PBS and Netflix. She is also "staff" for two cats.

Michel Kadinsky-Cade (Chicago, IL) is still working at Cade Communications Inc. He does a lot of reading, goes to concerts, plays, and museums, and watches Netflix. He was also editing a book in French on the Marais by two friends. Michel keeps in touch with his old roommate, **Harvey Turner**, and his wife, **Ann (Coffeen). Betty LaGrange**, who lives at the Starr Farm Nursing Home in Burlington, VT, was reading and going to nursing home activities. **Charlene Bailey** Cox lives on an island in Puget Sound in Washington. Camano Island sounds idyllic, but she says, "I do my serious fishing in British Columbia, Canada, west of the Williams Lake area in early summer for trout, and in the Straits of Georgia for salmon in

later summer and early fall." Charlene also produces poetry for a writers group. Nancy and **Edward Madison** are in Boulder, CO, or at least I hope they are; Boulder had a rough fall. When he wrote, Ed was doing volunteer work at Boulder Community Hospital and other not-for-profit organizations. He was also making movies, periodically playing golf, and "coping with boredom that is part of the aging process." At Cornell he says he would have "studied harder."

Marion Lotz Rutan was busy with adult faith formation at church in Newark Valley, NY. She was also gardening, preserving food, and traveling. She had been on a cruise to the Mexican Riviera and spent two winter months in Florida. She was planning a January 2013 trip to the Holy Land. Betty and **Edward Greenstein** are in Alexandria, VA. Ed was working four hours a week at a contract research lab, ABL Inc., in Rockville, MD. When he first came to Cornell, he brought a wife and an apartment full of furniture. Lastly, **Judy Calhoun** Schurman (New Canaan, CT) had been on a three-week safari in Africa; and **Walt Harrison** (Stanford, CA) was happy with Cornell's new tech campus but didn't really care for the questions on the old news form. I wonder what he'll make of the new one. New news next time. **Joan Boffa** Gaul, joangaul@verizon.net. Class website, <http://classof52.alumni.cornell.edu/>

53 The 1953 *Cornellian* yearbook says that **Naomi Leith** came to us from Wyoming, so it was no surprise that her profile says she was active in the Roundup Club. But it turns out that this meant she was from way out in western New York's Wyoming County, where Buffalo people sometimes roam. As Naomi Leith Smith, of Lexington, VA, she's still herding farm quadrupeds as a breeder of registered Finnsheep. In fact, she's a former prez of the Finnsheep Breeders Association. Finnsheep, introduced in the US from their native Finland in the 1960s, are considered friendly, docile, excellent cross breeders of large litters, and producers of soft, high-quality wool and tasty, lean meat. The sheep allow her time to counsel travelers for the Lexington and Buena Vista, VA, visitor centers. **Linda Mitchell** Davis (Cimarron, NM), the only '53 coed known to be a member of the Cowboy Hall of Fame, notes that her ranch, which has been in the family 140 years, "survived the Dust Bowl of the 1930s, and she hopes it will be around for another 100 years" despite the long years of drought.

Fernand Lenoach (Springfield, VA) has been working with the local NAACP chapter "to level the 'playing and paying fields' for NCAA's 'scholarship athletes' by requiring they're insured/covered for any sustained long-term sports-related injuries." He likes to think back on rowing on Cayuga with the freshman crew. **Herb Neuman** (NYC) reports a return visit to Southeast Asia, last seen in the Sixties: ("Wow! What a change! Singapore even resembles New York. Vietnam still retains its old culture and religion. Impossible to fathom how we ever could have won the war.") **Robert Corrie** (Williamsburg, VA) went back for the centennial celebration of his chapter of Kappa Delta Rho. He was keynote speaker at the KDR centennial banquet at the Statler after six decades of devoted volunteer efforts on behalf of the national and local levels of the fraternity.

Lawrence Smith (Piffard, NY) replies succinctly to a request from here for fondest recollections, to wit: "Waiting for the most beautiful

Phi Beta Kappa in the world, my future wife (the former **Catherine Austin**) to appear at Clara Dickson for an evening study date at the Libe." **Burt Fine** (NYC), still practicing law, writes, "The seven grandchildren are getting older." Fondest recollections? "Not at liberty to disclose." Emeritus chair of the Cornell Dept. of Biological and Environmental Engineering **Ronald**, MS '55, and wife Anne McClure **Furry** (Ithaca) followed our Sweet 60th Reunion with their 60th wedding anniversary on July 22. Anne is a founder and former mayor of the Village of Lansing and a former music teacher and coordinator of the Ithaca City School District K-12 music program.

This from **Richard Hayes**'s '53 column in a Cornell publication called, for some reason, *Hotelie*: "From **Ken Grailer** (Venice, CA): I left the active work force in '76 to become both a financial planner and a medical practitioner. My financial planning practice is limited to monitoring my assets to last as long as I do, or longer, maybe. And my medical practice follows a similar plan. I monitor my health and daily activity to last as long as I possibly can . . . So I try hard at living each day. Hope you are in good health and living each day." Ken turned 90 in September. **John Ditchco** (Woodstock, VT), who prepped at the Waldorf-Astoria for his current position, moved to Vermont in 1967. He became conference services manager and the longest-serving employee of the Killington, VT, Grand Hotel & Conference Center. Onetime Cornell Hotel prof **Don Dermody**, MS '68 (Mount Dora, FL) and wife Cay have been flash dancing to "All My Exes Live in Texas" at the local yacht club. "It is something like line dancing, which I am not old enough to do as yet." **Richard E. Hayes** picked up some Cornell maple syrup at Reunion. It is not produced back home in Brazil.

Homecoming, a September song again this year, gave the Crescent parking lot the feel of New Year's Eve in Times Square with Ferris wheels and the stadium jammed with umbrellas for most of the first half. The bumbershoots melted away under gray skies and truly impressive inclemency. Those who fled the scene missed a 45-13 dunking of ancient foe Bucknell, featuring many passing yards by fourth-year senior All-America quarterback **Jeff Mathews '14** to receivers **Grant Gellatly '14** and **Lucas Shapiro '15** and an aggressive, alert defense. Friends of Fifties classes met after the game for gracious country dining and cautious optimism. Two weeks later, **Todd Kolb** and **Vince Giarusso** came back with **Walt Bruska '50**, **Frank Bradley '50**, **Dick Clark '51**, **Chuck Taylor '51**, **Dick Loynd '50**, **Jack Rogers '45**, BCE '49, MBA '50, **Rip Haley '51**, **Jeff Fleischmann '51**, ME '55, **Haas Hargrave '45**, BA '48, and **Joe Dwyer '50**, JD '52, for the now-traditional, annual, reunion of the 1948-52 Big Red teams. After the game they saw, Mathews had become the most prolific passer since the 1956 formalization of the Ivy League (with 9,303 total career yards—and more to come) even though it was otherwise Colgate's day. **Jim Hanchett**, 300 1st Ave., #8B, New York, NY 10009; e-mail, jch46@cornell.edu.

54 The weather is turning, and winter will follow the warm colors of fall all too soon. You will be reading this in either the warm southern climes or the chilly winds of the cold winter that has been predicted. With that in mind, a song keeps returning, a song heard 50 years ago in San Francisco entitled "Try to Remember" from *The Fantasticks*.

The words are haunting, melancholy, and worth remembering as we are now perhaps in the December of our lives, those mellow golden falls of yesteryear but a memory.

Your reunion chairs are remembering those days of our youth and know full well the years have flown. But though our days on campus might be some 60 years behind us, the memories are not. Since graduation in 1954 we have added to our Cornell education, thus bringing a marvelous cache of memories mixed with years of individual living back to share on June 5-8. **Dave**, PhD '60, and **Mary Gentry Call** are doing a fine balancing act in headquartering and housing us in the very comfortable Mews Hall, with excellent dining but a few level steps away in Appel. To get about campus there is the campus-circling bus, our own smaller shuttle buses, and a special wheelchair-accessible van. Times and routes will be provided.

Special tours (buses provided) are scheduled, such as: the Lab of Ornithology, with director John Fitzpatrick as our guide. For anyone who knows birds, enjoys birds, or watched red-tailed hawks Big Red and Ezra raise their young, this is a treat of great depth. If you have not been back in 60 years—or even a couple of years—the “See How Campus has Changed in 60 Years” is a must. Add to that a tour of Gates Hall (yes, that Gates), the newest anchor building on the east end of campus. All that, plus a peek at how Goldwin Smith got modernized and filled in. As a delicious treat we will have lunch and a special 1954 ice cream at the new Food Science Building, aka Stocking Hall. And for those of us comfortable with the same old, same old, there is the Lounge at Mews, the '50s Waiters at Statler singing “our” songs, milk punch, dear friends, new friends, familiar smiles but without names, sporting events with tired, sore muscles, Cayuga with “its waves of blue,” the hills “we loved the best,” and the gorges—ah, the gorges. It is all there just waiting for you to return. Please come back and enjoy.

What can you do to help? You can send us your name and what you like to do . . . Would you share your photographic skills and act as reunion photographer? Ever worked with Snapfish on the computer? Have you ever had a deep-seated desire to tell people where to go? (Politely, of course.) Would you like to be a guide or welcome classmates as they arrive . . . or perhaps host at a meal? Or fill envelopes, carry not-too-heavy boxes, etc. All hands make many of these necessary jobs go faster. Send your wishes to Mary and Dave at dlc3@cornell.edu or phone (607) 257-7652. Stay up to date with all the Calls are planning by bookmarking our website: classof54.alumni.cornell.edu. And sign up on the website so classmates will know your plans.

Jan Jakes Kunz is a marvelous sailor, but she moved from Annapolis to Corrales, NM, from where she manages our website. Fine for websites, but not much water. I trust **Bill**, MD '60, and **Elaine Russell Webber '53** of Tucson, AZ, will be back for reunion. Bill could, as a retired physician and an active cyclist, offer some excellent advice on staying fit. He played football and ran track and has been active ever since. He cycles 10-20 miles every MWF in the Saguaro National Park East—and this is in Tucson. Bill moved to the Southwest in 1998 to be closer to his family, and one of the offshoots has been his growing interest in photography and video.

Allen Hale is still in Florida, but dreams of taking the *Empire Builder* from Chicago to Seattle, ideally through a snowstorm. Allen fears he has

been in Florida too long to have such thoughts. A marvelous note from **C.R. “Pete” Nesbitt**, who, with wife Dana, lives in the house where he was born in Albion, NY. Pete attended the 45th meeting of the Lowcountry Warbirds (who meet on December 7) last year and got to sit in the cockpit of a SNJ (T-6) just like the one he carrier qualified in. Pete and Dana winter in Pawley’s Island, SC, and in good weather Pete volunteers with Habitat for Humanity, as he enjoys pounding nails. ☒ **Les Papenfus** Reed, lesliereed@me.com. Class website, classof54.alumni.cornell.edu.

55 The question, *Considering what today’s freshmen cart in, what did you bring to Cornell when you first came?* elicited a lot of good answers that I think you’ll enjoy: **Jeanne Hoegger** (“nervousness and hope”); **Bill Moyer** (“a Zenith radio and record-changer, very high-tech, with AM-FM and three record speeds!”); **Richard Perry** (“notebooks, pens and pencils, and a Brownie camera”); **Steve Clingan** (“one suitcase”); **Harold Fountain** (“about \$25”); **Barbara Stewman** Kline (“a typewriter, sewing machine, tennis racquet, and a trunk full of clothes”); **Roy Allen**, MS '63 (“a slide rule and a box to mail laundry home”); **Libby Milliken** Klim (“enthusiasm, wonder, and a bit of fear”); **Phil Harvey** (“two 65-lb. dumbbells, which were a great help in rushing. None of the upperclassmen could handle them!”); **Laura Weese** (“a lot of butterflies in my stomach”); **E. Howland “Swift” Swift** (“a wife and baby daughter”); **Jane Trynin** Feder (“my only electronic was a phonograph”); **Elaine Rose** Cerny (“coats for all seasons and an Emerson radio”); **Lawrence “Pat” Conlon** (“a laundry case and a 1940 Plymouth sedan”); **Eliot Orton**, PhD '71 (“one suitcase, containing a change of underwear and one suit; my wardrobe was not collegiate!”); **Donald Demske** (“Everything I owned fit into a doctor’s black bag when I arrived at Kline temp dorms”). And I remember my first meeting with **Vera Steiner** Simon, who came to Cornell toting a ukulele!

On to current events. **Beth Barstow** Calhoon spent 11 days visiting Israel and Palestine. Back home, she volunteers with a grassroots organization to support the Freedom to Marry bill, which would make Minnesota the 12th state to legalize same-sex marriage (“It’s the right thing to do.”) **Frank Tetz**, MBA '56, has been traveling—to Scandinavia, the Baltic, Russia, and back home again—and hiking at Bryce, Zion, and the Grand Canyon. **Peggy Blackburn Robinson** is happy to say, “There’s nothing I’d rather be doing than what I am doing, unless I had the ability to bring about world peace.” Peg has been keeping up with their growing family, and working on a fundraising campaign for their local wildlife sanctuary. “**Dwight '53** and I enjoyed the snow-laden winter of 2012-13. We have miles of trails in our area for cross-country skiing and hiking.” The best news came from Elizabeth Milliken Klim, who wrote, “I am so grateful to be free of my wheelchair, walker, and cane!” She now can concentrate on teaching art, showing and selling her work, meeting with local artists, and hosting family and friends. So glad for you, Libby. **Marcia Willemen** Sutter stays in touch with old Risley friends, and recently had lunch with **Ruth McDevitt** Carrozza, whom she hadn’t seen in 50 years. The Sutters go “moose viewing” in New Hampshire each year and spent time at their house in the Adirondacks. Last spring, Howland Swift was hoping to sell their home on the

Eastern Shore of Maryland before heading to their summer home in Vermont. Swift stays in regular touch with **Bill Herbig** and **Baron Bernard**.

Pat and Constance Salm Conlon are still in Lansing, NY, living in the same house off-campus where Pat lived during his undergrad years. Steve Clingan believes “nothing beats working—being around young people keeps you young.” **Ann Busch** Githler has retired from being a PA at a V.A. hospital in Albany, NY, and visited with **Joan Mischka** Doerr recently. Ann bought a house on West Buffalo Street, next door to her son, who teaches in Newfield; her plans are to eventually move to Ithaca. Phil Harvey thinks he’d rather be going to Cornell now, where coeds now outnumber guys. “Maybe I would be getting calls, instead of vice versa,” he speculates. Dream on! **Carol “Ritt” Rittershausen** Byron says she’s “very happy with life” at her country cottage in Seattle’s wine center, with family close by. On her last birthday, she was on a Viking Danube River Cruise, a gift from her daughters, and the year before, diving and snorkeling on the barrier reefs off Belize. **Phyllis Birnholtz** Melnick volunteers at a women’s prison once a week, and also has time to read, golf, hike, and garden. She’d love to be sitting at a sidewalk cafe in Paris, too! **Bill Doerler** says he “no longer enjoys snow,” so winters in Singer Island, FL, suit him. Bill is the editor of a cancer treatment website (www.protontherapysecrets.com).

Karin “Kay” Hartell Cattarulla’s husband, **Eliot '53**, sent us the Williamstown (MA) Theatre Festival’s brochure for the 2013 season, where Kay’s theater piece, *Scott and Zelda*, was staged as a benefit performance. Before her retirement in 2004, Kay produced a literary series, Arts and Letters Live, in Dallas for 12 years. She grew up in Ithaca and is the daughter of the late **John Hartell '24**, BArch '25, Professor of Architecture. **Tara Prince** Goldman went to see her oldest grandchild graduate cum laude from Colgate U., a proud moment. Harold Fountain is still busy with horses and property maintenance and reports that a group of AGRs from the mid-'50s met last August. From our class, attendees were Hal, Bill Doerler, **Bill Drake**, **Carl Pearce**, **Don Wickham**, and **Clark Phillips**, MS '57. **Mary Lou De Puy** Whitlock has been trying to downsize for a move next year into retirement living. She says, “I’m still enjoying the memories of our family reunion in Crested Butte, CO. Cornellians ruled (six of us!).” And this note from **Jim Van Buren**, MD '59: “Still enjoying good health, golf, bird-watching, gardening, travel, and retirement.” The Van Burens had a recent visit with **Dick Peterson** and his wife, who were on their way to Florida.

Our thanks to **Axel Hochkoepler** for re-designing our class website with pictures, articles, and notes from classmates. It’s great! It will be your go-to site as we get closer to Reunion 2015. Check it out at: <http://classof55.alumni.cornell.edu>. Let us know what you’ve been doing—and how your plans for reunion are shaping up! ☒ **Nancy Savage** Petrie, nancypetrie@optonline.net.

56 Ever feel like sharing your more general thoughts and experiences in the class column? Let **Elizabeth Collins** Verbsky and **Woody Bliss** be your inspiration to write to your class correspondents.

Betsy Verbsky (Taylor Lake Village, TX) writes, “I am a retired physician’s assistant. In retirement I was a volunteer animal control officer for ten years (2001-10) for the town of Taylor Lake Village. During those years I had 78 ‘dumped dogs’

(numbers 16 and 70 are mine!). Except for five that had to be put down for health reasons, all the other I adopted out myself or had them adopted through Second Chance Pets, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit adoption group that is at our local Petco store every Saturday. I have one horse left, a straight Egyptian Arabian mare to whom I drive 11 miles twice a day to feed and take care of. I was widowed in 2005, and in 2011 I met my boyfriend, Jerry, at our church singles group. I had to give up something, so I stopped being the animal control officer! (I still volunteer with Second Chance Pets.) Jerry puts up with my animals, and I put up with his stamp collecting, stamp meetings, and auctions."

Woody Bliss (Powell Woodward in his college days) (reweave@mapinternet.com) sends this mini-essay from Montague, MA: "I've been active in demonstrating for the closure of Vermont Yankee nuclear power plant (will begin in 2014—yay!) and denial of the Keystone XL pipeline from Canada's tar sands oil fields to the Gulf Coast. My wife, Sarah, and I appreciate Bill McKibben's 350.org, a smart, strategic group acting to reduce build-up of carbon in the atmosphere. I continue consulting with boards of small nonprofit groups, helping them embrace and exercise their governing responsibilities. One exciting client is the Performance Project/First Generation in Springfield, MA, which provides a safe environment where high-risk young adults find and tap deep creativity using visual and theatre arts. Sarah and I have trained in 'Authentic Movement' and participate in a monthly peer group. A.M., sometimes called 'contemplative dance,' is a practice of moving and witnessing, and I have found that it helps me get better in touch with my emotions and understand better how I communicate. Finally, I never cease to marvel at the enduring magnetic pull of family history. The deeper I go into stories of my ancestors, the more any certitude about who I am softens. Or, I should say, the clearer it becomes that I—and all of us—are simply amazing points of confluence in this ectoplasmic river of life."

Charles Platt (New York, NY) sends his regards to **Steve Kittenplan**, as well as congratulations on his work over the years as class correspondent. Charles retired after 35 years as a property/casualty insurance underwriter. "Since retirement I have been involved with many volunteer activities with the church and the community. I have also taken many vacations—in Europe especially (sometimes opera tours). The last trip was to Sweden, Denmark, and Norway." Charles adds the great news that, in 2012, after 45 years as life partners, he and his partner were married. **Bonnie Smith Whyte** and husband Bill live in Reston, VA. Bonnie is also retired and now works with local organizations and stays involved in Cornell activities. The Whytes have made trips to Northern Ireland to visit Bill's relatives, London, Jackson Hole, WY, Salt Lake City, UT, and Texas for a 70th anniversary party for friends. Adds Bonnie, "We celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary at a party in Reston arranged by friends. 100-plus people attended the three-hour event."

When **Nancy Sonn** Cooper (Santa Fe, NM) wrote in early October, she had just returned from a trip to Germany, the Czech Republic, and Poland with Grand Circle Tours and said it was great. "Not only had a good time with compatible ship/tour mates, but learned so much." Nancy would love to hear from classmates. **Thomas Kerr** (Columbus, OH) and his wife have moved to independent living in a retirement community five miles from their previous home. **Betty Silverman** Stark has

a new address in New York City. **Orlando Turco** (Ithaca, NY) still follows Cornell wrestling, including a trip to the NCAA championship tournament last March. Orlando has five grandchildren. **Gail Gifford Rudin** (Manhasset, NY) was in Ithaca last November for the "Gail and Stephen Rudin Lecture on American Culture," based on the Civil War. She adds, "In honor of our 55th anniversary, we are taking the entire family (11 of us) to South Africa at Christmas."

Dick Bulman, MBA '57 (New York, NY) and four of his AGR fraternity brothers, along with their spouses, met in Fairport, NY, in July. The occasion was the third annual "roots" tour for the group, this one in Fairport, where Dick grew up. Activities for the five couples included a talk by the town historian, a visit to the George Eastman House, and a tour of the village and one-room schoolhouse. "Following the Fairport tour, the group visited the 1,800-head dairy farm of fellow AGR **George Mueller '54** in Clifton Springs and the robotic dairy farm of Dale Hemminger and **Ryan Akin '01**. The reunion was extended at the Empire Farm Show in Seneca Falls, where we joined 35 other Cornell AGRs for a BBQ!" Dick adds that as he was composing this entry, he got word of a new grandson! Jack Edward was born in Portland, ME. More to come in the next issue! Send news to: **Class of 1956**, c/o *Cornell Alumni Magazine*, 401 East State St., Suite 301, Ithaca, NY 14850; or to **Steve Kittenplan**, catplan@aol.com; and **Phyllis Bosworth**, phylboz@aol.com.

57 Last fall **Connie Santagato** Hosterman was inducted into the Shenendehowa School District Athletic Hall of Fame. Connie started as a high school guidance counselor in 1970 and began keeping the official scorebook for the basketball teams in 1973. Although retired from her counselor role, Connie was looking forward to the season and continuing to keep the books. **Marvin, MA '55**, and **Elaine Meisner Bass** have downsized to a home in West Palm Beach, FL, and are looking forward to the engagement of their oldest grandchild. **Francine Hassol** Lifton takes part in a fitness program, plays bridge, and belongs to a book club. In August the Liftons visited Alaska for two weeks, where Francine bought a totem pole for her family room in Boca Raton, FL.

Barbara Ries Taylor goes to her fitness center three times a week and helps out at an inner-city emergency food pantry. She is a life member of the Cornell Alumni Association of Greater Houston. It's an active club with programs held at the Houston Museum of Fine Arts and the Museum of Natural Science as well as Houston Symphony performances, which Barbara and **Bob '56** attend. When Barbara headed off to Cornell, essentials included a folding drying rack and a typewriter. **Judy Saari** McCrone also brought her manual typewriter that first year (would the texters of today even know how to use one?). A duplicate bridge player as well as a golfer, Judy and husband Alistair reside in Arcata, CA.

Another Judy (can you name all the Judys in our class?), **Judy Tischler** Rogers lives in Southern California and enjoyed a wonderful family reunion recently with her sons, who live far away from Crestline. They and their families traveled from Miami, Seattle, and Nagoya, Japan, to Aspen for the gathering. In August **Chris Carr Leachtenauer** Nickerson hosted her children and grandchild from Japan. Chris continues her volunteer

work at a local archive, and counsels recovering chemically dependent women. She's also been doing physical therapy—"so I'll be able to dance for another decade at least." **Jean Taylor** Johns was visiting her son, a professor on sabbatical in Australia, for Thanksgiving. Back in Cincinnati, where she makes her home, Jean Ann has been serving as a Stephen Minister at her church and spending some time at art galleries as well as following and trading stocks in her spare time.

Susan Roseno Fahrenholtz has been teaching a science course at the Lincoln Center of Fordham U. She volunteers with the American Chemical Society's project, which provides paid internships in science to low-income high school students. **Nancy Krauthamer** Goldberg has two grandchildren who are applying to Cornell. The process comes naturally to Nancy, who started her business, Learning Foundations of Ithaca, in 1963. She works with high school and college students to enable them to be accepted into the academic programs they want. Keep the news coming. **Judy Reusswig**, 19 Seburn Dr., Bluffton, SC 29909; e-mail, JCreuss@aol.com.

Last August, **Bob Watts** climbed 3,600 feet—in just 3.8 miles of boulder-strewn trails—to reach a hut maintained by the Appalachian Mountain Club on the slopes of Mt. Madison in the Presidential Range of New Hampshire's White Mountains in celebration of the club's 125th anniversary. (I sure hope there was a cold beer at the top.) Bob says the descent was the toughest on the legs, and the stairs at home were challenging for a few days in either direction. Bob had spent Cornell summers on the trail crew of AMC and had often climbed with his father on anniversary trips. On this one, he was accompanied by his two sons and grandson, the latter having the distinction of sleeping in a bunk dedicated in memory of Bob's father. Not too surprising, Bob was the oldest of about 80 on the trek.

Beach Kuhl continues his San Francisco law practice, albeit at a slightly slower pace, but he remains active as an arbitrator and mediator, and recently served a one-year term on the Marin County civil grand jury. If you speed through the town of Ross, be forewarned that Beach is the mayor and a commissioner on the county transportation authority, as well as a delegate to the general assembly of the regional association of local governments. (I hope there is also libation after those meetings.) Beach is still active in platform tennis. For those of us somewhat less active, the parenthetical thoughts still apply.

Ed and **Carla Boardman** have settled year-round in Vero Beach, FL. They miss the brisk weather, but not the accompanying slush. **Gonzalo Ferrer** spent three weeks last spring in Switzerland and Spain. He still enjoys his home in Woodstock, VT, but the bulk of his time he's in Puerto Rico. **Marv Silverman** spends some of his time staying a step ahead of the doctors, and will spend two to three months later this year traveling to Asia and Africa, in particular Rwanda. **Paul Garrett** continues to enjoy his home on the St. Lawrence River, selling barn equipment to dairy farmers and watching his grandchildren excel at sports. He and Sandra visited Italy last year. This year: England. **Gerard Tate** likes the NYC tourist attractions near his home in Ridgewood, NY: Broadway plays and museums. He recently visited Seneca Falls, where his grade school classroom and his father's tools have been preserved as historic artifacts. **Don Wudtke**, BArch '58, enjoys physical

workouts AND tending to his eight grandchildren—sounds like an overdose to me.

In the fall of 1953, what did you bring to the Hill? Gerard Tate: manual typewriter, clock radio, enthusiasm (arriving on the Leaky Valley RR); Paul Garrett: slide rule; Marv Silverman: bare essentials (toothbrush, underwear, etc.); **Gerald Dorf**: an inquisitive mind. **John Seiler**, suitcase2@aol.com.

58 Marilyn Drury Katillo is active with Road Scholar travels, studies, and journeys and recently went to a Dickens Int'l Fellowship Convention in Boulogne-sur-Mer, France. **John Padget**, MS '59, was motivated to send in an update after reading the latest alumni magazine. He writes, "Still living in Key West, FL, at the southernmost point. In 2013, Florida was on track to overtake New York as the nation's third largest state. Of particular note: earlier this year, I was honored when Gov. Scott reappointed me to a second four-year term on Florida's State Board of Education—so I'll be serving until December 31, 2016, assuming I'm once again confirmed by the Senate. My colleagues on the seven-member board elected me vice chair. Happily, it's a nice title without having more work to do. There's lots of reform in education right now, with implementing the Common Core state standards being front and center across the country. Here's my latest bio: <http://www.fl.doe.org/board/bios/Padget.asp>."

Hotelic and hospitality consultant **Charles Marshall** (marshacs@msn.com) lives in Orange, CA, with wife Susan. He sends the news that, in March 2013, his family closed their Mr. Stox Restaurant after 36 years of operation in Anaheim.

"Having retired, I'm still trying to figure out what to do," he writes. "Suddenly I'm very busy with travel, golf, wine collecting, and seeing friends. Susan and I traveled to Vancouver, BC, in October, where we participated in the DiRoNA (Distinguished Restaurants of North America) annual conference, and I will be departing soon for Highland Hills Ranch in Condon, OR, for an annual gathering of food service professionals." **Barbara Streicher** Magid (Merrick, NY; BarbLenMM@aol.com) is also retired, but continues to do adjunct teaching every fall. "She and husband Len travel in the spring. "We recently went to Laos and Myanmar, and with **Irene Lazarus** Soskin traveled to Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia, and Russia. In January we are going to India and Sri Lanka." Their grandsons live in Maryland.

Peter Stifel (Easton, MD; PBStifel@gmail.com) sends an annual update: "I am maintaining an historic house and large property on the Chesapeake, hanging out, and wearing myself out every day working—then having a glass of wine watching the sunset. These activities include mowing ten acres of lawn, gardening, harvesting apples, pears, figs, chestnuts, honey, etc., flying to Maine for lobster, sailing, kayaking, turning wooden bowls, hosting events (Plein Aire Easton, Old Growth Forest Network, Starr Family Reunion, etc.) at my house, running board meetings, cooking, riding horses with friends—and immensely enjoying life!" Rev. **Francis Waite**, MAT '72 (Livingston Manor, NY; fran.cw1@verizon.net) says he has been "preaching, gardening, and visiting his grandchildren." **Bradley Corbitt** (BCorb80630@aol.com) lives in Trumansburg, NY, with wife **Nancy (Horgen) '74**. He has also been gardening, as well as singing in two choruses and doing woodworking. **Kenneth Pollard** (Cayuga, NY; kbpoll@rochester.rr.com) is an emeritus member of the board of governors for Shriners Hospitals for Children.

Patricia Wizes Moore (Golden Valley, MN; heroiw@aol.com) describes how she spends her time: "Grandkids, reading, election judge stuff, working at a sports and concert arena (guest services), tutoring math, keeping the world running." As for what she might rather be doing: "I'd like to be in Paris or learning Russian in Siberia (honest!) or working with puppets on 'Sesame Street'—all possible at one time. I like to keep busy." **Herbert "Whit" Whittall** (hwhittall@comcast.net) and wife Nancy live in Vero Beach, FL. He writes, "I play tennis three to four times a week, travel, and work part-time as technical director for the Electrical Generating Systems Association. I also volunteer for our city and subdivision. There was an EGSA convention in Seattle, so we took a four-week trip up the West Coast from Sacramento to Mendocino to Portland, OR, and on to Seattle. We stopped at Crater Lake on the way."

Sad news: **Jack Meakem**, MBA '61, a good friend to Cornell and the Class of '58, died on Sept. 14, 2013. A week before his death, Jack was awarded the Mullestein Award for his contributions to the Cornell crew. His wife, **Diane (Baillet) '61**, and three of his sons went to Ithaca to accept the award. Jack was a past president of the Alumni Association and a lifetime member of the Cornell Council, as well as a Cornell benefactor and past chairman of the Cornell Rowing Association. He and Diane endowed both the directorship of the Cornell Early Childhood Center and, with **Scott M. Smith '79**, MBA '80, Cornell's Director of Athletics position.

What did you bring to Cornell as a freshman? Barbara Magid brought a typewriter, a radio, an

alarm clock, and clothes. Whit Whittall brought clothes, a gramophone, and towels. Peter Stifel: "Two boxes to mail my laundry home in." And Patricia Moore: "I had an old record player and two records—Harry Belafonte and Andrés Segovia. Mine was a simple life, I guess." More news to come in the next issue. **Jan Arps** Jarvie, janjarvie@gmail.com; **Dick Haggard**, richardhaggard11@gmail.com.

59 Our congratulations and best wishes to **Rick Dyer**, MD '63, on his August marriage to Carrie DiProspero, at Rick's farm in Watertown, CT. Rick continues to row on the Housatonic River with the New Haven Rowing Club. **Carolyn Babcock** van Leer volunteers at the SPCA of Tompkins County as a dog walker and trainer, and at the Ulysses Historical Society (the town includes Trumansburg and several hamlets). People who participated in recent CAU programs include Leslie and **Barbara Hirsh** Kaplan and **Morgan Larkin** Rankin (New York, New York: A Spring Theater Weekend); and **Seth Newberger** and his grandson (Alaska: Grizzlies, Glaciers, and Godwits).

Peter and **Carol Horowitz Schulhof**, MEd '61, enjoyed a very special visit to Venice last spring, where 58 members of Peter's family gathered to celebrate the donation of his aunt and uncle's art collection to the Peggy Guggenheim Collection. The Hannelore B. and Rudolph B. Schulhof Collection consists of 80 works of Italian, European, and American art of the decades after 1945—paintings, sculptures, and works on paper. "It was wonderful to see the artwork so beautifully installed, and we enjoyed the gala at the museum as well as many wonderful lunches, dinners, and cocktail parties," writes Carol, who notes that their children **Julia '89** and **Paul '92** were among family members in attendance.

Nancy Green Dickenson's latest film project, completed in late 2012, is *Rooted Lands* (www.rootedlands.com), a documentary on how a small, rural community in northern New Mexico has been affected by the threat of fracking. It explores the citizen grassroots movement that has arisen in response, and how residents stand up and speak out in solidarity against one of the world's most powerful industries. Several years earlier, Nancy released *One Bad Cat* (www.onebadcat.net), the story of Reverend Albert Wagner and his continuous journey for self-redemption from his past exploits. Through the use of intimate vérité scenes and candid interviews of Wagner, his family members, and art patrons, the documentary explores whether a driving passion coupled with a divine intervention can really redeem a man. Punctuating the film, Wagner's paintings and sculptures illustrate not only scenes from Albert's history, but lend a unique lens to how he views the world.

Thomas Pynchon's latest novel, *Bleeding Edge*, is set in NYC on the eve of 9/11. It garnered numerous reviews from here and abroad. Among my favorites was this comment from Andrew Leonard in Salon.com: "Pynchon has a jolly old time rousting about New York City—his vivacity, really, is quite unseemly for someone 76 years old—where in the world does he find all the energy? His writing is crisp and hilarious, laying waste all around him with city-that-never-sleeps abandon."

The annual reunion of Chi Psi Cornellians and friends took place in mid-September at the Newagen Seaside Inn in Southport, ME. Among those attending were the following '59ers: **Art Wise**,



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"Virtually all '59ers who attended the Maine reunion expect to attend our 55th," says Paul McCarthy. Others planning to be at reunion include **Mary Jo Sigler** Tennant, **Carole Parnes**, Seth Newberger, and **Ardith Anderson Williams**, whose husband **Dave '58**, MBA '59, is one of the Cayuga's Waiters who'll entertain us. Our residence for reunion will be Alice Cook House, the first of five houses in the West Campus House System, Cornell's residential college initiative. It is named in honor of former faculty member Alice Cook—a favorite with our class's ILR students who took her Labor History and Union Administration courses. Reunion co-chair **Gwen Woodson** Frazee notes that "it has elevators, is air-conditioned, and was designed with a wonderful, large gathering room that has floor-to-ceiling windows; and it's capable of holding every single one of us!"

