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BILL STERNBERG '78

The papers of famed astronomer Carl Sagan, now open to the public at the Library of Congress, range over topics as majestic as outer space and as mundane as office space. Purchased via a donation by “Family Guy” creator Seth MacFarlane, the collection includes fascinating insights into Sagan’s decades on the Hill, from his arrival (after snubs from Harvard and MIT) to complaints about his “almost imperceptible level of Cornell financial support” to a gala sixtieth birthday celebration in Bailey Hall—an event that was followed all too soon by the illness that would ultimately end his life.

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BETH SAULNIER

As veterans have returned from Iraq and Afghanistan, Americans have become increasingly aware of the phenomenon of post-traumatic stress disorder. For more than a decade, researchers at the Medical College have been developing new ways to treat PTSD—using virtual reality technology to aid patients in accessing disturbing memories of such events as the World Trade Center attacks and a sniper assault in Fallujah. Meanwhile, former Marine officer Zach Iscol '01 has spearheaded a collaboration with Weill Cornell that’s getting New York City-area vets the help they need. “We’ll work with patients until they’re better,” Iscol says. “If that means we’re seeing them every day for six years, we’ll see them every day for six years.”

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BRUCE DANCIS '69

In 1966, Bruce Dancis '69 tore up his draft card in front of Olin Hall—an act that would lead to a federal indictment, a conviction for draft card mutilation, and nineteen months in prison. Dancis, a leader of Cornell’s chapter of Students for a Democratic Society, recalls that watershed moment and many more in *Resister*, a memoir just published by Cornell University Press. “I hoped my own action would, in a small way, help build a larger and more committed antiwar movement,” writes Dancis, now a retired journalist living in California. “I was willing to act alone, but hoped that others would be joining me in the not-too-distant future.”

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An Interview with Dean Laurie Glimcher, MD

Weill Cornell Medical College is a very important part of Cornell's footprint in New York City and of the University's distinction as one of the world's great research universities. I recently sat down with Laurie Glimcher, MD, provost for medical affairs and the Stephen and Suzanne Weiss Dean, to discuss its progress and prospects.

David Skorton, MD: The Medical College has been developing a new curriculum. How will it differ from the way you and I were taught?



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Laurie Glimcher, MD: The health-care environment has changed rapidly and continues to do so, accompanied by an accelerated pace of discovery. We need to make sure that we are educating young physicians to thrive in this world and to equip them to be the next generation of leaders in academic medicine. We've substantially reinvigorated our curriculum. We're integrating basic science and clinical medicine to a greater extent and encouraging self-learning through blended or flipped classrooms. We want students to be lifelong learners, to practice self-reflection, to develop humanism, and to be leaders in whatever

area they choose to focus on. Hence, we're incorporating time for our students to choose an area of concentration, leading to a scholarly product in any one of a number of areas, ranging from basic lab research to global health to intensive surgery.

DS: Under your leadership, Weill Cornell is stepping up its efforts in translational medicine through new research collaborations with industry. Why are these collaborations important?

LG: With the advent of technological advances like the human genome sequence, sophisticated molecular imaging, and the ability to handle "big data" sets, we've gotten to the point where we can accelerate the translation of discoveries in the laboratory into new therapeutics for patients.

How do we get it done? I believe we will achieve this most efficiently and effectively by partnering with the private sector. Academic scientists are much better than big pharmaceutical companies at discovery, at understanding the biology. On the other hand, pharmaceutical companies are superb at medicinal chemistry—tinkering with a small molecule to make it suitable for use in humans. One example is our recent launch of the Tri-Institutional Therapeutics Discovery Initiative, a partnership with Rockefeller University and Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer

Center to cross what we call "the valley of death." Suppose a scientist has identified a gene that's critical in some disease and has generated a small-molecule drug that has efficacy in tissue culture and possibly even in animal models. Transforming that compound into a human therapeutic requires sophisticated medicinal chemistry, toxicity testing, pharmacokinetics, and so forth. Academicians, in general, are not very good at that. So we've allied ourselves with Takeda, a global pharmaceutical company, which is embedding eighteen of its medicinal chemists here at Weill Cornell. They'll work side-by-side with our biologists.

DS: Some traditionalists say that if we turn too vigorously toward industry, we lose the recognition that peer review gives a faculty member. What would you say about that issue?

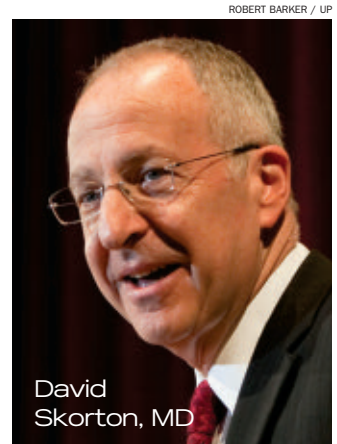
LG: What makes an academic medical center successful is the excellence of its faculty, which is determined by the metrics we employ as academicians in evaluating our peers. The career of any faculty member—physician or researcher—depends on the evaluation of that individual by internal and external peer colleagues.

DS: You've said that making patients the center of everything we do at Weill Cornell is our ultimate goal. How does that play out day-to-day?

LG: Well, we *do* make patients the center of everything we do—whether at the patient's bedside or by discovering ways to improve treatment of diseases in the laboratory. Our interdisciplinary model is the future of biomedicine. We have significantly increased the space we have to recruit outstanding researchers as we open the Belfer Research Building. We've just launched a new campaign to

fund the recruitment of a dozen or so researchers to increase our presence in cancer research and join Lewis Cantley, PhD '75, who came to us from Harvard to head our new Meyer Cancer Center.

Any academic medical center that is operating on the assumption that 75 percent of its research dollars is going to come from the government in the future is not going to be around ten years from now. We need to establish a broader funding base that includes private foundations, industry/academia collaborations, and private philanthropy. I'm very grateful for the generosity of our overseers, our trustees, and many Cornell alumni, which has been essential to sustaining and growing our academic medical center and making Weill Cornell the very best place for our patients.



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The Big Picture





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Open the Gates

In late January, students and faculty moved into the newly completed Bill and Melinda Gates Hall. Located next to Hoy Field, the \$60 million facility is the home of Computing and Information Science.

Mixed Reaction

We report, you decide

When I read “Fair and Balanced” [the excerpt from *Murdoch’s World* by David Folkenflik ’91, January/February 2014], I was reminded of an observation made recently by a friend of mine. He said that if your news source continually claims to be “fair and balanced,” it isn’t.

*Jon Anderson ’71
Eugene, Oregon*

Slide Step

I think it’s great that Architecture, Art, and Planning has extensive activities in New York City (“Urban Outfit,” January/February 2014). But it might also be productive if AAP involved itself with one of New York’s medium-size upstate cities, e.g., Syracuse or Rochester, or possibly have a regional focus on the Albany–Buffalo corridor. Over the past half century or so, Upstate New York’s economy has lagged behind that of the U.S. overall. Focusing on reversing this slide could be both intellectually and economically rewarding.

*Arnold Nadler, MRP ’67, PhD ’73
Salem, Massachusetts*

Cover Shot

Re: January/February 2014. Couldn’t your photo editor have gotten a current picture of New York City looking south, which would show, off to the right of the Empire State Building, the proud One World Trade Center at its full height?

*Jason Gettinger ’64
New York, New York*

Ed. Note: Ah, if only we had a photo editor.

Green & Clean

If anyone wonders why so many of us refuse to donate to our alma mater, look



no further than faculty votes. For an institution devoted—it claims—to the diversity of ideas and to knowledge, Cornell has a faculty that is decidedly uninformed about divesting from companies holding large reserves of fossil fuels (see *From the Hill*, page 10).

After four hours of lecture in Japan, I asked where the electricity for the region’s electrical cars came from. All of a sudden, no one spoke English. Our delegation let the question hang until a small voice answered, “From coal.” Even an engineering dropout like me can tell you that converting coal to electricity and then calling the car “clean” doesn’t make it so.

I am a green—I don’t even allow people in my kitchen if they won’t compost. But fossil fuel companies are the major funders of clean energy research. Duh.

*Donna Wiesner Keene ’79
Fort Washington, Maryland*

Scarf Search

I’m looking for help in solving the Campion “Ivy League Scarf” mystery. Those

who have been to Dartmouth’s hometown—Hanover, New Hampshire—might remember the Campion store on South Main Street, across from the campus. In 1949, the store’s proprietor, James “Big Jim” Campion, had a silk scarf made, to sell at the store, showing classic Dartmouth scenes surrounded by the words to a college song. It was a huge success—so much so that Mr. Campion decided to have scarves designed for the other Ivy schools (although this was seven years before the official formation of the Ivy League). These scarves, in the same design, show scenes of that particular college, surrounded by the words of a school song. They are fabulous.

So far, I have found Campion’s Brown, Dartmouth, Princeton, and Yale scarves, which I now own. I discovered the Penn version in their archives this past January. I have researchers looking in the archives of Columbia and Harvard for those scarves. But we came up empty in the Cornell archives. I have seen the Cornell scarf online once, so I know it exists.

I am reaching out to the Cornell community to help me find this Campion Cornell “Ivy League Scarf.” Any leads would be extremely helpful; please write to me at bobofeen@yahoo.com.

*Bob Feen
New Haven, Connecticut*

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From the Hill

Medical College's Belfer Research Building Opens

In late January, the Medical College unveiled its long-awaited Belfer Research Building, an eighteen-story, \$650 million facility that nearly doubles the campus's lab space. Located on East 69th Street between First and York avenues, the 480,000-square-foot building is devoted to translational research—bringing cures “from bench to bedside.” Its areas of focus include cancer; cardiovascular, metabolic, and neurodegenerative diseases; children's health; global health; and infectious disease. “The completion of the Belfer Research Building represents a major expansion of Cornell University's footprint in New York City,” says President David Skorton, who holds appointments in the departments of medicine and pediatrics. “It opens the door to an even greater role for Weill Cornell physicians and researchers in benefiting the health and well-being of New Yorkers and many others around the globe.”



JOHN ABBOTT

Glass house: The new Belfer Research Building is home to a cancer center, an institute devoted to drug discovery, and more.

\$75 Million Gift Founds Cancer Center at Weill

A \$75 million gift from Sandra and Edward Meyer '48 and their foundation has created the Meyer Cancer Center at the Medical College. Housed in the new Belfer Research Building, it will be led by Lewis Cantley, PhD '75, a noted cancer researcher recruited from Harvard last year. The center is planned as a hub for such advanced approaches as precision medicine, in which an individual patient's tumor is screened to create a targeted therapy. Its faculty will comprise basic scientists, pathologists, bioinformaticians, surgeons, radiation oncologists, and more. In honor of the gift, Weill Cornell will name its main building at 1300 York Avenue the Sandra and Edward Meyer Research and Education Building.

Major Expansion Prescribed for Gannett Building

A \$55 million expansion of Gannett Health Services is in the works. "We've become very adept at making our patients comfortable and ensuring their privacy," says Gannett executive director Janet Corson-Rikert. "But there is no question that student demand for health services has outgrown the capacity of our Gannett facility to provide the amount and the quality of space needed." The project, which will bring Gannett's usable square footage to 52,000 from its current 25,000, is funded in part by a lead gift of \$5 million from Board of Trustees Chairman Robert Harrison '76 and his wife, Jane. Construction is expected to begin in spring 2015 and be completed by summer 2017. The building, which dates from 1956, was last renovated in 1979—to serve a student population that was 5,000 fewer than that of today.



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Collector's item: A rare album of Civil War photographs has a particular curatorial distinction: it's the University Library's eight-millionth volume. Compiled for Louis-Philippe d'Orléans, a French count on the staff of a Union Army general, the book includes images by famed photographer Mathew Brady.

Give My Regards To...

These Cornellians in the News

Vice president for budget and planning **Elmira Mangum**, named the eleventh president of Florida A&M University. She will be the historically black school's first female president.

ILR student **Simon Boehme '14**, Cornell's first-ever winner of a Mitchell Scholarship. The past recipient of a Truman Scholarship, he will spend a year studying in Ireland.

Human Ecology professor **Per Pinstrup-Andersen**, honored with a *festschrift* on campus to mark his retirement and celebrate his forty-year career, which included winning the World Food Prize for his efforts in fighting malnutrition and poverty.

Greg Galvin, PhD '84, MBA '93, named Cornell Entrepreneur of the Year. Co-founder and former CEO of Kionix, Galvin is currently chairman and CEO of the technology firms Rheonix and Mezmeriz.

Vet college epidemiology professor **Yrjo Grohn**, winner of a

lifetime achievement award from the Association for Veterinary Epidemiology and Preventive Medicine.

Fashion design major **Justine Lee '14**, winner of a \$30,000 Geoffrey Beene scholarship for her brand of convertible and sustainable apparel and accessories made from 3-D printers, laser cutters, and other high-tech machinery.

Applied math professor **Steven Strogatz**, winner of the Euler Book Prize from the Mathematical Association of America for *The Joy of X: A Guided Tour of Math, from One to Infinity*.

Vice provost and dean of the Graduate School **Barbara Knuth**, named chair-elect of the Council of Graduate Schools.

Physics major **Eyvind Niklasson '17**, honored on both Google and Facebook's lists of "pentesters"—benevolent hackers who report vulnerabilities in their systems.

Cookie Dough Remodel, winner of an annual student contest to create new ice cream flavors for the Dairy Bar. The flavor—a dark chocolate base with sugar cookie pieces and white chocolate chips—will be available on campus. The runner-up was **Stocking Night**, a vanilla base with yogurt chips and a blueberry mélange.

Grove Will Mark CU's 150th

Special landscaping is planned to mark the University's 150th birthday in 2015. To be installed this summer near the top of Libe Slope, the Sesquicentennial Commemorative Grove will feature trees, benches, and a walkway. It will overlook West Campus and Cayuga Lake, aligned with the A. D. White and Ezra Cornell statues on the Arts Quad. Comprising about 1,700 square feet of plantings, the grove will include a timeline of the University's history, as well as quotes from notable Cornellians. It begins with the 1862 passage of the Morrill Land Grant Act and runs through 2011, with the winning bid for the New York City tech campus. The project's cost is estimated at \$650,000.

Faculty Senate Calls for Fossil Fuel Divestment

In a vote of 46-13, with two abstentions, the Faculty Senate has adopted a symbolic resolution urging the University to divest its \$5.7 billion endowment from the top 200 fossil fuel-holding companies. The move makes Cornell's the first faculty in the Ivy League to pass such a resolution. "It is our responsibility to act together to strongly encourage the governmental actions that are needed to address the rapidly approaching climate catastrophe," says molecular biology and genetics professor David Shalloway, one of the measure's thirty-seven co-sponsors. "The adoption of the resolution by the Faculty Senate demonstrates moral courage that I hope will inspire similar actions at other educational insti-

tutions." In the spring of 2013, the Student Assembly passed a resolution calling for full fossil fuel divestment by 2020; the Graduate and Professional Student Assembly has tabled a similar measure. In a *Daily Sun* editorial, President David Skorton stated, "We have no plans in the foreseeable future to divest from direct holdings or commingled funds in the fossil fuel industry." The Faculty Senate resolution also calls for Cornell to revise its Climate Action Plan to set a goal of carbon neutrality by 2035 rather than 2050.

D.C. Strategist Is New VP

A veteran Washington, D.C.-based communications strategist has been named vice president for university relations. Joel Malina, CEO and general manager of Wexler & Walker Public Policy Associates, will assume the post at the end of March, overseeing Cornell's government and community relations as well as University communications. "Joel brings to Cornell a superb background in government relations and strategic communications at a time when coordinated approaches and strong partnerships locally, across New York State, in Washington, and around the world will help define our future," says President Skorton. A Yale graduate, Malina is a former aide to U.S. Rep. Nita Lowey.



Joel Malina

CORNELL CHRONICLE

R&D

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Despite the bitter cold in many parts of the country this winter, climate-change researchers warn that the real danger lies in a heat wave next summer. Policy analysis and management professor Nicolas Ziebarth studied 170 million hospital admissions and 8 million deaths in Germany over ten years before issuing his report on the mortality of extreme heat events.

Veterinary ophthalmologists have adopted a new way to diagnose equine eye problems quicker and more safely. The human medical technique, in vivo corneal confocal microscopy, generates images of living eyes in microscopic detail.

The late Paul Kintner, a professor of electrical and computer engineering and head of the Cornell Global Positioning Systems Laboratory, has had a minor planet named after him. Formerly known as Number 15358, "Kintner" is a main belt asteroid located 2.75 astronomical units from the sun.

After two decades of effort, professor of Islamic history and law David Powers has published the third and final volume in a series chronicling Islamic legal doctrine over the past 1,400 years.

The Chilean government has formally granted use of the land for a telescope to be located high in the mountains of the Atacama Desert. Cornell is a lead institution for the project, which will create the largest instrument of its kind.

A commodity tax system based on nutritional value could reduce obesity, says policy analysis and management professor Michael Lovenheim. He and a colleague at Stanford found that taxes on sugar and fat would be most effective.

A genomic study suggests that modern dogs and gray wolves represent sister branches on an evolutionary tree descending from a common ancestor. The results contrast with previous theories that dogs evolved from wolves.

The Lab of Ornithology has released Merlin Bird ID, a free iPhone app that identifies 285 North American species by asking five questions and displaying photos that match the description, customized to location and season.

For older women, sitting is a recipe for ill health. In a study of some 93,000 postmenopausal women, nutritional scientist Rebecca Seguin found that the most sedentary died earlier than their more active peers.

Potato production in New York State could get a boost via aeroponics. Plant pathologist Keith Perry, PhD '89, has been working at a University site in Lake Placid to develop ways to increase yields and resist pests using sustainable technologies.



JOHNSON MUSEUM OF ART / CORNELL

Back to the land: Gas BP by David LaChapelle is among the works on display at the Johnson Museum in a show that's a sequel to the legendary "Earth Art" exhibition held on campus in 1969. Featuring pieces that address such issues as water supply, food justice, and distribution of natural resources, "Beyond Earth Art: Contemporary Artists and the Environment" runs throughout the semester.

Campus Mourns Two Seniors

The University is mourning the deaths of two twenty-one-year-old seniors who passed away early this semester. Milica Mandic, a computer science student in the College of Engineering, died in January in Serbia after an illness. A member of Kappa Delta sorority, Mandic worked on the Sustainable Design engineering project team and interned in the field of industrial automation. In February, Sanya Hashmi passed away after a week in intensive care at Cayuga Medical Center. A biological sciences major, she worked in the Computational Physiology Laboratory, planned to attend medical school, and was an active member of the Muslim Educational and Cultural Association.

Students Develop Phone App to Improve Campus Safety

A free smartphone app for iOS and Android developed by a team of undergrads offers one-stop safety services for the Cornell campus. "We realized that Cornell offers so many services to keep students safe," says one of the designers, Matthew Laks '15, "but often students do not know how to connect to these services or have the phone number for them." The app, dubbed ResCUer, features two buttons. "Get Help" calls up options for campus EMS, police, Gannett Health Services, resident advisers, and Blue Light escorts. "Go Home" offers options for taxis, Blue Light, a map route home, or friends' phone numbers.

Johnson School Gets Program on Family Businesses

A new effort at the Johnson School will focus on the challenges facing family businesses. Funded by a \$10 million gift from a 1974 MBA alumnus and his wife, the John and Dyan Smith Family Business Initiative will be housed in the school's Entrepreneurship and Innovation Institute. Its first two programs will be a course on the benefits and challenges of family businesses and a lecture series bringing executives from such firms to campus.

New Director Tapped for Cooperative Extension

A horticulture professor has been named director of Cornell Cooperative Extension. Christopher Watkins, formerly associate director of CCE, will serve through October 1, 2017. He'll complete the term of Helene Dillard, who stepped down to become dean of the ag college at the University of California, Davis. Watkins has been on the Cornell faculty since 1994.

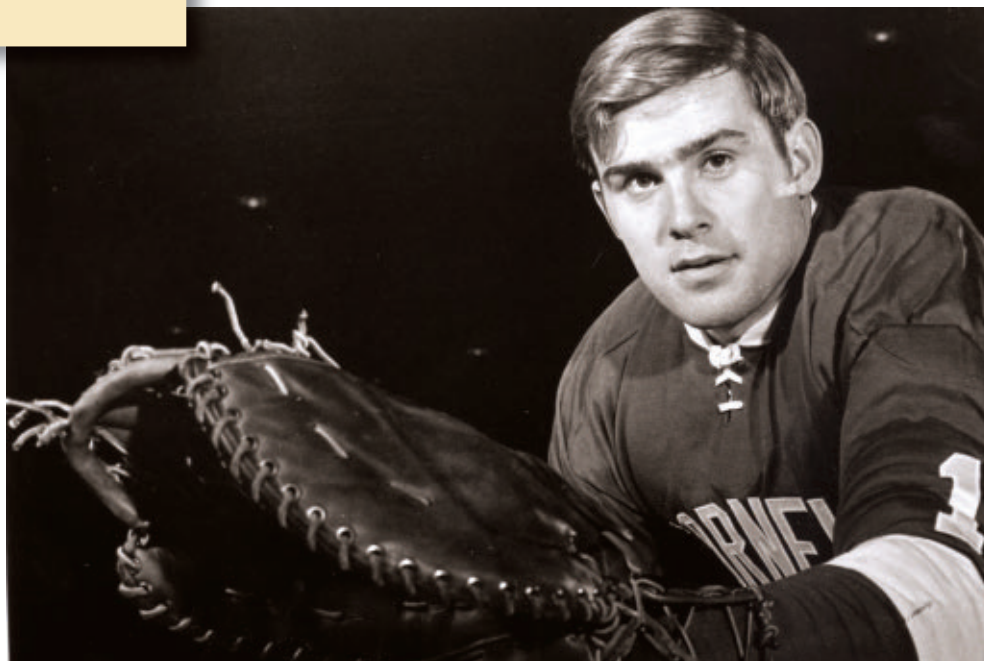
Construction Starts at Cornell Tech Site on Roosevelt Island

Progress on the Cornell Tech campus is moving ahead, with the official signing of the ninety-nine-year lease on the twelve-acre, city-owned parcel executed in December. In January, barges carrying construction materials arrived on Roosevelt Island, home to the new campus set to open in summer 2017. The first order of business is to demolish Goldwater Memorial Hospital, a task that could take up to a year. To follow its progress, go to construction.tech.cornell.edu.

Say 'Aloha' to New Plantations Director Christopher Dunn

The new director of Cornell Plantations hails from tropical climes. According to an announcement by CALS Dean Kathryn Boor, Christopher Dunn's most recent post was at the arboretum at the University of Hawaii, Manoa. "During his tenure there," Boor reports, "he helped rescue a 193-acre tropical rainforest and botanical garden from near-extinction, with a \$3 million renovation project and the establishment of an ecology research center committed to preserving both the biological and cultural diversity of the Pacific region." Dunn, who starts on April 1, is no stranger to cold weather: he holds an undergraduate degree from SUNY's College of Environmental Science and Forestry—located in Syracuse—as well as a master's in plant ecology from Indiana State University and a PhD from the University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee.

Strong start: As a sophomore, Ken Dryden '69 was the goalie on the Big Red's first NCAA championship team.



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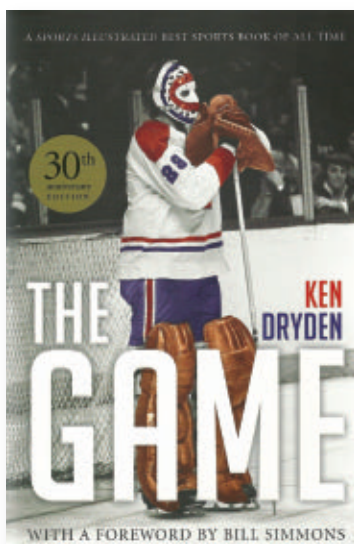
Still in the Game

Ken Dryden '69 updates his hockey classic—and looks ahead

Shortly before he retired from professional hockey at the age of thirty-one, Ken Dryden '69 began work on *The Game*. A memoir of his final season with the NHL's Montreal Canadiens, the book was published in 1983. It ranged far beyond the rink to consider culture, politics, family life, and more. At the time, *The Game* was hailed as one of the finest sports books ever written and perhaps the best book about hockey.

Last fall, a thirtieth-anniversary edition was published, and the raves began again. ("It remains as much a revelation on a second reading as it was on the first," wrote Jeff Klein in the *New York Times*.) The new version has an introduction by sportswriter Bill Simmons and an afterword from Dryden about a memorable day he spent traveling with the Stanley Cup on a journey through his family's history.

A native of Hamilton, Ontario, Dryden was a history major on the Hill. Always thoughtful, he speaks at length about the importance of what he learned at Cornell—especially from Professor Walter LaFeber. "It wasn't until I took his diplomatic history course that I started to realize that history wasn't just names and dates and battles," says Dryden. "That it really was a story, and that it was the story of people. Then it started to make sense. . . . There was a flow to it, there was movement, there was connection." That narrative sense of history permeates *The Game*, with Dryden's sharply drawn portraits of his teammates and coach, and his vivid accounts of games, including the tense contests between NHL players and

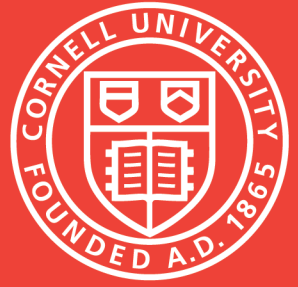


the Soviet national team in the Seventies.

Dryden had one of the greatest careers of any college hockey player. He became the Big Red's starting goaltender as a sophomore (freshmen were not allowed to play varsity in those days), and the team went 27-1-1, clinching the NCAA championship in a 4-1 win over Boston University. The seniors on that team, says Dryden, raised the level of Cornell hockey. "The Ferguson brothers, Mike Doran, Harry Orr, Paul Alt-house, Murray Deathe—they were the pivotal ones," he recalls. "They were good enough to win, and they were competitive enough and hard-nosed enough to win. For those of us who came in after them, that standard was set." Cornell just missed adding more championships in Dryden's junior and senior years—losing the NCAA

semifinal in 1968 and the final in 1969—but he ended his collegiate career with 76 victories and a save percentage of .939. Both are still school records.

Although college players were not highly regarded as professional prospects at that time, Dryden was drafted by the Boston Bruins, who traded his rights to Montreal. After a stint in the minors, he was called up near the end of the 1970-71 season and became the Canadiens starter. They swept through the playoffs, winning the Stanley Cup; Dryden was awarded the Conn Smythe Trophy as the most valuable player. The following year, he was named the NHL's rookie of the year—giving him the distinction of being the only player ever to be the playoff MVP before



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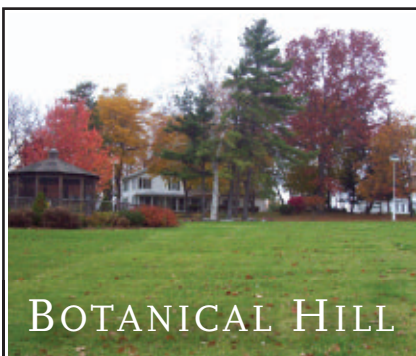
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Dryden would go on to win five more Stanley Cups with the Canadiens, along with numerous individual honors. He was inducted into the Hockey Hall of Fame in 1983. For many athletes, that would be the end of a storied career—but Dryden was just getting started. He continued to write books, to work as a TV commentator (he was the color man for the “Miracle on Ice” game in 1980), and to serve as an NHL executive. He was elected to Canada’s Parliament in 2004 and held office until 2011, including a cabinet position as the minister of social development.

Dryden is now focused on education. At McGill University, where he earned his law degree in 1974, he has been teaching a Canadian studies course called Making the Future. “Canadians have a history of working with others, of being listeners, of

being compromisers, of being tolerant,” he explains. “All of those qualities, in a previous time, may have made Canada fairly irrelevant to the functioning of the world. But now all of those qualities are essential to the working of a global world. We need to understand that about ourselves.”

This year, Dryden’s course is being offered at both McGill and the University of Calgary. He will lecture at one while real-time video is shown at the other, going back and forth between the campuses. Dryden hopes to expand the course to more schools across the country as Canada approaches its sesquicentennial in 2017. “Our 150th birthday is a milestone opportunity,” he says, “where we all stop, look around, see where we are, see where we’ve been, see where we’re going—and see if that’s where we *want* to go.”

— Jim Roberts '71

Sports Shorts

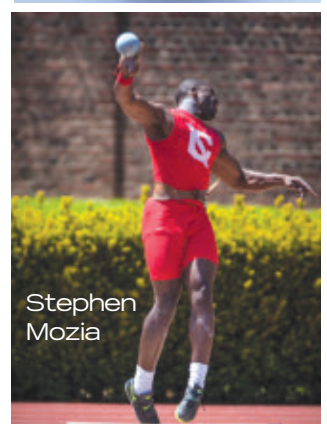
SIX OLYMPIANS Cornell was well represented at the 22nd Olympic Winter Games in Sochi, Russia. The Canadian women’s hockey team had four Big Red skaters: **Rebecca Johnston '11**, **Laura Fortino '13**, **Lauriane Rougeau '13**, and **Brianne Jenner '13**. And the members of the U.S. Olympic bobsled squad included former track star **Jamie Greubel '06** and former men’s lacrosse player **Chris Langton '12**.

LONG TOSS When **Stephen Mozia '15** heaved the shot 20.52 meters (67 feet, 4 inches) at Barton Hall in January, the effects were felt in a record book halfway around the world. Mozia’s throw not only set school and Barton Hall records, it set the Nigerian national record. Although Mozia is from Hackensack, New Jersey, his parents are from Nigeria, giving him dual citizenship and making him eligible to hold Nigerian records.

NET GAIN January was an eventful month for former Big Red hockey goaltender **Ben Scrivens '10**. On January 15, he was traded from the Los Angeles Kings to his hometown Edmonton Oilers. Then, on January 29, Scrivens set an NHL record for most saves in a regular-season shutout when he stopped 59 shots during a 3-0 win over the San Jose Sharks.

RING BEARER On February 2, **Bryan Walters '10** became the third Cornell football player to be on a Super Bowl championship team when his Seattle Seahawks crushed the Denver Broncos, 43-8. Walters was on the team’s 53-man roster, although he was not part of the 46-man active roster on game day. A native of the Seattle area, Walters played in six regular-season and two playoff games as a receiver for the Seahawks.

SCHOLAR-ATHLETES Two members of the women’s track and field team, **Samantha Olyha '14** and **Emily Shearer '14**, received prestigious Marshall Scholarships to continue their postgraduate schooling at an English university of their choosing. Shearer, who will split her time between Oxford and Cambridge, is a distance runner and earned All-Ivy honors in cross country last fall. Olyha has competed in multiple events and will pursue a degree in oncology at Oxford.

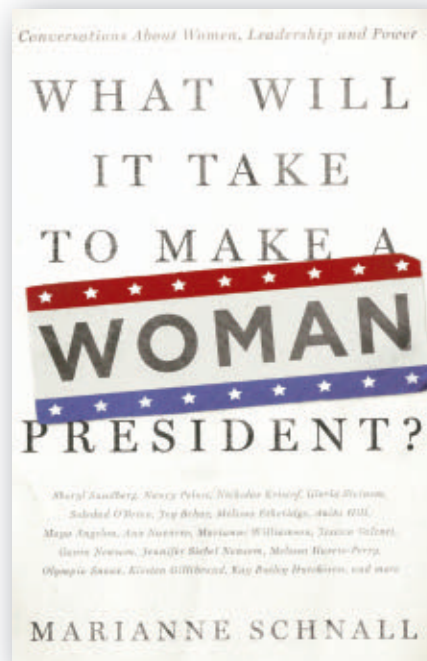


Breaking the Ultimate Glass Ceiling

What Will It Take to Make a Woman President?

by Marianne Schnall '89 (Seal)

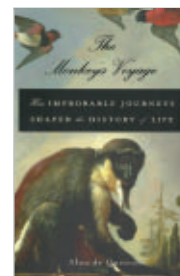
Women are 50 percent of the population, yet they occupy just a fraction of that in elected office,” writes Schnall, the executive director of Feminist.com. The U.S. ranks seventy-seventh on an international list of women’s participation in national government, and a mere twenty-one of the Fortune 500 CEOs are women. In interviews with politicians, television commentators, writers, artists, and activists, Schnall asks why so few women are in the pipeline for leadership roles in the country and assesses new projects aimed at helping them attain positions of influence.



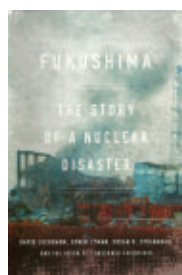
The Accident by Chris Pavone '89 (Crown). The worlds of publishing and espionage collide in Pavone’s second novel. When literary agent Isabel Reed receives an anonymous manuscript containing scandalous revelations about a prominent media mogul, little does she realize that it could get one killed. Powerful people will use any means necessary to stop the book’s publication. Hayden Gray, a CIA spy, tries to destroy all copies of the manuscript—and those who possess them. The story moves across Europe and America and reaches into the past where a secret lies buried near a dark road in Upstate New York.



The Monkey’s Voyage by Alan de Queiroz, PhD '92 (Basic). An evolutionary biologist at the University of Nevada, Reno, recounts the improbable ocean crossings that shaped the history of life. In the Sixties, a generation of biogeographers thought that continental drift explained how plants and animals spread around the world with the breakup of Pangaea, the ancient supercontinent; they disparaged Darwin’s deduction that life could have floated to new locations on mats of vegetation. The use of DNA evidence brought a shift back to Darwin’s idea. “The field of biogeography,” writes de Queiroz, “flipped from landmasses-as-life-rafts and other fragmentation scenarios to something closer to the airline route map.”



Fukushima by David Lochbaum, Edwin Lyman, PhD '92, and Susan Q. Stranahan (New Press). The accident at the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant in 2011 showed a nuclear catastrophe playing out in real time. A senior scientist in the Global Security Program of the Union of Concerned Scientists and his co-authors point out the weaknesses in plant design and the flaws in operations and regulatory oversight and give a minute-by-minute account of the heroic efforts to save the plant. They warn that if the nuclear industry does not change its inadequate safety standards, another Fukushima could happen again.

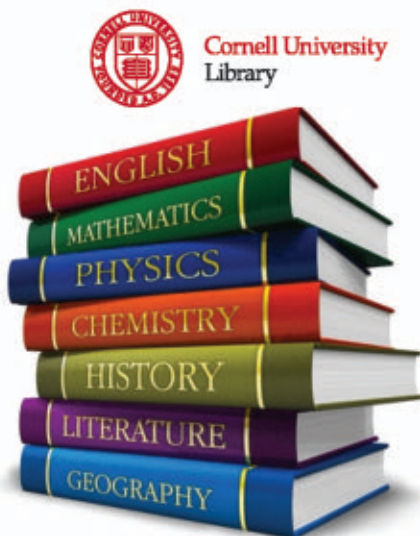


Amor & Exile by Nathaniel Hoffman '99 and Nicole Salgado '99 (Cordillera West). A journalist and a writer tell the stories of Americans who marry undocumented aliens and get caught up in the legal limbo of border politics. “There is nothing surprising or exotic about an American marrying a foreigner,” they write. “When we hear that some half a million citizens are unable to sponsor their husbands and wives because of where and when they happen to meet, it does not square with our understanding of our immigration system, which is supposed to keep families together.”



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To Make Good Again by David Eingorn '85 (ADS). When the German government presents a last check for reparations on the seventieth anniversary of the liberation of the Dachau concentration camp, two Holocaust survivors pursue a different kind of final accounting.

Poetry

Mnemosyne: The Long Traverse by Carolyn Clark '80 (Finishing Line). In her latest collection, Clark reveals the layers of myth and deep time that underlie everyday life.

Non-Fiction

Hazard or Hardship by Jeffrey Hilgert, PhD '11 (Cornell). The International Labor Organization estimates that 2.3 million people are killed by work-related injuries and illnesses around the world every year. An assistant professor of industrial relations at the University of Montreal argues that the right to refuse unsafe work should be given greater protection.

Theorizing Art Cinemas by David Andrews '92 (Texas). An independent scholar looks at the history of postwar European film, the development of the auteur theory, and the common elements shared by experimental films, cult movies, New Hollywood, indie films, and various Asian new wave films.

Economics for People and Earth by Henk Thomas, PhD '73, and Manuel Thomas (Social Research Centre). In 1968, a group of people set out to create Auroville, an environmentally sustainable city in southern India. They reforested barren land, planted organic farms, built houses, schools, and health centers, and started businesses. A professor of employment and labor studies and a chartered accountant describe the practices that have guided this cooperative movement for more than forty years.

The Vegan Cheat Sheet by Amy Cramer '88 and Lisa McComsey (Perigee). Two former omnivores show how to make the transition to veganism in twenty-one days, providing menu advice, shopping lists, travel tips, a fast-food survival guide, and reasons why a vegan diet guards against heart disease and diabetes.

Every Shot Counts by Mark Broadie '79 (Gotham). Seeking to better understand golf stats, a professor at the Columbia Business School helped develop the "strokes gained" method for analyzing golf

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Deer Hunting in Paris by Paula Young Lee '86 (Solas House). In an irreverent memoir, a faculty fellow at Tufts University tells how an allergic, vegetarian preacher's daughter moves from Paris, France, to Paris, Maine, and learns to love hunting and cooking and eating meat.

Samsung Galaxy S 4 For Dummies by Bill Hughes '82 (Wiley). A market strategist provides step-by-step instructions for managing contacts, browsing the Web, using maps, playing games and music, and finding your way around the features of the Galaxy S 4 smartphone.

Ice Cream Social by Brad Edmondson '81 (Berrett-Koehler). The former editor-in-chief of *American Demographics* tells the inside story of Ben & Jerry's sale to Unilever, how the company tried to keep to its original mission after the corporate takeover, how its principles were compromised, and how the company and the corporation eventually learned to work together to uphold the brand's integrity.

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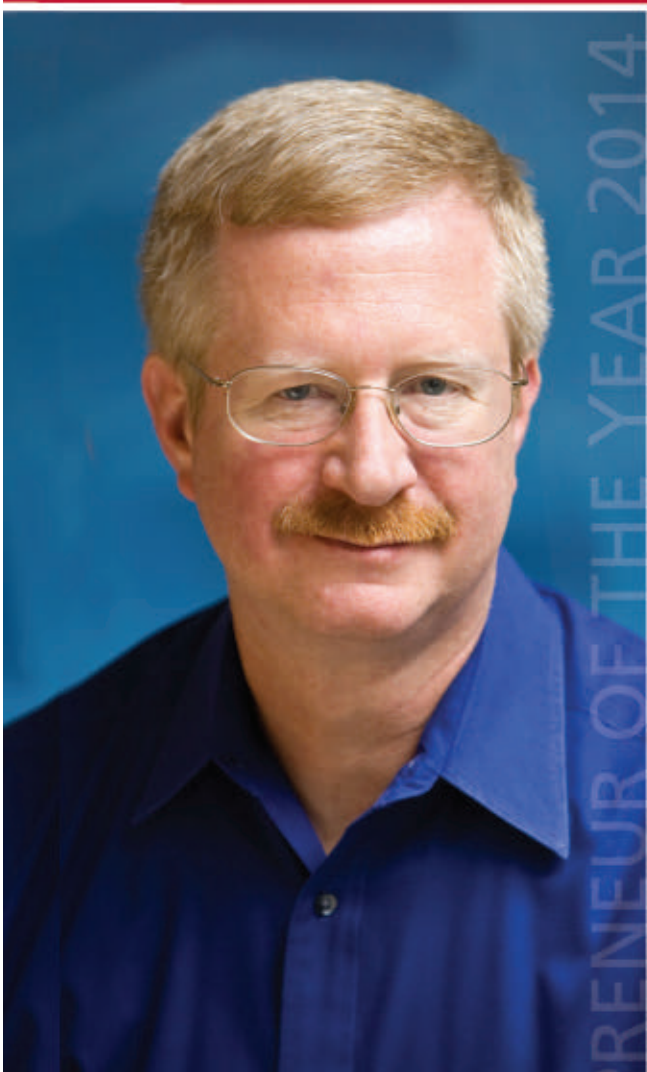
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Lucky Star

Margaret Weitekamp, PhD '01, has a sci-fi fan's dream job: curating pop culture at the National Air and Space Museum

Final frontier: Margaret Weitekamp, PhD '01, at the Smithsonian's Moving Beyond Earth exhibit.



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Margaret Weitekamp, PhD '01, holds a doctorate earned under eminent historian Richard Polenberg. She has taught women's studies at Hobart William Smith. She's the author of an award-winning scholarly book published by Johns Hopkins University Press. And there she was: trying to figure how to get a 14,000-pound space shuttle engine into the Smithsonian without cracking the floor. "I sat through hours of meetings about exactly how much weight would be on any one wheel of the frame; how much weight is required for the tug that can pull the thing or the forklift that can lift it; what's the combined weight of the engine, the stand, the forklift, the crane, and the truck; and whether it would break the end of the museum to put it on our terrace," Weitekamp recalls with a laugh. "It's an interesting application of one's historical training to, on the one hand, be a publishing researcher, and on the other hand try and figure out, 'Is there a door big enough?'"

Weitekamp is curator of the National Air and Space Museum's

Social and Cultural Dimensions of Spaceflight Collection—essentially, the historian in charge of the museum's pop culture holdings. She's responsible for some 4,500 objects—both actual historic artifacts, like medals and mission patches, and objects from the world of science fiction, from a Flash Gordon ray gun to a Buzz Lightyear toy to comic books based on "The Jetsons," *War of the Worlds*, and *Close Encounters of the Third Kind*. The huge engine is part of the museum's Moving Beyond Earth exhibit, which features not only rarefied holdings like astronaut gear and a twelve-foot-high model of the space shuttle, but mass-market items such as a shuttle-themed bath toy, puzzle, and kids' sneakers. Such things, she explains as tourists mill about the gallery, can put the evolution of human space flight into cultural and historical context. "The idea of putting wings on a spacecraft or having one that takes off like a rocket and lands like an airplane didn't suddenly show up in the Seventies," Weitekamp says, pointing out a vintage depiction of a rocket at the exhibit's entrance. "You can look back to the Twenties and Thirties—Buck Rogers's ships were winged spacecraft that were used over and over."

A self-confessed “closet space and science fiction nerd” since childhood, Weitekamp was six years old when *Star Wars* came out in 1977—what she calls “exactly the right age.” She played with toys from the movie; her brother even had *Star Wars* curtains from the Sears catalog. “I loved imagining what it would be like to go into space,” she recalls. “In some ways that’s part of what I do now—think about how the ways people have imagined space flight relates to what is actually possible.” On the Hill, she was Polenberg’s last graduate student—“At some point,” she says, “it became clear that I needed to finish so he could retire”—and taught freshman writing seminars on science fiction. Her dissertation, on a selection program for female astronauts in the Fifties and Sixties, eventually became a book entitled *Right Stuff, Wrong Sex*, published by Hopkins in 2004, the year she joined the Smithsonian. She has also written a kids’ book on Pluto and co-edited a volume on the aesthetic culture of science and technology, contributing an essay on how the space shuttle is interpreted as a toy. (It gets shorter and rounder, with infantile features, sometimes even sporting a smiley face.)

Weitekamp’s job is a hybrid: in addition to designing exhibits—and wrangling with such dilemmas as how to deal with the clashing reds in the U.S. and Soviet flags for a 2007 show on the fiftieth anniversary of the space age—she is an actively publishing scholar and does outreach to schoolchildren and the media. Currently, she’s working on an overhaul of the museum’s venerable *Apollo* exhibit, set for 2018 or 2019. “The challenge is always, ‘show it, don’t tell it,’” she says. “The joke is that, left to our own devices, curators would paste our books on the walls, complete with footnotes, and have everyone read them in order. An exhibit is a different way of telling a story; it needs to be something you learn from but you don’t just read, and that people don’t always do in order. Historians are linear thinkers, but museum visitors bounce all over like ping-pong balls.”

Arguably the most famous sci-fi item under Weitekamp’s purview is located not in the exhibition galleries but in the museum’s final frontier: the hinterlands of the basement gift shop. There, behind Plexiglas—past the junior space suits and the astronaut ice cream and the zero-gravity pens—is the eleven-foot-long studio model of the starship *Enterprise*, used in the original “Star Trek” series from 1966 to 1969. “People have this vision of what the *Enterprise* looked like when they saw

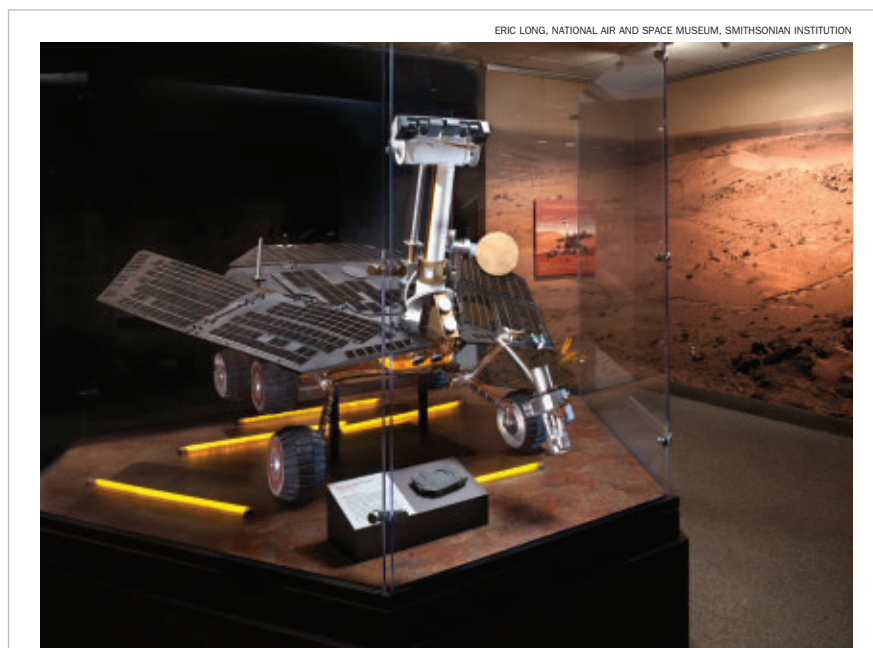
it on a cathode ray tube in the Sixties, with that glowy Technicolor,” she observes. “This is both impressive in size and in the sense that it’s the real thing—but sometimes fans also feel, Really? That’s it?”

The model is primarily made of painted wood, which breathes—necessitating three restorations over the years. Its curatorial file runs some 1,000 pages. “Why do we have imaginary spaceships in the middle of the nation’s foremost collection of real airplanes and spacecraft?” Weitekamp muses. “Because many of the people who were inventing and flying the actual spacecraft and airplanes were fans of imagining what it would be like, and because there’s a complex relationship between one’s ability to imagine going into space and the real ability to build that kind of a program. One of the things that we at the museum do is not just preserve the hardware of ‘the first, the fastest, and

the farthest,’ but tell the broader story of how aviation and space flight have transformed America and the world.”

Science fiction, Weitekamp notes, has traditionally been a mirror of its time—current concerns about racial and income inequality, for example, are reflected in dystopian fare like *Elysium* and *District 9*—and the original “Star Trek” was a prime example. “In addition to a vision of a spaceship that can go from star system to star system, you had a bridge crew that was mixed sex, racially integrated, international, and included an alien,” she says. “In 1966, in the middle of the civil rights movement and the second wave of the women’s movement, you had this powerful vision of racial and gender integration. That has long-lasting consequences—not only culturally but in people’s real lives, for being able to visualize what’s possible.”

— Beth Saulnier




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Big Red Rovers


Smithsonian hosts show on Mars explorers

Through mid-September, the Smithsonian’s Air and Space Museum is hosting an exhibit marking the tenth anniversary of the Mars Rover mission—including Cornell’s contributions to the project. A team led by astronomy professor Steve Squyres ’78, PhD ’81, designed, built, and outfitted the scientific instrumentation for the twin rovers, which landed on Mars in January 2004. While *Spirit* was disabled by the Red Planet’s harsh weather after more than six years of service, *Opportunity* is still going a decade later. “Our rovers were built by people like me who were inspired by space missions, both human and robotic, back in the Sixties and Seventies,” says Squyres. “If *Spirit* and *Opportunity* can provide the same kind of inspiration to others, then that’s as important a part of our legacy as our discoveries are.”

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Life Boat

Sonia Pressman Fuentes '50 is among the few surviving passengers of a shipping line that saved many



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Between 1873 and 1934, more than two million European immigrants boarded Red Star Line passenger ships steaming out of the North Sea port city of Antwerp, Belgium, bound for the U.S. and Canada. About a quarter of those travelers were Jews fleeing Czarist Russia or, later, Nazi persecution. Sonia Pressman Fuentes '50 was one of them. The future co-founder of the National Organization for Women was five years old. "People always ask me what I remember about that time and I have to give them the same old, sorry answer," Fuentes says. "My memories start at age six, in an apartment in the Bronx."

Fuentes is the second child of Zysia and Hinda Pressman, Polish-born Jews who resettled in Berlin before World War I. The family ran a prosperous men's clothing business when Adolf Hitler rose to power. Believing that fascism was a passing phenomenon, Zysia Pressman did not want to leave Germany. But Fuentes's eighteen-year-old brother Hermann understood the risks and fled to Belgium to stay with cousins, implor-

Fantastic voyage: Sonia Pressman Fuentes '50 was honored at the Red Star Line Museum in Antwerp, Belgium.

ing his parents to join him. Within a year they did, cutting a deal with Nazi officials that left them with a fraction of their wealth—but with documents allowing them to leave.

They found that Antwerp was no haven. German refugees were granted visas and work permits in Belgium, but Jews of Polish origin were not. Her family's repeated requests to stay were denied, and an order of deportation was issued. The family later learned that, as their ship steamed toward New York City, Belgian federal police had come to the family's apartment to force them to leave the country.

After a failed effort to run another clothing store in Manhattan, the family moved from the Bronx to the Catskills, where Fuentes's parents operated a vacation community in the heart of the Borscht Belt. She graduated from Cornell Phi Beta Kappa with a degree in psychology—then learned the hard way that, even for a woman with an Ivy League education, many Fifties-era jobs “required a knowledge of shorthand.” She worked in secretarial posts for several years before enrolling in law school at the University of Miami—at a time when women comprised only about 3 percent of U.S. attorneys. She went on to become the first female lawyer in the general counsel's office of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and, with *Feminine Mystique* author Betty Friedan and others, a co-founder of NOW. Fuentes retired in 1993 and published a memoir, *Eat First—You Don't Know What They'll Give You: The Adventures of an Immigrant Family and Their Feminist Daughter*.

Last September, Fuentes was a guest of the Belgian nation for the ceremonial opening of Antwerp's Red Star Line Museum, which commemorates the lives of the line's passengers. Most of the museum's exhibits are based on stories told by surviving relatives; Fuentes, now eighty-five and living in Sarasota, Florida, is one of the few Red Star passengers known to still be living. Her September visit marked her second trip back to the city where her family escaped the Holocaust, traveling to America on the SS *Westernland II*—the same ship that had carried Albert Einstein six months earlier. “We would have been killed in Germany had we remained there,” Fuentes told the media at the opening. “We would have been killed in Belgium had we remained there. And we would have been killed in Poland if we had been deported there. The Red Star Line saved all our lives.”

— Franklin Crawford

Dr. Nancy Carrick Kierstead (née Hewlett)

February 19, 1927 – December 21, 2013

Nancy Carrick Kierstead '49, a devoted Cornellian, passed away peacefully at age 86, on December 21, 2013, in Wayland, MA. Nancy was widowed in 1990 and is survived by her two daughters, Anna and Marisha; her son, Jan Edward; one granddaughter (Sophie Helene), five grandsons (Andy, David, Charlie, Peter, and Gregory), and two step-grandchildren (Alyssa and Chase); and by her beloved niece Nancy Kronenberg and nephew Stephen Hewlett.

Nancy Carrick Hewlett, the youngest of three children, was born February 19, 1927 in Schenectady, NY, daughter of Dr. Clarence Wilson Hewlett and Mary Stephens Carrick. Cornell University was a great family tradition. Her mother held a master's degree from Cornell, both of her uncles, Bright Carrick and Doak Bain Carrick, were awarded PhDs from Cornell, and her sister Mary Hewlett Payne got her BA in Physics at Cornell. Nancy's niece and namesake, Nancy Payne Kronenberg, was also a Cornellian ('67).

Nancy attended Cornell University for her undergraduate degree, a BFA in Art History. Already a skilled pianist, she was one of only two female Chimesmasters and later donated a bell to the Cornell Chimes Tower that bears her name and the other members of the family who are Cornell alumni. Nancy then went to University of Michigan for her master's in education. It was there she met and married her Lithuanian-born husband, Andrzej Romer, in 1952. They had three children: Edward (1953), Anna (1954), and Marisha (“Maia”) in 1965. Nancy then got her PhD in educational psychology from the University of Connecticut.

Nancy's father, Dr. Clarence Wilson Hewlett, earned a doctorate from Johns Hopkins and was a renowned physicist and inventor. Dr. Hewlett created the first-ever solar cell while working for General Electric. An environmentalist, Nancy was an early activist promoting alternative energy. She designed and oversaw construction of the first two solar-powered homes in the State of Connecticut in 1973 and 1978. Nancy was clerk of Storrs Friends Meeting in Storrs, CT, and active in all aspects of her meeting and community including the regional and national Friends General Conferences from 1968-1982, when she moved to Illinois. She returned to Storrs from 1990-1995.

Nancy was a full-tenured professor and a clinical psychologist. She was also a published writer (*The Green Ribbon*, 1998), creator of handmade books, and an accomplished and keen seamstress/quilter, figure skater, artist, knitter, sculptor, and potter. She donated her skills and energy to counsel troubled children and families without the means to hire counselors. Apart from being a wonderful aunt, mother, and grandmother, her passions were the *New York Times* crossword puzzle, folk music, dancing, and sailing. She spent her later years sailing her boat on long and challenging trips with her second husband and soul mate, Henry Kierstead, who sadly died of cancer at age 67, after only ten years of marriage.

A memorial meeting was held on Saturday, March 1, at Berkhamsted Quaker Meeting, High Street, Berkhamsted, Hertfordshire HP4, England. Condolences to Marisha@romerco.com.



Nancy Carrick Hewlett '49



Nancy Hewlett-Kierstead in Cannes 2003

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Science Guy vs. Creation Guy

In a much-publicized debate, **Bill Nye '77** defends Darwin



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In early February, Bill Nye '77 ignored the conventional wisdom among many science educators by debating creationist Ken Ham. The event, held on Ham's home turf in Kentucky, drew reporters from around the world, a capacity crowd of 900, and as many as 532,000 concurrent live viewers on YouTube. CNN's Tom Foreman moderated and posed written questions from the audience after four alternating stints totaling forty-five minutes from each debater.

Ham, the founder and CEO of the

Creation Museum, asserts that the divine creation model and six-day timeline presented in the Bible's Book of Genesis are literally true—reckoning Earth's age at 6,000 years. Further, he believes that a global flood approximately 4,500 years ago killed all terrestrial life except for the occupants of Noah's Ark. Ham states that his trust in the Bible as the word of God is all he needs to accept and promote these ideas. As he said in his opening remarks: "I believe science has been hijacked by secularists."

