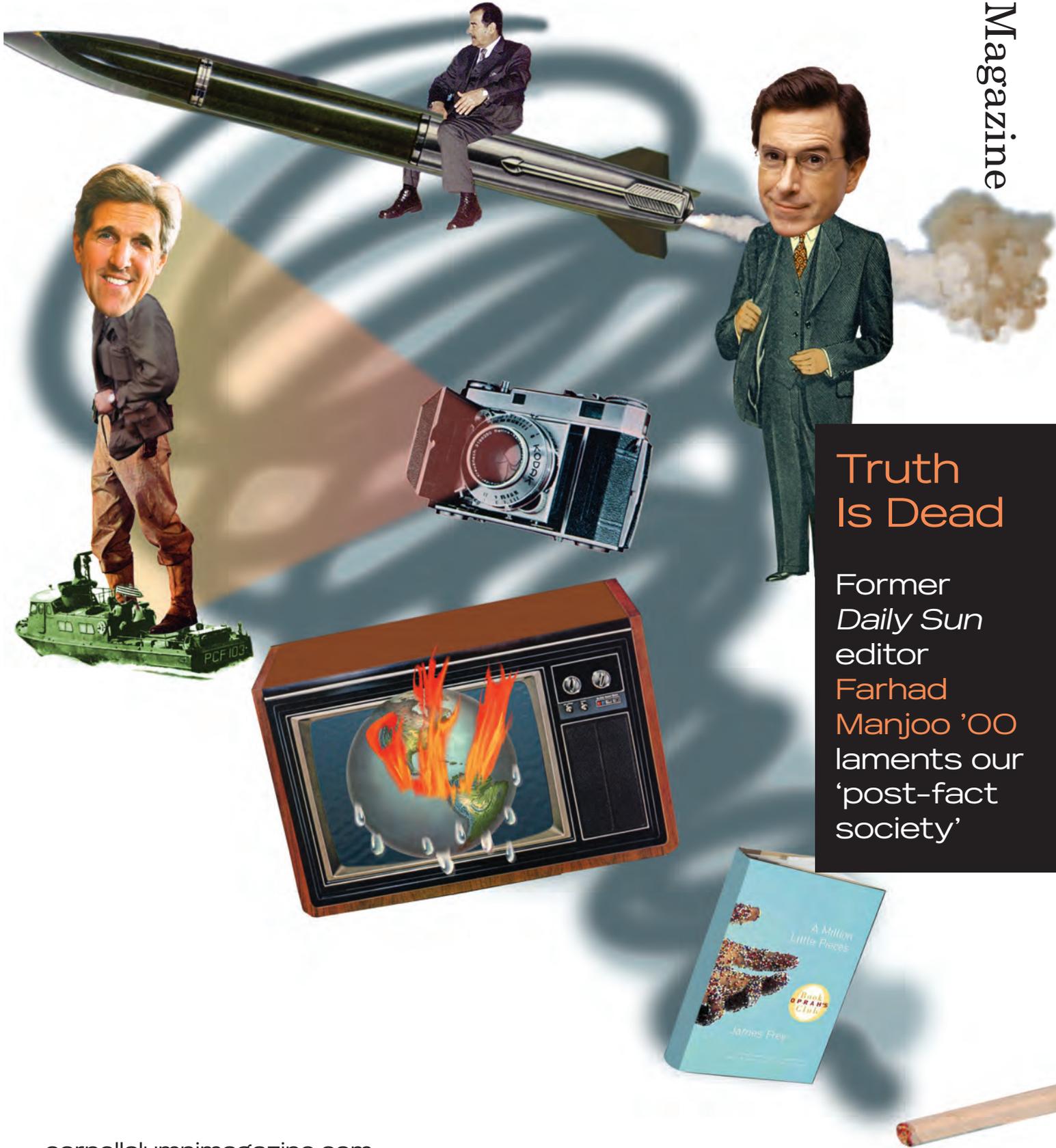


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# A Chat with Chris Marshall