Marian Fay Levitt, who continues to teach and make fabulous jewelry, also expects to be at reunion. She and **Alan** and **Dee Rosenthal** were in Israel earlier this year, with a side trip to Petra, Jordan—about a week before President Obama was there. "It was interesting to be in the ancient city and see Secret Service helicopters above us checking out security for the President. Fortunately we were gone before his arrival, so we saw everything he saw without being involved in huge traffic delays. Such are the pleasures of anonymity!" Life-long New Yorker Marian is ending the year with a trip to Cuba. It will be the 53rd country she has visited, and is a place that has long been on her bucket list. "I've been eager to go since 1956, when it was popular for college kids to vacation there. That year I asked my father if I could go. He looked at me and said, 'You'll be lucky if I let you go to 59th Street!'" ■ **Jenny Tesar**, 97A Chestnut Hill Village, Bethel, CT 06801; tel., (203) 792-8237; e-mail, jet24@cornell.edu.

60 Probably the first member of our class to celebrate a 50th wedding anniversary, **Allyn Smith**, MS '67 (who was married in 1956 after completing his service in the Marine Corps and before starting college) did so in grand style. In 2006, he and Joy took a river cruise that traveled from the North Sea (Netherlands) to the Black Sea (Romania). "We enjoyed it so much," says Allyn. "We have returned for two more river cruises in Europe, one in France from Paris to Nice, and another through the Netherlands and Belgium for the spring flower tour." Prior to that, their travel was mostly on this continent: "We have used our motor home to travel across the US and Canada eight times, touring all 48 lower states. My wife and I have been quite involved in motor home activities, and I currently serve as president of two RV clubs." The Smiths, who live in Riverside, CA, have four children, six grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren, all but one of them in California. Says Allyn, who stepped

down from a long career in Cooperative Extension at Cornell and the University of California more than a decade ago, "Retirement is good!"

In September, I caught up with **Carol Sue** "C Sue" **Epstein** Hai, who was in the Boston area visiting her daughter **Jill Hai '85**. She spoke enthusiastically about a birthday trip she and Jill took to Budapest in late June. "Both of us being foodies, Jill did extensive homework on fine dining and we had a grand time between going to the opera, the symphony, and the museums, and dining in a terrific restaurant every single night. We loved the city and would love to go back!" C Sue also reported, "I'm in touch with **Louise Klein** Hodin, who has moved to North Hero Island, VT, from the D.C. area. She spent some time this August with **Barbara Shults** Finch at her summer home on Loon Lake and then with me in Rochester, NY." C Sue belongs to a Cornell gourmet group in Rochester, which has been going since 1969, and includes classmates **Bob** and **Toby Jossem Silverman** and **Myra Rosenzweig Gross** and husband **Bernie '59**, as well as members of other Cornell classes.

Renee Sack sent along welcome news of her activities since retiring from a career in the Lexington, MA, public schools almost a decade ago. "Teaching was rewarding, but now I wonder how I ever had time to teach. I have been able to travel, not just during the busy summer season, but any time of the year. My trips have ranged from Australia, New Zealand, and China to South Africa, Patagonia, and Chile, as well as Europe. I spend a few weeks in the fall and winter in Venice, FL, where I inherited my mother's house. My sister, **Claudia Sack** Adams '67, and her family join me a few times a year. My other passion is nature photography; I've entered some small exhibitions and have even sold a few photos. In between travels, I have continued to volunteer for the Girl Scouts and the American Camp Association. Since I grew up in Ithaca, I drive there each summer to visit Cornell, the gorgeous state parks, and friends from the past. Recently I saw my cousin **Judy Singer** Bercuvitz, who traveled from Montreal to the Boston area."

Several classmates participated in Cornell's Adult University courses during the past year. **Arthur Field**, MS '61, **Sandra Nasar** Gross, Carol Sue Epstein Hai, **Robert McAfoos**, MS '66, and **Anita Wasserspring** Yusem studied, respectively, Wines, Virginia Woolf, Classical Music, Great Trials, and the World of Birds. Off-campus study tours saw **Cynthia Golomb** Dettelbach learning about Cuba and the US, and **Jon Dickinson**, BEE/LLB '64, participating in a New York Theater weekend. In September, my husband and I traveled to Provence on an excellent Cornell tour. Based in Aix-en-Provence, we heard lectures on the art and history of the region, then toured numerous fascinating historical sites in the area and walked in the footsteps of Cezanne and Van Gogh. Among the members of our congenial group were **Reverdy Munson '61**, DVM '64, **Derek Hunt '65**, JD '72, **Jack McFadden '58**, **Nelson Weideman '67**, Ph.D. '71, **Eric Simon '76**, and their spouses.

A short note from **Peter Vail** of Englewood, FL, reports the happy news that his granddaughter **Kate Vail '17** enrolled as a freshman in September. "This makes four generations of Cornellians!" **Estelle Gittleman** Weiss (lenestwnj@aol.com) notes that she has moved from Jackson to Tinton Falls, NJ. Undoubtedly buoyed by the favorable critical reception of her 2012 novel, *The Rescuer's Path*, **Paula Friedman** says, "I'm now editing my '1960s novel,' which focuses on Berkeley's antiwar movement and a young woman's

journey from academic-oriented self-doubt to radical involvement." Its working title, at last report, is "Reaching Through." Paula is still living in the Oregon countryside, but adds, "I've put the house up for sale and hope to move back to California to be closer to family and longtime friends." She keeps in touch with classmates **Vivian Zippin** Narehood, **Jack Sarfatti**, **Elliott Schulman**, and **Elihu Pearlman**. Keep the news coming! ■ **Judy Bryant** Wittenberg, jw275@cornell.edu.

61 Lots of news from our classmates. More than enough to fill this column, so please do not be disappointed if your input carries forward to a later edition. Recently, Sue and I met in historic Savannah for lunch with my former roommate, **Fred Beck '58**, LLB '63, and his wife, Patti. They have been living in Hilton Head, SC, for several years and recently ran into **Don Whitaker**, another former roommate now living there also. After many years of silence, I received an e-mail and photo from **Alex Veech**, aka "Pineapple." Alex picked up the nickname at frosh camp—given his home in Hawaii. He now resides in San Francisco. He wrote, "My wife, Linda, and I managed a mini-reunion in Baltimore with **Scon** and **Jean Travis Boccuti**, accompanied by Scon and Jean's granddaughter Erica for lunch. The occasion was, following a visit to Monticello, to pay off a crab-dinner Super Bowl bet I made with Scon—and lost—when his Baltimore Ravens beat my San Francisco '49ers. The chance to have a mini-reunion with Scon made it the best bet I ever lost." In my return e-mail to Alex, I couldn't overlook the birth of our daughter Elizabeth's first child, Henrik. Elizabeth, Karl, and Henrik live in Seattle, WA, so our next trip could result in another mini-reunion in San Francisco!

The new online news form seems to be working well. The CAM office was able to forward several responses including this from **Jill Beckoff** Nagy (nagyjill0@gmail.com): "I'm slowly adjusting to retirement. We traveled a lot the first year—Switzerland, France, Japan, and various places in the US. We're sticking closer to home this year, with shorter expeditions to hike and to meet up with friends and family. I'm keeping busy doing pro bono legal work and writing for a small local newspaper. Both kids are professors. Daughter Naomi is a linguist at U. of Toronto and son Edwin is a civil engineer at U. of Maine. Montreal is our most convenient reunion spot." Another update came from **Laurence Hoard** (hoardlg@yahoo.com). "I've retired from teaching in New York City and Patti has retired from banking (when I was earning my PhD at the U. of Michigan, Patti was the personal banker to Frank H.T. Rhodes). I enjoyed joining the Glee Club, seeing them take second place in an international competition, and then joining their United Kingdom tour. **Bruce Harris** was another alum touring. There is lots of singing in my life as I am in two different church choirs, Warwick Valley Chorale, and as many Glee Club concerts I can get to. In one stretch of 19 days, I sang in the Reunion and Cornelliana concerts with the Glee Club, two performances of Schubert's *Messe*, the Rutter *Magnificat* in Avery Fisher Hall, and a concert in Newburgh. Another singer in Newburgh was **David Rider '62**, a fellow traveler with Bruce and me on the 1960 Glee Club visit to the Soviet Union." Over the years Laurence has kept in touch with **Andy Thomas** and **Ginny Lucie** Marshall.

Lynn Phifer Keller (Ramona, CA; lynn.phifer@gmail.com) writes, "I have edited a second edition

of *The Good and Heavenly Counsel* by Mrs. Grace Smith, which was written in 1712 and is being published this week. She was my tenth-generation grandmother. Her book is the sole book written by a Calvinist woman in Colonial America. Two books will follow: one about her, the other about her son Samuel and Smith's Tavern on the Outer Cape. Grace had the moral authority, and her husband Ralph had the business savvy. It has been fascinating to research and find that the people most like me are my own ancestors. I am just putting up my website (www.capecod1712.com) to discuss her book and those to follow." **Ron Sander**, MS '64, has retired from the Sander Group Inc., but is also wrestling with Parkinson's disease. "Nonetheless we are planning our 50th anniversary trip for next year. Our kids want to go back with us to Mala Mala, the same South African safari resort we visited five years ago. I note also that the careers of our three sons, a general contractor, an EPA lawyer, and an architect, are progressing nicely, along with their wives and kids." Ron also mentions keeping in touch with **Marco Minasso**, **Ron Poggi '62**, and **Andy Duymovic '62**.

Jeffrey Fisher (JLF10128@aol.com) writes, "I have been enjoying life since I sold my business ten years ago, spending equal time in East Hampton and New York City. The company is flourishing and is now owned by Berkshire Hathaway (Warren Buffett). In our community, I founded the East Hampton Group for Good Government. It's been an educational and rewarding experience watching the changes that we have been able to put in place. My wife, Patricia, has an interior design firm (PatriciaDesign.com). She currently has a room at the Designer Showhouse, a benefit for the Southampton Hospital."

Keep your classmates in mind when you visit Facebook, LinkedIn, and other social networking sites. **Bobbie Horowitz** posts regularly on Facebook, as does **Bill Onorato**. I've also seen posts recently from **Jack Neafsey**, MBA '63, and **Frank Cuzzi**, MBA '64. The Internet is helping, but we still encourage your e-mails and hard-copy Class Notes updates. Our latest was a month-long tour of the Ukraine, Russia, and the Baltic states. We're now planning for 2014, as long as we have the desire and physical ability to continue traveling. Drop us a note and send us news of your adventures. ☐ **Doug Fuss**, dougout@attglobal.net; or **Susan Williams** Stevens, sastevens61@gmail.com.

62 We received an update from **Nancy Simon Hodin**, whose husband **Mort '61** is "back to normal" after the accident he suffered at our 50th Reunion. Nancy and Mort offer deepest thanks to all who helped them at a very difficult time. **Bill Jones** has retired from psychiatric practice after 41-plus years in Fort Collins, CO. He's hoping to locate other Colorado Cornellians. **David Shearing** (shearing@rochester.rr.com) lives with his wife, Eleanor Jacobs, in Perry, NY, where he's a part-time corporate consultant. They have enjoyed traveling in Eastern Europe to note progress since the fall of the Iron Curtain. "Half retired and half president of China Business Development Tours" is **Christopher Barbieri's** description of his current activities. Chris (Worcester, VT; cgeeb99@gmail.com) spends a lot of time in Florida and in China when not at home with wife Laurel.

David Hill is fully retired (Basking Ridge, NJ; dhh11@cornell.edu) and sings tenor in a German mixed chorus and bass in his church choir. The German chorus sang at a festival in Assisi and at

a Vatican Mass last summer. He and Judith regularly babysit the young daughters of their son **Doug '99**, a third-generation Cornell engineer. Volunteering occupies much of **Barbara Hammond Goldstein's** time. She teaches English As a Second Language and works in a school library and in fundraising for Hadassah Medical Organization's hospitals in Jerusalem—"wonderful hospitals that treat everyone and carry out amazing research." Barbara (bhgoldstein@comcast.net) and husband Joseph live in Amherst, MA.

Joan and **Bernard "Mac" McHugh** (bmchugh2@verizon.net) call Woodbridge, VA, home, whence they take annual riverboat cruises in Europe, most recently a "fabulous" trip in Russia. They also enjoy visiting the beach and Williamsburg. Judy and **Mort Birnbaum** (mjbirnbaum@earthlink.net) split their time between Sudbury, MA, and Cape Cod. A retired psychologist, Mort volunteers as a guide at the Boston Museum of Fine Arts and with Alzheimer's patients and disabled vets. Carolyn and **Paul Pentz** are in Naples, FL, where Paul plays "lots of golf" and volunteers on behalf of multiple sclerosis.

In response to the query about what you brought to Cornell when you first came, **Peter Austin-Smith** (pjaustinsmith@hotmail.com) had a unique answer: "A wife (Tish) and a 3-month-old baby!" Peter and Tish live in Wolfville, NS, where Peter gardens, writes, and travels. Last summer he was honored with an award for mentorship and contributions to wildlife and biodiversity conservation at the 50th anniversary of the Wildlife Program at Acadia U. "A few days later, I found myself flying a Harvard aircraft (SNJ/Texan) in which I had earned my RCAF wings 60 years ago." Fellow retired pilot **Dick Monroe** (rem36@cornell.edu) served with both United and the USAF Reserve. Dick and Toni live in Woodinville, WA, where Dick has been very active with the Boy Scouts of America since 1988.

Edward and **Vivian Lasser** Beenstock (vbeenstock@gmail.com) live in East Brunswick, NJ, where Vivian enjoys auditing courses at both Princeton and Rutgers and planning travel. She's involved with community organizations focusing on anti-poverty and social justice. San Francisco is home to **Sheldon**, PhD '77, and **Lucia Liu Severinghaus**, PhD '83. Sheldon (sheldorj@sbcglobal.net) is retired and works with nonprofits in the Bay Area, logging a lot of travel to "biodiversity hot spots." When he wrote, he was anticipating a two-month trip to Madagascar, Mauritius, and South Africa.

Bob and Lynne Williams Colyer (lwcolyer@att.net) are in Encinitas, CA, where Lynne reads, swims, gardens, and cooks when not receiving stent implementation. **Alice Dalton Brown** (alicedaltonbrown@mac.com) had an exhibition of her paintings at the Johnson Art Museum over the spring and summer. She and **Eric**, MED '67, live in Peekskill, NY. Alice is affiliated with the Fischbach Gallery in New York City. Check out alice daltonbrown.com. **Aline Holstein** Lotter (Manchester, NH; alotter@mac.com) has just retired from the practice of law to become a full-time artist—"No, make that: starving artist." See her work at PaintingsByAline.com. **Don**, BArch '63 (donzo1@mac.com) and **Arlene Hutton Matzkin**, BArch '63, enjoy life in Lewes, DE, where Don plays twice weekly in "the local geezer softball league," sails the Beer Can Race Series at the Lewes Yacht Club, and has taken over the household cooking chores. Don is busily involved with Lewes architecture, serving on the new library's

design committee, and planning for both the historical society and new performing arts center.

Hiroyuki Takatori '64, who attended Cornell with us for three semesters, lives in Inage-Ku, Chiba, Japan. Ashland, PA, is home to **Anne Kaczmarczyk** Evans (evans25@ptd.net), who visited classmate **Maureen Turecan** Stewart (maureen.stewart@yahoo.com) in Phoenix, AZ. Anne dances, does aerobics, takes golf lessons, and volunteers at a health alliance for the uninsured. **Bill Dodge** (williamrdodge@aol.com) works part-time fostering cooperation among local governments. He and Cynthia divide their time between Colorado mountains (Silverton) and Mexican beaches (San Carlos). Hiking, skiing, and biking keep him active. Bill and his sons biked the Camino de Santiago in Spain last fall.

Classmates participating in last summer's CAU studies in Ithaca included **Helen Tintel** McAfoos (Great Trials); **Steven Serling** (The Promised Land); **Otto Doering**, PhD '73 (Classical Music); and **Judith Shapiro** Greenblatt (Photography). Off-campus, **George '61** and **Marcia Mugglin Seeley** and **Jim Moore** went to Montreal, and **Randall Cole Jr.** went to Alaska. CAU offers something for everyone!

Happy New Year to all! Please make a resolution to send news for this column! ☐ **Jan McClayton** Crites, 2430 76th Ave. SE, #331, Mercer Island, WA 98040-3351; e-mail, jmc50@cornell.edu.

63 The Class of 1963 lost one of its leaders this month with the passing of **William Wycoff**. Bill died of acute myeloid leukemia on October 21. He and **Debby (Seyl)** met at Cornell and were married for 50 years. Many of us have great memories of seeing Bill and Debby at our 50th Reunion. Bill also leaves his two children, Ann Wheadon of San Diego and son Pieter of Seattle, and four grandchildren. After graduation, Bill received a law degree from Northwestern and joined Thorp Reed law firm in Pittsburgh soon after. He was a board member, since 1976, of Pressley Ridge, a nonprofit that serves troubled children and families, as well as chairman of the Pittsburgh Dance Council, past president of the Children's Home of Pittsburgh, president of the Pittsburgh Golf Club, and trustee of the state chapter of the Nature Conservancy. Bill will be missed by his family, friends, and community, which he served so well.

News from **Peter Linzer '60** reported the death of **Eugenia "Jenny" Frisse** Fanelli in August. She had been the managing editor of the children's book department at Random House until multiple sclerosis forced her early retirement. She was a Phi Beta Kappa English major at Cornell and a member of Kappa Alpha Theta. Jenny started as an editorial secretary in a time when companies didn't waste time on grooming women for management jobs. Jenny and other women finally got into positions of power at Random House and the editorial secretary concept was abolished.

This summer I had a chance to spend time with **Marcy Bergren** Pine and my sister, **Betsy Bierds** Schenkel '66. We attended the Telluride Film Festival and spent many hours on line waiting to get in to see movies. Chuck and Marcy have a son and family in Telluride. News from 2012 from **Mari Bingham** Wesche, who lives in Wakefield, Quebec, with husband Rolf. Among many activities, Mari enjoys the outdoors, photography, reading, writing protest letters, and traveling. "I am working to promote awareness of climate change and its implications (trying to reduce carbon

footprint.)” Mari has joined Citizens Climate lobby to fight the “threatened full-blown exploitation of the Tar Sands and all its ramifications.” Several years ago she reconnected with **Benson Lee** and **Jose Ochoa** ‘64, MBA ‘67, at the Cornell in Honduras project.

Susan Dadakis Horn is still working in Salt Lake City, UT, at her company, Int’l Severity Information Systems (ISIS) and the Inst. for Clinical Outcomes Research (ICOR). She writes, “We conduct practice-based evidence comparative effectiveness research in all clinical areas.” Susan and husband **Roger** have two children and four young grandchildren, and cruising is their favorite travel mode. “Our most recent trip was a 50-day cruise all around South America.” **Warren Walker**, PhD ‘68, is now emeritus professor of policy analysis at the Delft U. of Technology in the Netherlands. He retired two years ago but is still doing research and writing articles. “Last year, a book that I co-edited was published by Springer. Its title: *Public Policy Analysis: New Developments*. I also spent two months as a visiting professor in China at the Harbin Inst. of Technology.” Warren has three children and five grandchildren in the US. He was at our 50th Reunion and enjoyed seeing old friends, especially **Jules Kroll**, with whom he graduated from Bayside (NY) High School.

Linda Goldstein Towbin and her husband, **Alan** ‘50, have a granddaughter, **Julie Towbin** ‘17, in Cornell’s freshman class. Julie is one of seven grandchildren for the Towbins. Linda writes, “I’m reluctant to even think about retiring from my job at the Connecticut General Assembly and look forward, instead, to hosting one or two Cornell freshmen who participate in the Freshman Externship Program, something I’ve done since the program’s inception. They’ll get a perspective of legislative life from me, Senator **Gayle Siegel Slossberg** ‘87, and research analyst **Kevin McCarthy**, PhD ‘85.” **Ed** and **Carol Hoerning** enjoyed reconnecting with many classmates at our 50th Reunion. They attended lectures and roamed the campus. After Reunion they visited family in Catskill and Coxsackie, NY, before returning to North Carolina. **James** and **Carolyn McArdle Jr.** live in Cos Cob, CT. James is retired now, and he and Carolyn enjoy their nine grandchildren, who all live locally. James enjoys going to their activities, along with traveling, golf, and reading.

Cornell and **Alice Dawson** live in Hyde Park, NY. They are trying to sell their house and move to their Vermont home permanently. “Last fall, we bought a trawler, a Ranger Tug 25. We are novices so our plans to complete the great loop cruise are exciting and challenging.” It will take two to three years to complete: the Erie Canal, Great Lakes, Mississippi River, and Gulf of Mexico to the Inner Coastal Waterway back to Hyde Park on the Hudson. **Tony Turel**, MD ‘67, retired from Geisinger Medical Center and joined the neurology staff at Penn State Hershey Medical Center. His research is in the “biological effects of opioid system in multiple sclerosis and the effect on cell proliferation.” Tony and wife **Millie** like traveling (doing scientific presentations), spending time with family, and visiting old friends. That’s all for now. Keep the news coming! ■ **Nancy Bierds Icke**, 12350 E. Roger Rd., Tucson, AZ 85749; e-mail, ick63@gmail.com.

Reunion co-chairs **Linda Cohen Meltzer**, **Bruce Wagner**, ME ‘66, and **Joan Melville**, along with class president **Susie Mair** Holden and treasurer **Barbara Lutz** Brim, attended a Reunion Kickoff weekend in Ithaca in September. They are planning a great reunion for us. It will be both a trip down memory lane and an introduction to new people and places on campus. We’re happy to say that we’ve received a record number of classmate submissions for our 50th Reunion yearbook, and we send a big “Thank you!” to all who sent them.

It’s not too early to start encouraging your friends to take part in our 50th. Most people are motivated to come back to Cornell by the friends they knew as students. Reach out to the people you

their granddaughter in Oregon. Kate also reports she regularly sees sorority sisters **Mimi Verna** Dalbey and **Christina Tama-Sweet**. She adds that she would love to see her old freshman corridor-mates.

Doug MacBeth, who lives in Reading, PA, with wife **Phyllis**, writes, “I’m enjoying retirement, but am busier than ever.” Activities include babysitting grandchildren (“we love it”) and enjoying their winter vacation home in Naples, FL. Doug says he would like to hear from **Lee Alexander**, his freshman-year roommate. **Linda Brandt** Myers, MFA ‘99, who lives in Ithaca, says she and husband **Sandy Gutman** moved to the Boston area from last July through December to be close to her daughter and grandson. Linda writes that she continues to do

“The chance to have a mini-reunion with Scon Boccuti made it the best bet I ever lost.”

Alex Veech ‘61

knew through the telephone, e-mail, or by a handwritten note. You can them send an e-postcard by going to <https://alumni.cornell.edu/reunion/postcards/>. To inspire classmates to attend our 50th Reunion, **Nancy Taylor** Butler and her committee of volunteers have 51 affinity groups covered (dorms, sports, activities, majors, fraternities/sororities, etc.) and could do even more. Please contact her (NanButler@aol.com) if you would like to help contact members of your group to encourage them to meet you at our 50th.

Feeling a little shy about returning to Cornell after 50 years? Reluctant to come back to the Hill because you think that you won’t recognize anyone or that no one will remember you? Banish your doubts by getting involved and helping make the fun happen. Or, put another way, we need volunteers! Contact Linda Meltzer (lcm12@cornell.edu) to participate in things like welcoming classmates as they arrive at our headquarters; reading names at our memorial service; taking photographs during Reunion Weekend; playing the piano in the lounge at the dorm headquarters; hosting one of the reunion events, or checking out the venue and making sure that all goes smoothly. Also, please keep your preferred e-mail, phone number, and address up-to-date for Cornell. Most importantly, come to our 50th Reunion to reconnect with old friends and make new ones!

Now for some news. An update from the Nov/Dec 2012 column: Rev. **Douglas Garland** has moved to a new home in Chagrin Falls, OH (from his old home in nearby Canton). Not seen in this column for 30 years, **Ann Beard** Hallock writes that she retired in 1997 (from what, she doesn’t say), still lives in Hannacroix, NY, and spends her time working in several community groups, including the Greene County Historical Society, which operates the Bronck Museum, located on the site of a house built in 1663. **Kate Teale** Roche still owns and operates her own vineyard in Glen Ellen, CA, spending her time doing ranch and vineyard chores and major gardening projects. (Kate’s obviously good at gardening; she’s been a member of Sonoma County Master Gardeners for the past 14 years.) Kate’s recovering from a complex ankle fracture incurred in 2012. She travels with husband **Bary** and visits

well in a clinical trial at the National Institutes of Health for her chronic lymphocytic leukemia. On the brighter side, she had two of her glass art pieces displayed at the Corning (NY) Gallery last spring. **Charles Laughton** lives in Ipswich, MA, with wife **Ellen**. He’s retired, but keeps busy in local organizations, notably as Commander of the local VFW USS *Newport News* Museum. This interest might stem from his crewing days at Cornell and he’d like to hear from anyone else who was on the lightweight crew during the 1961-64 years. **Allen Nimetz**, MD ‘68, still practices general and interventional cardiology, but plays golf when he can. He admits he’d like to travel more. Allen writes, “Why retire when you love what you are doing?” He and wife **Carol** still live in Bethesda, MD.

Judith Schneider Stern, a distinguished professor emerita in nutrition and internal medicine at UC Davis, seems to have successfully combined continued full employment with retirement-associated activities. For instance, Judith recently gave two talks in Hong Kong, then she and husband **Richard** ‘63 went to Japan, where they spent a week in Kyoto visiting temples and eating kaiseki (which I guess is okay, given Judith’s professional credentials). Judith also enjoys doing research in her lab, going to, and thinking about, baseball games, eating in wonderful restaurants, and attending performances of the San Francisco Symphony Orchestra.

Barbara Cade Pringle, MA ‘68, and husband **Robert**, PhD ‘67 (Alexandria, VA) also enjoy traveling, in their case to just about any place they didn’t visit or inhabit during Bob’s career as a Foreign Service officer. Recent trips include Central Asia for its mountain scenery, and, in her words, “all those ‘Stans’ that used to be part of the USSR.” **Norbert Roehl** has retired from his radiology practice after “37 great years.” He and wife **Janis** then moved from Florida to Cambridge, MA, to be near their daughter and son and their families. Norbert still enjoys sculling and running; he recently finished first in his age group in the Boston Half-Marathon and has done similarly well in other long-distance races. The Roehls recently visited Turkey, Iceland, and Germany, and have Southeast Asia on their minds, plus attending our 50th Reunion this June.

64 Our golden 50th Reunion is fast approaching! June 5-8, 2014! Write the date on your calendar and defend it!

That's it for now. Log onto our class website for more up-to-date information about our big reunion. And keep your news coming for this column, either through our class website (www.cornell1964.org), my e-mail, or regular mail. ☐ **Bev Johns** Lamont, 720 Chestnut St., Deerfield, IL 60015; e-mail, blamont64@comcast.net.

65 Only one more year to go and we'll be celebrating our 50th Reunion! Planning is well under way for our reunion gift, the A. D. White Gardens Gateway, which has been thoughtfully researched by members of the Class Council. More to come about this in the next column.

Jerome '64 and **Suellen Safir Rubin** (suellenrubin@hotmail.com) live in Carmel, CA. Suellen writes, "I'm enjoying retirement and am a certified gym rat when I'm not gardening or traveling. Jerry and I love time with our grandkids; two are living here in Carmel Valley and two are in Atlanta."

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Suellen Safir Rubin '65

Once a year they see **Marc Lippman '64** at a conference in San Antonio. The Rubins attended Cornell's Adult University for the birdwatching course. Suellen adds, "I brought my cello to Cornell freshman year and practiced in the spacious meadow outside the women's dorms." Reading, golfing, traveling, and church work occupy **Bill Allaway** (Austin, TX; ballaway@austin.rr.com) and spouse Mary. Bill retired last year after a 44-year career in and around Texas government.

Extensive adventure travel in Africa, Southeast Asia, and Thailand is a passion of **Diwan Kailash Chand** (chand2839@hotmail.com). Diwan and wife Anita reside in Ottawa, Canada, where Diwan continues to run his real estate business when he isn't backpacking and scuba diving. His goal is to continue enjoying life with good health! He writes, "I came from Europe to Cornell and it was fun to study and play in an American university." Another world traveler is **Jeffrey Kass** (jfkass@gmail.com), who makes his home in Washington, DC, with wife Deidre. "I am on the management committee of an international NGO, Partnership Transparency Fund, and have projects in Africa. I've been traveling to Kenya and Nepal, with upcoming trips to Spain and southern India. Vacation travel includes China, Thailand, and Italy. Sculling and rowing single on the Potomac is another interest, along with biking." Jeff would like to hear from **Stefan Rosenzweig** and **Bruce Smoller**.

Jim Venetos (Darien, CT; mohican45@aol.com) is looking forward to reunion. **Bruce Bennett** (Oakland, CA; profbrucebennett@comcast.net), who has mentored scores of students as a college teacher for four decades, keeps fit by working out in a spin class and riding his new road bike with a Velociraptors cycling club. "Friendships are important, as well as cycling and book club friends, and especially my best friend and wife, Ellen Case." Bruce trained for a cycling trip to Bryce, Zion, and the Grand Canyon. He also tutors and

coaches writing at Berkeley High School. Coming to Cornell as a freshman he brought an Olympia portable typewriter and some new clothes. He'd like to hear from fraternity brother **Eric Mann '64**.

Congratulations to **Daryl Goldgraben Smith** (darylsmith@earthlink.net), who has received a career achievement award from the Association for the Study of Higher Education and the 2013 Research Award from the Higher Ed Division of the American Educational Research Association. Daryl and wife Barbara Bergmann live in Claremont, CA. Daryl is transitioning to retirement while still doing research and writing on diversity in higher education as a professor emeritus at Claremont Graduate U. **Fred Naider**, MS '66, and wife Anita live in Staten Island, NY, and enjoy playing with their grandchildren. Fred is provost of the College of Staten Island, CUNY.

Robert Leshner, MD '69 (rleshner@aol.com) and wife Deborah also love being with their five children and five grandchildren. Robert writes, "I spend my time working as a professor at the UC

San Diego School of Medicine in the division of pediatric neurology, as well as babysitting grandchildren. Recently I had a wonderful afternoon at a high school reunion, along with my Cornell roomie **Sal Tocci**." A trip to Italy was planned this past summer by **Gene Peters** and wife Anne Rutledge. Gene says, "I spend my time talking and gardening and taking care of older relatives, plus seeing good friends. Freshman year he brought an electric hot water maker for tea and coffee. **Thomas Borut** (Manhattan Beach, CA; thomasborut@hotmail.com) writes, "I'm part-time doctoring to keep my hand in." He and wife Ruth live in Manhattan Beach, CA, and would like to go back to Kenya (where he lived for one year in the '70s) and see friends and go on safari. Thomas retired as medical director of LAX Medical Center. He came to Cornell freshman year with a valise and a pencil.

Never one to slow down, **Peggy Haine**, BS '72 (realtor.1@PeggyHaine.com) is selling real estate, conducting charity auctions, writing on wine and food for local and national publications, and volunteering with Rotary. Peggy and spouse Peter Hoover eat in Trumansburg, NY, and enjoy the bounty of the local farmers and winemakers in the area. You'll find her picking cherries and blueberries in season and cooking up a storm. "Lately I've been protesting fracking and liquid propane gas storage in our beautiful Finger Lakes area." Keep sending in the news of what's happening in your lives as we count down to the 50th! ☐ **Joan Johnson**, joanipat@gmail.com; and **Ron Harris**, rsh28@cornell.edu.

66 Happy winter! The thing that amazed me at Cornell was that even with the recurring snow, the grounds crew kept the walkways up the Hill and across the campus so clear.

Lily Lee Loh (sjrecipe@yahoo.com) writes from Solana Beach, CA, that she has just authored a book titled *Listen to God Daily*, which is available at Amazon.com. She has three grandsons so far and recently traveled to Rio de Janeiro for a family reunion, then went on an Alaska cruise with friends. She adds, "I love to dance, exercise, play tennis and bridge, knit and crochet, and participate in theater and bible study." Lily met her husband, **George '68**, MS '69, at Cornell, and her daughter, **Christina**, MMH '98, is a graduate of the Hotel school.

Nancy Heiser Reinstein (nreinstein805@charter.net) writes: "I got a PhD in nutrition science from UC Davis years ago. I retired two years ago as a dietitian at Atascadero State Hospital, which is for the criminally insane. I have a Qigong group of women at my house weekly and have been selling doTERRA Essential Oils, a fabulous, organic product. I swim three days a week in the Franklin Hot Springs for one and a half hours. It's the fifth most healing hot springs in the world. I have a boyfriend named Hans whose wife was a friend of mine and died three years ago." Nancy's daughter Ellen has a 1-year-old son, Caleb. Ellen is an estate planning lawyer in a mostly women's firm and loves her work. Nancy's recent travels have included a trip to the High Sierras and to Stockton, her family home. Of her Cornell days, she writes: "I wish I had been a Math major instead of a Chemistry major! That was my goal when I entered Cornell. Otherwise, I'm happy with what I did, including playing the oboe in the orchestra."

Lucy Mueller Young (lucymyoung9@gmail.com) has a new address in Sunapee, NH. She writes, "Greg and I both retired in June 2013 and moved to my family lake house in Sunapee. I'm focusing more on my own art-making and just finished illustrating a second children's book!" Way to go, Lucy. **Mark Litman** (malpatlaw@aol.com), who graduated with a Chemical Engineering degree, writes, "I am still enjoying work as intellectual property counsel with my own firm in Minnesota, and as part-time counsel and technology transfer officer at UNLV. I had one more professional legal article published in the *JPTOS* (June 2013) and another is to be published in the *Nevada Gaming Law Journal* in March 2014. I am also starting to get back to competitive swimming after an eight-year break (had shoulder surgery) but my golf game (15 handicap) has survived. I guest lecture at the UNLV Law School, Business School, and Gaming Technology Center, and it is harder work than I could have imagined. For first-time lectures on topics, it takes about 15 hours preparation for one-hour presentations. Why retire when you enjoy your work and have time to play?"