Nye, in bypassing faith issues and using readily understood examples, kept the debate on a civil—even cordial—

plane. As he pointed out, many believers in the Bible also accept evolution over billions of years to be established science. He challenged Ham with a number of points inconsistent with a 6,000-year-old Earth, including a live tree in Sweden with a documented age of 9,550. He cited ice cores from Greenland revealing 680,000 annual cycles, and long-term sedimentary deposits containing earlier life forms in lower levels and more advanced ones above. "We are standing on millions of layers of ancient life," he said, noting the fossil deposits found in Kentucky. "How could those animals

Origin story: Bill Nye '77 (left), a.k.a. "The Science Guy," debates creationist Ken Ham.

have lived their entire life, and formed these layers, in just 4,000 years? There isn't enough time since Mr. Ham's flood for this limestone, that we're standing on, to have come into existence."

In an extensive discussion of the flood, Nye asked why both live and fossil kangaroos are found only in Australia if their ancestors were passengers on Noah's Ark, which is presumed to have come to rest somewhere in the Middle East. He noted that the 7,000 "kinds" of life claimed to have been carried on the Ark would have had to increase by eleven per day, every day, to reach Earth's current 16-million-species level—and called into question the practicalities of ark-building. "It's very reasonable, perhaps, to you that Noah had superpowers and was able to build this extraordinary craft with seven family members," Nye said. "But to me, this is just not reasonable."

Perhaps the most tangible test of the debate's outcome will be in Ham's ability to complete the sale of a \$55 million bond issue backing a planned Kentucky attraction called Ark Encounter. (The issue has been stalled around the 50 percent level for months, and some observers have suggested that the event was motivated by the fact that the offering is nearing the end of its window.) As the project's website describes it, its centerpiece will be a reproduction of the biblical vessel—"a full-scale, all-wood ark based on the dimensions provided in the Bible (Genesis 6), using the long cubit, and in accordance with sound established nautical engineering practices of the era."

Evolutionists have typically avoided public debates with creationists, for fear of giving them the validation that such events might imply; Ham himself noted that his only other one took place in 1990. But in the days following the debate, Nye's decision to participate appeared to have been vindicated, as the doctrine underlying the Creation Museum received greater scrutiny and Ham's performance was criticized even by fellow believers. Nye, on the other hand, garnered praise from some of the academics—including Jerry Coyne, a professor of ecology and evolution at the University of Chicago—who had questioned his participation. "The debate was Ham's to win, and he lost," Coyne told the *Christian Science Monitor*. "And the debate was Nye's to lose, and he won." Or, as a headline in the Huffington Post declared: "Bill Nye Invites Us to Explore the World, Ken Ham Does Not."

— Alan Flaherty '62

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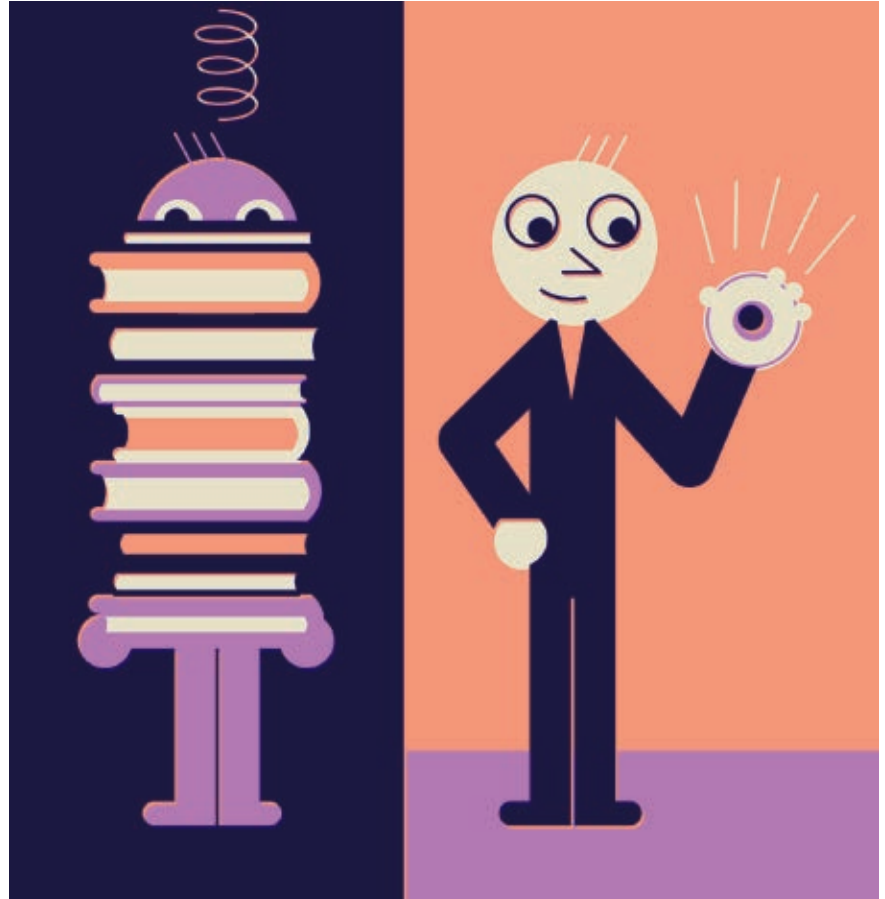
A new form of publishing honors a pioneering researcher

Publishing an anthology of scientific papers can be an arduous job, involving years of research and reviewing—not to mention obtaining copyright permissions and creating a framework that puts everything in perspective. That was the task that faced Lee B. Kass, PhD '75, when she decided to collect the papers of pioneering researcher Barbara McClintock.

McClintock earned undergraduate (1923), master's (1925), and doctoral (1927) degrees from Cornell and later served as an instructor and research assistant. She went on to a long and distinguished career in cytology and genetics research, where her thinking was, in the words of Professor Mark Sorrells, “clearly decades ahead of her time.” In 1983 McClintock was awarded an unshared Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine for her discovery of “mobile genetic elements.” She is the subject of a forthcoming biography by Kass, a visiting professor in the Department of Plant Biology. To accompany the biography, Kass wanted to publish a volume of McClintock's papers with perspectives—summaries and analyses of the papers—by noted experts.

But assembling such perspectives can be as time consuming as collecting the papers and obtaining permission to reprint them. “When you're waiting for people to submit a promised piece,” says Kass, “you can wait until the cows come home.” That problem promised to delay the completion of her planned collection by years. The solution? A new kind of publication from the Internet-First University Press.

Founded ten years ago by J. Robert Cooke and Kenneth King, Internet-First has taken a technology-driven approach to academic publishing. Cooke, professor emeritus of biological and environmental engineering and former dean of the faculty, and King, former vice provost for information technology, recognized that online publishing offers new opportunities



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for presenting material that go far beyond conventional books. Their ever-expanding catalog includes such works as *The Legacy of Dale R. Corson*, which combines print materials and photographs with videos, as well as a series of Cornell departmental histories, collections of works by faculty members, and many lectures and presentations.

For the McClintock anthology, Internet-First used an approach that Cooke has dubbed an “incremental book.” Rather than waiting for all of the desired perspectives to be completed, an online publication was established that adds new pieces as they come in—and that's how *Perspectives on Nobel Laureate Barbara McClintock's Publications (1926–1984): A Companion Volume* was created. “An incremental book becomes a viable means of publishing due to the existence of the Internet,” says Cooke. “The packaging

required for traditional print volumes can be relaxed for a gain in timeliness, but without a loss in coherence or quality.”

This new publication fills a gap in McClintock's legacy. In 1987, an anthology of her papers was published that focused on her Nobel Prize-winning discovery; McClintock wrote an introduction that summarized her work. “She mentions how the early papers were important for her findings later on,” says Kass, “but those papers were not reprinted.” Kass decided that collecting and reprinting those papers, along with newly written perspectives on their importance, would make an ideal companion volume for her biography.

Kass spent years collecting all of McClintock's publications, obtaining the necessary copyright permissions, and assigning perspectives. Once she had fourteen completed perspectives, she wanted

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to move ahead, and the first version of the incremental book was issued late last year. It's available online in PDF form and can be printed on demand—currently 782 pages in two volumes—by Cornell Business Services.

As more perspectives are written, edited by Kass, and then peer reviewed, they will be added to the work. It will continue to grow, Kass hopes, until there are perspectives for all of McClintock's published papers. As she states in the book's preface, "Starting at the beginning of her scientific career [is] essential for an understanding of her insights and an appreciation of McClintock's unconventional approach to research." And this unconventional approach to publishing is providing the perfect way to explore that work.

— Jim Roberts '71

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Slice of Life

Notes from a scientific bread tasting



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Flour power: Bread tasters at work in Stocking Hall

It's the stuff of a carb lover's dream, or Dr. Atkins's worst nightmare: an invitation to a weekend-long bread tasting. And even better, there'd be no guilt about this orgy of crust and crumb. It was for *science*.

So it was with a rare mix of virtue and gluttony that I trooped into the newly renovated Stocking Hall on a frigid Saturday afternoon in January, along with some thirty other volunteers. Most of us were members of the weekly bread share at Wide Awake Bakery, the artisanal enterprise run by Stefan Senders, PhD '99. "We are looking for some help," Senders had written in a mass e-mail to the share, affectionately known as the Crust Fund. "What kind of help? We need BREAD TASTERS! What? Yes! BREAD TASTERS!"

The man knows his audience. The spots filled up in days, with dozens willing to trade the better part of a weekend for \$25 in Crust Fund credit. On the way into Stocking, I overheard a woman say she'd kept a sourdough starter alive

for thirty years.

The tasting was part of a research project by plant breeding and genetics professor Mark Sorrells and his grad student Lisa Kissing Kucek. Funded by a branch of the USDA, the multi-institution effort is studying how heritage grains can be grown by small organic farms as rotational crops to improve soil health, reduce disease, and control weeds. But for farmers to include them, Kucek explained later, they must be cost-effective—so the researchers are aiming to see which strains make the tastiest breads and cooked grains for the organic market.

Our mission began with a hurdle: the researchers tested the power of our palates. We had to sample cups of flavored water—sets of three each for salty, sweet, and sour—and rate them according to intensity. (According to Kucek, about 15 to 20 percent of people don't make the cut.) That Rubicon passed, we got the hang of the descriptive lingo by sampling a variety of foods—nuts, malt, yeast, milk,

butter, caramel candies, and more—and discussing them as a group. Then we tasted a couple of cooked grains (not types in the study) to establish a hive mind—to agree, for example, what constitutes a five out of ten in terms of moistness.

This took an entire afternoon. Then we were set free, having never gotten our teeth around the enticing spread of artisanal loaves at the front of the room.

But as the saying goes: be careful what you wish for. The next day would bring an experience that I can only describe—at the risk of political incorrectness—as being water-boarded with bread. By the end of it, I was not only suffering from a distinct ache in the midsection, but I was starting to go down a phantasmagorical rabbit hole. ("What... is... bread... anyway?")

We started off by "calibrating" with two breads that weren't part of the study. Then we did an official tasting of seven varieties. Then we tasted cooked versions of those seven grains. Then—God help

us—we tasted the seven breads *again*.

This was not a casual nibbling. You started by sniffing a slice, both the whole thing and then the crust and crumb individually. You described the aroma according to a tasting wheel the researchers are developing—an instrument, akin to those for wine and coffee, that ranges from “dark beer” to “unripe banana” to “musty” and “hay-like”—and rated its intensity on a scale from 1 to 10. There was a color chart to characterize both crust and crumb, and a series of circles to estimate the size of air bubbles. You described the shape of the bubbles and the roughness of the crust. You pinched the slice to assess density; was it very firm, or did it smash like angel food cake?

Then came the tasting, where you rated flavor intensity and described it according to the wheel. You used a stopwatch to record how long the crumb took to dissolve in your mouth, and how long to chew a piece. From a list of various tastes—wheat, sweet, salt, sour—you had to decide which was most and least present.

We had ten minutes for each sample—which sounds like a lot, but the time flew by and there was a certain amount of performance anxiety. It was hard not to be

exhausted by the whole process, which was oddly overwhelming. All the breads were heavy and dense—the flour was 100 percent whole wheat, bran and all, not the type normally used in baking—and of course there was no lubrication in the form of butter or olive oil. At a certain point it struck me that once you’re an adult, you’re almost never obliged to eat something if you don’t feel like it. Here, the bread just kept coming, and we were ethically bound to chow down.

All griping aside, though, I’m glad I participated. It was a fascinating experience, and I’ll never look at bread the same way again. Also, it was a hoot to be in the same room with two dozen bread obsessives from various walks of life—some sporting long gray ponytails and work boots, others with tattoos and piercings. It was, as Senders noted at one point, a rarefied crowd; Ithacans tend to be more eager than most Americans to have exhaustive conversations about how slashing the dough before baking affects crust texture. “You eat a lot of bread, and you’re sensitive to these things,” Senders told the group. “It would probably be a lot simpler if we were doing this in, say, Milwaukee.”

— *Beth Saulnier*

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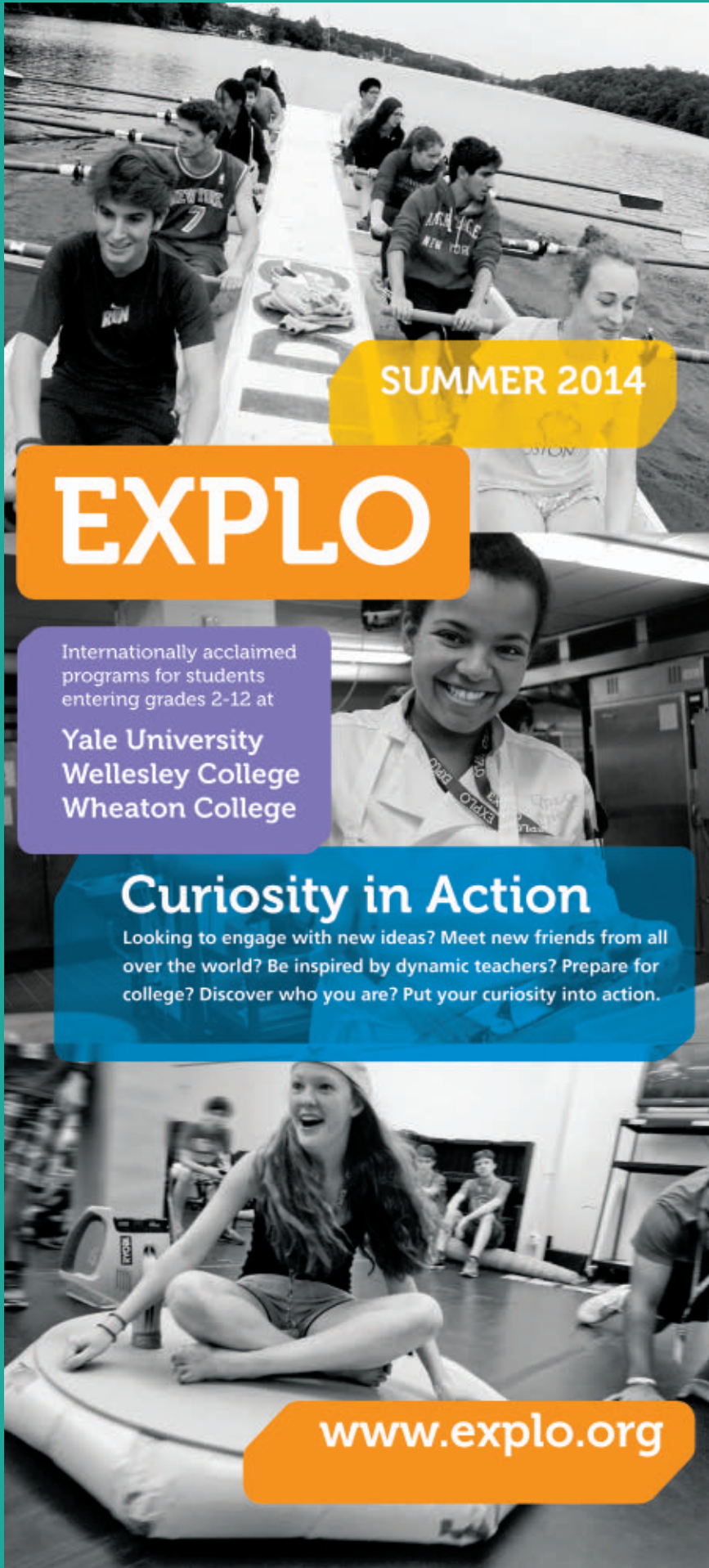
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Goldman first experienced the region during a trip to Cornell with his son, a prospective student. He loved the area and decided it was the right place to fulfill his longtime dream of owning a farm. In 1993, Goldman purchased vineyard land once owned by the old Taylor Winery on the west side of Keuka Lake. Four years later, he retired from a career in international development and made the move to his lakeside property. In addition to growing grapes, he also teaches management at the Johnson School.

Goldman's first plantings emphasized Riesling, as the local wines made from that grape impressed him. Initially he sold his grapes, but the tug to make his own wine was strong and he produced his first vintage in 2005, using the facilities at Ravines Wine Cellars. A year later, Goldman established his own winery



as Keuka Lake Vineyards.

Morten Hallgren of Ravines made Goldman's wines until 2008, when Staci Nugent '96 took over those duties. Now Moss Bittner, who came to the Finger Lakes from California, handles the wine-making chores. Both Nugent and Bittner have created wines that have garnered raves from leading wine publications—and the 2012 Eastside Dry Riesling (\$25 retail) is a delicious example.

James Molesworth gave this wine a rating of 90 in the December 15, 2013, issue of *Wine Spectator*, calling it "focused and steely" and praising its "pure, stone-tinged finish." Produced from grapes grown three miles north of Hammondsport on the eastern side of Keuka Lake, it is the latest in a series of superb Rieslings from Goldman's winery. This wine is worthy of a special occasion and would make an excellent match for sautéed scallops, roast pork, or a creamy mushroom risotto. For more about Keuka Lake Vineyards, go to www.klvineyards.com.

— Dave Pohl

Dave Pohl, MA '79, is a wine buyer at Northside Wine & Spirits in Ithaca.

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Carl Sagan, 1995

By Bill Sternberg

During his nearly three decades at Cornell, Carl Sagan became the best-known scientist on the planet. Unlike previous celebrity researchers, Sagan didn't achieve fame from a singular breakthrough such as Jonas Salk's polio vaccine or Albert Einstein's general theory of relativity. Sagan made significant contributions to planetary research, but his renown derived from his extraordinary ability to communicate the wonders and complexities of science to his students—both in Cornell's lecture halls and in the wider world he made his classroom.

Sagan's papers, open to the public at the Library of Congress since November, range over topics as majestic as outer space and as mundane as office space. (If you took Astronomy 102/104 in 1977, your grades are in Box 254.) A sampling of the academic files sheds light on Sagan's years in Ithaca, from the story of how he came to Cornell to his transformation into the finest science educator of the Space Age generation to his courageous battle against the rare disease that claimed his life at sixty-two.

The Sagan Files

A voyage through the famed astronomer's archive, now at the Library of Congress

1967–68 Sagan, who had joined the Harvard faculty as an assistant professor in 1962 when he was twenty-eight, was seemingly on the fast track when he received the stunning news that he would not get tenure. The reasons weren't clear; there were murmurs that his overriding passion—exobiology, the search for extraterrestrial life—was a discipline without a subject matter. Regardless of why, Sagan began looking for employment elsewhere.

After being rebuffed by MIT, he found himself recruited by Tommy Gold, director of Cornell's Center for Radiophysics and Space Research. Gold, who was trying to build a world-class astronomy department, was impressed by Harvard's brash young astronomer, but then-Provost Dale Corson had reservations. "Dale, you will not ever regret this," Gold assured him.

Sagan's lack of negotiating leverage didn't prevent him from spelling out what it would take to bring him to Ithaca. "For me to accept your kind offer to come to Cornell, I would require some firm assurance that the level of staffing, space, and support be slightly above the level outlined," he wrote in a four-page letter in June 1967. Six months later, Gold responded with the offer

of an associate professorship, with tenure and an initial salary of \$15,000 a year. Gold helped seal the deal by bringing him to Tremen State Park, where Sagan was impressed by the area's natural beauty.

On January 22, 1968, the Board of Trustees formally appointed Sagan an associate professor in the Department of Astronomy. He responded on Valentine's Day that he was "delighted to accept" and looked forward to a long period of association with Cornell. The relationship would last nearly half his life.

It wasn't until five years later that Sagan learned why he'd been snubbed by Harvard and MIT. One of his mentors at the University of Chicago, Nobel laureate Harold Urey, had given him negative references, characterizing Sagan's research work as wordy, often useless, and not to be trusted. Urey later changed his mind and apologized, asking for forgiveness and friendship. "I have been completely wrong," he wrote on September 17, 1973. "I admire the things you do and the vigor with which you attack them." By then, of course, Cornell had already pulled off the greatest Massachusetts-to-New York exchange of talent since the Red Sox sold Babe Ruth to the Yankees in 1920.

1973 Sagan quickly gained a reputation as an unusually engaging lecturer. In spring 1973 he taught Astronomy 102 with Frank Drake '51, known for devising an equation to estimate the number of intelligent civilizations in the Milky Way. "The room is overflowing," Drake wrote to him, "and we are oversubscribed." That April, a discussion on "Science and Science Fiction"—featuring Sagan, Gold, Isaac Asimov, and Fred Hoyle—attracted so many people that hundreds got stuck in the hallway, including astronomy chair Martin Harwit, who publicly apologized for the "fiasco."

With the publication that year of Sagan's new book, *The Cosmic Connection*, his star continued to rise. He went on Dick Cavett's TV show to talk about the possibility of contact with intelligent life on other planets. Johnny Carson, a knowledgeable amateur astronomer, happened to catch the show and was impressed. Sagan was invited to appear on "Tonight"—but as a relative unknown he was relegated to five minutes at the end of the show, following a talking crow and harmonica-playing hillbillies.

He used the time well, and Carson invited him back three weeks later for a half-hour segment. Sagan's topic this time was nothing less than the history of the universe. "Fifteen billion years ago, the universe was without form," he began. "There were no galaxies, stars, or planets. There was no life. There was darkness everywhere." A *New York* magazine reviewer called it "one of the great reckless solos of late-night television."

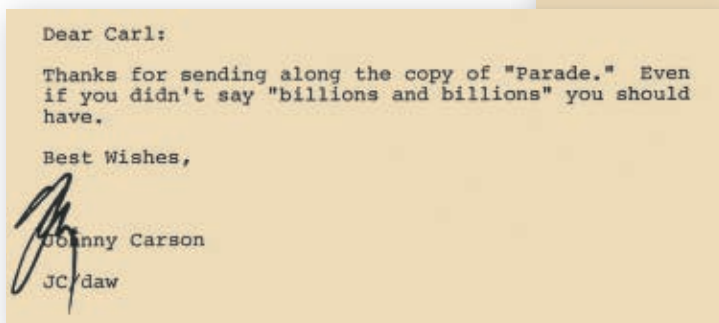
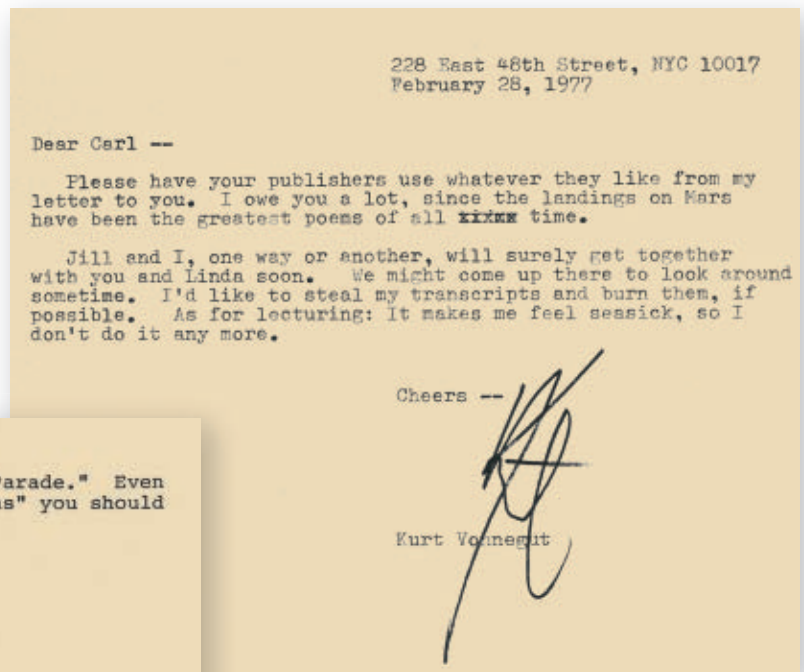
Sagan would go on to make two dozen more appearances on the Carson show, spreading his gospel of science to its 10 million viewers. Back in Ithaca, students would greet his return to the classroom with Ed McMahon-like shouts of "He-e-e-re's Carl!" Carson later introduced a Sagan impression, donning a black wig, turtleneck sweater, and corduroy jacket and intoning "*bill-yuns and bill-yuns*." Thus Sagan, in one of the many ironies that marked his life, became perhaps best known for something he insisted he never said. When Carson heard about Sagan's denial, he sent a "Dear Carl" note to his Cornell office: "Even if you didn't say 'billions and billions' you should have."

easy for a lazy person like me to have some inkling, all the same, of what may really be going on. All this new information is going to have to be incorporated into sermons by and by." Vonnegut went on to discuss plans for a new work of science fiction, which opened with a message to Earth from the planet Tralfamadore.

Sagan thanked Vonnegut for the message from the Tralfamadoreans and wondered whether there is "any chance of you visiting your old Alma Mater—say, to give a university-wide lecture?" To which Vonnegut replied: "We might come up there to look around sometime. I'd like to steal my transcripts and burn them, if possible. As for lecturing: It makes me feel seasick, so I don't do it any more."

1980–81 Although Sagan was already well known beyond Cornell, it was "Cosmos," seen by more than 500 million people in sixty countries, that propelled him into the stratosphere and earned him such sobriquets as "the prince of popularizers" and "the cosmic explainer." In thirteen hour-long episodes, Sagan served as a telegenic tour guide to the universe, with an engaging sprinkling of philosophy, religion, music, art, and history along the way.

When Sagan returned to Ithaca after a two-year leave to make "Cosmos," his international celebrity attracted a deluge of appeals for interviews, invitations for speaking engagements, requests for career advice, fan mail, and letters from crackpots



1977 It was perhaps inevitable that Cornell's most famous scientist and its most famous dropout, both best-selling authors, would cross paths. Kurt Vonnegut '44, who had spent three years on campus trying to become a scientist before leaving to serve in World War II, had given a favorable review to Sagan's first book, *Intelligent Life in the Universe*, written in 1966 with Soviet scientist I. S. Shklovskii. In 1977, Sagan sent Vonnegut a copy of *The Dragons of Eden*, his excursion into the origins of human intelligence that went on to win the Pulitzer Prize. "I'm so glad to have *The Dragons of Eden*, a shapely companion for *The Cosmic Connection*," Vonnegut wrote back. "You make it so

(which were placed in bulging files labeled "fissured ceramics"). To protect Sagan and Shirley Arden, his dedicated and swamped assistant, a special alarm system was installed in the Space Sciences Building.

In January 1981, Harold Urey died of heart disease at age eighty-seven. Sagan wrote a long obituary for the journal *Icarus* hailing him as one of the founders of modern planetary science. Deep in the obituary was this cryptic sentence: "I remember his willingness to change his mind in a case where he had blocked the advancement to tenure of a young scientist at another institution and then later asked to be forgiven."

1988 By his twentieth year in Ithaca, Sagan was growing frustrated by what he called "the almost imperceptible level of

Dear Kurt:

Many thanks for your cheerful letter and the message from the Tralfamadorians. I've always argued that decoding an interstellar message will be the easiest part of our task; but I'm not sure that the Tralfamadorian message could be put in a form that we terrestrial astronomers could interpret without some considerable effort on our parts. But it would certainly be a message of some substance! I very much look forward to reading -- eventually -- the rest of your new book.

Cornell financial support for my work.” In a confidential memo to the director of the Center for Radiophysics and Space Research and the chairman of astronomy, Sagan pointed out that between May and December, he had contributed \$31,995 to cover costs associated with office equipment and a senior research associate. “By comparison, my half-time salary at Cornell for academic year 1987–88 is only \$29,500. I am in the absurd situation of contributing more money to Cornell than Cornell pays me.” Sagan proposed that “an equitable solution” would be for the University to increase non-salary funds to support his research and other activities by an additional \$35,000 a year—though even that “would not equal the level of non-salary support that other universities and institutions continue to offer me.”

Sagan’s discontent got the attention of Day Hall. In a letter from Provost Robert Barker, the University offered an additional \$30,000 in honoraria in exchange for two public lectures a year. That summer, Sagan delivered the freshman orientation talk in Bailey Hall. “I think if you play your cards right you can have an excellent educational experience at Cornell,” he said. “And it’s even possible that it can be a character-building experience, but that’s a much iffier prospect—much more up to you.”

1994 To honor Sagan’s sixtieth birthday, Cornell sponsored a symposium on October 13–14. (Sagan was born on November 9, but the event was scheduled a month earlier to avoid problems with Ithaca’s notoriously fickle weather.) A galaxy of scientists, diplomats, artists, and journalists converged on the campus. Also in attendance were Sagan’s five children from three marriages, one born in each decade from the Fifties to the Nineties.

Bailey Hall was standing-room-only for Sagan’s keynote lecture on “The Age of Exploration.” As the lights dimmed, he pointed to a tiny

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‘Family Guy’ to Science Guy

Sagan inspired many—
including an unlikely
benefactor

For sixteen years after Carl Sagan’s death, his voluminous papers were stored in the building at 900 Stewart Avenue, known as the Sphinx Head tomb, that was once his home office. If not for Seth MacFarlane, they might still be there.

MacFarlane—“Family Guy” creator, film director, and supporter of science education—made a donation through his foundation that enabled the Library of Congress to acquire the collection from Ann Druyan, Sagan’s widow and collaborator. To make the transfer happen, “I literally wrote a check,” says MacFarlane. (A Library official puts the figure at \$2 million.)

The papers were moved to Washington in 2012, and last November the Seth MacFarlane Collection of the Carl Sagan and Ann Druyan Archive was opened to researchers. The Cornell files account for about 100 of the 1,705 boxes. Eventually, some of the material will be available online.

The collection contains Sagan’s earliest childhood musings, extensive correspondence with leading scientists and political figures, drafts of more than 600 research papers, and information about his investigations into subjects ranging from the origins of life to global warming to the impact of nuclear warfare. “The astonishing thing about this collection is that his mother began assembling it when he was *in utero*,” says Druyan. “Every report card, every note home, was saved lovingly.”

Why didn’t the collection end up at Cornell? Druyan says she and President Emeritus Frank Rhodes made several attempts to get the University to acquire the papers as the foundation of a new science communication school, but “we could never interest the administration.” Asked about this, University spokesman John Carberry declined to comment.

Druyan says she hopes the collection will inspire future scientific research and will show Sagan to have been unselfishly conscientious, with an overriding sense of concern for the public good. And the documents that might not cast him in such a flattering light? “Human beings are not perfect,” she says. “Whatever faults he had—and he certainly had them—the easiest way to make him laugh was to make a joke at his expense.” She says Sagan would have loved the fact that MacFarlane’s name ended up on his archive, in part because three of his children are “Family Guy” fans.

“Like millions of other science lovers, I was heavily influenced by Carl Sagan [when I was] growing up,” MacFarlane said at the collection’s opening celebration. “He was the only way we got our science information in a digestible form. He made it accessible; he made it exciting to people who weren’t going to be mathematicians or physicists.”

Bill Nye ’77 told the audience that taking Sagan’s astronomy class changed him profoundly by making him a skeptic and critical thinker. At his 10th Reunion, Nye recalled, he wrangled a five-minute meeting with Sagan that led directly to what became the popular “Bill Nye the Science Guy” show.

An updated version of the “Cosmos” series, produced by MacFarlane and Druyan and hosted by astrophysicist Neil deGrasse Tyson, debuts March 9 on the Fox and National Geographic networks. Tyson has his own connection to Sagan. In the mid-Seventies, when he was attending the Bronx High School of Science and deciding on colleges, he visited Cornell on a snowy autumn day. Sagan met with him and drove him back to the Ithaca bus station in his Porsche.

Tyson, now the director of New York’s Hayden Planetarium, wound up going to Harvard.

to college from the Bronx High School of Science and I was considering Cornell - perhaps you remember.

I ended up at Harvard where I earned my BA in Physics (1980). I continued here, at the University of Texas, where I expect my PhD in Astrophysics in less than 2 months. (See attached news clipping for more detail.)

One of the many ways I earned money to support myself through graduate school was to become "Merlin" for the Star Date News (formerly the McDonald Observatory News). "Merlin's Words to the Wise" is a monthly, popular level Q & A column on astronomy and space that I have been writing for over three years.

I think I have composed enough material for a book. (My brother, Assist. Prof. of Art, University of Pittsburgh, has agreed to illustrate it.) In your experience with agents/publishers do you believe an astronomy Q & A book is a viable idea? If so, would you recommend for me an agent or publisher that might consider it.

I've enclosed a description sheet and a sample from the proposed manuscript for your reference.

Thank you for your time.
Respectfully,

Neil D. Tyson
Neil D. Tyson



pixel of light projected on a giant screen above him. He identified it as a photograph of Earth taken by the *Voyager* spacecraft as it departed the solar system. Sagan had persuaded NASA to adjust the cameras for this final, backward glance.

The auditorium was hushed except for Sagan's signature, cadenced voice. That night, he delivered one of his most memorable lectures, one that struck some in the audience as almost biblical in tone and message:

Look again at that dot. . . . On it everyone you love, everyone you know, everyone you ever heard of, every human being who ever was, lived out their lives. . . .

The Earth is a very small stage in a vast cosmic arena. Think of the rivers of blood spilled by all those generals and emperors so that, in glory and triumph, they could become the momentary masters of a fraction of a dot. Think of the endless cruelties visited by the inhabitants of one corner of this pixel on the scarcely distinguishable inhabitants of some other corner; how frequent their misunderstandings, how eager they are to kill one another; how fervent their hatreds.

Our posturings, our imagined self-importance, the delusion that we have some privileged position in the universe, are challenged by this point of pale light. Our planet is a lonely speck in the great enveloping cosmic dark. In our obscurity, in all this vastness, there is no hint that help will come from elsewhere to save us from ourselves. . . .

There is perhaps no better demonstration of the folly of human conceits than this distant image of our tiny world. To me, it underscores our responsibility to deal more kindly with one another, and to preserve and cherish the pale blue dot, the only home we've ever known.

1995–96 Just weeks after his sixtieth birthday, Sagan was diagnosed with myelodysplasia, a rare bone marrow disease. On March 13, 1995, he took leave for treatment, and on April 7 he underwent a bone marrow transplant at Seattle's Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center. Word of his illness sparked an outpouring of well-wishes from around the world, including notes from Cornell colleagues, President Bill Clinton, a sixth-grade science class in New Mexico, and fans bearing chicken soup recipes. Sagan tried to respond to each one.

Sagan continued working feverishly, completing *The Demon-*

Haunted World: Science as a Candle in the Dark. The book was a passionate defense of rationality against a rising tide of pseudo-science—and a prescient warning that the increasing power of science, combined with widespread ignorance about it, “is a prescription for disaster.” Despite health setbacks and a new round of radiation treatments in the summer of 1996, Sagan expressed optimism about coming back to Cornell in October. The *Daily Sun* reported on November 11 that he was planning to teach Astronomy 202 in the spring.

On December 4, Sagan was interviewed on ABC's "Nightline" from his home in Ithaca. Host Ted Koppel, concerned by his guest's gaunt appearance, opened by inquiring about his health. Sagan replied: "I'm terrific. I've been very, very lucky and it looks like I'm out of the woods." Then: "We won't be sure for another year, a year and a half, but things couldn't look better." As time was running out on the seven-minute segment, Koppel asked for some final thoughts. Sagan smiled. "We live," he said, "on a hunk of rock and metal that circles a humdrum star that is one of 400 billion other stars that make up the

Milky Way galaxy, which is one of billions of other galaxies. . . . That is a perspective on human life and our culture that's well worth pondering."

It would be Sagan's last message to a national audience. Within days of the "Nightline" interview, he contracted pneumonia and again returned to Seattle for treatment. This time, however, there would be no recovery. In the early morning hours of Friday, December 20, with his wife and collaborator Ann Druyan and other family members at his side, Sagan drew his last breath. One of his noted astronomical observations—"even the stars must die"—also served as a personal epitaph.

Carl Sagan was buried three days later at Lakeview Cemetery in Ithaca, in a hillside family plot protected by a copse of evergreens. A memorial was held on February 3, 1997, in Bailey Hall, a short walk across the parking lot from Sagan's old office in Space Sciences. Perhaps the most eloquent tribute was delivered by President Emeritus Frank Rhodes. Sagan, he said, "asked the big questions that others had given up. He confronted the painful issues that others sidestepped. He leapt over conventional boundaries by which others were constrained. Not for him was the pursuit of science an activity of a closed and inward-looking guild: for him, science was a means of public understanding and enlightenment." ■

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Soldier's Heart

The Medical College pioneers treatments for post-traumatic stress disorder

By Beth Saulnier

Retired Army Lieutenant Colonel John O'Brien can pinpoint the moment when he hit bottom. It was when he found himself handcuffed in the back of an NYPD cruiser, having been pulled off the hood of a taxi. He'd been clinging to the car, shouting and banging, as the cabbie drove around trying to dislodge him. "It was just crazy behavior," O'Brien recalls, years later. "I wasn't so much violent as very, very short-tempered. I'd be in my apartment yelling out the window, screaming at the top of my lungs. There was constant tension from the noise, the sirens, the garbage trucks—when they hit a bump it was like *boom, boom, boom!* They'd practically send me through the ceiling. I became more and more withdrawn. I didn't want to socialize. I drank to excess. I was lucky I didn't get put in jail."



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Painful memories: The view from inside Weill Cornell's virtual-reality simulator for combat veterans



JOHN ABBOTT

Expert help: Weill Cornell psychologist and PTSD researcher JoAnn Difede

Instead, an FDNY captain at the scene of the taxi incident, intuiting the source of O'Brien's distress, brokered his release in exchange for an apology to the arresting officers. The NYPD and FDNY are, after all, paramilitary organizations whose members know the emotional costs of stress and trauma. Their ranks include many combat veterans of Iraq and Afghanistan, and the memory of 9/11 remains raw more than a decade later.

Although O'Brien has worked as a journalist—so he's well aware that details matter—he isn't keen to delve into his four tours of duty in the Middle East. He'll say that a rocket attack caused a mild traumatic brain injury. He'll admit he was a hundred or so yards away from a checkpoint where a deadly suicide bomb went off. He'll refer obliquely to "beheaded people and the son of a bitch who was responsible for it, and the videos we got afterwards showing how it was done." He mentions surviving an ambush. "I've seen a lot of dead people, and one blurs into another," he says. "As each tour came along, each mission, what was happening just got more and more blurry."

Handcuffed in that patrol car, O'Brien had had a full-blown flashback. He was convinced he'd been abducted by insurgents and was about to be killed—maybe even beheaded. To this day, he's deeply grateful to the fire captain who, rather than watching him get hauled off to jail, took him aside and said: "Buddy, you'd better get some help."

The idea that O'Brien had post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) wasn't new. He'd been diagnosed in 2008, after a heart attack led to his retirement from the service, but he'd never got-

ten proper treatment. "I was embarrassed," admits O'Brien, a former Special Operations officer. "I wanted to hide it. I went to a couple of different psychotherapists and a psychiatrist for medication. I was taking Lexipro, Ambien, Klonopin, plus like six drugs for my heart—and of course I was drinking more and more. I'd calm down, then I'd go back and act like an idiot and jump on taxi cabs."

After that fire captain's act of kindness, though, O'Brien eventually found his way to NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital/Weill Cornell Medical Center. He underwent intensive treatment for PTSD with Judith Cukor, an assistant professor of psychology in psychiatry. It was slow, painstaking work. The current standard of care for PTSD is what's known as imaginal exposure therapy, in which patients are guided in reliving their trauma in a safe environment, with the goal of facilitating "extinction learning"—consolidating the experiences as memories rather than as volatile, emotionally fraught episodes that can re-emerge as flashbacks. Weill Cornell PTSD expert JoAnn Difede cites that classic Psych 101 example of operant conditioning, Pavlov's dog—but instead of hearing a pre-dinner bell, the animal receives an electric shock each time a light goes on.

"Over time, the dog will get frightened and have the same reaction he would have to the shock itself when he sees only the



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A Cornellian Marine aids fellow vets

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Man in uniform:
Zach Iscol '01 in
the Marines (left)
and today (above)

Zach Iscol '01 joined the Marine Corps right out of college, inspired in part by lightweight football coach Terry Cullen, MBA '66, a decorated Vietnam vet. While Iscol had been accepted into aviator training, he requested to be assigned as an infantry officer instead. "I was worried that if I spent two years in flight school I would miss the war," Iscol says with a rueful laugh, "which is hard to believe."

After two tours of duty in Iraq, among other assignments, Iscol left the service with the rank of captain. Today, he leads two start-ups devoted to helping fellow veterans. One priority, he says, is to correct misconceptions. "Less than 1 percent of the country has served since 9/11, so there's a huge divide between those who've served and those who haven't," says the former government major. "And through that, there are false perceptions about the military and the people who serve. If you look at the way veterans are portrayed, you'd think there were a ton of people who've been badly wounded, that we're a population that's suffering as a result of these wars, that there's massive unemployment. Statistically, none of that is true."

Iscol is the founder and CEO of Hirepurpose, a firm based in Manhattan's tech corridor devoted to giving veterans career guidance and matching them with potential employers. As he describes it, it's a win-win. "There's a real need for a better talent solution to help transitioning military answer that age-old question—'What do you want to do with your life?'—and to enable companies to market themselves to this incredible talent pool," Iscol says. He cites some statistics: Ninety-nine percent of veterans have a high school degree, versus 88 percent of civilians. Seventy-six percent of eighteen- to twenty-four-year-olds don't meet recruiting standards—making military personnel the top quartile of their age cohort. "The number-one indicator of business survivability in five years is, Is the owner a veteran?" Iscol says. "They have the lowest rate of home loan defaults of any group in America. By and large, these are the most exceptional people in our country."

Iscol's other enterprise focuses on a more challenging reality: that significant numbers of veterans need help with post-traumatic stress or other mental health issues. Dubbed the Headstrong Project, the nonprofit works with the Medical College to provide free, confidential services to veterans in the New York metro area. "In general, military people don't rush to psychiatrists," says Weill Cornell psychiatry professor Ann Beeder, Headstrong's medical director and a longtime friend of Iscol's family, "so he wanted to build a program that is efficient bureaucratically and is cost-free, hassle-free, and stigma-free."

Staffed by about ten Weill Cornell-affiliated clinicians, Headstrong offers a variety of treatments, from psychotherapy to cognitive behavioral therapy to virtual reality. Unlike many such programs, the number of sessions is open-ended, with no limits on frequency of care. "We'll work with patients until they're better," Iscol says. "If that means we're seeing them every day for six years, we'll see them every day for six years. If we see them once a week for three months, and that's what they need, that's fine."

Last May, more than 500 people attended "Words of War," a fundraiser—headlined by Jake Gyllenhaal, star of the 2005 Marine Corps drama *Jarhead*—that garnered \$300,000 for Headstrong. So far, the group has aided dozens of veterans, many referred through word of mouth or social media. Given the nationwide scope of the problem, Headstrong aims to serve as a pilot project that can be replicated at other academic medical centers. And since many veterans live in rural areas without access to top-flight psychiatric services, technologies like Skype could help fill the gap. "What's extraordinary is the number of vets that stay in our program," Iscol says. "It's over 90 percent, which is astonishing. We designed it to be welcoming, open, and always available. When a veteran comes into our network, someone makes a point of being in touch within twenty minutes."

While Iscol says he didn't suffer from severe problems like substance abuse or thoughts of suicide as a result of his service, he admits he was "definitely very angry" when he got back from his deployments. "If you come home from war and you have not been affected—by killing people, losing friends, witnessing the horrors—there's something wrong with you," Iscol says. "You're going to feel guilt, shame, grief—and traumatic levels of those emotions. A good person does not make the types of decisions you have to make in war and come home unaffected by it."

‘You have reminders in the context that your trauma occurred—you can see, hear, smell, feel. They’re powerful sensory cues, and we think that will make it easier for people to process their memories.’

light,” explains Difede, a professor of psychology in psychiatry. “Extinction learning would be teaching that lights aren’t scary in general—just in this particular context. What you do is repeatedly show the dog the light *without* a shock, and he learns that lights aren’t scary after all; it was the shock. The same thing happens with people. Let’s say you worked in the World Trade Center and escaped with your life on 9/11; stairwells are suddenly frightening places. You’ve developed a conditioned response that stairwells can be scary because you escaped down the stairs that day wondering whether or not you were going to make it out, hearing mayhem outside, maybe even one of the buildings collapsing. Stairwells are no longer neutral for you.”

By recalling the traumatic memory in the therapist’s office, Difede says, the patient can eventually uncouple stairwells—or, say, the sight of a plane flying over the city on a cloudless day—from the horrors of 9/11. “Over and over again, we’re extinguishing the cues to fear in a safe environment,” she says. “In theory, that would allow the person’s autonomic nervous system—which went into fight-or-flight mode when it perceived danger—to go back to homeostasis and say, ‘Okay, every time I see a plane in a blue sky, I don’t need to think there’s going to be a terrorist attack. It’s just another plane.’”

But imaginal exposure therapy isn’t easy. It requires patients to do what they dread most: relive the traumatic memory. For the past decade, Difede has been leading an effort to use immersive technology to facilitate the process. In a treatment room on the fourth floor of Weill Cornell’s Payson House, current and former soldiers, Marines, and National Guardsmen don virtual reality (VR) goggles and earphones and are transported back to a war zone—from a military convoy in Afghanistan being struck by a roadside bomb to soldiers on patrol in Fallujah under attack by a sniper. A subwoofer installed under a platform mimics the vibrations of explosions; a scent machine can approximate such aromas as cordite, Middle Eastern spices, and burning flesh. For some veterans, the illusion is incomplete unless they carry a faux M-16 rifle—made of plastic, but believably weighty.

“Part of PTSD is being avoidant of things that remind you of your trauma—people, places, things, memories, emotions,” explains Difede, who first developed the VR system to treat phobia sufferers and burn victims before using it with 9/11 survivors. “So when you tell someone that part of the treatment is going over what happened to them—that they have to will the memory into their mind and go over it—they’re reluctant to do that. But this way, we’re putting them back in Iraq or Afghanistan in a Humvee or on patrol in town, or at the World Trade Center, and the cues are being delivered to them. You have reminders in the context that your trauma occurred—you can see, hear, smell, feel. They’re powerful sensory cues, and we think that will help emotional engagement and make it easier for people to process their memories.”

Difede and her colleagues are currently in the midst of a study, sponsored by the Department of Defense, that will comprise some 300 subjects; some will receive standard imaginal exposure therapy, others the virtual reality version. “They’ll be sitting there with a helmet on, in a virtual Humvee, and talking in present tense, as if it’s actually happening—knowing that it’s *not* happening, but trying to put themselves there,” says Cukor, the study’s primary clinician. “They’ll say, ‘I’m traveling, it’s eight o’clock in the morning, it’s just a regular day. We’re joking about something, I look up and I see smoke.’ At the appropriate time in the treatment—when they’re ready for it—we’ll play an IED or have smoke in the distance. We do it in a gradual way, and they’re able to engage in their memory and habituate to the emotions around it.”

The virtual Iraq and Afghanistan were designed and refined with input from veterans who served there. The scenarios have the feel of a modern video game—but are even more immersive, because when the user turns his head, the perspective shifts accordingly. The virtual worlds are highly detailed, with atmospheric elements like calls to prayer, groups of chatting civilians, and piles of refuse (which are often used to conceal IEDs). By manipulating a joystick, the user can walk around and explore, climbing stairs and entering rooms. “Video games have a lot of validity with the generation of young men and women who went to Iraq and Afghanistan,” Difede points out. “They know how to use the technology. They’re comfortable with it. This isn’t the psychotherapy of Freud that they might have learned about in college or in popular culture; it doesn’t even look like psychological treatment. And there’s evidence that if a person thinks the treatment is going to work, they’re more likely to stay with it.” Cukor adds that for many subjects, the technological learning curve is appealingly flat. “The patient is able to move around with a joystick—and let me tell you, they’re able to do it a lot better than I am,” she says with a laugh. “I have trouble getting through some doorways, and I try to explain it to them, but they don’t even need to hear it. They’ve got it in a second.”

In 2008—with years of war still to come—the RAND Corporation published a 500-page report on PTSD and major depression among Iraq and Afghanistan war veterans. It calculated the rate of prevalence of one or both conditions at nearly 20 percent—and noted that in the two years following deployment, PTSD and depression among returning service members cost the nation as much as \$6.2 billion in medical bills, lost productivity, and other factors. The condition raises the risk of a variety of social ills—including suicide, substance abuse, and domestic strife. “Emotional constriction is one of the common features of PTSD—so people are not able to feel loving or happy feelings, which makes it very difficult to function in a marriage or as a parent,” says Megan Olden, an instructor of psychology in psychiatry. “Often people feel anger and irritation, and that also causes interpersonal difficulties. Avoidance is such a strong feature of PTSD, so people work hard to not approach anything that’s going to trigger their anxiety, which can narrow your life in an extraordinary way—avoiding driving, crowded places like malls, going out with groups of friends.”

While PTSD has always been part of war’s lingering cost—whether known by its modern label or more antiquated terms like “soldier’s heart,” “shell shock,” or “battle fatigue”—it seems to be striking veterans of the most recent conflicts especially hard, researchers say. “One factor is that people have been repeatedly deployed, so they’re encountering dangerous and traumatic situations again and again,” Olden says. “Also, the nature of the




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Total immersion: Difede's system includes 3-D goggles, headphones, a scent machine, a vibrating subwoofer, and even a faux M-16 rifle. The therapist can see the user's perspective on a monitor.

wars is different from some previous conflicts. There is more of a chronic threat level. It's not just when you're in battle; at any time there could be IEDs or a suicide bomber, so it's more difficult to know when you're safe. Some of the soldiers I've worked with report not feeling safe even on base. They'd be mortared all the time, or were interacting with local soldiers who they thought were tipping off the enemy. So it felt like they could never relax."

Given the financial and human costs, finding an efficient and effective treatment for PTSD is a pressing national health issue. With the aim of maximizing treatment benefits, the DOD-funded study is also looking at the efficacy of a drug called D-cycloserine (DCS), which studies have shown to enhance extinction learning. In the current trial, half the subjects will receive DCS in addition to either imaginal exposure therapy or VR. In November, Difede and her colleagues reported successful results in the journal *Neuropsychopharmacology*, with the VR-plus-DCS group demonstrating markedly higher rates of symptom remission. "These results," they write, "suggest a promising new treatment for PTSD."

While O'Brien didn't use the virtual reality equipment, he has served as something of a spokesperson for Weill Cornell's PTSD program. He starred in a series of public service announcements for New York-Presbyterian Hospital and appeared with Difede on an episode of "Charlie Rose," aiming to encourage others to get help by putting his face, name, and rank to the diagnosis. "There's still a huge stigma regarding mental health treatment, period, and PTSD in particular, especially for our soldiers, cops, and firefighters," Difede says. "To have a man who was in Special Operations and intelligence in the Army be willing to come forward is a huge step." O'Brien, for his part, is moving on with his life. He no longer lives in New York, having traded his Hell's Kitchen apartment for a quieter existence in New England, where he's earning a master's in international relations. "One of the problems with PTSD is that you give up hope, and that's one of the most dangerous things that can happen to somebody, but I got it back," he says. "For me, treatment was a lifesaver—and I mean that literally." 

HOME FRONT

Bruce Dancis '69 chronicles his draft resistance during the Vietnam War

Late in 1966, Bruce Dancis '69 tore up his draft card in front of Olin Hall. Several hundred people—friends, foes, and FBI informants—observed the action, which would lead to a federal indictment, conviction on a charge of draft card mutilation, and a prison term of nineteen months. Dancis was a leader of Cornell's chapter of Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) and an outspoken critic of the Selective Service System, which was drafting thousands of men for military service. Many of them were sent to fight—and die—in Vietnam.

Dancis grew up in the Bronx, the child of socialist parents. By the time he came to Cornell he was already an activist, having taken part in civil rights protests as a teenager. "Being an observer and later a participant in civil rights demonstrations really affected me," says Dancis. "That was a model—seeing that civil disobedience for a righteous cause can get a lot of support." When he turned eighteen, Dancis registered for the draft but refused a student

deferment. "I thought it was unfair," he says.

On campus, Dancis was a prominent figure in protests against the Vietnam War and in the actions surrounding the Straight takeover in 1969, including the famous Barton Hall Community. Less than a month after that landmark event, he went to federal prison. After his release, Dancis continued his education at the University of California, Santa Cruz, and Stanford. He went on to become a journalist, working at newspapers and magazines until his retirement five years ago.

Dancis tells the story of his draft protests and imprisonment in *Resister*, a memoir just published by Cornell University Press. Both personal and political, his account offers an honest and unflinching look at one of the most turbulent times in the history of the University and the nation. Writing the book, he says, stirred some old memories—and he's sure that will be true for his readers as well. "For some, the wounds of Vietnam haven't healed. It's an old argument that's still going on, so it will be interesting to see how people respond to what I've written."

— Jim Roberts '71

Civil disobedience: To avoid being dismissed as a "hippie," Bruce Dancis '69 donned a coat and tie to destroy his draft card. Below: Dancis today.

An excerpt from *Resister* captures a crucial moment in the antiwar movement

By Bruce Dancis

In the fall of 1966, many of us in Cornell SDS were open to exploring different tactics and strategies to build opposition to President Johnson's war policy. We were willing to join in coalitions with other groups to expand the antiwar movement.

A new group called Students for a Constructive Foreign Policy was formed by liberal student-government types to go to the freshman dorms to talk to students about the war. It was the kind of grassroots organizing that I, as SDS president, should have been promoting, but had not. Nevertheless, many SDS members joined SFCFP in going to the dorms.

Also active on campus were the Young Friends, a Quaker-affiliated group that organized a weeklong fast for peace with the support of many of Cornell's chaplains. Although I wasn't too familiar with the Quaker tenet of "witnessing," I decided to take part in the fast. I con-



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Confrontation:
Dancis (center)
leads a group of
protestors to Barton
Hall, where they'd
confront Marine
Corps recruiters.



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sumed nothing but water for seven days, spending part of each evening meeting with other fasters to discuss peace and maintain our morale.

At around the same time I also persuaded my apartment-mates to join me in a new nationwide protest of Congress's adoption of an increase in federal taxes on telephone bills (from 3 percent to 10 percent) to provide revenue to pay for the war in Vietnam.