**F**ew relationships are as important to me as those with Cornell alumni. I enjoy the conversations we've had through this column and the feedback you provide, and I continue to be impressed by the superb leadership within the Division of Alumni Affairs and Development. I recently had a great conversation with Chris Marshall, our new associate vice president for alumni affairs. Here's an excerpt:

**David Skorton:** How do Cornell alumni compare with those of other schools in terms of alumni activity?

**Chris Marshall:** There are few—if any—other universities that can claim alumni as loyal as Cornell's. That loyalty translates into involvement on many levels, from simply reading the alumni magazine or the e-news, to attending events, to volunteering for the admissions network, class councils, and regional club boards, or to contributing their financial resources.

**DS:** For many years, Cornell has emphasized undergraduate classes and regional clubs in creating alumni programs. Are there other, better ways to connect with alumni and link them with each other?

**CM:** Absolutely! The concept of affinity programs is already alive and well at Cornell—Cornell Entrepreneur Network, Cornell Silicon Valley, PCCW, and Mosaic events, to name just a few. We just need to turn up the volume a bit. By “affinity” I mean any group that can connect alumni to Cornell and each other—colleges, majors, athletics, Greek life, and music are all good examples. Or it could be via professional interests—career programs are a hot trend in alumni relations, and Cornell needs to be fully in the game. We need to organize our programs and events around entities that are meaningful to our graduates.

**DS:** More and more communication, especially among young alumni, is being done on the Internet. What can Cornell do to use technology to better serve its graduates?

**CM:** Frankly, we're behind in this area. Before I even started in this position I began looking at software solutions that can help us provide a true online community to our graduates: a searchable online directory; an event management tool for online registration and payment for events; a comprehensive suite of services including class notes, affinity group notes, and social networking. It will take some time to pull all this together, but look for it in early 2009.

**DS:** There are many alumni who are not actively involved, yet could become so with just a nudge. Based on your experience, what's the best way to do this?

**CM:** We do a really good job of connecting with our alumni from the Thirties, Forties, Fifties, Sixties, and most of the Seventies—but as we get to our more recent graduates, there is a visible downward shift in involvement. Our younger alumni have



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**Meeting of the minds:** Cornell's new associate VP for alumni affairs enjoys “casual Friday” in President Skorton's office.

the biggest need for that nudge. If, for example, we send a young alumna a reunion invitation through the mail to her home address, we're missing the boat on three fronts:

- 1) Young alumni prefer electronic communication—Facebook, LinkedIn, text messages, instant messages, and e-mail.
- 2) Many of the addresses in our database are outdated. Young alumni, generally speaking, are not all that interested in keeping Cornell up to date about where they live and work.
- 3) Class reunions don't appeal to young alumni. The percentages speak volumes: Cornell averages around 14 percent reunion attendance—and, nationally speaking, this is a very good result—but affinity group reunions routinely attract 50 to 60 percent attendance. We need to augment and enhance our reunion program to include this affinity concept.

**DS:** How do you measure the success of alumni programs?

**CM:** For a long time, alumni relations has been considered more of an art than a science. I don't buy that. I was a collegiate swimming coach for twelve years; we measured our success to the hundredth of a second, and at the end of the day we had a scoreboard that told us how we did. That same concept must be applied to alumni affairs. We're going to measure everything! There are more than 200 data points that we will measure annually, track over time, and compare to our peer institutions. We should also ask our alumni how we're doing, so every four or five years we'll conduct an attitudinal study to take their pulse. Without that feedback, we'll just be spinning our wheels. Of course, not all feedback is quantitative. Some of the best comes from just listening to alumni. I plan on getting out there, meeting them, and hearing firsthand how they feel about Cornell.