Andy Berger, JD '69 (berger@thsh.com) writes that he is still practicing intellectual property law in NYC and teaching copyright law in the Intellectual Property Survey Class at Cornell Law School. "My wife, **Emily (Boykoff) '68**, and I have been living for the past 20-plus years in an 1870s brownstone in the Cobble Hill section of Brooklyn and watching this borough prosper in so many ways. Emily is still prosecuting the bad guys at the US Attorney's Office. No grandchildren yet, but hoping. Will be back on campus for Law School reunion in June." **Linda Michelson** Baumann (lmbaumann@hotmail.com) writes, "My son, Andrei, and I visited Estonia in August, a first-time meeting with most of the relatives we have there on my side of the family as well as my husband Paul's. We visited enough 12th- and 13th-century

castles, churches, and strongholds to satisfy even my love of antiquity. Old Town Tallinn may have the greatest concentration of medieval artifacts, but even the more remote island of Saaremaa had its share (not to mention its own meteor crater). Thanks to my relatives, my Estonian got a good workout, and I got an insider's view of much of the country. Trekking through a bog was a new experience, though I passed on the even more unique chance to take a dip in one of the dark brown bog pools as my son and cousin did. But, without a doubt, the most moving aspect of the trip was visiting my ancestors' gravesites as well as going to places where my mother and father last lived some 80 years ago."

Your co-correspondent **Pete Salinger**, MBA '68, and his wife, **Ruth (Dritch) '67**, continue in various volunteer activities. They have recently traveled to Italy, Aruba, and Argentina. They have also recently become pseudo-grandparents, due to a young family from Germany who moved onto their block. They write, "It's been fun, and sometimes a little tiring, to invest time with two little girls, 7 and 3. We wouldn't trade it, however—it's very rewarding." Pete writes that he read a *Curious George* book to the 7-year-old—the same book his dad used to read to him! ☐ **Pete Salinger**, pete.sal@verizon.net; **Susan Rockford Bittker**, ladscienc@aol.com; **Deanne Gebell Gitner**, dgg26@cornell.edu.

67 **Carole Newman Allen** (Arlington, MA; allen@massmed.org) is a retired pediatrician and was appointed in November 2012 by Gov. Deval Patrick to the Massachusetts Health Policy Commission, charged with helping to reduce healthcare expenditures. She's also on the board of the American Academy of Pediatrics. Her granddaughter, Tabitha Richey-Allen, was born in December 2012: "Thanks to the repeal of DOMA, her moms, who work for the US Foreign Service, will now receive federal benefits after they are legally married this summer, probably in Minnesota. Son **David Allen '97** and his husband, **Michael McGrann '96**, are both teachers and live in New Jersey with their 5-year-old son Theo, whom **Tom '66** and I took to Disney World last month." Carole would like to hear from **Skip** and **Patty Clark McCann** and **Susie Loveland Hodes**. She adds: "We all plan to get together this summer on Martha's Vineyard. I also will see **Ellen Schmidt** Greenblatt, another classmate who lives in California, and I keep in touch with **Libby Roth** in Palo Alto. Sad to learn that **David Mordovanec** passed away in 2010."

Chuck Sheppard (Springfield, MO; chucksheppard7@hotmail.com) wrote back in October that he had just gotten back from the AMHA National Show and was headed to the international Air Medical Transport Conference to give lectures." He adds that he was named Distinguished Alum of the Year at his 50th high school reunion. **Sherry Carr**, MILR '70 (Laverock, PA) has been "reading, gardening, traveling, exercising, and being an attentive grandmother." Last year she traveled to Sri Lanka and Greece. "Why? Because I haven't been there before," she explains. Sherry also attended **Laraine Testa** Zappert, PhD '76's recent wedding. **Richard Weldgen Jr.** (Webster, NY; rhw8@cornell.edu) observes: "I'm enjoying retirement so much I've started a new company, Dramatic Landscape Lighting. The big project this year was lighting 13 25-ft. metal sculptures for Albert Paley. The pieces were on display in the mall on Park Avenue

in New York City through November. My free time is spent with my granddaughter Zazie."

"Not quite semi-retired, more like 10 percent retired," reports **Davis L. "Dave" Turner** (Mission Viejo, CA; dlt506@aol.com). "I'm working as an engineering consultant in the 'vertical transportation' industry—that's elevators and escalators. Still working because I enjoy it. Made contact with **Gordie Booth**, ME '68, and **John Bruns**, and attended my 50th high school reunion, so I guess I'm on a nostalgia kick. Barbara and I have two grown and married children and one granddaughter, 3 years old. We have enjoyed and continue to enjoy being grandparents." As for what he'd rather be doing now: "Just what I've been doing." **Mady Hirschfeld** Schichor (Washington, DC; mhschichor@comcast.net) writes, "I just moved from Connecticut to the heart of Washington, DC." Mady is retired and spends her time traveling and playing with her granddaughter. In response to the what-would-you-rather-be-doing query, she confirms, "I'm doing it!" More news to come in the next issue. ☐ **Richard B. Hoffman**, 2925 28th St., NW, Washington, DC 20008; e-mail, rhoffman@erols.com.

68 It seems that three activities are occupying the time of our classmates as we approach and enter retirement. World travel, spending time with our grandchildren (and their parents), and giving back to our communities and organizations of interest are keeping us very busy.

Steve Unger, ME '70, recently retired and has been traveling, bonding with his grandchildren, and volunteering on nonprofit boards. He had a great time at Reunion with ten of his fraternity brothers from Tau Epsilon Phi. **Bob Tuttle**, MBA '72, is working part-time in commercial real estate and medical product development, but spends much of his time as co-chair on the prestigious board of directors of First Robotics, an after-school program for over 300,000 kids nationwide. He also volunteers at the See Science Center in Manchester, NH, where he and his wife live. **Thomas Noble** is cutting back on his working hours as a gastroenterologist and is enjoying golf and gardening in the "great climate" of South Carolina, where he moved last fall. Tom and his wife, Marcia, also take time every few weeks and drive north to Virginia and Pennsylvania to spend time with grandchildren and three married children. Tom's looking forward to making a trip out West to reconnect with his crew-mates (oarsmen).

Barry Shaw is also cutting back on his working hours as an orthodontist. This gives Barry and wife Annette more time to spend with their first grandchild, Dori Julianna, born recently to daughter **Natalie Shaw '00** and her husband. **Nancy Kaye** Litter balances her time between her interior design business, volunteering at the Getty Center in L.A., and, of course, her three granddaughters. **Alan Stoll**, MPA '70, is still working as a principal in TWM & Associates, healthcare advisors and investors, but he's spending more time with his two grandsons on the West Coast and his two granddaughters on the East Coast. Alan was honored to serve as "executive in residence" at Cornell's Sloan Graduate Program in Health Administration, bringing him to campus several times last year and in 2014 to fulfill a two-year commitment.

Mary Lou Janicki Currihan is the associate dean in the Office of Academic Affairs at Notre Dame College in South Euclid, OH. Her enjoyment of working with the students extends to

volunteering for the Sorority Alumnae Association, which has elected her president for 2013-15. She's also the advisor to her local chapter of Kappa Delta at John Carol U. **Louise May** Gruber has had the pleasure over the years to work with authors who are also Cornell alums in her position as VP/editorial director of Lee & Low Books in NYC. Louise has recently traveled to Machu Picchu, the Amazon, and the Galápagos and hopes that she'll soon do more traveling as she enters semi-retirement. **Corky Nunn** is still working with Microsoft in San Jose, CA, but his real passions seem to be playing gigs with his rock band, the OverCommitments, and watching his adult sons play amateur hockey. **Paulette Stewart-Johnson** rediscovered her passion for the piano and singing upon her retirement after 32 years as a high school biology teacher. She's putting her training at the Eastman School of Music prep school, where she was an honors graduate, to good use performing in and instructing her local church choirs. Paulette and her husband, Eric, split their time between their idyllic homes in Florida and North Carolina.

Tom Silliman, ME '70, is the CEO of Electronics Research Inc., but still makes time for his passion of whitewater kayaking and cattle roping. Tom and wife Sally have recently built a new home on the ranch in Lynnville, IN. **Mark Taylor** is still playing tennis in Atlanta, GA. Now retired, Mark and wife Suzy are playing more duplicate bridge and are in their final push to attain the coveted Life Master designation. Mark recently visited his newborn granddaughter in San Francisco. He's looking forward to playing tennis at the Cascadilla courts, playing bridge at the downtown Bridge Club of Ithaca, and, of course, seeing classmates at our 50th Reunion, June 7-10, 2018.

I'm looking forward to the next few months in Delray Beach, FL, and getting together with Florida-based Cornell friends. E-mailing me with your news will still get to me and to your classmates. Tell us what you're doing and where you've been. ☐ **Chuck Levitan**, clevitan22@comcast.net.

69 Thanks to classmates who took the time to get in touch! **Seth Bramson** is America's single most-published Florida history book author. His 22nd book came out in August 2013. He is also the only person in the country who bears the official title of company historian with an American railroad. Seth is currently working on the history of Aventura, FL, the history of Greater Miami during World War II, and the history of Miami Beach High. He writes proudly of his grandsons: "Number one grandson, Joshua Nemser, passed both the New York and Florida Bars on the first try and is an attorney with Weil, Gottschalk in New York. Grandson two, Harrison Seaman, finished his second year at U. of Miami with a 4.0 and was one of only five sophomores to be selected for an internship during the summer of 2013 with Goldman Sachs."

Steve Kussin (sk3015@aol.com) has been an education reporter for WCBS Newsradio 880, here in New York, for three years, broadcasting reports three times a day, five times a week. "It's been a wonderful experience—talking about something I have a passion for to so many people." He also teaches in the Dept. of Radio-TV-Film at Hofstra U., does some consulting, and is finally completing a novel that he began eons ago and hopes to turn into a screenplay. Steve adds, "Sharyn and I are coming up on our 42nd anniversary. All three of our sons are Cornell graduates. **Todd '97** is a

lawyer, **Eric '01** is a VP with the New Jersey Devils, and **Lonnie '07** is an assistant director of student affairs in the graduate school of business at Fordham U. We also have two granddaughters (Rebecca and Kaylee) via Todd and his wife Alyssa. I have started to reconnect with classmates after 40-plus years. After hearing me on the air, they've tracked me down—and we're back in touch. How did the time slip by? Would love to hear from more!"

Marsha Gold has taken her interest in craft collecting to a new level and published a book, *Craft a Life*, that talks about her contemporary craft collections and travels in a personal way that includes text and 130 photos. "For people like me, 'stuff' is much more than material things. It reflects fine craftsmanship and a heritage to preserve and pass on." Check it out at <http://www.blurb.com/books/4334038-crafting-a-life-travels-through-my-collections-pap>. The eBook can also be found on iBooks. **Cathy Weisman Topal** is still teaching a course at Smith College called the Teaching of Visual Arts, but has retired from the laboratory school. Her sixth book, *Creative Minds out of School*, commissioned by the Massachusetts Cultural Council and Massachusetts After School Partnership, was published recently. "It is a good book for parents and teachers with no art background, but a love of art." Cathy adds, "After a family of girls, girls, girls, we suddenly have three grandsons under the age of 3. It is such fun to be a grandparent. These little ones are so amazing—figuring out how to walk, swing, climb, eat, and work every device. I am in awe. We know so much about brain development in the early years, how come we are not investing in our children in those years? We know that the payoff would be dramatic. It is crazy." Cathy has also

been busy traveling to the Balkans and taking a walking tour of Italy.

Reunion is June 5-8, 2014! Here is an update from our class presidents, **Steve** and **Ingrid Dieterle Tyler**: "We're off and running! Your three terrific reunion chairs **Charlotte Bruska** Gardner, **Lee Moseley** Kleinman, and **Linda Schwarz** Negrin are hard at work planning a fantastic 45th! Class headquarters will be at the Townhouses on North Campus—across from RPU student union—a good gathering space with pretty courtyards. Each unit has two bedrooms, one bathroom, a living room, and a kitchen, and is partially air-conditioned. We also have great venues for our events. Now is the time for all of you to make sure you have the dates on your calendars and think of ways you can help the class. Our class VPs, **Alan Cody** and **Agnes Brown**, are organizing the affinity groups. This is one of the most important ways you can help. We know classmates return when they know there are classmates of similar interests who will be there. So please start thinking about whether you can be a contact for your university sports team, intramural team, honorary society, freshman dorm, fraternity/sorority, fellow RA's, choir, band, tour guide, etc. Alan (almorrow@aol.com or amc343@cornell.edu) has more information he can share with you, and Cornell is happy to help with all the names you need to make the job as simple as possible. If you have an interest and want to learn more, you're welcome to attend the Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC) in Boston at the Marriott Copley Place on January 17-19, 2014. There is a class dinner on Saturday night, which will be an additional kickoff for reunion. Any suggestions are welcome! Please check our website frequently: <http://cornell69.org>."

Happy New Year to all!  **Tina Economaki** Riedl, triedl048@gmail.com.

70 As another year begins, I wish you good health and much happiness. And I also invite you to note that our 45th Reunion is just a short year and a half away. Our reunion year will coincide with the 150th anniversary of the founding of our beloved Cornell and will be a particularly exciting weekend to be back on the Hill. Plan to attend, June 4-7, 2015, and to bring along friends from the Class of 1970 when you journey back to Ithaca.

After 35 years working for the US Navy, mostly on submarines, **Bill Johnson**, ME '75 (Manassas, VA; wjm23@comcast.net) has retired from federal service and formed WMJ Assocs. LLC. "I provide consulting services to government and industry for matters concerning the set-up and management of what has become known as 'open architecture.' My efforts in transforming the Navy's approach to complex system acquisition were included as a case study in the book *Collaborate or Perish* (2012) by Bratton and Tumin." Bill continues to play organized softball and basketball and is also becoming more active in what has become his avocation: herpetology. He adds, "My grandson Marcus is a seventh grade basketball and soccer star. I'm hoping he considers playing for Cornell some day. I reunion with my fellow Algonquin Lodge members every year."

Kenneth Gilstein (k.gilstein@gmail.com) and his wife, Paula, live in Kalaheo, HI. Kenneth works for the Kauai Dept. of Education doing clinical, cognitive, and neuropsychological evaluation, as well as supervising master's level psychologists. He also has a small private practice. Early in June 2013, his oldest son received his master's in speech pathology from San Jose State U., while his youngest son, Dylan, got his bachelor's from Western Oregon U. Middle son Matthew is a sommelier for restaurants in Maryland. Kenneth would like to be spending more time with his sons. And he would also like to hear from **Paul Fish**.

Byron Diggs (Cambridge, MA) has a medical practice in internal medicine and psychiatry. He likes to travel and has been reading more, hanging with friends, and enjoying time with his 13-year-old daughter. Byron says he finds himself suddenly single, suddenly on Medicare, and practicing denial. When he wrote, he was planning a trip to Ithaca with Cornell friends and learning about the music his daughter listens to. He would also like to be fishing, hanging out at the beach on Martha's Vineyard, and learning to play the saxophone. Byron would like to connect with **John Rudder**, MBA '68, **Carol Anne Wakeley** '71, **Warren Lem** '69, **James Keene** '74, and **Bill Wise** '68.

John Cecilia, MBA '79, lives in Lake Bluff, IL, and works in both Libertyville and Chicago. He works part-time with the Youth and Family Counseling Agency and is building his own private practice in psychotherapy and counseling for adults. John is recovering well from surgery to remove an external stomach tumor in March 2013, and when he wrote, he was on a special drug to keep it from returning. He was able to attend Reunion last June as part of the Continuous Reunion Club (CRC). **Bill Fogle** (Mesa, AZ) continues to tirelessly research the history of Delta Kappa Epsilon. His big news on that front is that the memorial tablet of DKE brother **Clifton Beckwith Brown 1900** has been located. He was killed in the Battle of San Juan Hill, Cuba, on July 1, 1898. The tablet had been

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lost for 50 years and has now been remounted in the foyer of East Sibley Hall at Cornell.

Keith Fuller (fullersSD@gmail.com) resides in San Diego, CA, with his wife, Gail, and says the bicycle riding is great! They have two grandsons, 15 months and 3-1/2 years old, who keep them quite busy. Keith wonders what **Dick Healy**, ME '71, is up to these days. **Peter Lin**, also in California, lives with wife Mary in San Francisco. **Dan Ladd** is working for HP Enterprise Services on a delivery team. They provide an electronic travel Web application to ten US government agencies' travelers. He is enjoying his two grandchildren, a 3-year-old boy and a 9-month-old girl, children of his son **David '02**. Dan's other two children, **Karen '04** and **Michael '07**, live near him in the Bethesda, MD, area. Dan claims he is almost ready for retirement—in three or four years. He would like to connect with **Jim Winchester**. ☐ **Connie Ferris Meyer**, cfm7@cornell.edu; tel., (610) 256-3088.

71 Later this month the Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC) will be held in Boston, MA. If you live in New England, please join us Friday, January 17, in the Copley Square area for a fun-filled evening. We will have a class cocktail reception and dinner and we would love to have all our classmates there. Contact **Naomi Katz Mintz** (NJKM@aol.com) or your class correspondents if you wish to register or if you need additional information about this event.

As your class correspondents, Gayle and I receive lots of interesting news from classmates throughout the country on topics ranging from retirement and grandchildren to new careers and global travel. But this story really caught my eye. Our classmate **Steve Gorfine** (srgny@nyc.rr.com) lives in Manhattan, where he is a colorectal surgeon at Mt. Sinai Hospital. One day his phone rang and it was a physician he had trained with many years ago, asking him to take on a new, seriously ill patient. The patient was a 24-year-old female with a complicated intestinal problem. It appeared she had two abscesses of unknown origin and her doctors knew they needed a colorectal surgeon to participate in her care. You may be wondering why this is a newsworthy story: the patient is a 180-pound gorilla who lives at the Bronx Zoo! "Holli" had stopped eating, had lost 50 pounds, and was not acting like a normal gorilla. She was not responding to any of the treatments the veterinarians at the zoo had tried. So Steve and two of his colleagues (another colorectal surgeon, along with a vascular surgeon) traveled to the Bronx Zoo to operate on Holli. The veterinarians at the zoo assured Steve that there were no malpractice concerns when operating on a resident of the zoo, nor was HIPPA a problem, but Holli had no health insurance. Luckily for the ill gorilla, all the docs volunteered their time, and we are happy to report that, with the expert work of Steve and his surgical team, Holli has made a great recovery and is enjoying life again at the zoo!

I recently had the pleasure of attending the wedding of Dana Stroul, daughter of **Beth Shapiro Stroul** (Washington, DC; bstroul@mtiworld.com). Beth is the president of her own consulting firm, Management and Training Innovations, and is a consultant in children's mental health policy, working primarily with federal and state governments to improve service systems for children and youth with mental health challenges. The bride, Dana, is the senior Mideast specialist for the Senate Foreign

Relations Committee. The groom, Brian Glenn, works at the Pentagon as a Mideast specialist in the Office of the Secretary of Defense, working on countries in the Gulf region. Beth's son, Adam, is a talent buyer in Denver, CO, where he manages and books bands (sadly, we are all too old to know any of the bands he works with!). The wedding was a wonderful mini-Cornell reunion. Cornellians in attendance included my husband, **Joe Miller '69**, **Sandi Taylor Eisenstein** and husband **Jeffrey '69**, **Diane Brenner**, and **Leslie Jennis** Obus.

Laurie Berke-Weiss (berke-weiss@bwp-law.com) was recently named among the New York Metro Top 100 Lawyers and the New York Metro Top 50 Women Lawyers. Congratulations, Laurie! Her daughter, **Alex Berke '06**, is in her last year at Fordham Law School, where she was honored for her public service work. Laurie's niece **Haley Finnerly '16** and cousin **Spencer Nord '16** are the newest Cornellians in the family. Laurie and husband Brian Berke have a country home in Torrington, CT, where they take tennis lessons and garden. **Susan Primmer** (suprim123@comcast.net) is a dermatologist in New Jersey. She has fallen in love with biking, although she admits, "No hills, just fun." Her husband, **Bob Harris**, DVM '74, and she have been enjoying biking trips in the US and Europe. Their daughter, Becky, has written a video, "Why Does My Body Do That?" which has already received two million hits on BuzzFeed videos. (At our age, Susan thinks we all might want to know why our body does that!) Susan would enjoy hearing from her roommate, **Jackie Orsagh**, and friend **Nancy Miller**.

Sadly, we received a note from **Byron "Bud" Wittlin '68**, who reported that his dear wife, **Linda Goldspinner Wittlin**, died at home in San Carlos, CA, on May 13, 2013 after a two-year battle with ALS. Linda did groundbreaking work as a labor negotiator, which included work for Aramark Care of Philadelphia, PA, and Manor Care of Silver Spring, MD. She also volunteered in many community organizations and worked tirelessly as South San Francisco Bay chair for the Cornell Alumni Admissions Ambassador Network. We extend our heartfelt condolences to Bud. Please send us some news and we will write about you! ☐ **Linda Germaine-Miller**, LG95@cornell.edu; and **Gayle Yeomans**, gyeomans@gmail.com.

72 **Rob Blye** (rwblye@comcast.net) retired from Normandeau Assocs. Inc. after more than 40 years at Normandeau and its predecessors. "After graduating in Wildlife Science with a strong interest in birds, I got my first job at Babcock Poultry in Trumansburg, NY, spreading chicken manure. While there, I was hired by **Edward C. Raney, PhD '38**, as a terrestrial ecologist at his firm, Ichthyological Assocs. Inc., and moved to Pottstown, PA, where I still reside. IA became RMC Environmental Services, of which I became president, which we then sold to Normandeau. So I owe my career and eventual retirement to a handwritten ad in the basement of Fernow Hall: 'Terrestrial Ecologist Wanted.'" Rob and his wife have nine grandchildren and are enjoying an active retirement. "While working part-time in January I attended a utility/environment trade show in Phoenix, AZ. My wife and I extended the trip to Sierra Vista and the Mexican border for birding; then, shortly after retiring, we went to New Orleans for the food and music. Following that, we went to coastal Louisiana and Texas for birding, then the Upper Peninsula of Michigan for fishing and birding while staying at a friend's

'cottage,' our cabin in northeast Pennsylvania for turkey hunting, fishing, and birding, Manchester, VT, as a treat from our kids, and the Pennsylvania Society for Ornithology annual meeting in Wilkes-Barre, PA. Next we went to Albany, NY, to babysit our grandkids, the Chesapeake on a 35-person family vacation, and to northern Ontario to go fishing with a son-in-law. Next stop is Avalon and Cape May, NJ, for more fishing and birding."

Bruce Hazen (bruce@threequestionsconsulting.com) has published a new book, *Answering the Three Career Questions: Your Lifetime Career Management System*. "If only we'd all had a book like this 40 years ago to think more strategically than just finding-one-job-in-a-row," he writes. "Think son, daughter." **Gary Masterson** (gcmasterson@comcast.net) is a consultant and project manager specializing in the application of contact center operations and technology best-practices. Among other things, he is a call-center solutions consultant for Thomson Reuters Global Call Center Infrastructure, establishing and supporting the company's worldwide sales, service, and technical support centers. For the past several years Gary has also volunteered as chairman of the City of Elgin (IL) sustainability commission. He would like to hear from Delta Tau Delta fraternity brothers, friends from ILR, and members of the Jordani Society, Sage Chapel Choir, and Cornell orchestra.

Ken Orenbach (sydor@aol.com) and wife Chris retired several years ago from the practice of securities and corporate law and relocated from the Metro New York area to Charlotte, NC, which Ken describes as "a great place to live." Ken is on the adjunct faculty of Charlotte Law School, teaching securities law and other business-related courses. He has also published two *Law Review* articles, and teaches poor and functionally illiterate Latino adults how to read, write, and speak English. In his spare time, Ken enjoys golfing, sleeping late, and playing with his golden retriever puppy. To celebrate their 20th wedding anniversary, **Patricia Gorman Canute** (pcanute@verizon.net) and husband Craig traveled to Russia and saw the summer solstice in St. Petersburg. **Mary Jane McKinven** (mjmckinven@aol.com) is director of communications at National Cathedral School in Washington, DC. **Marcia Strauss Owens** (mdlvsrn@aol.com) teaches a review course for nurses sitting for their boards. She also participated in the America Moonwalk for breast cancer and takes cooking classes at the French Culinary Inst. in New York City and at the Cordon Bleu in Paris.

After 30 years of private practice in medical oncology/hematology (five years in Pennsylvania and 25 years in Tennessee), **Lawrence Nagle** (lnagle@comcast.net) moved to Hamilton, New Zealand, where he has a position in the Dept. of Medical Oncology at Waikato Hospital. He plans to work in New Zealand for a few more years and then retire back home in Chattanooga, TN. **Mark Schimelman** (mschimelman@gmail.com) retired from practicing medicine in January and is "thrilled to be spending retirement with the love of my life," wife **Shelley (Grumet) '73**. **Richard W. Smith** and Shameka Shepard were married on December 27, 2012. Richard is employed at the New Jersey juvenile justice commission, working with incarcerated boys. In addition, he recently started a small taxi business in northern New Jersey. **Dan Smith** moved to Roswell, NM, and is working as a substance abuse specialist at Roswell Job Corps. Send news to: ☐ **Gary L. Rubin**, glr34@cornell.edu or **Alex Barna**, alexbarna@comcast.net.

73 For those of you who were at our 40th Reunion last June, it was great to see y'all. Hope you enjoyed your return to campus in spite of the rainy weather. For those of you who weren't there . . . we missed you and hope you will get the chance to return to Cornell soon. And don't forget to save the first weekend in June 2018 for our 45th Reunion. Reunion co-chairs **Debbie Greene** Rothman and **Danielle Lombardo** Trostorff are already planning the next celebration!

Alice Garr Schiff and I were the only representatives from our small freshman corridor in Balch; however, Kappa Psi (a "local" sorority during our time on campus, but now again a part of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority) had a strong turnout with **Sherry Reed** Cheney, **Kathy Atkinson**, **Christina Miller** Sargent, and **Pat Resig** Curtin, MBA '74, in attendance. My husband, **Ron Skalko**, and I were glad to welcome **John Lerew**, MBA '74, wife Lori, and son Christopher to the festivities on Saturday, when the sun finally emerged from behind the clouds in time for our pre-dinner cocktail reception on the terrace of Schoellkopf Stadium.

Thanks to all of you who have provided us with updates of your lives; keep the news coming! **Jacqueline Birnbaum** recently had her first book, *Healing Childhood Trauma Through Music and Play*, published as an e-book. The book is about her music therapy work with a child adopted from China. It has 29 video excerpts of music embedded in the text. If you are in the L.A. area, be sure to check out the new herb garden on the top of **Abbey Berokhim's** Steingarten Restaurant (www.steingartenla.com). He looks forward to meeting anyone from Cornell. Also on the West Coast, **Irene Kohan** Yesowitch (Oakland, CA) writes, "In 2011, I and a few of my partners left our prior firm and opened up the SF office of a Chicago-based firm. I am the managing partner of the SF office of Mechler Bulger Tilson Marick & Pearson. Our daughter **Hannah Greenberg '11** just left her job in Miami to work for **Bob Alter** at his new company, Sunview Investors. After six long years, Hannah is back in California!"

Miriam (formerly Norma) **Reiss** (Los Angeles, CA; miriam@spiritedmarketing.com) is continuing her two passions: business and career coaching and standup comedy. When she wrote in July, she had just attended an alumni travel talk and met **Darlene Chakin** Basch and two other Cornellians. **Angela Robinson** Boatright-Spencer (angelaspirit@talk@aol.com) has been doing urban ministry in North Carolina. She is an Episcopal priest (ordained deacon in 1991; priested 1992), a former journalist (*Newsday*, WOR-radio), a former nun (Order of St. Helena), and a published author. **Dorothy Lange** reports from Falls Church, VA: "After retiring from my position as a learning disabilities specialist, I am working part-time as an educational diagnostician for a nonprofit agency, as well as learning to sail and taking ballroom dance lessons."

Richard Winnett writes, "After more than 39 years of working for USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service, I retired in July 2011. I continue to run in 5K races throughout New York's Southern Tier and in Central New York. Since my retirement, I've completed 42 races in the 60-plus age group." Very impressive! Richard and wife Nancy have a 1-year-old grandson. **Mitch Weiss** (Ithaca, NY) and his wife, Martha Hamilton (a former reference librarian at Olin Library), have been full-time storytellers for more than 33 years, as well as the authors of more than 18 books. This has taken them all over the world. Their specialty is teaching

students to tell stories—"a perfect way to teach public speaking skills at a young age," says Mitch. "I should note," he adds, "that I majored in Government and some have sarcastically noted that that seems the perfect preparation for a storyteller." Check out their website, www.beautyandthebeaststorytellers.com, or find them on Facebook.

Laurence Bernstein (Toronto, ON) is still consulting, but with more of a focus on hospitality and tourism branding. At the time he wrote, Laurence was trying to understand the new class dues billing system. "I'm still not sure what I'm supposed to do, but at least I can while away the hours trying to figure it out!" Hopefully his class dues have gotten paid, but if anyone else is still confused, don't hesitate to contact me at lskalko@comcast.net. And please continue to keep us informed on how you are filling your time (and maybe redefining your life) as our post-Cornell years march on. **Lorraine Palmatier** Skalko, lskalko@comcast.net; **Phyllis Haight** Grummon, phg3@cornell.edu.

74 As our class goes from the varied 60th birthday celebrations that were held last year to gearing up for our 40th Reunion (really, 40 years!) in June, some of us keep finding ways to spend time in Ithaca. One way is through our progeny. Though not as many of our children are beginning their own Cornell journey—at its peak we had as many as 80 children of classmates on the Hill—we do have five children of classmates who started in Fall 2013, including **Lauren '17**, daughter of **Jodi Sielschott** Stechsulte. Jodi has sent four of her children to Cornell. Soon we will be starting on our grandchildren.

Others in Ithaca include **John Foote** and **Kristen Rupert**, who have owned a second home in Ithaca for many years, and **Renee Alexander**, who has been a Cornell administrator for several years and is now working on a new project promoting diversity on campus. **Mike**, PhD '81, and **Lora Dickerhoff Delwiche, MS '81**, recently bought a house in Lansing overlooking Cayuga Lake, with enough space to plant grapes. Mike is a professor of engineering at UC Davis specializing in electronic instrumentation and sensor development in biological systems. **Lou** and **Roberta Bandel Walcer** are about to consolidate from being dual residents of Solon, OH, and Ithaca, NY, to full-time in Ithaca.

Bob Boynton of Staten Island maintains a home in Ithaca, where he keeps a fleet of about ten classic and antique cars. He recently completed an extension to his garage to be able to add three or four more. **Mary "Mi" O'Connell** recently retired from a senior level human resources position at Elsevier/Knovel Publishing Co. in New York City and has moved to nearby Spencer, NY, to do HR consulting. **Bill Howard** is the new chair of the *Cornell Alumni Magazine* Committee, succeeding **Dick Levine '62**. The committee shepherds the magazine on behalf of the Cornell Alumni Association and includes professionals from Audible, CNN, the *New York Times*, Time Inc., Twitter, and *USA Today*. Bill had previously served on the committee for six years through 2009 and helped to create the digital edition of the magazine in 2011 as a special project for editor **Jim Roberts '71**. Bill returned to the committee in 2011.

Classmate **Brian Winters** has been honored as one of 162 lawyers at Quarles & Brady LLP to be selected for inclusion in the *Best Lawyers in*

America 2014. Brian practices in the Milwaukee office in the area of energy law. **Judi Friedman** Babcock (Bedford, MA) continues to work as a play therapist. Her son is working for a medical consulting startup called Meta Med. In her spare time she enjoys creating paintings of children and dancers in acrylics (www.judibabcockpaintings.com). Hope to see you all at reunion in June! **Jack Wind**, jjw@mwhlawfirm.com; **Helen Bendix**, hbendix@verizon.net; or **Betsy Moore**, emoore@cazenovia.edu. Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>. CAM Digital Edition, <http://www.cornellalumni.com/magazine-digital.com>.

75 As I write this, the government is shut down and we are bumping up against the debt ceiling. I wonder if these headlines will crop up again by the time you read this column!

We have greetings from Lake Oswego, OR, as **Alicia Kavka** (abkavka@gmail.com) writes that her youngest son got married in Anchorage last August to a wonderful girl he met while studying Japanese at the U. of Hawaii. The proposal included his flying from Japan to Hawaii to make the big ask! "Our oldest son, an illustrator, is now in Japan studying the language, art, and culture; and our middle son is a struggling actor in Portland, OR. Any parts out there for a skinny, shy type?" **Karen Kaplan** (kmkaplanmd@gmail.com) works at Merck in drug safety. Son **Benjamin Shatzman '17** is in Arts and Sciences, and daughter Aliza recently graduated from Williams College.

Martha Simon (Burlington, MA; masimon@rcn.com) writes, "After 38 years teaching public high school students, I have retired to the next stage of my work life. With my younger daughter starting college at Rutgers, I'll be working for a while, not riding off into the sunset. I'm currently working part-time supervising student teachers and teaching the practicum seminar at Lesley U. and looking for other part-time work. My older daughter graduated from UMass Amherst in 2012 and worked for a year as a paralegal in Boston. She has now returned to China, where she spent her junior year abroad, to become fluent in Mandarin. Both daughters love where they are—and that's wonderful for us, the parents! I visited my daughter in Beijing three years ago, and now my husband, Monte, and I are planning a trip to Rome for our 25th anniversary." Martha adds, "I have spent a lot of time in the past six years helping to save a forest in my town (check out landlockedforest.com). I haven't had much time for hobbies, but I still love to read, walk, bike, and hang out with friends."

Here's a great update from **John Morrison**, who reported on Sigma Pi fraternity's celebration of its 100th year on the Cornell campus. John, a nuclear submarine veteran and retired nuclear power plant specialist who lives in southern New Jersey, writes, "Fourteen Class of '75 brothers returned to Ithaca in September for the celebration, including: **Steve Lozier** (St. Louis), who recently retired after serving in the US Navy and a variety of professional positions with hospitals and large physician group practices; **James Chamberlain** (Forest Hills Gardens, NY), a partner in a mergers and acquisition firm, who sidelines as an actor; **Bill 'Willy' Dougherty**, ME '76 (Rochester, NY), an engineer for Johnson & Johnson; **Gary Wicks**, PhD '81, also from Rochester, a professor and associate director of the Inst. of Optics; **Ed Gogol** (Westwood Hills, KS), a professor in the School of Biological

Sciences at the U. of Missouri, Kansas City; US and world champion sailor and sailing coach **Dave Delenbaugh** (Easton, CT); engineer **Michael Quaid** (Williston, VT), who also serves on the Vermont Board of Professional Engineers; **Vance Harrison Jr.** (Edmond, OK), the president and CEO of the Oklahoma Association of Broadcasters; **Fred Parker**, retired from the US Navy Engineering Duty Corps and now president of a military consulting firm in Washington, DC; **Peter Phillips**, a partner in a NYC law firm specializing in intellectual property and patent law; **John Stetson Jr.** (Shelburne, VT), who has been an engineering consultant and construction manager; cardiologist **Mark Hausknecht** (Houston, TX); and pathologist **Jeffrey Craver** (St. Louis, MO).” Thanks, John, for taking the time to keep us connected! And congrats to Sigma Pi on its Cornell Centennial!