Unfortunately, neither the fast, the telephone tax protest, nor any other activity against the war swayed the Johnson Administration. By the end of the year, the number of American troops in Vietnam had reached nearly 400,000. More than 6,000 U.S. soldiers had already been killed in Vietnam.

Like many others in the antiwar movement, I was growing frustrated with our lack of effectiveness. I felt this even within our draft resistance union. By late November, our ranks were up to about twenty. We were all committed to refusing to fight in Vietnam, but remained divided and unclear about what to do next. In part, this reflected our political diversity. While some of us came out of SDS, others were not part of any group. We had Christian pacifists, anarchists (like Matty Goodman '67, a non-registrant and the son of the radical social critic Paul Goodman), and some who defied ideological categories. Most of the group was still opposed to actions that would almost certainly result in going to prison.

But this attitude started to change after we met with Ralph DiGia of the War Resisters League. Ralph had spent time in federal prison during World War II. Our conversations with him convinced many of us we could survive several years in prison. For me, these discussions helped remove the only thing keeping me from severing my ties with Selective Service—fear of the repercussions.

By the beginning of December, my draft card was (figuratively) burning a hole in my pocket, and I couldn't stand remaining complicit with the system that was integral to perpetuating a war I abhorred. I was also concerned that the momentum of the antiwar movement had stalled. I felt people needed to take stronger, riskier actions both to keep the pressure on the Johnson Administration and to increase the seriousness of the movement itself. I hoped my own action would, in a small way, help build a larger and more committed antiwar movement. I was willing to act alone, but hoped that others would be joining me in the not-too-distant future.

That's when I decided to destroy my draft card and cut my ties to the Selective Service System. When I told my fellow draft resistance union members about my decision, some were concerned that I had not sufficiently explored the consequences of such an action. But most recognized that my choice was based on months of delibera-

tion and a clear understanding of what could happen to me. Although none of the others was ready to join me in openly breaking with the draft system, we decided as a group to make a public declaration of our opposition to military service.

For me, the only questions remaining were just what kind of action should I take? And when should I do it?

Having made my decision, I didn't want to wait too long to carry it out. As I talked to my closest friends, [assistant professor of mathematics] Bob Greenblatt suggested an upcoming meeting in which the University faculty was to vote on the proposals offered by a faculty committee on Selective Service. The faculty meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, December 14.

I called my parents to tell them of my intentions, and they urged me to wait until after the upcoming Christmas vacation so we could discuss it further. I said that my mind was made up. My parents undoubtedly knew how determined, and stubborn, I was, but they nevertheless immediately drove up to Ithaca to make one final attempt to dissuade me. I felt bad that I was putting my folks through such stress and worry, but I refused to change my mind. My parents left Ithaca troubled and anguished, but I knew they understood how hard I had thought about this. I hoped they would be proud of me and would stand with me.

It was purely a coincidence that Wednesday, December 14, 1966, began with our antidraft union's statement appearing in the *Daily Sun*. Signed by twenty-one men, the ad read in large letters: "WE WON'T GO." Beneath that headline, it said, "The undersigned men of draft age will not serve in the U.S. military. We encourage others to do the same." Our statement closed with, "People needing help with the draft, and anyone interested in signing this statement, please contact one of the above."

Statements such as ours, which were beginning to appear in campus newspapers around the country, not only represented the first time significant numbers of draft-age men pledged to refuse to fight in Vietnam, but also suggested that we would try to build a larger movement of resistance. At the time, even such public declarations were considered potential targets for federal prosecution or reprisals by Selective Service.

The publication of our statement, coupled with the news that Pat Griffith was accompanying three other antiwar women on an illegal trip to North Vietnam to investigate civilian casualties and other concerns, made December 14 a particularly important date for the Ithaca antiwar movement. Later that day, I would make my own contribution.

**SPOTLIGHT:
IT'S UP TO HIM, AND YOU, AND ME
DECEMBER 14, 1966**

Rebels don't usually "dress up" when they openly defy their government. But as I stood

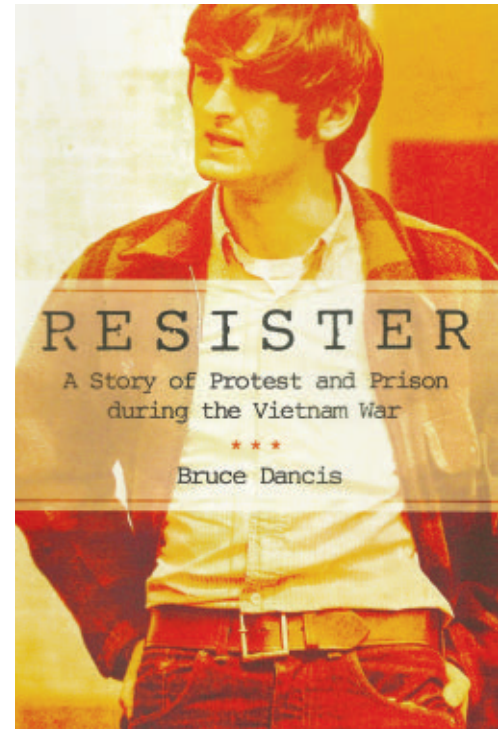
in front of the chemical engineering building at Cornell late in the afternoon on a cool mid-December day, about to make my own, personal declaration of independence and take a step that would affect the rest of my life, I was clad in a blue blazer, tie, and white button-down shirt. I chose to wear such clothes not to pretend I was someone I was not, but in an attempt to avoid being marginalized as a "beatnik" or "hippie."

A crowd of about 300 people had gathered near the front steps of Olin Hall, where I planned to speak. Most were friends and supporters, who knew why I was there, but a vocal group of hostile engineering students was also present, no doubt curious as to why all these strange people had arrived on their turf. Inside the building, the University faculty was voting to support the proposals of the faculty committee on Selective Service, which perpetuated the existing policies of the Cornell administration. The local media were also in attendance, having been contacted by our draft resistance union.

Earlier in the day, the Albany bureau of the FBI had sent a text marked "Urgent" to FBI director J. Edgar Hoover. After identifying me as a Cornell student, president of the Cornell SDS chapter, and an "active member of anti-draft group," it stated, "Info received from source that subject intended to burn his draft card at Four PM this date prior to meeting of Cornell faculty.... After publicly burning card, subject intended to mail remanents [sic] to his local draft board. Reports of alleged burning have been made on local radio stations and have caused considerable local interest. Bureau will be advised subsequent developments."

Scheduling my action for 4 p.m. made sense logistically, as it would coincide with the faculty meeting. But having to wait until the late afternoon was very difficult, as the hours passed at an agonizingly slow pace. I spent some time going over the statement I intended to read and then mail to my draft board in the Bronx; I also passed the time just hanging out with my pal Peter Agree '69, MAT '71.

I had no second thoughts about my plan. I knew I was about to take my life into territory I could barely imagine and for which no map existed, yet I was never consumed by fear. Whatever stress I was feeling seemed



manageable, no worse than the butterflies I used to get before a track or cross-country race. Then again, I was chain-smoking unfiltered Lucky Strikes, and Pete remembers me shaking a bit in my cold, drafty apartment, so perhaps I'm not the best judge as to the state of my nerves on that day.

To keep my spirits up I listened over and over to recordings of the song "Universal Soldier"—both Buffy Sainte-Marie's original version and Donovan's cover. Nothing better captured my determination to stand up for what I believed in than the song's eloquent plea for people to take personal responsibility.

I was also inspired by the eloquent words of Mario Savio, one of the leaders of Berkeley's Free Speech Movement in 1964 and perhaps the greatest orator to come out of the student New Left. Although I was still in high school and not paying too much attention to the events in Berkeley in December 1964 when Savio spoke, his ringing call for civil disobedience had become legendary in the movement and was widely reprinted. His

words, which were also relevant to the draft, moved and encouraged me:

There's a time when the operation of the machine becomes so odious, makes you so sick at heart, that you can't take part; you can't even passively. And you've got to put your bodies upon the gears and upon the wheels, upon the levers, upon all the apparatus, and you've got to make it stop. And you've got to indicate to the people who run it, the people who own it, that unless you're free, the machine will be prevented from working at all.

A Speech and an Action

When I arrived outside Olin Hall, my supporters had set up a loudspeaker and a microphone. I prefaced my remarks by stating I was acting as an individual and not as a member of any organization I belonged to at Cornell. (Neither Cornell SDS, of which I was president, nor the Ithaca draft resistance group had yet taken official positions in support of draft resistance actions.) I then started reading my statement to Selective Service Local Board No. 26, which explained my decision to refuse a student deferment and summarized the actions I had taken thus far against the war. I said I had not done enough.

The crowd was generally somber and supportive, though some of the engineering students heckled me. One even yelled out, "Three cheers for Dow!"—a reference to the Dow Chemical Company, which had become a frequent target for antiwar protests because it manufactured napalm for use in Vietnam. My speech lacked Sainte-Marie's grace and Savio's imagery, but it accurately expressed what I was feeling:

The genocide committed by Nazi Germany is condemned by all decent human beings. We say that the German people should have said no to concentration camps, and to the murder of six million Jews. Likewise, we Americans must say no to napalm, to pacification programs, and to the mass murder of the Vietnamese people. I must say no to the draft.

By cooperating with the draft I am forced to work along with an organization that is contrary to any democratic principles. With the draft system, the most basic human right—the right to live—is taken away from a person. Aside from the horribleness of forcing a person to kill, conscription forces a human being to disrupt his life and act at the whim of another human being.

The destruction of the American conscience, the destruction of thou-

April 22, 1969:
Dancis was one of
the leaders of the
Barton Hall Com-
munity in the after-
math of the
Straight takeover.

RICHARD PIEPER '71



sands of people, and the destruction of our universities is being caused by the United States government, its Selective Service System, and by our acquiescence. I cannot aid in that destruction. I must live by the principles that I consider ethical and good. For these reasons I must declare my noncooperation with the Selective Service System and sever all ties with it.

Yours for peace and freedom,
Bruce Dancis

I then took my draft card out of my pocket, tore it into four pieces, placed it in an envelope that had been stamped and addressed to my draft board, and sealed it. I said a few more words about Vietnam, racism, and the need for change, then walked over to a nearby mailbox and deposited the envelope.

I thought I would immediately be arrested. (From my FBI file, it appears that at least six FBI agents and/or informers witnessed my action.) But according to the *Sun's* report, a local FBI agent stated it was not the federal government's policy to have the FBI step in when a person mutilated his draft card.

The *Syracuse Post-Standard* quoted a local FBI official as saying, "We are cognizant of the facts and are conducting an investigation. . . . The facts will be presented to the U.S. attorney who will then decide whether to prosecute." The story also cited a second FBI official who said my action was the first in upstate New York "involving deliberate draft card mutilation, a violation of the Selective Service Law." (According to the book *SDS* by Kirkpatrick Sale '58, I was the first SDS member to publicly destroy his draft card.)

The *Syracuse* newspaper story, written by staff correspondent Jon Levy, was a strange mixture of dubious and mistaken information. Citing "informed sources in the Cornell administration," Levy wrote that I was "a devout pacifist" [true] who was "being manipulated by other persons within the organization to which he belongs" [utterly ridiculous]. The story also conveniently listed my home address, which may have enabled some friendly types to send me hate mail. One unsigned note called me a "chicken livered coward" and "a stinking Jew!"

Some of my friends were surprised that I decided to tear up my draft card rather than burn it. One of my reasons was practical: What if I lit a match and the wind blew it out? I didn't want to be nervously fumbling with matches or a cigarette lighter. But more important, since I was seeking a confrontation with the draft system, I felt that by sending my board the actual pieces of my draft card I was making a clear and unambiguous statement: I will no longer obey your laws that support evil and destructive policies.

I knew I was forcing the issue and would

undoubtedly go to prison for my actions. But resistance had to start sometime, so why not now? And if it had to start with one person taking a stand and saying no, why shouldn't that person be me?

A College Dropout

So what do you do on the day after you've committed a felony that could get you a prison term of five years and a fine of \$10,000? You return to class in a halfhearted and ultimately futile attempt to salvage an academic semester that had begun with divided attention and was concluding with total neglect. I had stopped going to my classes during the week prior to tearing up my draft card, and now, over the last weeks of the fall semester (which continued through the end of January 1967), I tried to cram in a semester's worth of work. But even my last-minute attempts to catch up were halfhearted, as my action had taken me to a place where school didn't seem very important.

By the end of January I had decided to take a leave of absence from Cornell to work full-time in the antiwar movement. I wanted to devote my attention to the forthcoming Spring Mobilization to End the War in Vietnam, scheduled for both New York City and San Francisco on April 15, 1967. Bob Greenblatt had already taken a leave from his faculty duties to serve as a co-chair of the Mobe's steering committee, and he welcomed my participation in building support for what we hoped would be the largest antiwar demonstration in history. I also wanted to keep working with Cornell SDS and with our antidraft union. The Office, where I was already spending a lot of time in lieu of being a serious student, became my full-time workplace when I wasn't in New York with Bob.

Even though schoolwork seemed far removed from where I was going, I nevertheless tried to keep my options open. I took an official leave of absence from the ILR school, retaining the possibility of returning to Cornell in September '67.

This decision did not sit well with my parents, who cut off the monthly stipend they had been sending me for room and board. To them, this was a matter of political principle. They may have loved me, but they did not support my political aims or the aims of the groups I was working with. As my mother put it at the time, "If your movement needs you so much, it should financially support you." Fortunately, by putting together the small savings I had accumulated, a few bucks here and there from the Office and Bob Greenblatt, and my roommates' graciousness in letting me pay less rent, I had enough money to get by.

I now took on a new role, as a nonstudent activist. Within a year or so, more and more Cornell students would either drop out or remain in Ithaca after graduation to work for the movement. ■

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At CALC, Celebrating All Things Cornell

More than 700 alumni, students, faculty, and staff gathered in Boston in mid-January for the Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC). The annual gathering allows volunteer leaders to meet, network, discuss relevant issues, and hear the latest campus news. "It's great to be here and learn what's going on," said Danielle Trostorff '73, who traveled from New Orleans, where she is chair of the local Cornell Alumni Admissions Ambassador Network (CAAAN), "and it's great to hear so many speakers share their experiences."

The weekend started off with a luncheon panel featuring some top administrators—Lance Collins, dean of Engineering; Alan Mathios, dean of Human Ecology; Scott MacDonald '78, PhD '86, senior associate dean of Arts and Sciences; Andy Noel, director of athletics; and Mary Opperman, vice president for human resources and safety services. Alumni-elected trustee Meredith Rosenberg '92 served as moderator. It was followed by an afternoon of panels that focused on honing skills for volunteer leaders including mentoring, diversity issues, event planning, and running effective meetings. Simultaneously, leaders planning this year's Reunion spent the afternoon in workshops, nailing down more details for the big event. The evening was capped off with a tailgate party for the men's and women's hockey games against Harvard.



Boston bash: The Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference drew hundreds for a weekend of educational and social events—including a viewing of the Big Red's hockey contests against Harvard.



Liana Passantino '11 was at her fourth CALC, having attended since she was a student leader. "It's a great opportunity to connect with alumni beyond your class and your responsibilities as a class officer," she said. "It's amazing to see all the different volunteers from so many groups, and that alumni of all ages continue to be engaged." Classmate Kyle Scott '11 agreed. "I enjoy coming," he said, "because I not only learn from panels, but I get to meet and learn from so many incredible people."

Saturday's sessions included panels on philanthropy, examining the volunteer experience, and gearing up for the Sesquicentennial. The luncheon featured a panel comprising a wide range of volunteer leaders, from young alumni to veterans. "It was exciting to see alumni who are engaged and that the enthusiasm for Cornell never ends,"

said Julia Buffinton '14, who attended as a student leader and member of the Senior Class Campaign.

CALC was also a time to honor alumni for their efforts on behalf of the University. The 2013 Frank H. T. Rhodes Award recipients were recognized; the Cornell Alumni Association Cup was given to the Young Alumni Duff Ball Committee; and the William "Bill" Vanneman '31 Outstanding Class Leader Award was presented to Shig Kondo '43, who gave a touching and humorous speech. "Behind every successful man is a great wife," he noted, "and a surprised mother-in-law." Profiles of Kondo and the finalists for this year's CAA Cup will be featured in the May/June edition of "Alma Matters."

For those interested in attending CALC next year, save the date: January 16-18 in Boston. The event will also include a Sesquicentennial celebration.

Committed to Ezra's Mission

By Sheryl Hilliard Tucker '78



For the past forty years, my fascination with Ezra Cornell's "any person, any study" mission has never wavered. I am pleased to report that Ezra's words guide trustee meetings as we work through the financial and academic challenges of making Cornell affordable and inviting to all deserving students, with the goal of

having each class better reflect the racial, gender, and socio-economic makeup of our country. Under the leadership of Lisa Skeete Tatum '89, the Trustee Task Force on Diversity is focused on student achievement and supporting initiatives to improve the academic experience and graduation rates of our diverse population.

Trustees help Cornell in many ways beyond meetings and committee work. Eight years ago, the trustees supported the launch of Cornell Mosaic, with trustee Liz Moore '75 at the helm. As the current chair, I am happy to report that Mosaic is flourishing—encouraging Cornell's diverse alumni to have a lifelong relationship with the University and to fully engage in Cornell's broad range of alumni programs, activities, and fundraising initiatives.

As a trustee, I have supported the Center for Intercultural Dialogue (fondly

referred to as 626, where the center is located on Thurston Avenue). The center brings together students with diverse viewpoints, backgrounds, and experiences (through academic study and by mediating campus bias incidents) to develop skills and qualities that prepare them for global leadership.

My final thoughts go to the wonderful work of Cornell's Engaged Learning and Research center. In March 2013, I represented the trustees in a weekend retreat with ELR staff and thirty professors to explore opportunities for Cornell as a twenty-first century leader in this area. Cornell has been recognized by the Carnegie Foundation as one of the country's leading "institutions of community engagement" because of its many community research partnerships and civic engagement opportunities for students, faculty, and staff. Go Big Red!

Much Accomplished, More to Do

By Gene Resnick '70, MD '74



Four years ago, when nominated as an alumni-elected trustee, I wrote that Cornell must hold true to a rich and principled history while providing a bold vision of access, scholarship, and global contribution. In the time that you entrusted me to

serve on the Board, Cornell has accomplished much, with more to do.

We have managed our complex alma mater out of the economic downturn under considerable financial constraint. With your help we have made great progress in the Cornell Now campaign, much of which is devoted to student scholarship and faculty renewal. The ability to provide competitive aid enables Cornell to attract students to our truly global University from a rich diversity of background, geography, and experience, consistent with our principle of need-blind admission. Faculty renewal initiatives attract new professors to all our campuses and secure Cornell among the world's elite research universities.

The excitement surrounding the Cornell NYC Tech campus is now more than a headline, with initial faculty recruited, construction plans under way, and first classes enrolled. In conjunction with the new facilities and programs driven by the dean at the

Medical College, Cornell's reach and influence across New York has never been stronger.

I am pleased to have been part of this progress. Collaboration with many staff and faculty in Ithaca and New York has helped spur our efforts in technology transfer. I have been honored to co-chair the Committee on Alumni Affairs, which helped guide a task force on volunteer leadership along with many wonderful programs of engagement, communication, and outreach for our devoted and cherished alumni around the world.

As we approach our sesquicentennial anniversary, I can report with great confidence that our beloved Cornell is served by dedicated and highly skilled administrators and guided by an extraordinarily committed and talented board. It has been a deep honor and joy to have been an alumni-elected trustee these past four years, and I thank you for having given me the opportunity to serve.

Vote in Alumni Trustee Election

Cornell offers its alumni a unique opportunity to vote annually for two alumni to serve on the Board of Trustees. Voting opened on January 31 and runs through April 1. If you have not received information, please contact Loreal Maguire in the Office of Volunteer Programs at llm94@cornell.edu.

The four candidates are:

Kim Azzarelli '93, JD '97
New York, New York

Elizabeth Everett '97
South Salem, New York

Michael Troy '81
Greenwich, Connecticut

Enrique Vila-Biaggi '94, MEN '95
Guaynabo, Puerto Rico

The ballot is determined by the Committee on Alumni Trustee Nominations, which this year was chaired by John Boochever '81. Also serving on the committee are Deborah Gerard Adelman '71, MS '74; Gregory Bassuk '94; Renee Bayha '80, DVM '86; Ariel Belen, JD '81; Todd Builione '96; Steven Flyer, JD '91; Rolf Frantz '66, MEN '67; Laura Fratt '81; Stasi Lubansky Gordon '78; Carl Jones '03; Daniel Kaplan '84; Simon Krieger '76, MBA '77; Carolyn Press Landis '65; Dale Lazar '74, JD '77; Michael Lee '99; Eileen McManus Walker '76, MBA '78; Ruth Raisfeld '77; Alan Rosenthal '59; Arthur Synder III, MBA '79, MEN '80; and Lynda Schrier Wirth '82.

Swearing-In Is a Big Red Affair

When Debra James '75, JD '78, took the oath in May as an elected justice of the New York State Supreme Court, the event had a Cornell feel to it.

First, she wore a bright red dress. (This was not a coincidence; she did it in honor of the University.) James's involvement as a Cornell volunteer is long—she was one of the first members of the Cornell Black Alumni Association and formulated its articles of incorporation. She is an alumna in residence at Alice Cook Hall on West Campus. She is a past vice chair of the University Council and a member of the President's Council of Cornell Women. And she often visits the Law School to speak with students and provide career advice.

At the ceremony, Cornell Association of Class Officers president and past Rhodes Award winner Jay Waks '68, JD '71, made introductory remarks. "Although I mentioned Cornell twenty-two times," Waks notes, "I had to apologize



Judge James: Clad in carnelian, Debra James '75, JD '78, joined the New York State Supreme Court. The ceremony featured opening remarks by CACO President Jay Waks '68, JD '71 (right).

to [associate vice president for alumni affairs] Jim Mazza '88 for not working Cornell into each line." Waks also shared a message from Law School Dean Stewart Schwab. "Debra James has had a stellar legal career of service," Schwab said, "and she will excel in her newly elected position that builds on her prior work." True to the Law School's motto, he added, James is "a lawyer in the best sense."

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43 “How do you spend your time?” asks the class news form, “and what have you been doing recently?” You responded swiftly and with great variety. **Charles Harris** (Island Heights, NJ; medinfo@comcast.net) writes, “Growing older; collecting paper to discard; paying bills; seeking new ‘phone-mates’ (priors gone); ignoring Facebook; doing nothing; missing **Miller Harris**.” Amen, Charles. He says he would rather be getting younger. From **John Casale** (Vero Beach, FL; onyxduffy@aol.com): “Gardening in Vermont in the summer, as well as golf at Equinox Country Club and Dorset Field. Also painting with oil (grandchildren, landscapes, portraits, etc.). Won two prizes in Florida at the Moorings Yacht and Country Club in Vero Beach.” John would like a larger garden so he can raise crops and vegetables, and also never tires of visits from his nine children. John is 93-plus, and his oldest, JBC III, is “just 60.”

Barbara Larrabee Johnson (Camillus, NY) writes, “Sewing, bridge, walks, art class, and making new friends fills my time. Had to come and live with my daughter (age and health factors—am older but health has improved!). I went to the 70th Reunion in June. It was a great experience and fun. A little sad since only 11 ‘43ers were present.” Barbara adds, “I’d rather be swimming in the ocean and sunning on a nice warm beach—it doesn’t hurt to dream!” Another classmate in Vero Beach, FL, **Dick Klopp** (RKlopps@aol.com) writes that he spends his time playing golf, tennis, and bridge, and socializing. “Can still play golf and tennis at 92!”

From **John Holden** (Southampton, NY): “Reading, short walks, doctor visits. In general good health, but no longer drive a car. Would rather be golfing and traveling.” John would like to be in touch with anyone from the track and cross-country teams from 1940-44. **Ted Hankoff** (Aventura, FL; wrldclb@bellsouth.net) is legally blind, but listens to current articles available in audio. He says he’d rather be studying. Ted would like to hear from **Gene Saks**. **Bill Leuchtenburg** has been historical consultant to Ken Burns for more than 30 years. This coming year, he will appear on camera in “The Roosevelts: Theodore, Franklin, Eleanor” and is now working with Burns on “The Vietnam War” and “Country Music.” **Curt Strand** (Snowmass Village, CO; curtstrand@gmail.com) is enjoying retirement in Colorado: “Aspen Music Festival and Institute, athletic club, moderate hiking and skiing, reading, friends, and a few not-for-profit activities.” Curt would like to hear from **Shig Kondo**.

Speaking of whom, in honor of his 55 years as class treasurer and his recent promotion to first vice president, our own **Shig Kondo** (Wellesley Hills, MA) received the 10th William “Bill” Vanne-man Outstanding Class Leader Award at the Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC), held in Boston in mid-January. In front of nearly 700 Cornell alumni, staff, and friends—and with his wife, Kyoko, daughters **Nina ‘82** and Linda, son Paul, and their families at the head table—Shig accepted the award with a touching and humorous speech on behalf of the members of the Class of ‘43—part of the Greatest Generation, he said. He shared his involvement with the class (one of the

men’s blue Reunion jackets was the perfect prop), as well as some history of his life and experiences at Cornell: living at the Cosmopolitan Club, practicing with the track and field team, the great professors, his breakfast with Eleanor Roosevelt.

Raised in New Jersey from the age of 2, Shig and his family were sent back to Japan by the State Dept. after Pearl Harbor. He was drafted into the Japanese Army in April 1943 and spent the rest of the war as a Medical Corps Private, serving mainly in hospitals. He closed his speech with a vivid and moving memory of the dark days near the end of the war when he was in Tokyo. With much of city destroyed, the atomic bombs already dropped, and plans in the works for a massive military invasion, Shig told the hushed audience that he was sustained by thoughts of America . . . and of his dream to one day return to that special place on the Hill: Cornell.

Some short takes: **Mary Close Bean** (Catonsville, MD): “Enjoying my new great-grandson!” **William Kelly** (Dansville, NY): “In the summer—gardening, reading, walking, swimming.” He enjoyed seeing Shig Kondo at Reunion. They lived together in Mennen Hall freshman year. **Ruth Ohringer** Frank (Pittsburgh, PA) winters in Sarasota, FL. **Robert Warren** (Spruce Head, ME) is retired. **Gerald Aronson** (Los Angeles, CA; aronsong@aol.com) would like to hear from **Ray Ward**. Otherwise: “Obeying my wife. Growing older. (Why? No choice.)” **Jarman Kennard**, BME ‘47 (Fairview Park, OH): “Reading, napping, walking, eating. Back to basics, but still in my own home.” He wonders what **Sherwood Holt**, PhD ‘51, is doing these days.

Cornell. Freshman year. What did you bring? Barbara Larrabee Johnson: “One trunk with ‘everything,’ augmented with a suitcase for clothes.” John Holden: “A slide rule, drawing set, and scale ruler, track shoes, tennis racquet, and skis.” Charles Harris: “My name and address.” Ted Hankoff: “An open mind in addition to my personal clothing and other possessions.” Gerald Aronson: “Typewriter, underwear, one starched shirt.” Jarman Kennard didn’t have far to travel. “I lived at my parents’ home in Ithaca. My father, **Earle Hesse Kennard, PhD 1913**, was a professor of Physics at Cornell at the time.” Thanks to you all, and congratulations to Shig on continuing a great legacy. **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 Deedy Tohn (dtohn@aol.com), wife of our late classmate **Jerry Tohn**, writes, “Jerry died in November 2010 and although not a matriculated Cornellian, I have always felt a part of Cornell and ‘44. Jerry’s love of and commitment to Cornell lives on in daughter **Ellen ‘81** (co-chair of COE), **Margot ‘86** (class president), and Ellen’s son **Seth Harper ‘14**. Jerry’s memory will be marked on campus in the planned ‘Peony and Perennial Gardens’ at the Cornell Plantations in the challenge grant section, and on the future planned COE Climbing Wall. I keep involved in Cornell’s activities and programs in Florida and on the Ithaca campus.”

Retired refinery consultant **Charles McCoy**, B Chem E ‘48 (Orinda, CA; joyepapa@silcon.com) spends his time cooking and shopping, investing, walking for health, and completing household chores. “Recently I’ve been planning travel—especially cruises—and preparing for old age. When I came to Cornell I brought naïveté and thirst. Hopefully today’s kids are better.” Chuck would like to hear from former roommate **Dick Hillman**. **Anne Bishop McKusick** (Towson, MD; abmckusick@gmail.com) writes, “I’ve been going to the two-week Bar Harbor genetics course husband Victor started in 1960 and attending lectures in my retirement home and meetings of the American Philosophical Society. I went to my old house in Nova Scotia to do maintenance work on it and have been keeping in touch with old friends there. I also read and keep in touch with my children. I like what I’m doing—reading and keeping on learning.” Ever studious, Anne brought pens, pencils, and a dictionary to Cornell as a freshman.

Robert McCarthy (Tarzana, CA) watches the stock market and does crosswords. “I’m taking odds on a male heir. So far I have five granddaughters and two great-granddaughters. There is one en route—wanna bet?!” Robert would like to be traveling and hitting the casinos. “Thanks to the US Navy, I brought one stuffed sea-bag with me to Cornell.” **Norman Allen** (Schaghticoke, NY) has been working on farm records for Allenwaite Farms Inc. Sadly, his wife, **Gertude (Durfee) ‘45**, BS HE ‘44, died on July 12, 2013. Norman would like to hear from **Lew Mix**, BS ‘46, and **Allen Albright**, BS ‘47. **Calvin DeGolyer** (Castile, NY) lost Bunny, his dear wife of 66 years, on May 21, 2013.

Katia Altschuller Jacobs (Highland, NY) has been continuing her Russian to English translation work, as well as traveling—one trip to Ireland and another from California to Maryland. She would like to take more classes in Italian and travel to Tuscany. She adds, “I’ve been attending family reunions to remember my sister who died in November and my nephew who died at Christmas.” Katia would like to hear from **Eleanor Porter**. **Maurice Gellman**, MBA ‘48, passed away on November 18, 2013. His daughter **Deb Gellman ‘75**, MBA ‘82, writes, “In April last year, we were able to celebrate Dad’s 90th with many family members, including **Naomi (Colvin) ‘45** and children **Jonathan ‘70** (and wife **Bette Kirschstein ‘79**), **Rachel ‘72**, **David (Albany ‘78)**, and me.”

Walt Witcover, BA ‘46, MA ‘47, passed away on November 15, 2013. His prestigious acting, directing, producing, publishing, and teaching career earned him many awards and recognitions including the Actors Studio Total Theater Award and three Obie Awards. He studied under Lee Strasberg, Herbert Berghof, and Curt Conway and taught acting and directing at HB Studio for more than 25 years. As co-founder and artistic director of Masterworks Laboratory Theater, Walt staged more than 30 productions of classic plays and operas, poetry, song, and story-theater projects. Before attending Cornell, Walt served as a Combat Field Artilleryman in WWII, where he received three battles stars. He considered a production he co-authored and directed at Cornell to be his first directing effort. This show, *Once Upon a Hill: Or,*

What Happened to Mr. Cornell's Cow Pasture, was performed on the Willard Straight Theater stage in 1946. His obituary in the *New York Times* listed many survivors, including his former stage manager of 15 years and the "hundreds of students who carry forward his theatre legacy." Send news to: **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. Class Notes Editor e-mail, adr4@cornell.edu.

45 **Frances Shloss**, BArch '44 (Beverly Hills, CA) is busy keeping up with her archaic filing system, but is trying to be less technologically challenged. [Right on, Frances!] She is increasing her skills on the computer, but finds that "teaching an old dog new tricks" is a challenge. When she wrote, she had just returned from three months in Okoboji, IA, at her summer cottage, where she played golf nearly every day—but often only nine holes. She won a prize in a watercolor competition, and her painting was the first one sold at the opening event of the exhibition. Last week she got an update on the food cart competition she sponsored for the Architecture students. It will be parked on the north side of Riskey Hall and is an updated version of Louie's. This one will be called "Franny's" and will be finished by the end of 2013 or early in 2014. She hopes we can enjoy a meal from it during our 70th Reunion in 2015.

Frances was saddened to learn of the death in 2013 of her closest and best friends: architect **Edwin Kramer**, BArch '44, **Helene Scheuer** Rosenblatt, BS HE '94 (the first person she met freshman year), and her suite-mate and best friend **Sonja Kramarsky** Binkhorst, with whom she spent several days last year visiting in New York. A few years after graduation she visited Sonja and her husband, staying at their home, a houseboat tied up in a canal, ten kilometers from Amsterdam. When she arrived at Cornell as a freshman, she had taken the train alone from Des Moines via Chicago, then took the Lackawanna to Ithaca. So she thinks she probably brought just an alarm clock and radio. Later, she got a comfy chair and a down quilt. **Margaret Taylor** Macdonald (Chapel Hill, NC) passed away in November 2013. Her husband of 67 years, Ross, survives her. We extend heartfelt sympathy to him and other family members.

Phyllis Avery Olin, BA '44 (Charlottesville, VA) tells us that she spends her time throwing away junk mail, attending concerts, playing the piano, directing the Colonnades singers, swimming, and visiting children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. She'd like to be taking a sailing trip—somewhere. Clothes, bedspread, and curtains were what she brought when she first came to Cornell. She'd love to hear from **Thelma Emile** Hunter.

Do let us hear from you. We enjoy reading the news of our classmates. **Julie Kamerer** Snell, 3154 Gracefield Rd., #111, Silver Spring, MD 20904; e-mail, julie.snell@verizon.net; **Bob Frankenfeld**, 6291 E. Bixby Hill Rd., Long Beach, CA 90815; e-mail, betbobf@aol.com.

46 One reason I love Christmastime is because I hear from many of you, and for a short time I am that 18-year-old who met you for the first time in September 1942. So far, over 20 have responded

to our News and Dues letter. Thank you for being so faithful through the years.

I heard from these New Yorkers: **Rayma Carter** Wilson (Binghamton) wrote that she's been going to the gym regularly and using various machines. She is planning on visiting family in South Carolina and Florida from December to April. She remembers bringing a laundry case to Cornell to send clothes home that needed machine washing. Larry and **Sylvia Mayer** Helbert Paul (Williamsville) were planning on going to Florida from October to May this year. Their residence is on a bike trail in ranch and state forest land. They enjoy walking or biking on the trails. She couldn't remember what she brought along to college, but did remember the Navy V-12 program, when we went to three semesters, and attending school all summer. Sylvia graduated in three years.

Ohio news: Former Buffalonian **Ellen Vidal** Hollmeyer (Chagrin Falls) wrote that she had a busy year. Her husband, Lew (Purdue '48), celebrated his 90th birthday, her sixth great-grandchild was born in August, and her granddaughter Elizabeth Svoboda published her book, *What Makes a Hero?*, in September. Collectively she and Lew have 22 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. To the question of what she brought to college: "I shipped a steamer trunk and brought a typewriter, radio, and desk lamp in the car. Howard and **Elizabeth Stuart** Wells (Cleveland Heights) have lived in the same house for 50 years, but now need help from their oldest son. They spend time with their children and grandchildren and with church activities. She is having trouble with her eyes and can't see to play bridge anymore. She'd like to hear from **Sue Cassidy** Hutton.

California news: **Margaret Chauvin** Rinehart (Costa Mesa) wrote that her husband is deceased. She is busy helping at the local senior center reception desk and assisting the nurse on Wednesdays. She also visits her sister in the convalescent care center and has talked to classmate **Ruth Sergenian** De Angelis in New Hampshire. She wrote that she couldn't bring much with her to college because she had to come by bus due to gas rationing. **Dottie Taylor** Prey (San Mateo) is the first of our classmates to say she'll be seeing us for our 70th Reunion in 2016 (she missed our last one due to family obligations). "I'm busy at our retirement community with golf and gardening. The Bay Area is beautiful and the weather spoils you, but I miss the change of seasons and the snow. I only brought my clothes to college. My grandchildren always had a TV, refrigerator, computer, etc."

Hope I got all your information correct, as my OLD eyes had trouble reading some of your handwriting (I'm also having trouble seeing and hearing the TV, too). I plan on seeing you in 2016, health permitting. In the meantime you can write anytime to: **Elinor Baier** Kennedy, 9 Reading Dr., Apt. 302, Wernersville, PA 19565; tel., (610) 927-8777; e-mail, mopsyk@comcast.net.

Class president **Lloyd Slaughter** (Morgantown, WV; lslaughter594@aol.com) not only acknowledged receipt of the A. D. White volumes, but also sent some lively news notes. I urge fellow classmates to follow our leader's example. Lloyd will attack Dr. White's autobiography and undoubtedly share many anecdotes in this column after finishing his present project. He's midway through a hard read of the 1,053-page *Last Lion* by Paul Reid, successor to and selected by the late William Manchester to complete his biographical series on

Winston Churchill. Lloyd reported that **Win Shiras '48** visited the Slaughters in early June.

Lloyd writes, "Win and I began our Cornell/ Navy V-12 program journey together in Dorm 25. We graduated in February 1946, then on to Newport, RI, and the USS *Montpelier* together. I left the Navy in July of '46, but Win joined the Class of '48 when he stayed in the Navy and returned to Cornell for a five-year BS EE degree. After attending his 65th Reunion, he and new wife Connie Lou visited us in Morgantown. Before their return to Illinois, it was great to talk with Win about mutual friends. **Charlie Prey**, my former Baker Hall roommate, was preeminent and we miss him dearly. Additionally, Marilyn had hip surgery on August 9 and a redo on September 27 to replace a malfunctioning hip replacement from 12 years ago. She'll need to use a walker and wear a hip brace for another four weeks. After that she should be back to normal and promises to pick up after herself."

William Sklarz, B Chem E '47 (Edison, NJ; wsklarz@aol.com) writes, "My wife Dot and I are still doing what we have been for 40 years: going back and forth between our homes in New Jersey and rural Vermont, with an occasional trip to France or Switzerland. About 15 years ago, our two daughters settled about ten miles from each of our houses, so we have a daughter and two grandchildren nearby, no matter which house we're in." He continues, "I noticed that **Peg Taylor** Macdonald '45 was mentioned in a recent issue. Seeing her name brought back fond memories of good friends and good times, years ago."

To list your e-mail address in your submissions, e-mail me at the below e-address. Include your name, city, and state. Send news via e-mail or snail mail to: **Paul Levine**, 3273 Streamside Cir., #202, Pleasanton, CA 94588; tel., (925) 201-7575; e-mail, pblevine@juno.com. Class website, <http://classof46alumni.cornell.edu>.

47 As you might know, I share this column with **Artie Williamson** Anderson. We each do three issues in a row. So now it is my turn to keep you up to date and to request any news that you would like to share with your classmates. As I write this, the temperature is near 30 degrees, the wind is swirling, snow is expected, and it is December 2013. You will read this in March 2014, and I hope all had a great holiday season and will continue to read and support this column.

First off, our apologies to **Amelia Streif** Harding for an error in the last column. Her correct e-mail address is: ameliaph@aol.com.

Margaret Newell Mitchell wrote to say she saw **Sy Yenoff** Kingsly at a recent Cornell Council meeting. **Betty Rosenthal** Newman (bnewman201@comcast.com) volunteers at a center for developmentally disabled adults. She lives in Short Hills, NJ, but winters in Lake Worth, FL. **Yetta Haber** Farber (hfarb@yahoo.com) lives in Ridge-wood, NJ, and spends her time visiting children, grandchildren, and a great-grandchild and, of course, visiting doctors. She is playing Canasta and also doing ceramics. **Barbara Everitt** Bryant (Bryant@umich.edu) spends four months in Scottsdale, AZ, and eight months in Ann Arbor, MI. She gets together with **Lois Stamey** Spear every year. **Ray Fox**, PhD '56, keeps busy with church work, gardening, and traveling. He recently revised his flowerbeds and did some alterations to his home. **Shirley Buck** Rabeler resides in Cortland, NY, and

keeps up with her six children, ten grandchildren, and ten great-grandkids. She is proud of her Cornell tradition, as eight of her immediate family members are Cornell grads.

John Bourne is happily retired in Brooklyn, where he was active in a local theatre group. In June 2012 the group honored him by naming their theatre the "John Bourne Theatre." **Eileen Farley McDonnell** (McDonnell_E@verizon.net) writes from Stow, MA, that "life is great." She is very active in her local schools with volunteer work and trying to keep up with her kids, grandkids, and great-grandkids. From Westfield, NJ, **Beatrice Strauss** Reiss tells us that her three children keep her very busy. We love hearing from **Walt Fedirko** (Hillsborough, NJ), who, despite all his ailments, is still very active in his town. He is still driving and hopes to travel in the US.

Richard Greenfield (rkgpps@gmail.com) lives in Boulder, CO, but spends the summers in Boca Raton, FL. **William Pendarvis** has a vineyard and winery in Eugene, OR, and his home is in Clackamas, OR. **Marvin Wedeen** plays duplicate bridge and organizes a learning program at his retirement village. **Herb Brinberg** (hbrinberg@parnassusassociates.com) is an adjunct professor at Baruch College in New York. Besides teaching, he is doing research and reading.

I received a letter from a close friend of **Emily Palmer** Kroeker informing me that Emily passed away in Oct. 2013. She writes that they were both in Sigma Kappa back in 1943 when the sorority was thrown off campus by the national organization for pledging a girl from a Spanish-speaking country. Do any of our readers remember that incident? If so, write me!

Our Class of '47 has set up a Fellowship Fund for some deserving students, and we received letters from three of the recipients. They are: **Yuri Villatoro '17** of Columbia, MD; **Kelsey Neckers '16** from Panama, NY; and **Bennett Kapili '16** from Hamilton Square, NJ. Each letter expresses their gratitude to our class and goes into detail about some of their life experiences. The individual letters are too long to print here. If you want to read them, contact me, and I will send you copies.

My last bit of info for you concerns my good friend and neighbor **Naomi Strumer** Samkoff. Both of us enjoy doing the *New York Times* crossword puzzles, especially the Sunday edition. We are not great at it, but it is so challenging and informative. For example, a recent clue was, "What Cornell founded Western Union?" (4 letters) Not really knowing the answer, I guessed "Ezra." Of course, I was right and learned a little known fact that our Cornell founder also created Western Union. Coincidentally, on a recent episode of "Jeopardy" under the category of "Inventions" was the clue, "He founded Western Union." No problem for me; I now knew the answer!

I enjoy doing this column, but it only happens when each of you contributes, so keep me in mind and keep the information coming. **Sylvia Kianoff** Shain, 653 Primrose Lane, River Vale, NJ 07675; tel., (201) 391-1263; e-mail, irashain1@verizon.net; or **Arlie Williamson** Anderson, 238 Dorchester Rd., Rochester, NY 14610.

48 Stan Reeves, ME '55, DeWitt, NY: "I have been taking my wife, **Mary Lou (Seeley) '49**, MS HE '59 (Home Ec), to dialysis for three-hour sessions three days a week. Our granddaughter just entered Emerson College in Boston. She's the oldest, and

the youngest is 14. There's a lot of discussion in our area regarding the location of Rt. 81 through the city of Syracuse. I recently contacted **Steve Cooper** (Fremont, CA) and **Richard Haby** (Lafayette, IN), both fellow CALS classmates. All our shops and services are nearby, the furthest being the hospital, 5.5 miles. I don't own a car anymore since a Dec. 2011 accident in Florida." **Shel Joblin**, BA '47, MBA '48, NYC: "Still actively involved as a residential real estate broker in Manhattan as VP of Stribling & Assocs. Recently in touch with **Jim Vlock '47**, MBA '48, **Barry Cohen '47**, and **Bob Asher**."

Barbara Cole Feiden, White Plains, NY: "We have one grandchild, in Northampton. She's wonderful! There's a golf course across the street, but we don't play. Our last visits to large cities over the last 40 years were Chicago, Seattle, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Atlanta, Philadelphia, Washington, DC, and, most recently, New York City. Recently took a small ship cruise to parts of New England. We're looking for an interesting winter trip classified by Elderhostel as 'easy.' Enjoyed our 65th Reunion with husband **Barry '49** and dinner with **Bill Carroll**." **Don Weisinger**, San Diego, CA: "Golf, walking, and bridge keep me going. Oldest and youngest grandchildren live in San Diego (15 and 12). We moved to a very nice retirement community. Our 4BR/3BA house was just too large. We attend many lectures here at the university on many subjects. The most distant service, 5 miles, is the doctor and hospital. Visited Seattle six months ago. I'm pushing 89. Hope I can live as long as my father, who was 108!"

Writing is difficult for **Francis Weigle**, Quaker Hill, CT, so his wife, Joan, pens these words for him: "Chatting, watching river activity, watching tennis on TV, riding dual tricycle with wife, daughter, and grandkids, eating cookies, gazing at garden and deer . . . all keep me busy. A grandchild graduated from Mitchell College and now has a good physical therapy job. Grandchildren range in age from 44 down to 12. 2-year-old great-grandchild lives in Portland, OR. The Navy Underwater Sound Lab has created a fine museum at Fort Trumbull in New London, CT. Recently met Capt. James Calvert, skipper of the submarine *USS Skate*, which went under the ice and surfaced at the North Pole in August 1958. All the shops, professionals, and facilities we need are very nearby, the most distant being the Subaru dealer, 4.5 miles away. Not fond of large cities, but pedaled solo on bike in 1990 cross-country from Quaker Hill, CT, to Poulsbo, WA. Visited son in L.A. in 1994 on the way to New Zealand. The L.A. son moved to Atlanta, where he now acts, sings, plays brass instruments and the hurdy-gurdy, and is a computer guy at the downtown Shakespeare Theatre and Tavern. Have also visited Austin, TX, in '91 to visit Army buddy and grandson. In 1985 I lived in Chelsea, England, and gathered data in NATO bases in Europe. In 1960-64 I lived in Bermuda, worked in Tudor Hill Lab, and commuted to work on a motorbike. Revisited relatives in '99 and '02 in England while on a trip to Vienna. Home is best! 65th wedding anniversary in August 2014."

Ray Tuttle, Hilton Head Island, SC: "Golf, day-walking, swimming, ocean cruising, listening to the Great Courses on history, freedom, science. Big 90th birthday party was in spring of 2013. Oldest grandchild, 32, is in Chicago. Everything is nearby on Hilton Head Island. Closest is the lagoon, 100 yards. Visited Boston and Chicago last year. I've taken cruises through the Panama Canal, across the Atlantic to Barcelona, several across

the Pacific to Sidney, Hong Kong, and Bali." **Tom Baker**, Clinton, TN: "Gardening, walking, church volunteering. Grandson was promoted to Lt. Col. in the USAF at a Pentagon ceremony. Very impressive. Oldest grandson, 32, is in Virginia Beach. Youngest, 21, is in Clemson, SC. Seven miles gets me anywhere I need to go. In the last four years I visited Boston, Pittsburgh, Washington, DC, and Nashville. Seven children, only four survive. Shouldn't be that way. Fifteen grandkids, ten great-grandkids."

Art Behrer, Trent Woods, NC: "Golf, duplicate bridge, home maintenance, lawn care. Oldest granddaughter, 28, married on Aug. 10, 2013 in Smith Mountain Lake, VA. She is a civil engineer with Turner Construction Co. working on area-wide environmental security. I'm proud to have an engineer granddaughter. She earned her BCE from UVA. The ocean is 40 miles from here, the golf course and country club, 5 miles. Everything else is real close. Haven't been downtown in any big cities. Too big, too much traffic, too crowded, too expensive. Fly to Burlington, VT, to see fall foliage and colors and to attend Schoenhut Collector Club annual meeting." (They collect toys, dolls, and games manufactured by A. Schoenhut Co. and successor companies.) **Sybil-Frances "Kim" Kimbrig** Levin, Carmel, CA: "Secretary of the Friends of Hidden Valley music seminars, Over Hill weekly book group, Hadassah. Travels to NYC, Massachusetts, and Israel this year. Granddaughter Jasper Elizabeth graduated summa cum laude from Barnard/Columbia and is now in vet school at Penn in Philly. Grandson Justin graduated from UC Santa Cruz with a BS in psychology. Daughter Charity, who has a doctorate in multi-cultural studies, lives in San Francisco with her husband. The big issue in our community is water shortage."

Richard Rundell, Hudson, OH: "Youngest son and family moved from Chicago to Hudson. Now doing 'kidsitting.' Oldest grandchild is 20, at U. of Colorado. Youngest is 8, here in Hudson. I just read *Killing Kennedy* by Bill O'Reilly, one of the best books I have ever read. Visited oldest son and family in Lincoln, MA, last Easter. We'll probably move into a retirement home next year." **Marian Young** Bradley, Black Mountain, NC: "Exercise, church activities, family, my Highland Farms Retirement Community, trips, symphony, plays, etc., keep me busy. Had a wonderful two-week RV trip through the Canadian Rockies with just my four children—great! Oldest grandchild, 31, is in Birmingham, CA; youngest is 9 in Asheville, NC. Every month there are new residents here with fascinating backgrounds. Most everything is only minutes away. The ocean is six hours. Don't wait too long to go to a retirement community. You want to be able to take advantage of all the amenities, make good friends, and have fun. Our 65th Reunion was great! Thanks to all the organizers." **Bob Persons**, 102 Reid Ave., Port Washington, NY 11050; phone/fax, (516) 767-1776; e-mail, bobpersons48@gmail.com.

49 On your mark! Get set! GO! Reserve your rooms at the Statler for our exciting 65th Reunion, June 5-8, 2014! Reunion chairman **Carl Schwarzer** reports, "Class president **Jack Gilbert** and I were at Cornell recently to finalize plans with our staff contact at Alumni Affairs. We discussed the activities of the class, the menu details (most of our meals will be in the Statler), dining locations, transportation within the campus, marketing of the '49 reunion, budget, and duties and resources of the

class clerks who will help us out at the registration desk. Our intent is to have a reunion that not only meets your needs (mobility included, as we are old too), but to inform you on what will be going on around a very large campus. You may 'cherry pick' your activities and we will see that you arrive at your destination safely and return."

Plans include lunch at the new Nevin Welcome Center at the Plantations, to be followed by a tour that Carl says "will surprise you with what has transpired within the last few years at this great asset to the university." A Cornell photographer will take our class picture, which you may have sent to your home. At last report, Carl tells us that we will not have a class hat, shirt, or beer jacket, but, he urges, "We think you should uncover your past awards, or originate a 'one of a kind' and wear it proudly, to display that you are proud to be a '49er." At the Cornell Store, he adds, we will each receive a Class of '49 gift.

Writing from Dryden, NY, **Marilyn Olsen Baurler** tells us that she reads, knits, maintains her correspondence, and recently has been writing charity checks and "cooking evening meals for my son, who owns and runs this farm on which I live." Marilyn, who was married to the late **Walter '48**, adds that she would rather be "sorting photographs and writing autobiography." She would most enjoy hearing from **Tom '48**, MA '49, and **Ruth Adler Schottman**

'48, **Sylvia Colt** De Almeida, **Joyce Teck** Meller Greene, and **Charlotte Sielman** Streisinger, MA '51. When she first came to Cornell, Marilyn brought "a metronome, 14 handknit-by-mother sweaters, Varga photo prints, and a violin." **Anastasios "Tasso"** and **Adda "Eddie" Dunn Cotsis** are living in Dionysos, Greece, a northern suburb of Athens. Married for 60 years, they have been living in Greece since 1954 when Tasso, an electrical engineer, moved there to help establish the national system of electricity. At that time, the US was giving money to Greece to help in its development. One of their four children lives in a suburb of Boston, the others live in Greece. Eddie tells us that they play bridge, which she has been teaching, and "do the things retired people do." She's been back to Cornell only once, to a reunion, and adds, "Although we don't do much advance planning, it would be nice to attend our 65th.

Howard Loomis, MBA '50 (Pratt, KS), married to Florence, is still active as chairman of the Peoples Bankshares Ltd. in Pratt, "now in my 50th year. The bank serves central Kansas from the Oklahoma line to the Nebraska line, with ten offices." Howard and Florence spend five months of the year at Ludington, MI, "on the sandy shore of Lake Michigan, enjoying lake breezes, gentle surf, and white pine woods that Ezra Cornell prized as the endowment of the university." What would Howard rather be doing now? "Nothing else. It is pleasant to be alive and enjoying what little I do." He would like to hear from **Wendel Kent**, BCE '49. "He was business manager of the *Sun* when I was editor." When Howard first came to Cornell, he brought one suitcase—"which contained all the clothes I had." **Elizabeth "Betty" Dean Reed** (Barrington, IL; breed28@yahoo.com) is planning to attend reunion in June with **Anne**

Dickinson Murray. She tells us that she has been writing checks! "My grandson, **David Moran '16**, has transferred to CALS." Betty's late husband, **Dwight '49**, MFS '51, died in 2005. Betty has been employed by Butterball Turkeys since 1994. Asked what she brought when first she came to Cornell, she wrote, "Not even a typewriter! It was not until months later that I had my Smith-Corona!"

Beverly Prime Pearson (epearson3@optimum.net) lives in Litchfield, CT. **George Hallbach** (Meriden, CT), married to Dorothy, says, "I am still working in my garden. I also celebrated my 90th birthday with friends and family last August." **Beverly Cates** La Forse (Ithaca, NY; bevll@verizon.net) is engaged in "volunteering, strength training, singing lessons, Lifelong (senior center) activities, contacts with family and friends, and Eckankar locally and internationally." Beverly would like to hear from **Abe Relyea '48**. She keeps in touch with **Eleanor Miller** Blum and **Ruth Humphrey** Jensen. When she first came to

Cornell, Beverly says she brought some basic clothes, "but not slacks! Just skirts, blouses, and blazers (and probably a laundry box)." After freshman year, she added the white uniforms for working in the Home Ec cafeteria.

Harold Lemelson (Wyckoff, NJ, and Boca Raton, FL), married to Arlene, is a retired engineering consultant.

Art Behrer '48

He spends time "reading, working out at a local gym, playing bridge, doing some watercolor painting, and trying to figure out my new iPhone." Last summer Harold attended his grandson's graduation from medical school and enjoyed spending time with his family afterwards, especially his 1-year-old great-grandson. He adds, "I used to play golf and tennis and go freshwater fishing, but an arthritic left knee put an end to that." Harold would enjoy hearing from **Dick Brigham '50**, BArch '50, and **Sid Laibson '51**. "One duffel bag with my Army khakis and other clothing" were the items that Harold brought when he entered Cornell. **H. Follett Hodgkins Jr.** (rulett8100@aol.com) lives in Manlius, NY. **Fred Wayne** (East Bloomfield, NY) says that he mostly watches TV: "These golden years are really not so golden. My wife, Doreen, and I seem to spend more time at the doctor's." Fred and Doreen are retired from active management of their restaurant, Holloway House, which is now managed by their sons **Steve '71** and **David '82**. Their daughter, **Linda '73**, MAT '74, is married to **Ernest Morris Jr. '73**, BS Ag '77. Fred would like to hear from **Tony Cocchini**. When he arrived at Cornell, Fred tells us, "I probably brought clothes and a typewriter. After we married we had an apartment downtown."