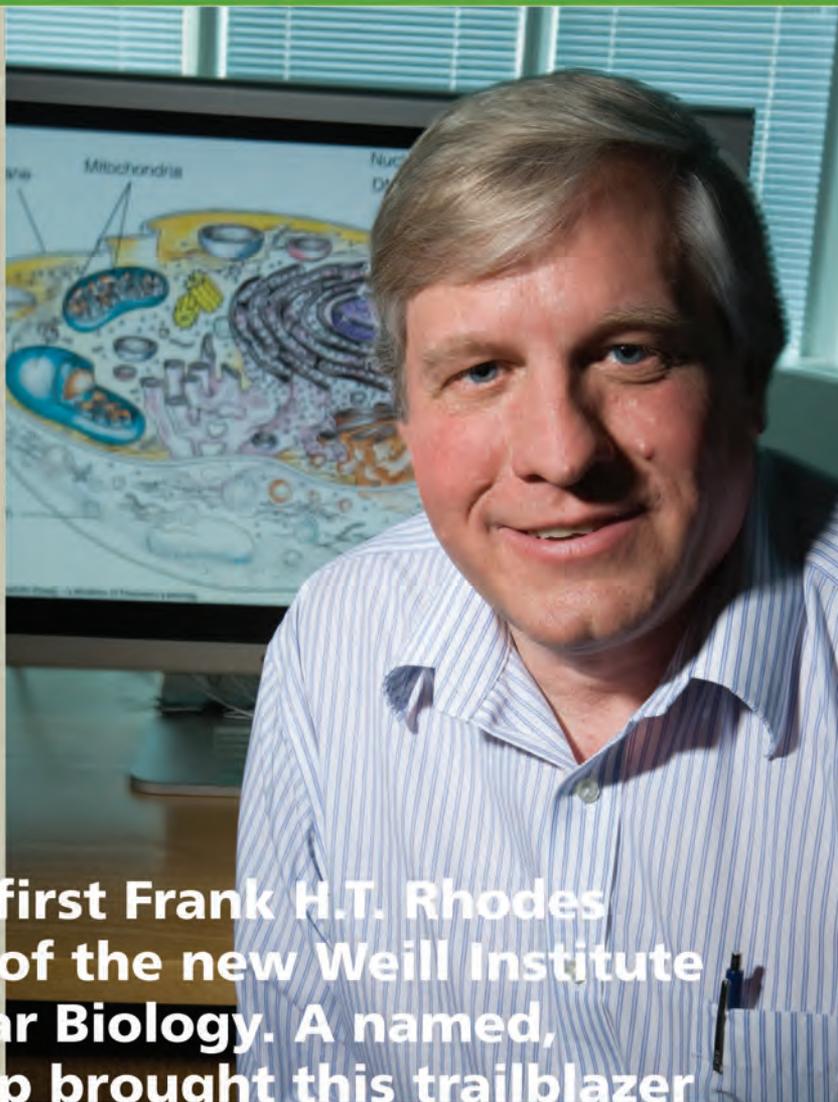
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## Gates of Heaven

Local blacksmith Durand Van Doren spent six months crafting an intricate iron gate for Minns Garden, located along Tower Road on the Ag Quad. Designed by Hannah Carlson, a master's candidate in landscape architecture, the gate features flowers such as tulips, daisies, and daffodils—down to scientifically accurate depictions of their root systems. The twenty-four-foot-wide gate was installed in May with the aim of keeping deer out of the historic garden; Van Doren also made two smaller gates, whose posts resemble the trunks of apple trees. "It's been a lot of fun," he says, "and also my hardest work yet."

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# Mastering the Plan

Alumni wonder if bigger is better

Having read the article about the Cornell Master Plan (“Looking Ahead,” July/August 2008), all I can say is that I feel somewhat overwhelmed. The Cornell I attended in the early Sixties was huge, but we somehow managed to change from one class to another in the allotted ten minutes. The map of the enlarged campus envisioned by the Master Plan makes that look like an impossibility for some combinations of classrooms.

I guess my main problem in digesting all this lies with the notion that bigger is better. While not necessarily subscribing to that philosophy, I do find it comforting that present-day planners are trying to live up to Ezra’s desire to educate any person in any study. Obviously, that can’t be accomplished in a one-room schoolhouse.