Helen Wekstein LeBrecht, JD ’81, wrote in September that instead of having a 60th birthday party, she was giving a benefit on October 24 in NYC: “Passion for Pachyderms” for the David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust, which helps to rescue and save baby orphan elephants and rhinos throughout Kenya. “The high price of ivory in the Far East has led to an escalation in the slaughter of African elephants—one every 15 minutes or 35,000 a year. By 2025, African elephants might become extinct if the massacre doesn’t stop. Elephants are extremely intelligent and compassionate and their demise is tragic.” If anyone is interested in learning more about this worthy cause, you can e-mail Helen at coeur3@mac.com. **Peter Fanelli** retired in June as the director of law enforcement for the NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation, after 32 years in the Division of Law Enforcement and a total of 37 years in public service. “My daughter Gina has followed me into DEC as a marine biologist on Long Island, and her sister Laura, a math teacher, is also on Long Island.” Peter and wife Diane, who already had retired as a grants administrator for the NYS Parks, “celebrated their new freedom from work” by taking a photo safari to Hluhluwe, South Africa, in September.

Also in New York State is **Janet Rivkin** Zuckerman (janetzuckerman@gmail.com). She is a clinical psychologist/psychoanalyst and was recently named the director of the Westchester Center for the Study of Psychoanalysis and Psychotherapy in White Plains. Her private practice is in psychoanalytic psychotherapy in Mamaroneck, NY. **David Fischell**, PhD ’80 (dfischell@angel-med.com) is serving his second term as a Cornell trustee, along with continuing as CEO of Angel Medical, a medical device company in New Jersey that, among other things, is developing technologies for continuous intracardiac ischemia monitoring and alerting. He is chairman of the Cornell Biomedical Engineering Advisory Board and a Fellow of the American Inst. for Medical and Biological Engineering. He also holds 85 US patents and has founded nine biomedical device companies in the last 15 years. June 2013 was a great month for David. He won the Ernst & Young NJ Entrepreneur of the Year award in the Biotechnology and Medical Technology category, and daughter **Jennifer ’13** graduated from Cornell. (David got to march with her in full regalia to the stadium—a great experience.) He adds that thanks to **Lowell McAdam ’76**, another trustee, he recently reconnected with his freshman roommate, **Rich McAfee**.

Dana Polan, professor of cinema studies at NYU, has published *Julia Child’s ‘The French Chef’* (Duke), describing how “entertainment and instructional strategies came together in the force

of a dynamic personality who cogently and consistently made cooking fun while never losing sight of the utility of basic instruction.” **Eric Nusbaum**, MS ’77 (Greenfield, MA; info@wheelwrightconsultants.com) keeps in touch with **Howard Cutson ’68**, **Bruce Homstead ’63**, **Jim Covart ’76**, and **Keith Underwood ’79**. Eric recently started working with startup food processors to help formulate recipes and do nutritional analysis for their products as well as packaging design. **Joseph Sacco** (Germantown, MD; joe@sacco.us) is the owner of Miracle Ear stores in Montgomery

‘Some have noted that a Government major seems the perfect preparation for a storyteller.’

Mitch Weiss ’73

County, MD, and has published a children’s book, *Dancer Under the Lights: Polar Bears, Climate Change and You!* **Jim Thul** sends an updated e-mail address: jthul@live.com.

Classmates who participated in Cornell’s Adult University programs last summer include **Louise Vacca** Dawe, **Mitch Frank**, **Neil Hemphill**, **Claudette Jones**, **Mary Kate Owens**, and **JoAnne Tomczak**.

For the Boroff household, we are so happy to have our son return from Afghanistan after his nine-month deployment with the US Army. Our daughter is in her final year at West Point, where she is the Command Sergeant Major for the First Regiment. ✉ **Karen DeMarco** Boroff, karen.boroff@shu.edu; **Joan Pease**, Japease1032@aol.com; **Deb Gellman**, dsgellman@hotmail.com; **Mitch Frank**, MJFgator@gmail.com.

76 Ilise Zimmerman sends lots of news. “On July 1, 2013, I was promoted to executive director of the Partnership for Maternal and Child Health of Northern New Jersey, the largest nonprofit consortium in the state dedicated to improving the physical and mental health of women, children, and families. Since my office was moved and I now have an hour commute, I’ve been trying to learn Spanish by listening to DVDs in the car. I’m much better at dancing Salsa than I am at speaking a new language. Husband **Dennis Posen’s** firm, Posen Architects, continues to grow. Daughter **Stephanie Posen ’08** has become a senior development associate at NYU, and Michelle has recently been promoted to supervisor at Mediacom, a media marketing company. Our family attended a cousin’s wedding in Holland and then took a train to Berlin. It’s an ideal city for a history buff (Stephanie) and an architect (Dennis). However, Michelle and I were saddened by the human suffering that had taken place there.” Ilise adds, “The last week of August, I taught a one-day course on Health Administration at the Sloan Program in the HumEc college. The campus was glorious and I went for a lecture at the Plantations. I wish that ‘Welcome Weekend’ was around in the ’70s. The Japanese drumming was outstanding.”

An announcement from the Bachmann-Strauss Dystonia and Parkinson Foundation reports that

Paula Kirschenbaum Stein has been appointed executive director. Since 1995, the Foundation has provided more than \$30 million in seed money for global scientific research to find a cure and better treatment for dystonia and Parkinson’s. **Lauren Rosenberg** Moffitt spends her time as a financial advisor with Ameriprise Financial. She writes that she has a passion for helping clients and was rewarded with a perfect (100 percent) client satisfaction score! A great evening was had when she held an event called “Managing your Career for Optimal Success” at the Cornell Club.

Still working for the US Fish and Wildlife Service, **Robert Gabel** spends his “spare time” growing and propagating orchids, gardening, and restoring/renovating two houses (home and vacation). In March 2013, he was elected to serve as one of the chairmen of a large international meeting in Bangkok, Thailand, attended by representatives of about 150 countries. He says it was a career highlight for him. He writes that he would rather be enjoying retirement, but that should come within the next year. **Alice Mascette** retired at the end of May 2013 from the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Inst., where she has worked for the last ten years. She has three volunteer jobs that will continue: she will practice cardiology at Walter Reed half a day a week, teach occasionally at USUHS (Uniformed Services U. of the Health Sciences, the military’s medical school), and teach ESL twice a month. “But the rest of the time will be spent rowing, windsurfing, and singing with the Choral Arts Society (directed by Scott Tucker, recently of Cornell Glee Club fame). The chorus is filled with young Cornell alumni.”

Work, three dogs, running, traveling, and yoga fill up **Gale Climenson** Walters’s time. She has one daughter at home who is deciding what she wants to do with her life. **Steven Tremaroli** is serving a two-year term on the international board of directors of Lions Clubs Int’l. This will involve speaking at local Lions conventions as well as extensive domestic and international travel to attend board meetings. When asked what he might rather be doing, his response was, “I’m doing EXACTLY what I want to do.” In 2010, **Janie Schwarzchild** Hodgetts became an ordained rabbi following a spiritual calling. She also provides executive coaching to individuals in the Boston area, providing pastoral care, chaplaincy, and spiritual direction.

Christine Tecklenburg Camann, DVM ’80, spends her time working, agility training her dogs, hosting veterinary student externs, gardening, doing church work, bicycling, and hiking. She has been working to fight the Constitutional Pipeline, a proposed high pressure natural gas transmission line, which she says may take out most of the “back woods” on her beloved 75-acre property. **Al-ice Mims** Payne writes that she would love to be traveling, but also enjoys the time she spends volunteering and working part-time. Two years ago, **Sheila Collins** started SC Surfaces LLC, a business

that provides exotic wood flooring and decking as well as several specialty chemicals for hard surfaces (tile and concrete) and anti-graffiti products. She also spends her time with friends, eating out, hiking, visiting family, and on a not-for-profit board. Sadly, we learned that **Warren Grosjean** passed away in a car accident on June 28, 2013. We send our condolences to his family and friends. ✉ **Lisa Diamant**, Ljdiamant@verizon.net; **Karen Krinsky** [Sussman; Krinsk54@gmail.com](mailto:Krinsk54@gmail.com); **Pat Relf** Hanavan, Relf@tds.net.

77 Our first news is from Ithaca, NY, where **Christine Sanchirico** has been hired as the first executive director of the Ithaca Public Education Initiative (IPEI). IPEI supports educational initiatives for students and teachers in the Ithaca School District. Previously, Christine spent ten years as the executive director of Catholic Charities and the Ithaca Breast Cancer Alliance. She was also executive administrator of the Women's Community Building and interim executive director of the Literacy Volunteers of Tompkins County. Most recently, Christine has been an administrator at Cornell. Congratulations on your accomplishments, Christine.

Paula Spina has been running Crockett Farm as well as engaging in civil rights battles, including a fight against the US Navy ("Can you believe we are still fighting the forces of intolerance 60 years later?" she writes). What with law school and work, Paula did not have a chance to vagabond in Europe after graduation, but she made up for lost time by taking the Great European Rail Journey of 2013 through northern, central, and southern Europe. She described her exploits on Facebook at www.facebook.com/railjourney2013. **Gene Robinson**, PhD '86, has three degrees from Cornell and is now professor of entomology and neuroscience and director of the Inst. for Genomic Biology of the U. of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana. He recently testified at a Congressional hearing of the Science, Space, and Technology Committee on brain science and its potential and limitations to cure brain diseases and rehabilitate those with brain-related injuries and disorders.

Lewis Weinstock, MS '80, and his wife, **Marian Ruderman '79**, spent an enjoyable week at Cornell's Adult University. Lewis took the Biking the Finger Lakes course with his brother-in-law, Mark Levin, while Marian and her sister **Audrey Ruderman '74** took Great Trials. "It was great fun to spend each day with intellectual and physical challenges, while relaxing with fellow alumni and friends during free time." **Lee Lightbourne** lives in the Bronx, NY. He writes, "I am an independent scholar currently implementing programs for primary school economics and finance educational initiatives. I founded Wisdom Systems Inc., which sponsors economics, arts, and civics programs, 13 years ago to address education advocacy issues. Some of this work can be found at: WisdomSystems.blogspot.com. My youngest daughter, 13 years old, is also a consultant and tech with WSL."

After a long career with PepsiCo, **Scott Cupp** has taken early retirement. "Two years ago, I relocated to Paris, France, to enjoy the travels and travails of Europe and other parts of the world." Scott says he benefited greatly from the diversity at Cornell and thanks his classmates for introducing him to the possibilities of life. Enjoy, Scott, enjoy. **Michele Braun** retired last summer from the Federal Reserve to lead the Crosswat Group LLC, a start-up firm providing services to the payments industry.

Trish Fisher Vasseur started in real estate in 2013 in Newport County, RI, specializing in first-time buyers and seniors. Her son, Rick, is a senior at the U. of Rhode Island studying computer engineering and is also an intern at the Naval U. in Middletown, RI. Trish traveled to Italy in 2013 and spent two weeks in a villa in the Chianti region.

Martin Oppenheimer writes, "In August I became the general counsel at the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York City. JTS ordains rabbis and cantors for the Conservative movement of Judaism, has a joint undergraduate program with Columbia U., and runs graduate and continuing education programs. Previously, I spent nine years as senior counsel at Tufts U. I will continue to live in Newton, MA (just outside of Boston) for the next couple of years, until my youngest son graduates from high school, but will be living in Manhattan during the week." Prior to starting his new job, Martin traveled to Denmark and Sweden. His favorite pastimes are cycling and choral singing—and he wishes he had done more of that at Cornell as well.

On that note, I wish you all a Happy 2014. Please keep all of your news and views coming in to: ✉ **Howie Eisen**, howard.eisen@drexelmed.edu; or **Annette Mulee**, annette@mulee.com. CAM Digital Edition, <http://www.cornellalumni-magazine-digital.com>.

78 Happy 2014, '78ers! I hope this year brings health and good cheer for you and plenty of news for your class correspondents. **Stephanie Mitchell**, JD '80, has spent the last two years as a deputy head of the unit in DG Enterprise and Industry of the European Commission, working on policies and projects to promote European entrepreneurship and entrepreneurs. She adds, "For the last several years I've been translating about 200 pages of Chinese family memoirs and am now trying to find the time to edit the final version into publishable form. As it spans the life of a family of artists and writers from the civil war through the Cultural Revolution up to Tiananmen Square, it is full of gripping stories and also a real witness to history." Stephanie enjoyed a wonderful walking holiday on the Isle of Man and is still dancing with an amateur flamenco troupe. She welcomes any former ILC friends who come through Brussels—or even near it! **Cynthia Kubas** (Yardley, PA) was promoted to chronic myeloid leukemia specialist at Bristol Myers Squibb, calling on academic institutions in Philadelphia and New Jersey. Her winter escape was a Smooth Jazz Cruise in the Caribbean, where she reveled in great jazz and hanging out with the artists. Cynthia attended Homecoming, where she caught up with classmates **Rob Ainslie**, **Andy Curtin**, and **Steve Garcia**. Rob recently completed a move with the Ithaca branch of Wells Fargo Advisors to a new location on Tripphammer Road. Wells Fargo Advisors is a proud corporate supporter of Cornell Athletics for the 2013-14 seasons. He continues to serve as president of the Ithaca City School District's Board of Education. Son **Robby '14** has had, by all accounts, a great Cornell experience, most recently through his connection with Student Agencies, where he is winding up his term as president. Rob adds, "My wife, Judy, and I enjoy boating on Cayuga Lake with our posse of friends when I am not in a school board meeting."

George Corneil (Toronto, ON) recently celebrated his 15th year overseeing the commodity futures business for the Royal Bank of Canada. He was looking forward to a fall trip through parts of

Czechoslovakia and Italy with friends and spouses, including **Jeff Schmalz '77**. George's daughter also enjoyed some global travel after graduating from Queen's U. this spring. **Eric Kates**, DVM '81 (Colts Neck, NJ) is part of a five-person equine veterinary practice. He and his wife, **Shari Wachtman-Kates '79**, went to Israel in July to watch daughter Jackie and son Mitchell win gold medals in open women's and men's basketball at the 19th Macabiah Games. **Eric Law** (Rancho Mirage, CA) works with churches and nonprofits to "create sustainable communities—economically, socially, ecologically, and spiritually." He just published his seventh book. Also in the publications category, my former roommate **Suzanne Tougas** Snedeker (Ithaca, NY) edited a book last year, which involved herding co-authors to meet deadlines. Suzanne and husband Jeff live in the former Petrillose (of Johnny's Big Red Grill and Hot Truck fame) house in Cayuga Heights.

From Allendale, NJ, **Gary Holcomb** writes, "I consult with privately owned firms with less than \$100 million in revenue, helping them to grow faster, make more money, and deal with strategic issues." He served as CEO of Coining Inc. from 2004 to 2011, when he sold the firm to AMETEK. Gary notes that when he landed at Cornell, he came with three pairs of jeans, some shirts, and a calculator. "My wall was bare and my closet was about half full." **Audrey Foster** Warren (Tempe, AZ) recalls arriving at Cornell with "one large trunk filled with clothes, sheets, and blankets, plus one warm jacket with a hood." **Alexandra Swiecicki** Fairfield, PhD '85 (Silver Spring, MD; alex.fairfield85@gmail.com) writes that she took early retirement from the National Institutes of Health in 2002 when she lost the use of both arms. With the help of rehab and yoga, she's reinvented herself as a college professor at Montgomery College. Alexandra adds, "My arms are OK as long as I don't use a keyboard or laboratory pipette!"

Irene Kowalczyk Hryhorowych, ME '80 (New York City, NY; irene.kowalczyk@mwv.com) works for MeadWestvaco as the director of global energy sourcing and policy. Her three children are out of the house, and she's hoping to reconnect with friends from Cornell. As luck would have it, Irene would like to hear from Alexandra, **Margie Ferris-Morris**, and **Irene Anderson**. (Your humble correspondent gets to play Reunion several months after the fact!) That's all from me for this issue. Keep the updates coming! ✉ **Cindy Fuller**, cindy@cindyjfuller.com; **Ilene Shub** Lefland, ilefland@snet.net.

79 Our 35th Reunion is around the corner. June 5-8, 2014 will be here before we know it. We hope to see you there! Our reunion committee members are hard at work, and they are very conscious that reunion is about relationships—ones from our years on campus together and ones that have been important in the years since 1979. Modern methods of staying in touch are part of how we are spreading the word about reunion plans and how we are encouraging connections among classmates. In addition to "liking" the class on Facebook and following @CU1979Reunion on Twitter, how about creating a private Facebook or LinkedIn group for your "affinity groups"? Contact **Brad** and **Mary Maxon Grainger**, MPS '87, at (607) 257-3268 or cornell79Reunion@gmail.com for more ideas or assistance with social media.

In September, members of the reunion committee joined the Graingers for a Reunion Kickoff

in Ithaca hosted by the Alumni Affairs staff. **Jordan Schell-Lambert**, ME '80, **Karen Mineo**, **Shelley Spooner** Cooper, and **Liz Kutscher** Rosenstein are among the classmates already on board. **Mary Wilensky** Kahn and **Kevin Bruns** are organizing affinity networking, and **Deb Waterman** Johns and **Janet Goldin** Rubin are focused on regional events. There's also a great team working on fundraising toward reunion-giving goals, and **Jeff Berg**, ME '80, MBA '81, is collecting nominations for 35 distinguished classmates. All contact information and updates about reunion are at our website: www.classof79.alumni.cornell.edu. So please mark your calendars and plan to be on campus for a very memorable 35th Reunion weekend!

We recently heard from **J. Thomas McKinnon** (tom@inventworksin.com), who says he took an early retirement in 2009, after almost 20 years of service, from his faculty position at the Colorado School of Mines. Since then, Tom writes, "I have ridden my motorcycle through Europe and Asia (bound for Mongolia, but technical problems had us turn back early), started an ill-fated biofuels company, and started an electric vehicle company that didn't turn out so well either. My latest entrepreneurial venture, InventWorks Inc., is working out a lot better. We're an agile product design and development company with clients in the medical and industrial safety fields. We're also venturing into the UAV business (aka drones) for agriculture. On the personal side, I'm living in sunny Boulder, CO, with my wife, Susan. Both my kids are in PhD programs. Son Daniel has almost completed his work in chemical engineering at the U. of Colorado (he'll be a third-generation chemical engineer) and daughter Karen is midway through her program in atmospheric science at Harvard U." **Jeanie Lewis** Bramble '78, BS '79 (Queen Anne, MD; norwichcreekfarm@gmail.com) writes that she and her husband, Tommy, run a cow-calf beef operation with registered polled Herefords, called the Norwich Creek Farm. Jeanie enjoys coaching 4-H youth in "livestock skill-athons" and she also runs a child daycare center.

Kevin Bruns is a public affairs consultant and writer and continues to serve as president of the DU alumni association. Kevin writes, "Vicki and I are new empty-nesters and envy friends who live closer to town, within walking distance of bookstores, Starbucks, etc. Our youngest son, **Matt '16**, transferred to Cornell this fall from U. of Vermont and is looking forward to meeting other class and DU legacies. Son **Connor '11**, ME '12, works at SGH in Boston, MA, so I look forward to reconnecting with Cornell friends and DUs there." Last February, more than 30 DUs assembled in New Jersey the evening before the Ivy Football Association recognized **Tim Ring** for his distinguished business career. "Brothers from as far away as Texas, St. Louis, and Chicago attended the party—it was a blast and a fitting tribute to Ringer."

We have heard from classmates living in Ithaca with children attending Cornell. Brad and Mary Maxon Grainger had the thrill of attending their daughter **Erin '13's** Cornell graduation in May. Mary writes, "Sitting in the stands as our parents sat in 1979 was very special. One of the many things we noticed from our vantage point in the Crescent was the trustees swaying to the Alma Mater!" **Paul Soloway**, professor in the CALS Division of Nutritional Sciences, celebrated two graduations this year. Older daughter **Rebecca '13** graduated from Cornell, and younger daughter **Keara '17** graduated from Ithaca High School and is now studying Physics at Cornell.

Neil Exter can't believe that it's been almost 35 years since graduation. Son **Jared '17** is a freshman at Cornell, and son Michael is a senior at Columbia U. Neil writes that he never would have guessed that he'd end up as a partner in a biotech/medtech venture capital fund when he graduated from college. His past 35 years have included time at Hewlett-Packard in California right after Cornell, a stint at Stanford U. to earn a master's in electrical engineering, time with a startup company, and then two years at Harvard Business School. Around this time, he met and married his wife, Diane—what he calls the best decision he ever made. Neil writes, "I joined Third Rock Ventures in November 2007. Our goals are to create extraordinary companies in new areas of medicine, make a difference in patient's lives, and make money for ourselves and our investors."

Neil adds, "Diane retired in 2011 after a great 13-year run helping to start and build Sankaty Advisors (a hedge fund that's a part of Bain Capital). Her new passion is getting inner-city high school students into and out of colleges. She's on the boards of City Year of Boston, uAspire, CJP, and United Way of Boston." Neil notes a few rough spots over the past 35 years, including the deaths of both of his parents two years ago, within three months of each other. Cancer took Neil's dad so he is devoting more of his time to outside endeavors. "I've been riding in the Pan Mass Challenge for the past five years and have raised about \$200K for the Dana Farber Cancer Center. I'm now on a few boards at local hospitals, including Children's Hospital of Boston, Mass General, and Brigham and Women's Hospital, to further give back and help these magnificent institutions. Additionally, I'm on an advisory board at Cornell and the board of the New England Venture Capital Association."

Please send your news—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 throughout the year at classof79@cornell.edu, or directly to us. **Cindy Ahlgren** Shea, cindy.shea@sothebyshomes.com; **Kathy Zappia** Gould, kathy.gould57@gmail.com; **Linda Moses**, mosesgurevitch@aol.com.

80 Happy New Year to all! I hope the year will be a happy and healthy one for you. Just one year from now we will be ready to pack for our

35th Reunion. That is certainly hard to believe, but I hope you are planning to come back to the Hill to meet and catch up. After all, it's nice to hear the news of the old gang (or in Dik's case, posse) in the column, but just think how much better it will be to get that news in person.

I am happy to hear from both old and new contributors. **Dennis Cahill** has been staying busy. He is serving his 11th year as tenant representative on the board of the Alpha Community Services branch of Central Connecticut Coast YMCA. He is also board secretary of Connecticut PHRN. He is still serving as president of his building's tenant association and received the 2012 Janice Elliot Supportive Housing Tenant Award from the Reaching Home Campaign for his commitment and efforts to end long-term homelessness in Connecticut. He notes that it is still his plan, when he hits the lottery, to return to Cornell for one year and complete his second bachelor's degree. He is listed in the Alumni Directory and would like to hear from "any who are still alive." Reminiscing about arriving at Cornell, he remembers bringing a small manual typewriter, an AM transistor radio, a leather-bound Webster's dictionary, and not nearly enough winter clothing!

John Prokos has a busy architectural practice, with projects at Hobart and William Smith Colleges and at Lafayette College. His two sons are recent college grads, Matthew (Wheaton College) and John Jr. (Connecticut College). John recently took a vacation with his family in the White Mountains, hiking, biking, and kayaking—total rejuvenation time in the outdoors! He is also an avid skier (64 days last season) and was looking forward to winter. If **Hudson Hale '79** and John's old college roommates are reading this, get in touch with him! **Lucille Muccin** Oricchio has been working, traveling, and gardening. Last fall she moved her daughter into a cute house in New Orleans for her junior year at college. Although that is all well and good, she notes that she would rather be shopping at the Boqueria in Barcelona and preparing some tapas. She remembers carting a hot pot, popcorn maker, stereo, and speakers to school back in '76.

As an attorney, **Philip Berns** works weekdays and occasional weekends on family and specialty immigration and personal injury cases in Stamford, CT. In his spare time he works in his vegetable garden and goes on camping trips to the wilderness areas along the Eastern seaboard. This harks back to his arrival at Cornell—hitchhiking from Connecticut with a backpack and living out of it until Thanksgiving. He has been giving a lot of talks in Spanish and Creole (which he learned in the Peace Corps in South America and volunteering



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in Haiti) about immigration reform and how to prepare and advocate for it. If you are one of Philip's 1979-80 housemates from 112 Cook St., look him up—he wants to hear from you. Another attorney, **Scott E. Thompson**, writes that he has just changed jobs and is now general counsel in marketing properties at Mars Inc.

Bruce and Kathryn Christ Haupt are enjoying life as empty-nesters. They just moved from their family home of 17 years to a high-rise condo in Buckhead, GA. Both kids have finished college and grad school, have good jobs, and are living on their own. Katherine would like to hear from **Betsy Martens** Blodgett, **Myra Shapiro** Connolly, **Rosemary Contreras** Roberto, and **John Lobosco**, among others. **Chris Spear** cycled 115 miles with **Jim Salvie '83** in the NYC Century Bike Tour, riding from Central Park through the Village, across the Brooklyn Bridge to Prospect Park, out to Rockaway, and through Queens . . . and got lost in Astoria. At the Little Bay Park water stop they bumped into **Richard Weisman '81**, who was also wearing a Cornell Cycling Club jersey. Don't leave home without it, as you never know who you'll meet! Speaking of which, working in New York State recently, in Cayuga County, I unexpectedly ran into **Bruce Natale**, who is doing an incredible job as county engineer/planner/hazard mitigation officer.

Sigma Pi fraternity held its Cornell centennial in Ithaca last September with 200-plus brothers attending, including more than a dozen from the Class of '80. **Rick Bosshardt**, **Luc Chabot**, **Tom Cherner**, BS '82, **Joe Dervay**, **Jon Fordin**, **Steve Hobbs**, **Owen McCarron**, ME '81, **Tony McManus**, **Don Motschwiller**, **Steve Pirozzi**, **Kurt Rasmussen**, **Jay Sacco**, **Jarett Wait**, and **Doug Uyeno** joined in a celebration at Cornell's Pi House.

Scott Picon joined the CAU study tour on Cuba and the US last year. And on campus for the CAU summer sessions were **Denise Remppe**, who took Deconstructing Julia: Accessible French Cooking; **David Rivas**, who chose to Bike the Finger Lakes; and **Karen Schupak**, who dabbled in the Gorgeous Gorges of the Finger Lakes.

Thank you all for the news. Hope to see you at reunion in 2015, if not before! **Cynthia Addonizio-Bianco**, caa28 @ cornell.edu; **Leona Barsky**, Leonabarsky @ aol.com; **Dik Saalfeld**, rfs25 @ cornell.edu; **Dana Jerrard**, dej24 @ cornell.edu.

81 The summer season Down the Shore, where I live, officially ended long before I started writing this column. As Don Henley sings, *Nobody on the road, nobody on the beach / You feel it in the air . . .* Of all the highlights during the summer months, the Wind Star cruise my family and I took to Greece and Turkey last June tops the list. Imagine my surprise, as I am floating in the Aegean Sea off the coast of Bodrum on my stand-up paddle board (!), when a fellow passenger and I start chatting and find out we both graduated from Cornell! **Heather Taylor** Bumsted '88, a fellow Kappa, was on board with her family, through a tour group called Tauck. The leader for her trip was our class's own **Jim Hahn**! It took a trip to ancient Europe for Jim and me to meet, despite having the same major at Cornell, having many mutual friends, and both going on to law school after graduation. Heather's sister **Hope Taylor Scott** is also a member of our class, as is Hope's husband, **Mike**. Small world, even when sailing from Athens to Istanbul.

Viral Doshi (viral@viraldoshi.com), who lives in Mumbai with his wife, Sucheta, writes, "I am

following my passions of mentoring and career mapping children's futures." Viral Doshi Assoc., an independent international education and career guidance boutique, has offices in Dubai, London, and New York. **Adam Petriella** (Adam@TREFG.com), managing partner with the Real Estate Finance Group Inc., spent time last summer in Hawaii with family. Kauai, he says, is one of the most beautiful places anywhere. (I hope to learn that firsthand next year!) Adam lives in New York City with his wife, Alicia Proctor. He would like to hear from **Gilles Le Quellec**. **Cathy Goldrich** Shepard (cathyglenn@att.net) lives in Teaneck, NJ, with husband Glenn. "I have been working, watching my son's soccer and tennis games, reading, swimming, and volunteering with Hurricane Sandy relief to rebuild houses." She would like to hear from **Raina Perlmutter**.

Karen Prescott Dalby, **Cathy Cosentini** Bonczek, **Jane Sanders** Markson, and I enjoyed a Kappa reunion in New York City last April, where everyone caught up and laughed at pictures from the old parties at Cornell. **Deb Osgood** joined in for lunch the next day, as well as **Terry Barchenko** Weigel, who started with our class, then transferred to Barnard. **Rollin Scroger** (powersportssupply@netzero.com) is married to Nancy and spends his free time snowmobiling, golfing, and playing with his grandchildren. His company is Upstate Niagara Cooperative in Buffalo. **Peter McDonough** (Darien, CT) is president and chief marketing and innovation officer for the premium drinks company Diageo and is based in New York. Among other things, he oversees consumer planning and research, public relations, new product development, new technology platforms, and consumer testing. Peter is married to **Andrea (Bull)**, MS '83.

We report the sad news from Darien, CT, that **Doug Calby** died suddenly at home on July 14. Doug was passionate about Cornell and was an active volunteer, serving on the Cornell Council, in various fundraising roles, and most recently as the executive-in-residence for Cornell's Career Services Office. In this role, Doug made it his personal mission to come to campus for one-on-one meetings with students, sharing advice and mentoring hundreds of students as they worked to advance their individual career and life goals. Donations in Doug's memory can be made to Calby Career Services Director's Fund (Fund #0004236), c/o Allison Riley, Cornell Office of Alumni Affairs and Development, 130 E. Seneca St., Suite 400, Ithaca, NY 14850. Doug leaves behind his wife, Karen, and children Chris and Liz (both of whom attended Dartmouth College). More about Doug can be found at www.lawrencefuneralhome.com.

Vera Shadle '82, MHA '88, shared news of the death of our classmate **Jon Lindstrom**, associate professor of horticulture at the U. of Arkansas, Fayetteville, on May 30, after a two-year struggle with melanoma. He was a member of Tau Kappa Epsilon and also rowed crew. Vera writes, "Although he went on to other universities to earn his MS and PhD, he cherished his Cornell years all the way to the end of his life."

‘Small world, even when sailing from Athens to Istanbul.’

Barb Amoscato Sabaitis '81

Your correspondent attended a football game on October 19 in Long Branch, NJ, between the Big Red and the Monmouth U. Hawks. Cornell claimed a small area of the parking lot for a fabulous proper "Ivy League" tailgate, while the local university students utilized the remainder for enjoying liquid refreshments. The contrast was not

lost on my son Charlie, applying for admission to Cornell's Class of 2018, who was with me. He loved seeing how loyal all of the local Cornell alumni are. Having been to campus many times, Charlie was disappointed that the band, the cheerleaders were not able to come down to support the team. Cornell fought hard, but lost 48-23.

I called **Karen Levine** Whitman afterwards and gave her a full report on the game.

We love hearing from you! Thank you for continuing to send your news. **Barb Amoscato Sabaitis**, beachba@hotmail.com; **JoAnn Minsker Adams**, joann@budadams.net; **Betsy Silverfine**, bsilverfine@comcast.net.

82 As I write this column, the country has just emerged from the dark and curious theater that was the federal shutdown and the threatened debt default. I sincerely hope that we are not reliving that experience as you all read these words in the new year. Most likely affected by that debacle was **Patricia Morrissey**. For Patti, work consists of running an international engagement program on global security futures for the federal government out of the office of the director of national intelligence. She is senior officer for global futures and US representative to the Global Futures Forum. She reports that she spends her time on "work, kids, travel, trying to figure out how to pay for her children's colleges, attempting to stay in shape, and keeping track of her nine siblings and their families." Except for the latter task, I think many of us can lay claim to the same list! Patti lives in Sterling, VA, with husband Daniel Lloyd, and she would love to hear from **Theresa Reilley** Heggie and **Lori Seemann** Farris.

Several of our classmates report that they are engaged in social activism and charity work. "I organized a rally in NYC on April 5, 2013 as a volunteer activist with Amnesty Int'l USA," writes **Eric Aronson**. "It was attended by over 1,000 students and activists for human rights in Sudan, and we collected over 1,400 letters to send to the Sudanese government." Eric is interested in hearing from **Rick Sklar**. **Lisa Avazian Saunders** of Mystic, CT, is no longer raising children, but she and husband **James '81** are foster parenting and serve as a sponsor family for cadets at the US Coast Guard Academy. Lisa spends her workdays doing speaking engagements, writing, and holding writing and publishing workshops. **Melanie Grace Hayes Nesheim** lives in Windham, NH, and is president of, and runs, the Derry-based organization Family Promise of Greater Rockingham County, a non-profit that helps local homeless families get back

into permanent housing. Her husband, **William '81**, travels all over the world and she sometimes travels with him. She is also training a horse in dressage. Like many of us now, Melanie is enjoying her adult children. "I'm preparing for my son's wedding and marveling at my daughter **Amelia '14's** insights about humanity." She would like to hear from **David Wolfson '83**.

Another theme from our classmates is career advancement and new jobs. From **Wendy Raymond**: "After 19 years at Williams College in the Berkshires of Massachusetts, I'm moving close to Charlotte, NC, to be VP for academic affairs and dean of faculty at Davidson College. My son, husband, and elderly beagle will stay in Williamstown for a year so Caleb can finish his senior year of high school with his friends." **Nir Margalit** of Emeryville, CA, is launching a new startup as president of Avenir Culinary Systems. **Michael Gordon** joined Manatt, Phelps & Phillips as a partner in its New York litigation department. He writes, "After ten years at K&L Gates, this was a big move for me—but a terrific experience." Michael lives in Katonah, NY, with his wife Rebecca. "Recently took a new job in Los Angeles as president, global corporate services, at DTZ, a global real estate services firm," reports **Nick Westley**. "Pretty intense ramp-up, with lots of international travel, but also quite energizing." Nick, who lives in Palos Verdes Estates, CA, with his wife, Monica, took his son Aidan, 15, to Cornell for lacrosse camp last summer.