Our class mourns the loss of **Austin Story Jr.** of Chillicothe, OH, who passed away August 12, 2013. He is survived by his wife, Betty, five children, five grandchildren, and one great-granddaughter. Thanks for all your news. Please keep in touch! We look forward to celebrating our 65th Reunion with each and every one of you on the Hill in June! ☒ **Dorothy "Dee" Mulhoffer** Solow, 3608 N. Sunset Ave., Farmington, NM 87401; e-mail, winspeck@yahoo.com; tel., (315) 717-6003.

50 Come celebrate spring 2014 in Manhattan! Our annual spring Class of 1950 dinner in New York City will be on Friday, April 25, at 7:00 p.m., as usual, in the library at the Cornell Club, 6 East 44th Street. To make a reservation, send \$75 per person to **Stan Rodwin**, Box 904, Scottsville, NY 14546. Hope to see you there!

In October, members of the 1949 lightweight crew—"those still on the right side of the sod," in **Bob Post's** words—gathered in Ithaca for a reunion and a row out upon the water. This was the crew, you'll recall, that won the American Henley Regatta and became national champions our junior year. They were heading to the British Henley when they learned that their application had been denied because of an error by the Cornell Athletics Dept. The returning oarsmen on hand last fall were **Dick Elmendorf**, stroke; **Bob Collins** at position #7; **Norm Baker '49** at #6; **Chuck Warren '51**, MBA '52, at #4; **Bob Post**, at #2; **Carl Ullrich** in the bow; and coxswain **Dana Brooks '49**, MD '57. **Rick Zimmerman '78** substituted for his father (the late **Paul Zimmerman**) at position #5, and Dick Elmendorf's son, Gregg, subbed for the late **Larry Christensen** at position #3. "We were a little rough," says Bob (Mantoloking, NJ; chiefpost@comcast.net), "but every few strokes, you could feel the old balance and smoothness return, particularly on the recovery for the next stroke. And we could dream of how all of the strokes used to be that way."

Walt Bruska (Shelburne, VT; wbruska@myfairpoint.net) reports that four classmates attended the annual 1948-52 football reunion dinner in Ithaca, the weekend of the Colgate game. In addition to Walt, **Dick Loynd** came from New Jersey, **Joe Dwyer**, JD '52, came from Olean, NY, and **Frank Bradley** came from Cape Cod.

Jim and Nancy Hubbard Brandt (Chicago, IL; jabrandt8@sbcglobal.net) win the prize for the most exotic recent travel. In August they explored the Silk Road in the 'Stans in central Asia. Previously they had followed the Silk Road westward across China as far as Kashgar. This time they flew to Almaty, Kazakhstan, and then worked their way westward along the Silk Road cities: Tashkent, Samarkand, Shakhrisabze, Bukhara, and Khiva in Uzbekistan and finally to Ashkabat, Turkmenistan. One of the many spectacular sights in Samarkand was the ornate mausoleum of the ruler Tamerlane, who conquered much of western and southern Asia in the 1300s. The building is an architectural ancestor of the Taj Mahal, with an azure dome, minarets, and walls covered with mosaics of blue and white tiles.

In September, **Sonia Pressman** Fuentes (Sarasota, FL; spfuentes@comcast.net) spent a week in Antwerp as an honored guest at the opening of the new Red Star Line Museum. This particular Line, Sonia explains, brought many Jews who were escaping Nazi Germany to the US. Sonia was born in Berlin, you may recall, and she and her family fled to Antwerp in 1934. When she was five, they sailed for New York on the Red Star Line's *SS Westerland*. "I am one of the few surviving passengers who came on one of their ships," Sonia writes. The new museum has an exhibit about Sonia and her family, with photographs, documents, and a video about their experience. After Sonia enjoyed a week of parties, receptions, speeches (two of which she gave), lunches, dinners, interviews—even a meeting with Belgian King Philippe and Queen Mathilde—she wonders, "How could I ever return to being an average zhub in

Sarasota? A friend suggested that I start every conversation, 'As I was saying to the King of Belgium . . . ' If you look at the Red Star Line Museum website (www.redstarline.be) you'll find much more information about Sonia and her family, including a charming photograph of Sonia at age 4 or 5 in Berlin, at the wheel of a tiny car with a dog as her passenger.

Weill Cornell professor **Dick Silver** MD '53 (rtsilver@med.cornell.edu), head of the Myeloproliferative Disease Center, has won yet another award, this one for "lifetime achievement in the

flowers, pray and go to church Sundays, and pick up two friends who no longer drive." She says she'd also like to be "walking on the beach at my favorite spot, Daytona Beach, FL." **David Fielder** (Copley, OH) recently moved to a retirement facility near Akron—"lots of new friends, including two other Cornell grads! Coincidence, considering it's a fairly small population: classmate **Jerry Jenkins** (Chem E) and **Robert Rochford '44**, neither one that I knew before. Good guys (plus wives, of course)." David would like to hear from **Norman Kirchner**.

'Leaky Valley' train from New York just in time for frosh camp."

Ralph Gasparello (Hingham, MA) is "avoiding hospitals. Enjoy hearing from twin grandsons—third-generation Cornellians—who completed their freshman year: **Austin '16** and **Dallas '16**. I've been traveling to and fro from children's and grandchildren's homes. Why? They say they need me. Really, I need them." He writes that he wishes he could be "traveling with **Joan (Circola) '51**," his late wife, and that he'd like to hear from **Walter Crocco '49**, BA '51, his former roommate. In 2002, Ralph was director of the National Association of Senior Travel Planners. **Mary Osborn Gallwey**, PhD '58 (Seattle, WA) is "volunteering, reading, gardening. Was recently voted 'Local Hero' by my neighborhood (Madrona) Community Council for ten-plus years of designing, planting, and care of a small public garden at Madrona Playfield. Still helping feed the homeless. I'm starting to cut back on volunteering; e.g., will not run again for ACLU of Washington board of directors after serving more than 45 years." Please send your news to: **Brad Bond**, 101 Hillside Way, Marietta, OH 45750; tel., (740) 374-6715; e-mail, bbond101@suddenlink.net.

'Loved every day, snow and all.'

Roberta Pesner Becker '53

field of hematology" from the Israeli Society of Hematology and Blood Transfusion and the MD Anderson Cancer Center. **Jerry Krovetz**, a pediatric cardiologist with both an MD and a PhD, writes, "I have no plans to retire. I still enjoy working with children. I recently moved to a great place in Boynton Beach, FL. Love it!" We received news of the death of **Frederick Lengemann**, MSN '51 (Rome, PA) in October 2013. Frederick earned his PhD from the U. of Wisconsin in 1953 and became a professor of physiology in the Cornell Vet college.

Ann Ellis Reynolds, MEd '53 (Quechee, VT; RayAnn802@gmail.com) is cited repeatedly in a new book, *Empty Mansions* (Dedman & Newell, Ballantine Books, 2013), which tells the fascinating story of a wealthy, eccentric recluse named Huguette Clark, who died recently at the age of 104. Ann knew Huguette well because Huguette's mother, Anna Clark (the widow of Montana Senator William A. Clark) was Ann's godmother. Ann is a psychologist licensed to practice in both Vermont and New Hampshire. **Marion Steinmann**, 237 West Highland Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19118-3819; tel., (215) 242-8443; e-mail, cjoiner@ix.netcom.com; **Paul H. Jostlin**, 6080 Terrace Dr., Johnston, IA 50131-1560; tel., (515) 278-0960; e-mail, pjhoslin@aol.com.

Henry Alford, a retired colonel in the US Army checked in from Louisville, KY. **Joann Lane** Traeger Wilson (Chesterfield, MO), a widow, mentions "reading, art, and exercise" as occupations. **Leonilda Altman** Farrow writes, "I have not been doing very much, mostly because my husband of 57 years was badly disabled as a result of spinal stenosis, and I spend most of my time taking care of him. We took great trips in the past to visit his family in England and then on to the continent, but we are now pretty much confined to the vicinity of our home of 50 years in the beautiful Two Rivers area of New Jersey. Nevertheless, we enjoy a quiet life and get around locally. I note with sadness the passing one by one of my fellow members of the first Engineering Physics class, we 'band of brothers,' as I have come to think of us. Any of you still out there, please give me a shout at numbrex@verizon.net."

Alvin Macomber, BS '55 (Alexandria, VA) says he is trying to stay healthy by exercise and visits to doctors. "Spending my time managing household repairs and bills, church committee meetings for property maintenance and building program, and numismatic literature and study for fun." He remembers taking a notebook and a 1932 Ford to Cornell as a freshman—"certainly not a cell phone." Alvin would like to hear from **William Grevelding**. **Leonard Steiner** (Harrison, NY) writes, "Enjoying my life and enjoying my children and grandchildren. Hoping to continue the above, including good health for myself and family (also includes stepchildren and step-grandchildren). Leonard arrived at Cornell with "one suitcase and tennis rackets."

Winifred Bergin Hart (Lexington, VA) wrote last spring and said she was gardening: "It's May, and my iris are incredible." Other activities: "docent at local museum; auditing classes at Washington & Lee (most recently, English lit and our history); admiring grandchildren; serving on Residents Council because I was elected. I'd like to be sitting in Piazza Navona in Rome, eating gelato and planning which of my old haunts to visit next. I hear from those who are still with us—quite a few—at least once a year. Don't seem to have missed anyone." **Dan Nesbett** (Ivoryton, CT) is keeping up with his wife Jane's nephews: **Sam Panarese '14**, BA '13, who was about to graduate, and his older brother **Ted '09**. "I've also been playing piano for local organizations/fundraisers, though hardly up to the sophisticated styling of **David Dingle '50**, who took this area by storm several years back." As to what he brought to start Cornell: "Not much, arriving on overnight

52 You will read this is in March, but it is written in December, and the temperature was 10 degrees this morning. Happily, I have a batch of new news forms, some from those not recently heard from. It has been interesting to read what some of you have done with the new questions.

Carolyn "Cappy" Heyl Innes (Dallas, PA; Amelia Island, FL), who was briefly mentioned in an earlier issue, has for the first time sent a news form. She recently reunited with seven Alpha Phi plus five of their husbands: "Always a joy to revisit our youth." Cappy reads, golfs, and travels and says she finds today's campus culture "unattractive." At Cornell, she writes, "I learned how to love to learn—and I still do!" **Nancy Wilson McCrohon** (Washington, DC) writes that her husband, Max, was the only editor of the *Chicago Tribune* to vote for Jimmy Carter. She has been working on peace and would like to save forests. Nancy writes that she recently has been doing "better than I deserve." **Philip Sherman** (Port Washington, NY; pmsherman@aol.com) has been working on two books that he plans to publish. One is on "miscommunication in law, medicine, engineering, and more." The other is a biography. He has also been writing a memoir, reading, and attending concerts and the theater. His granddaughter **Laura Brooks '17** (Hotel) is the fifth in his family to attend Cornell, following his late wife, **Doris (Gottlieb) '55**, and his daughters **Judith Sherman '79** and **Emily Sherman Brooks '84**.

Susan Iserman Sunshine (New York, NY; edsun@aol.com) writes, "Just happy to be alive and relatively healthy. Can't ask for any more than that." Recently Susan had been caring for Ed, her husband of 47 years, who died in June 2013 after a long illness. She is now making pottery at the 92nd Street Y and enjoying the company of the many good friends who helped her through the rough years. She spends a lot of time at the gym. At Cornell she says she learned "mostly how to make and keep good friends. I'm very grateful for that. I feel life teaches you more than texts and classes." **Robert Wainwright**, DVM '52 (Schenectady, NY) sold his house and moved to a retirement center.

51 Roberta "Bobbie" Vlock Gottlieb was interviewed for Human Ecology's Fall 2013 *Link* magazine about her career as CEO of Two's Company in Elmsford, NY. A decade after starting the business with her husband, he died, but she decided to continue with it and get her three boys through college. Now, son Tom is president, and they travel abroad to maintain the company's reputation as a trendsetter in wholesale giftware. Before Two's Company, Bobbie worked on "The Honeymooners" and served Jackie Gleason as a production assistant. "I carried around his cognac. I rehearsed with him, read the scripts, and met every celebrity by going to dinner as part of his entourage." **Virginia Deuell** Chamberlain (Belfast, NY) spends her time "reading, watching the world go by on the hills outside my windows, and watching grandchildren and great-grandchildren grow!" She'd also love to be traveling and would like to hear from **Dolores Hartnett** Pope.

Celia Babcock French Wood (Bozeman, MT) goes to movies at the Senior Center four days a week, reads a lot, and cooks for family and friends, with 11 dining every other Sunday night. "Too old to travel much!" she writes. "I tend my

It has been a while since we heard from **Will W. White III** (Arcadia, FL; omegacubedone@yahoo.com). He has been “recuperating from a neurological seizure of (so far) unknown cause and visiting with offspring and families who have all come to town.” Lately he has been sleeping, watching TV, and reading. He would also like to be traveling around the world. Will describes today’s campus culture as “even more exciting” and says that at Cornell, he learned self-confidence. News from **Stu** and **Kat Woodbury Haskins** (Centennial, CO; skhaskins@msn.com): “Still living in the same house we bought when we moved to Denver 40 years ago. In good health, but have slowed down a bit on travel and outdoor activities. Active in the dynamic church Stu retired from 20 years ago. Enjoy frequent get-togethers with classmates **Dick** and **Sue Holtzman Forbes**, and keep in contact with **Carr**, LLB ’54, and **Marian Nelson Ferguson, MA ’54**, and **Jerry Judge**.” The Haskinses volunteer in their church and community and enjoy friendships through reading and bridge groups.

Robert Silman (Brimfield, IL) writes, “After Cornell and the Army, I went to U. of Texas for chemical engineering. I started work at the National Center for Agricultural Research in Peoria, IL, in 1967. Retired in 2011.” Over the years the Silmans had three boys and a girl, and nine grandkids—plus eight champion Doberman pinschers out of 120 pups. Their children are in Wisconsin, Virginia, North Carolina, and Texas. He closes, “We live happily on five acres.” **Marjorie North Backus** (Wallingford, PA; margebackus@gmail.com) writes, “I moved to a retirement home three years ago and am thoroughly enjoying all the activities. I see all four (one in Manhattan, one in Sarasota, and two nearby) of my children frequently.” Marge reads, bakes fancy desserts for her friends’ birthdays, and exercises. **John L. Brown**, MD ’55 (Missoula, MT; johnlbrownmd@gmail.com) has recently spent time in physical therapy for neuropathy, but he also reads and socializes with friends. At Cornell he learned to broaden his reading experience. **Eli Manchester Jr.** is still in Cohasset, MA.

Harriette “Het” Scannell Morgan (Adamsown, MD; morgormorg@aol.com) writes that she has recently been driving husband **Monte** to doctors as he lost sight in his right eye. Additionally, she is reading and knitting and is treasurer of one board, archivist of their CCRC, secretary to a committee, tax letter writer, linen ironer for the Altar Guild, and money counter for their church’s Sunday Service. She would also like to be “seeing more of the world, but we can’t travel anymore as Monte is on oxygen and I walk with a cane. But we did lots of traveling when we could and I’m thankful.” As to today’s campus culture, she says, “I’d be lost. But they are in their late and early 20s—just like we were.” As to what she learned at Cornell: “So much! Loved it!” **Irwin Sitkin** (Aventura, FL; Chatham, MA; isitkin0402@gmail.com) writes that he has been enjoying reasonably good health: “Normal aches and pains; working hard at providing a ‘moving target.’” He and Helen have been keeping up with friends and family, hunting “olde” woodworking tools, and spending time on house and condo maintenance. Irwin writes that he would like to read even more than he does, in order to make a dent in all the books on his night table. Comparing today’s culture on campus, he notes “a lot more going on.” At Cornell, he says, “I learned a lot about myself and how to relate to others. I know I wouldn’t be what I am today if it weren’t for Cornell.” Many of us could say that.

E-mails and news forms also brought sad news. Elsa Prigozy wrote that her husband, **Stephen Prigozy**, died on September 25. **Frederick Barr**’s wife, Helen, wrote to say that he had died August 30, 2013. **Ruth Christoff Landon ’53** wrote that **Bill** died November 7, “following a short illness but a year of declining health. Bill was the president of TKE while on campus, a member of IFC, a frequent attendee at reunions and a loyal Big Red fan.” **Richard Bosshardt** asked why **Les Eastman**, PhD ’57’s death in August had not been particularly noted in the magazine or in the column. Les, a professor of Electrical Engineering for years at Cornell, will be honored by an international gathering of prominent researchers at the 2014 Lester Eastman Conference on High Performing Devices at Cornell on August 5-7. The short death notices in the magazine may seem cold, but space is the problem. As Adele Robinette, my editor at the magazine, explained: “The problem with publishing full-length obits in the print copy was that there were so many alumni deaths, but only so much room in the magazine. When we were nearly a full year behind in publishing them, I knew something had to be done.” Adele further noted that the full-text Alumni Deaths obituaries for current and back issues of the magazine can be found at: <http://cornellalumnimagazine.com> [under Table of Contents / Alumni Deaths]. ☐ **Joan Boffa** Gaul, joangaul@verizon.net.

53 Now is an appropriate time to celebrate the dream of Ezra and Andy and all that its fulfillment has meant to the thousands who can proudly proclaim themselves Cornellians. May Mater’s 150th year bring blessings to us all.

Our classmates were asked to plumb their Ivy-nurtured crania for personal history and share their fondest recollections. For **Carole Freedman Sacks** (Norfolk, VA): “Riding a motorcycle down the hill to Japes with a date (scared me to death.)” Also: “Playing the piano in Clara Dickson Hall, where we would sit around and talk.” “Life is different now,” she adds, after falling off a ladder—which required serious surgery including skin grafting, making travel “very hard.” Carole is grandmom to seven. **Marian “Penny” VanValkenburgh** Goodrich (Livermore, CO): “There are so many fond recollections that it is too hard to choose. I see **Nan Reed** Ruiz often and we are frequently laughing and saying, ‘Remember when?’” Nowadays, she adds, she has been spending a lot of time going to grandchildren’s weddings. The grandlings are aged 3 to 33. Her five adult children “live near and far.” The youngest is farthest away, studying the big cats of East Asia. After the snow leopards of Afghanistan, he moved on to Laos. Penny’s still working in schools—as a volunteer now, with special education students, doing assisted animal therapy.” **Roberta Pesner** Becker (Suffern, NY), who transferred from Russell Sage, in Troy, NY, savors the flavor of “the beautiful campus. Loved every day, snow and all.” She’s settled into a senior apartment and is happy there. “I still do playgrounds and parks since no one seems to notice that I’ve aged. I thank my Tai Chi classes for that.” She missed our 60th, though: “There are no trains to Ithaca.”

Bill Gratz and Jay Bruno (Easton, CT) cut the cake after tying the knot Oct. 12. **Julian Aroesty** (Lexington, MA) says he “dreaded retirement. But as soon as I announced, I was offered any number of part-time positions—all of which I accepted. Chief medical officer of a startup; case reviewer for

Harvard Malpractice Co. and Coverys (professional liability insurance provider for the Northeast); providing second opinion consultations online for Best Doctors (US) and Advance Medical (world); Harvard Clinical Research Inst. member.” That, he says, “leaves lots of time for cycling, swimming, reading, and the family.” **Bob Neff**, JD ’56 (Pinehurst, NC) submits that son William S.E. Neff earned an MS in interactive media science from Elon U. last year. “Am I the last class member still paying children’s tuitions?” he wonders. Carol and **Sam Cassell** (Wyckoff, NJ) celebrated a 50th wedding anniversary and the birth of a fourth grandchild last Mother’s Day. **Bill Bellamy**, MBA ’58, JD ’59 (Ithaca, NY) saw a special side to the 60th—grandson **Connor Fitzpatrick ’13**’s graduation from Cornell at the end of Connor’s brother **David ’16**’s freshman Hotelie year.

Al Packer (Granville, OH) is “host-parenting international students of the other Big Red (Denison U.). So far, students from Bulgaria, India, and China. Why? I learn so much, it develops great friendships, and helps me stay young.” He’d like to retire fully. “Got too much going to have a job too.” Like: “Internet networking with family and friends, research (with considerable success) into dealing with a sudden, devastating arthritis that flared up some years ago, a little real estate work, family and friends.” One weekend a year, in June, he’s a Cayuga’s Waiter again, returning with **Jack Brophy**’s (approximately) triple quartet of the Fifties, to make once more the music that enlivened our Hill. (“Good Night, Little Girl?”) And what memory most pleases **Robert Stafford**, MD ’57 (Colorado Springs, CO)? “Marching across the Suspension Bridge.”

Slainte! Sully Go Bragh! **Bill Sullivan** (San Mateo, CA, and former Rochesterite) opened the Bill Sullivan Room “in recognition of his role in the Waterford, Ireland, Rochester Sister Cities Charity Golf Tournaments help and support to the Jonah Project,” a Waterford school for autistic children, late last year. **Irene Selmer** Griffith, BA ’52 (Torrance, CA) tops her list with “chats with **Urie Bronfenbrenner ’38** about child development,” not to mention “CURW retreats, exploring the gorges, Glee Club concerts, anthropologist Morris Opler’s talks about his adventures with native peoples in Southeast Asia, breakfasts at the Straight, fellowship in the Risley Tower, Newman Club.” Still active? She continues as chairlady of the Los Angeles County Commission on Older Adults (hey, we’re older now) Health, Nutrition, and Long-Term Care Committee, and leader of the Bible Study Group and bereavement ministry at her church.

Ruth “Chris” Christoff Landon (Roanoke, VA) has golden memories of those good old days on the Hill. Her fondest: “Everything! Friends, classes, campus, Ithaca, and the innocence of us all. It was a unique time with experiences that can’t be duplicated.” Fast forward to the 21st century: “It took me awhile to get used to retirement, but now Roanoke seems more like home and I love sleeping in. I have as good health as any octogenarian can have. Proud to have mastered my iPad and phone.” It’s a sad duty to report that not long after she wrote those words, she had to add: “**Bill ’52**’s wonderful heart gave out on November 7. We had 61 wonderful years of love and laughter, solving whatever problems came our way and seeing our six offspring grow into wonderful adults.”

Esther Rosenbloom Brown (East Berne, NY) wrote, “I visited our study site in Arizona where we did field work on wild birds for 35 years. We travel to France most years to visit **Jerry ’52**, MA ’54’s

brother and his wife and to enjoy French culture including art, food, wine." She's still taking cello lessons and playing in the Albany Area Senior Orchestra. **Judith Karkus** Allen (Boca Raton, FL, and Morrisville, VT) has been "living the country club life since retirement: tennis, golf, etc. I taught cooking in middle school for a few years, finally teaching nursery school for another dozen years or so."

It was a pleasure indeed to see classmates at the Cornell Football Association event at which your scribe (and **Walt Bruska '50** and **George Slocum '62**, MBA '67) received CFA's Lifetime Achievement Awards last November. That involved honorary game co-captaincies for us. So out we went for the pregame ceremony. Imagine one's surprise when the ref handed moi the coin to flip. Cornell won that toss and the ensuing Columbia game. Please excuse moi for accepting all the credit that was forced upon moi for both of those achievements. ☑ **Jim Hanchett**, 300 First Ave. #8B, New York, NY 10009; e-mail, jch46@cornell.edu.

54 If it is daffodils, tulips, and azaleas you see on the landscape, it must be time to complete your reservation for our 60th Reunion. It would appear that there is a bumper crop of us (see class website) already determined to venture off to Ithaca to see what's "sprung up" on campus. Your challenge will be to locate an area large enough to toss a Frisbee across, or, if you search very hard, to build another building on. To assist in the challenge, bring a tape measure and transit. We might even have a contest after a bus tour of "Name that Building." **Dave**, PhD '60, and **Mary Gentry Call** know the campus well and we are lucky to have them as our resident experts. They are presenting several unique opportunities for us octogenarians. Who else would know that the Cornell Dairy is creating a special ice cream just for the Class of 1954, to be served as the finale of our lunch at the new Food Science Building? Do you suppose the fact that Dave was dean of CALS has anything to do with our most "flavored" status? The name of the ice cream? Ah, that will be revealed upon tasting. We will also have the opportunity to thank **John Mariani** at our Italian-themed Friday dinner for once again treating us to some of the fine wines from Banfi Vineyards. John has graciously shared his wines with us over many years and many reunions.

Walking the entire campus has always been a challenge few would accept, but this June we have the opportunity to explore via bus with a campus-savvy tour guide who knows not only the names of the buildings, but what mission they fulfill for the university. Be sure to bring pen, notebook, and camera along with the aforementioned survey items, as the list is long and diversified. Perhaps the most important opportunity will be to test all the gray cells with our favorite reunion game of "Name that Classmate of Yore." (Hmmm . . . that looks like . . . but they used to be . . . [name the adjective].) None of us looks the same as we did some 60 years ago, but collegiate friendships have a way of enduring over the years and miles. Come hug a classmate you haven't seen in decades! These are but a few of the treats that are waiting for you. All these opportunities will be arranged by your reunion chairs and available to the Class of 1954 on June 5-8, 2014. This offer will not be repeated after those dates.

Joan Schwartz Danziger, BFA '54, is not able to return; however, her sculptures may be seen

around the country in museums and galleries and, most immediately, in March and April 2014 in Philadelphia at the Synderman/Works Galleries on Cherry Street. If you are unable to get to the gallery, treat yourself and Google Joan. Her work brings a smile and a great deal of appreciation. Another classmate who will be absent is **Ted Valentiner**, BArch '55 (Bad Vilbel, Germany; valentiner.tc@t-online.de). Ted would love to hear from any BArch '54/'55 classmates. **Charlie Schulz** is either too engaged singing madrigals or "cleaning out stuff" to find his way back to Ithaca, which is our loss.

Stanley Worton hopes to join us from Miami and is happy to hear we are arranging transportation to various events and scheduling a campus tour, which several people have asked for. Stan has retired as chief of radiology and is enjoying life to the fullest. **Annadele Ferguson** Jackson plans to return with the Tri-Delts from her home in Sarasota, FL. Also planning on a Tri-Delt reunion is **Jane Gregory** Wilson, who has on her bucket list a return to Vietnam, where she spent 50 minutes at Tan Son Nhat Airport during the war. The layover was fairly scary as it was being shelled at the time. **Bill LaLonde**, MBA '56, who for years was a class officer, president, and Fund chairman, is unsure about reunion, but we hope he does return and allows us to thank him for all his years of service. Bill and wife Susanne moved to Monroe Township, NJ, from Rhode Island just over a year ago and are still getting settled.

Bob, LLB '54, and **Alice Green Fried** will be back with Alice's roommates **Harriet Schechter** Hinden and **Ann Greenberg** Schnog. Alice and Bob have remained in West Orange, NJ, but do bow to winter and leave for Boca Raton, FL, when snow threatens. For years Alice has worked with a local diabetes group; she has a granddaughter who was diagnosed with the disease at age 5. **Leonard Zucker** is looking forward to all that the Calls are planning: singing, tours, chatting with old friends, and campus lectures. His eldest grandchild will be entering Cornell in the fall, so perhaps he/she should come along and learn the Cornell songs—if not at reunion, then when? Leonard is still working as an attorney part-time, and serving on a committee that runs a lecture series for Seton Hall U. Please keep in touch via the class website: <http://classof54.alumni.cornell.edu>, or by e-mail: ☑ **Les Papenfus** Reed, lesliereed@me.com.

55 It is early in the New Year as I write this column, though you won't see it till early March. I hope your holidays were merry and bright—and that the mailman brought you news from friends old and new! I assume many of you watched *It's a Wonderful Life* with Jimmy Stewart once again. But did you know that in the original script for that movie, George Bailey's younger brother, Harry (the one who gets rescued from a frozen lake), goes on to Cornell, where he becomes an All-American end and later a war hero! Unfortunately, RKO lawyers ordered the reference to Cornell changed to a generic college. A bit of trivia you may not have known. (Of course, we all remember that *The Way We Were*, with Robert Redford and Barbra Streisand, was set at Cornell.)

On to the news. **Sue Spooner** Olsen is full of praise for river cruises. Two years ago she went down the Danube, and this year it was a Rhine River Christmas Market Cruise. "Everything about the cruise was special, but most of all it was

wonderful to share a memorable trip with my family." Sue is still operating the fern nursery and busy writing another fern book. She adds, "Remember doing term papers on a Remington (speaking of turning 80)?" **Joan Groskin** Promin also mentioned her portable typewriter: "Today it would be a Mac-Book Air!" **Bob Leader** remembers coming to campus with "a shiny aluminum container to send home with dirty clothes to be washed and returned. This was my mother's idea, which lasted two mailings!" Bob's still practicing law, although just 20-30 hours per week, "unlike the 70-hour-a-week years." This leaves time for reading, cruises, golf, and parties, "and going to important milestone occasions of my 17 grandchildren." **David Montague** and his wife, Nancy, take a trip to Europe once a year. "For the last several years, I have chaired a congressionally mandated study of ballistic missile defense issues. It was supposed to be a one-year study with a report that finally was issued last year. But like a 'tar baby,' it seems impossible to disengage from." What Dave would rather be doing now: sorting and transferring photo, music, and family history as part of downsizing.

A while ago, we asked what old friends from your Cornell years you'd most like to hear from. Here are a few of your responses: **Joan Persson** Holtzapple said **Ruth Muller** Fox and **Helen Craig** Christiana. Joan is moving into a retirement community ("a difficult move") and says she'd "rather be dancing." **Mable Lamb** Haliburton said **Ronnie Nordheimer**, BS '58, was someone she'd like to hear from. Bob Leader would like news from **Roy Tellini** and **Sue Hurd** Machamer. **Beverly MacNamara** Wait would like to hear from **Sandy Montgomery** Elder, and **Barbara Stewman** Kline would enjoy catching up with **Carolyn Dell** Wenzel. **Roy DeBoer** and **David Palmer '54**, LLB '59, were remembered by **Dick Perry**, and **Steve Clingan** named **Fred Keith**. **Doug Stolz** was mentioned by **Donald Robinson**. **Norm Nedde** would like to hear from **Bill Hillman**, BS Hotel '59, and **Donald Demske** would welcome news from **Ernie Mayer**. **Phyllis Birnholtz** Melnick remembered good times with roommate **Carol Sand** Victor, and **Barbara O'Connor** Kenny misses old friend **Sandy Nichol** Coddington. Some friends are no longer with us, but will always be remembered—such as **Roger Newbaker** and **Joe Simon**, named by **Phil Harvey**, and **Olivia Eskridge** Mandel, who is missed by **Beth Barstow** Calhoon.

It was good to hear from **Irene Adler** Hirsch, who lives in Israel with her husband, Henry. Renie does a great deal of volunteer work: for her synagogue, needy children, Forgotten People Fund for Ethiopian youth, Sar-El in support of the army, packing doctors' kits "to save the wounded in all situations." **John Wertis** lives in Trumansburg and is still CEO of a commercial meat goat enterprise. John's also president of the New York Nut Growers Association. He would like to hear from **George Saltsman**. **Margot Oppenheim** Robinson and her husband, **Gerald** "Jack" '54, enjoy life in "gorgeous Longboat Key, FL." Margot, a long-term breast cancer survivor, volunteers in a weekly cancer support group, plays bridge, and does water aerobics—"and in between, real estate!" **Charles Caton** sent a note, saying he arrived at Cornell with a full suitcase. **Anne Morrissy** Merick came with her car, "which was illegal!"

Now that **Elizabeth Milliken** Klim, BFA '55, is getting around so much better, she's exercising and doing chair yoga, plus participating in a book group with Women of Brown and attending MIT engineers' gatherings with her husband, Bernie.

Libby says she'd like "more sailing, swimming, and traveling—and fewer doctors' appointments." **Liz Burroughs** Miley describes herself as "fortunate and blessed" and is enjoying travel and OLLI classes (Osher Lifelong Learning) as well as volunteering with the Champaign/Urbana (IL) Symphony Guild. Liz took a recent trip to Ireland and England with a local PBS group and loved the rural area. In short, "I'm fine—just need to organize/weed out my house, like everyone else this age!" **Phil Alkon**, PhD '74, and wife Sally say they're "keeping off the streets via exercise, golf, bird watching, pet care, and Jewish community activities" in Las Cruces, NM. After a great 80th birthday celebration with family and friends, Phil spent a few days in NYC visiting old and new Big Apple haunts. He's also been in steady contact with **Alfred Hellreich** and **Vic Gilinsky** ("who are both well"). Phil's looking forward to our 60th Reunion on the Hill in June 2015—as I hope you all are, too! This special weekend will truly be a memorable one: not only for the great Class of 1955, but also for all Cornellians as we celebrate Cornell's Sesquicentennial. ■ **Nancy Savage** Petrie, nancy.petrie@optonline.net. Class website, <http://classof55.alumni.cornell.edu>.

56 I have had the joy of spending time with classmates. At George and **Judy Cohen** Lowry's anniversary event I partied with **Sam** and **Linda Basch**, **Paul** and **Carole Rapp** Thompson, **Carole Solomon** Levine, and our class co-correspondent **Steve Kittenplan** and his wife, Gail. I socialized with **Carol** Thompson and our treasurer **Burt Siegel** at the Cornell Library event in NYC, and again with **Carol** Thompson at the Roundabout Theater in NYC, this time with **Barbara Barron** Starr and husband **Bob**. I also saw **Percy Edwards** Browning, who proudly told me that her granddaughter **Karina Brown** '17 is a third-generation member of the Cornell swim team. **Jack Shirman** (Quechee, VT) recently saw **Dave Perlman** '57, ME '61, who lives in the Shirman's old stomping grounds, Rochester, NY. When Jack wrote in October, they had just returned from a trip to Vietnam and Cambodia and had also just become great-grandparents to twins!

News from retirement. After a career in the US Navy and the local nuclear utility, **Roger Baldwin** (Williamsburg, VA) reports that he is enjoying "a quiet retirement." The Baldwins are active in the social justice activities of their Unitarian Universalist congregation. Roger adds, "Last summer we 'persuaded' all 13 of our family to join us on an Alaska cruise. It was a great experience for all hands." **Baxter Webb** has been retired for 17 years, and at 85 had a big birthday celebration with his twin brother. What great longevity in the Webb family! **Curtis Reis**, class president emeritus, writes, "I'm active as a board member in the California Council for Economic Education, which teaches financial literacy to over 100,000 school children. I just resigned from the Cornell Club of L.A. board after about 30 years. A great club—more than 700 members with 100 events each year. I'm hoping my health and age will permit a trip to Zambia—on safari. I've done it twice, in Botswana and in Namibia. My favorite vacations. Pamela just got elected to the Planned Parenthood of L.A. board of directors."

Art Hershey (Calabasas, CA) writes, "I'm still guest lecturing at UCLA and Loyola Marymount on senior human resources management topics and counseling with executives on intelligent job search strategies. I continue to interview numerous high

school students for CAAAN and help conduct programs for the Cornell Club of L.A." Art remains an active docent at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library. **Leland Mote** (Big Bear Lake, CA) visited relatives in Michigan and took a cruise from Boston to Montreal. "I have now been in all 50 states," he writes. "Maine was the last one." **Bernard "Skip" Ross** (Atherton, CA), "quasi-retired," fulfilled a lifetime dream last summer to visit Albania and Kosovo. **Peter Thaler** (Los Angeles, CA) praises the Cornell trip on a steamboat from Memphis to New Orleans. "A great trip not to be missed!" Pete adds, "I am luxuriating in retirement and making up for over 50 years of inadequate sleep." **Thomas Higley**, BArch '57, is

‘I am making up for over 50 years of inadequate sleep.’

Peter Thaler '56

now in Santa Fe, NM. **Bob** and **Roberta Karpel Silman** divide their time between Boston and Great Barrington, MA.

Fred Stafford (Chicago, IL) writes, "I continue to mentor 'young' people who are just starting their careers in science. I also spent a week in Norrlandia, Sweden, at a camp learning 17th- and 18th-century rural dances. Then four weeks in Poland with **Krystyna**, including a visit to the hamlet where she and her family were hidden from the Nazis during WWII. In this same hamlet, an elderly couple were discovered sheltering their half-Jewish granddaughter. All three were shot and the villagers made to look at the bodies."

Hersch Koblenz passed away unexpectedly on Labor Day last year, reports his close friend and fraternity brother **Ed Cogen**, JD '60. Hersch had been visiting family in Chicago. He is survived by his wife, **Maxine**, his daughter and son and their spouses, and five grandchildren. Ed adds that he, **Hersch**, and fraternity brother **Bob Abrams** and their wives had remained in close and frequent contact almost since our graduation in 1956. **Hersch** will be missed by us all.

Ed Berkowitz, our class VP and secretary, passed away at his home in Washington, DC, on December 22, 2013. Who in our class can forget when he and **Steve Kittenplan** were the clever raconteurs at our reunions' lobster dinners, regaling us with stories of who came the farthest and other oddities . . . and Ed's vivid accounts of his midnight missions on State Street in Ithaca getting the *Widow* to press with his co-editor, **Bob Schermer** . . . and that special day in Ithaca, driving in **Scherm's** red convertible with the top down, when Ed spied and "captured" his devoted wife, **Lois (Ullman) '59**. After graduation Ed joined a group of men from our class on a "mission to Iran," then went on to Harvard Law School. Ed's favorite alumni activity was Cornell Outdoor Education. The tougher the bike ride, the steeper the mountain climb, was fine with Ed. He was a member of the COE's alumni advisory council, and both he and **Lois** served terms as president of the Cornell Club of Washington, DC. When he retired from the practice of law, Ed spent his Wednesdays at the Smithsonian Institution ginning cotton and greeting tourists from all over the world to teach them a special portion of American history. Ed is

survived by **Lois**, two sons, two daughters-in-law, three grandchildren, and his many good friends. They played the "Evening Song" at his funeral and, per Ed's request, the **Alma Mater**. ■ **Phyllis Bosworth**, phyloboz@aol.com.

57 **Bob Shirley** is remembered for his days as an outstanding lacrosse midfielder who, before every face-off, would holler, "RIGHT UP RED!" He has also been recognized for his accomplishments as a Maryland horseman to the extent that the center ring at the state fairgrounds is named after him. Last November, on his annual trip to the Kentucky

livestock show in Louisville, he stayed with **Hariett** and me, delighting our dinner guests with his charm and wit.

Bob is not the only classmate still active in his chosen field. **Samuel Leadley**, PhD '67, is involved in the animal world (cows), consulting worldwide (Canada, Australia, China, U.K., Poland, Italy, Germany) on the importance of female calves' health, so that they will become robust and productive adults. **John Burton** is still doing research on workers' compensation, having taught in the ILR school for 12 years prior to becoming an administrator and professor at Rutgers U. He is currently emeritus at both institutions. If you go swimming in a pool on Long Island, chances are it was built by **Peter Cattano**, BA '63's company (Pacopoolsandspas.com). What he brought to the Hill as a freshman is still a good idea: comfortable shoes with which to negotiate **Libe Slope**. ■ **John Seiler**, suitcase2@aol.com.

By now the college football championship that took place in January has been settled. But back then, there was a whole lot of hootin' and hollerin' for Florida State from **Joan Reinberg** Macmillan, who attends all their home games in Tallahassee. There's a small rivalry in the family, however, as her granddaughter is a freshman at the U. of Florida. Joan says she's been checking off her US bucket list with trips to San Antonio, Houston, New Orleans, and Calloway Gardens, GA. Last October also found her back in her old New Jersey hometown attending the 60th Reunion of Tenafly High. Another classmate whose 60th high school reunion took place last fall—in Erie, PA—was **Sue Westin** Pew, who spent her freshman through junior years in Erie. Sue's senior year was at Scarsdale High, where she met **Judy Richter** Levy, LLB '59, before they both headed off to Cornell. Judy continues to do great work in getting her classmates together, as she did for the Thanksgiving weekend hockey game at Madison Square Garden, which was quite exciting. **Bob Boffa**, **Charlie Parker**, **Chris Zeller** Lippman, **Dick Kossoff**, MBA '59, and **Phil McIndoo** were among those cheering for the Big Red—who, unfortunately, lost.

Miriam Chuckrow Sommers (Albany, NY) spent 35 years teaching Hebrew to young students, and many years doing volunteer work in her

community. One of her lifetime Cornell friends, **Henry Lasky**, keeps in touch with Miriam and her husband, Donald. Miriam's passion for learning is something she brought to Cornell in 1953, and that passion continues today—even if she'd rather be “lying in the shade on a beach on the French Riviera!” **Bob '56** and **Marilyn Hester Ridgley** went a few sizes down in housing, but quite a few floors up, when they moved into a senior living high-rise in Portland, OR. Being a block away from a streetcar is convenient for them as it affords easy access to many of Portland's cultural events. An exercise facility, as well as a pool in the building, help Marilyn stay healthy.

When not visiting friends and family, **Jan Nelson Cole** is dividing her time between Virginia and Wyoming. She has found lots of activities in Jackson, including skiing in the winter and enjoying the art of fly-fishing in the spring. Speaking of fly-fishing, **Shirley Wagoner Johnson's** daughter learned to fly-fish in April when Shirley rented a house at Big Cedar Lodge in Missouri for a family get-together. Next, Shirley headed to Maggie Valley, NC, for the summer (where I had a lovely visit with her as part of my 2013 road trip). When the leaves started to turn it was time for her to head back to Lakeland, FL. **Ann Phillips Drechsel** sent word that **Andy**, MBA '58, died in April. And a note from **Emanuel Strauss '82**, JD '85, said that his mother, **Joan Levine**, passed away in June. He wrote, “She considered her time at Cornell as the best part of her life.” Our condolences go out to the loved ones of our classmates. ☑ **Judy Reusswig**, 19 Seburn Dr., Bluffton, SC 29909; e-mail, JCreuss@aol.com.

58 Thanks to the News-noters who sent in updates on their lives; we were running a little thin there for a while. Nothing startling here, just classmates simply relishing these comfortable years of their lives.

Sandra Mosher Dwork (dworkshelby@yahoo.com) wrote that she thoroughly enjoyed Reunion and continues her activities with church ministry, oil painting, and Scottish country dancing. **John Mutchler** is chairman of the executive committee of his assisted living home in Northern Virginia and says that keeps him busy, along with his good fortune of frequently visiting his daughter and family and his twin sister, all of whom live nearby. **Judith Schlein** Marlane did not get to Reunion from California, but spends her time “writing, consulting, mentoring, and serving on boards of directors and advisory councils” while presiding over her business at Marlane Media Consultants. **Leo Stack** published a short love-note to his wife, celebrating “18,263 days of wedded bliss” (that's 50 years from reunion time in 1963), along with pictures of then and now. Leo and Margery still live in Auburn, NY, where Leo had sold real estate for 52 years until spinal surgery curtailed that, along with his running. When he first came to Cornell as a freshman, Leo recalls bringing “a lack of chemistry and physics courses from high school. I took them twice, but I made it!”

Eleanor DeMov Schaffer recalls what she brought to Cornell: “a yellow slicker, clothes, and picture albums of family and friends.” Living in Freeport, NY, she is doing what she wants, when she wants, “namely, seeing friends, spending time with grandchildren, and volunteer work.” Talking about doing what you want, **Philip Dattilo Jr.** fly-fishes all over, more recently off Guatemala, going

for sailfish with a fly rod (can that work?!). He and Linda relaxed in Naples, FL, in winter, and then headed to the Amalfi Coast last spring. Back home in Honeoye Falls, NY, Philip spends time as a judicial hearing officer in the Supreme Court conducting divorce trials. From nearby Phoenix, NY, **Albert Caines** does a little local fishing, traveling, and driving for Sharon Chevrolet, as well as supporting his grandson's college basketball games at Onondaga Community College.

Mick and Joan Bleckwell McHugh still reside in Mission Hills, KS. Joan writes, “I work at a residential treatment center striving for cultural diversity, play tennis, socialize with friends, keep a pit, and read.” She recalls bringing her room decorations for Dickson V, a laundry case, and a formal dress (for dinners) when she first came to Cornell. Oh, yes, a typewriter, too. Those were the days! **Bruce Marshall** wrote of greatly missing **Jack Meakem**, MBA '61's presence at Reunion as Jack's deadly cancer reasserted itself and took his life. Bruce reports, “Jack's Celebration of Life Mass in September had a place for each of his children and grandchildren. The ordering of his life was there for all to see: faith, family, university, and there. Onward . . .”

Paul Wiley (Johnsonville, NY; wileybnp@gmail.com) writes, “My wife, Barbara, and I have reduced our things by gifting all our property to our two children.” Paul has been caring for an aged aunt, uncle, and mother-in-law, all in their late 90s, and also provides animals for use in a local Methodist summer camp (he's done that for 15 years). Additional activities include setting up the town historian's office and collection room and taking care of a cemetery that belonged to the Tomhannock church, now the town offices. As he approached Ag school way back when, he brought with him some clothes, notebooks, pens, and pencils, and that was it. Ice skates and a portable radio are what **Barbara Ann Shelley Cook** brought back then. Currently, Barbara and husband James Jr. live in Lawrence, KS (barbcook02@aol.com), and she continues her hospital and school tutoring, leading book discussion groups, being a creative grandmother, and writing a book. Barbara keeps in touch with all her old Cornell friends.

We have an update from **Al Podell**, who is recovering well from major heart attacks last May. He's doing so well in vigorous rehab that he's able to continue producing new plays for NYC, and, as we write in December, he plans to revisit two African countries with bona fide visas in hand so he can relax (?) and enjoy the environs. He adds: “The stock market is roaring along, Celgene has risen from 77 to 152 in the past year, **Matilda** is doing boffo box-office and should make up for the five turkeys in which I had previously invested. And, happiest of all, my wonderful wife, Nadya, and I are looking forward to celebrating our first wedding anniversary. Life is great; I just have to keep it going. Let each of us give thanks to those who have lovingly watched over us and helped us get us this far.” We'll all go along with that, Al—thanks. And good travels as you wrap up your magnum opus. Cheers to all for now. ☑ **Dick Haggard**, richardhaggard11@gmail.com; **Jan Arps** Jarvie, janjarvie@gmail.com.

59 “After 43 years as a practicing clinical psychologist, I'm still looking for a cure . . . but I keep trying,” says **Tom Golden**. There have been many “turns in the road” for Tom: after Cornell he spent time in the theatre, taught in college, and brought the first gourmet soup carts to midtown Manhattan (“Soups On,” patronized by thousands of New Yorkers, undoubtedly including Cornell alums). He did several stints with “Dr. Tom Golden” on cablevision, and many appearances on Court TV and other media. Beginning in 1990 he served for five years as international sales director for the family's artist paint company, Golden Artist Colors, which, despite worldwide distribution, still creates its paints on the grounds of the original barn in New Berlin, NY. Tom is vice president of the Sam & Adele Golden Foundation for the Arts (www.goldenfoundation.org), which has a residency program designed to assist professional artists in exploring innovative uses in waterborne materials and oil paint technology; 18 artists are scheduled to participate in 2014. “Add a side trip to our 55th Reunion,” invites

“We don't really get together for the football.”

Frank Earl '60

Tom. “Come visit me at 55 beautiful acres, and I'll give you a tour of our paint plant!”

Yes, Tom plans to attend our reunion. So, too, do **Dave** and **Peggy Flynn Dunlop**, MS '63, **Ann Marie Behling**, and **Alan Rosenthal**. Among reunion “maybe's” is **Harriet Benjamin**, who has recuperated well from hip replacement surgery and is able to once again enjoy cultural events throughout NYC, including ones at the Cornell Club. Thanks to the purchase of a digital camera a few years ago, she has a budding interest in photography: “I took a class in the aesthetics of digital photography at CAU, and I learned so much artistically that it has become an engaging hobby. Meandering through different areas of New York, I try to capture a neighborhood's special mood or ambience, and approach an image as a design—with a sense of color, light, form, contrast, and dimension—rather than just recording a scene.” Harriet displayed some of her photos at one of the annual “The Cornell Club Has Talent!” events, and hopes to do so again. “At the most recent such event I attended, **Marian Fay** Levitt displayed her jewelry designs. They're lovely!”

Terry Wilson, DVM '67 (Chico, CA) was cleaning out his old Army footlocker and came across photos of **Frank Juvonen**, **Vincent Gatto**, **Joe Terrazzini**, **Tom Webb**, and other classmates on the freshman football team. Terry wonders if the players or others might like to have the photos. If you're interested, e-mail Terry at amish234@comcast.net. Terry is a veterinary pathologist whose specialties include emerging animal diseases and emergency response. He has been an on-scene consultant at numerous national and international crisis situations, including the Pribilof Islands, Alaska, Venezuela, Guyana, South Africa, Australia, and all the countries of the Caribbean. Current consultancies include two relevant to foot and mouth disease, for the North Carolina Dept. of Agriculture and the Japanese Self Defense Force and U. of Miyazaki. A sought-after lecturer and speaker, Terry also is a prolific writer, with over 100 referred publications on animal and zoonotic diseases and related topics. Recently he also authored several

book chapters on agro terrorism and food security. Oh, and he finds time to “bike and hike a lot.”

Carol Vieth Mead also plans to attend reunion, probably arriving in Ithaca a few days early, as her daughter, **Betsy Mead Noel '86**, lives there (she's married to Andy Noel, Cornell's athletic director). Last spring, Carol took a “Tulips and Jazz” cruise through the canals of the Netherlands and Belgium. She belongs to a cabaret jazz group in Southern California and was familiar with two of the musicians in the international band. “Some of the members—from six different countries—had never played together before, and it was exciting to hear them playing off each other.” In the fall, Carol was in Albuquerque for the Balloon Fiesta. “It was so beautiful that I could hardly decide where to look. I had a hot air balloon ride over the New Mexico desert and could see huge jackrabbits and a wolf from above. It ended with an exciting crash landing, but no one was hurt, and we all managed to crawl out of the sidewise basket once we finally stopped—by running into a hill.”

Other traveling '59ers include **Carole Kenyon** (Sicily), **Carole Parnes** (Turkey), **Naomi Meltzer** Rubin (Israel), Ann Marie Behling (Belize, Nepal), **Len Edelstein** (trout fishing in Montana), and **Paddy Hurley** (bicycling in the Dordogne region of France). 📧 **Jenny Tesar**, 97A Chestnut Hill Village, Bethel, CT 06801; tel., (203) 792-8237; e-mail, jet24@cornell.edu.

60 Hats off to **Michaelin Reamy Watts**, who personally celebrated our collective arrival at the three-quarter-century mark by entering National Senior Women's Tennis tournaments around the country, playing both singles and doubles in the 75-and-over division in Texas, Virginia, Pennsylvania, and California. A serious tennis player for several decades, Michaelin began entering tournaments in the early 1970s when she lived in Beirut, and then during the more than 20 years she spent in Atlanta, taking a multi-year break for graduate school and establishing a practice in psychotherapy. Much of 2013 saw Michaelin not only on the tournament circuit but also practicing with new doubles partners in locations like New Jersey and the Boston area. “I had always wanted to get back into playing national tournaments,” she says, “and it has been challenging and great fun.” Obviously this makes major demands on Michaelin's time-management skills as well as her physical stamina because, as she points out, “husband **Dave** and I have nine children together and 22 grandchildren, plus his various boards, my part-time business in color and design, and keeping our nonprofit organization, focused on igniting a passion to read in children, going in Franklin County, FL.”

Michaelin and Dave also somehow found time to travel to a September reunion of Chi Psi fraternity brothers and other old friends in Southport, ME. **David Warner '59** and his wife June were the organizers and hosts of the event, which included classmates **Dan Bidwell**, MBA '61, and **Don Dewey**, along with many others from the classes of 1957 to 1962. In Don's words, “Highlights included after-dinner talks when attendees shared some of their unique life experiences. It's a one-of-a-kind annual event, and the Maine coast in autumn is spectacular.”

Another mini-reunion in the fall of 2013 was reported by **Leonard Johnson**: “As we do every year, a group of Delta Phis got together for a Cornell football game. On this occasion we were in

Hanover, NH, on a cold November day to witness another loss by the Big Red. But, as **Frank Earl** remarked, “We don't really get together for the football.” The event was hosted by Grace Galloway, widow of our classmate **Jack Galloway**, and those on hand, along with Frank and Leonard and his wife Patty, were **Pete** and **Judy Leadley** and **William “Ron”** and **Betty Roach**. Leonard also noted, “Along with a number of family members and friends, I went on a 75-mile, one-day bike ride to celebrate my 75th birthday. We cycled in Falmouth and on Martha's Vineyard and were blessed with a perfect sunny fall day.”

A missive came from **Harry Blair** with this news: “In June 2013, I retired after 45 years of college teaching, beginning at Colgate in 1968 and including Bucknell, Cornell (twice as a visiting professor in Development Sociology), Rutgers, and finally Yale, where I served as associate chair of the political science department. But I'll continue trying to understand democracy in South Asia, my main research interest in the last couple of decades. Fortunately, I'm doing consulting on foreign aid projects there, which allows for fascinating travel as well as rewarding work.” The author of articles and book chapters on politics in countries like India, Bangladesh, and the Philippines, Harry taught courses at Yale that included Promoting Democracy in Developing Countries and World Food Issues. Now professor of medicine emeritus at Stanford U., **David Stevens** reports from Saratoga, CA, that after more than four decades as a hospital administrator, “I plan to retire this year as chief of infectious diseases at Santa Clara Valley Medical Center in San Jose and as its hospital epidemiologist, so that I can devote myself full-time to being principal investigator, infectious disease research laboratory, at the California Inst. for Medical Research (CIMR) in San Jose.” David also serves as president of CIMR.

After living for almost 40 years in the Washington area, **Susan Cowan** Jakubiak and her husband, Henry, have moved north to Glen Cove, NY, “under pressure from our two offspring,” she says, “one in the Boston area and one who had recently moved from D.C. to Long Island. We bent under the force of their reasoning and packed up our lifetime gatherings.” Susan reports being delighted with the move, saying, “I am involved in several local organizations, sinking roots quickly into our new neighborhood.” She also enjoys being close to New York City, visiting it weekly to take advantage of the many cultural offerings. Still inveterate travelers, Susan and Henry managed to spend an entire month in Europe during 2013, “one week divided between Krakow and Gdansk, Poland, and the rest in Germany wandering from Berlin down to the Rhine Valley.” **Gay Morrish** Massie (Boise, ID) writes, “I have now been with my significant other, Douglas Morgan, for 14 years. We have traveled to 41 foreign countries and been to all of the United States in a motor home.” Gay has also been teaching driver safety with AARP for a decade and is active as a Eucharistic minister at St. Michael's Episcopal Cathedral in Boise.

With great sadness, I report that two Class Council members lost loved ones during the fall months. **Phyllis Pugatch** Schecter's husband, Keeve, died in early November after a difficult year in which he experienced many serious health issues, and **Linda Jarschauer** Johnson, MS '63's sister passed away after a long battle with cancer during which Linda spent several months in Ohio helping to care for her. Send your news to: 📧 **Judy Bryant** Wittenberg, jw275@cornell.edu.

61 Greetings, classmates! It's unusually cold here on the Oregon coast as I write this column. I suspect others of you have had the cold as well, which probably made for a memorable holiday season. My husband, Bill, is retiring from 23 years of ministry the last Sunday in February 2014. When people ask what we are going to do, we say we don't know, but first we must sell our home in Reedsport. We are contemplating going east to be near my daughter and family in Pennsylvania. We've done the West, and being history buffs we look forward to studying America's roots and the Civil War or, as some southerners have called it, “the recent unpleasantness with the North.”