*Dave Bridgeman ’65  
San Jacinto, California*

Bigger is not always better! I am surprised that the Master Plan does not include such items as placing buildings over the gorges (probably with glass bottoms), thus showing “advanced planning.” Cornell cannot be everything to everyone; the Master Plan needs to have less emphasis on physical properties and more emphasis on what the Cornell of the future should be. After that, refurbish or add a limited number of physical properties to meet the need.

*William Gibson ’48  
Danville, California*

Last year, President Skorton committed the University to achieving climate neutrality for the campus by the year 2050, which means zero net emissions of greenhouse gases (principally carbon dioxide). This is an ambitious but probably impossible goal—and progress toward climate neutrality is made much more difficult by



the continued expansion of facilities. The Cornell Master Plan shows that many new buildings may be built, filling in open spaces along Tower Road and on Hoy Field. This seems to be a continuation of the trend that has added about 1 million square feet of buildings every decade. Is this much more space really needed to maintain Cornell’s reputation as a top teaching and research institution? Couldn’t most new academic projects be accommodated by renovating existing buildings, since student enrollment is projected to stay about the same?

*Peter Harriott ’48  
Ithaca, New York*

It was rather hard to orient oneself from the illustrations in the magazine, but I am disheartened—apparently there is to be very little open space left near the center of a campus that appears to go on and on and on. (In addition, so far as I could tell there isn’t any clear reason given for all

the expansion.) I know that an Ivy League campus may no longer look idyllic—and some never did—but the danger is that Cornell will resemble one of the admittedly excellent but mammoth state universities, even though it has less than half the population of many of them and does not expect to grow that much.

*Janet Senderowitz Loengard ’55  
Bernardsville, New Jersey*

I came to Cornell in 1953 and was instantly absorbed into its elms, buildings, and vitality. I’ve seen the architectural evolution and the expansion of the built-up campus perimeter. It won’t stop!

A symbolic step to preserve Cornell’s history in future structures would be to take a brick or stone from one of the original buildings and include it in the cornerstone of each new building, with an appropriate reference on the new cornerstone. This bit of historic “pollination” would help to answer someone’s question in 2108: “Where did this enterprise begin?”

*Paul Snare ’56, MBA ’58  
University Place, Washington*

## Earned Honors

Re: “Standing on Principle” and “Degrees of Separation” (July/August 2008): As I read about the Faculty Senate’s vote to reject the request of Weill Cornell Medical College for the granting of honorary degrees, a large smile came on my face, as they had reaffirmed one of the things that makes Cornell special. I find the practice of giving large donors or politicians such honors cheapens the sacrifices and hard work of the graduates. But I was disgusted when, a few pages later, I saw a picture from the commencement of Weill Cornell Medical College in Qatar, showing the first lady of Qatar getting gifts that appeared equivalent to an honorary

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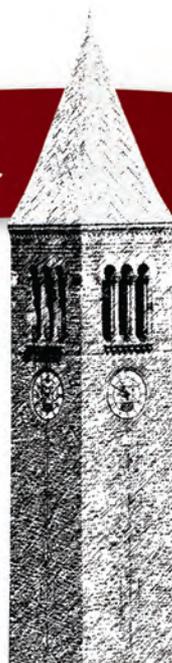
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degree. While I have no basis for commenting on her support of the medical school, it seemed to be contrary to the spirit of the decision of the Faculty Senate.

*Bruce Schneider '78  
Westport, Connecticut*

At a dinner in California a few years ago, Bill Clinton was the partner of a Cornell alum who is close to me. Reportedly, when the topic of Cornell came up President Clinton said, "Did you know that Cornell University does not award honorary degrees?" He was impressed by our mandate that diplomas must be earned and mentioned that he had been the Cornell convocation speaker a few years earlier. The fact that our policy about honorary degrees remained in the memory of a former President of the United States tells us something about how wonderfully impressive our commitment to the earned Cornell diploma is.