Change of another sort came for **Andréa Sonnenberg** of Putnam Valley, NY, who married classmate **Carlos Pereira** in October. Andréa, a certified nurse midwife, is involved with graduate nursing education and health services research. She would love to hear from **Janet Durso '83**, DVM '89. **Urania Poulis** writes of running: "running to sports with my 8-year-old and running a Greek Orthodox assisted-living facility, St. Michael's Home, in Yonkers." She lives with her husband, Paul Avery, in Mt. Vernon, NY. Sounding like a classmate who is starting to have a bit more leisure time (we are jealous!), **Heriberto Burgos** tells us that he spends his time "reading about Spanish wines and FC Barcelona, my team." He has recently been "planning a horse shed," and, if he had his druthers, he would be traveling in the northern part of Spain after visiting friends in Valdemoro. Ah, Spain, land of drinkable red wine available in the market for one to three Euros! Heriberto and his wife, Maria Eugenia, call San Juan, Puerto Rico, home. He would like to get in touch with old Cornell friend **Ricardo McKay '81**. That's all for now. ☐ **Mark Fernau**, mef29@cornell.edu; **Doug Skalka**, dskalka@npmlaw.com.

83 Hello, classmates! I'm happy to be sharing the class correspondent position with **Jon Felice**, who wrote the last column. I, **Barb Warner Deane**, am writing to you from Shanghai, where my husband, **Christopher**, and I have been living since August. Chris has been working here for more than two years, but I stayed behind in Elmhurst, IL, while our youngest daughter, **Miranda '17**, graduated from high school and moved into Cornell, where she is studying Engineering. She loves Cornell as much as her parents did, and we are happy to say Miranda is the 15th member of our immediate family to attend Cornell.

Chris and I were married the day before we all graduated, so we recently celebrated our 30th wedding anniversary. I have been actively involved

in the CAAAN network, both in Illinois and while we lived in Frankfurt, Germany, interviewing potential Cornellians. I hope to continue with CAAAN here in Shanghai. We recently attended a Cornell Club of Shanghai brunch and also went to dinner with my nephew, **Peter LaMoreaux '95** and his wife, **Nickle (Sheehan) '01**, at Fortune Cookie, a wonderful American-style Chinese restaurant here in Shanghai started by two fellow Hoteliers, **David Rossi, MMH '09**, and **Fung Lam, MMH '09**. I am splitting my time between Shanghai and the US, in order to see our daughters. Elizabeth, our oldest, graduated from the Wharton School at Penn in 2012 and is happily living in Brooklyn, working for PricewaterhouseCoopers. Samantha, our middle daughter, is a junior at Emory U.'s Goizueta Business School, although she is spending this semester abroad in Vienna, Austria. It will be great to be back East, and hopefully we'll be able to connect with our friends and classmates from Cornell more often when we're in the US.

On to the news. **Mark Spiegel** (markspiegel@gmail.com) writes that he is running Stanphyl Capital Partners, "a highly fundamental long-short equity hedge fund." **Anne Robertson**, a professor of mechanical engineering at the U. of Pittsburgh, was recently named a Fellow at ELATE at Drexel U. ELATE is a national leadership development program designed to advance senior women faculty in engineering and computer science into leadership roles within their schools. **Nancy Delaney-Garrison** (ngarrison@westminstercollege.edu) not only teaches in the graduate program at Westminster College, a liberal arts college in Salt Lake City, she is an elected school board member, a development committee member for the Sundance Utah Advisory Board, and an executive board member for the United Against Bullying Coalition. She loves teaching and says, "The bright minds and innovative thinking of educators gives hope for the future." **Eric Gouvin** (eric.gouvin@gmail.com) writes, "On July 1, I became the dean of the School of Law at Western New England U. in Springfield, MA." He adds that in 2012 he had a Fulbright Specialist Grant to give a series of lectures at a university in Chongqing, China. **Claudette Robb** Ross (crobbross@gmail.com) completed an intensive 90-hour course in restaurant management from the French Culinary Inst. in May 2013, in preparation for opening her own bar/laundromat in New York City. What an exciting and new idea. Good luck, Claudette!

Michael Kantor just completed a three-hour documentary series for PBS entitled "Superheroes: A Never-Ending Battle," as well as a companion book published by Crown Archetype (Random House). Both were released in October 2013. **Julie Doig McPeck** (jmcpceek@provisormarketing.com) writes, "I am still working with **Kate Howard-Johnson** Jones '86 in our company, Provisor Marketing. I feel so fortunate to do work I enjoy each day with someone I like to work with! Doesn't get much better than that!" Julie's daughter **Brenna '13** graduated from A&S in May. Daughter Shannon is in the nursing program at Purdue U., and daughter Kiley is a senior in high school. **Michael Vernick**, ME '84 (michael@giantface.com) recently left a big company R&D group to lead the video technology team at Worldnow, a NYC-based company that makes technology for TV stations. "My wife, **Audrey (Glassman) '86's** writing career is really taking off (audreyvernick.com). She has eight published young reader books, with four more on the way. My 18-year-old son is a senior in high school and my daughter is

a 14-year-old freshman. Still hitting the golf links once or twice a week when the weather is good. Since 1984, I get together for golf with 15-20 other Sigma Pi alumni at the Procrasticup, usually in Myrtle Beach."

Miriam Barasch Fleming (mir.fleming@gmail.com) writes, "Can anyone say 'chauffeur'? I am always taking our girls Sarah, 13, and Becca, 9, to their activities and social events. My law practice continues to keep me busy (and traveling)." Miriam also serves as the chair of the board of Milwaukee Jewish Family Services and as president of the Cornell Club of Wisconsin. **Dan Parker** (parker td@slic.com) is a project manager at Kruger Energy Inc. in Potsdam, NY, researching hydropower facilities for development or acquisition. He is also a county legislator. He'd like to spend more time scuba diving and visiting his granddaughters.

Robert Cima (robert.cima@fourseasons.com) and his wife, **Amy (Chrisman) '88**, recently traveled with their family to Thailand, including Bangkok, Koh Samui, Chiang Mai, and Chiang Rai. (Chris and I have been to Bangkok and Koh Samui over the past two years and really loved the Thai food and people.) Robert is enjoying his role as a regional VP for the Four Seasons Hotel, based in Vancouver, BC, and overseeing the development for South America and the Pacific Northwest. Smith College art professor **John Davis** (jdavis@smith.edu) had just returned from six months in Paris when he wrote last July. He had been teaching art history as a visiting professor at the École Normale Supérieure.

Please let us know about the changes and happenings in your life—we make it easy to keep up to date with Cornell. E-mail Jon or me at the addresses below, or use the online news form located at <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>. And don't forget, you can access the digital edition of the *Alumni Magazine* at <http://www.cornellalumnimagazine-digital.com>. We would love to hear from you! ☐ **Barb Warner Deane**, barbdeane@barbdeane.com; **Jon B. Felice**, jbfelice@jbfelice.com.

84 Former class correspondent **Karla Sievers McManus** reports that she and husband **Don**, MS '85, are proud that their daughter, Hannah, 13-1/2, landed two solos in the semi-professional production of *The Nutcracker* in New Hampshire! "She is tiny compared to her mother—only 5'6"! Son Collin is in his junior year of high school at Northfield Mount Hermon and a center on their basketball team at 6'10"! I send special thanks to **Catherine "Kitty" Cantwell** for taking on the job of class correspondent. I look forward to job sharing with you, Kitty!

Mark Cogen recently moved to Bangor, ME, for a "slower pace of life" now that his daughters have gone off to college. He spends his spare time exploring the mountains of Maine and rock climbing. Professionally, **Michael Whiting** is "mostly working to deliver a major planning project leveraging SAP software at Johnson and Johnson." When he is not at work, he trains for triathlons or watches his daughters compete in lacrosse and rowing. He and wife **Wendy (Zeh) '85** enjoy sailing, surfing, jet skiing, and sun tanning at the Jersey Shore. He would love to hear from his old roommate **Eric Ames** and remembers bringing LP records and a Norwegian fisherman's knit sweater to college (he still has the sweater). Wendy recently got together for a day in NYC with her old

apartment-mate **Lindsay Liotta** Forness, and I was able to join them for a fun and fabulous lunch at the Eataly marketplace. Lindsay recently traveled to Vienna to meet up with her daughter, **Keri '15**, who is studying in Amman, Jordan.

James Mann is busy working and saving for retirement in Vallejo, CA. Like most of us, he'd rather not be working. **Meiling Lee** Kravarik is an owner and broker for Nextage M3 Realty in Edison, NJ, and recently became president of the Asian Real Estate Association. She would love to hear from **Doug Durkin**. Well, Meiling, Doug is now doing business as Douglas Durkin Design—a full-service interior design firm specializing in private residences with services that include design consultation, space planning, project budgets, custom furniture design, purchasing, and project management. Doug has been a professional interior designer for over 20 years and founded Douglas Durkin Design in 2002. His company has had projects in Northern and Southern California, New York, Hawaii, the Southwest, the Rocky Mountains, Texas, and the Bahamas, and the work has been featured in *Architectural Digest*, *House Beautiful*, and *Western Interiors & Design* magazines. Douglas was included in *AD100*, *Architectural Digest's* list of the country's most innovative designers and architects. **Bravo, Doug!**

Paul Royer reports that life is great in La Crescenta, CA. When he's not working as a licensed clinical social worker, he's watching his kids grow up and get ready for college. He also manages to find time to golf in sunny California. He'd like to hear from **Mike Scully**, **Scott Sidman**, BS Hotel '02, **John Frontero**, and **James Sherrill**. **Jose Montes** is an oculoplastic surgeon in San Juan, Puerto Rico, and an associate professor in the ophthalmology department at the U. of Puerto Rico School of Medicine. He spends his time practicing and speaking locally and internationally on various ophthalmic surgery topics. He writes that he has been enhancing his private practice with the latest products and technology. He would like to hear from **Blanca Rivera, PhD '90**.

Maria Gallo, dean of the U. of Hawaii Mānoa College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources (CTAHR) and director of research and cooperative extension, has been named a Crop Science Society of America (CSSA) Fellow for 2013. The international science organization presented its highest honor to Maria and ten others from across North America on November 6, 2013, during its annual meeting in Tampa, FL. Maria, a plant geneticist, has been the CTAHR dean and director since July 2012 and is both an academic and a researcher. According to a news release, "she uses molecular biology and biotechnology techniques to improve the performance and quality of tropical energy and agronomic crops, and has led federally funded multidisciplinary initiatives to improve undergraduate teaching and graduate education. She has served in many leadership roles, including president of the CSSA in 2011, chair of the Alliance of Crop, Soil and Environmental Science Societies, and president of the American Peanut Research and Education Society." Congratulations, Maria!

Send your news via e-mail to either Kitty or me at the addresses below. And remember, your class dues now pays for both the hard copy and digital editions of the alumni magazine. Access it online at: <http://www.cornellalumnimagazine-digital.com>. No special access or registration is required to view the Class Notes, and all e-mail and website links

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85 Every once in a great while, when the radio happens to be playing "Single Ladies" ("Put a Ring on It"), I will jump around my living room in a (literally) pale imitation of Beyoncé. This, my friends, is basically the alpha and the omega of my "exercise" routine—which is why I am always wowed by classmates such as **Howard Gelb**, who write that they've "taken up a new sport." In fairness, Dr. Gelb does make his living as an orthopedic surgeon with a specialty in sports medicine, so perhaps it is only natural that he should attempt to imitate his patients' feats of athletic derring-do. But still: when a man who already spends his free time skiing (on both land and sea) and golfing tells me that has added "Brazilian jiu-jitsu" to his panoply of sporting hobbies, and that he now trains with his patient who is a world champion, I tip my metaphorical cap to him. Bravo, Dr. Gelb. Just please remember to bob and weave.

A couple of '85er Jims are apparently also no strangers to the gym. Veterinarian **Jim Rowe** says that he spends his time "hiking the White Mountains and riding horses with [his] daughter." He recently visited **Dave Zygaj**, chief lawyer for the NHL's Buffalo Sabers. **Jim Moore '84**, BA '85, is still, as he ever was, a star of the squash courts. Jim shares both his athletic and academic acumen with the fortunate students at Blair Academy in New Jersey, where he serves as director of squash programs, coach of the boys varsity squash team (on which Matt Reynolds, son of **Shawn Reynolds**, played), and AP Economics and English teacher. Jim was awarded the John C. and Eve Bogle Teaching Prize for his excellent work in the classroom. Kudos, Jim!

Happily for me and for readers of this column, Jim Moore also keeps in touch with many classmates. He and his wife, Wendy, recently visited **Jill Hai** and **Marc Rubenstein '86**, JD '89, in Boston. Jill writes, "I am deeply involved in various volunteer and local government projects, and Marc chairs the Life Sciences practice for Boston-based law firm Ropes & Gray." Jim also attended the 50th birthday celebration of his Cornell roommate, **Rob Mack**, who owns and runs Ophthalmic Consultants of Chicago. "Others who flew out to celebrate with Rob and his partner, Rob Smith, were **Mark Russell**, **Don Peck, JD '86**, and Jill's mother, **Carol Sue Epstein Hai '60**."

Two classmates sent news of recent publications. **T.J. Costello**, BArch '85's redesign of a pre-war Tudor home in Manhasset, NY, was featured in the Sept/Oct 2013 issue of *House* magazine. T.J., owner of Hierarchy Architects + Designers, and instructor at NYIT's School of Architecture, does architectural design work throughout the tri-state area and has designed vacation homes in Vermont, South Carolina, and St. Croix. If you are in the market for an architect, see T.J.'s great work at www.hierarchylltd.com. **Leslie Greenberg** Josel, together with diabetes expert Susan Weiner, is the co-author of *The Complete Diabetes Organizer: Your Guide to a Less Stressful and Manageable Diabetes Life* (Spry Publishing, 2013). Leslie, an organizing expert who has been featured on A&E's "Hoarders," says, "I was honored to be part of this project because my son's best friend has type 1 diabetes, and so it hit very close to home. The book is a one-stop organizer with tips on everything from

how to organize your supplies, kitchen, and pantry to organizing tips for travel, children, work, and everything in between. Think of your two best girlfriends who always have the answer or solution for everything. We want this book to be that for those who don't have those answers in their lives."

Where else might one turn for answers to life's most pressing questions? Well, Yahoo, for one. My Alpha Chi Omega sister **Kathy Jassy Savitt**, chief marketing officer at Yahoo, answered questions and served up a large dose of wisdom as the keynote speaker at Cornell's Entrepreneurship Summit NYC 2013. Kathy was part of a star-studded lineup that included Dean Laurie Glimcher of Weill Cornell Medical College, **Randy Garutti '97**, CEO of Shake Shack, and **Josh Wolfe '99**, founder of Lux Capital Management. (The Internet, luxurious capital, a good milkshake, and a good doctor—what more could one ask for?)

Like Kathy, **James Ritchey** is in an entrepreneurial frame of mind. James bought a company called Instron, where he serves as director of the "tissue engineering business." No, we aren't talking about building a better Kleenex; we're talking human tissue, which James says he is using "bioreactors" to grow. He asks, "Need a new liver? We are almost there." James says that what he would most enjoy is "drinking wine outside a cabin high atop a mountain in Vermont." (His Plan B?: "Hanging out with artists over a spicy dish of Hokkien Mee in Penang, Malaysia.") Note to **Vinnie Bonaddio '84**: James would like to know what you are up to, so please get back in touch. And bring wine. Or Hokkien Mee.

Whatever your business plans, life dreams, or good tidings, please feel free to share with us. Roberta, Joyce, and I enjoy lifting a glass to your success and happiness, and we look forward to hearing from you. ■ **Risa Mish**, rmm22@cornell.edu; **Roberta Zwiebel**, rfarhiesq@aol.com; **Joyce Zerkowitz** Cornett, cornett0667@comcast.net.

86 Class news varies by cycle but this column had some fun developments to report this time around. ArchDaily, the world's most visited architecture website, selected **Brad Feinknopf** as one of the top 13 architectural photographers in the world to follow. When I asked him about this great accolade, he wrote back that his father and grandfather were both architects and that he came to Cornell to take Design and Environmental Analysis in HumEc, intending to go into Architecture in grad school. He wrote, "A bunch of my friends at Cornell encouraged me to take a photography class my junior year, and I fell in love with it. I took every class I could squeeze into my schedule my senior year and then moved to NYC. In New York I worked for Richard Avedon, Robert Mapplethorpe, Horst, Arnold Newman, Joyce Tenneson, and others. I ultimately moved home to Columbus, OH, where my family was, and had a natural predilection for architecture. I have now been at it 25 years and I guess do it reasonably well, though I cannot explain the kind recognition." He quipped, "I decided I would rather get paid to appreciate architecture than to do architecture." Last year Brad photographed Milstein Hall for *Architectural Record* and it appeared earlier this year in *Cornell Alumni Magazine*, when it won an AIA National Award. Since buildings don't come to him, he travels a great deal and has gotten to see classmates and friends like **Kregg White**, **Jim Hess '87**, **Steve Nayson**, **Chris Miller '87**, and **Mike Malaga**.

Omar Mueller lives in West Sonoma County in California with his wife, two daughters, and a stepson. His career track: chef, wine buyer (Omar's wife is also in the wine business), then cheesemonger/owner of a cheese shop. Last July he wrote, "I recently opened Freestone Artisan Cheese (www.freestoneartisan.com) in Northern California, which features local producers of cheese and olive oils in the middle of wine and cheese country." Omar's stepson, Orlando, was planning his upcoming wedding, and daughters Kathleen and Virginia were studying at Evergreen College in Olympia, WA. He adds, "I was a volunteer for Ceres Kitchen, which teaches high school students how to cook healthy meals for folks with terminal health conditions. Local chefs mentor the kids, then a week's worth of meals are delivered to cancer patients undergoing chemotherapy or recovering from it. The food is specific to their conditions. A really stellar community program." Omar keeps in touch with **Howard Miller '88**, BArch '88, and other Psi U brothers on Facebook.

Classmate **Jeff Cowan** writes that in August 2013, a Los Angeles Superior Court judge approved a \$475,000 settlement of a class action lawsuit that he filed and had been prosecuting for four years against Donald Trump's Trump National Golf Club in Los Angeles. Jeff is still practicing magic in L.A. and keeping up with his twin sons. **Grace Wolcott Wadell** is living in Radnor, PA, with husband **Aaron '83**, MBA '87, raising their four kids and, after a long hiatus, working for Penn's law school and loving it. Her boss is a Cornellian and she finds the work interesting. Her oldest son, **Alex '17**, entered Cornell last fall!

Lael Bellamy (Atlanta, GA) is busy with swim meets and has a new job as chief privacy officer at the Weather Channel! **Steven Kirson** is a family law attorney at Warner, Bates, McGough, McGinnis & Portnoy, also in Atlanta, and was recently recognized by Martindale-Hubbell with an AV Preeminent rating for his work in family law and domestic litigation. **Felix Laboy** is in Bethesda, MD, but serving as executive in residence at the Hotel school and teaching during the spring 2014 semester! He enjoyed time with his family last summer, including son Ben, who graduated from Stanford in 2013, and his daughter who is a sophomore at Stanford. He would love to hear from **Brian Hale** and **Kathy Waymire**! **Sandy Caro De Cain** is also in Maryland, coaching lacrosse and running fundraising for various youth lacrosse programs. She is busy raising children and renovating a home in Chevy Chase. Please continue to send news and updates to your correspondents! ✉ **Holly Isdale**, isdale@mac.com; **Michael Wagner**, michaelwagner@wowway.com.

87 Happy New Year to the Class of 1987! Your class correspondents hope you had a joyous and peaceful holiday season.

Hotel school alum **Amy Benigno** Fothergill recently fulfilled a lifelong dream by publishing a cookbook, *The Warm Kitchen: Gluten-Free Recipes Anyone Can Make and Everyone Will Love*. She says, "My experience at the Hotel school absolutely gave me the cooking knowledge that was necessary to write this book." She adds, "Self-publishing has been an interesting experience." **Christine Donohue** Hofstedt also sends food-related news. She has recently launched a business, NOEMA (stands for None Of the Eight Major Allergens), making chocolates that are completely free of peanuts,

all tree nuts, milk, soy, and wheat/gluten. Christine said she started the company because she was unable to find treats for two of her children who have food allergies. The company is located in the New York City area, but will ship to anywhere in the country. Another classmate entrepreneur, **Feleciai Favroth**, has launched Skincare by Feleciai, a company producing handmade, natural skin-care products, including soaps, facial creams, lip balms, body butters, and bath salts. She recently launched a crowdfunding effort with Kiva Zip to raise \$15,000.

‘I’m one of those twisted people who reads papers in economics and political economy for pleasure.’

Hugh Sansom '87

Christine Shaw Palmquist, MBA '88, teaches eighth grade science and coaches Multisport Madness Kids, a USA Triathlon national champion youth triathlon team. She also coaches adult endurance athletes for TrainingBible Coaching and raises her two kids, Rebecca, 14, and Eric, 11. "Our family loves camping, biking, cross-country skiing, and canoeing together." **Solomon Karmel** is branch manager for First Allied Securities, a broker-dealer in Bellevue, WA. He says he travels once a year to Southern France to visit his wife's in-laws. He met his wife, who is from Belgium, while in China in the late 1980s; they have two children. Solomon says he is better at piano now than he was in his college years, and adds, "I wish I could do everything I did at Cornell ten times more!" **Amit Batabyal**, an economics professor at Rochester Inst. of Technology, completed *Essays in the Economics of Invasive Species Management*, which was recently published. Daughter Sanjana is a senior in high school and beginning the process of applying to colleges. Amit and his family took a trip to India and Ireland. "We celebrated Sanjana's 17th birthday in Dublin."

Karin Ann Lewis recently accepted a tenure-track position as assistant professor of cognition and learning in the U. of Texas, Brownsville's Dept. of Education Psychology and Leadership Studies. **Barbara Wirostko** is an associate professor of ophthalmology at the U. of Utah and a member of the Entrepreneurial Faculty Scholars through the school. Two years ago she started Jade Therapeutics Inc., a drug-delivery company that has recently received a National Science Foundation and Dept. of Defense grant for the development of sustained release of drugs to the surface of the eye for the treatment of various ocular disorders. Barbara and her husband have four children: a son studying mechanical engineering in Montana, a son in high school looking to go to college back East and pursue medicine, and two daughters, one in high school and one in elementary school. **Mary Boname** shared the good news that *Vision Monday* and Review of Optometric Business awarded her the 2013 Optometric Business Innovators Award. Mary is the president and CEO of Montgomery Eye Care in Skillman, NJ, and was awarded for the area of "patient expertise."

Douglas Rutzen is president and CEO of the Int'l Center for Not-for-Profit Law. On September

23, 2013, during the UN General Assembly, he joined President Obama and other dignitaries on a panel the president hosted, an event focused on international civil society. "This built on an earlier event in the year, where I spoke on a panel with foreign ministers from around the world who had convened in Mongolia to discuss democracy, civil society, and related matters." **Hugh Sansom** has been writing and consulting on public policy while occasionally producing interview segments for the "Leonard Lopate Show" on WNYC. He writes, "I'm one of those twisted people who reads

papers in economics and political economy for pleasure. But I'm also reading plenty of fiction and still stargazing." Hugh has a son, 8, and a daughter, 11, who are both happy at their schools.

Kurt Nielsen has started his 25th year working with adolescents with both disabilities and backgrounds of poverty. He writes, "The cocktail party response when I tell people what I do for a living is universally, 'You must have such patience.' Thankfully, I have not run out of it yet." Kurt adds that he is in his 20th and likely last year with the National Guard and will round things out with an exercise in France in the spring. **Eric Braun** reported that he was on campus in the fall recruiting for his firm, Corporate Executive Board. "I met some very promising undergrad talent." In the last year he traveled to a small town in Belgium to attend a friend's wedding and took a side trip to Paris. He also enjoyed a great trip to Napa. **Laura Jean Van Putte** Brand is a solo, private family physician in Waynesboro, VA, "one of the few 'hold-outs' in the area remaining in private practice." She also takes care of three busy teenagers and has recently completed her first marathon. She would love to hear from old Cornell friends. **Greg Gilbert** has been busy launching Orchestration Services Limited, a firm that commercializes emerging technologies in order to offer them to companies in a cost-effective way. Greg also had the opportunity to work with good friend and classmate **Hugh O'Gorman** on a very exciting company Hugh founded in the entertainment industry.

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

88 Greetings, classmates! Our 25th Reunion may be just a memory, but we are still hearing rave reviews. **Victor Seidel** attended Reunion with his wife, Sandra Shefelbine (Princeton '97), and children Corbin, Spencer, and Phoebe. At the class dinner it was noted that Phoebe (11 months at the time) was the youngest child in attendance! Victor's uncle **Daniel Seidel '58** was back for his 55th and cheered Victor on as he marched with

the Alumni Band. He was easy to spot, wearing a striped gold-and-black Cornell class blazer passed down from his great-uncle **Edgar Fenrich '31**, B Chem E '34. **Mark Podgainsy** enjoyed seeing classmates at Reunion and is already looking forward to the next one. Mark was promoted to managing director at his firm, where he assists underperforming and distressed middle market businesses. He spends free time with his wife and three girls—and exercising: Mark came in fourth in his age group at the Philadelphia Half-Marathon last year. **Alison Minton** reports that she was sad to miss Reunion, but would like to hear from old friends who may be living in or visiting New York City.

Although **Eric Hoertdoerfer** missed Reunion Weekend (due to his sons' baseball championships), he visited Cornell in July to attend the CAU Golf Camp while his two sons attended Cornell hockey camp. They enjoyed experiencing dorm living on North Campus, eating at Robert Purcell, and living life like college students for a week. Eric was promoted to first VP at UBS Financial Services in Boston, where he has worked for 12 years. **Scott Richardson** also paid a special visit to Cornell last June when he was married at Sage Chapel to Bob Miller, four days after the Supreme Court struck down DOMA. Their reception was held at Wagner Vineyards and many Cornell friends joined in the celebration.

In other news, we congratulate several classmates on their recent publications. **Amy Rosenstein** has a new Scholastic eBook entitled *10 Fresh Ways to Integrate Technology into the Classroom*, for which she was featured in *TIME* magazine. "My third grade students travel the globe via Skype to countries like Kenya, India, and China," she says. **Barbara Boroson** has worked with children on the autism spectrum for more than 20 years, and has two of her own children, one of whom is on the spectrum. She was commissioned by Scholastic to write *Autism Spectrum Disorders in the Mainstream Classroom: How to Reach and Teach Students with ASDs* and has been traveling the country speaking and providing workshops to educators and parents on this topic. **Stephani Robson**, PhD '10, is co-author of a new edition of *Hotel Design, Planning and Development*, and writes that she is already hearing the groans from her Hotel school students who have to read it! **Jennifer Sanchez** Goebel published a young adult/middle grade fiction book entitled *Tournament*, a post-nuclear war tale of 17-year-old soccer stars. When not spending time with her family and 3-year-old son Carson, **Lauren Parker** is editing a coffee table book called *Jewelry's Shining Stars* and working as an editor at *Accessories* magazine. Lauren writes that she would like to hear from Cornell friend **Diane Levitsky Mack '89**.

On the academic front, **Jonathan Falanga** reports that he has transitioned from active chiropractic practice to anatomy and physiology teaching at the undergraduate level. He and wife Lauren have a 9-year-old daughter Brienne and a rescue dog named Bella. **Jeffrey Moersch**, PhD '98, was recently promoted to full professor in the Dept. of Earth and Planetary Sciences at the U. of Tennessee. He is continuing his work on space-craft missions to Mars, including the *Opportunity* and *Curiosity* rovers. **Deborah Smith**, PhD '96, became chair of the sociology department at U. of Missouri, Kansas City in fall 2013. **Spencer Kroll** was made a Fellow of the National Lipid Association and devotes his medical practice and research to lipid and cholesterol metabolism and consults for difficult-to-treat patients. We also

congratulate Spencer and family on the birth of his son, Gavin.

Kelly Starr is a shareholder of Vedder Price PC, practicing executive compensation and employee benefits law in Chicago. She reports that she moved with husband Patrick Berklich and sons Theodore, 10, and Bradley, 13, from Chicago, where they had lived for 15 years, to the far north suburb of Lake Forest. Kelly has observed a greater number of Cornell car stickers in her new neighborhood! **Kim Coffin Johnson** writes from Palm City, FL, that she took a hiatus from teaching as an ESE paraprofessional in the local elementary school last school year in preparation for a family move. **Cheryl Yancey-Biron** writes, "My company, One Horn Transportation, that my husband and I co-founded, was ranked among the fastest growing women-owned/led companies in North America by American Express Open and the Women Presidents' Organization. We were also ranked among the fastest-growing companies overall in New Jersey by NJBIZ." Congratulations, Cheryl! On the personal side, her 16-year-old son, Alexander, is on the high school ski team and is interested in studying aerospace engineering. Cheryl invites anyone who can share experience with him in this industry to contact her. 13-year-old daughter Genevieve is a defender on her traveling soccer team and interested in becoming a veterinarian.

We love sharing news about our classmates' next-generation Cornellians. **Hayes Concannon Slade**, ME '89, writes that her son is in his fourth year at the College of Architecture, Art, and Planning. Slade Architecture, the firm that she and husband **James** founded, celebrated its tenth anniversary this past year! **Alan Paez** was appointed a US Administrative Law Judge and is glad to have gotten back to his "TLR-ie roots" working for the Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission, where he has employed several law clerks from Cornell. Alan's daughter **Sarah Elizabeth '17** is a freshman in Arts and Sciences and a member of Absolute A Cappella, a co-ed singing group. Alan writes, "Perhaps knowing the Cornell fight songs (from all our excursions to Cornell hockey games since she was a 1-year-old) gave her a leg up on the competition. Siblings Anna and Evan may set their sights on joining their sister."

Finally, **Annemarie Etienne**-Hester reports that she spends her time balancing parenthood (she has a 9-year-old and a 10-year-old) and working as an ophthalmologist in the Daytona Beach, FL, area. When asked to reflect on what she brought to Cornell as freshman, she writes, "I brought my journal to school and today I still look back and read some of my entries. It's interesting to see how I've grown." We invite all our classmates to reflect back, share your memories, and let us know what's new—including any classmates you may have reconnected with at Homecoming, Zinck's Night, Red Hot Hockey night at Madison Square Garden, or elsewhere. Please send your latest and greatest news to your class correspondents! **Andrea Meadow** Danziger, alm46@cornell.edu; and **Brad Mehl**, bradmehl@gmail.com.

89 So many of our classmates are visiting colleges with their progeny, it's time to schedule a reunion of our own! Bring the kids and show them Cornell at the same time—our 25th Reunion, June 5-8, 2014!

Brian '88, ME '89, and **Jennifer Thomas Harkins** are busy raising two teenage daughters and starting college visits. Jennifer is vice president at Sovereign Bank working on new product development, and Brian is a senior engineer at Raytheon working on national missile defense. They did a family trip to France last year and plan on Italy and/or a Caribbean cruise this summer. (Maybe after reunion?) Jennifer would love to hear from the other eight people who lived with her in the big house on Stewart Ave. in Collegietown. Brian and Jennifer are sure to advise their daughter on what to pack for college—likely more

than what they packed: four boxes only. No TV, no computer, no phone. Just clothes and some cash to buy books!

Debbie Schneider

Toy sent an exciting update on sons Brian, 17, Matt, 14, and Jack, 9. Matt was in the Babe Ruth World Series in North Dakota, but they lost in the semifinals. Maybe after all the touring of college campuses with their oldest, they'll pop in to Cornell. Debbie is a social worker at

Capital Region BOCES. **Amy Parker Sumida** is CEO of the Sumida household, and she and husband **Aaron** have been involved with their girls' Under-12 Softball as well. Aaron helps coach, and Amy does "team mom" stuff (which moms know is everything else). They both miss **Bill Young**. Thinking back to the beginning of college, Aaron arrived from Hawaii with two suitcases, all alone, with no parents or friends. Compare that to today's kids! It's fitting to add that **Cynthia Charatz Deculus** has been very involved in her son's travel baseball team, her daughter's soccer team, and her husband's zydeco band. She currently hails from sunny Tarzana, CA, and packed a typewriter when she came to Cornell.

Lane Blumenfeld writes, "These days I work with cutting edge technology companies in Washington, DC, as a member of Outside GC, an innovative law firm composed solely of partner-level attorneys, each with executive level, in-house experience." An avid outdoorsman, he completed the National Outdoor Leadership School's Outdoor Educator program and is certified as a Wilderness First Responder and Leave No Trace Master Educator. "Last summer my 13-year-old son and I climbed Mount Whitney in California, the highest peak in the Continental US, ascending via the heavily exposed, and hence less traveled, Mountaineer's Route." Lane is keeping in touch with his Cornell friends. "Last year I got Mets tickets from **Cory Zimmerman** while in New York and dining tips from **Amy Susman-Stilman** while in Minneapolis."

Bruce Zolot is president of Travers Tool Co. Inc., Metalworking Tools and Industrial Supplies in Queens, NY. He and wife Joan live in New York with their two sons. **Alyse Etelson Lieberman** lives on Long Island with her husband, Jeff. They have three kids, and Alyse is putting her Cornell urban

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Amy Rosenstein '88

planning degree to work for a local nonprofit organization. **Ilissa Rubinstein** Sternlicht shares the extremely sad news of the passing of beloved classmate **Randi Rimerman** Serota last August after an eight-month battle with colon cancer. Randi was a fabulous partner to her husband, Howie, and mother to her two wonderful boys, Max, 13, and Adam, 10. She was a labor lawyer and corporate attorney at Elucidian Corp. (formerly Sungard) and previously worked at private law firms and for the Dept. of Justice, Civil Division. Randi earned her JD from the U. of Virginia Law School, where she was Order of the Coif and an editor of the *Law Review*. A memorial service celebrating Randi's life was held near Philadelphia on October 13 at which **Ellen Toporoff** Noteware spoke. Classmates **Joanie Numssen** Santos and Lane Blumenfeld also attended. Another memorial was held in November in Randi's hometown of Port Washington, NY. She will be sorely missed by her family and numerous friends, who spanned locales from Philadelphia to Hong Kong.

25th Reunion Project: Class historian **Trevor Steer** is seeking pictures of classmates to compile for our 25th Reunion. Photos taken on campus from freshman year or senior year (preferably in cap and gown) are also welcome. In addition, a recent picture (taken within the past two years), to show how we've changed in 25 years, would be awesome.

There are so many members of our class we haven't heard from. E-mail one of us at the addresses below and we'll include your news here. There's still time before reunion, June 5-8! **Kimberly Levine** Graham, KAL20@cornell.edu; **Stephanie Bloom** Avidon, savidon1@hotmail.com; **Anne Czaplinski** Treadwell Bliss, ac98@cornell.edu; **Lauren Flato** Labovitz, lflato@att.net.