Roger Williams (willrb@comcast.net) is a retired pathologist with a new address in Carmel, CA. He summers on Bainbridge Island, WA, where he occupies himself fly-fishing for salmon in Puget Sound. He writes, “I recently published a book, *Tales from the Desert*, available on Amazon.” **Joanna McCully** (The Villages, FL; joannacelticlad@ aol.com) reports, “My latest venture is ‘Magic with Dogs,’ a personal dog-caring service that I do from my home. I have cared for well over 100 dogs. I photograph each one and they become a part of my dog portfolio. Many breeds come to visit and I am able to identify almost all the breeds registered with the American Kennel Club. This may not be of importance to many of you, but it is fun to be an expert on something! Last week I added two unique dogs to my list. One was a new breed called a Brievar, named for its breeder, Mr. Brievar of Germany. The other is the national dog of Madagascar, called a Couton (French for cotton). Would I be making this up? You may never know! Any dog lover or anyone with knowledge of new or unknown breeds may e-mail me; I'd love to hear from you. Eccentric, yes, but at our advanced age it is allowable!” She signs off: “Woof, Joanna.”

Joe Santamaria, BArch '62 (Houston, TX) is a retired architect and enjoying not having to go to work every day. He writes, “I exercise regularly at the Briar Club, and it keeps me honest about my abilities to keep up with men and women who are 20-plus years older than me.” Joe and his wife, Nancy, have two sons, Jason and Eric, and love to travel to West Hartford, CT, to see their two grandchildren, ages 5 and 3. “Interesting fact: Our son married a Harvard grad, Kimberly Seidel, but both her parents are Cornellians! In June 2005, when they got married, I took great pride in the fact that three of the four parents were Cornell grads! Now our grandchildren have three Cornell grandparents! Hopefully there's a legacy somewhere in there. I keep up with my Alpha Sig brothers **Ed Kavounas**, **Bruce Herbert**, and **Bob Allen**, BArch '62. We had a mini-reunion in San Francisco in June 2011, and had a great time! Ed and Peggy Kavounas hosted Bruce and wife Joyce and Nancy and me at their place, and we had a great time talking about the ‘old days.’ We did a lot of great things in the Bay Area.”

Charles Hecht, LLB '63 (cjhecht@aol.com) wrote from New York City last summer that he is still practicing law full-time, specializing in complex litigation and securities transactions. “I am also an artist with studios in NYC and Beijing. Leslie Toepfer, my significant other for over 14 years, and I spent three weeks in Beijing and Nanjing, China, last year because I had a major art exhibition at the Nanjing Ink-Jeimo Gallery. We then did some sightseeing in Nanjing and Suzhou and the surrounding area. When we are in the US our spare time is focused on the six grandchildren

we share between us. I regularly see **Peter Greenberg**. I am studying Chinese in Chinatown, and Peter's son **Thomas Greenberg '91** and wife **Daphne Liu '93** are in the same class with me. I also see **Stephen Crane '60**, JD '63, and a number of my classmates from Cornell Law School, but unfortunately had to miss Reunion to prepare for the art exhibition in Nanjing."

Tamara Greenberg Goell, MEd '63 (tgg2@cornell.edu) and her husband left California in 1992, lived in the Boston area for ten years, and have now moved back to the Bay Area. "We thought it was time to be near family. We are now living in Foster City, just south of San Francisco, and our son—he never left—and his family are here. No more snow for us!" Tamara keeps in touch with **Marcia Kessler** Weiss. "She and husband Ron live in New Hampshire. We saw them frequently when we lived in Lexington, MA. I will miss her." **Mary Ann Tower Rolland** (wcrolland@yahoo.com) also has a new address—in Penney Farms, FL. She writes that her husband, **William**, is deceased and she has moved to the Penney Retirement Community near Jacksonville, FL. "It's only been three weeks, but I have gotten involved and met many new friends. I have been getting settled in my new cottage and it feels a bit like going to college—meeting new people, lots of activities and opportunities, etc. . . . Weather has been great and I'm using my car a lot less. Guess I'm really retired now! I also hope to do some traveling. Old Chi Gamma members are getting together in the summers—most recently in Philadelphia. Next reunion in Mexico?"

A very sad note: **Julian "Jann" Powell** Bidwell lost her battle with cancer last summer. Her Kappa sorority sisters have lost a good friend and fondly remember how she arranged for returning sisters at our 50th Reunion to be housed close together. Keep writing your correspondents: **Susan Williams** Stevens, sastevens61@gmail.com; **Doug Fuss**, dougout@attlogal.net. Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

62 Michael Earnest, MD '66 (mp_earnest@comcast.net) is the volunteer medical director for the Colorado Haiti Project, working to develop community health programs in Haiti. Home for Michael and wife **Vicki (Vine) '64** is Denver, CO. They enjoy tennis and traveling and spending time with their three sons and grandsons. "Gardening, volunteering, and helping my husband, Theodore, in his rare book business" keep **Laramie Phillips** Palmer busy in Eugene, OR. Maurice and **Virginia Swanson** Neville live in Millbrook, NY, where they enjoy many family activities and work together in a scrap metal recycling business. Virginia subs at an early learning center and works for World Vision. **Hamlin "Sandy" Gilbert Jr.** (sandem133@aol.com) runs Solutions to Avoid Red Tide, a marine environmental organization working to preserve coastal waterways in Florida. He and Emmy Lou live in Bradenton, FL. Sandy is looking for **Whit Paradise '61**. Heath, TX, is home to **John**, MS '65, and **Janie Curtis** (johnandjanie@att.net), where, says John, "I can be found on my sailboat, on the golf course, or on a ski slope." John also serves on several boards of directors. Their travels have taken them on a recent motor trip through Thailand and Laos.

Stanley Scharf, PhD '79 (Stanley.scharf@gmail.com) wrote that his most exhilarating experiences

and memories of Cornell were the advanced lectures by the charismatic **Frederick C. Steward, GR '27-28**, professor of plant physiology and a pioneer and "fountainhead" in plant tissue culture. On a related note, Stanley notes that if there ever was a grandfather of the Pill, Ludwig Haberlandt above all others deserves that honor. He was the son of eminent botanist Gottlieb Haberlandt, plant tissue culture theorist and visionary, whose grandfather was the European "soybean" pioneer and trailblazer Friedrich J. Haberlandt. In 1930 Ludwig Haberlandt began clinical trials after successful production of a hormonal preparation, Infecundin®, in Budapest, Hungary. He ended his 1931 book, *Die hormonale Sterilisierung des weiblichen Organismus*, with a visionary claim: "Unquestionably, practical application of the temporary hormonal sterilization in women would markedly contribute to the ideal in human society already enunciated a generation earlier by Sigmund Freud (1898). Theoretically, one of the greatest triumphs of mankind would be the elevation of procreation into a voluntary and deliberate act." He was hounded to his death, by suicide in 1932, for his views on reproductive biology. Stanley and wife Nava were married in Israel in 1969 while he worked as a chemist for the Dead Sea Chemical Works Ltd. in Beersheva and Sodom. Three years later, Stanley moved to a company, again as a chemist, in Arad, Israel. Its intent was to establish a soy protein-based food industry in the Near East fabricating textured vegetable protein (TVP) meat analogues, and other high protein products. "The reality was that our biggest market turned out to be the Seventh Day Adventist community in the state of Minnesota. From Arad we moved to Ithaca, where I pursued an advanced degree in food science. Nava started teaching modern Hebrew language and literature in 1977 in Cornell's Near Eastern Studies department, where she remains."

Ronald and **Anne Standish** Uhe (anneesuhe@aol.com) live in Carlock, IL. A 331-page opus has kept Anne busy. Her father, Dr. Philip Miles Standish, wrote more than 420 letters home to her mother, **Ruth Bohem** Standish '34, from 1942 to 1946. Anne has donated a copy of *Main Street Letters Home* to Olin Library. **Gerry Miller** Jennings (gerger1@bresnan.net) is a full-time activist for Montana Wilderness Association, working on land protection bills in Congress, and for Get Fit Great Falls. Gerry also works with a variety of educational institutions to encourage high school graduation and higher education leading to jobs. "I love what I do," she enthuses. Gerry and husband Chuck do an annual two-week bike tour; 2013 was to Switzerland. Your classmates are eagerly awaiting your news—so please send it now! **Jan McClayton** Crites, jmc50@cornell.edu. **55th Reunion, June 8-11, 2017.**

63 Ed Butler, MS '65, is our Class of 1963 contact with Cornell's Tatkon Center. At Reunion, the center's director, **Carol Grumbach '78**, JD '87, announced that their coffeehouse series would be renamed the Class of 1963 Coffeehouse Series as a result of the continued support of our class for the center. Carol says, "The sessions provide opportunities for students to speak to faculty in a small-group, intimate setting."

Madeleine Leston Meehan, BFA '63, writes, "I'm exhausted from trying to keep up with myself. I am a painter working out of two studios in my two favorite places—St. John, Virgin Islands,

and East Hampton, NY." Answering the question of what she brought to Cornell when she first came, she says, "I was ready to conquer higher education with my artist materials and books, books, and books, with NO iPad, iPhone, computer, cell phone, or fancy electronics. It wasn't much different from what I lug around today." **Steve Fisch** lives in Dix Hills, NY, and runs a business called Milridge Properties, which includes Red Mango of Ridgewood, NJ. He spends his time volunteering, fundraising, and educating the public about local sea life and environmental preservation at the Riverhead Foundation for Marine Research and Preservation, a foundation known for its rescue and rehabilitation of seals, dolphins, and sea turtles. Additionally, Steve volunteers on the board of Cinema Arts Center in Huntington, NY, and founded the Marine Simulation Special Interest Group at the IMAGE Society in Scottsdale, AZ, which he currently serves as chair of. He likes to travel and is taking piano, guitar, and drum lessons. Steve is also helping his daughter, Heather, a social documentary filmmaker in Brooklyn, NY.

Doris Grayson Kitson works full-time for the City of New York. She likes spending time with her family and competes in age 70-and-over tennis tournaments. She would like to hear from **Marcia Heinemann** Saunders. **Tom** and **Caren Newman** live in Tucson, AZ. Tom is local chair of Tucson's Arizona Israel Public Affairs Committee and is now on the national council. He is also on the board of the U. of Arizona's College of Fine Arts and the Jewish Community Foundation. He writes, "I'd like to be playing better golf—otherwise, quite content." Tom would like to hear from **Stanley Pollock**. Condolences go out to our classmate **Harvey Rothschild III** (hjr4@cornell.edu), who lost his wife, Robin, on November 29.

Carol Moore Locke-Endy, MA '64, lives in Bloomsburg, PA, where she does lots of volunteer work, cares for her 95-year-old mother, visits five grandchildren, enjoys the countryside with husband Mel, gardens, and reads. Answering the question of what she brought to Cornell as a freshman, she recalls: "Too many clothes (a steamer trunk!), a Royal portable manual typewriter, a 1930s sheepskin-lined coat from a friend who used it in college, and a small bookcase that my dad built." **Gary** and **Patricia Smith** keep very busy in Batavia, NY, with kids' activities, exercise, planting trees, and work. He writes, "I'm still practicing medicine—to support myself and my family." He'd love to hear from **Tom Brennan**. **Jonathan**, BArch '64, and **Mary Perry** live in Rixeyville, VA. Jonathan writes, "I recently discovered that God designed me to be an artist." He paints with acrylics and is interacting with Firmw Farm Artists Circle. He visits Cornell international student alumni overseas and would like to hear from **Dennis Prindle**, PhD '77.

Alex and **Pamela Sommers** are remodeling a vacation home, close to the beach and Intra-coastal Waterway, in Hollywood, FL, into a place to live in their retirement. Alex is planning on retiring this year from the Dept. of Engineering at the U. of New Haven in West Haven, CT. He also recently took a sabbatical in South Florida to look at trends in container shipping through the Panama Canal. **John Nichols**, PhD '69, writes, "I recently retired as professor emeritus from Texas A&M, but continue with international projects focusing on business and economic education in food and agribusiness." John serves as an elected member of the city council of College Station, TX, and likes being active and involved in the

community. He and wife Carol want to travel more, says John, "once I learn how to be retired." When he came to Cornell, he brought a laundry box for mailing his clothes back home!

A recent article in Cornell's *Ezra* magazine highlighted a generous gift to the university from **Laurits "Lau" Christensen** and his wife, Beatrice. They did it with the help of two challenge matches at Cornell: the university's Faculty Renewal Sesquicentennial Challenge and a separate challenge from trustee **Don Opatrny '74**. They are helping Cornell hire two new Economics professors. Lau has been an economist at the U. of Wisconsin, Madison, and owns a consulting company, Christensen Assocs., of which he remains chairman. That's all for this month, but send me an e-mail anytime with your news. ☐ **Nancy Biers** Icke, 12350 E. Roger Rd., Tucson, AZ 85749; e-mail, icke63@gmail.com.

64 Just three months to go until our 50th Reunion! Hope to see you back in Ithaca on June 5-8. It's not too late to be there even if you still haven't made arrangements. I've gotten to "know" many of you classmates I never knew as an undergrad through preparing this column for the last 35 years, and I've met a number of you over the years at our five-year reunions, all of which I've had fun attending. So now I'm filled with anticipation about all of us all getting together back in Ithaca in June! I highly recommend that you come to Cornell for our big 50th. About a month ago you should have received a DVD in a mailing from Cornell. If you haven't done so already, pop the disk into your player and, for the next 15 minutes, watch a video featuring Cornell people and places from the past and present on your TV or computer. You'll enjoy the nostalgic trip down Memory Lane, including a parade of photos and songs from our time on the Hill.

Now is the time to encourage your friends to take part in our golden reunion. Most alums come back to see the friends they knew as undergrads, so please reach out by phone, e-mail, or a handwritten note to the people you knew and encourage them to join you. Thanks to the 60-plus volunteers who are currently contacting classmates in their affinity groups—sororities, fraternities, sports, and other activities—about attending reunion. If you haven't heard about yours, it may not be covered. You can join the effort by contacting **Nancy Taylor Butler** at ntb4@cornell.edu. Feeling 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. Come to our 50th Reunion for the fun and to reconnect with old friends and make some new ones!

We received a record number of responses for our 50th Reunion yearbook request for material. These yearbooks will be distributed as a "favor" at our reunion. Thanks to each and every one of the more than 400 classmates who sent in an autobiography and photo. If you can't come to Ithaca in June, but your autobiography and photo are included in the book, you can request that a copy of the yearbook be sent to you for a small shipping charge. If you didn't send in a submission, you can still purchase the yearbook at cost plus a shipping fee.

Now here's some news. **Leonard Berman** has been promoted to senior director of scientific affairs at the Pall Biomedical Group, based in Port

Washington, NY. Since Len and wife Charlotte just moved to South Dartmouth, MA, he is telecommuting to his new position. They enjoy nearby Buzzards Bay, sailing, tennis, and spending time with their son, daughter **Margaret '96**, and four grandchildren. **Joan Nathanson Tosici** (Cranford, NJ) says of being retired, "Each day is mine to mold." That molding doesn't involve sitting around. Joan writes of having great friends and going into NYC often for shows, museums, and

July, he and Suellen spent a week in Ithaca at CAU for "bird-watching East Coast style." They also enjoy bird-watching in their back yard, and spending time with their grandchildren, who are nearby and also in Atlanta. That's it for now. Log onto our class website for more up-to-date info about our June 5-8 reunion. If you're on Facebook, you can go to the class page, <https://www.facebook.com/groups/cornell1964/>, and post about reunion and our time at Cornell. But keep your news coming

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Rob Crafts '65

"great restaurants." She also enjoys reading, cooking, and traveling, most recently to Seattle to visit her daughter and taking a cruise to Bermuda. Joan also is fixing up her 1895 Victorian house. And three times a week she enjoys walking and spending time with what she calls a "great dog." **Richard Levy** is still "lawyering," as he terms it, for the Manhattan-based law firm he started 43 years ago. His firm specializes in labor law, workers' rights, civil rights, election law, and other matters—all in a "left-leaning direction." Richard writes that he works frequently with the Center for Constitutional Rights on racial justice, gay rights, and other human rights issues. For the past ten to 12 years, he's also been oil painting in a studio in Woodstock, NY, and has shown his work "here and there." He and wife Jane, an author, retired therapist, and full-time political activist, live in Manhattan and have three grown daughters—an actress, a doctor, and a soon-to-be lawyer—and one grandchild. Of his travels, Richard writes of being a passenger on a US boat to Gaza that Jane organized to protest Israel's blockade. Result: "We didn't get very far."

Charley Witherell is still an active farmer in Johnson, VT, producing maple syrup, raising beef cows, and managing a wood lot. He's a major user of firewood, both in his farm's sugar house and the family home. He travels to discover "new horizons," and keeps in touch with his two sons who live in Colorado. Charley is also renovating an old barn for preservation's sake. **Joseph Cang**, who lives in Tampa, FL, with wife Ellen, is still president of his firm, Paragon Pump Co. He writes that he equally enjoys work, golf, and travel. Joe would like to hear from **Richard Baxter**, ME '66, Charley Witherell, and **Charlie Mason '65**. **Elaine Emling**, MArch '69, MRP '83, who lives in the D.C. suburb of Silver Spring, MD, with husband Mike Jenner, is into local community development and writes a monthly sustainable energy article for *London Democrats Abroad* (they once lived there). Elaine's also studying and working to become an accomplished gardener, and is into genealogy as well. She and Mike returned to England last June to visit family and friends and tour Northumberland, which they had not before seen. She otherwise keeps active with friends, enjoys the Washington area cultural scene, and plans future travels.

Jerome Rubin is coming to reunion with wife **Suellen (Safir) '65** from their home in Carmel, CA, where he still works full-time as a hematologist-oncologist. He enjoys working with daughter Nancy, who is also in "hem-onc" (Jerry's term). Last

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 What is everyone doing? I'm sure that there is lots of news you would like to share with your classmates before we gather in Ithaca for our 50th Reunion—a little more than a year from now. As I write the column, the weather in south Florida is beautiful, while in most of the rest of the country winter has arrived in its full flurry. Fellow Floridian **Rob Crafts** reports from Cortez, "Still designing, creating, and building water features, real rock masonry, grottos, water gardens, Koi ponds, and lily water ponds. Recent jobs have included a grotto under a 16,000-sq-ft. home in Sarasota and renovating a marble Ringling fountain, which was built in 1933." Rob adds, "After taking Waterfall 101 and 102 at Cornell, I found my passion in life. By 1970, I was getting a master's degree at Arizona U. So, for 43 years I have been blessed to create water features."

Judy Gleicher Seiff sent the following news from Falls Church, VA, where she and husband Hank live. Judy reports that she spends her time volunteering and serving on boards and committees, primarily related to improving the quality of life for mature adults (seniors) in her community. Being retired, with few at-home responsibilities, she and Hank can take long trips as they love to travel. This past summer they spent two months traveling to Alaska. The trip covered more than 14,300 miles—by car as well as small planes, boats, trains, and buses. Says Judy, "It was a truly amazing trip." Judy is particularly delighted that two of her children, **Joanne '95** and **Josh '98**, attended Cornell and both married Cornell classmates. "Being able to visit Cornell while they were there as students was wonderful. Now I'm looking toward the next generation for more Cornellians."

From the Delta Upsilon newsletter, we learned that **Jim Moore** continues to manage his fund. Wife Barbara is mayor of their village—Greenwood Lake, NY. **Rita Bond** Bobzin reports from Washington state: "I am involved with rescuing hunting dogs, especially German Shorthair Pointers. My husband, Lyle, and I have three wonderful rescues, ages 14, 8, and 4." Rita and Lyle are working on a sequel to Lyle's autobiography, *Flight Around the World*, about his 36-year career as a pilot for TWA. His career spanned from the formative years of the

airline to its demise. You can check out his book at your local bookstore or websites such as Amazon.com. Also from Washington State, **Ira Kalet** brought us up to date on what he has been doing since he retired from the U. of Washington in 2011. "I'm still involved in a little research and teaching. Also doing home projects and, with wife Terry, sharing fun with the family, including two grandchildren." Ira was also asked by his publisher to write a second edition of his book *Principles of Biomedical Informatics*, to be released last summer. Ira looks forward to better weather to hike in the mountains.

In an e-mail, **Gary Ash**, MS '73, reported that he and his wife, Jane, live in Dartmouth, MA, on the south coast of Massachusetts near New Bedford. Gary is putting in three to four days a week at his consulting company, which often results in a fair amount of cross-country travel. "My work sometimes has me designing machines for building solar panels, other times we're constructing large vacuum test chambers for NASA and the aerospace companies." When not running his consulting company, he and Jane like to fit in as much time as possible at Jane's cabin on Martha's Vineyard. All this activity has not kept him from filling his garage with an ever-growing collection of Studebakers. The collection includes a 1948 pick-up and station wagons from 1963 and 1965. His current project is replicating a 1932 Studebaker Indy racecar. Gary has two daughters, who are each married, employed, and the mother of a boy and a girl. When the e-mail was sent, their grandchildren ranged from ages 2-14. Given this, Gary plans to bring the '65 station wagon (naturally) to the 50th Reunion. Keep the news coming. ☒ **Ron Harris**, rsh28@cornell.edu; **Joan Hens Johnson**, joanipat@gmail.com.

66 "You never know where a university education can lead you," **Bethanie Gilbert** (abay2315@pacbell.net) comments. Cornell prepared her for life, but not in the "typical" way. She says that covering civil rights for the *Cornell Daily Sun* prepared her for a lifetime of work on diversity issues, both personally and professionally. Her time in Ithaca deepened her love of nature and led to a career in outdoor education and as a professional river- and sea-kayaking guide. "My studies in Cornell's very limited dance classes and—the only directly academic influence—Anthropology classes with Victor Turner led me to study music and dance in West Java, Indonesia, spending the next 20 years performing and teaching the incredible 'topeng-mask'—dance drama—of that region."

Mary Loosbrock Miers (marylmiers@comcast.net) has balanced her life with her church activities. She was recently elected senior warden, spends time with her sister, and stays active with singing and flower design. She has also learned a lot about gardening since her husband, **John**, MBA '68, died in 2011. Last year Mary walked the Camino de Santiago in Spain, which she called a fabulous spiritual and physical experience for her. **Will Brownell**, BA '71 (willbrownell@msn.com), after earning his PhD in history, is writing a full study of the origins of Nazism, especially as it pertains to Hitler's prime teacher, Gen. Erich Ludendorff. Will's favorite pastime is tutoring brainy but disadvantaged kids in the New York public schools. He says he should have focused more at Cornell, and also recommends that everyone study Spanish. "I use my Spanish five times a day, but my

French, which I love? I only use that to get my wife a good table in a French restaurant." Will adds, "I have stopped being an arrogant preppy from Exeter and have finally become a democratic Cornellian. Seriously."

Doris Meibach Wallace (dwally44@aol.com) continues to study at the New School Inst. for Retired Professionals. Her travels in the past year or so include a wonderful trip to the Havana Jazz Festival as well as journeys to England and Holland. **Rich Stuebing** has been working with accreditation of theological education in Africa. He taught for a month in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, to stay fresh. Another trip was a cross-country drive, Pennsylvania to Seattle, WA, to see his daughter (a trauma surgeon) and her husband. Rich also enjoys playing tennis. He would like to hear from **Jack Mackie**, ME '67. **Robert P. Fairchild** (petefairch@aol.com) continues to advocate for combat-wounded veterans. He was recently reappointed to a three-year term on the Joint Leadership Council of Veterans Service Organizations, Commonwealth of Virginia. He is active on the state and locals levels in MOPH (the Purple Heart Foundation) and the VFW.

Being a teacher, a hiker, a grandmother, and a person trying to understand politics has led **Bonnie Woodard Haberle** (bon.haberle@gmail.com) on a path toward the liberal philosophy of the Democrats. She says her love of people has evolved from learning and teaching others. Bonnie arrived at Cornell with her husband, **Alfred '62**, DVM '64. Professor emeritus of biochemistry **Joe Polacco** (polaccoj@missouri.edu) is still teaching the capstone problem-solving class for seniors at U. of Missouri. He is also involved in a research collaboration with Brazil and people at U. of Missouri. He has recently been trying his hand at bilingual poetry and hopes to be more active in research in the future. Joe and his wife, Nancy, live in Columbia, MO. Joe has reconnected with **Bob Hudak '68** and would like to hear from **Sam Gaskins**, BS Ag '68. As for his arrival at Cornell, he brought himself—and his baseball mitt.

Jonathan Krauss (jkrauss2@comcast.net) spends his time resting and as a voluntary hospital laboratory inspector. He and his wife, Janis, traveled to Winnipeg, Detroit, and Toledo. **Jim Shulman** (jesjmskali@aol.com) occupies his time with travel, writing, volunteer work, and music. He recently organized more than 300 people in the Berkshires to build a hand-carved carousel, which, he writes, is the largest permanent art project in New England completed by volunteers. Jim and wife Jackie live in Ohio. He thinks he recalls arriving at Cornell with a fake ID (he was not yet 18!). **Paul Anderson** (pkanderson@yahoo.com) remains engaged in consulting, managing rental property, and serving on community boards. Recently he finished a landscaping project for a neighbor who is being treated for cancer. Not only is the neighbor appreciative, but seeing the finished product is rewarding. Paul would like to hear from **Pete Leech**. Paul arrived at Cornell with a Samsonite suitcase and a trunk of clothes shipped Railway Express to Ithaca.

Tom Hall, ME '67 (tom-hall@nc.rr.com) is still working, but plans to reduce his hours this year. He and wife Corrine traveled to Paris and Southern France—because, he says, life is short. He adds that he would love to learn to paint watercolor landscapes. He would also like to hear from **Wes Baumgardner '65**. Tom arrived on campus with a metal box to ship his laundry home to his mom. He also brought his Gibson "Les Paul Gold

Top" guitar, which cost him \$95 and today is worth over \$2,000. He also came with a huge appetite for burgers, fries, and shakes at the "Barf Bar"! Does this conjure up fond memories? Well, think 50th Reunion, where we shall share so many more!

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67 **Rita Abisch** Melen (Ithaca, NY; ritamelen@gmail.com) retired from Family and Children's Service of Ithaca after 27 years of practicing as a psychotherapist. **Jeff Benjamin** (New City, NY; jeff.bnj@gmail.com) spends his time this way: "Professionally, I am the senior VP, general counsel, and chief ethics and compliance officer of Avon Products Inc., who recruited me out of retirement after 37 years at Novartis and three at a law firm. Personally, I'm enjoying my family—wife Betsy, daughter **Lily Benjamin** Maissen '00, son, son-in-law, and daughter-in-law, and four grandchildren."

Richard Marks, MBA '68 (Boynton Beach, FL; rhm22@cornell.edu) attended his 50th Reunion at New Rochelle High School in New York in October. "Our class was well represented with **Michael Bank** (Croton-on-Hudson, NY), **Donald Rosenbaum** (Ft. Lee, NJ), **Richard Mescon** (NYC), **Robert Cane**, BArch '68 (NYC), **Harvey Montague**, BArch '68, MArch '71 (West Orange, NJ), and **Sharon Cohen** Bahr (NYC)."

At my own 50th Reunion for Mount Vernon (formerly A. B. Davis) High School in Mount Vernon, NY, last September, I ran into **Joan Klein Cohen**, with husband **Bruce '65**, ME '67 (Wayland, MA), **Warren Adis** (Spring Valley, NY), **Stephen Roth**, BArch '68 (City Island, NY), **Arnold Siegel** (Pasadena, CA), and **Susan Pressman** Sragow (Beverly Hills, CA).

Jane Price Brof (Brooklyn, NY; jandrprof@hotmail.com) teaches mathematics at New York City College of Technology (CUNY) in Brooklyn. "My husband, Richard, who's retired, serves on the board of our co-op and takes online courses. We enjoy life as New Yorkers, attending theater and museums often. My daughter, **Julie Brof** Mayer '92, is an attorney with the Federal Trade Commission and lives in Seattle with her husband, Michael, and 8-year-old daughter Lucy. Son Daniel lives in Brooklyn with his wife, Erin, and two daughters, Olivia, 3-1/2, and Eva, nine months."

Robert Greig lives in Paris, France, and is practicing law there with Cleary, Gottlieb, Steen & Hamilton, "mostly representing sovereigns in international disputes." **Edwin "Ted" Howard**, BA '69 (Cleveland Heights, OH; tedpilot@yahoo.com) is "reading, gardening, playing golf, studying Latin and Attic Greek, watching old movies, dancing Argentine tango, and saving the world, etc." He adds, "I dance because I like partnering and creating beautiful performance art, and I take classes at Case Western Reserve U. because all those young students keep me young." He concludes: "My life is perfect, just the way it is!"

Thomas Lambiase, MBA '72 (Fairfax, VA; tj.lambiase@verizon.net) is involved in mission work in Haiti with VillageofHopeHaiti.org. **Merle Butler** Troeger (Woodbridge, CT; merletroeger@sbcglobal.net) writes, "I work as associate for spiritual life at Christ Episcopal Church in Bethany, CT, and finished an MA in religion at Yale Divinity School. I'm the happiest now that I've ever been!" **Jean Takach** Schoppel (Tappan, NY; jeanschop@aol.com) spends her time with her family, including

six grandkids, as well as on her church work, environmental activism, and teaching childbirth-related topics.

Peter McAfee lives in Lake Placid, NY, and is a retired US customs officer who volunteers with hospice at the Uihlein/Mercy Nursing Home. **Norine Zimberg** Krasnogor (Stamford, CT; nzkii@yahoo.com) is an immigration law attorney with offices in Stamford and New York City. **Ted Hamilton**, BCE '67 (Walnut Creek, CA; tvhami1967@aol.com) writes, "I am working on the BART extension to San Jose and following my daughter around California as she's the point guard for the #2 ranked Chico State Wildcats." He's also been babysitting his grandson Cayden. Ted adds that he would love to be retired—"skiing, travelling, spending more time with family and friends, and working on our home in Walnut Creek." Please keep sending your news! **Richard B. Hoffman**, 2925 28th St. NW, Washington, DC, 20008; e-mail, rhoffman@erols.com.

68 Continuing to report on our classmates' favorite pastimes, your humble correspondent and his wife, Ellen, traveled with **Jerry** and Pam **Levitz** to Argentina and Brazil in late October. Aside from consuming more beef during our stay in Buenos Aires than I have during the past five years combined (from what I remember of the little beef I ate, I prefer good old American. Why? Because it contains more of that four letter word: FAAT), the highlights included spectacular Iguassu Falls and a journey on the Rio Negro, a tributary to the Amazon. The five days on our nine-cabin ship gave us ample time to discuss Finland's highly rated public educational system with a Finnish couple, learn about some of the world's more exotic places from a young Norwegian travel writer, discuss income inequality with a Viennese couple, hear about a thousand-channel TV and the advantages of an arranged marriage from a vacationing YouTube employee, and listen to a variety of ideas that are being contemplated at Facebook from a very young, very retired, mid-level manager who started there just six years ago. Love traveling.

Linda Jacobsen and her husband, Kai Ewald, visited China and Australia last year and have visited England, France, the Netherlands, Germany, Austria, and Hungary already this year. **Robert Hamilton** is a professor at Temple U.'s Fox School of Business in Philadelphia. Last year he visited Mali and Ghana, where his son serves in the Peace Corps. Bob was also a faculty guide accompanying students to Hong Kong and Vietnam. **Jerry Blackman** finished his third book, *The Therapist's Answer Book: 101 Solutions to Tricky Problems in Psychotherapy*. **Kenneth Miller** is the chairman of Pegasus Research Corporation in Costa Mesa, CA. Ken completed his first novel, *Guanaja: The Story of a Caribbean Island*. **Ronald Palma** is writing a history of Holland Hall School (est. 1922) in his hometown of Tulsa, OK, where he taught for 38 years. Ron and his wife, **Fay (Schlosser)**, were in Alaska earlier this year and, of course, always enjoy visiting their three grandchildren.

Richard Simon toured Italy in October. He continues to practice part-time as a consulting engineer and volunteers one day a week at the local rehabilitation hospital. Rick, **Hal Sasnowitz** and wife Meryl, **Jim Philip** and wife Beverly, **Michael Schenker**, JD '74, and wife Susan, **Larry Kahn**, DVM '70, and wife **Clara (Tauber)**, **Charlie Kohn** and wife Susan, and **Lenny Rappe** and

wife **Rona** were hosted at the Connecticut home of **Steve Unger**, MCE '70, and his wife, Gail, at their 15th annual TEP Class of '68 reunion in November. (Sorry you turned down TEP?) **Gloria Pessirilo** Jurisic is recently retired and now acts as a docent at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art. She also serves on the board of the Jules Stein Eye Institute's Affiliates at UCLA. She keeps quite busy in retirement traveling, playing tennis, and pursuing other activities.

Sad news: **Art Kaminsky**, one of our most distinguished classmates, passed away on December 5. Art, a renowned sports and entertainment agent who at one time represented more than half the players in the NHL, was an active recruiter for all Cornell sports. His many activities during our campus years included service on the executive board of Student Government. "Few people loved Cornell as much as Art," said Andy Noel, the Meakem Smith director of athletics and physical education. "He was one of the most loyal and faithful Cornell fans anywhere, and the relationships he built with generations of Cornellians have brought them closer to the university because of his passion for it. Art will be greatly missed by many who knew and loved him." The many Cornellians attending his funeral service did what felt right—they gathered around his coffin and sang the Alma Mater. Art would have approved. In addition to his wife, the former Andrea Polin, Art is survived by his daughter, Alexis, sons **Thomas '09** and Eric, and two grandchildren.

We're eager to hear what you are doing, so please use one of the various methods of getting news to me, including e-mail, text, or phone—day or night. **Chuck Levitan**, clevitan22@comcast.net; tel., (732) 570-9490.

69 Thanks for all the news this time around! Even with retirement age looming large in the near future, so many of us are still working full-time. **Roger Titone** is designing and manufacturing temperature instruments for chiropractic and medical use. He worked with Dr. Marc Abreu at Yale on a new website on the body to measure temperature. Check out their findings at www.braintunnelgenix.com. **Luis Garcia** is in Guaynabo, Puerto Rico, working "full-time and more" in his geotechnical engineering consulting practice. He still manages to find time to preside over a nonprofit Pro Arte group and travel to Spain for his son's graduation from the new Berklee-Valencia School of Music at Valencia, where he received his master's degree in jazz performance.

Ken White, ME '70, is busy in Ithaca. "I'm battling with the US Patent Office for the granting of five patent applications covering carbon neutral biomass powder combustion fuel, methods, and burners." **Robert Jossen** is still in active practice of law in NYC. **Phil Reilly** works full-time in Boston starting companies to develop new treatments for rare genetic diseases. **Gary Gartenberg** is directing some clinical research studies in oncology at Janssen, the pharmaceutical branch of Johnson & Johnson. He and wife Deborah are downsizing now that their youngest, **Emily '17**, is enjoying her first year at Cornell. **Roy Black III** is the director of the real estate program and a professor in the practice of finance at the Goizueta Business School at Emory U. in Atlanta, GA. **Michael Hogan** is in Delmar, NY, "trying to balance healthcare consulting and getting a life without a boss, insubordinates, and Blackberry." **Charles Antinori** moved his chest surgery practice to

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Vineland, NJ, but manages to travel a bit more. He'd love to hear from **Joe Nacca '67**. **Char Bruska Gardner** is happy that the real estate market is thriving in Vermont, where she spends most of her time. **Sally Weisberg** Elam, MS '71, enjoys Arizona, where she is working on her website, "Parenting Tips with Dr. Sally" (www.earlychildhoodnews.net), writing professionally, and composing poetry for fun.

We also have the semi-retired folks. **Gabriel Rothberg** is doing some work in accounting and computer science and enjoys spending time with his children and grandchildren in NYC and California. **Robert Wood** is in Georgetown, MA, consulting part-time for nonprofits and private clubs. **Richard Poznysz** writes that he "hangs around

70 In just four short months, members of our 45th Reunion committee (including **Bill**, ME '71, and **Gail Post Wallis** and myself) will be heading to Ithaca to attend reunion along with the Class of 1969, our sister class. We will be observing their weekend festivities (as well as those of other classes) and gathering ideas for our own reunion June 4-7, 2015. The Class of '70 reunion will be an action-packed weekend that will include many Sesquicentennial activities sponsored by Cornell! Please send any suggestions, questions, ideas, or offers to help. All are most welcome.

Classmate **Harry Brull** (harry.brull@pdinh.com) lives in Salida, CO, with his wife, **Myra Barrett, PhD '71**, and is senior VP at PDI Ninth

Cornell in the fall of 1966. **John Boldt** (Santa Fe, NM; boldt505@gmail.com) is a volunteer firefighter and also works in rental property management. In the summer of 2013, he and his wife, Barbara, went on a 30-day vacation to Italy and the Adriatic, and last fall they took a two-month RV trip in the western US and Canada. John would like to hear from classmate **Jim Klock**. **Andrea Kreisworth Roberts** (San Diego, CA; andrea@armarketinginc.com) is president of A R Marketing.

Andrew Kreig (andrew@eagleviewdc.com) is an investigative reporter, author, business strategist, attorney, and nonprofit executive based in Washington, DC. He has researched legal abuses and official misconduct via the non-partisan legal reform group, the Justice Integrity Project, of which he is executive director. His research and investigative work resulted in the July 2013 publication of his book, *Presidential Puppetry: Obama, Romney and Their Masters* (check out www.presidentialpuppetry.com). He writes that he is doing what he wants, enjoys, and thinks is important, adding that he would be glad to speak to Cornell groups about his book. **Jean Myers Smith** (jean.smith48@gmail.com) lives in Baltimore, MD, with her husband, **Tom '69**, BS '71. She continues to work part-time as a consultant dietician in long-term care. Last summer, Jean and Tom vacationed in Montana, with fly-fishing in Bozeman and a week in the spectacular Glacier National Park. Jean was able to do some cattle wrangling, too! She really enjoys playing with their grandson, 3-1/2, and granddaughter, 18 months, in Richmond, VA. The most recent addition to the family is baby Carter, born on June 4, 2013 to daughter **Emily Smith DeBolt '04** and her husband, **Chris '04**. Jean adds that **Christie Dulin** Enholm and husband Ron came for a weekend visit from Los Angeles in May 2013. The two couples all hope to meet up at our 45th Reunion. When she arrived in Ithaca, Jean had a lamp and a clock radio. She recalls buying a throw rug and bed pillows at Rothschild's Dept. Store. Please continue to send your news items to: [Connie Ferris Meyer: tel., \(610\) 256-3088; e-mail, cfm7@cornell.edu](mailto:Connie Ferris Meyer: tel., (610) 256-3088; e-mail, cfm7@cornell.edu).

‘We awake to seals instead of sirens.’

Deborah Huffman Schenk '69

the cranberry farm pretending to work" and serves on the Ocean Spray board of directors. Even though **Susan Wohryzek** Mittler recently retired from the Ithaca City School District as president of the teachers union, she is teaching a class in ILR ("gratis to Cornell") on collective bargaining. **Ronald Schildge** is looking forward to retirement in Seabrook Island, SC, after he sells his company. **Ray Goodman**, PhD '79, also retired, is conducting some research with former faculty colleagues and looking for consulting opportunities in Durham, NH. He sits on three boards: Mayflower Communities Inc., Glion Inst. for Higher Education, and First Tee of New Hampshire.

After 43 years in NYC, **Deborah Huffman Schenk** moved to Bainbridge Island, WA, to be near children and grandchildren. She writes, "We have a lovely home right on Puget Sound and now awake to seals instead of sirens." Sounds wonderful, Deb! Also in Washington, **Ingrid Vatsvog** Wachtler, ME '70, and husband Bill are building a new home in Gig Harbor. It's a real family affair, with son Steve the architect and son Dan the builder. Ingrid would like to get in touch with **Pam Howard**. **Janice Rankin** Thurlow is an active member of Toastmasters in Wasilla, AK, and enjoys writing and giving humorous speeches. **Hank Furman** is renovating his recently purchased 1836 home in Portsmouth, NH. Sounds like a real challenge, Hank. **Al** and **Claire Scully DeLauro** have been doing a lot of traveling—seeing friends along the way—and exploring new territory and dining on local food. "Our travels have shown us how beautiful and special the US is." **John Ontko** is retired and trying to break 80 in golf. He'd love to hear from Lee Pillsbury.

JUNE 5-8, 2014—45TH REUNION—SAVE THE DATE! Our reunion chairs, **Lee Moseley** Kleinman, **Linda Schwartz** Negrin, BFA '69, and Char Bruska Gardner have been busy putting together a great agenda for our reunion. We will be housed at the North Campus Townhouses (class headquarters), each with two bedrooms, bath, living room, and kitchen—with ample parking. Early registrants can select their suitemates. Friday night's tailgate is at Schoellkopf, followed by dinner at the Statler. Saturday cocktails will be at the award-winning Milstein Hall, new home of the College of Architecture. Lots more to do at reunion—please plan on attending. Hope to see you all in June! Tina Economaki Riedl, triedl048@gmail.com.

House. Harry is still only semi-retired from a 35-year career as an industrial/organizational psychologist. He also rides his bicycle over 5,000 miles per year and serves on various boards, while pursuing his new career as a DJ on the local community radio station. In response to the query, "What I'd rather be doing now?" Harry replies, "Are you kidding? It doesn't get any better than this!" **Frank Landis** also hails from Colorado. He and his wife, Penny, live in Erie. Frank is quite busy doing water aerobics, dog walking, fishing, playing guitar, and "oh, yes, working as a consultant on power project development." He is also in the process of forming a small folk/bluegrass combo. As of June 2013, the combo had played three gigs, but hadn't seen any money yet. What Frank would rather be doing would be "standing waist deep in snowmelt waving a stick (aka fishing)!" He would like to hear from **Dave Swaddell '69**, **Bill Wright '71**, and **Roy Stephenson**, MA '74. Frank arrived at Cornell in the fall of 1966 with a clock radio, a mono record player, and a slide rule!

John and **Sandra Shands Elligers** (jelligers@msn.com) share a "Cornell-is-everywhere" story. In May 2013, they were vacationing in Croatia. While walking along Dubrovnik's 600-year-old, 40-foot-high city wall, two young women, who apparently noticed John's Cornell T-shirt, came up to them and asked if they had gone to Cornell. The two, Cornell '14, were completing their junior year abroad at the London School of Economics and were touring Croatia before heading back to the US. They all had a pleasant conversation about then and now at Cornell. Seems the women were suitably shocked by both the restrictions on co-eds in the late 1960s and the 3:1 male-to-female ratio. (Actually, wasn't the ratio more like 4 or 5:1?)

Paula Noonan (penoonan@comcast.net) lives in Littleton, CO, with her husband, Phil Doe. She reports that Colorado Capitol Watch and Capitol Contact are both 7 years old now and "taking off." The websites allow users to have comprehensive access to the Colorado legislature, including all votes. "I didn't graduate from the Cornell Class of '70 for nothing!" declares Paula, who feels that Capitol Contact is a revolutionary political advocacy system. She is also spending a lot of time with her three grandchildren and enjoys golf and skiing, which she recently took up in order to be with them on weekends. Paula brought a portable Smith Corona typewriter with correction tape with her to

71 This month, we have news from a few people we haven't heard from in a while. **Susan Primmer** (suprim123@comcast.net) is part of a group dermatology practice in Hillsborough, NJ, and has found a wonderful hobby! In her words, "I have fallen in love: biking—no hills, just fun. My husband, **Bob Harris**, DVM '74, and I have been on VBT biking trips to Europe and the US—about as carefree as being a child again." As if working in a busy practice and biking weren't enough, she also runs what she calls an "ad hoc assisted-living facility" for a 20-year-old cat! Another classmate living in New Jersey, **Chuck Reisen** (chasreisen@aol.com) is also busy balancing work, play, and travel. Chuck wrote that he recently attended a medical school reunion in Ireland, where he and **Ken Olinger** attended the Royal College of Surgeons. Chuck spends his free time equipment wrangling: "Keeping rare old Italian motorcycles going, and refining the Jaguar XKE kit car. The club motto is, 'You're never done.'" He also spends lots of time dancing (great exercise!) with swing dance lessons, summers at the Jersey Shore, and "winters in Colorado skiing my legs off."

Edward Hoffman, who lives in Flushing, Queens, also found an interesting outlet for his energy. He reported that in July 2013 he organized

a successful dinner to “kick-start” the Cornell Club of Brazil. That is certainly going the distance for our alma mater! Edward and his wife have a home in the São Paulo area of Brazil for part of the year. **Eileen Nuhn** Petrillo (epetrill@aol.com) is another enthusiastic traveler. In 2013, she spent two weeks in Myrtle Beach, SC, and cruised to Curaçao and Aruba. Closer to home, she enjoys gardening and volunteering at Long Island Cares—The Harry Chapin Food Bank. She would love to hear from her old Cornell friends **Steven Bleiler**, **Patrick Acer**, and **Gary Miller**, MS '70.

What is it about our classmates' interest in gardening? It must have started with Cornell's fresh air and beautiful gardens! **Bob Navazio** (rnavazio@aol.com) wrote that he is retired in the countryside of southern Indiana. He reported, “I'm growing vegetables on the dam of my pond.” He would like to hear from classmate **Rich Greif**. **Howie Jacobson** (RedRock1886@gmail.com) lives in Canandaigua, NY, with his wife, Jona. In his spare time, he also enjoys gardening, swimming, and horseback riding. Howie has launched a new venture, Redrock 1886, that advises small companies (ten to 100 employees) and emerging and startup businesses. He provides them with sales, marketing, distribution, and manufacturing expertise, guidance, and connections.

Gary Cokins of North Carolina (garyfarms@aol.com) was one of two people to receive the inaugural (2013) Distinguished Member Award from the Inst. of Management Accountants (IMA). The IMA is an association of 65,000-plus members that focuses on advancing the management accounting profession. The award recognizes an IMA member “whose successes, exceptional achievements, dedication, and professionalism bring honor to the organization and the profession, and who are themselves consistent with IMA's mission and core values.” Gary is an internationally recognized expert, speaker, and author in performance improvement systems and advanced cost management. For more info on what Gary is currently doing, check out his website, www.garycokins.com. **Jon**, JD '74 (jonsruskin@aol.com) and **Ruth Zafren Ruskin** '75 live in Falls Church, VA. Jon wrote that daughter Diana was married in May 2013 to David Black, a fellow graduate of Kenyon College, in a lovely outdoor wedding in Paris, VA. Diana earned her MA from James Madison U. Also in 2013, son David received an MBA from the U. of Maryland.

Howard Rodman (howardrodman@gmail.com) is still a professor at USC and still writing screenplays. He was re-elected VP of the Writers Guild of America, West, and has collected yet another literary honor: he was named a Chevalier de l'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres (Knight of the Order of Arts and Letters) by the French government in October 2013. Howard has also picked up a new skill over the years: “I was trained and certified as a barista by Heather Perry, two-time US barista champion.” Not being a coffee drinker, I had no idea there was such a thing as a certified barista. But sure enough, go to www.baristaguildofamerica.net and you will see that this is a serious undertaking! **Steven Rappaport** (srappap1@gmail.com) lives with his wife, Barbara, in Framingham, MA, but says he spends a fair amount of time traveling since he has “three kids in different time zones.” Steven does not plan to retire anytime soon: “I am constantly uplifted by the talented young people I work with. There is no reason to retire.”

Once again, we really want to hear your news. As most of us approach the big 65, we

would especially like to hear from those who have not written to us before! Send updates to your correspondents at the e-mail addresses below, or check out the easy-to-use online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>. **Gayle Yeomans**, gyeomans@gmail.com; and **Linda Germaine**-Miller, LG95@cornell.edu.

72 I hope 2014 is going well for everyone. Thanks to all who responded to our e-mail last fall requesting news. Your correspondent visited Colorado in August and spent a couple of fun days with **Dave Hall** '71 and his wife, Diane. We took a tour of the Coors Brewery in Golden, as well as a drive to the top of Lookout Mountain to see the grave of Buffalo Bill and the museum of memorabilia from BB's life and careers as a scout, buffalo hunter, and master showman. Dave and I were planning some golf, but Dave broke his collarbone in a mountain bike accident.

Peter Howard was awarded the Adirondack Park Invasive Plant Program's (APIPP) achievement award for exemplary agency leadership. Pete received the honor for his role in being an engaged partner for many years in communicating to the New York State Dept. of Transportation the importance of controlling invasives and working in partnership with APIPP. APIPP's director, Hilary Smith, stated that Pete is a champion within the department as he addresses invasive species, promotes education about invasives with displays at rest areas, assists in presenting training on Adirondack invasives for NYDOT, participates in mapping invasives, and is working with residencies to control specific infestations. Congratulations, Pete! **Firoz Shariff**, ME '73 (fk_shariff@yahoo.com) is president of Sierra Hotel Group in Houston, TX, where he lives with spouse Amina. Firoz spends most of his time at work, but would rather be reading, traveling, or volunteering. He would like to hear from **Julie Jordan** '71 and remembers arriving at Cornell as a freshman with one suitcase and a carry bag.

Steve Sestanovich (sestanovich@aol.com) reports by e-mail that his book *Maximalist: America in the World from Truman to Obama* was scheduled to be published by Knopf in February. It's a subject Steve realizes he's been mulling over since History 383 with Prof. Walter LaFeber. Steve is eager to talk about it wherever Cornellians congregate. He was ambassador-at-large to the former Soviet Union in the second Clinton Administration and, more recently, taught at Columbia U. and served as a senior fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations. **Deborah Jager** Hall (Anacortes, WA; D.dhall@frontier.com) wrote a series of self-published, narrative nonfiction children's books (www.bunnybudbooks.com), self-published three novels (Google “Deborah Jager Hall” at www.amazon.com under “books”), and co-founded and serves as executive director of an all-volunteer, nonprofit organization (www.dogsoncall.wix.com/dogsoncall). In addition to this, she says she's always boating in the beautiful Pacific Northwest. When asked what she wishes she had done more (or less) of when she was at Cornell, Deborah replied, “Studied more!” Another author, **Gerry Langler** (Portland, OR; langeler@ovp.com) has a new book, *The Success Matrix: Winning in Business and in Life*, published by Logos Press. “I hope you will find it both a fun and useful read!”

Patrice Kasten Schwartz (trices6@optonline.net) sends us a note from Croton-on-Hudson,

happily saying, “It has been a wonderful, new adventure for me—retirement after 32 years of teaching.” Her daughter Keara recently married and is living not too far away in Park Slope, Brooklyn. Her son's daughter is now 3-1/2, and she has fallen in love again now that she is a grandmother. Patrice decided to reuse the design skills she learned at Cornell and is now working part-time as an interior decorator/consultant. She has not revisited the campus since her son graduated from Cornell in 2000, but plans on making a trip in the near future with one of her former roommates and good friend **Shari Wyner** Narva. **Abby Propis Simms** (Chevy Chase, MD) was named assistant general counsel of the newly created Contempt, Compliance, and Special Litigation Branch in the NLRB's Division of Legal Counsel. She and husband **Gary** celebrated their 41st anniversary with a scuba diving trip to Palau and a sightseeing trip to Japan.

From north of the border, **Alan Alexandroff**, PhD '79 (Toronto, ON; alanintheworld@gmail.com) is director of online research and the Global Summitry Project at the Munk School of Global Affairs at the U. of Toronto. “The Project builds think tank and academic partnerships throughout the G20 in our concerted effort to become a hub, if not *the* hub, of knowledge on global summitry. My older daughter continues in her efforts to become a bona fide astrophysicist. Having majored in the subject at Princeton, she is now pursuing her PhD at Johns Hopkins U. My younger daughter is a rising junior at Washington U. in the Sam Fox School of Architecture, Art, and Design. My wife remains a full professor of medicine in geriatric psychiatry at the U. of Toronto. **Nicholas Seay** (nickseay@yahoo.com) checks in from Charlottesville, VA. “I retired from the practice of law and went in with some guys starting a biotech/stem cell company. We went public last summer. Contemplating next retirement.” He and his wife, **Wendy (Cooper)** '74, moved to Virginia because she wanted to live there. Having visited Charlottesville several times to attend conferences and training at the Army's Judge Advocate General's School, I think Wendy and Nick made an excellent choice.

Diane Rockcastle Wiessinger, MS '78 (dwiessin@baka.com) is a lactation consultant in private practice in Ithaca and a co-author of *La Leche League International's Womanly Art of Breastfeeding*, 8th edition (2010). Diane and her co-authors are now working on “Sleep Sweet: Naptime and Nighttime Strategies for the Breastfeeding Family,” due out in summer 2014. She says that caring for more than a hundred bonsai trees and enjoying “all things bonsai” keeps her husband, **John**, MS '78, happily occupied in retirement. “In recent years, speaking engagements have taken me to many countries, where I've ridden a camel, sampled kangaroo, ‘drunken chicken,’ and haggis, and successfully used a squat toilet.” On that note, I will end this month's column and respectfully request that everyone send news to: **Alex Barna**, ab478@cornell.edu; or **Gary Rubin**, glr34@cornell.edu.

73 We begin our Class Notes with the sad news that another classmate has died. **Louis Stone** died unexpectedly in a tragic accident on Thanksgiving Day, while on vacation with his family in Texas. Louis, who was born and raised in New Haven, CT, still lived there and was the CEO and owner of Chapel Construction, a firm founded in 1926 by his

grandfather, Max Teitleman. He was also a noted philanthropist and corporate leader in New Haven, as well as being an excellent amateur golfer, including acting as captain of the Cornell golf team. All who knew Louis will miss him.

While at Reunion, I stumbled upon a book called *Cayuga's Daughters: 100 Notable Women of Cornell*. In it I discovered one of our classmates, **Carol Mendlesohn**, who went on to co-investigate and executive-produce "CSI: Crime Scene Investigation" and all its other incarnations. Who knew what brains were lurking on our campus! **Shelley Grumet Schimelmann** (Clifton Park, NJ; sgs1951@gmail.com) sent news via the online class notes link at www.alumni.cornell.edu, a very handy way to learn what she and her family are up to. "My husband, **Mark '72**, retired from his medical practice earlier this year, and we have been enjoying retired life together very much. (I retired from the library about three years ago.) We took a trip to Alaska in early summer and have had time to see our kids who live in various places: Boston, Middletown, CT, and Eau Claire, WI. Granddaughter Hazel, who lives in Boston, will be 3 in October and is a joy. I have recently been doing quite a lot of knitting and crocheting—often for Hazel. Of course, I still read and collect books. My house may soon sink under their weight!"