*Alice Katz Berglas '66  
Co-President, Class of 1966  
New York, New York*

## Collection Caveat

Re: "National Treasures" (Cornelliana, May/June 2008): While I respect Tom Carroll, PhD '51, for placing his collection in the public domain by donating it to the Johnson Museum, it should be recognized that collections of this type, bought on the open market, have limited usefulness for academic study. Even when collected and exported legally, items bought from street vendors and at markets have lost their provenance and offer no clues as to their original context. While information may be gleaned from the pieces' iconography or from scientific analysis of their composition and construction, the study of ancient cultures benefits most when objects have context, which comes only from legal archaeological excavation. Cornell, as a leading academic institution with a strong archaeology department, should be a leader in ensuring that collections it receives are properly documented.

*Rachael Perkins Arenstein '92  
Scarsdale, New York*

## Corrections—July/August 2008

Wines of the Finger Lakes, Featured Selection, page 20: Due to an editing error, we stated that Ventosa Vineyards had planted twenty-three acres of Tocai Friulano grapes. The correct amount is three acres.

Legacies, page 103: Charles Whittaker, listed as a fourth-generation Cornelian, is actually a fifth-generation Cornelian. His great-great-grandfather was Leonard H. Vaughan, Class of 1902.

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# In Memoriam

## Charles T. Stewart '40

**W**ith the death of Charles Thorp (Chuck) Stewart '40 on January 19, Cornell lost a champion. Chuck had Cornell in his blood: his grandfather, his grandmother (who helped found the University's first sorority), his mother, aunts, uncles, and three brothers all graduated from Cornell, as did his son, Evan Stewart '74, JD '77. After wartime service, Chuck began a legal career that was marked by increasing responsibility and success, ultimately leading to his appointment as general counsel, senior vice president, and member of the board of J. C. Penney. He was described by William Batten, the chairman, as "a strong right arm" who "played a key role in the company's transformation." He was an outstanding lawyer who was also an astute businessman and exemplary citizen, serving as chairman of the board of the YMCA of the Greater New York Area and as a director of the Legal Aid Society.

Chuck was a member of the Cornell Board of Trustees for twenty years, serving on the executive committee for nineteen years and as its chair for fifteen years. His steady hand had much to do with the success with which the University emerged from the troubled times of the late Sixties and early Seventies. Chuck's legal acumen, precise thinking, and steady sense of proportion were enormously valuable. He had the highest ambitions for the University and set high standards. He was also an outstanding teacher, serving as a visiting professor at Yale, his legal alma mater, and for many years as an adjunct professor of law at New York University. This rare combination of devotion to teaching, legal comprehension, and business acumen made Chuck an extraordinary leader during his long service as a trustee. He also served as a founding member of the Board of Overseers of the Medical college.

It was through their common membership on the Cornell Board that Chuck met Patricia Carry '50; their marriage in 1976 contributed so much to the richness of his life. Chuck was a generous benefactor to many areas of Cornell life and served with distinction as a presidential counselor. In 2002 he and Pat jointly received the Rhodes Exemplary Alumni Service Award, fitting recognition of their devoted leadership and dedicated service to the University.

— President Emeritus Frank Rhodes



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## Charles S. Williams '44

**C**harles S. Williams '44, this magazine's business manager and then general manager from 1963 until he retired in 1986, died on May 19 in Scottsdale, Arizona.

Charlie stood out in any crowd—tall, handsome, and strong of opinion—and had an easy way with people. He had three powerful loves in his life: his family, his alumni class, and the B-25 bomber he flew on fifty-four missions in the Pacific Theater during World War II.

I'd arrived as editor in 1961 to succeed Howard Stevenson 1919, the longtime all-purpose chief of the *Cornell Alumni News*. Charlie came from Wall Street, where he had been an editor at two investment periodicals. He built our advertising and circulation, selling group subscriptions to alumni classes under a plan Stevenson had launched in the Forties. Later he chaired a group of Ivy League alumni magazines that banded together to attract national advertising.