90 Happy New Year! Our resolution is to catch up on the news from the old year, so away we go.

We'll start up north in the Boston area, where **John Gauch** is living in Brookline with his wife and two daughters. He wrote, "I am finally pursuing a longtime ambition to start a company and/or shift into a role in the outdoors or conservation worlds. My experiences with the Cornell Outdoor Education program helped me onto this path. Many thanks, Dan Tillemans!" (Dan served as executive director of Cornell Outdoor Education from 1984 to 1999 and still facilitates and leads programs for COE while sitting on its advisory board, according to the Cornell Outdoor Education website.)

Next stop: Maryland, where **Eileen Glass** Singleton is living in Ellicott City with her spouse and sons Jacob, 11, and Elijah, 8. She received a Master of Civil Engineering degree from the U. of Maryland in 2000 and is working in transportation planning for the Baltimore Metropolitan Council. "Our family enjoys biking, kayaking, and skiing together," she added. "I am involved in volunteering with Soroptimist Int'l of Howard County, my synagogue, and the elementary school PTA." **Karen Jamison** Wizevich, MS '90, is a professor in the Johns Hopkins U. museum studies program and consults with museums around the country. She wrote last spring, "Just returned from husband Mike's sabbatical in Basel, Switzerland, where he was studying dinosaur footprints in the Alps!" Karen has also traveled all the way to New Zealand, where she lived from 1990 to 1993. The Wizevichs, who live in West Hartford, CT, have two children, Liya, 16, and Eli, 10.

Heading west to Texas, **Tony Lau**, ME '92, MBA '99, and his wife, Yvonne, have lived in Dallas for seven years, after a stint in Chicago. Tony wrote, "Seems like yesterday we packed up to join a start-up in Dallas, which then IPO'ed, became a Fortune 500 company, and now merged with another company to become a Fortune 125 company." Tony has two young daughters, ages 7 and 4, and keeps in touch with classmates **Kris Yeung**, ME '91, MBA '94, **Kar-mei Chan**, and **Shirley Sung**. Continuing west, **Richard Dreitzer** has joined law firm Wilson Eiser in Las Vegas, NV. According to a press release, he works primarily on labor and employment matters, but also has general civil litigation and construction practices, representing general contractors, subcontractors, and materials suppliers. Fellow attorney **Stephanie Marmelstein** Gitlin recently joined Pierce LLC as counsel. "My experience includes practice in the areas of healthcare cost containment and False Claim Act litigation, commercial litigation, and other complex civil matters."

Now we'll zip back to Ithaca, as it figures prominently in several classmates' updates. **Laura Calvert** Richardson wrote last summer to announce, "I just dropped my daughter off for a three-week class at Cornell Summer College!" The trip obviously stirred up some nostalgia, as Laura added, "I wish I could go back to my Cornell years!" and reminisced about what she brought to campus as a freshman: "High-waisted jeans and high-top sneakers, a cassette player, and NO computer!" Laura does have a college town address again these days, as she's living in Princeton, NJ, where she works from home as a senior project leader for Parexel Int'l.

Spouses **Rachel Greenblatt** and **Jim Appelbaum**, JD '90, were among 12 members of their family to spend a week at Cornell's Adult University together in honor of her parents' 50th wedding anniversary last year: **Sam '61**, MD '66, and **Judy Shapiro Greenblatt '62** have attended CAU nearly every summer since the early days of their marriage. Their Big Red relatives also include Judy's sister, **Susan Shapiro** Prohofsky '60, brother-in-law **Earl Prohofsky**, PhD '63, and a nephew, **Benjamin Greenblatt '00**, ME '01.

Sheila Richmond Hasser also went through CAU recently, along with husband Chris and their three daughters, 14, 12, and 8. In an essay for a "Writing Your Life" class, she wrote about feeling different from other freshmen: "When I packed for Cornell so many years ago, I thought I had everything I would need for freshman year: extra-long sheets, a cozy comforter, an oversized pillow for my bed, a bulletin board, bed lamp, and a friendly smile. My worries centered primarily about fitting in with my classmates from affluent families and prestigious high schools. My inner-city Boston accent was a dead giveaway of my blue-collar upbringing as one of seven children in a single-parent household. What if someone found out about my hoodlum brothers or my generous financial aid package? I worked extra hours to purchase my dorm room accessories, hoping to mask my roots . . . I wish I could tell that insecure, self-doubting, and terrified 18-year-old that she had the tools to succeed at Cornell—that she deserved to be there just as much as any other student and that she could and would graduate."

Still, Sheila wrote, she has wondered through the years whether attending Cornell was the right decision for her. Although she fell in love with writing there, she pursued a more reliable career as an engineer. CAU gave her the chance to return to her first love, and more: "During this visit here,

I have unearthed my true Cornell. It is not a stiff, stuffy, cold, and pretentious place where I did not belong, but rather a supportive and nurturing place where I began developing into my best self." Thank you for sharing, Sheila, and may we all find our best selves in 2014. **Amy Wang** Manning, aw233@cornell.edu; **Rose Tanasugarn**, nt28@cornell.edu; **Kelly Roberson**, kroberson@lightswitch.net.

91 Happy New Year! I hope the holiday season was a festive one for you and yours. To kick off the year, your class officers are busy coming up with programs for classmates to share in our Big Red spirit. On that note, please welcome **Scott Lewis**, who has joined the class officers as a member of the Class Council. If you would like to help with an event in your neck of the woods or our almost around-the-corner reunion, please contact us at cornell91@cornell.edu.

Steve Schuller is working for Plano, TX-based retailer JCPenney, where he leads the Talent Development team. In addition, he and Kyle Rose welcomed a new baby boy to the family in January 2013, Kellan Reed Schuller Rose ("Cornell Class of 2035?"). They have already bought him his first Cornell sweatshirt. **David Peck**, MPA '92, is busy in Pound Ridge, NY, as a managing partner at the Freiberg, Peck & Kang LLP multi-state litigation law firm. "I celebrated my son Simon's bar mitzvah on September 21, 2013. Many fellow alumni were present, including **Wab Cignarella**, **Matt Joseph**, **Ken** and **Elissa Wasserberger Miller '92**, **Doug Greene**, and **Andrew McDonald '88**. It was a very special day!" What great proof that the bonds we formed on the Hill last across the years and the miles. **Andrew J. Peters** writes that his debut novel, *The Seventh Pleiade*, a story of a young gay prince who becomes a hero during the last days of Atlantis, is available on Amazon and from Bold Strokes Books. He credits Creative Writing instructors **Kerry Dolan**, MFA '90, and Diane McFarlane. "Those courses toughened me up to brave the publishing world."

Kyle Karnes (kkarnes@studentagencies.com) and his family have relocated to Ithaca—and Kyle has returned to Cornell. "I have started as the new CEO of Student Agencies and we are in the process of relocating to Ithaca with our three daughters. We look forward to connecting with any Cornell friends who may be living in or visiting Ithaca." **Kate Pierson** Lundin writes from Beijing, where she has been for the past three years. "We moved here in 2011 for my husband Steve's job (country manager for Marsh China). I'm taking a break from working and am home with our two boys, Gunnar, 7, and Axel, 5. Beijing is such a dynamic city and we are taking the opportunity to experience a lot of amazing travel in the region. This year we have been to the ice festival in Harbin, China (the coldest I have ever been in my life—beyond anything experienced in Ithaca!), the Philippines, Vietnam, and Kyoto and Tokyo in Japan." She adds, "I'm looking forward to getting plugged into the alumni network in Beijing and hope to see some fellow Cornellians in the area."

Emily Kramer Neill, writing from Natick, MA, reflects on the last decade. "After graduating from the Hotel school, I spent about ten years in the industry (in London, Chicago, and Boston) before leaving to join the Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce." Emily shifted careers again after four years and joined the energy industry, eventually becoming RVP for Constellation Energy. "After two

kids (DJ, 5, and Addison, 7), and finding myself traveling throughout the US and spending very little time at home, I decided to leave corporate America and am now president of Junior Achievement of Northern New England. It's incredibly rewarding to know that every day, my team and I impact at-risk youth throughout Massachusetts and New Hampshire by teaching them financial literacy, workforce readiness, and entrepreneurship skills they don't currently learn in the public school system. I'd love to hear from my fellow Hoteliers, KDs, and/or anyone who wants to get involved with Junior Achievement." **Marcy Sacks** (Albion, MI) has been promoted to full professor of history at Albion College. She is literally running strong, and writes, "I am a grateful survivor of the 2013 Boston Marathon. I will be running my seventh consecutive Boston Marathon in 2014." **Alan Rosen** (Purchase, NY) just opened a new restaurant—"Enduro, a modern American grill at 56th St. and Third Ave. in New York City!"

Elizabeth Voulieris Kassinis notified us of a couple of mini-reunions when Class of 1991 friends **Eric Gomes**, **Maryanne DePresco**, **Marina Niforos Perez**, and Elizabeth and husband **George '90** caught up with each another in Paris and New York recently. Eric took time off from his marathon-running schedule (he's competed in 47 of the 50 US states) and growing medical practice in Princeton, NJ, to visit Marina in Paris, where she is the managing director of the American Chamber of Commerce in France. Earlier in the year, Marina's family hosted Elizabeth and her family, who are living in Cyprus, where Elizabeth works at the US Embassy managing the US foreign assistance program for USAID. Between them, Marina and Elizabeth have five daughters who became fast friends.

In July, part of the group was able to get together for brunch in NYC, where Maryanne was taking care of city business as a marketing consultant for Nielsen. She usually works from a home office in the woods of Burlington, VT. Maryanne shares a newfound interest in "birdwatching" with George Kassinis, who teaches strategy and management at the U. of Cyprus's Dept. of Business Administration in Nicosia. Everyone missed **Susan Halebsky Dimock**, who was too busy as the interim director of the Illinois in Washington program in D.C. to join them this summer!

Don't forget that you can submit class notes anytime by visiting <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>. **Charles Wu**, ccwu@mac.com; **Tom Greenberg**, twg22@cornell.edu; and **Wendy Coburn**, whmilkscoburn@me.com. CAM Digital Edition, <http://www.cornellalumni-magazine-digital.com>.

92 **Heather Garbacik** Savickas has been busy on foot, on a bike, in the water, and in a car! She's been training for the YMCA's "Last Chance Tri" in Mattoon, IL, in October. And, she reports, "In July, I drove with my three sons from our home in Illinois to Vermont and back. Along the way, we stopped to visit friends in Ohio, camped with my brother and his wife (**Caitlin Haas Garbacik**) in upstate New York, camped with family in Vermont, and visited Niagara Falls for the first time." **Candis Griggs** Hakim is working as a private practice art conservator in Doha, Qatar. Her family moved to the Middle East to allow her husband to teach at Carnegie Mellon U. in Qatar. Their two daughters love their new schools and meeting friends from around the world. She adds that she's learning to

read and write Arabic and trying to make decent sushi! Candis wishes she had enjoyed the natural beauty around Ithaca a little more while she was at Cornell.

Lots of literary news this issue! **David Andrews** has published an article on rape and female characterization in the cinema of Sam Peckinpah in the Fall 2013 issue of *Post Script*, and has a book, *Theorizing Art Cinemas*, out as well. His wife, **Chris Foster '94**, won a 2013 Quantrell teaching award at the U. of Chicago, where she is senior lecturer in evolutionary biology. "Our kids Sam and Ruth are doing well in school and play piano, sing in choir, and participate in soccer, Lego competitions, spelling bees, and sewing activities." What does David wish he had done more of at Cornell? Cornell! "I wish I had gone to grad school at Cornell—so I could have spent more time in Ithaca." **Carter Wilson** is living in Erie, CO, and his debut novel, *Final Crossing*, was published in 2012. His second novel, *The Boy In The Woods*, will be released in 2014 by Severn House. He's also traveled to Thailand, Ireland, England, Hong Kong, and the Dominican Republic. That's a lot of frequent flier miles! **Sue Eisenfeld** and her husband **Neil Heinekamp '91** live in Arlington, VA. Sue teaches creative nonfiction and science writing for the Johns Hopkins U.'s master's in writing program. Her first book has been accepted for publication and is due out in fall 2014 from U. of Nebraska Press. Check out Sue's author page on Facebook for more information.

Gregory Wong works for Salesforce.com developing business strategy for their Chatter social platform and other emerging products. He loves to play tennis and soccer and go to the beach with his three daughters aged 10, 7, and 5. When he filled out his news form, **Steve Pae** had Hawaii on his mind! Steve and his wife, **Diana (Yu)**, had just returned from a family vacation there. Back in the real world, Steve has a new job at the CIT Group as a divisional chief information officer that takes him to Brazil, Canada, Mexico City, Dublin, and Shanghai. **Mariela Markelis** Dybner and her husband, Ariel, have left their law firms in New York City to start their own boutique transactional law firm, Dybner & Dybner, with offices in Maplewood, NJ, and Brooklyn, NY. They specialize in business needs such as real estate, employment, corporate, and green energy. If you want to know more, you can find them online at Dyblaw.com. In the meantime, Mariela reports, "Our oldest child, Lucy, began high school, and our two youngest, Teddy and Miles, started kindergarten on the same day we inaugurated our new firm. We are planning our second daughter Phoebe's bat mitzvah for this spring." Vying for the awesome parents of the year award, the Dybners escaped their cold house after Superstorm Sandy by taking a family trip to Disney World. New grads, take note! Mariela's only college regret is that she didn't get more of her friends' contact information to keep in touch after graduation.

In computing news, congratulations are in order! **Don Milley** has just launched a company that developed a new app. "Groupinion helps members make better decisions (where to go, what to do) by allowing their friends to help them decide. Check it out in the Apple Store!" He and his wife Kristin recently had a visit from **Bridget Fancher '93** and **Sharon Kowar** de Waard. Don says he misses Cayuga Lake and Buttermilk Falls. **David Chin** recently took a new role as senior systems administrator at Drexel U.'s university research computing facility. He also traveled to Malaysia to celebrate Chinese New Year with family and has

been spending his spare time getting back in performance shape for modern dance.

Last summer, I had two impromptu Cornell AGR-related reunions. While in Milwaukee on business, I met up with **Chris Hart** (for coffee, of course!) and a good chat when I happened to find myself in the same office building that he works in. Chris is a client services director for the Baker Tilly accounting firm. I see Chris every few years, so it was good to catch up with him and get all the family news. **David Kapusansky '90** actually lives within 15 miles of me here in southeastern Michigan, yet I haven't seen him since he graduated. He completely surprised me when he walked up and recognized me at my town's country fair. We spent about 45 minutes shouting to each other over the sounds of the tractor-pull going on just 100 yards away.

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

93 Time flies and, well, time flies. Fun was had by all at last summer's 20th Reunion, with typical Ithaca weather: a little bit of rain, a little bit of cloudy, and a lot of sunny on the last day. It was lovely to be able to catch up with **Jacqui Francis**, **Amy Miller Moore**, **Yamileth Tagle**, **Mariela Smith-McLellan**, and many other of my COSEP pre-freshman summer peeps. If you missed Reunion, consider a mini-reunion during the next Homecoming. The fall 2013 Homecoming included concerts, a fireworks and laser show, and a tailgate that keeps getting better and better. Go to www.homecoming.cornell.edu/PostHomecoming2013Memories.cfm for post-Homecoming memories and don't forget to save the date for next fall, October 17-18, 2014.

This summer we heard from **Kelly Horl**, who is still in the network sales department at CBS Television Network. But her big news is that she and her husband, Rich, welcomed their third child, a baby girl named Morgan! She was born on May 1 and joins her very excited big brother Ryan, 6, and big sister Grace, 3. A warm congratulations to you! **Marcia Neblett** (Savannah, GA; marcianeblett@yahoo.com) is a professor of drawing and design at the Savannah College of Art and Design. She recently married Derry, and they welcomed baby Sophie Goldie on July 4, 2013. Marcia is excited about traveling to India, Malaysia, Singapore, and Indonesia in 2014. "I received a Fulbright Grant to India and will be giving presentations on print-making and drawing in schools in the other countries." She'd love to hear from any Cornellians who live or work in India or Far East Asia or who have traveled there.

So many of you sent us interesting career news. **Jennifer Derow** Salvage writes that she and her husband, Jeff, are involved with a unique wedding dress project called One Dress One Woman One World. "Over the last five years Jeff has photographed me in 148 locations across 19 countries. Recent media coverage has included stories on 'Good Morning America,' CNN, Fox, and WGN TV, and Jeff has just launched our new updated website, www.onedressonewoman.com/OD/default.asp." Their project has included training with a barred owl for an upcoming shoot at Cedar Run Wildlife Refuge, and going weightless

for a dress shot with the Zero G Experience. Additionally, Jennifer is writing a memoir called, "When it Clicks." "It has been a crazy ride, but we are enjoying the fact that it has gone viral on the Internet!"

Aaron Hicks writes, "My wife, **Holly (Creech) '94**, and I are working with a Christian mission and helping to start a new church in Granada, Spain, in the shadow of the Alhambra Castle." **Michael Kim** worked as a director of business development for Samsung and was recently recognized by WhistleWatch and the Brown Center for Public Policy for his contributions to Apple and Steve Jobs's patent infringement battles with Samsung. **Pearl Hsu** Pugh celebrated her 20-year work anniversary with GlaxoSmithKline. "I currently work in business development to support their R&D efforts to develop new medicines, but have spent most of my career in marketing. Outside of work, I enjoy spending time with my family: my British husband, 13-year-old son, and 5-year-old daughter. My son plays a high-level of travel club soccer for one of the top ten teams in the country. My daughter loves to sing and dance." Last summer the family took a vacation to England and Greece, and business travel took Pearl on first-time trips to Stockholm and Tokyo.

Abraham Kang is the director of engineering at Samsung R&D Labs in San Jose, CA, and was selected to present his security research at Defcon and BlackHat USA. His favorite pastime? You guessed it: "Security research and finding vulnerabilities in things." He wishes he had taught programming in the Southside Business Club that he started. Remember the craziness with the IRS in early 2013? Well, our **Daniel Werfel** took the top job at the IRS as the acting IRS commissioner and the deputy commissioner for services and enforcement. He led the department through hearings on the improper targeting of conservative organizations. President Obama called Danny "a proven effective leader who serves with professionalism, integrity, and skill."

Christopher Van De Water recently accepted a position as senior counsel at Michael Borrelli and Assocs. PLLC, specializing in labor and employment law. On his days off he surfs near his home in Long Beach, NY. In September, **Myrtle Bowles-Scott** became SVP, senior compliance officer, real estate lending compliance-back end for Citi. This past summer she says she and her family had the best vacation ever when they rented a beach house on Tybee Island, GA. Myrtle's youngest started kindergarten in August. **Marc '94** and **Allison Waxberg Milgrom** are living in Park Slope, Brooklyn, with their 6-year-old daughter Alexandra. Allison is teaching product design, science, and robot building to young children in Brooklyn and Manhattan.

Haven't made your summer plans yet? Consider enrolling in Cornell's Adult University or enjoying one of the Off-Campus Study Tours or Programs. For more information, see the CAU website, www.cau.cornell.edu. All the best in 2014! ☒ **Theresa Flores**, taf6@cornell.edu; **Mia Blackler**, miablackler@yahoo.com; and **Melissa Hart Moss**, melimoss@yahoo.com.

Rather than retiring, many of our classmates are truly at the top of their careers. **Melissa Unemori Hampe**, for example, was recently promoted to senior VP/chief operating officer at McAllister and Quinn, a D.C.-based government relations and grants consulting firm. This promotion comes just as she was returning from maternity leave after she and her fantastic husband, Greg, welcomed their fourth daughter, Alexandra, earlier in 2013. Kudos, Melissa! **Monica Flores** is celebrating ten years in business as a Web developer, using Drupal to assist membership groups, nonprofits, and e-commerce with their Web and mobile presences. Her third child, daughter Athena, was born at home in March 2013. Monica sends best wishes to all her '94 classmates!

Susie Chung (schungphd@comcast.net) is still working as a forensic psychologist for the State of New Jersey conducting court-related evaluations. She is also in private practice, providing parent coaching, social skills training, and cognitive behavior therapy. All of this while chasing after an active toddler, who, like all toddlers, "is growing up too fast!" **Rosario "Charo" Gonzalez** was recently appointed science department chair for Everglades High School in Florida. She also started a 4-H sewing club in her community. Their members are between 6 and 12 years of age. For fun, she and her family took a Spring Break cruise to the Caribbean for a family reunion!

I have my own news to report: I recently struck out on my own and opened the doors to DPW Legal, a boutique law firm in Tampa, FL, dedicated to helping small businesses manage their copyright, trademark, and other intellectual property needs, and providing high quality appellate advocacy in Federal and Florida courts. I am currently the only attorney in Florida certified by the Bar as an expert in both intellectual property law and appellate practice. And I love that I finally have the freedom to pursue both of my specialties on my own terms!

Dave Martin is president of Accelerated Production Systems, a company that designs and manufactures process equipment for the oil and gas industry. He lives in The Woodlands, TX, with wife Kay and daughters Sarah, 7, and Elizabeth, 5. Dave gets together annually with his SAE pledge class, and reports, "We are all looking forward to getting together with the entire class at the upcoming reunion in June 2014!" **Arielle Hecht Schiffman** has both good news and bad news. The bad news: "I am sorry to report that Ethan was in a serious bike accident on August 10 that prevented him from joining his Delta Phi brothers back on the Hill in September." The good news: "After an intense six weeks, he has turned a corner and we are looking forward to reunion in June!"

So, no excuses for missing reunion. Reunion chair **Mary Sue Page** Youn reports that the Class of 1994 will stay in the newly renovated Donlon Hall and start the weekend with a fabulous dinner on Beebe Lake. Saturday night dinner will be near the Art Museum. She adds, "I am personally most excited about the fact that both of my kids are now old enough (ages 5-plus) to spend Friday and Saturday afternoon and evening in the amazing Cornell Kids Club, so the adults can actually enjoy this reunion a bit more. The events they have planned for the kids sound fantastic! And some time with the kids and some time without sounds perfect to me!" Events for the kiddos include swimming, bowling, Raptor program, science experiments, and movies! For younger children, there are other babysitting options.

So start your indoctrination early, and be sure to bring your whole family to the Hill this summer. And if you are interested in volunteering to help with the planning, be sure to contact Mary Sue Youn at msp4@cornell.edu. Note: Our Cornell e-mail addresses are from the beginning of time, it seems. I bet the current students have numbers in the 4 digits after their initials! ☒ **Dineen Pashoukos** Wasyluk, dmp5@cornell.edu; **Jennifer**

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Thanks for staying in touch!

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I know our 20th Reunion is this summer (mark your calendars! June 5-8, 2014), but am

the only one a little taken aback by the fact that the most recent Class Notes solicitation asked what you are doing "For work or in retirement"? We're not old enough for retirement yet, are we?

95 Andrew Slocum (andrew.slocum@jpmorgan.com) writes, "I have been living in London for the past three years with my wife and three daughters (10, 8, and 6). I work in the global commodities group for JP Morgan." He also keeps a regular "date" with several Cornell friends. "Every two years I go on a muskie fishing trip in Canada with classmates **Jon Kuhman**, **Matt Snider**, and **Andy Stewart**. We went on our first trip together fall break '91, so this has been quite a tradition."

Speaking of traditions, **Anthony Pavone** reminds us of the annual Big Red Steelheads summer lacrosse team, which began competing annually in Lake Placid, NY, in honor of the passing of teammate **David Holder**. "The team brings us out of retirement, forces us to get back in shape, and allows friends and teammates to reunite each year, reminisce, and battle together once again. At the same time, we raise funds for David's foundation. Even more beneficial is that this team brings a large contingent of Cornell lacrosse alumni back together and connects us to the young generations of Cornell greats, making the entire Cornell lacrosse family stronger. Many thanks to **Matt Norfolk** for pushing us to do that!" 2013 marked the fifth year for the Steelheads.

Anthony adds, "After graduating from Cornell, I acquired my degree from New York U. College of Dentistry in 2000, followed by a medical degree from New York U. College of Medicine in 2004. I completed my oral and maxillofacial surgery residency at New York U. Medical Center and Bellevue Hospital and my practice is Ramapo Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery in Suffern, NY." He also volunteers in the craniofacial clinic at Jawonio in Rockland County, NY, a center for children and adults with disabilities. "We provide discounted and free care to children and adolescents with facial and dental growth disturbances."

"After living in the great state of New York for all of our lives," he continues, "my wife and I moved to New Jersey to a new home in Upper Saddle River. We finally have the space for friends and family to visit (is that an open invite, Anthony?) and a yard in which our active kids and chocolate Lab can play. The new home is just eight minutes from my office and an easy drive for my wife, who commutes to the Bronx for her job." Anthony and his wife have two children: daughter Addison, 6, is a "colorful little lady" who is enjoying soccer and just received her orange belt in karate; and son AJ, 5, loves ice hockey and gymnastics and is playing on the Ramapo Saints Mites hockey travel team. Anthony says that coaching Addison in soccer and AJ in hockey has forced him to stay in shape to keep up with the little ones.

Chong So (chongso@yahoo.com) has two teenage boys who are showing classic teenage mannerisms and habits. "But they are good boys who value education and music and are beginning to learn the value of service to others." His older son is a freshman in high school, and since Chong is keeping up with the Latin grammar he first learned at the Big Red, he feels fortunate that his son is showing interest in Latin as well. Classmate **Jared Genser** founded Freedom Now in 2001, after an experience as a law student helping to secure the release of a British national who had received a 17-year prison sentence for handing out

pro-democracy leaflets in Burma. According to a news release announcing the presentation to Jared of the American Bar Association's 2013 Int'l Human Rights Award, "He has devoted himself to freeing those imprisoned for exercising their basic human rights. Armed with tenacity and through the small staff at Freedom Now, he has taken on difficult cases against some of the most oppressive governments in the world—and won! Since 2001, Freedom Now has helped to free more than 25 prisoners of conscience in countries as diverse as Azerbaijan, Cameroon, Egypt, and Turkmenistan." The Bar Association award recognized Jared's fights to uphold the rights of clients like imprisoned Nobel Peace Prize laureate Liu Xiabo and Burmese dissident Aung San Suu Kyi.

Mike '96 and **Kathy Heppner Trogolo** have moved to Wayland, MA, and daughter Meg started high school last fall. "Kathy is now assistant head of school at Tremont School in Weston, MA, a new independent school for grades 5-12 with a focus on providing real-world context and project-based curriculum for a diverse student body. The school opened in September 2011, and Kathy was involved with the school as a founding member through June of 2012. She transitioned to an operational role last summer and is continuing to develop the middle school while designing and implementing the high school program. Mike continues to enjoy his work at Bain & Co. in Boston as senior manager for Global IT Infrastructure Applications. He ran his first 5K race this summer and has discovered a new passion! The whole family is enjoying living closer to Boston again."

Happy New Year, '95ers! We are standing by for your 2014 updates. **Veronica Brooks-Sigler**, vkbrooksigler@gmail.com; **Abra Benson Perrie**, amb8@cornell.edu.

96 We may be getting older, but we will always remain proud and occasionally non sequitur Gen Xers. Thus, the Class of '96 is rebelling against the time-honored, traditional narrative brand of Class Notes journalism. In these times of being resourceful, we could go no further with the collective well of alumni news running dry. Your Class Council has exercised its executive privilege to take editorial license and reinvent what this column will showcase each issue.

Commencing with this revelation, we won't be dogmatic about listing demographic news and worldly achievements in a fashion that wasn't really in any recognizable order to begin with. Now you can refrain from reluctantly sending in life milestones and truly help reshape the future of this column. So what does this all mean? It means that we will pose questions here and on the requisite social media sites that aren't related to your career or family vacations in an effort to collect an eclectic sample of submissions from whoever wants to participate in this exercise. Once we have gathered a statistically insignificant amount of responses and comments, we will write in an extemporaneous fashion based on where the input takes (or disorients) the class correspondents. It all sounds intriguing, doesn't it?

To start the process for this new format for information-gathering for your beloved scribes, we pose the following three questions and invite everyone to send their submission to our new e-mail address: cuclassof96@gmail.com.

1) Since we can't publish the ubiquitous, highly coveted "40 Under 40 List" with everyone's

name on it, just tell us what your proudest life achievement has been heading into the Big 4-0 in 2014 since you walked off the Hill at age 22.

2) If you haven't been back for the 5th, 10th, or 15th reunions, what would really draw you back for the 20th Reunion in June 2016? If you came, what would you most look forward to doing or seeing if you went again?

3) Speaking of the 20th Reunion, we are interested in compiling a master class list of the "Top 96 Things We Did as Undergrads" and/or "The 96 Things I Wish I Had Done as an Undergrad." We will compile any and all responses for either or both of these lists, take the first 96 entries, or boil the list down to 96 if there are multiple responses of the same variety.

Answering any of these questions is your assignment for the New Year and will certainly go a long way toward injecting new energy in the Class Notes each issue as we march proudly down the path to our forthcoming 20th Reunion on the Hill. Each issue, the class correspondents will post different questions or thought-provoking statements as they so desire, perhaps related to current events to keep everyone paying attention as they peruse what was once a mass of text filled with announcements. Not that there was ever anything wrong with that. We just felt like we needed a change in our news collection methods.

Your relentless scribes await all responses. Otherwise we will have to formulate our own lists of achievements and memories, and that could potentially be esoteric and just reek of inside favoritism. **Liam O'Mahony**, liamom@yahoo.com; **Carin Lustig Silverman**, CDL2@cornell.edu; **Ron Johnstone**, raj6@cornell.edu. Class e-mail address, cuclassof96@gmail.com.

97 We've turned the page on a new calendar year and the coming months are bound to be as busy for the Class of 1997 as this past year has been. We are being promoted, taking trips, having adventures, expanding our families, and making the world a better place for others. Read on to see what a few of us have been up to recently.

In September, **Patricia Sexton** sent in news of her planned October book release for *LIVE from Mongolia*. Patricia describes the book as "the true story of what happens when you follow your wildest dream." Her wildest dream took her from Wall Street to Mongolia, where she aspired to become a foreign correspondent, a goal that resulted in her becoming the country's national news anchor. After returning from Mongolia and finishing the book, Patricia began hosting a television show about people pursuing their dreams. She cites her favorite pastime as: "Adventure, adventure, adventure! And adventurous food!" and plans to incorporate her offspring into her travels, although she notes that will take some adjustment. "This year, my husband and I took our baby girl to China for a month. We'd hoped to stay longer, but we realized she was a little too small to be backpacking for very long."

David Lai is the CEO/creative director of a Los Angeles-based digital agency called Hello Design, serving clients such as Herman Miller, Nike, Tillamook, Sony, and Speedo. He lives in Culver City with children Maya, 7, Yumi, 4, and Shota, 2. David is an avid cyclist, adding, "I still have good memories of cycling on the Cornell team." He planned to cycle from San Francisco to L.A. as part of the Fireflies to raise money for cancer research

in September (<http://www.fireflieswest.com>). Classmate **Amit Nandi** is also in California, keeping busy as director of operations at a neurovascular startup in Orange County, CA.

Several classmates are making their mark in the legal world. **Adam Dembrow**, JD '00, marked his second anniversary as a staff attorney with Children's Rights, a New York-based national advocacy group "working to reform failing child welfare systems on behalf of hundreds of thousands of abused and neglected children who depend on them for protection and care." He and his wife welcomed their second child in July. **Christina Edling Melendi**, a partner in the corporate practice group of Bingham McCutchen in New York, was named a winner in the Legal Advisory category of the 40 Under 40 Recognition Awards. The awards were created by M&A Advisor, an entity that seeks to build a network of outstanding mergers and acquisitions, restructuring, and financing professionals. Congratulations, Christina!

Kudos also to **Donell Hicks**, who earned board certification in construction law from the Florida Bar. With this formal recognition of proficiency and skill, he is able to help resolve issues related to the design and construction of improvements on private and public projects. In addition to construction litigation, Donell's areas of focus include construction litigation, architectural and engineering malpractice, professional liability, insurance coverage/property and casualty, general and products liability, personal injury, directors and officers, and commercial litigation.

The '97 Cornell family has news of one more addition from **Katherine Baynes** and her husband, Joshua Stubbe. Daughter Aria Kathleen was born on July 5, 2013. She joins older sister Theresa, 4, and brother Nate, 2. Co-correspondent Sarah and I both know from experience that having three young kids at home is an adventure of another kind!

Keeping in touch keeps our class columns interesting. Let us know how you're spending time, which friends you've seen, or where you've traveled! And join the Cornell Class of 1997 Facebook group!

✉ **Erica Broennle** Nelson, ejb4@cornell.edu; **Sarah Deardorff** Carter, sjd5@cornell.edu. CAM Digital Edition, <http://www.cornellalumni.com>.

98 Happy New Year! Can you believe it's 2014? That's right—it has been 20 years since we were freshmen! Memories of my first days at Cornell include: the swarms of Big Red orientation counselors unloading the car and carrying my belongings into Balch, being called up on stage as part of "Ezra's Army" during an orientation game at Goldwin Smith, and hearing the Cornell Chimes for the first time. What do you remember from your first days far above Cayuga's waters? Any wise words you would bestow on your freshman self if you had the chance to travel back in time?

"I wish I had spent more time with professors outside of the classroom," writes **Nicolas Mayer**, a partner with PwC and the industry leader for lodging and tourism clients. He works mainly with tourism operators/owners and has traveled extensively throughout Europe and Asia. On a recent summer vacation, Nicolas explored the remote Dutch island of Ameland with his wife and children, Zoé, 7, and Liam, 4. **Aaron VanderKaay** writes, "I wish I had taken the time to enjoy the natural landscapes around campus more and maybe spent a summer on campus." Aaron is a partner at the law firm of Hahn Loeser & Parks, headquartered in Cleveland, OH, and practices in the area of transactional business law, including commercial finance, real estate, and mergers and acquisitions. He adds, "I just celebrated my tenth anniversary with my wife, Leah, who I met at law school and with whom I have two handsome sons, Porter, 7, and Tyler, 4-1/2. I still enjoy all sports and remain active in recreational league basketball, soccer, and golf. I've picked up a few new skills over the years, but the one I'm most proud of is being a parent."

Speaking of proud parents and bundles of joy, **Megan O'Brien** and husband David Albers welcomed their son Samuel this past August, while **Bradford Buonasera** dotes over his new baby girl, Madison Cameron, born in July. The stork also visited **Amy Peterson** and her family—three storks,

that is. She writes, "My husband and I recently had identical triplet boys! Torsten, Callan, and Oskar DeMent joined us on July 8, 2013—12 weeks early." The boys were in the hospital for 11 weeks, but they are now happy and healthy at home with their parents and big sister Avery, almost 5. Like every parent, Amy's favorite pastime is now sleeping! Congrats to all!