Bill Ritter (Stuart, FL; billritter@hotmail.com), enjoying his third year of retirement, writes that he has found a way to continue to contribute to the practice of internal medicine, without the "onus of the Leviathan state." According to Bill, "I continue to enjoy weekly collaborative sessions with one of my former partners on solving diagnostic and therapeutic problems of some of his patients. I also provide him with a weekly annotated collection of medical articles from my literature review pertinent to his practice." **Jacqueline Mangum** (JAMLawyr@aol.com) continues in her role as the founder of her law firm, located in Beverly Hills. Mangum Law has been specializing in plaintiff's employment law since 1988. **Paul Kross** (Macon, GA; pkross@cox.net) was recently named chief of gynecology at Mercer U. School of Medicine. He also celebrated the arrival of two new grandchildren and gives a thumbs-up to his trip last year to St. John, Virgin Islands. **Clark Lackert** (Cold Spring Harbor, NY) is now an intellectual property partner at the New York office of Reed Smith. He continues to work in areas of trademarks, copyrights, domain names, and related Internet work in the US and internationally.

Thanks to those of you who took the time to return the class news form. Here are some of the abundant news items we received. **David and Christine Dickieson Pesses** of Gloversville, NY, would most like to hear from Hotelie **Frank Morra**. **Thomas Martin** lives in Holden, ME, and went on a medical/dental mission trip to Kenya with Global Villages Ministries. He adds that he had lunch at the Westgate Mall, site of the attack by gunmen last September. His view: "I will have to go back now. If I don't, the bad guys win." **Ann Confino-Tilbury** (Mamaroneck, NY; ajconfino@gmail.com) responded to the question of what she had in her "cart" when she arrived as a freshman with, "A determination and focus to be the best nurse that ever graduated from Cornell."

Peter Greis, ME '74 (peter.greis@TheChristHospital.com) tells us that he is the chief information officer for the Christ Hospital Health Network in Cincinnati, OH. **Paul Witt** reports that his daughter and her boyfriend have moved to Gettysburg and now work in their hotels. Perhaps that

explains his next line: "My retirement plans are beginning to solidify." **Judy Katz** Cates (justice.cates@gmail.com) is a justice in the 5th Judicial District in Swansea, IL, where she lives with her husband, Darrell. She would like to hear from **Patti Englander Henning '74**. Judy adds that she brought a small refrigerator with her when she first came to Cornell. **Peter Starbuck** (peter@starbuckinn.com) runs two businesses in Kent, CT, although he'd rather be working as the chief of staff for the current mayor of Ithaca. Peter arrived with one suitcase and a telescope. **Bill Chamberlain** (chamberlain.bill@gmail.com) and his spouse, Howard Heyman, live in Chicago. Bill is playing George Bernard Shaw in Mark Saltzman's *Mr. Shaw Goes to Hollywood*.

A number of classmates took advantage of summer programs at Cornell. **Judith Hart** took a course entitled Taking Flight: An Introduction to the World of Birds, offered by Scott Haber and Scott Taylor. **Dale Glasser** and **Richard Levaio** participated in Great Trials: Individual Liberty, Privacy, and Religious Freedom, with instructors **Glenn Altschuler, PhD '76**, and **Faust Rossi, JD '60**. **Harold Trinkoff** attended the course Whose Promised Land? The History of the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict, given by Ross Brann. If gardening is your passion, then you'd have joined **Christina Kallas** in Planning Your Own Well-Designed Garden, presented by Irene M. Lekstutis. In the best Cornell tradition, **Roberta Michnick** Golinkoff attended Gorgeous Gorges of the Finger Lakes, led by Warren Allmon. Perhaps **Leslie Silverstein** and **Ken McClane, MFA '76**, picked the mellowest course to take: The Wines Course 2013, "poured out" by **Abby Nash '75**.

Please take a moment and send us an update via e-mail or the online news form. ☒ **Phyllis Haight** Grummon, phg3@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

74 Congratulations to **Judith DiMaio**, dean of the NYIT School of Architecture and Design, who became a Fellow of the American Inst. of Architects, "having made a significant contribution to architecture and society and for having a standard of excellence in the profession." On a sad note, she reports that **Michele Bertomen**, her colleague at NYIT, passed away in July 2013. We are also sad to report that **Phil Terzian** lost his wife of 33 years, Kay, of complications from heart valve replacement. Phil has moved from Cupertino, CA, to Bellingham, WA, and also recently became a grandfather. **James Connor** retired from PricewaterhouseCoopers last June after a 28-year career. He is now a full-time mathematics teacher at Bishop O'Connell High School and is looking forward to getting married in March.

Elliot Miller (Hewlett, NY) and wife Francine, displaced from their home for four months by Hurricane Sandy, are still rebuilding. He adds, "I am a sales engineer, selling spray nozzles, pumps, and plastic tanks to the agricultural industry. I also spend time in Florida, playing golf and tennis, and going to the beach." Elliot reports that when he first arrived at Cornell, he brought his portable and electric typewriters, a record player, and a football. He would like to hear from **Jonathan Levine '76**. **Richard Dobec** brought his wife and son to Cornell when he first arrived. He now consults in the horse industry at Foye Genetics, and enjoys golf, shooting pool, and watercolor painting. He would enjoy training a world-class, 2-year-old trotting

filly if he had the chance. He would like to hear from Hotelie **Joe Taylor** and his wife, Betty.

Joan Barauskis Lischak recently traveled to Great Britain, where she ran into **Sandy Smith, MS '80**, at the York Minster cathedral in York, England. They had not seen each other since graduation! **Robert Dictor** sends his new address in Windermere, FL, having moved from Ft. Lauderdale to the Orlando area. He has been traveling a lot, including a cruise in Alaska last August. **Ray Kase** has been dreaming of his retirement, planned for June 2017. He has also been traveling: "A family trip to the Kenai Peninsula in Alaska to visit our son Patrick and a trip to Italy in October, where I managed not to gain any weight." Ray would like to hear from **Willis Bradley**.

Robert Morgan is chief medical officer for the State of New Jersey—"It's a 24/7 job! However, I am about to transition back to the private world as a senior executive and medical director at New Jersey's largest nonprofit healthcare provider organization." **Andy Rosenberg** was named chairman of the anesthesia department at the NYU Medical Center. Andy is not alone at the top at NYU. He joins his AEP fraternity brother **Joe Zuckerman**, who is chairman of the orthopedics department. Andy's wife, **Maris (Dobrow) '76**, is acting chairman of the developmental pediatrics department at Jacobi Hospital in the Bronx.

Nancy Geiselmann Hamill is a magisterial district judge in Lancaster County, PA. She enjoys taking care of her home and staying in shape with skiing, spin classes, Pilates, and yoga. She also went on a Canadian Maritime Provinces cruise with **Susan Schindewolf** Hirschmann '73 and had a great time. Nancy adds, "For the last three or four months I have been helping to mobilize citizens to voice their opinion on a very important local topic." Being one of the first to stand up and speak at meetings, she says, encourages others to do so. Nancy remembers bringing her skis, skates, and boots to Cornell as a freshman, as well as, among other things, a nice pair of bell-bottom jeans, a radio, a peasant blouse, a book of Shakespeare plays, and a toaster oven. She would like to hear from **Cheryl Thomas '76**.

My daughter, **Nicola Kronstadt '14**, enjoyed a terrific semester at the Cornell in Washington program. She studied Shakespeare, immigration issues, and healthcare on Indian reservations, and interned at Georgetown U. Medical School in its outreach program. As part of the D.C. program, Nicola also met Justice **Ruth Bader Ginsburg '54**, had a guided tour of the National Gallery, and went paddle boarding on the Potomac, not to mention wandering in Dumbarton Oaks and enjoying Georgetown's cafes. Nicola graduates this May from the Arts college. Now we have to wait for our 11-month-old granddaughter, Caroline, to aspire to being a Cornellian. ☒ **Helen Bendix**, hbendix@verizon.net; **Betsy Moore**, emoore@cazenovia.edu; **Jack J. Wind**, jjw@mwlawfirm.com.

75 In just one short year, we'll be back in Ithaca celebrating our 40th Reunion, reveling with old friends and soaking in the ambiance of all things Cornell. Many of our class officers will be organizing mini-reunions in the upcoming months, and we urge you all to join in these festivities to mark the four decades since our graduation. Several groups of classmates have already held their own gatherings in advance of the June 2015 Reunion event. In early September, Delta Gamma sisters

from the classes of 1970 through 1976 gathered for a special four-day reunion in Chicago. **Diane Kopleman VerSchure '74** organized the event, featuring hospitality by local DGs, sightseeing tours, a night at Second City, visits to the art museum and Frank Lloyd Wright house, sampling Chicago cuisine from Lake Shore to the West Side, and, of course, sharing news and fond stories of days on campus. Traveling from as far away as Calgary, AB, and Miami, FL, were **Maria Mickewicz Lewis**, **Laurie Musick Wright**, **Joan Pease**, **Mary Berens '74**, **Stefanie Sokol Beck '74**, and **Carol Monro Selig '74**, joined by several DGs who live in Chicago, including **Elyse Byron**, **Marianne Curd Oliva**, **Diane Baker '76**, **Christine DePaolo Baumbach '74**, **Laverne Rolle Saunders '74**, and **Linda Cushman '71**.

More than 90 members of Delta Upsilon fraternity attended a special celebration at Cornell's Homecoming in September. Among the attendees were many classmates, including **Mark and Christine "Ting" Magill Kamon** (who, with **Joe Pierce**, **Scott Keenum '76**, **Kevin Bruns '79**, and **Bill Totten '73** coordinated the committee that organized the event), **Jim** and **Lorna Thul** (whose son Garrett has just been signed with the Philadelphia Wings professional lacrosse team), **Jim Seeley**, JD '79, and **Beth Wright-Seely '76**, **Mark** and **Kim Dewey**, **Ben Peyton**, **Jack Brewster**, **Steve Bigalow**, **Dale Porter**, **Luciano Rossi**, **Bill Hoffman** (who recently retired from USEPA after 37 years), **John** and **Leslie Hudson Halloran**, **Rick Miller**, and **Joan Pease**. What a fabulous weekend of sharing Cornell memories, watching a Cornell football win (although a very rainy one), and enjoying the company of friends that we see all too infrequently.

Several of our classmates are settled in upstate New York. **Frederick Johnson**, MBA '77 (fsj.consult@gmail.com) and his wife, **Jennifer (Schroeder)**, MBA '79, own Johnson Estate Wines in Westfield, where grapes are grown and their wines are bottled in the Chateau tradition. Fred also enjoys flying small airplanes and Skyping with his children, who work and study in Spain and China. Fred recalls fondly his arrival on campus with an old Oriental carpet, golf clubs, a Morris chair, and assorted blazers . . . ready for anything that his new lifestyle at Cornell might bring. He would love to hear from **Cliff Taubes**, currently at Harvard. **Julie Ann Racino** (Rome, NY; jar329@cornell.edu) is president and principal of Community and Policy Studies, a scientific and educational company that she started. She has recently published three articles for the *PA Times*, has a forthcoming book entitled *Public Administration and Disability*, and is becoming social media-savvy. Having worked in most of the US, Julie would like to travel throughout the world, especially to Czechoslovakia and Great Britain. She would like to touch base with **Christine Treemarcki Sarch**, whom she met in Boldt Hall on West Campus and lived with at Phillips House on North Campus. **Dave Bornholdt** (Naples, NY; dpbornholdt@gmail.com) retired in 2013 and has been happy spending his time fishing, hiking, bicycling, and swimming in upstate New York. Dave has undertaken the major project of converting his seasonal cottage at the south end of Canandaigua Lake into a year-round residence where he currently lives. Reflecting upon his days on the Hill, Dave's thoughts turned to the 1941 Chrysler Royal that he brought to campus. He would love to hear from **Pete Carney**.

Thomas Stockdale (Wooster, OH; tomstockdale@discoverfirsnational.com) works as an agricultural banker at a local community bank. He also

serves as the Agricultural Fair board director, plays drums for a square dance band, and "watches crops mature," while waiting to hear from Cornell friend **Stan Gross**. Work has also kept **Eliot Schuman** (ems@ddw-law.com) busy, as he attends to his law practice, specializing in personal injury and commercial litigation. His children have followed in

net) journeyed from her home to Portugal, where she taught oil and pastel painting workshops. An artist and teacher, she received her BFA at Cornell and further training in illustration at the Academy of Art College in San Francisco. Aline's oil and pastel paintings have been accepted in the national juried shows of the American Impressionist

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his footsteps, with son **Paul '17** currently studying in ILR, while his daughter, **Rachael '13**, who lives in NYC, is an ILR graduate. Eliot's free time is spent as a public address announcer for his local high school football team, serving on the ILR AA board, and keeping in touch with his freshman roommate **Ray Solomon**. As the countdown to her retirement begins, **Deborah Whipple Degan**, MAT '76 (deb@thewoolerynh.com) is making plans to sell her Wilton, NH, yarn shop next year. After owning the business for 13 years, Deb is ready for a change and is looking forward to working with the Wilton Lions Club, singing with the Monadnock Chorus, and spending more time with husband **Michael '70**, BS '76, her four children, and two grandchildren.

Despite his official retirement, **Noel Kemm** (Salem, NJ; noel.kemm2@verizon.net) fills his days with a myriad of activities ranging from volunteering at the Salem County Humane Society to playing trumpet with the Salem American Legion Band and Diamond State Community Band, and from gardening to painting his house. He's also traveled to visit his son, Capt. **Matt Kemm '03**, a doctor stationed at the US Army Hospital, Ft. Lewis-McCord AFB, Tacoma, WA. Noel would love to hear from classmate **Jan Miller**. Congratulations to **Jose Gelabert-Navia**, BArch '75, MFA '78, who has been appointed regional director for Latin America with the architectural firm of Perkins+Will, expanding the firm's international portfolio. With both a bachelor's and master's degree in Architecture from Cornell, Jose has designed in Brazil, Chile, Columbia, and Mexico, while previously serving as managing director of their Miami office. He will now lead the firm in designing museums, academic buildings, corporate offices, and residential buildings. Jose is also a professor of architecture and former dean of the school of architecture at the U. of Miami.

Many of our classmates report having traveled near and far during the past year. **Joseph DiGiorgio** (joedigiorgio@verizon.net) and wife Donna live in Devon, PA, where he practices law. He enjoyed a recent trip to Italy after intensifying his study of the Italian language. Joe invites Cornell friend **Gladstone Cooper** and others to be in touch with him. **Reinhard Werthner** (reinhardw5101@gmail.com) and wife Marie have also traveled internationally. Their American travels have presented opportunities to enjoy hiking and golf at Acadia National Park, Bar Harbor, ME, and Lenox, MA, as well as the beaches and restaurants near their Naples, FL, home. Reinhard would love to hear from **Christian Windfuhr '74** and **Lynn Spence Newton**, with whom he's lost touch. **Aline Ordman**, BFA '75 (White River Junction, VT; aordman@sover

Society and the Pastel Society of America and were recognized with numerous awards. I've had an opportunity to view some of her works on her website (www.alineordman.com) and have found many that I would love to add to my own collection.

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

76 As I prepare these notes, the holidays and New Year's are just around the corner. The news on hand is a bit sparse, so I encourage our classmates to send in their updates. I would first like to share the wonderful news of the arrival of a first granddaughter for my old roomie and co-correspondent **Pat Relf Hanavan**. Welcome to little Hilda Plum! Born in October, parents Louise Hanavan and Silas Magee were superstars, and Aunt Emily caught her. Pat writes that she is a ginger like her dad and has long graceful fingers like Louise. Congratulations to grandparents Pat and **Bill**. Still hard for me to think of us youngsters as grandparents!

Steven Kratzer, PhD '84, writes from Annapolis, MD. He is a research staff member at the IDA Center for Computing Sciences (for 26 years). Steven enjoys volunteering at a historic house and at the local hospital. **Janet Tompkins Rydell** lives in Los Alamitos, CA, and has been with Toyota Motor Sales and Toyota Financial Services a combined 30 years as of April 2014. She enjoys exploring Northern California—the wineries, rivers, and trails. Her son is at Sonoma State U., which is right in the middle of the Napa, Sonoma, and Russian River wineries. Janet would love to hear from classmate **Sheryl Goldstein**, with whom she shared many good times at Cornell.

After decades of experience with aluminum structures, **John "Randy" Kissell** is a central figure in the industry as he teaches, writes, collaborates, and consults his way across the continent. Randy now resides in North Carolina. In his down time, he enjoys spending time with his wife, Fran. They teach dancing at the U. of North Carolina, specializing in the Carolina Shag. They also enjoy spending time outdoors with their rescued pit bull, Angel. **Martha Frucht Rives** has been named New Hampshire Art Educator of the Year by the New Hampshire Art Educator's Association. Martha has been an art educator at Souhegan High School for 21 years, and was president of NHAEA

for four years. Martha credits her Cornell experience as having a big impact on her desire to become a teacher.

Karen Welling writes, "I majored in psychology at Cornell and am proud to be one of the charter members of the women's gymnastics team. I got my Master of Social Work from Boston U. and have been working in the field for 30 years. Studying and performing music is a big part of my life. I have also been expanding my work with artists and athletes who are wrestling with issues of creative blocks and/or performance anxiety." Karen recently volunteered at the Boston Triathlon to help anxious swimmers calm before the race. "This is important, not just for performance, but for safety." **Anthony Abeykoon, MPD '76**, works as a senior fellow at the Inst. for Health Policy in Sri Lanka after retiring from 38 years of public service. He has two grandchildren, a daughter who lives in New Jersey, and a son who got his MBA at Wharton and now works in Sri Lanka. Anthony has served the governments of Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, and Vietnam in the population policy and strategy planning areas.

This past year **Dan** and **Kathy Jones Brammell '77** had the pleasure of seeing two of their daughters, Karen and Kristen, married. "At both beautiful weddings, we had the opportunity to share

happy times with other Cornellians: **Mark 'Size Dewey '75** and his wife, Kim, **Beth Wright-Seeley** and husband **Jim 'Salt' Seeley '75**, JD '79, **Mark Clement '74**, MPS '77, and fiancée Wendy, **Joe 'Craw' Pierce '75**, **Bill Totten '73**, and **Jack Brewster '75** and wife Deb. Looking forward to many more happy events to share!" ☒ **Karen Krinsky Sussman**, Krinsk54@gmail.com; **Pat Relf** Relf@tds.net; **Lisa Diamant**, Ljdiamant@verizon.net.

77 Thanks to all who provided news! I've heard that everyone should try something different every once in a while, whether it be a new career path, learning something new, or traveling to new places. Apparently many of our classmates have heard the same thing and given it a whirl.

Martin Oppenheimer (moppen27@gmail.com) left his position as senior counsel at Tufts U. after nine years and became general counsel at the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York City. Martin lives in Morningside Heights during the week and returns home to Newton, MA, on the weekends. Martin reports that he has become a "passionate cyclist," and many early mornings you can find him "doing laps around Central Park." If you

know Martin and have been out of touch for a while, he'd like to hear from you. Another attorney, **Henry Morgenbesser** (henrymorgenbesser@gmail.com or morgenbesser@kmexeccomp.com), recently took an entrepreneurial leap and started his own law firm, Katzke & Morgenbesser. This new boutique firm focuses on executive compensation matters. Yet another attorney decided it was time for a change. **Mark Underberg**, JD '81 (maunderberg@gmail.com) left a 30-year corporate practice at Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison to return to Cornell as the Distinguished Practitioner in Residence at Cornell Law School. Mark taught two seminars: Advising Boards of Directors and Corporate Governance in Practice. He and his wife, Diane, rented a house on the lake and were able to see their son **James '13** for Sunday dinners. Mark is now back in NYC, still lecturing at Cornell Law School and NYU Law School and consulting with boards of directors on corporate governance matters.

In Ithaca, **Fred Barken**, MS '77 (fbarken@gmail.com) and wife **Marlene (Weiss) '78** are enjoying the entrepreneurial exploits of their daughter **Joanna '05** (Hotel). Joanna has started a social media-based online business (thebach.com) that provides unique bachelorette party ideas and helps with planning. **John Gammel**, PhD '80 (jgammelrocks@gmail.com) reports that in addition to his work at Silicon Labs, he has become interested in real estate and home renovation. **Susan Wieggers** (susan.wieggers@tuhs.temple.edu) recently became senior associate dean of faculty affairs at Temple U. Hospital, where she is responsible for a variety of issues, including faculty development. Susan spends a substantial amount of her time in clinical cardiology, especially echocardiography (cardiac ultrasound). She regularly gets together with her Cornell roommates **Barbara Siegel Richardson** and **Susan Peltz**.

Cynthia Leder (CRLNYC@aol.com) has been studying French and visiting France. She spent a month near Nice, studying at the Institut de Français. Her son, **David Glekel '13**, also has the travel bug and is teaching English in Kobe, Japan. **Mark Mayrsohn** has recently traveled to Hong Kong, Chile, and New Orleans, as well as Ithaca. Mark asks, "Mike Wald—how are you doing?" **Mark Gibian** (mark@MarkGibian.com) has been trekking in Guatemala, where he saw **Kevin Johnston** and **Peter Gerakaris '03**. He reports that he trekked 45 miles through "bajos" to El Miridot, which is a future eco-tourism site with the largest pyramid in the world. When he's not trekking, Mark keeps busy "building, constructing, maintaining, designing, walking, running, plumbing, sculpting, monoprinting, and playing with and keeping the scruffy new puppy, Alice, in shape." Plus, Mark works on the old farmhouse, the new farmhouse, and the "mega-lithic stone wall." Whew!

Of course, there's nothing wrong with continuing to do what you have

New Tricks

Audrey Hendler '79

As a child, dog-lover Audrey Hendler had to forgo owning a puppy due to a brother with allergies. But in her newest occupation, she's making up for lost canine time.

In 2010, the former economics major founded A Fair Shake for Youth, a nonprofit that uses therapy dogs to help at-risk residents of New York City build self-esteem, empathy, and other life skills.

The idea grew out of her previous volunteer work with a program in which prison inmates work with dogs. "I was amazed by the impact the dogs have on them," says Hendler, a former marketing professional who holds an MBA from the University of Michigan. "We saw unconditional love, the inmates being responsible for someone other than themselves, being good at something, being a leader. So I wondered, Why are we waiting until somebody's grown up and serving ten or twenty years in prison to bring this power to them?"

A Fair Shake works with schools and other organizations in low-income neighborhoods to target youth aged ten to twenty. Several teams, consisting of an animal and one of the organization's thirty volunteers, regularly visit groups of a dozen kids over the course of about three months. The children learn about relationship building, positive reinforcement, patience, and communication as they practice teaching the dogs to obey basic commands; they also discuss related issues, such as shelters and animal rescue. "A lot of our curriculum resonates with the kids," says Hendler, who has two dogs of her own, a Lab and a border collie mix. "Many of our dogs are rescues, and the kids can relate to the challenges they've had."

Having brought A Fair Shake to more than 350 children since its inception, Hendler hopes to expand the program to more schools in New York and beyond. Among her favorite success stories: one boy who confronted a friend about a case of animal cruelty, and another who was inspired to find an internship with a vet's office. "Dogs are non-judgmental," Hendler says. "They don't care what you're wearing or what your grades are. They're honest and have no hidden agenda, and that makes it safe for kids to be who they are."

— Olivia Hall, PhD '12



been doing, especially if, like **Joan Holcombe** Prior (meymajoan@gmail.com), there's nothing different that you'd rather be doing. Joan spends her time visiting and playing with her grandchildren, reading, walking, and growing organic vegetables and herbs. **Paul Farnsworth** (farns4@yahoo.com) is still at an 80-attorney law firm in Rochester, NY, where he has been for almost 20 years. Paul is now the executive director for Woods Oviatt Gilman LLP and also serves as the president of the board for the Association of Legal Administrators. Although she says she'd rather be writing the great American novel, **Kathleen Murphy** (k_murphy55@yahoo.com) continues her urologic surgical practice and reports that it takes up most of her time. The rest of the time she visits her sons **Brendan Bruno '13**, **Sean Bruno '11**, and **JB (Tufts '09)**. Kathleen would like to hear from **Carol Lind Rattray '78**.

Mark Petracca (mark.p.petracca@gmail.com) and wife **Terry (Schuster) '76** spent ten weeks this summer in Cape Cod and reported "lots of visits from the kids." Mark keeps on working, cooking, and fishing, but reports that he'd really rather just be fishing. In sports, **Robert Slocum** (RSSL12053@yahoo.com) is the president of the Dryden Softball League, as well as an officer of the Kiwanis Club of Dryden, NY. He is a season ticket holder of the Buffalo Bills and enjoys seeing their games. Robert is also the treasurer of the Cornell Alumni Association of the Ithaca Area. Robert reports that he has been spending time with his significant other, Dottie, and would like to hear from **Chuck Samul**. **Stephen Pietropaoli** writes that he is the COO of the Navy Mutual Aid Association in Arlington, VA. David Bresnahan, son of John and **Judy Zimbalist** Bresnahan, MBA '82, was one of the many talented high school students who attended the 2013 Cornell Summer College Program.

Thanks again to those who shared their news with us. For those of you who haven't written lately, your class correspondents would love to hear from you. You can send news via e-mail, snail mail, the Class of 1979 website (<http://classof79.alumni.cornell.edu/>), or through the online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>. ☒ **Annette Mulee**, annette@mulee.com; and **Howie Eisen**, heisen@drexelmed.edu.

78 Thirty-six years ago, he was cavorting on the Cornell quads alongside us. Today he is a dean at our alma mater! **Gary Koretzky** has been named dean of the Graduate School of Medical Sciences and senior associate dean for research at Weill Cornell School of Medicine. An internationally renowned expert in immunology, Gary's research has improved understanding of the development and function of immune system cells. He moved to Weill Cornell from Penn, where his positions included vice chair for research, chief scientific officer, and associate director of the MD-PhD program. His research on T lymphocytes holds promise for the development of drugs that could alter immune functions and has broad implications for cancer autoimmune diseases and other conditions characterized by overactive immune responses. Gary is a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. He is also a past president of the American Society for Clinical Investigation and a member of the Inst. of Medicine. The author of more than 200 articles, reviews,

book chapters, and editorials, Gary is currently editor-in-chief of *Immunological Reviews*.

Max Rothschild, PhD '78, Curtiss Distinguished Professor in Agriculture at Iowa State, recently finished serving 20 years as coordinator of the US Pig Genome Coordination Program, supported by the National Research Support Program. In this position, he was instrumental in facilitating the international effort that sequenced the swine genome. Max is also co-chair of Iowa State's Global Food Security Consortium, which brings an interdisciplinary, comprehensive, and innovative approach to world hunger and poverty through focused research in five major areas: germplasm and seed systems; climate-resilient healthy crops; climate-resilient healthy animals; post-harvest and utilization; and policies, regulations, and trade.

When not working at the *Architectural Record*, **Clifford Pearson** helps run a nonprofit think tank called Asia Design Forum, which has held a series of events around Asia. He also enjoys writing, eating, traveling—and eating some more! **Walter Milani** moved from managing the 42nd Street production of *Lady Day* starring Dee Dee Bridgewater to managing the 2014 National Tour of *Man of La Mancha*. He encourages everyone to look for it in a city near you . . . and be sure to say hello! In their effort to preserve our natural resources, **Bella Siauw** and her husband have been building an "eco house" in England as their new home. It has a timber frame and a roof made of photovoltaic cells and sedum and is insulated with compact straw. Once they are settled in, Bella looks forward to traveling the world. She would like to hear from **Anna Wu** and **Linda Mealey**.

David and **Janice Levine's** son Benjamin was one of the many talented high school students who attended the 2013 Cornell Summer College Program. Summer College offers high school students who have completed their sophomore, junior, or senior year and have the academic ability, maturity, and intellectual curiosity, the opportunity to undertake college-level work. To learn more, visit <http://www.summercollege.cornell.edu>. Keep us up to date on what's happening with you and yours. You can post on our class Facebook or LinkedIn pages, or if you're more "old school," e-mail one of us at the following addresses. ☒ **Ilene Shub** Lefland, ilefland@snet.net; **Cindy Fuller**, cindy@cindylfuller.com.

79 By the time you read this column, our 35th Reunion will be right around the corner. Do you remember when Emerson, Lake, and Palmer sang,

"Welcome back my friends to the show that never ends"? That sums up what reunion is all about, so we've adopted it as our theme! In fact, we'll hear this song—and many other pieces that were played at concerts during our Cornell years—at our Friday dinner in Barton Hall. Saturday's dinner will have a slightly different flavor, when we gather inside Schoellkopf Stadium. Thursday night we'll dine in a newer building, the Human Ecology Commons, overlooking Beebe Lake, while playing 1979 Trivia Pursuit. Class headquarters and housing will be in one of the new West Campus residences, Carl Becker House. Registration will be online through the spring, with various scheduling options and a way to request dorm room types too. Keep in touch with reunion plans by following Twitter (@CU1979Reunion) and at <http://classof79.alumni.cornell.edu>.

Your class officers hope that you are all looking forward to returning to Ithaca to see old friends and make new memories. It doesn't take a Cornell degree to know reunions are a lot more fun when old friends return. You can make that happen by inviting your classmates. We know from past reunions that many Cornellians organize around their college days affinity groups. At our last reunion, using Affinity Group Leaders (AGL) to reach out to group members significantly increased attendance, so we're using AGL networking again and **Kevin Bruns** and **Mary Wilensky** Kahn need your help. Would you consider being an AGL and inviting your classmates to reunion? We only ask AGLs to do three things, which should take only a few hours of your time: 1) confirm that the list of members (which we provide) is correct; 2) send a postcard or e-mail to members (we provide postcards, stamps, mailing labels, and e-mail addresses); and 3) send an e-postcard in April. Again, we provide e-mail addresses, and the simple how-to for Cornell e-cards. Don't worry—you won't be asked to do any fundraising. Our goal is 50 AGLs inviting members from Affinity Groups representing about two-thirds of all classmates. With your help we can set a new record for participation at our 35th!

Jeff Weiss, our class president, writes that he can't wait to gather with all his classmates this spring for reunion. To help "warm up," the class had a pre-reunion dinner in Boston on January 18 in association with the annual Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC) meeting. This fall, we gathered at the home of **Brad** and **Mary Maxon Grainger**, MPS '87, at Homecoming to welcome new freshmen, at Trustee-Council Weekend, and before the hockey game at Madison Square Garden. Yes, we are busy sharing "hugs" with one another. If you haven't joined us recently, or wish to



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plan a gathering, please let us know! Jeff speaks for all of the class officers when he reiterates, "Can't wait to see all of you in June!" To get in the reunion mood, consider joining us for a Pre-Reunion Cocktail Party on March 6, 2014 at the home of **Cindy Green** in New York City. Contact **Janet Rubin** (jarubin@comcast.net) for the details if you would like to attend. If you are in the Washington, DC, area, another Pre-Reunion Cocktail Party will be hosted by **Deb Waterman** Johns and **Chuck Wiebe** in early April. Contact Deb (deb@dogbunny.com) for more information.

In other news, our congratulations go out to **Dan Mansoor**, MBA '80, who won the \$20,000 first prize in the Council for Smaller Enterprise (COSE) Pitch Competition this past fall. Dan created GiveNext, an online dashboard that helps donors keep track of their annual giving. GiveNext benefits both donors and nonprofits by maximizing donor retention rates and lowering fundraising costs by reducing spending on postage for repeat mailings. Dan lives in Shaker Heights, OH, and is also the founder of GoodWorks, a nonprofit and philanthropy consulting organization. Another entrepreneur, **Margaret Raskopf** Dodd (Aurora, IL; Margaret@scdware.com), is a self-employed nature and portrait photographer. She is also thrilled to have a new grandson, born in April 2013, to her youngest son.

Judi Krell Freedman (hijudi50@comcast.net) retired after 30 years in global communications with Campbell Soup Co. Setting out on her own new adventure in April 2013, she has embarked upon a new communications consulting career by forming JudiBoomerGirl Communications LLC, which works with clients that include AARP. Her blog, aboomerslifeafter50.com, was recognized as a 2013 Webby Award Honoree in the personal blog category. The Huffington Post also named the blog one of their seven favorites for women over 50. Judy invites classmates to visit her blog or read her work on the Huffington Post Huff Po 50. Also working solo, **Richard Hoyt** has a law practice in Walden, NY, where he lives with his wife, Annette. He also runs a crop and dairy heifer farm with his younger brother, **Mark '84**.

Elizabeth Rakov Igleheart (iglehear@mailbox.sc.edu) and husband Bill enjoy walking around Charleston and playing golf in Elgin, SC. At work Liz is busy writing grants at the U. of North Carolina. She would love to hear from her old friend **Cindy Hahn**. Clayton, NC, is home to **Sharon Rowe** Freeman (Sharon_Freeman@ncsu.edu) and husband Terry. Sharon is working in academia as a part-time research/extension associate at North Carolina State U. in the Dept. of Animal Science. In addition, she is involved in church activities (including mission trips that allow her to enjoy her passion for travel) and with TeamRWB.org, a group that supports veterans. Sharon puts a high priority on fitness and is training for a beginner triathlon. She would love to reconnect with classmate **Caroline Fiske** Owens.

Dennis Conway (bansheewail2001@aol.com) is pleased to have a job for life now that he has been granted tenure at Valdosta State U. in Valdosta, GA. Dennis is a mass media instructor and has taught video production classes at Valdosta since 2009. He also won an award for his research paper "Are Incentives from US State Film Offices to Media Productions Worth the Money?" published in the *Journal of Media Education* and presented at the Broadcast Education Association 2013 Conference. In his spare time Dennis enjoys reading and traveling. **Michael McKee**, BS '81 (mikemckee501@gmail.com) and wife Deborah live in Roswell,

NM, where Michael is the vice president and refinery manager for Holly Frontier Navajo Refining Co. LLC. In their spare time, they are busy raising six rescue dogs. Michael also enjoys playing acoustic guitar and teaching himself to play piano, reading political books, and skiing. He would love to hear from **Tina Capers-Hall '80**. **Hiram Frank** (hj@personalizedpower.com) works for Personalized Power Systems. This Boca Raton, FL, firm is one of the largest dealers of natural gas standby generators in the state.

Please continue to keep in touch! You can submit news to us throughout the year at classof79@cornell.edu, or directly at: **Kathy Zappia** Gould, rdgould@comcast.net; **Cynthia Ahlgren** Shea, cynthiashea@hotmail.com; and **Linda Moses**, mosesgurevitch@aol.com. Or use the online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

80 We are working enthusiastically on our 35th Reunion, June 4-7, 2015, and would love to hear your memories and help you reconnect with your Cornell classmates. Reunion co-chairs **Nancy MacIntyre** Hollinshead (nmh37@cornell.edu) and **Jodi Diehl** Nestle (wanda4fun@yahoo.com) welcome your input, so please contact them. Our reunion year also marks the sesquicentennial celebration of Cornell's founding.

Along with many other Big Red hockey fans, our class celebrated at Bowlmor Lanes before the Red Hot Hockey game against Boston U. at Madison Square Garden last November. Although Cornell lost 3-2, the Class of 1980 was well-represented at the game, with more than 20 classmates plus family and friends who demonstrated the special Cornell spirit. **Joe Simon**, who was there and shared his news, is managing director and CFO at Moelis & Co. He has two children at Cornell, **Peter '17** and **Caroline '14**. **Susan Rehm** Gatto, MBA '81, has a son who graduated from Cornell in 2012 and triplets who are sophomores at Boston U. and Princeton. She is already planning to attend our 35th Reunion. Our thanks to **Esther Elkin** Mildner for generously continuing to coordinate the MSG ticket sales for our class.

Jeffrey Lindy (jlindy@LindyLawFirm.com) recently partnered with a colleague to form Lindy & Tauber, a law firm based in Philadelphia, PA. He continues to specialize in federal and state criminal defense work and has been teaching trial advocacy at Drexel Law School. His wife, Nancy, started her own advertising agency, Librett Creative; his son, Isaac, is a senior at Vassar; and his daughter, Olivia, is graduating from Friends Select School. "She's in the midst of college-application-madness!" **Shawn Boyne** (Indianapolis, IN; boyne@uwalumni.com) recently published a book entitled *Guardians of the Law?: The German Prosecution Service*. "The book examines the question of whether or not German prosecutors fulfill their mandate to function as objective decision-makers." Shawn traveled to the Panama Canal over the holidays and has also started to teach mindfulness to law students. **Serena Hu** writes, "After 22 years at UC San Francisco, I decided to make a lateral move to Stanford U., where I am chief of the spine service in the Dept. of Orthopedic Surgery. I try to stay in shape with 10Ks, triathlons, and the rowing machine. My husband, John Lenox, is busy with his stained glass business. Son Shaw is a sophomore in high school, and daughter Graham is a seventh grader."

Steven Benjamin, ME '81, MBA '82 (Saratoga, CA; steve@stromiga.com) works in commercial real estate in Silicon Valley and Western Canada. He writes, "The big news is that our daughter **Megan '10** was married on September 21, 2013 at Calistoga Ranch in the Napa Valley. One of the honored guests was "Uncle Mike" **Mike Rolband**, ME '81, MBA '82, who I went to Cornell with to do the three-degree program. Even though Megan's husband Michael is a Princeton '10 grad, we still love him (as long as their hockey team loses to the Big Red)!" Another proud parent, **Terri Ann Lowenthal** (terriann2K@aol.com) was excited about the upcoming wedding of her daughter **Joelle Milton '11**.

Pamela O'Brien Kimmet will be the 2014 recipient of the ILR school's Judge William B. Groat Award on March 27, 2014 at the annual Groat and Alpern Awards ceremony held at the Pierre Hotel in Manhattan. Pamela is senior VP, human resources for Coca-Cola Enterprises and has served as a member of the Advisory Board for ILR's Center for Advanced Human Resources Study, on the ILR Advisory Council, and as chair of the board for the National Business Group on Health. **Mark Eisenberg** was honored with the Jewish General Hospital Award for Excellence in Clinical Research for his work in cardiology and cardiovascular epidemiology at the hospital's general meeting on September 18, 2013. The award recognizes researchers who have made unique and significant contributions to patient treatment and care through their clinical research. Mark was also elected to fellowship in the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences, which is one of the highest honors in the Canadian health services community.

Robert Manfred, COO of Major League Baseball, participated in a panel entitled "MLS & NHL: An Inside Look at Contract Negotiations in Professional Sports" with Dean Harry Katz and **Gary Bettman '74**, commissioner of the National Hockey League, on December 4, 2013 at MLB headquarters in Manhattan. **Jim Bittner**, president and general manager of Singer Farms, and **Margo Sue (Randall)**, president of the Winery at Marjim Manor, co-hosted a special wine-tasting and dinner on November 5, 2013 at the Cornell Club that was so popular, it sold out. Both family businesses are located in Appleton, NY, near Niagara Falls, and managed by Jim and Margo, who met as Cornell undergraduates.

Please continue to send us your news and to attend Cornell events as our class prepares for our 35th Reunion. **Leona Barsky**, Leonabarsky@aol.com; **Dik Saalfeld**, rfs25@cornell.edu; **Dana Jerrard**, dej24@cornell.edu; **Cynthia Addonizio-Bianco**, caa28@cornell.edu.

81 As I write, we are enjoying the Southern California winter weather. Our kids Tyler, a high school senior, and Caroline, a freshman, are in the midst of the usual Show Choir performances. This is also the waiting period for us at the Adams household—for the results of the college applications submitted by our son! He hopes to end up on the East Coast. Our Seal Beach café, Bogart's Coffee House, is busy during the holidays with all the tourists heading to the beach. We love it when friends visit us, so make sure you let us know when you are in Southern California! This summer I heard from **Kathy Philbin** Lashoto. She transitioned from the job she's had at CB RE for seven years to take a great new position overseeing the properties for TJX, the

corporation that owns T.J. Maxx, Marshalls, and Home Goods. Congratulations, Kathy! **Lisa Kremer Ullmann** tells us that, even though Cornell lost the first-ever Kelly-Harkness Trophy (3-2) to Boston U., the Thanksgiving weekend game at Madison Square Garden was very exciting, and fun was had by all. The Class '81 seating block had 85 Class of '81ers, plus their families and friends.

From Lagos, Nigeria, **Delle Jambo** reports, "I am a Hotelier turned realtor, and am enjoying making residential and commercial properties available for the teeming masses of new settlers in Lagos. Unfortunately, I am also a widower, as my wife passed away in February 2010. Prior to this, I established Paradiso Club, Chicken George Fast Foods Outlets, and the Rodeo Shopping Mall. I have been busy with my new business, Martin Jambo Ventures, created with the aim of developing a city center into a tourist center, with residential areas, shopping malls, and a thriving media center showcasing the diverse cultures of uptown Lagos." In his spare time Delle plays lawn tennis and golf. **Polly Wong Chu**, ME '82, took early retirement from AT&T Labs in 2004, and now devotes her time to taking care of the family and volunteering with the local Cornell Club and other organizations. Polly writes, "After the summer, I started to serve as president of the Cornell Club of Monmouth and Ocean Counties of New Jersey. I organized a tailgate party, a charity walk, and a speaker program in October." Son Dennis works as an aerospace engineer with Lockheed Martin, and son **Kevin '15** is a junior at Cornell majoring in Communication with a minor in Design and Environmental Analysis. Last summer Polly, husband Steve, and the family went on a week-long Alaskan cruise with her brother's family.

Janet Pennisi proudly shares that her twins, Alex and Sara Jacobs, each won the 14-and-under boy/girl singles at the Reis Tennis Center November Challenger at Cornell! **Arthur Falkson '92** was the director of the event. **Lori Balton** writes from Venice, CA, that, as a location scout for feature films, she recently had the pleasure of meeting Wilhelm Sack, general manager of the impeccable Horned Dorset Primavera hotel, while scouting in Rincon, Puerto Rico. She was honored to be invited to join the designer branch of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, as the first location professional to be admitted! **Julio Caro** spends time with his family and riding his motorcycle. Recently he has been helping his daughter with her college applications. Hopefully, another Cornell grad! **Barbara Ann White** Shaffer (Palmyra, VA) enjoys the lake community and outdoors of Lake Monticello. She serves as volunteer coordinator for Fluvanna County Meals on Wheels and on the education committee of Ashlawn Opera Guild. She likes spending time with her children and grandchildren.

Joanne Patten Bugher writes from Newark, DE, that she would love to hear from any of those great friends who lived with her in the Transfer Center! **Jeffrey R. Kaplan**, a veterinarian in Brookline, MA, enjoys helping out many sick cats! He also spends a lot of time going to his children's activities. He would like to hear from **Mark Ramsey '82** and **Mark Kim '82**. **Andrea Inguaggiato** Lousarian (Falmouth, MA) works as a realtor on Cape Cod and spends her spare time golfing and with her family. **Marshall Watson** writes from Texas Tech U., where he serves as department chair in petroleum engineering. He is proud to say that his is the fastest growing department at the university. He would like to hear from **Brian Buck** and **Joe Susnak**. **Jim Kent** (Winchester, VA) is on leave from work, taking care of his wife, who is ill. They

are enjoying quality time together. He would like to hear from **Mike Danzi** and **Lisa Seigle** Byrnes.

Anita Lichtblau writes, "In October I joined the Boston law firm of Casner & Edwards as a partner in the nonprofit practice group, after spending 15 years as general counsel of Action for Boston Community Development and executive director of Community Action Program Legal Services. Our son **Jacob '15** looks forward to studying abroad in Buenos Aires next semester. Son Noah is working in finance in New York City. My husband, Rick Brunell, enjoyed taking my brother, **Eric Lichtblau '87**, a Yankees fan, to see the Red Sox win the

golfer—outdriving him by 40 yards! **Liz Dibs** Dole, DVM '86 (blklabvet@aol.com) has a new address in Virginia. "Last October, we moved to Orange, VA, near Charlottesville, and are really loving our new home and the area. We are looking forward to milder winters than we had in Syracuse! I have taken a new job—a joint appointment with the Animal Product Safety Service division of the ASPCA and Merck Animal Health. I am working from home for the first time ever and loving it! Please contact me for a visit if you are in the area. We have plenty of room at our farm!"

Keep sending us your news. It's always in-

‘Bruce Putterman and Teri Bayer completed their ten-year tour of all 30 MLB ballparks.’

Doug Skalka '82

World Series at Fenway Park. We would love to hear from you, so please write! Send your news to: **JoAnn Minsker** Adams, joann@budadams.net; **Barb Amoscato** Sabaitis, beachba@hotmail.com; or **Betsy Silverfine**, bsilverfine@comcast.net. Or use the online news form: <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

teresting to learn about the wide variety of activities and endeavors pursued by our classmates. Hope you all enjoy a wonderful spring. **Doug Skalka**, dskalka@npmlaw.com; **Mark Fernau**, mef29@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

82 Our classmates continue to stay in touch and maintain close friendships. **Bruce Putterman**, MBA '84 (bsputt@comcast.net) writes that he and wife **Teri Bayer** recently completed their ten-year tour of all 30 Major League Baseball ballparks with a game in Toronto with **Dan** and **Beth Dessen Duffy**. Congratulations are in order for an achievement that required a great deal of travel coordination, a love of baseball, and very close friendships. Teri, Bruce, Dan, and Beth have already worked on plans to circle back and visit new ballparks in Minneapolis, St. Louis, and Miami.

Ahni Margenau Kruger (art@ahnkruger.com), one of our class's talented artists, writes that she is spending her time teaching and making art. She recently held a solo exhibition at the Hunterdon Art Museum in Clinton, NJ. **Jeff** and **Dori Meeker Wolfe** (Strafford, VT; dori.wolfe@gmail.com) are working to reverse climate disruption and decrease reliance on fossil fuels. Jeff is consulting in the renewable and solar energy fields and serving as the non-executive chairman of the board of groSolar. Dori is consulting as a principal of Wolfe Energy LLC. She has also authored the novel *Only Hope*. **Daniel Wiant** (Exton, PA; hawiantd03@hotmail.com) writes that he has accepted a new position with a bioanalytical research firm as a quality control coordinator/technical writer.

Peer '81 and **Jennifer Shachner** **Munk's** daughter Jacklyn was one of the many talented high school students who attended the 2013 Cornell Summer College Program. After 28 years at Emerson Electric Co., **Earle Weaver**, ME '83, MBA '84 (eweaver@harbourgroup.com) has moved to a private equity firm, Harbour Group, in St. Louis, and is responsible for several of the portfolio groups of companies. Earle says his new hobby is boating at Lake of the Ozarks in central Missouri and that his 15-year-old son is nearly a scratch

83 Hello again, Class of '83! **Jon Felice** here. I am pleased to have the opportunity to write my second column as your class correspondent, and I urge you to become involved in Cornell by sharing your news with us. We and your classmates would love to hear from you, so please take a moment and write in—it only takes a couple of minutes! You can e-mail Barb or me at the addresses at the bottom of the column, or use the online news form at <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>. Additionally, please note that you can access a digital edition of the *Alumni Magazine* at <http://www.cornellalumimagazine-digital.com>. Please get involved, and stay involved! We welcome your participation.

For all of those who made the November 30, 2013 Cornell vs. Boston U. hockey game at Madison Square Garden and pre-game party at Lucy's Royale Cantina, what a great time! Almost 60 of us showed up at Lucy's from our class (along with families) and we had frozen margaritas, quesadillas, guacamole, wings, and sliders to go along with all of the great stories and memories. It's a good thing we only had to roll out of the side door of Lucy's and walk 50 feet to the Garden's entrance. You won't want to miss this next time! Interestingly, as we are in our early fifties, we can still actually recognize faces from the past—and we don't look that bad!

It seems that Summer College at Cornell is becoming VERY popular with our classmates and their kids. I know my son loved it! Last summer's participants included Jamie, son of **Paul '85**, MBA '90, and **Randee Kaplan Fuhrman**; Alissa, daughter of **Paul Julius**; Zahra, daughter of **Abdul-Aziz Malik**; Alison, daughter of **Jill Eimbinder** Melnick; Mariel, daughter of **Amy Apfeldorf** Pressler; and Megan, daughter of **Bobby Tsai**. Megan Tsai hopes to follow in the footsteps of her brothers **Shawn '13** and **Kevin '15**, who is currently attending Cornell. Best of luck to all of you!

More news from our classmates. **Imran Ahmed**, who writes in from Karachi, Pakistan, has worked at Exxon since 1986 and now has a young son named Omar. He says he has picked up new cooking skills recently, and adds that he loved his time at Cornell and all its treasured memories. **Ken Moraff** (Arlington, MA) has written a novel called *It Happened in Wisconsin*, which won the 2013 Amazon Breakthrough Novel Award for general fiction and was published in October. He says the

One is a senior and lacrosse player at Loyola, and the other is a freshman at Furman. **Bill Schiff** has moved his practice to Manhattan Eye and Ear Hospital and is a well-regarded eye surgeon. His wife, **Robin Abrams '86**, and three children live in Larchmont, NY. Their oldest son, **Craig '15**, is a junior at Cornell."

Diane Matyas, MFA '89, writes, "With a son applying/auditioning for college and a daughter auditioning for high school, I am feeling like Mama

'85, BS '84, ME '85, and his son Nic. Michael and his family used to live here in Hollis, but they recently relocated to Ottawa for Michael to become the COO of Intelcan, an aviation and aerospace component manufacturer. I traveled with the family to Maui in February 2013. In June, my husband and I snuck off to Montreal for a four-day weekend for the Montreal Jazz Festival, and in September I took him for his first visit to Nantucket. We biked, beached, and dined our way through four glorious days!"

Lenny Cooper just began work as a senior claims examiner for Markel in NYC. **Catherine Oranchak** (Arlington, MA) reports, "I started a landscape architecture design studio, Catherine Oranchak/Landscape Architect, in 2010—three years and counting!" **Ed Coburn** writes, "This past summer I left Harvard Medical School, where I had run the publishing division for 12 years. I am now chief content officer and lead consultant for the Mequoda Group, which provides consulting and services on digital publishing strategy and planning. I love spending my days now fully immersed in helping companies figure out their multi-platform publishing strategy, and then helping them implement it. It's such an exciting and dynamic period in the industry. My youngest daughter is now in college, freeing up more of my time, which I have devoted to public service since being elected selectman of my town (putting my Government major to good use—thank you, professors Rabkin, Lowy, et al.). Still playing a lot of hockey and watching Big Red hockey whenever I can." Send your news to: **Janet Insardi**, insardij@hotmail.com; or **Catherine "Kitty" Cantwell**, catherinejcantwell@gmail.com. Class website: <http://classof84.alumni.cornell.edu>. Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

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Claire Mullooly Preston '86

book is based on a short story he wrote for a creative writing seminar at Cornell in 1982. Ken is also the director of air and water programs for the EPA's New England office, and adds that his third child will be starting college in 2014. **Abbie Bookbinder** Meyer was at the wedding of **Gail Titus** Ryan's son Chris on September 30, 2013 in Charleston, SC. Other '83ers in attendance included **Linda Moore**, MBA '88, **Jennifer Bell Knapp**, **Tami Bitter** Cook, and **Laura Lange** Anastos. Congratulations to all!

John Loscalzo, BS '86 (ijk2e.loscalzo@gmail.com) writes in from my neighboring town of Manhasset, NY. John is an oncologist and says he loves what he does for a living. He also enjoys running several times a week. He would love to hear from classmate **Amy Mattson** Phelps '87. A special congratulations goes out to the new dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, **Gretchen Ritter**. Dean Gretchen studied Government at Cornell and then obtained her PhD in political science from MIT. She has taught at MIT, Princeton, and Harvard and is a third-generation Cornellian. She has written numerous articles and essays and authored two books, *The Constitution as Social Design: Gender and Civic Membership in the American Constitutional Order and Goldbugs and Greenbacks: The Antimonopoly Tradition and Politics of Finance in America, 1865-1896*. She also co-edited *Democratization in America: A Comparative and Historical Perspective*. We are proud to have one of our outstanding classmates as the new dean of Arts and Sciences! Send your news to: **Jon B. Felice**, jbfelice@jbfelice.com; or **Barb Deane**, barbdeane@barbdeane.com. Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

Rose. Then there is my new position as VP for exhibits and programs at the Staten Island Museum. We are expanding to a historic gold LEED triple landmarked building at Snug Harbor Cultural Center with five fabulous state-of-the-art exhibition halls. SIM is the only remaining general interest (art/science/history) museum in New York City, so I get to work in all areas! It has been a great experience working with the exhibition design team from Ralph Appelbaum Assocs., and doing so reminds me of my days in AAP at Cornell. My dad, **Robert Matyas '51**, BArch '52 (retired Cornell COO), spent Thanksgiving giving me his advice re: in-kind gifts for special facility needs such as LED technology. Knowing how he managed to get Cornell alums to donate and help the university, I wish I had him with me every day! Lastly, my illustrated book *Loss*, a book for grieving children, will start to be promoted in the New Year!"

John Boggan, MS '91, writes, "In November 2012, **Dan Speck** and I celebrated 30 years together, having met as undergraduates at Cornell. We were legally married in Washington, DC, in 2010. In May 2013 we appeared on an episode of the HGTV show 'Bang For Your Buck.' Our home renovation project was one of three that were featured in the D.C. area (and ours won!)." **Lee Bender** reports that he has seen a lot of Cornellians recently—"at the Cornell-Penn football game in November, at Thanksgiving, and at Red Hot Hockey at MSG, including **Larry Lazar**, **Matt and Laura Weiner Siegal '85**, **Charles Oppenheim**, **Tom Allon**, and **Felise Milan**. I've also been promoting and speaking about my book, *Pressing Israel: Media Bias Exposed From A-Z*. My wife and I enjoy visiting Ithaca to see our son **Justin '15**, a fourth-generation Cornellian, who is having the time of his life on the Hill." Lee is also scholarship chairman of the Cornell Club of Greater Philadelphia.

Dave Bett, MFA '84, is design director at Columbia Records and won a 2012 Grammy for Art Direction of Best Boxed/Special Limited Edition Package for Bruce Springsteen's "The Promise: The Darkness on the Edge of Town Story"! **Terri Port** writes from Hollis, NH. "Last September, I joined Ciena Corp. as a strategic alliance manager. Fortunately this new position requires far less travel than my old job, so I can be home much more. I spend a lot of my free time driving to and from—and cheering (loudly) from the sidelines of—my son Harry's lacrosse tournaments. At a recent tournament we bumped into **Michael Lang**

85 By this time most of us have turned the big 5-0. My big celebration was back in October. I had a grand old *Great Gatsby*-style party with bubbly and dancing, as well as a "Watson Adventure" at the Metropolitan Museum of Art on Fifth Avenue. For those who don't know, a Watson Adventure is a scavenger hunt at the location of your choice, and it is a lot of fun. I am sorry to say that my "Cornell" team came in third, behind our kids and my other friends who were initially a tad insulted by the handpicking of the teams—but not so much after they beat us! This party was followed shortly thereafter, in November, by my dearest friend **Ellen Baum** Rabinowitz's gourmet cooking class up in Rhode Island with **Laura Weiner Siegal**.

Marc Gillman writes in from South Florida that he is involved in "flipping houses." He spends his after-hours playing golf and tennis and traveling. This past August, he climbed Mt. Kilimanjaro. Marc remembers his days back in U-Hall 2 freshman year, as well as time spent on Libe Slope. Also from the Sunshine State, **Steve "Walt" Garrison** writes that he is coaching girls' lacrosse for high school and travel club teams. **Sarah Palmer** (Durham, NC) is teaching gifted students at Cameron Park Elementary School in Hillsborough, NC, helping them learn how to use their gifts in service of the world. Recently, she traveled to India with North Carolina educators to study the education system, technology, sustainable food systems, and culture. In her free time Sarah enjoys gardening.