Twice in Charlie's tenure he put his editorial experience to work: once during a hiatus when I was away serving the University and my successor was out of action, and again in 1969 when he joined associate editor Marion O'Brien and me in our all-out coverage of the occupation of Willard Straight Hall by black students and its consequences.

Charlie and his brother, the bigger-than-life professor of the history of science L. Pearce Williams '48, PhD '52, and another history professor hunted together regularly. But it was to his devoted wife, Barbara, and singular daughters Marcia and Tracey that he gave the fullest affection.

The comradeship of war veterans and the leadership of Art Kesten '44, BA '49, and Dottie Kay Kesten '44, BS '43, held together his Cornell alumni class, which he served as president and reunion chairman. He earned the Air Medal with oak leaf cluster and other medals for his service with the 38th Bomb Group, the "Sunsetters," 71st Bomb Squadron, Fifth Air Force. His family has asked that any memorial contributions be made to the Arizona Wing of the Commemorative Air Force, which is restoring a B-25. Says Tracey, "He would have loved that."

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— John Marcham '50



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JOHNSON MUSEUM

**Prom Nights:** 'Jameelia Ricks and Marielle Evangelista, Ithaca High School, 2008' is part of Mary Ellen Mark's "Prom Series," on view at the Johnson Museum through late October. Mark photographed students at twelve dances across America; the museum is showing thirty images from the series, all black-and-white Polaroids.

## Give My Regards to Davy

**Back in 1922**, registrar David Fletcher Hoy 1891—a bench coach and devoted supporter of Cornell baseball—threw out the first pitch when Hoy Field was inaugurated and named in his honor. Since then, the ball had been locked in a safe in the family home in Camden, Maine. But in July, grandson David Fletcher Hoy III returned it to campus, where it will be displayed in Kroch Library. Says Hoy: "I think it belongs here."

## Baby, You Can Drive My Car

**Ithaca Carshare** is finally motoring along after two years of planning. Six fuel-efficient Nissan hatchbacks are available to members of the program who pay annual or monthly fees, as well as hourly and per-mile fees when they use the cars. The program has received support from the City of Ithaca, the Tompkins County Transportation Council, EcoVillage, and Ithaca College, and Cornell made a major contribution by purchasing 2,000 memberships and offering discounts to students and faculty who are part of other University transportation programs. The cars are available by reservation at spots in Collegetown, on the Cornell and IC campuses, and at EcoVillage.

## Good Neighbor

**President David Skorton** has announced that Cornell will provide more than \$1 million for initiatives to improve Ithaca's transportation and infrastructure, and expand affordable housing. The projects, ranging from the development of housing on University land to funding for rideshare programs, are part of Cornell's ten-year, \$20 million initiative (announced in 2007) that aims to increase University support for the Ithaca community. In 2008–09, Cornell will fund 24 percent of the projects, while federal and state governments pay for 56 percent and local sponsors put up 20 percent.



MIKE ROTOLO

## Play Ball!

Jack Corrigan '74 is the voice of the Colorado Rockies



ROTOLO

**H**igh above home plate, in the visitors' radio booth at San Diego's Petco Park, Colorado Rockies announcer Jack Corrigan '74 is surrounded by the tools of his trade: binoculars, a laptop for electronic scorekeeping, a tiny television monitor, Padres and Rockies media guides and stat sheets, and a booklet of sponsor ads to be woven into the evening's narrative. Corrigan's announcing partner of six seasons, Jeff Kingery, sits to his right. The engineer/producer mans a soundboard atop a platform behind them.

It's all one needs to do the announcer's job—that, and an endless supply of baseball stories. There was that time in Detroit when

a foul ball knocked Corrigan's sound engineer unconscious. And that run at the end of the 2007 season, when Colorado won twenty-one of twenty-two games to reach the World Series—"the most unbelievable time I've been through in sports," says Corrigan, who wears a National League championship ring on his right hand and a worn Cornell cap on his head.