Suzie Ariyaratana Noronha and husband **Gary '95** are quite busy, too. They recently moved closer to Gary's family in Rochester, NY, with their two young children, Eleanor, 4, and David, 2. Suzie is a pediatric hematologist/oncologist at Golisano Children's Hospital at Strong Memorial Hospital, where Gary works as an internist. **Nadia Wong** works at Johns Hopkins U. in ophthalmic research. **Amy Hargrave** Wehrspann '98, MILR '02 (Allison Park, PA) is still VP of HR at PNC, supporting the Corporate & Institutional Bank and their international employees. Amy enjoys hikes with her kids Adam, 6, Alex, 4, and Sarah, 3, and the family dog, a German shorthaired pointer.

Anne Marie Sheridan, BS '01, extends her thanks to Dr. Wayne Harbert for his encouragement and coaching! Since graduation, she has explored her interest in languages and recently competed internationally, earning second place for her recitation of the poem "Englynon Coffa Hedd Wyn." If you're interested in learning more

Rock On

Lucas Kovalcik '98

When Lucas Kovalcik tried rock climbing a few years after college, he was immediately hooked. "I just fell in love with the sport," he says. "It's one of those healthy addictions." A few years later, the Hotel school grad turned his passion into a business by co-founding a pair of indoor climbing gyms. "It's an exciting sport that you can do on a regular basis in a controlled environment," notes Kovalcik, who holds an MBA from

UCLA, "and it can take you to these far-off and exciting outdoor destinations."

Among Kovalcik's favorite climbing spots are Point Dume on California's Malibu Beach and Red Rocks in Nevada. But for their first Gravity Vault gym, opened in 2005, he and his business partner returned to their home turf in northern New Jersey. Each gym offers some 15,000 square feet of climbing walls, whose ascent routes are modified monthly to keep regulars challenged. Classes, camps, and day passes bring several hundred adults, children, and corporate groups through the doors every day, and Gravity Vault's three junior climbing teams compete in the USA Climbing Program. In 2013, Kovalcik and his partner shared honors as the New Jersey Small Business Person of the Year, awarded by the U.S. Small Business Administration.

Kovalcik calls climbing a community-oriented, social activity that builds hand-eye coordination and confidence. With its inherently intellectual bent, he says, it often appeals to kids who aren't drawn to mainstream team sports like football and basketball. "We look at climbs as problems," he says. "How are we going to unlock this route? How are you going to move your body and make adjustments? People often underestimate the amount of brain power over brawn it takes to succeed in climbing."

— Olivia Hall, PhD '12



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about Spain, visit www.myspanishexperience.com, a photo-blog launched by classmate **Imanol Urquizu**. He would appreciate your feedback and help regarding this blog.

John Pette is a Foreign Service officer at the Dept. of State, who has traveled extensively since

‘Like every parent, Amy Peterson’s favorite pastime is now sleeping!’

Uthica Jinvit Utano '98

2010, visiting Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Ukraine, Russia, Ireland, Macedonia, Slovakia, Italy, Switzerland, Bosnia, Croatia, Slovenia, and Azerbaijan on official business. An “insatiable record collector,” John developed a site to serve as a resource for other collectors (<http://www.pettediscographies.com>). He has also started a record label called Shattered World Music (<http://www.shatteredworldmusic.com/>). On a more personal note, John shares the following about his wife’s health: “My wife, Sarah, has been diagnosed with a horrible, incurable heart and lung disease, pulmonary hypertension. She has been fighting for her life with this disease since early 2011. There is a great deal of exciting research on the horizon, and it cannot get here quickly enough for us. We have been trying to raise research funding, as it is the only thing standing between us and a cure.” Read more about Sarah’s story at <https://www.firstgiving.com/fundraiser/catiteague/sarah>.

As always, we would love to hear from you, so don’t hesitate to send in your news. You can access the online news form at <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>. Or you can e-mail your class correspondents: **Uthica Jinvit Utano**, udj1@cornell.edu; and **Toni Stabile Weiss**, tls9@cornell.edu.

99 It’s hard to believe that our 15th Reunion is around the corner. Our 10th feels like it was only ten minutes ago. And wasn’t it just last week that our parents were helping us move into the freshman dorms? Perhaps it was a little longer than that, as evidenced by our classmates’ recent accomplishments. Here are just a few from those who shared their good news with us. Want to hear about what even more classmates are up to? Come to reunion, June 5-8, and hear it from the ‘99ers themselves!

Anna de Vera Walker (Highland Park, IL) works for HSBC Financial, managing incentive programs, recognition programs, and contests, and enjoys time with her two kids, Natalie and Raymond. Lately, Anna has also been doing a lot of traveling: to England, Arizona (Grand Canyon, Sedona, Tucson, Scottsdale), Wyoming (Grand Teton National Park), and Montana (Yellowstone). When Anna came to Cornell freshman year, she remembers bringing a stereo, pots and pans, and bedding—“no cell phone or computer for me!” Following a five-year tenure at Millennium Partners, **Mike Winston** has launched Winston Capital Partners in New York City. This hedge fund will focus on two components: event-driven investing, with a debt-based merger arbitrage overlay, and intrinsic value investing during periods of dislocation.

Effective September 2013, **Thomas Utzinger** started work as assistant general environmental counsel for PSEG, a major New Jersey-based energy company. **Kristen Danyluk** (Elmhurst, IL), who earned her JD from the U. of Michigan Law School in 2004, was made a partner in the Chicago law

office of Quarles & Brady last fall. She practices in the Corporate Services Group, representing institutional investors in their potential investments in private equity funds, hedge funds, venture capital funds, and other alternative investment vehicles as well as secondary sales and acquisitions of fund interests. She also practices in mergers and acquisitions and advises privately held companies on business planning and formation and general corporate matters.

Jon and Rebecca Marcus Shumaker married in 2006. They reside in Riverside, CT, and have a 5-year-old daughter and a 2-year-old son. **Barbara Rose Hogan** married Gregory Metcalf last September, and their son Emmett was born on September 6. The Metcalfs live in Houston, TX. **Beth Hill Tulanowski**, MS ’02, moved this summer to Fort Collins, CO, with her husband, Mike, and their sons Ben and Lucas. The impetus for their move was to be closer to Mike’s job. “I’m still enjoying teaching GIS (geographic information science) classes part-time at Front Range Community College.” **Amy Stewart** (Medford, MA) is still a partner at Conn Kavanaugh Rosenthal Peisch & Ford LLP, practicing civil litigation defense work, mostly in employment law or construction law fields. She and her husband welcomed their second son, Ethan Robert, on April 8, 2013. He joins big brother Aaron. Amy writes, “Our ‘vac’ this year was spending two nights in the hospital after giving birth to Ethan while our 3-year-old had a slumber party at his aunt’s house!” New skill learned: “Juggling an infant and preschooler in a dual-career family.”

Let your class correspondents know what you’ve been doing. Send your news to: **Liz Borod Wright**, lizborod@gmail.com; **Melanie Grayce West**, mga6@cornell.edu; **Beth Heslowitz**, beth.heslowitz@gmail.com; or **Taber Sweet**, tabersweet@gmail.com. Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>. CAM Digital Edition, <http://www.cornellalumni.com>.

OO Good tidings, classmates. It’s a new year and there are exciting things happening at the university these days that we would like to share with you. Just this past October, Cornell held its annual Trustee-Council Annual Meeting (TCAM), inspiring enthusiastic and highly devoted volunteer alumni in their continuous efforts to assist and support the university’s endeavors. In an energizing State of the University address, President Skorton kicked off the week with an in-depth talk on Cornell’s commitment to encouraging “thought leadership,” both on campus and in the community. Not only was our most recent entering class more

representative of America than ever before, it is more representative of the world as a whole. And Cornell has been striving to meet the needs of this diverse student body to the utmost degree, so as to foster an environment of high imagination and to enable its students to become courageous innovators in pursuit of creative progress.

This year, almost 40,000 students competed for the opportunity to become one of the 3,282 freshmen in Cornell’s Class of 2017. According to *US News & World Report* rankings, Cornell is the eighth most economically diverse national university—a great accomplishment for our fine institution. But in true Cornell style, we are always trying to do better. President Skorton implored all Cornellians to seize the opportunities before us, and as our sesquicentennial approaches, “to position Cornell for its second 150 years so that we can continue to engage the world, improve the human future, and enrich human life.” So take a look at the university’s Web page and peruse all the exciting new programs and projects Cornell is initiating. And if anything piques your interest, please consider reaching out and offering as much time as you can to volunteer. Remember, even participating in one Cornell event a year makes a difference.

Even if you don’t have a chance to volunteer for an event or program this year, you can always help out just by sending in your news to our class column. Staying connected is by far one of the most important ways for us to remain a strong, tight-knit Cornell community. This edition, **Heather Messina Ford** (Germantown, MD) and **Michael Arnold** (NYC) helped us out with great news about their current lives. Heather has been spending her time traveling, exercising, raising her family, and studying to be a holistic health coach. She made the decision to resign from the Marriott after 13 years to spend more time with her kids, help out at her husband’s company, and build her coaching practice, Heatherford Wellness—and she couldn’t be happier.

Michael Arnold is also loving life. He reports that when he and his wife, **Ronni Gershowitz ’03**, are not hard at work as lawyers, they spend their days with their 2-year-old daughter and future Cornellian, Emily. The couple often gets together with several classmates and their kids, including **Jeff Birnbaum**, **Andrew Goodman ’01**, **Zach Resnick ’03**, **Dan Switzer**, **Jeremy Geller ’01**, **Randy Brandoff ’98**, **Josh Elkin**, and **Andrew Towbin ’01**. “To me,” says Michael, “these are really exciting times. We are advancing in our careers and growing our families. I wouldn’t have it any other way.” However, he jokes that the only change he might make is getting the chance to live this life, exactly the way it is, but in the beautiful land of Ithaca!

Also sharing good news, **Marie Robinson Mensah** is CEO and founder of Mensah Consulting in Oak Park, IL, where she lives with husband Ekow. Per her business card, Marie focuses on global purchases and supplier diversity consulting. Classmate **Corinne Keane** Kadlec lives with husband Benjamin in Cary, NC.

Finally, you may have noticed that Cornell asked for a six-month payment for class dues this past fall instead of the regular annual dues amount. That’s because Cornell is upgrading its payment technology from a 15-year-old home-grown system. As part of this transition, all classes that have solicited dues in the fall, including ours, are moving to a spring cycle. To ensure continuity in class membership, we asked for this one-time payment in the fall and are again asking for a regular 12-month payment this spring. When

paying your dues this spring, you can also resume auto-renewal via credit card, ensuring that your dues will be automatically paid each year. You can pay your class dues now by visiting <https://alumni.cornell.edu/classes>. Remember, dues give you access to discounted products and services in the Big Red Marketplace, support class mailings, and offset our reunion costs.

As always, we greatly appreciate your support to our class and, of course, the university. We love hearing from you and we love writing for you. Thank you for all that you do! 📧 **Andrea Chan**, amc32@cornell.edu; **Christine Jensen Weld**, ckj1@cornell.edu. CAM Digital Edition, <http://www.cornellalumnimagazine-digital.com>.

01 Wishing the Class of 2001 a Happy New Year! We hope this finds you well and that you were able to ring in a new year of health and happiness!

We are excited that we have some news from Homecoming weekend last fall. **Michael Hanson**, MPA '02, writes that he and wife **Susan (Mueller)**, ME '02, got to show Cornell to their two children (Classes 2032 and 2033—no pressure) for the first time. They noted that campus has certainly changed in the past 12 years, probably on par with how much all of our lives have changed. The new Dairy Bar facilities were a great hit, and the Plantations were as splendid as ever. Michael and Susan were able to catch up with professors and staff and wander through Collegetown to see what has and has not stayed in business.

One of the highlights of the weekend festivities was the dedication of the new Fischell Band Center on Kite Hill. The rain held off until all of the speeches—including impromptu remarks from football coach **David Archer '05**, who reminisced about his first experience seeing the band march through the Campus Store on his campus visit weekend—were finished. With that inspiration, the team, band, and thousands of fans braved the deluge for a decisive win against Bucknell. An unexpected surprise for Michael and Susan was meeting up with **Heather Bernstein** and **Steven Kopleff**, ME '02, at the Friday night laser/fireworks show and again at the Lynah kid's zone on Homecoming Saturday. For those wondering whether to come October 17-19, 2014, do it! It's a great experience and there will be a lot to do and see for everyone.

Another Big Red Marching Band alumna, my class co-correspondent **Nicole Neroulias** Gupte, couldn't make it out from Seattle, WA, but followed the fun via social media. She writes that she is torn between her fond memories of the "wet dog" smell of suiting up in Barton Hall for those rainy Saturday games, and excitement to see the new band building someday!

There was an exciting wedding last year for our classmates **Alison Brunger** and **Jeff Hardgrove**. Alison and Jeff never met until 2010 (despite sharing a History of Rock 'n' Roll section senior year). In 2010, a mutual friend, **Tara Benedict**, invited Jeff to a wine tour Alison and her friends were planning, and three years later, they were married. The wedding was June 15, 2013 at Anabel Taylor Chapel on campus, with a reception at the Holiday Inn in Ithaca. The ceremony included groomsmen **Ryan Sarsfield** and **Paul Eastwick**. There was an impressive total of at least 25 fellow '01 classmates and another 20 Cornellians of different years. The couple's honeymoon was in the Greek Isles, and they are settling into a new house in northern New Jersey.

Congratulations to **Shannon Smith** Retzke, who made partner in the funds, investments, tax, and trusts group at the law firm Withers Bergman LLP. She currently lives in North Branford, CT. Congratulations also to **Suzanne Drabik** Owczarek, MBA '06, who was promoted to senior managing consultant at IBM Global Business Services' internal practice in New York City. In 2012, Suzanne and her husband took a three-and-a-half-month sabbatical to travel through Southeast Asia, Australia, and New Zealand. She says it was an amazing experience for them!

Erica Chatfield Roberts checks in from Sterling, VA, sharing that she has avidly adopted the lifestyle of a triathlete, competing in the Rev3 Williamsburg, VA, 70.3 (half-iron distance) race, along with smaller Olympic distance races throughout last summer. She also completed the Disney marathon last January—her third. Good job! Erica has traveled extensively for work, but was able to take a relaxing vacation to France last August to visit her Alpha Phi little sister **Liz Merz '04** and spend some time touring the countryside. **John Lundholm** received the best birthday gift ever when he and his wife, **Carolyn (Marin) '08**, welcomed their first-born on the afternoon of his birthday. He is enjoying his beautiful daughter Charlotte and they are currently living in Brooklyn, NY. It's likely that John will have to share (or forfeit!) his birthday cake going forward.

The class officers hope that everyone can participate and contribute to class dues. Please encourage your friends to be a part of it too. Donate online at <https://alumni.cornell.edu/classes/>. We love to hear great news from all of our classmates. Please e-mail us at classof2001@cornell.edu or at the addresses below. And between columns, stay connected via our Twitter feed (@Cornell2001) and Facebook page (www.facebook.com/Cornell2001). 📧 **Lauren Wallach** Hammer, LEW15@cornell.edu; and **Nicole Neroulias** Gupte, NicoleMN6@gmail.com.

02 Thanks to all who have sent dues and news since receiving the annual class mailing last fall. We appreciate your support, as well as your willingness to make a higher one-time, 18-month dues payment while Cornell completes the upgrade of its dues technology. As part of the transition, classes like ours that solicit in the fall are moving to the spring—and this means you won't have to make another dues payment until the spring of 2015! At that time, you'll also be able to take advantage once again of the automatic renewal of dues, which will insure that your dues get paid every year. Haven't paid yet? Please visit <https://alumni.cornell.edu/classes> and click on the Class of 2002. Remember, paying dues gives you access to discounted products and services in the Big Red Marketplace, supports class mailings and projects, and offsets future reunion costs.

We'll save the news till next time, and we look forward to adding yours in. Stay tuned to this space for news of teachers, skiers, lawyers, doctors, students, fellows, new parents, and the newly employed. In the meantime, if you haven't done so yet, check out the new questions at the online news form (<http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>), or write us directly at: 📧 **Carolyn Deckinger**, cmd35@cornell.edu; or **Jeffrey Barker**, jrb41@cornell.edu. CAM Digital Edition, <http://www.cornellalumnimagazine-digital.com>.

03 Fresh autumn air has taken over the Midwest, making it easy to sit outside and write about the great adventures of our classmates. Some are per-meating into the medical world. **Lauren Bleich** writes, "I am currently completing my final year of a gastroenterology fellowship and am hoping to find a job in the Boston area." Lauren had a baby girl in October 2012, and she and her husband love spending time with her! **Aaron Jolly** completed an internal medicine residency at UC Irvine in 2013 and started a cardiology fellowship, also at UC Irvine. Aaron is married and lives in Orange County, CA.

Beth Nelms was able to catch up with **Bridget Heilsberg** in Chicago at the AVMA national veterinary convention and tells us that Bridget graduated in May 2013 from the CSU vet school. Congratulations! Beth herself is a 2009 graduate of Penn Vet, practicing small animal medicine in Lancaster, PA. **Marissa Weidenborner** McMahon lives in New Jersey and is working part-time for Resource Pro. She is married and has two young daughters, ages 3 and 1. Marissa keeps in touch with **Gillian Kasser**, **Jason Goldman**, **Sarah Boolani**, **Jackie Castro**, **Jeff Mihalakis**, and **Erika Gonzalez**.

Jedd Narsavage is a project manager and master planner for the Louis Berger Group. Showing the global reach of the Cornell community, Jedd adds, "My work currently has me far from home, in Kandahar, Afghanistan! I came here in February to provide master planning and design support to the US Air Force, and I will be here for a year. It is a grand adventure and the most interesting job I have ever had, but I miss my family dearly." Jedd's first roommate in Kandahar was **Zachary Beadle '04**, and he also connected with ILR graduate **Robert LaVallee '84**. "It goes to show that Cornellians can be found everywhere on this earth." Jedd went with his wife, **Sadie Thorpe '04**, and two young sons to the Mayan Riviera in Mexico for vacation when he was home in Baltimore on R&R. Sadie is an attorney with a local law firm.

Our classmate mini-features continue this issue with **Michael Rutenberg**. Mike is going into his 11th year of football and his eighth year coaching and is now the assistant defensive backs coach for the Jacksonville Jaguars. In his new position, he is responsible for working with the defensive backs coach and defensive coordinator to prepare for the opponent's passing game. Mike works with about ten players during the week and spends the game in the booth on the headsets communicating with the other coaches. His focus during the game is to evaluate the other team's pass game and the Jaguars' defense. After a short conversation with Mike, it's obvious he is extremely passionate about football, coaching, the Jaguars organization, and his fellow coaches.

Mike spent the last four years as an assistant football coach at New Mexico State U., serving as defensive backs coach and pass game coordinator. He ended up with Jacksonville after joining current Jaguars defensive backs coach DeWayne Walker, with whom he had worked at NMSU and UCLA, where Mike was an assistant to Walker. Originally from Chevy Chase, MD, Mike had the opportunity after graduation to work as an assistant for Washington Redskins head coach Joe Gibbs. He credits the work ethic and time management skills he needed at Cornell, along with classes in communication and strategy, for enabling him to be an effective coach.

Mike says he always wanted to be a football coach and found that Cornell Sprint Football coach Terry Cullen was easy to talk to about coaching. He also keeps in contact with **Jim Jackson** and was the best man at Jim's wedding. Mike reports that Jim is now the tight end coach at Southern Illinois U. From the Cornell football community, he also keeps in contact with **Ricky Rahne '02**, now the quarterbacks coach at Vanderbilt U. Mike says he's making the most of his opportunity as an NFL coach—and given his enthusiasm for Cornell, coaching, football, and Jacksonville, we wish him the best.

If you or someone you know would make a good mini-feature, please let me know! I look forward to hearing about the great things our classmates are doing via news and notes submissions. Until then, all the best. **Jon Schoenberg**, jrs55@cornell.edu.

04 Happy New Year! Thanks to everyone who responded to our e-mail solicitation for news. We had to skip a column for this issue, but stay tuned to the March/April Class Notes, where you'll get to read news of weddings, births, new jobs (Peet's Coffee!), engagements (well, not exactly—write us again after the wedding and tell us about your big day), medical residencies, entrepreneurship, graduations, trips (Italy! Greece!), and meet-ups with other Cornellians. In the meantime, check out the new questions at the Online News Form (<http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>), and if you haven't done so yet, share your news. Or write me directly at: **Anne Jones**, CU2004 correspondent@gmail.com. CAM Digital Edition, <http://www.cornellalumimagazine-digital.com>.

05 While cleaning out some old boxes, I came across the March 9, 2004 issue of the *Cornell Daily Sun*. I have no idea what my original purpose was for saving this particular issue, but one article caught my eye: "Though it has only been up and running for Cornellians since Sunday night, new online directory 'thefacebook.com' is already an instant hit among CU students." As of the print time of that article, Cornell had joined five other schools to comprise a network of about 14,000 users. One student mentioned in the article said she could see how the "directory" could be useful if more people signed up for accounts. Well, barely ten years since Cornell joined this (at the time) multi-university directory, Facebook has become a ubiquitous tool in supporting social networks in a variety of contexts around the world. I only signed up for an account when some of my graduating senior friends said we could stay in touch more easily. At the time, I could not fathom how Facebook would change the way people interact with friends, family, businesses, social causes, politics . . . basically everything. Classmates, we seem to be one of the few classes that didn't have Facebook when we started Cornell but did by the time we graduated. Has Facebook changed the way you interact with your networks? Can you imagine how you would stay in touch with classmates without Facebook?

Speaking of networks, we have some exciting updates from fellow classmates! **Daniel Parker** is COO and co-founder at IvyTap, a new career site designed to connect talented students and recent graduates with jobs, internships, collaborative

ventures, and freelance opportunities. Says Daniel, "The site personalizes the hiring process by giving users a chance to post and send video messages to each other. It also includes a space for users to showcase their creative skills and talents by posting audiovisual work samples. Check it out at <http://ivytap.com>." Good luck with your venture, Daniel! **Alex Nothorn** currently works seven to 14 days between each one day off as a medical intern at Tufts Medical Center in Boston, MA. Reports Alex, "I am an internal medicine/gerontology resident, looking forward in a couple years to practice in an academic or research medical center. I am doing exactly what I want to be doing."

Sarah Jacobs was awarded an English-teaching Fulbright for the academic year 2013-14. She will be teaching at the U. of Mohammed V, Agdal branch, in Rabat, the capital of Morocco. Congrats, Sarah—what an amazing experience! **Clover Whitham** writes, "I am now a local editor for the largest (and best) newspaper in Vermont, but currently I'm on maternity leave. Our baby boy was born June 7 and we're having fun watching all the funny faces he can make. I'm learning that parenting is similar to college: he can keep me up all night and keep me busy all day no matter how tired I am!" Clover adds that classmates can stay in touch on Facebook or by e-mailing her Cornell address. **Francis Im** writes to us from Arizona, where he is currently in oral surgery residency for the US Navy.

Tania Caballero is now a pediatric hospitalist in Rochester, NY. She says Prof. **Héctor Vélez, PhD '83**, who taught (and still teaches) the course Latinos in the United States, had the greatest impact on her. Tania, I took that class too, and I wholeheartedly agree it was an amazing course! **Jacqueline Greenberg Resnick** and husband **Nathan** currently reside in Brooklyn. **Shawn Drenning** and wife Kristen have a new address in New York City. **Kristen Keryk, MPS/MAT '08**, teaches horticulture at the Finger Lakes Residential Center in Lansing, NY. In her spare time, she gardens and hikes. She would love to hear from **Sarah Hakimzadeh** Stevensky.

Jade Bailey-Assam says she spends her time "continuously learning new things and being an explorer of life." Actions speak louder than words: she climbed Mt. Kilimanjaro in February 2013 and went on a subsequent safari. She is now planning a summer 2014 trip to Machu Picchu! Keep those updates coming! Submit them online at <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm> or e-mail your class correspondents: **Michelle Wong**, mrw29@cornell.edu; **Hilary Johnson**, haj4@cornell.edu; and **Johnny Chen**, jc362@cornell.edu. CAM Digital Edition, <http://www.cornellalumimagazine-digital.com>.

06 Happy New Year, classmates! Do you remember what you were doing ten years ago—in the winter of 2004? I do. You were probably about to join "The Facebook." Mark Zuckerberg's social networking behemoth was just getting its start, and January and February of 2004 were doubtless the last days before "friending," "poking," and picking the perfect profile photo took your social life by storm. Maybe you were the first of your social group to have 100 Facebook friends. Maybe you were a proud member of Facebook groups like "Journey for Slope Day!," "The Cornell 500," or my personal favorite, "I Shower Daily." Maybe you rebelled by refusing to join Facebook at all. Either way, there's

no denying that the technological innovations of early 2014 changed Cornell culture forever. The next time you are on Facebook, please take a minute to join the page "Cornell Class of 2006" (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/10182008693/>). It's the official Facebook page of the Class of 2006 at Cornell, and a great resource for news and updates about our class, class events, and our fair alma mater.

Matthew Bays (Panama City, FL) writes, "After working as an engineer for the US Navy for a year, I obtained a Dept. of Defense SMART scholarship and recently graduated with my PhD from Virginia Tech in mechanical engineering, focusing on robotics. For the past year I've been working for the US Navy at the Naval Surface Warfare Center Panama City Division as a research engineer." When he wrote in early August, Matthew had just returned from a trip to Alaska, as well as a trip to Chile, where his wife was performing her last rotation of vet medical school at the primary Chilean college of veterinary medicine. He keeps in touch with **Ashok Rajendar**, **Stephanie Goldfarb '07**, and **Sarah Bates '07**. **Sheldon Dunn** enlisted in the US Air Force. Although he says he is enjoying the "free training, travel, and education," some days he wishes he could be a general or own his own business.

ILR graduate **Phela Townsend** spent over five years working in labor and employee relations in the aerospace and consumer-packaged goods industries. This June she graduated with an MBA from the MIT Sloan School of Management. "In July I returned to Cornell (the Labor Relations school in NYC) to work on the Healthcare Transformation Project. Our team assists union and management leaders in establishing pioneering activities to improve patient care, implement needed organizational changes to control healthcare costs, and increase access to care." Phela keeps in touch with classmates **Tanneasha Gordon**, MPA '07, **Aleatha Ealey**, **Marissa Wilson**, and **Ryan Kuhn**, to name a few. And her brother, of course: **Gayraud Townsend '05**. Good news from **Ian Chiang** and **Susie Lee**, ME '07, who were married on September 29 in South Salem, NY, with many Cornellians in attendance. **Aram Heo** and **Hannah Song** were Susie's bridesmaids, and 20 other Cornellians joined them to celebrate. Ian and Susie now live in Edgewater, NJ.

Adam Weg has a busy law practice focusing on commercial litigation with Musick, Peer & Garrett LLP. He and his wife, Patricia, recently bought their first home in Encino, CA. As for me, **Tory Lauterbach**, I'm still in Washington, DC, enjoying every minute living in our nation's capital. I recently joined the boutique energy regulatory law firm Wright & Talisman PC, where I'm fortunate to spend my days helping some very smart people build the smart grid. In September I went to Spain for the first time and can't wait to go back to get another fix of Picasso, tapas, and some of the greatest architecture I've ever seen. Those of you who studied abroad in Spain definitely made a great decision. Send us your updates—we love to hear from you! **Tory Lauterbach**, VML8@cornell.edu; **Kate DiCicco**, kad46@cornell.edu; and **Nicole DeGrace**, ngd4@cornell.edu.

07 After winning the August 6 primary in his district, **Adam Hollier** came within a few percentage points of winning a spot on the Detroit City Council in last November's election. At 28 years old, he would have been the youngest elected city councilperson in Detroit's 300-year history. The election

itself was historic because it was the first time in 90 years that the members of the Detroit City Council were elected by district. Adam, who worked as the former mayor's liaison to City Council, thinks of his hometown as "a city with boundless opportunity." Congratulations are also in order for classmate **Laura Melnick**, who recently graduated from the U. of Pennsylvania School of Medicine. She is now working as a resident physician at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP). Another new graduate, **Andrew Fox** earned highest honors from the Ross U. School of Veterinary Medicine. Andrew is now a resident in veterinary radiology at the U. of Georgia.

Paulvalery and Jeannine Vaughn Roulette welcomed their first child, daughter Brianna Elise, born on July 25 in Charlotte, NC. The new father is in his second year of surgical residency as an orthopaedic resident in Carolinas Medical Center. He writes, "This is an amazing program and I am enjoying the weather and southern living. Never thought a New Yorker would admit to that." **Tania Ho** has partnered up with a friend to open a wellness retreat center and spa in the north of Thailand, Chiang Rai, called Soma Retreat Center, which was due to open in November 2013. She writes, "The retreat center is not a typical resort. It will have unique offerings for people to come relax, recuperate, rejuvenate, and re-create. Facilities include hydrotherapy facilities with Himalayan crystal salt, a vegetarian family-style restaurant, a sound and meditation pavilion, and aquaponics and organic gardening. Check out our website: www.somaretreatcenter.com."

Short takes: **Madhu Advani** is pursuing a PhD in applied physics at Stanford U. And hedge fund analyst **Catherine O'Doherty** writes that she is currently passionate about running and training for marathons across the country. She has completed five marathons so far. Thanks to everyone who sent news, and best wishes to all for the New Year. Check out the new questions at the online news form: <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>, or write directly to: [Nina Terrero](mailto:Nina.Terrero@gmail.com), nina.terrero@gmail.com.

08 Happy New Year to the Class of 2008! Your faithful class correspondents are wishing you all an absolutely fabulous 2014, full of global adventures, personal growth, and, of course, reconnection with all things Cornell. Between weddings, births, new jobs, and African rugby tournaments, our class has certainly been busy over the past two months.

Highlights of last summer included both our 5th Reunion and a slew of 2008 nuptials! **Mackenzie Snyder** married Jason Kesner on August 18, 2013 at the Pleasantdale Chateau in West Orange, NJ. Mackenzie's gorgeous wedding was the perfect excuse to continue the reunion festivities straight through the summer, and I had the pleasure of dancing the summer night away with **Stephanie Posen**, **Brett Greenberg**, **Charlie Niesenbaum**, **Evan Tyner**, **Ally Davis**, and **Adam Breitman**. Chicago-based Mackenzie and Jason threw a super-hip wedding, which included a photobooth complete with a personalized hashtag (#kesner) and Cornell props (Cornell bumper stickers, mugs, pennants, and—as a testament to Mackenzie's fantastic past leadership as an Alpha Chi Omega chapter president—sorority memorabilia). A Class of 2008 "Mazel Tov!" also goes out to **Renata Shraybman**, who married Erick Chalfin on June 23, 2013 in Boca Raton, FL! In attendance were

myself and other classmates, including **Jason Kahn**. As a pre-wedding ritual, Renata introduced Erick to all things Cornell Reunion two weeks before their nuptials, and after Purity ice cream and pitchers of beer in Ruloff's basement, he is now definitely an honorary Cornellian.

After graduating from Suffolk U. Law School in May 2013 with pro bono honors and sitting for the Massachusetts and New York Bar exams this summer, **Josh Burlingham** embarked on a two-week visit to Shanghai and its surrounding areas. At the time he dropped us a line, Josh was awaiting Bar exam results "while seeking employment as an associate in a law firm or other legal agency. Currently accepting offers!" Josh adds, "I continue to be involved in theatre and film as a member of SAG-AFTRA. I also study Taekwondo and

sometimes resemble lunchtime at Trillium. I'm always up for reconnecting with Class of '08 classmates. Drop me a line! Send your news to: [Elana Beale](mailto:Elana.Beale@cornell.edu), erb26@cornell.edu; and **Libby Boymel**, lkb24@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>. CAM Digital Edition, <http://www.cornellalumnimagazine-digital.com>.

09 **Angela Garozzo Scopelianos** (angelagarozzo@gmail.com) and new husband **George '07** moved to Arizona last fall, following their careers with Intel Corp. (George) and Hillstone Restaurant Group (Angela). She and George were married over Memorial Day Weekend, "four to five years after

‘Parenting is similar to college: my new son can keep me up all night and busy all day no matter how tired I am.’

Clover Whitham '05

Personal Defense Readiness (PDR) and serve as 3rd degree black belt instructor in the Blue Wave Taekwondo Association. Having so enjoyed my study of Japan at Cornell with Prof. Jane-Marie Law, and after, having spent a month touring Japan seeing and experiencing firsthand everything I had learned about in her classes, I continue to indulge my interests in Japan. I am involved with the Japan Society of Boston, follow Japanese news and cultural trends, and enjoy the undervalued art of tokusatsu and related Japanese merchandise. I also offer a variety of Japanese-themed items at: <http://www.zazzle.com/guardianwonder>." **Amir Heyat**, another lawyer classmate, writes that he is now an associate at the Washington, DC, office of Sullivan & Worcester LLP.

A Big Red congratulations goes out to **Carolyn Marin** Lundholm and her husband, who welcomed their first baby, Charlotte Olivia, on June 8, 2013. Charlotte shares a birthday with her dad, and all three Lundholms are enjoying living in their new condo in Carroll Gardens, Brooklyn. In the Bronx, **Anthony Mohabir** shares the news that he married wife Stacy in December 2012 and recently received his medical degree from the Albert Einstein College of Medicine. "I completed a preliminary year of medicine internship at the North Shore-Long Island Jewish hospitals and am currently in my first year of radiology residency there." Anthony adds that his favorite pastimes are disc jockeying and photography, and he wishes he had visited the Orchards more frequently while we were at Cornell.

Lastly, some news of my own. After graduating from the U. of Michigan Law School in May 2013, I am now a proud resident of the West Village and a first-year litigation associate at Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP in Midtown Manhattan. **Lance Polivy's** office is down the hall and we routinely have lunch dates in the firm cafeteria, where he recently threw a carrot stick at me after a spirited discussion of student life on the Hill. Classmates **Maury Slevin**, **Elana Jacob**, and **Joanna Kyriazis's** offices are only a few floors away, and run-ins in the cafeteria

that fateful Thursday night at Ruloff's," and were headed to Tahiti for their honeymoon when she wrote last September. **Diane Lemoine** (lemoine.diane2.0@gmail.com) sent her business card all the way from Luxembourg, where she is senior financial auditor for PwC.