Jill Shultz lives in Binghamton, NY, and has published her debut novel, *Angel on the Ropes*.

84 **Ellen Strauss** Friedman and **Joanne Restivo** Jensen are busy planning our 30th Reunion, June 5-8, but Joanne managed to send in news about some of our classmates. "**Mark Miller** has joined Blackrock. He is also very active in POTS, an organization that feeds the homeless in the Bronx. Mark's son will be attending Cornell in the fall and playing lacrosse. **Tim Donahoe** joined Deutsche Bank. He lives in White Plains, NY, with his wife and two children. **Lynn Scattareggia** Duffy has a successful executive coaching and training consulting business. She and her husband, John, live in North Carolina, and their two sons are in college.

Jill describes this book as a science fiction novel with a Cirque de Soleil vibe. It features a dazzling trapeze artist who leads a perilous double life. Her secrets—and her choices—might save the planet or ruin it. Sounds like fun, Jill! Also upstate, **David Votycka** writes in from Wayland, NY, that he runs Springwater Ag Products specializing in pesticides/seeds. David spends his time farming and taking care of his son Austin, a senior in high school. Two of our classmates had kids at Cornell this summer. Both **Nanette Cocco**'s daughter Gabriela and **Debra Heller** Hand's daughter Lindsay attended the 2013 Cornell Summer College Program.

Lastly, I just checked my Facebook page and see that we have two proud Cornell dads whose kids just found out about their early decision acceptances at Cornell. Alyssa Drexler, daughter of **Steven Drexler**, and Shea Belsky, son of **Alan Belsky**, will be members of the Class of 2018. Go Red!

Write in and let us know about your holidays, vacations, promotions, children, setbacks, disappointments, and, of course, successes. We care; we share. It is holiday season in New York as I write this column, and the weather has been less than pleasant. I'm looking forward to the Christmas week in the sun with my brother **Philip Zwiebel '87** and his family. Send news to: [RoberaZwiebel Farhi, rfahiesq@aol.com](mailto:RoberaZwiebelFarhi@fahiesq@aol.com); [Joyce Zelkowitz Cornett, cornett0667@comcast.net](mailto:JoyceZelkowitz@cornett.comcast.net); or [Risa Mish, rmm22@cornell.edu](mailto:RisaMish@cornell.edu).

86 Many of our classmates are writing in with professional updates and about the next chapters in their professional lives. **Susan Kaye** Rosenbach is back in school getting a master's in health coaching with a concentration in nutrition. She reports it is a very exciting field and she looks forward to helping people transform their lives. When she sent in her news, Susan was sitting in the Statler Hotel preparing for her son's visit to Cornell. "This is my last child home and soon we will have an empty nest." **Jan Bernstein** Chargin is the director of public information for Gavilan College in Gilroy, CA. She adds, "I am very active in the community issue of homelessness and was recently named to the board of directors for Destination:Home. I am the board chair for the nonprofit Gilroy Compassion Center and serve on the Gilroy Homeless Outreach Task Force."

Lecia Cushing Whitlock is the director of student services and a training instructor for the National Personal Training Inst. in Boston. She is also the owner of inffit, a personal training company in Waltham, MA. **Claire Mullooly** Preston recently launched a business and website, www.CollegeintheBag.com, "assisting students with the college application process, which continues to become more confusing and overwhelming." She adds, "Cornell was my dream school and I try to help kids find their own 'Cornell' experience." Claire's son graduated from Villanova and is working in finance, and her daughter is a junior at Elon U. in North Carolina and loving her experience there.

Last fall, **Paul Reed** (Apalachin, NY) became a licensed pastor for the United Methodist Church and is now pastoring a small rural church in Pennsylvania. He is also still a high school biology teacher. He writes, "We have a small farm and raise our own livestock for food (lamb, pork, chicken, turkey) and also have a large garden that provides most of our food during the growing months. Our oldest daughter is at SUNY Albany pursuing a

master's in special ed and literacy, our younger daughter is a second-year student at Misericordia U. studying occupational therapy, and our foster daughter is a first-year student at SUNY Brockport pursuing a degree in economics/business." **Robert Leahy, PhD '86**, retired from teaching at Stetson U. in Florida in 2012, after more than 20 years. He has since started a company, Authentic Educating LLC (<http://www.authenticeducating.com>), and published a book, *Authentic Educating* (Rowan & Littlefield, 2010), "based on my 40 years of teaching and my PhD from Cornell." Robert's two novels are available at Amazon.com. **Mary Metcalfe** Hall announced the release of her first novel, *Amblerly*, also on sale at Amazon, which she describes as a thrilling love story. Check out her website and blog at www.maryelizabethhall.com.

Emily Sawers Berlinghof is selling real estate in Chicago's northern suburbs, but would rather be "sailing in the Caribbean." **Stephanie Robinson** writes that she spent ten days in Maui in July 2013 with friends, snorkeling and enjoying the fabulous hospitality of Hawaii. She also had the thrill of performing at Carnegie Hall in New York City with the Sweet Adelines Int'l barbershop chorus Harmony Celebration. **Marc Turner**, ME '88, notes that his daughter Sebby represented the US Optimist sailing team at an international regatta in China. The sailing regattas of his children have taken the family around the US and Canada. "We also spent a week sailing in the British Virgin Islands with another family on a 47-ft. cat (highly recommended!)." In 2010 Marc purchased Career Concepts Staffing Services, an employment services firm. "We have grown and now have five locations in northwest Pennsylvania."

Wendy Behm and her family enjoyed a trip to the Grand Tetons and Yellowstone last summer, and she enjoys fox hunting when she is back home in Leesburg, VA. **John Ware**, ME '87, watched the America's Cup races from under the Golden Gate Bridge and completed a pedestrian bridge design for the City of Berkeley, CA. **Evan Blum** enjoyed a trip to Paris and London, as well as the bar mitzvah of his son Cory, which was attended by many Cornellians including **Ed Decker**, **Mitch Lubin '85** and wife **Jill Marans '85**, **Steve** and **Pamela Davis Wells '92**, and **Elise Berger '88**, MD '92.

While many of our classmates attended the Cornell vs. BU hockey game in NYC, **Martha Peterson** Gonzalez gets special recognition for traveling the greatest distance, coming in from Sakhalin, an island north of Japan in Eastern Russia, where she and her husband live. Martha's daughter **Eva '16** is in the Hotel school, and son **Frank '14** is a Physics major in the Arts college. Martha was one of the student managers for the varsity football team back in our day. Her kids have kept the family tradition of Cornell extracurriculars as Eva is a member of the Cornell Chorus and works as a water girl for the football team. Son Frank is a member of the marching band, pep band, and jazz band.

Finally, I called **Bob Corning**, an old housemate from 218 Delaware Street, for news. He told me that he and his wife, **Lauren (Jensen)**, **Cara Noferi**, and **Brian** and **Margaret Moore Harris** all got together for dinner at their home outside Boston and ended up staying up until 3 a.m. telling stories of living in Collegetown. I stopped by the house during Homecoming weekend and it is exactly the same as in 1985-86. Keep sending news. [Michael Wagner, michaelwagner@wowway.com](mailto:michaelwagner@wowway.com); [Holly Isdale, isdale@mac.com](mailto:isdale@mac.com). Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

87 **Lenny Bardfeld** writes that last fall he and wife Penny dropped off oldest son **Jake '17** for his freshman year in the College of Engineering. Jake is living in High Rise 5. The Bardfelds met up with **Annette Lee** and her family at the Souvlaki House when Annette was in Ithaca dropping off her son **James '17**, now a freshman in the Arts college. Other classmates will have children matriculating at Cornell soon: **Bob** and **Lindsay Liotta Forness '84**'s son Brian was accepted early decision, as was **Jeffrey Cohen** and **Shari Brasner**'s daughter, Samantha, and **Charlie** and **Deb Muller**'s son, Matt. Congratulations, everyone!

Sadly, we report news of the death of our classmate **Roy Greenberg**, who passed away in December at his home outside Cleveland, OH. Roy, an Ithaca native and member of the great freshman-year gang in Founders Hall, was a well-respected surgeon at the Cleveland Clinic who specialized in vascular/aortic aneurysm repair. I personally remember him as a gentle and good-natured guy who spent most of freshman year in a full body cast due to spinal surgery. Fellow Ithacan and "Founderite" **John Sievers '86**, ME '87, wrote, "We spent many long nights playing Dungeons and Dragons together, along with many other games like Cosmic Encounter and Dune. It turns out that Roy became a brilliant surgeon and held over 50 patents after our days together at Cornell. No wonder he always knew every little rule and could use his knowledge to repeatedly pull victory from the jaws of defeat." Roy leaves his wife, Dr. Alicia Fanning, and two children, Zachary and Lucas, his sister **Jane '88**, MPS '96, and his parents, **Donald '55**, BCE '58, PhD '68, and **Iris Marcus Greenberg '58**, MST '64, who are still in Ithaca.

Chris Meyer (Los Gatos, CA) reports that after three years as EVP, enterprise business development at INXPO, an online event content distribution and communications platform, he returned to George P. Johnson Experience Marketing (GPJ) as CEO. Based out of the company's Silicon Valley office, he leads a team of more than 1,200 employees who provide strategic and creative services to clients including IBM, P&G, Toyota, and Under Armour. Chris and his wife, **Tracey (Tyll) '88**, have two children in high school and are also hosting a Swedish exchange student. Chris writes that the three teens keep them young, with non-stop sports and travel. "We have managed to cram in some fantastic family adventures lately like ziplining in the redwoods, surfing lessons in Santa Cruz, and a visit to a Hollywood set." **Andie Newman**, DVM '91, married to Robin Roberts, reports that she did small-animal practice from 1991 to 2002, then took an interest in public health and got a master's in public health at Emory U. in 2004. "I spent two years with the CDC Epidemic Intelligence Service (in Ithaca West—Madison, WI) before accepting a job at the New York State Dept. of Health. I am currently the state public health veterinarian." **Liz Wilson** Ruvo writes that she recently joined the sales team at Prominent Properties, Sotheby's Int'l Realty in Montclair, NJ. Congratulations, Liz!

Kenny and **Kara Vanneman Klein '89** send the great news that daughter Elizabeth was recently accepted early decision to the Class of 2018, which will make her a fifth-generation Cornellian! Her late great-grandfather was the esteemed **William B. Vanneman '31**, in whose honor an award is given every January at the Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC) to recognize long-term exemplary service to the university and to individual classes.

Kenny writes, "We actually found the '31 Class Notes that Bill had written for the *Alumni Magazine* right after Lizzie was born. Of course he wrote about the potential for her to be a Cornellian!"

Lastly, a report on the vacation saga of **Wendy Anderson-Brachfeld**, **Betsy Troutt**, and **Sue Kizer** Petroulas. In August, these three intrepid ladies, accompanied by a subset of five of their six collective children, embarked on "CU in SD," aka "U-Hall 5, 30 years later" trip. The eight of them rented a van and drove through South Dakota visiting Mt. Rushmore, Wind Cave National Park, the Crazy Horse Monument, the Badlands, and the Corn Palace. Writes Wendy, "Being in South Dakota, we were constantly without phone service. We would drive the giant van through a town and one of the kids would say, 'I have five bars!' and all the phones would frantically come out to call home. A similar experience whenever we found wi-fi—everyone checked e-mail and Facebook. The three of us laughed as if it were just yesterday that we left Cornell. That was the best part for me."

That's it for now. Send your news via e-mail to: **Heidi Heasley Ford**, hfh6@cornell.edu; **Liz Brown**, etb29@cornell.edu; or **Whitney Weinstein** Goodman, wwg5@cornell.edu. Or use the online news form: <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

88 Like our time at Cornell, some things in life are short but sweet. This column falls into that category, since few updates were received from our classmates this time around. However, the news that did come in spans three continents! Here's what's new in the Class of 1988, starting out with a development in Africa.

Renée Phelps Valach has been working at Bongolo Hospital in Gabon in central Africa since 2007, practicing internal medicine and pediatrics. "We see a lot of problems like tuberculosis, AIDS, and malaria," she writes. In Vienna, Austria, **Peri Lynne Johnson** has been serving as the director and legal advisor of the office of legal affairs of the IAEA—the United Nations nuclear watchdog, since 2001. She writes, "It has been a whirlwind, transitioning from more general international legal issues faced by the UN to nuclear issues, including safety issues such as support in the aftermath of the Fukushima nuclear accident and non-proliferation and safeguards issues with Iran and Syria. It has been exciting to say the least. During this same period, I was featured in *Lawyers at Work* by Clare Cosslett (Chapter 7, on international law), and last fall my article on the legal framework for nuclear

safety post-Fukushima was published in the *Nuclear Law Bulletin* of the OECD's Nuclear Energy Agency. Son Bernard is finishing his last year of high school at the American Int'l School. Life is good!"

Veterinarian **Adam Sniderman** lives in Englewood, NJ, and works at Adams Animal Care. "Still skiing and fixin' critters," he writes. "When I'm good at this I won't have to practice anymore!" Adam adds, "Hiking Slide Mountain is a life-saving activity!" **Victoria May**, who lives in Maplewood, NJ, writes, "After 14 years in the J.P. Morgan asset management global fixed income group, I recently moved to the global multi-asset group in the firm's asset management solutions business, where I work with institutional clients. My kids are growing up. Son Chris, 15, is a competitive tennis player in the high school and USTA arena. Daughter Jamie, 11, prefers to be on the stage." It seems that Victoria has been inspired by her son's tennis exploits. She's picked up tennis as well and has also become a tennis fan.

We continue to receive news about budding second-generation Cornellians. Rachel Pester, daughter of **David** and **Gail Leopold Pester**, Olivia Foster, daughter of **Jodie** and **Bradley Foster**, MD '92, and Joshua Kurisko, son of **Mark** and **Anita Mattedi Kurisko**, ME '89, all took advantage of Cornell's Summer College program in 2013. This program for high school students is now more than 50 years old and offers three- and six-week academic programs for talented sophomores, juniors, and seniors from around the world. And, one of the best parts, credits for coursework can generally be applied toward an undergraduate degree at Cornell (or another school). With summer coming up, now is a great time to look into this if you have high school-aged children. That's it for now. Please send your latest and greatest news to your class correspondents. **Brad Mehl**, bradmehl@gmail.com; **Andréa Meadow** Danziger, alm46@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

89 Can you believe we will be celebrating our 25th Reunion this year? Our reunion chairs **Erika Ange**, **Carol Borack** Copenhaver, and **Debbie Schaffel** are hard at work planning our best reunion to date. We hope you will join us June 5-8 in Ithaca! Information will be arriving soon.

Now, on to the news. **Jordan Yeager**, a partner and chair of the environmental and public sector practice group at the law firm Curtin & Heefner LLP, was the recipient of the 2013 Florence Neilson Environmental Leadership Award. The award, given by Clean Water Action, was presented in October in Philadelphia. Jordan represents local governments, community groups, environmental organizations, and citizens in land use, zoning, and environmental matters and has been recognized as a "Super Lawyer" in land use and zoning law. He is also chair of the Bucks County Bar Association's Appellate Practice Section. **Jamie Masella III** shares some wonderful news: his family welcomed the arrival of their third child, James, on October 9, 2013. James joins big sisters Alex, 5, and Cate, 3, who adore him. Jamie also changed jobs—a week after James was born—and is now a partner at Patterson Belknap Webb & Tyler in NYC.

Douglas Girgenti has been involved with clinical vaccines research in the pharmaceutical industry. He is an avid runner and soccer enthusiast and is parenting three teenage boys, plus playing classic rock guitar when he can. **Janet**

Schiff Gallent and her husband, **Greg '90**, have been enjoying their kids Stephanie, 11, Julia, 9, and Daniel, 3. Janet works full-time as the senior vice president of strategic and primary research at NBC Universal, where she is responsible for conducting consumer research. She fondly remembers starting Cornell with "no cell phone (certainly NOT a smartphone) and an Apple IIe computer with no Internet, wi-fi connection, or printer."

Stacy Jentis Levinson is working as an optometrist. She and her husband, Dan, have been touring colleges with their son and watching their daughter dance and play lacrosse. Stacy is enjoying warmer weather than Ithaca's down in Charlotte, NC. **Ted Shafer** and wife Rita really enjoy the stunning weather of La Jolla, CA. They love swimming, biking, and surfing with their 8-year-old triplets, Zachary, Zander, and Katherine. Ted says that all he brought to Cornell 25 years ago was "one suitcase of clothes. That was it!" Ted is vice president of business development at Macquarie Equipment Finance in San Diego. **Lei Yuan '89**, MArch '04, sends news from the San Francisco Bay Area. She has been appointed as a commissioner for the Environmental Commission in the City of Los Altos, and also ran her first full marathon: the 10th Nike Women's Marathon!

News from **Josh Futterman** came via the online news form. He writes, "After two years of hard work, the new college applicant assessment company I founded (and also run) is about to launch. Unlike traditional standardized tests, ISVS is live-interview driven and qualitative, rather than quantitative. We expect it to become a new standard in international student admissions." More info is available at www.skillverification.net. Josh goes on to say that he moved to Singapore two and a half years ago to attend the NYU@NUS LLM program in global business law. "I was the old man of the program, so it was quite an experience being a student but also practically co-teaching some of the classes." Josh still lives in Singapore and says that, shortly after he arrived, he met the love of his life and they are making wedding plans for 2014.

Ed Clary, ME '90, is still a captain at Southwest Airlines and recently moved his family from Tucson, AZ, to the suburb of Oro Valley, where they now have room for visitors, "especially for our snowbound friends during late winter." While they were visiting Cabo San Lucas, they ran into classmate **Matt Berta** and his family. **Naomi English** lives in St. Paul, MN, and is still a practicing RN. The hospital where she works earned the prestigious Magnet Hospital award several years ago. In late 2013, Naomi spent nearly three weeks in the Haifa area of Israel visiting her daughter. "She has made aliyah and will soon serve in the Israeli Navy. We visited Tel Meggido, Caesarea, and the souks in Jerusalem. We also went up to the Hula Valley for some great birding. Wonderful trip!"

Jinny VanDeusen is now working in the alumni office at College of the Holy Cross. She regularly gets together with **Elise Billings** Hamann, **Mickey Kamfjord**, and **Emily Farnham** Mastrianni and their combined ten kids. The three oldest are seniors in high school and in the midst of "the college thing," and the youngest is in seventh grade. Jinny adds that the reunion weekends at Holy Cross overlap with Cornell's, so it will be a challenge making it back to Ithaca for our 25th; however, "I'm planning on hitting town in time for Saturday night's festivities!" **David Scher** moved to North Bethesda, MD, and has traveled a lot in the past year—to California, Las Vegas, Boston, and Florida. "I am a principal with the



Employment Law Group and have been with this firm since 2007. I represent whistleblowers and fight government fraud, such as Medicare and military contracts fraud."

Renee Cyr Lasko has been volunteering as the market manager of the Putnam Saturday Farmers' Market for the past year and a half. "During this time we've gone from having sporadic attendance and lots of open vendor spaces to regularly having over 200 customers attend (over 300 during peak season) and having weeks when all our vendor spaces are full. I'm looking forward to bringing in some new vendors next season, in addition to finding ways to fit more in!" Last November, Renee was re-elected to be a selectman for the town of Putnam, CT. "For those not familiar with New England government, the Board of Selectmen is essentially the same as a town or city council."

Chris Pavone shared this: "It took a while to get around to writing a novel, but my first, *The Expats*, was an international bestseller when it was published in 2012. My second, *The Accident*, hits stores in March 2014, and I'll once again be touring the US and Europe to promote it." Another author, **Deirdre Newman** (taleoftwocities@mail.com), tells us, "I'm currently splitting time between San Francisco and Orange County. After a heart procedure, I created a philanthropic website called Deirdre's Hearts (www.deirdrehearts.org/), which I hope to transform into a nonprofit soon. If anyone has created their own nonprofit, I'd love to hear about it. I published my first book in August, *The Life Story of Dr. Jack Miller and His Creation of The Phoenix Project*. I am also in the process of becoming a yoga teacher."

Several of our classmates had their children participate in Cornell's Summer College 2013. The list included: **Robert Pirani**, MRP '89's son Sam; **Robert and Emily Papowitz Rauch**, MPS '96's son Jacob; and **Ling Li**, BArch '89's son Alexander Cheng. For more information about the program, visit www.summercollege.cornell.edu.

Well, that's all for this column. We are always in need of news, so please keep sending us updates about yourself and other classmates you keep in touch with. It's easy to do: fill out a news form and mail it back, check out the questions at the online news form (<http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>), or e-mail any of your correspondents. Hope to see you at reunion in June! ☐ **Stephanie Bloom** Avidon, savidon1@hotmail.com; **Anne Czaplinski** Treadwell Bliss, ac98@cornell.edu; **Kimberly Levine** Graham, KAL20@cornell.edu; **Lauren Flato** Labovitz, lflato@att.net.

90 We start off this column with congrats to **Nat Wasserstein**, who proudly proclaimed on the Cornell Class of 1990 Facebook page: "Super awesome and most excellent news—my daughter Clara will be going to Cornell this year. Class of 2018. Booyah!" Nat's wife, **Melissa (Pittel) '88**, is director of the program for inherited metabolic diseases at Mount Sinai Hospital and a clinical geneticist. They both completed the 2013 NYC Marathon. Son Ben is a tall freshman in high school. Nat writes, "He is a good three to four inches taller than me. He pats me on the head and calls me 'little man.'" If Ben keeps growing, he can become a Big Red basketball star. **Debra Helfand** and **Jonah Klein** are also keeping active. Debra completed her first half-marathon in May, and Jonah enjoys triathlons and entered a Tough Mudder obstacle course

challenge for charity. When not working out, Jonah is director of human resources for Calvin Klein, and Debra is executive managing editor for the publishing company Farrar, Straus, and Giroux. Their future Cornellian is 9-year-old Sebastian.

The Cornell Summer College Program (www.summercollege.cornell.edu) is a popular and productive way for children of classmates to spend their long vacation. Lindsay Finn (daughter of **Thomas and Deborah Pinsley Finn**), Alexander Cheng (son of **Ling Li '89**, BArch '89, and **Angus Cheng**, MArch '90), Chelsea Richardson (daughter of Thomas and **Laura Calvert Richardson**), and Trevor Wright (son of **Allen '87** and **Stacy Strassberg Wright**) were among the bright high school students who spent last summer in Ithaca taking some of Cornell's challenging accelerated courses. Trevor's older brother, **Jared '16**, is currently a sophomore on the Hill.

In response to the news form question about what we brought to Cornell as freshmen, **Lisa Baylor David** (Lafayette, LA) said, "An electronic IBM typewriter." She and her husband, **Bob '89**, have two children: Kate, 12, who keeps busy with soccer, basketball, volleyball, and track; and golfer Beau, 15. Lisa finally caught up **Liz Chiao**, MD '98, when their families got together in Houston in December 2012. **Lisa Lilienfeld** and her husband, Larry, were promoted to full professors in clinical psychology at Argosy U. They live in Washington, DC, with their three children. Also in the D.C. area is **Jason Baltimore**. After more than 22 years of active-duty service in the US Navy, Jason retired in September 2012 and is the general counsel for the Architect of the Capitol (AOC), the builder and steward of the nation's landmarks including the US Capitol, the buildings of the Senate, House, and the Supreme Court, and the Library of Congress.

Although not a Hotelier by degree, I can say it is definitely fun to be one by profession. Cornell alum **Jen Tsai '02**, who was visiting Japan from NYC joined me at a special event dinner prepared by Iron Chef Chen Kenichi. I also hosted a Backstreet Boys VIP fan event, held after their October concerts in Kobe, although I would have gladly traded with **Rob Bogart** for a chance to sing "So Lonely" with the Police. A man of many talents, Rob's diverse credentials also include a stint with Chicago's Second City. His current project is Launchpad College, which was named Washington, DC's "Hottest Showcase Start-Up" in the 1776 Challenge Cup by Tech Cocktail. To help them get an early start on their career path, Launchpad College conducts workshops for high school and college students to assess their talents and skills and find the college and major that is best suited to their needs.

Another Cornell Renaissance man is **Mark Tanouye**, a former geologist for the State of Hawaii. While playing bass for Manoa DNA on their "Hot Hawaiian Tour," Mark had a chance to visit the areas of northeastern Japan that are still struggling to recover from the devastating earthquake and tsunami. Last December, I finally met fellow Art-sie **Keizo Tsutsui** at a Cornell Hotel Society (Tokyo) event at the Grand Hyatt. He reminisced about taking a class with Carl Sagan as an Astrophysics major. Keizo travels all over the world in his current position as NEXT Co. Ltd.'s managing officer of overseas business and venture investment. A number of MPS '90ers were in attendance, including my CAAAN Japan co-chair **Kavin Bloomer**, Cornell Hotel Society Kansai chapter president **Kenichi Kiriyaama**, MPS '90, and **Yoshikazu "Tony" Higashi**, MPS '90. To close the festive event, Higashi-san, who will be hosting the 20th annual regional meeting for

the Cornell Hotel Society Asia-Pacific in Okinawa from June 26-29, led the singing of the Alma Mater with his iPhone.

Many thanks to Cornell spouse Maria Bartelme Glick for sending the news form to update us on her husband, **Tom Glick**, who was recently in NYC to visit his family. Currently COO of Manchester City Football Club, Tom hosted classmates **Dan Schildge**, ME '91, and **Louis Gimbel** at Yankee Stadium when his team played Chelsea in a friendly match last May. He currently has his hands full with the launch of NYC FC, co-owned by Manchester City FC and the New York Yankees. The team is scheduled to make its MLS debut in 2015. Speaking of which, believe it or not, our 25th Reunion is a little over a year away. As it coincides with Cornell's 150th anniversary, it is definitely not to be missed, so save June 4-7, 2015 for the big party! Our reunion chairs are always looking for classmates who are willing to serve on the planning committee, or as an affinity group chairperson. Please "like" the Cornell Class of 1990 Facebook page (<http://www.facebook.com/Cornell90>) to keep up with campus happenings and Reunion 2015 news. ☐ **Rose Tanasugarn**, nt28@cornell.edu; **Kelly Roberson**, kroberson@lightswitch.net; **Amy Wang** Manning, aw233@cornell.edu.

91 As we look forward to spring and new beginnings, it seems only fitting that we start this column with a birth announcement. Congratulations to **Richard "Andy" Hammer** and his wife, Lynn, on the birth of their baby boy, Truman Andrew! The proud parents live in Montauk, NY, where Andy has a thriving law practice at Biondo & Hammer LLP. Class president **Bob Baca** has been traveling the world in his new role at the US Dept. of Agriculture, where he is working on environmental compliance issues. He was asked to handle international treaty items, which has involved significant international travel, heading back and forth between the US, Switzerland, and Thailand. **Carolyn Richmond** was named co-chair of the labor and employment group at the law firm Fox Rothschild LLP in New York City. She recently had a mini-reunion with **Susan Segalowitz Bernbach**, **Karyn Ginsberg**, **Claudia Novinsky Liff**, and **Karen Rosenberg** Rothenberg '92. Karyn Ginsberg has a thriving pediatric practice on the Upper East Side of Manhattan, while Claudia, who flew in from Cincinnati, OH, for the gathering, has worked at Procter & Gamble since graduation.

Dorine Colabella Scher (Potomac Falls, VA) was married to Michael DiConti on April 28, 2012 and now has three stepsons, all awesome young men. She says that family time with five children is a blast! Dorine was elected to the advisory board of her company, Retriever Medical/Dental Payments, in January 2013. She has served there for five years as a practice management consultant, where she works with doctors to lower costs and decrease billing and accounts receivable. **Carolina Maduro** writes from Honduras, where she is heading a foundation dedicated to improving quality, efficiency, and equity of education. She lives in Tegucigalpa and has six children, four boys and two girls. This past September, she traveled to the Harvard Conference on Teacher Policy. She enjoys crocheting, knitting, and dancing. Reminiscing about her time at Cornell, Carolina wishes she had taken fuller advantage of all that was available for academic improvement and extracurricular activities.

Curtis Ellett, MA '95, writes us from Weymouth, MA, where he is co-founder of Semafores

Inc. (www.semafores.com), a startup developing a mobile application to help families organize and coordinate their healthcare. Started by **Julie Bunn Tittler '94**, the company is creating a suite of mobile tools to help families keep on top of their family's wellness goals, avoid mistakes, and choreograph the steps in the "complex dance" that is family caregiving. Effective January 1, **Jennifer Goldberg Bretan** was elected equity partner at Fenwick & West LLP, a law firm that provides comprehensive legal services to technology and life sciences companies. Jennifer is a member of the firm's securities litigation group, and her practice focuses on securities litigation, regulatory and internal investigations, and enforcement proceedings and white-collar defense. Among other responsibilities, she has conducted internal and board investigations on accounting issues, insider trading, and option granting practices, and has represented companies and individuals in regulatory matters with both the Securities and Exchange Commission and the US Dept. of Justice.

We are also pleased to report that Aaron Walker, son of **David Walker, DVM '91**, and his wife, Amy, attended the Cornell Summer College for high school students. This program offers college level courses and a campus life experience to select high school students who have completed their sophomore, junior, or senior year. Additional details about the program can be found at www.summercollege.cornell.edu. Please keep the updates coming! You can submit class notes at any time by sending us an e-mail or by visiting www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm. **Tom Greenberg**, twg22@cornell.edu; **Wendy Milks** Coburn, wmilks@me.com; or **Charles Wu**, ccwu@mac.com.

92 The book on 2013 has been written, and the stories for 2014 are getting started. Let's take a look at what our class has been up to and enjoy their successes! **Andrew Willett** writes that, after five years of intermittent freelancing for the *New York Times*, he became a staff editor at the paper last October. He is a copy editor on the business desk and admits that he loves his job "to an embarrassing degree." Congrats, Andrew! I wish that we could all be so lucky! Andrew is also working on a fantasy novel set in New York. After years of assembling notes and writing short fiction, the third draft is nearly done, and he intends to shop it around next year. He is still swimming with Team New York Aquatics, an LGBT Masters team that he has been a member of for 20 years. Andrew traveled to Vieques, Puerto Rico, in February, where he spent time lounging at the pool, and also visited with his niece and nephew in Minneapolis in June. He writes, "Both trips were awesome and too short." Congratulations are in order for **Rey Hollingsworth Falu** and his wife, **Nicole Harris-Hollingsworth**, who just celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary. Rey writes that they met at pre-freshman weekend in Ujamaa House and have been together ever since. What an awesome milestone! We wish you joy and happiness for the next 20 years!

Rob Crane tells us that he completed his first Ironman triathlon—Ironman Wisconsin—in 12 hours and 21 minutes and had a blast! **Lisa Nelson Rangel**, who lives in northern New Jersey, writes that things are good and that she is "enjoying life one day at a time." She and her family (which includes two kids in middle school) had a great summer, highlighted by a month-long,

cross-country road trip from New Jersey to Colorado via North Dakota, South Dakota, and Michigan. They experienced much beautiful country and camped for 75 percent of their trip. "It rocked!" says Lisa. She is also happy to report that her resume writing and job search consultancy business, ChameleonResumes.com, is doing very well and was selected as a Top 100 Career Website by Forbes.com. This is definitely a site worth checking out!

Brad Wallace has recently released a unique cooking timer app with an interactive virtual kitchen interface for iOS and Android that was featured in *This Old House* magazine over the winter. It's called the Dirty Kitchen Cooking Timer and can be found at: <http://thedirtykitchen.com>. Brad is also still involved in Web app and graphics work and is always keeping abreast of changes in the industry while learning new technology skills. Check him out at <http://bradwallacedesign.com>. The one thing he wishes he had done more of while at Cornell was visiting the waterfalls. Ditto! **Tracy Kamens Skolnick** is rebranding the wine education company, Grand Cru Classes, that she launched in 2005 with a new website (www.TracyEllenKamens.com). It is now live and definitely worth the surf! As a wine educator, writer, and consultant, Tracy has been presenting on wine and wine education at international conferences, working with wine consortiums, and traveling to a variety of wine regions. Her most recent trips were to Sicily and Bordeaux.

Lisa Burton Radzely writes that she and her husband, Howard, moved to Chicago-land this past summer. She says it's her first time living away from the East Coast, and that she's settling into life in the Midwest. **David Lewis** recently opened a new office in Dubai for the company he founded eight years ago, Pinnacle Performance. Pinnacle Performance delivers high-end communication skills and training in more than 30 countries. David also has a new book, *The Pin Drop Principle*, which is available in stores and through Amazon. Our class notes team received the news that Yousuf Anwer, son of Bushra and **Raashid Anwer**, was one of the many talented high school students who attended the 2013 Cornell Summer College Program. For those who want additional info for their own future Cornellians, check out the Summer College website at <http://www.summercollege.cornell.edu/>. That's all the news for now, folks! Keep it coming! **Lois Duffy** Castellano, LKD2@cornell.edu; **Jean Kintisch**, jmk226@cornell.edu; **Megan Fee** Torrance, mtorrance@torrancelearning.com.

93 Greetings from the Left Coast. We hope you had a wonderful holiday season and that your New Year is off to a great start! I'm **Mia Blackler**, another new co-correspondent for the class. I'm a banking and real estate attorney and a shareholder with Buchalter Nemer in San Francisco. My husband, Mark Inbody, and I are avid weekend warrior cyclists, although these days we're ramping up for ski season in Lake Tahoe.

Here's our coast-to-coast news. Starting in the Bay Area, **Lisa Kay** Solomon is teaching innovation at the MBA program in design strategy in San Francisco. She also recently co-authored *Moments of Impact: How to Design Strategic Conversations that Accelerate Change*, to be published by Simon & Schuster in February 2014. When she's not teaching or writing, Lisa is spending time in Menlo Park with her husband, Glenn, and daughters

Tobey, 10, and Samantha, 8. Speaking of children, the number of future Cornellians just grew by one when **Erica Reiner** welcomed baby Boy Beckett Asher Williams on September 24, 2013. He joins big brother Chase. Mazel tov! More congratulations are in order to **Zachary Green**, who got married this summer to Maria Kim. They are expecting to expand their family in 2014. Zachary is also a world traveler, having visited St. Barths, London, Rome, and Lake Como this past year, and he is still playing the drums in various bands.

Michael Sturman, BS '92, PhD '97, has been named the new director of the Cornell Center for Hospitality Research at the Hotel school! He is also associate dean for faculty development and the Kenneth and Marjorie Blanchard Professor of Human Resources. The dean of the Hotel school, Michael Johnson, explained that our Michael would be overseeing a broader reorganization of the school's centers and institutes to better serve both academics and industry practitioners. He is widely published in HR journals, and his research focuses on the prediction of individual job performance over time and the influence of compensation systems. Please keep your updates coming! **Mia Blackler**, miablackler@yahoo.com; **Melissa Hart Moss**, melimoss@yahoo.com; and **Theresa Flores**, taf6@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

94 We begin with news from California. As I write this column in snowy December, I welcome the chance to think about the Golden State while freezing my mittens off in the Land of Lincoln. And don't forget to mark those 2014 calendars; our 20th Reunion is taking place June 5-8! **Don Patterson**, ME '95 (Irvine, CA) writes, "Our second boy just became a teenager!" He adds, "Although we love Southern California, we're missing the fall at Cornell. Those leaves were amazing! My wife, **Sandra (Lean)**, and I were fondly remembering a certain muffin that was sold at the Hotel school snack bar in the basement of the Statler. They were called bun appetits, but they were really just huge cupcakes without frosting. **Paul De Marcellus** and I used to sneak through the Statler on our way from the Engineering Quad to the Arts Quad in order to grab a muffin and avoid the winter snow and wind." The great details in Don's muffin story remind me that, for the Class of '94, there are thousands of different Cornells that live on in our collective memory. For some reason, I remember the competitive sport of sprinting to the Trillium at lunchtime to save a seat (by tilting a chair against the table) so I could savor the Cajun platter, avec curly fries. Which little rituals do you remember? Your class correspondents would love to hear about them!

More news from California: I just had the pleasure of brunching with my Californian friend **Jason Saculles**, who was visiting Chicago for a couple of days. As the senior manager of marketing at the Cheesecake Factory, he oversees digital media and research. Jason is living in Santa Monica and loving it. **Terry Chi** (Torrance, CA) writes, "I recently left a brand management position at a Korean food company and am currently seeking new marketing opportunities. My husband, John Chiang, is serving out his second term as California State Controller. In 2014, he will be running for California State Treasurer." **Bryan Schwartz** (Alameda, CA), a civil rights employment attorney in the San Francisco Bay Area, writes, "I am representing workers in discrimination, whistle-blower

retaliation, and wage and hour claims.” He adds, “I am very active, not only with the civil rights employment bar, but with my synagogue. I also run a nonprofit dedicated to education about Jewish diversity (www.scatteredamongthenations.com) through writing, photography, and art.”

Jess Mullen-Carey, BArch '95, writes from South Pasadena, CA, “Recently, work with MAKE Architecture, the firm I co-founded, has been included in a show at MOCA alongside Gehry, Morphosis, and Eric Owen Moss, among others, who served as initial inspiration to start a Los Angeles-based practice. More info on the show can be found here: http://www.bustler.net/index.php/event/a_new_sculpturalism_contemporary_architecture_from_southern_california/. Also, we’ve won an LA AIA restaurant design award for our BEER BELLY project in the Koreatown area of Los Angeles.” Jess adds that he and his wife, **Jessica O’Toole**, recently traveled to New York City, where the CW show Jessica works on, *The Carrie Diaries*, films. There they caught up with fellow classmates **Carlo Lamberti** and **Seth Stuhl**. **Tim Van de Water**, MBA '00, and family recently moved from the San Francisco Bay Area to the Houston, TX, area. **Greg Gerstenzang** has also relocated, to Newton Upper Falls, MA. Greg writes, “I have been working as a patent attorney for Lando and Anastasi since I graduated law school in 2007. I am primarily involved in patent prosecution—working with inventors to get patents issued by the US Patent Office. Our son, William, 5, has started kindergarten. Not a whole lot of travel for me recently, although I try to make it to Vegas at least once a year.” **James Headley** writes from Wilmington, DE, with his latest news in work and travel. After spending the first half of 2013 working for Academic Partnerships in the UK, he’s back in the US as the director of partnerships and innovation for Smart Sparrow, an Australian-born adaptive learning company. During his stint in the UK, he not only took the opportunity to travel widely there, but also visited Morocco, Spain, Sweden, and Italy.

Barbara Zanini McGillivray turns our thoughts back to food with her update: “After working many years in hospitality for others, my husband thought it would be fun to do our own thing. As of September 25, our restaurant celebrated its first anniversary! Volcano Hot Stone Grill, located in Gainesville, VA, features vegetables, beef, seafood, pork, chicken, and various wild game, which all finish cooking at your table on individual hot volcanic stones. It turns out that playing with your food is actually quite fun, and it is amazing how much better a meal tastes when every bite is hot.” **Stacey Holmes** Fales is also living in Virginia. She has three children, ages 9, 9, and 11. She writes, “I have recently taken a role as global head of HR operations for APM Terminals. I have responsibility for approximately 22,000 employees across 50-plus countries.”

Lastly, two updates from the Northeast. **Michael Capasso** and wife Bridget live in the NYC area, where Michael is the president of C.A.C. Industries. **Kristen Crockett** Tsamas writes from New Jersey: “Since 2011, I have been volunteering as an end-of-life doula to assist hospice patients in having a more dignified, supported death.” Send news to: **Dika Lam**, dikaweb@yahoo.com; **Dineen Pashoukos** Wasylik, dmp5@cornell.edu; **Jennifer Rabin** Marchant, jar1229@yahoo.com. Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

95 Why, hello there! We meet again, my favorite class of Cornellians, here at the back of our alumni magazine. I had a feeling you would stop by to get a peek at what some of us have been up to recently. Have you missed me as much as I’ve missed you? I hope so, since I can’t wait to see you next year. In fact, I have almost started counting the days. Yes, I suspect this is one of the stranger starts to a class column, but what can I say? It’s been a long winter, and I really am

looking forward to seeing everyone at reunion in June 2015.

Jennifer Anderson, MBA '06, and **Gregory Bellinger** (formerly Balet) '93, MBA '99, ME '00, were married in Seattle, WA, on August 10, 2013, in a “Cornell love story.” Jennifer writes, “We were introduced by mutual friend **Martin Mehalchin**, MBA '99, and found that we had been leading parallel lives, including a combined 13 years on the Hill! **Harlowe “Cork” Hardinge** '53, MBA '54, sponsored our Big Red wedding at the Rainier Club, where there were 30 Cornellians in attendance. The band delighted guests by breaking into an impromptu ‘Give My Regards to Davy.’” In more joyous news, **Joseph Capuano** writes, “My wife, Carlene, and I are happy to announce the birth of our son, Clemente Michael, on November 11. Although he was two weeks early and we actually expected another girl, we are delighted to be able to name him after my deceased father.”

Since 1998, **Aneesh** and **Anna Rosen Dalvi** have been happily settled in Ottawa, ON, and continue to enjoy rural living within Canada’s capital city. The couple has three children, ages 12, 10, and 8, all of whom play hockey (it is Canada after

High Spirits

Rifino Valentine '93

When Rifino Valentine brewed his first batch of beer in industrial-sized trashcans in his Collegetown apartment, he never suspected he’d someday make beverages for a living. Like many economics majors, he followed the well-worn path to Wall Street, leaving his hobby behind.



Today, you can often find Valentine in a T-shirt and shorts, cleaning equipment in his 5,000-square-foot distillery outside Detroit. Since its founding in 2009, Valentine Distilling Co. has grown from a local, boutique operation to one that distributes Michigan-made spirits across six states and Washington, D.C. The company has doubled its production annually, branching out from a single type of vodka to several spirits including gin, whiskey, and an elderflower-flavored vodka dubbed White Blossom. Though the operation now comprises half a dozen employees and two stills, Valentine remains involved in all aspects of production including distilling, distribution, and branding.

After a decade-long stint in New York—which included a self-described “dirty martini kick”—he returned home to Detroit with a mission to build a micro-distillery from the ground up. Expanding on his collegiate hobby, Valentine took a weekend distilling course at Cornell’s Geneva Ag Station that inspired years of work in the lab testing vodka recipes. “It was hundreds, maybe thousands of test batches,” he says. “I’m competitive and a perfectionist, so we kept working until we got it right.” Using a combination of red Michigan wheat, corn, and barley, Valentine crafts his vodka in single batches. He notes that his method has been around for centuries—“but it’s revolutionary nowadays, because no one is doing it anymore. It’s too time-intensive, too costly.” The vodka has won several top honors, including a gold medal at the San Francisco World Spirits Competition. *The Tasting Panel* magazine awarded it ninety-four points, putting it ahead of international brands Belvedere and Ketel One.

With a nod to Detroit’s glory days as a manufacturing capital, Valentine’s spirits bear vintage-style labels; the company’s logo features a classic pin-up girl in fishnets and garters. As he prepares to expand overseas, he hopes his firm’s success will help spur industry in the city and beyond. Says Valentine: “I really want this company to be a symbol of bringing manufacturing back to the United States.”

— Brooke LaPorte '14

all). Anna e-mails, "Using the skills learned in the Cornell Engineering school, I have turned to knitwear design and published two books on lace knitting. The first book, *Shaping Shawls* (2011), uses mathematical concepts to aid designers when creating their own patterns. The second book, *Ancient Egypt in Lace and Color* (2012), explores the symbolic use of color in ancient Egypt and contains patterns inspired by Egyptian mythology." She adds that she recently got her black belt in jujitsu after several years of training. Aneesh is the vice president of applied research at iDirect.

Mai Russell balances her time between work, raising her 3-year-old, and yoga. Plus, she writes, "I just started singing lessons for fun, and also joined Vital Voices, an organization that trains and empowers women around the world to become leaders." **Sumit Mittle** is a cardiologist at Premier Cardiology and lives outside of New York City with his wife, **Reena Shah '96**, BArch '96.

Fawn Boyd-Vigil is using her degree in Atmospheric Science and considers herself lucky to have been working as a meteorologist for almost 15 years. She adds, "I started back to work last year and I love working part-time while still being a full-time mom and spouse. My current job is for a cutting-edge company called StatWeather. I do speaking engagements, help with sales, and continue my work as a meteorologist too. I also recently became a Reiki master and volunteer my energy healing services for friends and family. My daughter is going into third grade this year. She loves owls, art, and swimming." **Kimberly Robinson** is the chair of the government relations practice group at Funk & Bolton PA in Baltimore, MD. She writes, "I provide lobbying and legislative services to clients before the Maryland General Assembly. With more than a decade of government relations experience, it was a pleasure to be honored as one of the top 100 women in Maryland by the *Maryland Daily Record*. This highly regarded list is developed annually by one of Maryland's premier legal and business publications."

Erik Bjerke is a managing director of wealth management at Merrill Lynch in Atlanta, GA, and was recently ranked fifth on the 2013 "Top 100 Wirehouse Advisors" list published on Wealthmanagement.com. He was also named to Barron's Top 1,000 Financial Advisors in 2013. Erik lives in East Cobb with his wife, Tori, and four children, Jordan, Piper, Logan, and Ashton. He is involved with Big Brothers of Atlanta, Hillels of Georgia, Mary Hall Freedom Foundation, United Way, and the Children's Shelter. In an addendum to the news of the birth of his son Dario Nima published last July, **Diego Valderrama** writes that he has been working at Franklin Templeton for about four years and that his wife, **Afra Afsharipour '96**, was granted tenure from UC Davis School of Law. She has been teaching there since 2007. Diego has also been serving on the board of a San Francisco nonprofit, Support for Families of Children with Disabilities, since 2012.

Hopefully you have all had a chance to visit our class blog, www.cornell95faces.com. If not, check it out! It's fun to read the various profiles of our classmates, learn about their current experiences, and discover their favorite recollections of Cornell. I highly recommend it to everyone! Have a wonderful spring, fellow Cornellians, and send us your updates! ✉ **Abra Benson Perrie**, amb8@cornell.edu; **Veronica Brooks-Sigler**, vkbrooksigler@gmail.com. Class website, <http://classof95.alumni.cornell.edu>. Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

96 Did you read the class column in the Jan/Feb issue? If not, check it out in the CAM Digital Edition at: http://www.cornellalumnimagazine-digital.com/cornellalumnimagazine/january_february_2014#pg88. Then send a note to cuclassof96@gmail.com with: 1) your proudest life achievement; 2) your wishes for Reunion 2016; and 3) an item for the "Top 96" list: things you did—or wish you had done—at Cornell! Responses will appear in future columns. Questions? Contact **Liam O'Mahony** at: liamom@yahoo.com.

Till next time, here's a piece of news from St. Thomas Aquinas College in Sparkill, NY. **Nina Belisio**, BFA '96, an assistant professor of graphic design, has been appointed as the director of the new Azarian-McCullough Art Gallery on campus. The gallery will host seven exhibits during the academic year, each one featuring an artist's reception and gallery talk. Says Nina, "I hope to push the students to share ideas they find frightening or uncomfortable, so that they can survive, become enriched by it, and realize their potential." Nina earned her BFA in photography at Cornell, an MFA from UC Berkeley, and a Certificate in Designing Interactive Multimedia Instruction from Columbia U. Before starting at STAC in 2011, she taught art and design for ten years at the Art Inst. of California in San Francisco, where she also won an award for excellence in teaching. Congratulations, Nina! Send your news to: ✉ **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 It's been a winter of record-setting cold across the country, and I still pay attention to the weather report when meteorologists mention upstate New York. We all have our memories of ice and snow during our time in Ithaca. I think people nationwide are especially happy to have the warmer temperatures of spring just around the corner, and I imagine students at Cornell now feel the same way. As the weather warms and you embark on outdoor activities and travel, fire an e-mail our way and share your adventures!

Juliette Boone '93, MMH '97, checked in from Boulder, CO. After nearly ten years, she left the hospitality consulting firm HVS and joined several colleagues in starting a new hospitality human capital consulting firm. She adds, "It's been a great adventure so far, and I'm excited for what the future holds." Another great adventure for Juliette was time spent designing and building a new home. She, her husband, and their four children moved in last summer, and they love their new space, especially cooking together in the kitchen. They also enjoy spending time in the great Colorado outdoors. Juliette and family joined her parents and her brother **Jorge Boone '98**, MBA '04, and his family on a trip celebrating Juliette and Jorge's parents' 45th wedding anniversary. Juliette has volunteered as chapter president of the Rocky Mountain Chapter of the Cornell Hotel

Society for more than three years and is looking forward to serving on the Cornell Council next year. She also finds time to volunteer with a children's literacy program in the Boulder Valley schools. Thinking about her time at Cornell, Juliette writes, "I wish I could have taken more classes in different subjects and attended more lectures from visitors to campus, but alas, there are only so many days and hours on campus!"

Another classmate devoting energy to her family and her community is **Sarah Musher** Brenner of Newport Beach, CA. Sarah reports that she and husband Matthew have three "wonderful" children: Tali, 7, Henry, 4, and Max, 2. She adds, "Life is good!" Her busy days are certainly a long way from our days during freshman year. When she first arrived on campus, Sarah remembers

bringing a computer, bedding, and a duffle bag of clothing. Congratulations to **Brian Yeh**, his wife, Beth, and their daughter Annabelle, 3, who are thrilled about the October 24, 2013 arrival of their newest family member, Colin. They all live in Alexandria, VA. Cheers also to **Kevin Williams** on his promotion to head of claims for Argo Group's international insurance operations based in Bermuda, with operations in Brazil,

Dubai, and Malta. Kevin joined Argo Group, an international underwriter of specialty insurance and reinsurance products, in 2009, and has served as claims manager for Argo's Bermuda insurance platform. Prior to that, he was claims counsel for XL Insurance Bermuda and a broker at Marsh.

Samara Friedman (Short Hills, NJ) writes, "I just made the leap and left my pediatric orthopaedic surgery practice. After a four-month delay, I found my new home at Advocate: The Orthopedic Center in Bedminster, NJ. Ironically, while I was looking for a new position, my 8-year-old son Zachary found a job before I did! Zachary, future Class of '27 and an avid sports fan, accepted a position as a writer for the blog SportsRanks.net. His first two articles have gotten over 2,000 views. More to come!" Keep us up to date on your adventures and you'll keep our class columns interesting. Let us know what you're up to by joining the Cornell Class of 1997 Facebook group or filling out the online news form: <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>. ✉ **Erica Broennle** Nelson, ejb4@cornell.edu; **Sarah Deardorff** Carter, sjd5@cornell.edu.

98 Our last column kicked off our reminiscences of freshman year—which was a mere 20 years ago! I will never forget being awed by a cappella arch sings, cracking up during the "Closet Long Islander" skit (in which a girl was "outed" by her accent) at the orientation week Cornell Night in Bailey Hall, and my first taste of pizza and corn nuggets at the Chariot.

The most recent influx of class news forms has revealed more memories from 1994. In response to the question, "What did you bring to Cornell when you first came?" **Bertrand Madsen**, JD '02, replied, "Humility and a desire to work

‘I have published two books on lace knitting.’

Anna Rosen Dalvi '95

hard and learn.” Bertrand now has his own law practice in Manhattan and spends his free time with his family, friends, and dachshund. **Betsy Patterson**, who recently moved to a new home in Shaker Heights, OH, with husband Noah and their daughter, remembers lugging a “GIGANTIC desktop computer,” while **Kelly Mathew** Cardona toted her Brother word processor to the Hill and suffered patiently as it “took over an hour to print 20-page papers.” Kelly, who lives in Stafford, VA, is a literacy coach at a local public high school. “I fell into education and love it!” she writes. How does she spend her time outside of school? “Chasing after my almost 2-year-old twins, helping my 13-year-old daughter with homework, and catching up on movies with my husband.”

Wedding bells rang last year for two of our class veterinarians: **Karen DeAngelis**, DVM '02, who is at Pine Meadow Veterinary Hospital in Yorktown, VA, and **Marisa Hedlund** Scott, who practices in Charleston, SC. Karen celebrated her marriage to Ryan Greene last summer and is now the proud stepmom of his 3-year-old son, Matthew. Marisa married Trevor Scott this past September in Osterville, MA. In attendance were several of our classmates: **Melissa Langsdorf**, **Amanda Bartelme** Holmberg, **Matthew** and **Hilary Himes Hutchinson**, MILR '02, **Eric** and **Sarah Goldman Meyer**, MD '06, **Elizabeth Harned**, **Josh Elias**, and **Kerrie Frisinger**. Marisa shares, “One of the best memories was singing ‘Sweet Caroline’ together, just like at the Palms.”

Jennifer Betit Yen, who works with the Asian American Film Lab, informs us that she is launching a new production arm—AAFL TV—to showcase innovative, contemporary, and diverse programming. **Laury Ann Incorvaia** Hinz has made an industry change from retail buying to project management for a major development and construction company. She is busy with the RIU Times Square NY, on 8th Avenue, which is the largest current hotel project in New York City. She also enjoys serving as class mom and sports mom to son Joseph, 7. **Brad Liebman** has joined the St. Louis office of HOK, a global design, architecture, engineering, and planning firm, as a relationship manager for its interiors group. He is also the board chair at Arena Dances, a nonprofit dance company that focuses on entertainment, outreach, and education in the Minneapolis, MN, area. **Matthew West** has been devoting his time to building his new business, KrispyPictures.com, a full-service video production company located in New York City. **Soo Yi-Thompson** is now managing digital forensics for Verizon. She and her stepson welcomed her husband back from an 18-month deployment last spring. She hopes to see more of her Florida area Big Red alums soon!

Stephanie Love Burton writes: “The most exciting recent news for our family is that our race team, Burton Racing, won the 2013 championship in the Grand-Am Continental Tire Sports Car Challenge (ST class). This year was only our second in the series, so it’s quite an accomplishment for a new team. It’s really a testament to my husband’s tireless work and the assembly of a great team of crew and drivers. We are excited for our next year already!” Do you have an update to share, or perhaps a special memory from our freshman year? Just log on and fill out the online news form at <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>. Or feel free to e-mail either of your class correspondents; we would love to hear from you! **Toni Stabile** Weiss, tls9@cornell.edu; **Uthica Jinvit** Utano, udj1@cornell.edu.

99 **Rhea Cleveland** Gerdes (Alpine, NY) is making fabulous soap products using the milk from the small herd of registered Nubian dairy goats she is raising. For more details, be sure to check out www.colefyrfarms.com. Rhea is also a diagnostic technologist at Cornell’s Animal Health Diagnostic Center. **David Gaffin** (Encinitas, CA) writes, “Early in 2013, I started a small business as a mobile iDevice service (repairing broken screens and other parts as well as buying back used and broken iDevices such as iPhones, iPods, and iPads) as an affiliate member of the largest network of iDevice repair in the country, iCracked.com.” David visited iCracked.com’s headquarters in the San Francisco Bay Area as part of his travels last year, then went to the North Lake Tahoe area for some great relaxation time. He adds that he has become an avid cook of gluten free and other delights, as well as a home brewer of beer, kombucha, kefir, and kimchi.