At the moment, doing a pre-game interview with a Denver radio station, Corrigan is telling a tale about Mickey Mantle shuffling up to the plate with a hangover and hitting a pinch-hit home run against Corrigan's beloved Cleveland Indians in the early Sixties. Back then, Cleveland's futility represented an opportunity for young Jack Corrigan. He and

**Color man:** Announcer Jack Corrigan (top left) in the booth at Great American Ballpark in Cincinnati. Above: Corrigan interviews Colorado Rockies manager Clint Hurdle.

a neighbor would lug a tape recorder to cavernous Municipal Stadium, sit in an empty section of the upper deck, and practice their play-by-play. “I’ve wanted to do this since I was ten,” he says in a strong, radio-perfect voice. “I was the kid who would turn down the sound on the TV and pretend I was the announcer, until my brothers and sisters would throw pillows at me and tell me to shut up.” Some two decades later, in 1985, Corrigan was back in Municipal Stadium, only then he was beginning a seventeen-year stint as the Indians’ television announcer.

A wide receiver on the Big Red football team, Corrigan tried out for a couple of professional squads before pursuing a graduate degree at Kent State, where he focused on broadcasting. He wrote his master’s thesis on NFL Films, the production company that changed the way people watch pro football, showing how a game can become a drama through the use of narrative. Corrigan began his broadcasting career in Youngstown, Ohio, and then moved on to Richmond, Virginia, before making his way back to Cleveland. Over the years, he broadcast everything from college basketball and minor league baseball to pro soccer and even table tennis. “As you develop, you start to get a style,” he says. “That’s what I tell aspiring broadcasters—you have to find your voice.”

Corrigan’s seventeen seasons in Cleveland represented the longest tenure of any broadcaster in Indians history, but when the team moved to a new network in 2002 he found himself looking for a job. He took a year off and began writing his first novel, *Warning Track*, a self-published tale of a star outfielder’s foray into the use of illegal supplements. Corrigan, who was a history major on the Hill, is currently finishing his second book, a fictional account of the sinking of the S.S. *Leopoldville* on Christmas Eve in 1944. (His father was among the rescuers; at least 750 American soldiers perished.)

When Corrigan was hired by the Rockies in 2003, he moved from TV to radio—where the ability to “inform, entertain, and support” (as he puts it) is fueled by the descriptive abilities of the announcer. “On the radio,” he says, “you are the analyst, the producer-director, and the play-by-play guy.” Corrigan—who has only about eighteen days off during the six-month regular season—tries to have fun in the booth. He’ll throw in pop culture references, shout his signature home run call (“It’s touch-’em-all time!”), and fill gaps when necessary—as in mid-April, when the Padres and Rockies played a twenty-two-inning marathon that lasted

six hours and sixteen minutes. “You have to like the person you’re sitting next to,” says Corrigan, nodding to Kingery, “just due to the sheer amount of time you’re spending together.”

But Corrigan is well aware that he is the storyteller, not the story. He remembers a piece of advice he got from leg-

endary Detroit Tigers baseball announcer Ernie Harwell during his first year on the air. “He told me, ‘You know you’re doing a good job if at least a half-dozen times in the course of a game, the fans can hear the hotdog vendor.’ Every once in a while, it’s okay to shut up.”

— Brad Herzog ’90

## Big Jump

June 14, 2008



KIRBY LEE

After going more than 50 years without an NCAA individual track and field title, Cornell has produced national champions in back-to-back seasons—in the same event. **Muhammad Halim '08** closed out his intercollegiate career by winning the 2008 NCAA title in the triple jump with a school record of 54 feet, 8 inches (wind-aided). Halim, a four-time All-American, bested a field that featured three former NCAA champions including **Rayon Taylor '07**. Taylor won the national triple-jump title last year as a member of the Big Red but represented Florida State this season, as the Ivy League allows only undergraduates to compete on its teams.