Maria DeBye-Saxinger Counts has a new address in State College, PA, and sends the happy news that she and husband Christopher were married on August 24, 2013 near her home in Rhinebeck, NY. Maria and Christopher run the urban landscape design studio CCS out of both Brooklyn, NY, and State College, PA. Maria is in charge of business development and marketing as well as being a designer. She has also recently been appointed a visiting instructor at Penn State in the Stuckeman School of Architecture and Landscape Architecture.

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10 There's a chill in the air, and your class correspondent writes this column from his couch on a Sunday afternoon. The Giants are playing, and your correspondent's significant other is making his famous white bean chicken chili for dinner in a few hours. As I smell the chili simmering in the slow cooker and watch Eli Manning attempt to salvage the season, I can't help but think of my time back on the Hill. It was only four years ago that I was in a similar situation—a lazy Sunday watching football while a significant other or roommate cooked something for lunch or dinner. It occurs to me that while the location and the time may change, the seemingly simple things that we took for granted in life—even back on the Hill—do not. We may grow older, but the person we are inside stays the same—and the ties that keep us together remain the same as well. With that in mind, please help

us stay together. Send us your news and update your fellow Cornellians on your life.

First off, we received some great news from **Aimee Krause**. She writes that she graduated from Stanford Law School and will be moving to New York to work for a law firm there. **Erica Santiago** works in communications for the NYU Stern School of Business. She was scheduled to return to school for an MBA, attending Stern part-time. Aimee still loves to tap dance when she can. **Amy Aubrecht** writes, "For the past three years, I have been a part of L'Arche, an international federation of communities of people with and without disabilities sharing in life together. L'Arche currently exists in 18 cities in the US, and I enjoyed living in the Syracuse, NY, and Portland, OR, communities. In fall 2013, I will begin a Master of Divinity program at Boston U. I look forward to sporting my Big Red gear at the CU/Harvard hockey match in Cambridge!"

Lastly, **Adam Agata** writes, "After retiring from doing sabremetrics for the New York Yankees front office, I am currently working in modeling. Sort of. I make marketing models using data to analyze past performances of media campaigns and to recommend what to do in the future." When he wrote in July, Adam was preparing for the Vendy Awards in September—"the Oscars of food trucks." He adds that he keeps in touch with **Eugene Karlik**, BS '09, **Rahul Desai**, and **Alice Choo**, BA '09, JD '13, who had lately been studying for the Bar exam. Send news anytime to: [Michael Beyman](mailto:Michael.Beyman@cornell.edu), mjb262@cornell.edu; or **Rammy Salem**, rms84@cornell.edu.

11 Steven A. T. True, who remembers bringing his "hat and rope" to Cornell as a freshman, is spending his time doing exactly what he wants: "riding horses and roping cattle." He writes, "I recently returned home to my family's dude ranch to help us continue to grow. My brother and I are the third generation of Trues to run the property." **Emilija Mayer** writes, "I am currently a coatings engineer at General Electric in Schenectady, NY, and recently finished a two-year rotational program with GE in both Greenville, SC, and Schenectady." In other exciting news, Emilija bought a fixer-upper house a couple months ago. "I am loving the work and having my family help with the big projects. At the beginning of the summer I got a dog—an Australian shepherd—and named her Ezra. It was a Cornell-inspired naming, even though Ezra Cornell was male. I miss Ithaca enormously." Emilija has kept in touch with many Cornell friends, including **Daniel Gross**, **Brandon Bycer**, **Joshua Taillon**, **Raina Chong**, **Steven True**, and **Alison Gruber**.

Congrats to **Kurt Scavelli**, who just finished two years of medical school at Case Western Reserve U. in Cleveland, OH! When **Alexander Botkin** wrote, he was developing iOS apps for Gannett Co. Inc., including the *USA Today* and *Ithaca Journal* apps. He was moving to Apple in September, though, "to work on the operating system directly instead of as a third-party developer." **Ben Bissantz** has been "traveling, participating in a kickball league, going to horses races, and spending time at the beach." Though

he would rather be visiting Europe, he writes of his current travels: "I've been moving around the Southeast for work: Charleston, Augusta, and Atlanta. Currently living with nine roommates—just like Collegetown!" The Cornell friend he'd most like to hear from is "Nicole." As a freshman, Ben remembers carting in his flip phone and 256MB thumb drive.

Carina Steinhoff is working as a consultant at Deloitte in San Francisco, CA, but would rather be in business school. **Madeline Kaufman** remembers bringing her giant stuffed panda bear named Ling Ling as a young freshman coming to Cornell. Years later, she writes, "I will be starting at Perelman School of Medicine at the U. of Pennsylvania in August 2013." She otherwise spends her time "exercising, hanging with friends, trying new restaurants and bars, and traveling." She'd love to hear from old Cornell friend **Ben Jabbawy**. **Corey O'Brien** writes, "I am a rising second-year medical student at Georgetown U. School of Medicine and spent this past summer teaching high school students as part of Georgetown's medical institute. I also worked as a teaching assistant at Weill Cornell Medical College in Qatar the year after graduation." In his spare time, Corey enjoys cycling along the Potomac River. He's still in touch with **Sarah Kay Dela Cruz**, **Meryl Gabeler**, **Eric Lai**, **Aaron Cohen '12**, **Jon Westman '12**, and **Matt Gewing '12**.

Laura Hou is a biostatistician at NEBHJ—"an amazing experience in the working world and I am hoping to further my statistics ability. I am also looking up schools and considering applying to a PhD program." Although very happy at her job, Laura would like to find more time to travel, see friends, and take advantage of research opportunities. In her free time, she is "reading Japanese novels; refreshing her language skills; translating, reviewing, and writing the stories of video games; and traveling to new places." **Alexandra Bradley** writes: "Right now, I am juggling as busy a schedule as ever! I'm just getting started in a new job as a shift supervisor position at RAINN (Rape, Abuse, and Incest National Network). I am also going back to school to get my master's degree in public health from George Washington U., with a focus in maternal health. I love my work in women's health and helping people heal from sexual violence, but I also love being an actress and the time I've been spending working on indie films on the side." To **Kevin Boyd**, she says, "We need to have a two-person reunion!" From her freshman year, Alexandra remembers bringing "ridiculous amounts of food so that I could cook for myself when I needed to do so!"

Barbara Fallon is pursuing graduate degrees in forensic science and pharmacology/toxicology at Michigan State U., as well as interning with a law enforcement agency. She writes: "Some days I process mock crime scenes for class, but other days I do brain surgery on mice to figure out how people get

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Lauren Braun '11

While interning at a health clinic in Cuzco, Peru, in summer 2009, Lauren Braun was troubled by all the time and energy the nurses spent rounding up mothers who failed to keep their children's vaccination appointments. Throughout her stay, the human development major brainstormed ideas for reminding the women—many of whom were illiterate—about the vaccinations, which would protect their children from such diseases as tuberculosis and polio. Finally, Braun settled on an elegant solution: coded plastic bracelets.

Four years later, Braun is the president and founder of Alma Sana, an Indianapolis-based nonprofit dedicated to providing the simple technology to communities in the developing world. Supported by a \$100,000 grant from the Gates Foundation, the group is currently testing the bracelets in Peru and Ecuador. "You've got millions of children around the world who need vaccines," says Braun, who left a job in health insurance to found Alma Sana. "The potential it has is incredible."

Designed for children from birth to age four—who wear them at all times—the bracelets bear symbols representing various vaccines and numbers indicating when a dose is due. When an inoculation is given, a nurse records it by punching a hole through the symbol. "It's a way that the moms can be empowered," Braun says. "It's a win-win situation for everyone." Braun, who aims to secure funding to expand the project to Africa, notes that the technology could be applied to other facets of health care. Says Braun: "It's children in hard-to-reach areas that are the next major focus in global health."



— Lyndsay Isaksen

addicted to opiate drugs! Pursuing two degrees simultaneously means lots of variety to my days." What would she rather be doing? "Enjoying a 9-to-5 job and living anywhere that's WARM!" She would also love to be playing with the marching and pep bands at Schoellkopf and Lynah again. **Meaghan Frank** recently finished an MBA at the U. of Adelaide, one of the world's foremost universities for the wine business, and has joined her father, **Fred Frank '79**, in managing the family business, Dr. Konstantin Frank Vinifera Wine Cellars. A former Communication major with an interest in sociology, Meaghan's Cornell Wines class inspired her to pursue a degree in the wine business. In her current role she will be working closely with her father, expanding distribution and sales to new markets and increasing its presence in existing markets, developing wine tourism, and serving as a brand ambassador promoting Dr. Frank. Want to share an update on your current adventures? Contact your class correspondents: [Kathryn Ling](mailto:Kathryn.Ling@cornell.edu), KEL56@cornell.edu; or [Lauren Rosenblum](mailto:Lauren.Rosenblum@cornell.edu), LCR46@cornell.edu.

12 **Brittany Lütz** (bclutz53@gmail.com) currently lives in New York City and works as an assistant buyer for Bloomingdale's. She also spends time with friends in the City and volunteers with the ASPCA. She has taken on the responsibility of coordinating alumni gatherings for the various student groups she was involved in at Cornell, including FSAD, PSE professional fraternity, and her social sorority, Kappa Alpha Theta. **Ujjiji Davis** (udd2@cornell.edu) is another New York City resident who has been making a big difference in the community. She writes, "I work as a construction manager for playgrounds and landscapes in Central Park at the Central Park Conservancy." She also laments that she made the typical freshman mistake of bringing "just one party dress" to Cornell when she first arrived. Let's hope she has remedied the party dress situation to keep up with her new home in the Bronx!

Another 2012 graduate who is making big moves is **Melissa Young** (Melissa@3WCircle.com). Alongside her friend **Caroline Scheinfeld '10**, she created 3WCircle. Their company was created to "connect and curate authentic conversations and real relationships between women." As COO, Melissa helps to build the day-to-day infrastructure of the company. In her spare time, she writes that she enjoys "swimming, doing yoga, and spending time with friends." Check out Melissa and Caroline's work at www.3WCircle.com.

Many thanks to the 2012ers who filled out our class news form! Some quick updates: **Patricia Baquiran** (mb1681@georgetown.edu) is currently pursuing her master's degree in public policy at Georgetown U. **Ariella Weintraub** (abw75@cornell.edu) is working for ABC's "Good Morning America" and enjoys hanging out with Cornell alums in her free time. **Narcisa Ledesma** (nml43@cornell.edu) writes that she spends time volunteering with some of the most amazing organizations in New York City. She adds, "I recently finished tutoring a student from the Equity Charter School. I have been studying for the GRE exam and hope to return to school to earn a master's degree in public policy." **Megan Sichler** (megsichler@aol.com) is completing her training out in California for her new career at Oracle, as well as finishing her master's degree from Duke U.

Make sure to keep your classmates up to date on your life after Cornell by sending any information you would like to share to your class correspondents: [Emily Cusick](mailto:Emily.Cusick@cornell.edu), egc43@cornell.edu; and [Peggy Ramin](mailto:Peggy.Ramin@cornell.edu), mar335@cornell.edu.

13 Happy New Year, Class of 2013! We hope you had a great holiday season and maybe even set some New Year's resolutions for yourself (no, unfortunately one of them cannot be to become a college student again).

First, a big congratulation goes out to **Max Martinez**, whose startup Phroogal met its fundraising goal of \$75,000. Great job, Max! **Crystal Grant** is now living in NYC and conducting leukemia research at Northshore LIJ Hospital in Manhattan. She is using genomic data to better

through the Cornell Inst. of Public Affairs. During undergrad, she studied both Economics and Sociology, concentrating in business, networks, and institutions in the latter of her two majors; now she is focused on environmental policy at CIPA. When she isn't studying, Kamillah is taking care of her 1-year-old daughter, whom she took to her first Ithaca Apple Festival back in October. College athlete superstar and four-time NCAA champion **Kyle Dake** spent the fall preparing for the Men's Freestyle Wrestling World Championship in Budapest, Hungary. His World Team training took him to Stillwater, OK, and Colorado Springs, CO, to train at various camps including the World Team Acclimation Camp in Stayaki, Belarus.

In the corporate world, new roommates **Harisen Kardon** and **Alyssa Bush** are hard at work at Ernst & Young and Deutsch Inc., respec-

‘Crystal Grant says she has become “that alumna who says hello to anyone in Cornell swag.”’

Dan Kuhr '13

predict patient outcomes; she even has her first drug trial in the works! If you live in NYC and are wearing Big Red apparel, she might introduce herself to you, as she has become "that alumna who says hello to anyone in Cornell swag."

Annaclaire Brodnick is adjusting to life in Hawaii since she left the Hill, but it has not been terribly difficult since the weather is always warm and beautiful there. She teaches sixth grade math through Teach For America on a military base, and so is learning to appreciate the struggles that children of military families face. When she's not making lesson plans, she is exploring the region and getting involved with the Cornell Club of Hawaii. **David Roger** is also enjoying perennially warm weather in his new home of Las Vegas, NV, for which he traded the beautiful autumn foliage of Ithaca and Hazelnut Kitchen (his favorite) in Trumansburg. David is working through Venture for America with the Downtown Project, an initiative started by Zappos CEO Tony Hsieh to rebuild downtown Las Vegas through healthcare reform, investments in non-venture capital firms, and improvements to local transportation.

Among our many classmates in graduate or professional school is **Amy Dreisiger**, who is putting her ILR-tested reading skills to work at Harvard Law School. She is reacquainting herself with dorm life and living down the hall from fellow classmate **Michelle Elsner**. Out in Madison, WI, **Christopher D'Angelo** is pursuing his PhD in plant breeding and genetics at U. of Wisconsin and enjoying the state's great cheese. Christopher's research focuses on increasing the efficiency of onion breeding and seed production. **Allie Riggs** is studying ways to combine art and technology in the Digital Arts New Media MFA program at UC Santa Cruz. **Sebastian Deri's** graduate school experience thus far includes learning Web programming, taking dance lessons, and obsessing over minutiae (the last of which takes up most of his time).

Kamillah Knight is still in Ithaca, only this time for a Master of Public Administration degree

tively. Recently, the two took advantage of what NYC has to offer and attended an art class. The paintings they made have yet to be hung. **Helene Beauchemin** found her "Cornell away from home" at PwC, where she works in risk consulting. She serves on a committee there that plans events to "bridge the gap between staff and management," which is reminiscent of her time writing for the *Daily Sun* and being a brother of the Delta Sigma Pi business fraternity. **Adrian Palma** is continuing the immigration-related work he did as a student in Washington, DC, at FWD.us, an advocacy group founded by Mark Zuckerberg that is working to pass immigration reform through Congress. Adrian is enjoying D.C., but says, "To be honest, I truly do miss my time on the Hill, when life was so much more slow-paced and where beauty and nature surrounded us."

The US Air Force's Cryptologic and Cyber Systems Division at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, TX, selected **Sam Jones** to work as a civilian through the SMART Scholarship. Sam works in the Cyber group, helping to develop next-generation capabilities for national defense. As a native Bostonian, he says that Texas is a "big change" and he's been called a "Yankee." However, he is enjoying the weather and the adventure! **Molly Silverstein** is working as a food scientist for Citarella in NYC. She is learning how Citarella prepares its delicious foods and is calculating the nutrition information for their wide array of products. And what's food without good wine? **Michele Weiss** worked as a Wine of the World intern in NYC and is now completing her master's in wine business at Burgundy School of Business in Dijon, France. She is looking forward to traveling to wine shows and fairs in the UK, Germany, and Spain.

As always, if you or any 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: [Dan Kuhr](mailto:Dan.Kuhr@cornell.edu), dk453@cornell.edu; and [Rachael Schuman](mailto:Rachael.Schuman@gmail.com), raschuman@gmail.com.

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- '32 BA—Walter F. Deming II, Palm Harbor, FL, July 15, 2013
- '34 BA—Olivia Lamb Stryker, Bethlehem, PA, August 21, 2013
- '35—James L. Rose, Mt. Dora, FL, June 30, 2013
- '38 BME—William W. Doolittle Jr., Glastonbury, CT, August 13, 2013
- '38 BS HE—Helen Rogers Rask, Newport Beach, CA, July 4, 2013
- '38 BS Ag—Charles H. Riley Jr., Kennett Square, PA, August 30, 2013
- '39 BS Ag—Miriam Woodhull Acker, Sun City Center, FL, Nov. 13, 2010
- '39 BA—Dorothy Bauer Fedor, Summit, NJ, September 22, 2013
- '39 JD—David Gregory, Clifton Springs, NY, November 29, 2007

1940s

- '40 MA—Jean McClelland Carpenter, Ulysses, PA, August 29, 2013
- '40, BA '41—John Weine, White Plains, NY, May 21, 2013
- '41-47 SP Ag—John C. Aldridge, Henrietta, NY, July 30, 2013
- '41 BS Hotel—Margaret Fegley Droz, Tallahassee, FL, September 8, 2013
- '41 BEE—John T. Riday, Mercer Island, WA, April 14, 2013
- '41—Paul Rosenthal, Chicago, IL, August 17, 2013
- '41—Marjorie Salzman Schultz, Willoughby, OH, April 20, 2013
- '42 BCE—Donald R. Goodkind, San Juan Capistrano, CA, Sept. 7, 2013
- '42 BA, MS '45—Ellen Cook Jacobsen, Cazenovia, NY, August 28, 2013
- '42 BS Ag—Jay E. Manchester, Hamilton, NY, September 11, 2013
- '42 BS Ag—Edwin W. Markham, Bainbridge Island, WA, July 9, 2013
- '42-43 SP Ag—Wilfred S. Mullen, Williamsport, PA, August 11, 2013
- '42, BA '43—Arthur W. Schnacke, Spring, TX, September 5, 2013
- '43, B Chem E '44—John L. Olsen, Media, PA, August 28, 2012
- '43 BA—Mary Jo Borntreger Ray, Dallas, TX, August 8, 2013
- '43 BS HE—Dorothy Cross Salisbury, Luxemburg, WI, August 12, 2013
- '43, BArch '44—Virginia Bogert Sample, New Lebanon, NY, September 1, 2013
- '43 DVM—Dorothy Bradley Smallridge, Rochester, NY, July 7, 2013
- '44 BME—William R. Kane, Eliot, ME, July 22, 2013
- '44 BA—Priscilla Dean Painter, Bradenton Beach, FL, August 22, 2013
- '44 BEE, PhD '52—Robert S. Rochlin, Silver Spring, MD, Aug. 25, 2011
- '44—Howard M. Sharp, Denver, CO, June 9, 2011
- '44—Frank L. Stamberg, Stamford, CT, August 9, 2013
- '44, BA '46—Jonathan D. Stoddart, Woodlawn, VA, July 12, 2013
- '44, BME '48—Vernon E. Whitaker, Birmingham, AL, August 26, 2013
- '45 BS Chem E, B Chem E '47, MBA '49—Stoddard H. Knowles, Annapolis, MD, September 6, 2013
- '45, BA '49—Wallace C. Ross, Vero Beach, FL, August 23, 2013
- '45—Barbara Benjamin Westlake, Fort Myers, FL, April 24, 2013
- '45—Robert G. Xides, Elizabeth, PA, September 11, 2013
- '46—Susan McKinney McConnell, Yardley, PA, September 7, 2013
- '46 PhD—Arthur Oliner, Lexington, MA, September 9, 2013
- '46—Chester Sarsfield Jr., Arcadia, CA, March 11, 2013
- '46 BME—Varick D. Schwartz Jr., Palm Beach Gardens, FL, July 13, 2013
- '46 MS—Arline Raskin Weger, Irvine, CA, July 12, 2013
- '46, BCE '45—Arthur L. Whinston, Portland, OR, September 4, 2013
- '47 DVM—Jane Whallon Benson, Bainbridge, NY, August 28, 2013
- '47—Alyse Cobey Kinne, Panama, NY, July 20, 2013
- '47, BME '46—Paul A. Strauss, Oak Bluffs, MA, April 25, 2013

- '47 BCE—Louis R. Tyler, Loveland, CO, April 21, 2013
- '48 BME—Roger H. Cross Jr., Penney Farms, FL, July 25, 2013
- '48—Jacqueline Kritz Stone, Indianapolis, IN, July 2, 2013
- '48 BA—Louis Strick, Westport, CT, May 12, 2013
- '48 BS HE—Jean Hamke Sundheim, St. Petersburg, FL, July 29, 2013
- '48 BA—Barbara Kesicke Vosburgh, Red Hook, NY, September 18, 2013
- '48 BS Ag, PhD '51—Jay D. Wright, Orange City, FL, August 27, 2013
- '49 MS ILR, PhD '53—Donald E. Cullen, Canandaigua, NY, Aug. 24, 2013
- '49 BS ORIE—Hugh G. Dean, Poway, CA, January 8, 2013
- '49 BS Ag—Warren J. Gerhart, Chesapeake City, MD, August 3, 2013
- '49 BCE—Harold B. Hall, Oakland, CA, December 22, 2012
- '49 JD—Theodore A. Searle, Kennedy, NY, August 11, 2013
- '49 BS Ag—Alvin Silvey, Fort Lauderdale, FL, August 22, 2013
- '49 BA—Austin P. Story Jr., Chillicothe, OH, August 12, 2013
- '49 BS Ag—Barbara Harnett Weil, Stamford, CT, August 11, 2013
- 1950s
- '50 BCE—William J. Bartels, Pompano Beach, FL, May 18, 2013
- '50—John T. Bassett, Leonard, TX, August 27, 2013
- '50 BA—Elizabeth White Bradley, Westfield, NJ, October 9, 2012
- '50 BEE—Leon F. Fabbioni, New Hope, PA, June 3, 2013
- '50 BA, LLB '54—William S. Reynolds, Buffalo, NY, July 30, 2013
- '50 BS HE—Rosemary Kielar Terkoski, Canton, MI, July 29, 2013
- '50 BA—Paul S. Warner, Pittsford, NY, April 10, 2013
- '51 BS HE—Jeanne MacLeod Berry, Arlington, TX, September 14, 2013
- '51 BS Ag—Robert C. Brandt, Rochester, NY, September 4, 2013
- '51, BME '53—Robert S. Coe, Norfolk, VA, August 10, 2013
- '51 BA—Bernard J. Frieden, Chestnut Hill, MA, September 9, 2009
- '51 BS Hotel—Harold E. Ginsburg, Marlton, NJ, April 11, 2008
- '51—Joan Hesselton Ogilvie, Ann Arbor, MI, August 20, 2013
- '51 BA—Charles N. Quinn, Cambridge, MD, July 7, 2013
- '51—Ricardo F. Salazar, Panama City, Panama, December 20, 2012
- '51 MS Ag, PhD '53—Edward F. Sullivan Jr., Clemmons, NC, Aug. 7, 2013
- '51 BA—Dave R. Swormstedt, Cincinnati, OH, January 17, 2013
- '51 BS Ag—Richard H. Teel, Centerville, MA, July 23, 2013
- '51 BA—Lawrence G. Wigbels, Carlisle, PA, September 1, 2013
- '52, BME '53—Frederick E. Barr, Lakeville, PA, August 30, 2013
- '52 BA—Alvin Friedman, Washington, DC, April 1, 2013
- '52 BA—James F. Jerome, Watertown, NY, September 5, 2013
- '52 BS Ag—George M. Kloser, Birmingham, AL, July 17, 2013
- '52-53 SP ILR—Maria Weber Maxfield, Kinnelon, NJ, August 31, 2013
- '52 BS Ag—James R. Moore, Seneca, SC, September 8, 2013
- '52 DVM—Charles L. Myers, Centre Hall, PA, September 12, 2013
- '52, BA '53—Robert E. Sticker, Ithaca, NY, July 14, 2013
- '52 BS Hotel—Henry E. Turner, Laguna Beach, CA, September 7, 2010
- '52—Nancy Convery Young, Edgartown, MA, August 14, 2008
- '53 PhD—Stanley W. Caywood Jr., Lakewood Ranch, FL, Sept. 2, 2013
- '53 BA—W. Allan MacRossie, Eagle, CO, August 1, 2013
- '53 MD—Robert E. McCabe Jr., Londonderry, VT, August 29, 2013
- '53 BS Nurs—Rose Marie Arabia Salzman, Philadelphia, PA, Apr. 20, 2013
- '53 BA—Catherine Austin Smith, York, NY, July 25, 2013
- '53 AB, JD '55—Nicholas Steinthal, Menlo Park, CA, July 6, 2013
- '53, BCE '54—Joseph M. Thomas, Middletown, OH, September 18, 2013
- '54—Charles H. Dahl Jr., Mamaroneck, NY, July 23, 2012
- '54 BA—Allison C. Danzig, Marco Island, FL, April 14, 2013
- '54 DVM—Maurice G. Deeley, Eyraabakki, Iceland, July 11, 2013
- '54 BS Ag—Charles L. Dodson Jr., West Sand Lake, NY, August 16, 2013
- '54 BS Ag—Robert W. Feasley, Eden, NY, March 21, 2013

- '54 BA—Robert I. Lindemeyer, Bellevue, WA, July 4, 2013
 '54 DVM—John A. Matochik Jr., Fort Edward, NY, July 13, 2013
 '54 MS—Marion E. Pyne, Woolwich, ME, September 18, 2013
 '54 MS—Kenneth V. Runcie, Haddington, Scotland, UK, January 23, 2011
- '55 BS Hotel—David W. Clark, Glenview, IL, November 22, 2012
 '55, BME '57—Christie N. Cuddeback, Front Royal, VA, Sept. 16, 2013
 '55 BA—Carol Feldman Ehrman, Huntington, NY, January 29, 2009
 '55—Theodore E. Gutmann, Binghamton, NY, March 30, 2007
 '55—Thane R. Halstead Jr., Wheaton, IL, July 1, 2012
 '55 BS Ag—Bruce W. Remick, Springfield, VA, April 24, 2012
 '55, BS HE '56—Iris Garden Schwartzbaum, Bronx, NY, May 29, 2012
 '55—James N. Skinner III, Mercer Island, WA, June 7, 2012
 '55 PhD—Earl W. Stevick, Lexington, VA, August 13, 2013
- '56 BS Hotel—Andrew A. Amend Jr., Old Saybrook, CT, March 10, 2008
 '56 BA—Joyce Kemins Ganeles, Delray Beach, FL, August 28, 2013
 '56 BS Nurs—Elizabeth Happich Imhof, Boise, ID, August 16, 2013
 '56 BS ILR—Christopher Schmid, Clifton Park, NY, July 30, 2013
 '56—Arnold L. Villone, El Cajon, CA, February 1, 2013
- '57 BS Hotel—Ellsworth D. Cook Jr., Ellenton, FL, September 8, 2011
 '57 BA—Myrna Britz Danzig, New York City, August 22, 2013
 '57 BS Ag—Jack Slobodin, Walnut Creek, CA, August 7, 2013
 '57 BS Ag, MBA '58—Ronald C. Walding, San Jose, CA, July 1, 2013
- '58, BS Ag '59—C. A. Bache, Freeville, NY, September 9, 2013
 '58-59 GR—Joseph G. Finnerty Jr., Baltimore, MD, September 5, 2013
 '58 BS Ag—Paul E. Gavitt, King Ferry, NY, September 10, 2013
 '58 BA—Robert H. Hoag, Danvers, MA, June 23, 2013
 '58—Bernard H. Kohler, Independence, MO, March 14, 2007
 '58, BS ILR '59, MBA '61—John J. Meakem Jr., Greenwich, CT, September 14, 2013
 '58, BCE '60—Stuart L. Richardson, Marion, MA, August 1, 2013
 '58 MS HE—Larue Brigham Stier, Needham, MA, July 14, 2013
- '59—Herbert H. Buchanan, Edison, NJ, October 19, 2012
 '59 PhD—Abel L. Robertson Jr., Half Moon Bay, CA, Sept. 14, 2013
- 1960s**
- '60 BS Ag, MBA '61—Gerald R. Fry, Hamilton, NY, September 8, 2013
 '60, BS Hotel '61—Stephen K. Goldstein, Killington, VT, Aug. 25, 2013
 '60 MNS, PhD '65—Carol H. Letendre, Columbia, MD, August 22, 2013
 '60 BS Nurs—Dorothy Cameron Murdock, Great Falls, VA, June 9, 2011
 '60—Jacob F. Schoellkopf V, Hamburg, NY, August 23, 2013
 '60 BA—Charles S. Sutherland, Kettering, OH, July 21, 2013
- '61-62 GR—Joelle Adlerblum, Amherst, MA, August 25, 2013
 '61 MS—Ray L. Poritsky, Hudson, OH, August 19, 2013
 '61-62 SP—William T. Savolainen, East Lansing, MI, April 25, 2013
 '61 MS—Imre A. Tamas, Ithaca, NY, August 9, 2013
- '62 MD—Bryant Barnard, Wenham, MA, August 17, 2013
 '62 MS HE—Marian E. Grover, Sun City Center, FL, May 20, 2013
 '62 MA—Robert F. Hester, Richmond, VA, August 17, 2013
 '62 BS HE—Marjorie Lorig Leventry, Athens, GA, August 3, 2013
 '62 BS Nurs—Helen Hunfeld Pezzulich, Bennington, VT, Sept. 5, 2013
 '62—Richard R. Storm, Upper Marlboro, MD, July 27, 2013
- '63, BME '64, MBA '65—Billy J. Bowling, North Canton, OH, August 14, 2013
 '63 MME—Paul A. Crowder, Seattle, WA, July 22, 2013
 '63, B Chem E '64, ME '67—Peter S. Daley, Purcellville, VA, July 26, 2012
 '63 BA—Eugenia Frisse Fanelli, New York City, August 18, 2013
 '63 BS Hotel—Walter L. Geggis, Centreville, MD, August 21, 2013
- '63 MS—Frederik Morsink, Chesapeake, VA, March 23, 2013
- '64 JD—Edward M. Block, Las Vegas, NV, August 8, 2013
 '64 PhD—Benjamin D. Day, Indianapolis, IN, July 13, 2013
 '64-68 GR—George H. Irvin, Anchorage, AK, June 26, 2013
- '65 PhD—Delmer O. Ketchie, Wenatchee, WA, July 31, 2013
 '65, BEE '68—Vincent M. Viola, East Greenwich, RI, May 3, 2013
- '66 BS, ME '67—Andrew W. Barchas, Truckee, CA, May 6, 2013
 '66 PhD—Michael M. Nieto, Los Alamos, NM, June 8, 2013
 '66-67 GR—Edward J. Pierson, Kenner, LA, May 15, 2013
- '67 MS, PhD '69—Louis A. Spomer, Ouray, CO, July 25, 2013
- '68, BArch '73—Marvin L. Quammen, Philadelphia, PA, May 20, 2013
- '69 BS HE—Carolyn Rose Greene, Boca Raton, FL, May 12, 2013
 '69 BS Ag—Gary L. Ryder, Mount Vernon, OH, May 2, 2013
- 1970s**
- '70 MA—Corinne Nemetz Nydegger, San Francisco, CA, July 28, 2013
- '71, BA '72—Bruce P. Baron, Kamuela, HI, April 13, 2013
 '71 MBA—Kenneth F. Kraly, Union, NJ, July 26, 2013
 '71 BS ILR—Christina Sickles Merchant, Ithaca, NY, August 5, 2013
 '71 MS Ag, PhD '76—Theodore R. Rounsaville, Groton, NY, June 9, 2013
- '72 BS Ag—Forrest D. Holland, Lafayette, IN, August 6, 2013
- '73 PhD—Thomas M. Burton, Lake Leelanau, MI, June 3, 2013
- '74 JD—Norwood K. Banks, Chicago, IL, September 25, 2009
 '74 BA—David M. Janower, Schenectady, NY, August 26, 2013
- '76, BS Ag '77, MPS '90—Marilyn L. Arnold, Falls Church, VA, June 29, 2013
 '76, BS Eng '77—Warren A. Grosjean, Honeoye Falls, NY, July 28, 2013
 '76 MA—Denise M. Kramarz, Marlton, NJ, April 1, 2013
 '76 BS, MCE '77—Robert J. Puccia, Marietta, GA, July 25, 2013
- '78 BS Eng—Timothy L. Houck, Seattle, WA, July 20, 2013
- '79 MA, PhD '88—Douglas B. Hanson, Ona, WV, June 17, 2013
- 1980s**
- '80 BS Ag—Paul A. Schillaci, Wilmington, NC, June 10, 2013
- '85 BS Ag—Kenneth P. Thompson, Groton, NY, August 2, 2013
- '87 BS Ag—Linda Katz Schumer, Yorktown Heights, NY, July 10, 2012
 '87 MS ILR—Fredric J. Shenn, Jackson, NJ, August 17, 2013
- '88 BS Hotel, MBA '94—Patrick J. Poggi, Atlanta, GA, August 20, 2013
 '88-89 GR—Alyce L. Spotted Bear, Halliday, ND, August 13, 2013
- 1990s**
- '93 BA—Andrew Sewell, West Haven, CT, July 21, 2013
- '95 BA—John L. Mark, New York City, March 26, 2013
- '99 PhD—Benjamin Kohl, Philadelphia, PA, July 25, 2013
- 2000s**
- '05 MPS, MA '09—Ann Wilde, Logan, UT, August 8, 2013

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Plowing Ahead



For one professor, preserving tiny farm equipment is a big deal

Ezra Cornell,” says Gerry Rehkugler ’57, MS ’58, “is intimately connected to plows.” A professor emeritus of biological and environmental engineering, Rehkugler is a man on a mission: to preserve and display the University’s collection of antique plow models. Among his rationales is the fact that Ezra himself was a plow man: not only did he grow up on a farm, he worked as a plow salesman before making his fortune in the telegraph industry—for which he invented a plow to dig trenches for laying wire. And if that’s not enough CU street cred: the items in question, formally known as the Rau Model Plow Collection, were purchased in Germany in 1868 by none other than Andrew Dickson White. The foot-long models—about 125 of Cornell’s collection survive—were created for teaching and categorization, chronicling the global evolution of plow technology from antiquity to the mid-nineteenth century.

Once languishing in storage, the collection has been catalogued and restored under Rehkugler’s direction. Now, more than a dozen are on display in the Riley Robb lobby. Funds permitting, Rehkugler aims to house them in lighted cases built into existing alcoves in a nearby hallway; last year, he tapped a Human Ecology class to submit designs. The plan is to display them along with items from another CALS collection: dozens of sales and patent models—miniature fences, threshers, strawcutters, and the like—currently shelved in the basement near the grad student lounge. “It’s part of the history of Cornell and of this department,” says Rehkugler. “These models are beautifully done. The artisans that made them had to be extremely skilled. You could call it folk art—but it’s still art.”



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Pay dirt: Models in the CALS collection include (from top) a horse-drawn sickle mower, a German country plow (seen with Professor Gerry Rehkugler ’57, MS ’58), and a horse-powered treadmill that took gold at a competition judged by Ezra Cornell.

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