Your correspondent just moved to San Francisco recently, where I am doing business development for WestEd, a nonprofit in the education sector. I love it out here and would welcome the opportunity to connect with other Cornellians in the area. Contact me at the e-mail address below. **Richard Sleboda** also relocated in 2013. “I moved from Tokyo, where I’ve been working for KPMG for several years, to Beijing, where I attended the Inter-University Program for Chinese Language Studies at Tsinghua U. I was fortunate to receive a Blakemore-Freeman fellowship for my studies. Beginning in 2014 I will work for KPMG in Beijing. Deeply grateful for the wonderful foundation in Japanese and Chinese language that Cornell gave me.” Richard recently played squash in Beijing with a Chinese Cornell undergrad who said he had taken squash at Cornell for his physical education credits.

Nikki Adame Winningham, ME '00 (Hoboken, NJ) and her husband, Charles, returned to the East Coast in the fall of 2012 after living elsewhere for over a decade. In 2013 she joined the firm of Lowenstein Sandler LLP as an associate in the environmental law and litigation practice group. **Joshua Pincus** and wife Claudia live in Chicago, IL. Josh writes, “We spend a lot of time with our two children and all of their activities. We are also active in our tight community of East Lakeview and spend time at a historic farm about an hour south of Chicago in Thorn Creek Woods. Lately, I have been designing bathrooms, kitchens, and basements for clients all over the Chicago region.” That’s all for now. Looking forward to seeing everyone at our 15th Reunion this June! **Beth Heslowitz**, beth.heslowitz@gmail.com; **Taber Sweet**, tabersweet@gmail.com; **Melanie Grayce** West, mga6@cornell.edu; **Liz Borod** Wright, lizborod@gmail.com. Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>. CAM Digital Edition, <http://www.cornellalumnimagazine-digital.com>.

00 Greetings, classmates! Thanks to all those who have sent in news to share. **Alfredo Rabines** was recently appointed associate director of the Emergency Room at Lutheran Medical Center in Brooklyn, NY, as well as director of medical education. He writes that he is working with **Radha Agrawal '01** on a pediatric initiative to teach preventive medicine to children. Super Sprowtz (www.supersprowtz.com) is a children’s education and entertainment media program using vegetable puppet

characters, books, animation, music videos, humor, video games, and apps to teach kids about healthy eating, fitness, and sustainability. Outside of his professional life, Alfredo is taking singing lessons and hopes to start a band someday.

In Maryland, **Ernst Valery**, MPA '01, is building a business and raising children. His organization, EVI (www.eviequity.com), is a private real estate investment firm that invests in urban transitional areas with high residential and retail demand. EVI also invests in small business development. From the Delta Upsilon newsletter, we learned that **Thomas Richards** (Macon, GA) took a procurement manager position with Armstrong World Industries. He adds, “I also purchased a new home across town.” Looking for a baby gift? **Lillian Rokhsar** recently published *Babytionary*, a children’s book that tells the tale of a lovable monster as he cares for a baby girl. The book includes a bonus section that discusses speech-language developmental milestones and reading tips. Lillian is a speech-language pathologist and used her expertise to write this book. Check it out at www.babytionary.com.

My family and I are happily re-settled in Williamsburg, VA. My husband, **Chris Weld**, is a Major in the US Army currently serving as an analyst at the Training and Doctrine Command at Fort Eustis. Our two girls, Claire, 6, and Abby, 4, keep us busy and entertained! Please don’t wait for a major life event to send an update. We love receiving all your news and sharing where life has taken everyone. **Christine Jensen** Weld, ckj1@cornell.edu; and **Andrea Chan**, amc32@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

01 Hello Class of 2001! We hope that everyone is doing well! Here’s some good news from your classmates. Congratulations to **Randi Eisner** Saffian and husband Max on the birth of their son, Lane Thompson Saffian, on June 4, 2013. Lane is named after his grandfather, **Larry Eisner '70**, who graduated from the Arts college. Randi, Max, and Lane live in San Francisco, but enjoy traveling back East to see family and friends often. **Ellen Behrstock** Sherratt checks in from Chicago, where she’s been busy working and going on walks. She published two books about teacher quality and has joined the executive board of the Teacher Salary Project. She writes, “I believe that great teachers are crucial for our education system and society.”

It’s great to hear from **Suzanne Drabik** Owczarek, MBA '06, who has been living in NYC with her husband, Konstanty. Suzanne was working in internal consulting at IBM until she left for maternity leave, and she and Konstanty welcomed daughter Grace on August 8, 2013. They are enjoying being first-time parents, despite the constant diaper changes and managing feeding schedules, and feel lucky that Grace has slept through the night since an early age! Congratulations also to **Michael Fettner** and his wife, Lori, on the birth of their daughter (and future Cornellian), Hannah Pauline, on October 30 in White Plains, NY. Mike recently accepted a senior level job in the IT department at Regeneron Pharmaceuticals in Tarrytown, NY. **Mark Vasquez** checks in from Berwyn, PA, where he and his wife, **Anne Sterrett**, have two small children, Sylvia, 4, and Jack, 2. Mark founded an investment management firm called RedSpruce Capital a few years ago that has kept him so busy, he says there’s no time for hobbies!

Writing from Scottsdale, AZ, **Lyle Young** joined the Sonoran Spine Center in greater Phoenix as a spine surgeon. Lyle is taking flying lessons at a local airport and is about to fulfill his lifelong dream of becoming a pilot. He's also been trying to get back to the gym after an absence due to surgical training. **Santosh Kale** checks in from Richmond, VA, where he's been traveling, playing tennis, spending time with family, and working. Recently he's been developing a reconstructive microsurgery practice at Virginia Commonwealth U. **Mike Kalogiannis** has earned his doctorate and is conducting neurodegenerative research while working toward a part-time MBA on the weekends. He was busy in the fall training for the NYC Marathon as part of a promise to himself to lose weight and lead a healthier lifestyle.

Katherine Nalevanko Baker is in New Hampshire, where she has one year left of nursing school and plans to pursue her BSN and MSN, specializing in end-of-life care and wound care. She's been working nights and spending the day at school or carting her three children Edward, 5, Maisie, 4, and Lukas, 2, around. In her spare time (ha ha!), Katherine gardens, paints, goes on walks, sings, and dances with her children. They also play with the chickens in the yard and she says the kids are great at helping with farm chores. Katherine has also been composing music: a viola duet, a piano piece for a little girl, a violin-cello duet, and a choral piece set to German poetry in three movements for four women's voices. Way to go, Katherine! As for me, **Lauren Wallach** Hammer, I ran the NYC Marathon on November 3, with a finish time of 3:54:26 (average of 8:57 minute/mile). I was ecstatic to run the fabulous race for the fourth time and appreciated all of the spectators who supported the 50,266 of us who ran.

You can always keep in touch with Cornell and our classmates through our website: <http://classof01.alumni.cornell.edu/>. In between columns, stay connected via our Twitter feed (@Cornell2001) and Facebook page (www.facebook.com/Cornell2001). To share your news with all of our classmates, e-mail us at classof2001@cornell.edu or directly at: [Lauren Wallach Hammer LEW15@cornell.edu](mailto:Lauren.Wallach.Hammer@cornell.edu); or [Nicole Neroulis Gupte, NicoleMN6@gmail.com](mailto:Nicole.Neroulis@cornell.edu).

02 By the time this prints, the polar vortex has hopefully receded, and all are looking ahead to spring showers, flowers, and reliably affordable allergy medication. Can you believe it has been 15 years since the winding down of our freshman year? I went back again this past summer, and during my traditional cheesy photo-shoot on the Arts Quad, observed several high school student tours passing by, a sight that still manages to give me goose bumps.

We have several classmates faithfully giving back to academia. "I started a new job as an assistant professor of health economics in the Dept. of Health Policy and Management at the Johns Hopkins School of Public Health," wrote **Lauren Nicholas**. She moved to Baltimore in September 2013 after five years working for the U. of Michigan. Lauren is looking forward to connecting with Baltimore Cornellians and seeing more of her East Coast friends. Her favorite pastime? "Climbing in the Blue Mountains of Australia over the summer and taking advantage of local climbing sites in

Maryland and Pennsylvania." In November 2013, the College of Architecture, Art, and Planning welcomed **Serena Mollendorf** Savino to the Dept. of Architecture's Alumni Affairs and Development team. A proud Hotelier, Serena took on the role of assistant director of AA&D after making a seriously sized cross-country move back to Ithaca from Los Angeles with her family. Her most recent work was at UCLA as an associate director of development in the Medical Center's neurosciences department.

Assistant professor of chemistry at the College of New Jersey in Princeton, **Danielle Guaracino** teaches and mentors undergraduate research. "I have been working hard for tenure and promotion at work and training for a 5K for charity with my husband. Have also been getting involved in service activities at work including colloquium planning, faculty search committee, faculty senate, and running the list serve and editing the newsletter for our local American Chemical Society Chapter." Despite keeping that busy, she would rather be hanging out at the beach in Hawaii. "Actually, I would love to publish some of my writings and continue to write." Danielle also enjoys spending any extra time playing flute in a community volunteer band, reading, writing, knitting, and hanging out with her husband. As an incoming freshman in 1998, she recalls bringing loads of heavy sweaters, packets of Carnation Instant Breakfast, a small disco ball, posters to hang on her dorm room wall, and a huge desktop computer and tower monitor to match.

Michael Swartzon recently graduated from a sports medicine fellowship at the U. of New Mexico, where he traveled with the Lobo basketball team. He is now in the Miami, FL, suburb of Coral Gables, working at UH Sports Medicine Inst. at Doctors Hospital. Says Michael, "It is my dream job and I couldn't be happier!" **Helen Perakis** is finishing up her plastic surgery fellowship in Minneapolis, MN. "Currently looking for jobs and hoping to come back to the Northeast." In response to what she would rather be doing now: "I wish I was still a student at Cornell!" Ditto, girl. Big congratulations to **Morgan Hayes**, who has been hanging out with his son since he was born on July 29, 2013.

High fives all around to **Jason Wyatt** of Summit, NJ, who skied 50 days last year in Vermont, Colorado, and Utah, including trips with **Tom Klose**, ME '03, **Mike Moore**, **John Pantalena**, **Alex Pearson**, **Peter Bartek**, and **Eric Pearson** '05. As I recall, the "average" self-proclaimed skier gets in maybe 10 days a season. He says he also became a Phish phan by marriage, with four concerts attended this year alone. "Lately I have been putting in a lot of billable and non-billable hours at Novy & Assocs., Counselors at Law, in Manchester, NJ, and really growing our business, in addition to using the gap between golf and ski seasons to get in shape for a trip to Crested Butte this winter!" Despite all that activity, Jason still has an answer to the "What you'd rather be doing" question on our class news form: "Owning and operating my own ski resort!" Okay, guess I should have seen that one coming. Jason also remembers lugging a 50-pound Compaq desktop/monitor combo, jeans, T-shirts, and a fleece back in the fall of '98. **Paul Bomba** '01, if you're listening, Jason would like to hear from you.

Send us your good, your bad, your ugly. News is news and we crave the connection. Send news to: [Carolyn Deckinger](mailto:Carolyn.Deckinger@cornell.edu) Lang, cmd35@cornell.edu; or [Jeff Barker](mailto:Jeff.Barker@cornell.edu), jrb41@cornell.edu.

03 As I write this column in mid-December, a fresh blanket of snow has fallen over central Indiana making it look and feel like a winter in Ithaca. **Kathleen Moon** writes, "I started a new job with the NYS Office of Mental Health and am doing an internship at a school library around the corner. I also travel to conferences and conventions for reading, literature, graphic novels, education, and Japanese culture, and stay busy at home with gardening, baking, sewing, and fostering kittens for the local shelter." Kathleen says she arrived on campus freshman year with a dozen "Marvin the Martian" figurines! She adds that she would like to hear from the Swedish students who stayed at Von Cramm Co-op during our college years. She can be reached at krmy@aim.com. **Robert Profusek** writes, "I have started at Condé Nast Entertainment managing digital creative for Teen Vogue, Style.com, and WWD. I also got married to my partner in June 2013 in Rhinebeck, NY, with many Cornellians in attendance." Congratulations, Robert! **Thomas Downs V** wrote to proudly announce the birth of his son, Thomas E. Downs VI, born on August 24, 2013. Congratulations, Thomas—and enjoy parenthood!

Our classmate mini-features continue this issue with **Sandra Fluke**. Sandra writes, "Since spending the end of 2012 as a surrogate for the President's re-election, I'm now back in Los Angeles full-time, having graduated from Georgetown Law, and have been admitted to the California Bar." Sandra is now an attorney and social justice advocate. "I spend part of my time as a pro bono attorney for victims of human trafficking through the Coalition to Abolish Slavery and Trafficking (castla.org). Most recently, I represented primarily African-American teen girls from South L.A. who were forced into prostitution by gangs. I've also worked with CAST and ATEST, the national coalition of leading anti-trafficking organizations, on California and federal legislation to prevent trafficking, prosecute traffickers, and provide services for victims."

In addition, Sandra is also a Senior Innovation Fellow at Young Invincibles, "a policy and advocacy nonprofit focused on improving the economic situation of young adults, specifically in the areas of unemployment and affordability of healthcare and higher education. My work there is centered on the future of race-based affirmative action in higher education." She adds, "A great deal of my work is as an independent social justice advocate in collaboration with various coalitions and organizations. I serve as a board member on several groups devoted to social justice; travel around the country speaking and engaging with media to draw attention to progressive change campaigns; and focus my attention on several pieces of legislation in California and D.C. each year. This past year, one victory was passage of the California Domestic Workers Bill of Rights, which guaranteed certain basic labor protections to all domestic workers."

When asked for additional detail on her role as a surrogate for President Obama's re-election campaign, she writes, "In Spring 2012, I was thrust into the national media spotlight when I testified before members of Congress regarding the importance of insurance coverage for contraception as required by the Affordable Care Act, and was then verbally attacked by several conservative commentators. Despite this, I continued to speak out across media outlets on social justice concerns. I later endorsed President Obama for re-election. His campaign asked that I serve as a

surrogate, speaking at the Democratic National Convention and traveling the country to speak to audiences about the importance of the choice we faced in that election and explaining the President's vision for moving us forward."

Sandra keeps strong Cornell connections. "As I travel the country for my work and at home in L.A., I frequently meet other alumni, including **Angela Chung '00**, an attorney at CAST, with whom I've worked closely. I serve on the President's Council of Cornell Women and have spoken to Cornell alumni groups as well. Cornell is where my passion for social justice was first ignited: fighting to save the Women's Resource Center from funding cuts, organizing a teach-in against the Iraq War, and leading SAGE (Students Acting for Gender Equality). I always advise students to find an issue they're passionate about and organize to create change. It's not only our social responsibility as a group with incredible educational privilege, but a great way to build the kind of leadership experience and commitment that employers value."

That's great advice from Sandra, and she is clearly following it herself. If you feel that 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](mailto:jrs55@cornell.edu).

04 **Rachel Somerstein** writes, "In June I married Joe Lingeman, a photographer, in New York City. We live in Syracuse, where I'm working on my PhD in mass communications at Syracuse U. We moved up here in 2010 for Joe's MFA in photography, which he finished in May." **Deric Long** has been working for the same company at which he started two days after graduation in 2004: enfoTech & Consulting Inc. in North Brunswick, NJ. enfoTech, he says, is short for Environmental Information Technology, and Deric is the director of engineering and management. He adds, "We have two wonderful daughters: Delaney was 3 in December 2013, and Brooklyn turned 1 in September."

Steve Michels was married on July 6, 2013 to wife Jocelyn at the Fairmont Miramar Hotel in Santa Monica. **Emily Smith** Debolt and her husband are proud to announce the birth of their son, Carter William, on June 4. "He is happy and healthy and we can't wait for his first visit to Cornell!" **Jessica Garay** Redmond writes, "We celebrated the birth of our son, Graham Patrick, on March 4, 2013!"

Kimmie Pringle has a new address in Atlanta, GA. "I recently graduated from my emergency medicine residency at Brown and started the Epidemic Intelligence Service, a two-year public health research training program at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. At the CDC I've connected with several other Cornellians, which is no surprise given the tradition of service and strong sciences at Cornell."

Adriana Jaureguy writes, "I have been conducting Participation Action Research with West Ed in the field of science literacy instruction as a full-time teacher. I recently moved to the greater Los Angeles area and am seeking employment in that field. I visited Indonesia to study White Crane Silat (kung fu) in its origin with the Grandmaster. Learning to play the piano is my latest hobby." **Joanna Kim** updates us on her recent move to Astoria, NY. "I started working for Peet's Coffee & Tea, managing the Northeast for office coffee services."

Joanna was also married on October 5, 2013! Her matron of honor was **Katie French** (ILR), and bridesmaids included **Marina Lenderman** (HumEc) and **Miriam Lee '03** (HumEc). Regarding her days at Cornell, Joanna says she wishes she had actually gone to see the chimes being played! "Hopefully, I will see it during reunion!"

Speaking of reunion, the reunion committee, chaired by **Lee Ann Gullie** and **Juanita Parker McGonagle**, has been hard at work planning a fantastic weekend for us. **Laura Gonzales** Meyers, our reunion social media chair, writes: "We're closing out our old Facebook group in favor of our

more frequently updated fan page, <https://www.facebook.com/cornelluniv04>." Send news to: [✉ Anne Jones, CU2004Correspondent@gmail.com](mailto:Anne.Jones@cornell.edu). Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

05 I hope the New Year is going well and that the winter blues didn't get you down too much. Remember the epic Ithaca snowstorms and sledding down the Slope? Some of the most beautiful snowfalls are up against a Cornell backdrop and they are some of my most treasured memories of college. What do you remember most about winter at Cornell? I am willing to bet it has something to do with the subzero temperatures and blowing winds across Ho Plaza!

Spring approaches, and we hope you will continue to share your news in the class column. **Craig Weinstein** lives in Springfield, NJ, with his wife **Ashley (Habas)**, and spends his free time playing with his baby daughter. He recently joined the dental practice of his father-in-law, Dr. Hugh Habas. **Erin Connolly** is also enjoying a career in medicine. She is a veterinarian at VCA Hospitals in Richmond, CA. She confesses she spends way too much time working, but also finds the time to run, swim, hike, and cycle. **Ari Cantor** became a partner in the Insinger Machine Co. in Philadelphia. He has been growing the company's presence and operations within the Gulf market, and as a result has been able to travel extensively throughout the Arabian Peninsula, including Bahrain, Dubai, and Abu Dhabi.

Congratulations to **Sara Schonfeld** and **Raphael Rabin-Havt**, who were married on November 23, 2013 at Temple Emanu-El in Closter, NJ. They both lived in Donlon freshman year, but didn't meet until 11 years later. Sara received an MD at Mount Sinai School of Medicine and held a residency in obstetrics, gynecology, and women's health at Albert Einstein College of Medicine/Montefiore Medical Center. She currently works in a private practice in Springfield, NJ. Raphi completed a law degree with high honors from George Washington U. Law School and is a managing member of GP & GM Capital, a private investment fund in New York. Keep your updates coming. We want to know what is new and exciting in your life! [✉ Hilary Johnson, haj4@cornell.edu](mailto:hilary.johnson@cornell.edu); **Michelle Wong**,

mrw29@cornell.edu; and **Johnny Chen**, jc362@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

06 I hope 2014 is going well for everyone! Thank you for keeping us posted on all of your progress and adventures. **Talya Arbisser** (Houston, TX) is a photojournalist and documentary photographer. "In November over 120 of my photographs of 15 honorees were projected on a 24-foot-wide screen above the Houston Symphony

‘Cornell is where my passion for social justice was first ignited.’

Sandra Fluke '03

with a script narrated by Emmy Award-winning actress Alfre Woodard. It was part of the Anti-Defamation League's (ADL) 100th anniversary Concert Against Hate. The show was sold out and had an audience of over 3,000 people." **John Rawlins III** has been working at Ithaca College since August 2006 as the assistant director of multicultural affairs. He writes, "In October 2013, I toured with Wynton Marsalis and the Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra as a member of Chorale le Chateau on the Abyssinian Mass Tour. We did 19 shows in 16 cities throughout the East Coast and Midwest. I am currently working on two gospel music albums. The first is the writing and production for a new artist in the Washington, DC, area. The second is my own album."

Erica Waldbaum writes that she married Robert Raphael on November 30, 2013. She says they were set up on a blind date by fellow Cornellians **Cheryl Epstein** and **David Frumberg '07**, who are also married. Erica is currently working as the director of business development for Lofty.com, a vetted e-commerce marketplace that provides free evaluations for fine art and antiques. **Alex Marin** (San Pedro Garza Garcia, Mexico) writes that he graduated from a PhD program in May and started working at BCG late last summer. Looking back at his years on the Hill, he says he would have been more active in student groups, theater, etc., and seen more of upstate.

Dan Hershberg and fellow Cornellian **Jorge Lee '07** are co-founders of Rivalry Wear. Rivalry Wear, says Dan, "features an e-commerce model that combines crowd-sourcing discounts, intercity competition, and social media integration to help fans rep their city and sports culture through original apparel." He adds that everything they do can be succinctly explained through their 60-second tutorial video online at RivalryWear.com. This is actually a second entrepreneurial venture for both Dan and Jorge. In 2008, Dan launched Philly Phaithful, a Pennsylvania sports apparel company, and Jorge runs Marin House Cleaning, a green housecleaning business out of the Bay Area. "While on campus, we had a goal to start a business together (the initial thought was creating a burger joint in Collegetown) and after spending the better part of a year developing the model for Rivalry Wear, we're tremendously excited to share the concept with the community that gave us our first entrepreneurial inspiration."

In early December, **Jenna Chesaniuk** (Fresh Meadows, NY) wrote, "I have been working at Peco's corporate office in various planning and analysis roles since 2008, but just accepted an offer to join the management team at Milton's Baking Co., which produces healthy bread and cracker products." She adds that she ran her third full marathon this past November. **Ryan Morris**, BS/ME '08 (Sausalito, CA) writes, "I have been running Meson Capital Partners LLC, an activist hedge fund, turning around InfuSystem (INFU) as executive chairman, and working on getting Odyssey Marine (OMEX) to improve their disclosures." Ryan was married in April 2013 and traveled to France for his honeymoon—as well as for a cycling race this past summer. "Did 'Le Marmotte,' a 112-mile, one-day race with 17,000 feet of climbing!" He adds, "At Cornell, I wish I had had time to take more classes in different departments—so many wonderful professors to learn from." **Michele Lent Hirsch** has a new address in Brooklyn, NY, and shares the news that she was awarded a Wertheim fellowship from the New York Public Library to conduct research for a book!

Thank you so much for your updates. We look forward to more news! ☑ **Katie DiCicco**, kad46@cornell.edu; **Nicole DeGrace**, ngd4@cornell.edu; **Tory Lauterbach**, tory.lauterbach@gmail.com. Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

07 We're temporarily low on news, but look for the class e-mail or News & Dues letter coming this spring and let us know what's new in your life. E-mail your correspondent at the address below, return a hard copy News Form, or hit the Send key at the online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

The Johnson School sent news about **Kathleen Alexander**, the newest member of their Alumni Affairs and Development team. Kathleen started her new job as assistant director for class programs and campaigns on December 9. She was a Policy Analysis and Management major in HumEc as an undergraduate, and prior to coming back to the Hill, she was the director of high school placement for the East Harlem School at Exodus House in New York City. Congrats, Kathleen! Send your news to: ☑ **Nina Terrero**, nina.terrero@gmail.com; Class Notes Editor, adr4@cornell.edu. CAM Digital Edition, <http://www.cornellalumnimagazine-digital.com>.

08 It feels like just yesterday that we rang in the New Year, yet we're already wrapping up the first quarter of 2014! We have some exciting updates from several of our classmates to share, including weddings, promotions, and new business ventures. Congrats to all!

Jessica A. Levin graduated from law school last May and moved to Denver, CO. Then, on September 21, 2013, she married **Justin Berkowitz '05**. There were more than 20 Cornellians in attendance, including Justin's parents, who also met at Cornell. **David Porter** writes, "**Caroline Milne '07** and I got married after eight years of dating (since my freshman (her sophomore) year at Cornell). Our ceremony was on Burke Mountain, overlooking Willoughby Gap in Vermont. I've worked at Stroud Consulting with many other Cornellians since graduating, and Caroline has just recently gotten her

PhD from the U. of Illinois in chemical engineering. I've been keeping up with competitive karting as well as skiing (both downhill and slalom water) and have been working on becoming a better waterskier. Caroline also does both ski sports, as well as rock climbing." David and Caroline went on a Kauai honeymoon last September, but have also been to Russia, the Czech Republic, Italy, Germany, and England in the past few years. And in the last two years, they've adopted two miniature poodles (Ash and Pepper) from Poodle Rescue of Vermont.

Carlos Bethencourt is leading his company's growth efforts in Central America and gets to travel all over the region. He also tells us that he recently received his SSI scuba diving certificate. Carlos adds that he traveled to Guatemala for **Corina Aycinena's** wedding, which took place in the colonial town of Antigua in an abandoned monastery. "It was very picturesque. She really outdid herself!" **Vikas Patel** has been promoted to senior consultant at Mars & Co., a global management consulting firm specializing in business strategy. He joined the firm's New York City area office (in Greenwich, CT) as an associate after Cornell. Vikas has worked on a variety of engagements with Fortune 100 clients on various business strategy topics both inside the US and in South America and Europe. He is also active in the firm's recruiting efforts—and has been a key player on the Mars & Co. softball team when he's in the US.

Laura Baronoff Davids writes, "I am in residency for physical medicine and rehabilitation at Stony Brook U. after completing internship at Winthrop U. Hospital. I recently married the love of my life, who I met during my last year in college. We went to Italy and Greece for our honeymoon!" **Nadia Rodriguez** recently opened her own private practice dental office in midtown Manhattan. New to the area and need a dentist? Nadia is happy to schedule an appointment! Her new office is conveniently open early and late, and she sees both children and adults. Feel free to contact her at dnadiarodriguez@gmail.com and support a fellow Cornellian! If you have news of your own to share, don't be shy—we'd love to hear from you! Write one of us directly, or check out the online news form. ☑ **Libby Boymel**, lkb24@cornell.edu; **Elana Beale**, erb26@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

09 Hard to believe, but in a few short months, it will have been five years since our graduation from Cornell! What better way to catch up with your fellow '09ers than to return to the Hill for our 5th Reunion! A few days on campus could be just the weekend you need to re-connect with classmates and Cornell. Join us June 5-8 in Ithaca, rekindle old friendships—and check out the old and new while you're in town!

We're temporarily low on news, but our next class mailing should bring a new supply sometime this spring. Return the hard copy News Form in the envelope provided, e-mail one of your correspondents (addresses below), or hit the Send key at the online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>. We'd love to hear from you. Happy spring—and watch the mail for Reunion Registration materials coming soon! Send your news to: ☑ Class Notes Editor, adr4@cornell.edu; **Caroline Newton**, cmn35@cornell.edu; **Julie Cantor**, jlc252@cornell.edu. CAM Digital Edition, <http://www.cornellalumnimagazine-digital.com>.

10 This edition of the class column comes to you from Qatar, where your co-correspondent **Rammy Salem** has been living and working since last fall. I'm recruiting students for the Qatar campus of Weill Cornell Medical College. I'm enjoying it because choosing the right college is so important in laying the foundation for a student's academic and professional career, and it's very rewarding to help someone during this crucial transition. In addition to being the first medical school in the country, WCMC-Q is also the first American medical school to offer its degree outside the US, so it is a great opportunity for students in the region to receive an American education while remaining close to home. It's definitely a different kind of Cornell community, but it's interesting to see how far Cornell's educational mission has extended abroad. I'm expecting to stay in Qatar for at least the next two years or so and welcome any alumni in the area to reach out.

You might remember **T.J. Hochandel** from his playing days as a standout safety on the Big Red football team. T.J., currently an associate at Jones Lang LaSalle in their New York City office, has been spending his time working, playing, and partying with friends. T.J. is continuing his passion for football by playing flag football, and he says, "My team is good! 20-0 in two seasons." Those of us pondering our financial futures might benefit from reaching out to **Jake Wu**, who is also in NYC and works at Northwestern Mutual as a financial representative. Jake has been exploring New York, finding new hobbies, and catching up with old friends. Please join us in congratulating **Susan Cardinali** Rahman on her marriage to Ashique Rahman over the summer. Susan is a bit further up the road in Guilderland, NY, where she is working, taking classes, reading, kayaking, baking, cooking, and listening to talks and Gregorian chant. She is also actively involved in the 40 Days for Life campaign aimed at ending abortion.

Congratulations also to **Sarah Lynn Moss** Nickerson, BS '09, on purchasing a new house with her husband, Nathan. We wish her the best of luck in turning it into a cherished home. Sarah divides her time between work, her family, and caring for their beef cattle. Congratulations are also in order for **Margarethe Van Der Tuin** on her new job as an account supervisor with Zehnder Communications, where she will assist with strategic planning and management of agency accounts such as Burger King. Previously, Margarethe served as senior agency brand leader for Grey Group New York. On the West Coast, **Pete Hunt**, ME '10, is an engineer with Facebook, where he is working on the Instagram Web experience. He also advises early-stage tech companies, plays guitar, and rock climbs. "I love what I'm doing and would love to meet anyone else in the technology/startup space," Pete says.

Classmates **Kate Orloski**, BS '09, and **Nigel Watt**, BS '09, welcomed their new baby daughter, Ezri Marie Watt, on November 13, 2013, in Elkins Park, PA. This good news arrived from Kate's parents, **Richard, JD '71**, and **Kathy Law Orloski '70**, who pretended to wonder where Mom and Dad ever came up with the name "Ezri." **Caroline Scheinfeld** writes from New York City, where she has been "acclimating to life as a entrepreneur after three years on the other side of the table working for a tech venture capital fund. I founded a network in April 2013 called 3WCircle—What Women Want—for women to redefine success, connection, and happiness. I love connecting women

who can help each other to grow personally and/or professionally.” That’s all the news for now. Please send any and all updates to your class correspondents at: [Rammy Salem](mailto:Rammy.Salem@cornell.edu), rms84@cornell.edu; or [Michael Beyman](mailto:Michael.Beyman@cornell.edu), mjb262@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

11 **Isabella Spyrou** is enjoying her first year teaching, after deciding to leave her job in financial services consulting. “I’m an assistant teacher in a kindergarten classroom and loving it. I’m also in grad school for special and general early childhood education at Bank Street. After leaving my financial services job, I took some time off and went to visit some family in Europe and **Shivangi Paranjpe** ‘12 in Bombay.” These days, in her spare time, Isabella enjoys seeing friends from Cornell in and around NYC. “Messing around on the squash court is still one of my favorite pastimes,” she says. “I’ve also recently noticed how therapeutic watercoloring is.”

Natasha Moses has also decided to change careers. She writes, “After a brief stint in human resources, I have switched careers into the nonprofit sector. I administer a back-rent assistance program at Liberty Community Services. Through the program, I help qualifying individuals and families avoid eviction through assistance with a portion of back rent.” She says the new job has helped her “strengthen and gain many new skills related to nonprofit organization management, such as case management, human services, customer relations, communication, and time management.” Thinking back on her time at Cornell, she wishes she had taken more courses in the social sciences, particularly within the Psychology department.

Parish Felder (Hendersonville, NC) has also made a big move, both literally and in her career. “I relocated last summer from the bustling streets of NYC to a sleepy mountain town in western North Carolina. Here I have begun a new job at Camp Ton-A-Wandah, a summer camp for young girls, as program coordinator. My dog, Tucker, and I are loving every minute of living in small town USA, and having a great time planning and getting camp ready for 600 happy campers due to arrive this June.” **Rebecca Smith** (Chicago, IL) is in her first year of law school after spending last summer traveling throughout Europe. Send your news to: [Lauren Rosenblum](mailto:Lauren.Rosenblum@cornell.edu), LCR46@cornell.edu; or [Kathryn Ling](mailto:Kathryn.Ling@cornell.edu), KEL56@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

12 News of weddings and engagements are beginning for Class of 2012 alumni! **Eric “Brody” Horn** got married in Austin, TX, this past summer to Lauren Renaud. Their August 20 wedding included a surprise arranged by Brody during the reception: about 20 Glee Clubbers were there to serenade Lauren. If you missed it, don’t worry, you can check it out on YouTube. **Ian Goldin** and Melissa, his longtime girlfriend from high school days, recently took a trip to Disney World, where he popped the question during the fireworks!

Sean Collins is entering his second year of playing professional hockey in the Columbus Blue Jackets organization, and made his NHL debut in February 2013 against the Anaheim Ducks. In his words, “It was a dream come true to play in the National Hockey League and something I have

been working toward since I began skating at 3 years old.” Also in the world of professional sports is **Kayla Arsenie**, who works for ARAMARK as a premium dining manager for the Colorado Rockies at Coors Field, as well as the Colorado Avalanche and Denver Nuggets at Pepsi Center. Although her job has kept her busy, she has found plenty of time for snowboarding, exploring the mountains of Colorado, and going to Broncos games.

Elizabeth Burrichter has continued her association with Cornell in a professional capacity, working for Cornell Cooperative Extension in Cortland County in the New York Organic Dairy Initiative. She also works for Main Street Farms in Homer and Cortland, NY. After graduation, Elizabeth and a friend traveled cross-country in her minivan. “We used the ‘WWOOD’ database (World Wide Opportunities on Organic Farms) to find farms and intentional communities on which we could work in exchange for our stay along the way.” The hospitality industry is lucky to have **Daniel Thomas**, the newly promoted general manager of the Hotel Downtown Mexico. Daniel moved to Mexico City in February 2013 and describes it as “one incredible experience so far.” He’s found time to travel to nearby cities and states within Mexico, and hopes to travel the country more extensively in the coming months. Despite his exciting new surroundings, he can’t help but wish he could get some more Purity ice cream!

Chelsea Dengel is back from China and now studying at the School of Advanced Int’l Studies (SAIS) in Washington, DC. She was thrilled to be back home for Thanksgiving! **Jeremy Blum**, ME ‘13, is now working as a hardware engineer at Google [x], where he is a member of the team designing electronics for Google Glass. He recently published a book, *Exploring Arduino*, which, he says, “has sold around 10,000 copies and is being used as a textbook at several universities to teach concepts in electrical engineering and human-computer interactions using microcontrollers.” Jeremy traveled to India in April, where he was invited to present some of his robotics research from his time at Cornell. “I was in the company of NASA astronauts and world-famous architects.” Lots more to come in the next issue. Please send any news about your life post-Cornell to: [Peggy Ramin](mailto:Peggy.Ramin@cornell.edu), mar335@cornell.edu; or [Emily Cusick](mailto:Emily.Cusick@cornell.edu), egc43@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

13 The highlight of the holiday season last year was undoubtedly the Red Hot Hockey game vs. Boston U. at Madison Square Garden over Thanksgiving weekend. Although the game did not end in a victory, many young alumni gathered afterward at the Stout to share memories and each other’s company. **Josh Schwartz** made the trip from sunny San Diego just to experience NYC’s first snowfall. Cheering on the Big Red were **Talia Siegel**, who is working at Saks Fifth Avenue as a buyer, **Dayna Greenstein**, who works at Universal McCann and recently moved to NYC, and **Dave Forman**, who is already making a name for himself as a media planner at Carat Media. Congratulations to another attendee, **Dan Lapidus**, who was elected president of his medical school class. He, along with **Oren Jaspán**, **Robbie Levokove**, and **Alex Wittenberg**, are in the throes of their first year of medical school.

Two of our classmates, **Sarah Benowich** and **Melanie Pasch**, are in graduate school at Tel Aviv U. in Ramat Aviv, Israel. Sarah’s pursuit of

a master’s in political science includes traveling to different parts of Israel, observing the country’s borders, meeting diplomats, and working with the United Nations. She writes, “Studying diplomacy and national security while sitting less than 150 miles from Damascus, Syria, lends a compelling tone to lectures.” Upon completion of her degree, Sarah will return to the US to study at Georgetown U. Law Center. Melanie is pursuing a master’s degree in Middle Eastern studies after majoring in Near Eastern studies at Cornell. Her degree consists of academics and a second year to complete a thesis. In addition to her studies and intensive Hebrew courses, Melanie took a trip to Jordan with **Larissa Shulman** ‘08 and one of her professors, alumnus **Micha’el Tanchum** ‘86. Life in Tel Aviv is “a dream come true” and she extends an open invitation for all to visit.

Also living the grad school life is **Corey Oses**, who is a PhD candidate at Duke U. in materials science. “With the aid of a NSF Graduate Research Fellowship, I am performing graduate research in biologically inspired materials, more specifically bio-polymers.” While on the Hill, Corey spent two summers doing research with the High Energy Synchrotron Source gaining skills he’s finding valuable now. When he’s not in the lab, he manages to get out and even attend a few Cornell and Ivy+ events, including a recent one where he met President Skorton. Among the many classmates who have moved out to the West Coast is **McKenna Archer**, who attends the USC Keck School of Medicine. **Nina Clark** is also out in California, working with a cardiologist studying sudden cardiac death at UC San Francisco. **Alice Cope** is a consultant in the financial services industry and spends her free time hanging out with the many 2013 grads on the coast. **Stephanie Harris** is a DVM candidate back at Cornell and appreciates that this challenging chapter in her life is still taking place in a familiar environment.

Lizzie Nolan is in Chicago until May working for Nestlé USA—and utilizing the skills she gained from the Food Science department. She says she eats a lot of DiGiorno pizza and often hangs out with **Colby Heiman** and **Jessica Rosenberg**. In May, she finds out whether she’s moving to Cleveland for her job, so if you’re in the area, reach out to her. Speaking of Jessica Rosenberg, she and two other 2013 Hotel school grads, **Emily Hauser** and **Lindsey Cummins**, recently reunited in Chicago. Jessica lives in Lincoln Park and is part of a management-training program at Belmont Village Senior Living. She is hoping to pursue a career in the development and acquisition side of the business. Emily works for one of New York’s premier event planning companies, Susan Holland Events. She recently took the lead on planning two weddings, one of which took place at the Gramercy Park Hotel in New York City. Lindsey is running her own startup, Re:group’d, a new mobile group chatting app that helps to better manage and organize our busy lives (download at the iPhone app store today or visit <http://getregroutd.com> to learn more). During her free time, she loves to try new restaurants and post pictures of her meals on her infamous Instagram blog, LittleMissFoodie, which has over 10,000 followers!

Have news you want to share with the class? Have a friend who is up to something awesome? Share it with us by e-mailing us at: [Rachael Schuman](mailto:Rachael.Schuman@cornell.edu), raschuman@gmail.com; and [Dan Kuhr](mailto:Dan.Kuhr@cornell.edu), dk453@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

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- '38 BS Ag, PhD '42—Karl L. Smiley, Morton, IL, October 9, 2013
- '39 BS Hotel—June Miller McNeal, Savannah, GA, October 24, 2013

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- '41 BA, MA '42—Betty Scherer Lester, Bethel Park, PA, January 28, 2013
- '41-42 GR—Arthur A. Pava, Longmeadow, MA, September 2, 2013
- '42 BME—Frank Caplan Jr., Roseburg, OR, July 17, 2010
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- '48 BS ORIE—Harold V. Engh Jr., DeKalb, IL, September 30, 2013
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- '48, BS ORIE '49—John R. Kent, Newtown, PA, October 11, 2013
- '48 BME—Frederick L. Ludden, Hendersonville, NC, September 28, 2013
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- '48 BME—John A. Mitchell Jr., Apex, NC, September 14, 2013
- '48 BEE—Donald E. Oberg, Boulder, CO, February 14, 2010
- '48, BME '49—George I. Roshkind, Hingham, MA, February 14, 2013
- '48 BCE—Vernon O. Shumaker, Binghamton, NY, October 1, 2013

- '49 BA—Bette Waldo Benedict, Onancock, VA, October 7, 2013
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- '50 BA, PhD '55—Henry Ehrenreich, Belmont, MA, January 20, 2008
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- '50 MS HE—Agnes Carlson Foley, Boise, ID, September 1, 2013
- '50-51 GR—James H. McDonnell Jr., Tucson, AZ, September 11, 2013
- '50 BA—David J. Schwartz, Louisville, KY, January 26, 2013

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- '51, B Chem E '52—Henry C. Thorne Jr., Jacksonville, FL, March 18, 2011
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- '52—Orlando E. Bruvold, Plentywood, MT, January 2, 2012
- '52 PhD—Morton Camac, Lexington, MA, April 12, 2012
- '52 BEE—George R. Chambers, Newport Beach, CA, February 6, 2013
- '52 BS Ag—P. Douglas Church, Baldwinville, NY, October 1, 2013
- '52 MD—Charles P. Foote, Miami Lakes, FL, September 30, 2013
- '52 MME, PhD '56—Joseph W. Gavett, Pittsford, NY, September 17, 2013
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- '52, BME '53—J. David Higgins Jr., Birmingham, AL, June 21, 2013
- '52-58 GR—Stanley G. Kullman, Cortland, NY, October 18, 2013
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- '53 JD—Arnold I. Burns, New York City, October 1, 2013
- '53—Robert L. Cooper, Brooklyn, NY, October 19, 2012
- '53 MEd—Velma M. McGaugh, Colorado Springs, CO, September 19, 2013
- '53—Thelma Wyckoff Nix, Leesburg, VA, September 24, 2013
- '53 BA—Stuart E. Robinson, Boston, MA, October 17, 2013
- '53-56 GR—Richard H. Schlegel, Topton, PA, September 16, 2013

- '54 MD—Wilmot C. Ball Jr., Baltimore, MD, October 12, 2013
- '54—George F. Biehler, Hamburg, NY, April 1, 2012
- '54—Lillian Lucas Keeline, Houston, TX, January 17, 2012
- '54 BA—Stephen S. Olney, Poland, NY, October 19, 2013
- '54, BA '55—Robert Sanders, Solvang, CA, September 29, 2013
- '54 PhD—Theodore B. Simpson, McLean, VA, February 9, 2007
- '54-55 GR—Leroy A. Winters, Mecklenburg, NY, October 17, 2013

- '55 LLB—Hamilton W. Budge, Eugene, OR, August 27, 2012
- '55 MD—Chester M. Edelmann, Bronxville, NY, September 19, 2013
- '55, BS Ag '59—Ronald C. Farnsworth, Naples, FL, August 25, 2013
- '55 BA—John L. Kernell, Ocean Springs, MS, August 2, 2013
- '55 BS Nurs—Lois White Lowery, Nebo, NC, September 19, 2013
- '55, BCE '56, MBA/MCE '57—John S. Priedeman, University Place, WA, October 8, 2013

- '56, BCE '57, LLB '61—James T. Embser, Wellsville, NY, October 25, 2013
- '56 MS—Eric K. Honka, Dana Point, CA, September 21, 2009

- '57, BME '58, MS ORIE '59—Donald B. Brout, New York City, July 18, 2012
- '57 BA—Alan R. Cantor, Clarksville, MD, October 5, 2013
- '57 BA—Stephen S. Gottlieb, Scarsdale, NY, October 20, 2013
- '57 PhD—Trevor B. Hill, Williamsburg, VA, August 18, 2007
- '57 BS ILR—Duncan T. Hopkins, Sarasota, FL, May 15, 2011
- '57 BA—Joan Rothstein Levine, Bethesda, MD, June 19, 2013
- '57 JD—Matthew L. Lifflander, Hastings-on-Hudson, NY, Aug. 15, 2013
- '57, BS Ag '63—A. LeRoy Nordby, Bellevue, WA, January 4, 2010
- '57 MRP—M. Kyaw Win, Annandale, VA, March 28, 2010

- '58 BS Ag—Stephanie Cobert Coburn, Philadelphia, PA, June 12, 2013
- '58 BS Ag—Brian W. Curtis, Bradford, RI, May 15, 2009

'58 BS Ag—Louis Matura, Waddington, NY, October 14, 2013
'58 MS ILR—Hans E. Panofsky, Madison, WI, July 1, 2013
'58 PhD—James O. Porteus, Ridgecrest, CA, September 29, 2013
'58, BEE '60—Joell T. Turner, Tucson, AZ, September 12, 2013

'59 PhD—Arnold C. Craig, Bozeman, MT, January 7, 2011
'59 MRP—Norman Gerber, Massapequa, NY, August 24, 2011
'59 BS Hotel—Donald F. Schive, Greenwood, DE, September 2, 2009

1960s

'60 BA, MEd '66—Diana Squires Edelman, Anchor Point, AK, Dec. 3, 2011
'60 BS Ag—John J. Feldis Jr., Rockville Centre, NY, July 21, 2013
'60 MD—John H. Gould, Turner, ME, October 14, 2013
'60 BS Ag—Dallas D. Landrum, Stockton, CA, February 22, 2013
'60—Yoshikazu Minami, Kusatsu, Japan, December 3, 2012

'61—Douglas D. Burdick, Alfred Station, NY, September 15, 2013
'61 DVM—Paul V. Kowaleski, Sterling, MA, October 1, 2013
'61 BA—Caroline Keller Loughlin, Cambridge, MA, October 7, 2013

'63 BS Ag—Richard W. Boers, Ida, MI, October 1, 2013
'63 MS, PhD '65—Edward L. Tittlebaum, Homestead, FL, May 27, 2009
'63 BA—William M. Wycoff, Pittsburgh, PA, October 21, 2013

'64 MBA—David K. Bush, Hornell, NY, July 21, 2013
'64 BA—Peter M. Fast, Raleigh, NC, September 4, 2013
'64, BME '66, MME '67—George W. Goetz, Fountain Hills, AZ, September 22, 2013
'64 PhD—Robert M. Kenney, Naples, NY, May 27, 2008
'64 BS HE—Beth Goldberg Lampert, Port Washington, NY, Sept. 27, 2013
'64, BS Ag '65—G. Clifford Southworth, Castleton-on-Hudson, NY, June 25, 2010

'65 BS Ag—Arthur I. Bass, Latham, NY, September 4, 2013
'65 BS ORIE, ME '66, MBA '67—Steven O. Corrie, San Diego, CA, January 25, 2012
'65 MEd, PhD '75—Margaret Poynter Goldsmith, Ithaca, NY, September 26, 2013
'65, BS Ag '66, DVM '68—Harry P. O'Connor, Lowville, NY, Oct. 2, 2013
'65 MILR, PhD '73—Richard S. Rubin, Bloomington, IN, Sept. 20, 2013

'66 MS Ag—Willard F. Coney, Rehoboth Beach, DE, September 2, 2013
'66 BA—Charles D. Fairbanks, Fort Myers, FL, August 23, 2013
'66 BS AEP—Robert W. Michelet, Annapolis, MD, June 24, 2011

'67, BS Ag '68—Fredrick J. Allan, Bancroft, ON, August 23, 2013
'67 BS HE—Linda Rempe MaGee, Houston, TX, October 14, 2013
'67 PhD—P. Andrew Penz, Richardson, TX, January 22, 2013

'68 MS Ag—Gary R. Buck, Norwood, ON, September 18, 2012
'68 BS Ag—Judy Reinshagen Gabriel, Friendship, WI, August 24, 2013
'68 PhD—Martha Nichols Simon, Setauket, NY, July 18, 2013
'68 BS Ag—Fred Stevens, Sidney, NY, September 7, 2013

'69, BS Hotel '70—Sunil Charnalia, Danvers, MA, November 30, 2012
'69 M Aero E—Robert J. Maraia, Seabrook, TX, February 16, 2011
'69 BA—David A. Mrazek, Rochester, NY, May 6, 2013
'69 BA—Daniel J. Turberville, Ojai, CA, September 13, 2013

1970s

'71 PhD—Robert S. Marshall, Pittsford, NY, September 29, 2013
'71 PhD—Richard C. Pegnetter Jr., Fort Myers, FL, September 9, 2013
'71 PhD—Dennis P. Strommen, Inkom, ID, September 14, 2013

'72 BS HE—Linda Steinbook Grossman, Shaker Heights, OH, September 14, 2013
'72 MBA—Alan W. Moutran, New Preston, CT, September 25, 2013

'72 MS Ag—Lawrence W. Saunders, Wilmington, NC, July 27, 2013

'73 MA, PhD '76—Elizabeth A. Keitel, Hamden, CT, August 1, 2013
'73 BA, MA '83—Farhad Mottaghi, Hobe Sound, FL, July 15, 2013

'74, BArch '75—Michele C. Bertomen, Brooklyn, NY, July 26, 2013
'74 PhD—Russell J. Dufraim, Richboro, PA, May 3, 2013
'74 BA—Katherine Gamble, New York City, January 1, 2010
'74 BS Eng—Jay Process, Centerville, PA, March 17, 2012

'75 MRP—Harold E. Foster, Washington, DC, September 4, 2012
'75 BS Ag—Steven P. Lemmey, Laurel, MD, September 17, 2013
'75 BCE—Dennis Meilhede, Buffalo, NY, March 16, 2013

'76 PhD—Thomas P. Faase, Green Bay, WI, April 25, 2010
'76 BA—Dwight C. Kiel, Orlando, FL, August 8, 2013
'76 DVM—Teresa Bartiromo Pentek, St. Petersburg, FL, October 7, 2013
'76 BS Ag—William J. Trinidad, Lilburn, GA, September 11, 2013

'77 BA—Kevin F. Hughes, Evergreen, CO, January 1, 2010
'77-78 GR—T. Allen Lambert, Ithaca, NY, August 1, 2013
'77 PhD—David E. Stone, Marietta, GA, August 23, 2013

'78 MCE—Morris R. Heinzen, Aberdeen, SD, October 16, 2013
'78—Katherine M. LeVeque, New Smyrna Beach, FL, October 5, 2013

'79 BS Ag—Donald J. Wright, Freeville, NY, May 17, 2013

1980s

'80-81 GR—Jerome S. Bush, Annandale, VA, September 9, 2013
'80, BS Ag '82—Hermann R. Jaensch, Croton-on-Hudson, NY, August 13, 2013
'80 MPA—W. Fred Jenkins Jr., West Orange, NJ, March 17, 2013
'80 MPS—David J. Levoff, Columbus, OH, August 24, 2013
'80 BS Eng, BA '81—Lisa Gilmour Stallworth, Houston, TX, August 22, 2013

'81 JD—Jan C. Cheezem, Miami, FL, September 30, 2013
'81 BS Ag—Daniel P. Gajewski, Oakfield, NY, October 1, 2013
'81 BS Ag—Neal W. Needleman, Westtown, NY, October 4, 2013
'81—George N. Salvino Jr., Oviedo, FL, September 22, 2013
'81 BS Ag—Lt. Col. Ellen Naismith Staley, Seguin, TX, October 21, 2013
'81 BS ILR—Michael A. Weintraub, Sarasota, FL, October 7, 2013

'82 MS, PhD '87—Steven D. Holzner, Ithaca, NY, September 4, 2013

'83 MS, PhD '86—Joseph M. Ragosta, Tulsa, OK, October 13, 2013

'89 BS ILR—Randi Rimerman Serota, Wynnewood, PA, Sept. 1, 2013

1990s

'93 JD—Donald G. Uremovic, Matteson, IL, September 15, 2013

'95, BA '96—Casey D. Cadile, Daly City, CA, June 13, 2013
'95 LLM—Gudrun M. Heitzmann, Vaduz, Liechtenstein, February 13, 2013

'97 MS Ag, PhD '99—William F. Ritchie, Oakland Park, FL, October 8, 2013

'99 MPS—Charles E. Winship, Wayland, NY, October 14, 2013

2000s

'06, BA '05—Jason M. Blinder, Delray Beach, FL, June 15, 2013

2010s

'12-13 GR—Turi A. Alcoser, San Antonio, TX, September 23, 2013

'17—Denis Lukashkov, Mamaroneck, NY, September 9, 2013

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Pranks for the Memories

History maven **Corey Earle '07** offers a survey of Big Red japes

On a frigid night in January, Corey Earle '07 is working a mostly alumni crowd at Ithaca's Kendal retirement community, regaling listeners with Cornell's rich history of pranks, shenanigans, and practical jokes. The associate director for student and young alumni programs in the Office of Alumni Affairs, Earle is an unofficial University historian, the anecdotal crown prince of Cornell lore.

He opens with the tale of a student in the 1870s who pretended to be a traveling lecturer and expert on subjects, like France, that he knew nothing about. The Halloween hijinks in Cascadilla Hall, Cornell's first dorm, included a celebrated gag in which upperclassmen "sold" radiators to freshmen. Other drollery, like soaping trolley tracks and destroying fences, strained town-gown relations. By 1884, enough was enough. "In regards to any attempt to make yourself immortal or famous by some college prank, remember you are here as men," founding President A. D. White harrumphed. "As long as you consider yourself as such, you will be so considered."

White's opprobrium put a temporary kibosh on burning down outhouses and other hijinks, Earle says. But it wasn't long before those pesky kids were at it again. "Pranks have been part of Cornell since the very

start," says Earle, a third-generation Cornelian. "As long as there are students, there will be mischief and shenanigans."

Earle's talk, which he debuted at Kendal, runs the better part of an hour. Among its merry pranksters is Daisy Farrand, wife of Cornell's fourth president, who in 1921 enlisted a senior to give two lectures posing as a pupil of Sigmund Freud. The stunt made national headlines.

Arguably the University's most prolific practical jokester was Hugh Troy '26, whose elaborate japes included phony class photo shoots outside Sibley Hall—unsuspecting students got drenched with water—and the mysterious "rhinoceros" footprints that led to a hole in frozen Beebe Lake. Kicked out senior year for scan-



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dalous headlines in the *Daily Sun* ("President Breaks Wind Over New Aeronautics Hall"), he refused an invitation to return.

Then there was the time that Kurt Vonnegut '44 walked into an exam for a class he'd never attended, tore his bluebook to pieces, and tossed the test in the face of an astonished proctor. Or when, in 1954, a daredevil named Roberto Alvarez allegedly went over Taughannock Falls in a barrel. (There was a barrel, but no Roberto.) Beloved vet professor F. H. Fox '45, himself a famed prankster in his day, still sees his hatred of birthdays mocked annually when students spray-paint his age—now ninety—on an old railroad trestle outside of town. Curtis Reis '56, a.k.a. Narby Krimsnatch, returns to campus occasionally to poke fun at the stiff-upper-lip crowd with goofy getups and faux-foreign addresses. The Dairy Store's fiberglass mascot, Cornelia, has been cow-napped so many times she's now kept under lock and key.

Earle says that a gentle jokester, like a good doctor, "causes no permanent damage." But not all pranks have proven benign. In 1894, a stunt involving chlorine gas killed a cook, sickened many freshmen, and got Cornell cited in law books after sophomores pled the Fifth. In 1968, a Playboy bunny insignia burned into Schoellkopf Field with toxic chemicals sent football players to the hospital with rashes and burns.

Earle winds up his act with the great pumpkin prank of 1997, another Cornell caper that drew national notice. The perpetrators remain unknown to this day, though a decade ago their alleged method was anonymously leaked to the media. It involved a disabled door lock, some mountain climbing gear, and nerves of steel.

— Franklin Crawford

In on the joke: The mysterious clocktower pumpkin (top), which appeared around Halloween in 1997, became a safety hazard as it threatened to topple. Left: Cornelia, the frequently abducted bovine.



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