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CORNELL ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS

**THRICE AS NICE** Three was Cornell's magic number at the Intercollegiate Rowing Association National Championships in Camden, New Jersey. Three Big Red boats earned national titles at the regatta, including the lightweight varsity-eight boat, which became the first lightweight crew to win three straight IRA titles. The win also gave the Big Red eight its second sweep of the Eastern Sprints and IRAs in three seasons. The men's varsity pair also took top honors, winning both its heat and the final by more than 4 seconds each. The third title came in the men's masters eight where the Big Red beat Brown by 3.5 seconds.

**MOVING UP** Shortly after leading the varsity-eight crew to the national title, lightweight head coach **Todd Kennett '91** was promoted to director of rowing and head coach of the heavyweight rowing team. Kennett joined the Cornell staff in 1993 and became the lightweight head coach in 1998.

**BASHERS** Cornell's softball team hit the ball better than any other squad this spring, as their .351 team average not only set a school record but was tops in the nation. The Big Red also ranked in the top ten nationally in scoring, slugging percentage, doubles per game, and win-loss percentage. **Jenna Campagnolo '08** led the team with a .423 average, ranking 21st nationally. She was also the sixth most difficult hitter to strike out, fanning only six times in 156 at bats. The Big Red was 40-10 for the season and finished second in the Ivy League south division at 16-4.

**BEIJING BOATERS** The U.S. Olympic Team included a pair of Cornell rowers: **Ken Kaido '03** was a member of three previous U.S. National Teams and finished second in

the quadruple sculls at the 2008 Rowing World Cup in Lucerne, Switzerland. Teammate **Ken Jurkowski '03** qualified in single sculls after winning a regatta in Poland.

**NEAR MISSES** Cornell's waterborne contingent at the Olympics almost had some company on dry land, as several Big Red track and field athletes came up just short



Jenna Campagnolo

TIM MCKINNEY '81

in their qualifying bids. **Morgan Uceny '07** came the closest, finishing fourth in the 1,500 meters at the U.S. Olympic Trials, one spot short of qualifying for the Games. Uceny also finished sixth in the 800 meters and was the only woman to run in both the 800 and 1,500 meters at the Trials. Other top Cornell performers

included **Muhammad Halim '08** (10th in the triple jump), **Jeomi Maduka '09** (12th in the long jump), and **Max King '02** (16th in the 3,000-meter steeplechase). The Canadian Olympic Trials also had a Big Red hue: **Adam Seabrook '08** finished fifth in the 400-meter hurdles, **Amber McGown '05** placed sixth in the 1,500 meters, and **Cody Boyd '11** was eighth in the 400 meters.

**HALL OF FAMERS** Five All-Americans and an Olympic medalist will be among those honored when the Cornell Hall of Fame enshrines its Class of 2008 in November. **John Nunn '64** is the medal winner, having earned a bronze at the 1968 Mexico City games in the double sculls. The All-Americans are **John Griffin '79**, lacrosse; **Cari Hills '98**, lacrosse and field hockey; **Glen Mueller '72, MBA '74**, lacrosse; **Mike Raich '88**, football; and **Kate Walker '97**, track and field. Joining them will be **Jen Daly '97**, soccer; **Rick Fricke '67, JD '70**, lightweight football and lacrosse; **Don Jean '72, MBA '73**, football; **Mary LaMacchia Zimmerman '96**, basketball; and **Art Wolcott '49**, special category. Wolcott, a life member of the University Council, is a longtime supporter of Cornell Athletics.

**SWIM, BIKE, RUN** A team of alumni represented Cornell in the 2008 New York City Triathlon, finishing third in the Ivy Tri Championship. Columbia took first, followed by Penn and Cornell, but the Big Red team posted the second-best average time of 2:19.19 for the course, which consisted of a 1,500-meter swim, 40-kilometer bike race, and 10-kilometer run. The top Cornell finishers were **Keith Strudler '92** (2:01:35), **Kevin Scelfo '05** (2:07:39), **Doug Levens '92** (2:21:35), and **Josh Futterman '88** (2:30:25).

**DEADEYE** Hoopster **Ryan Wittman '10** was named one of the nation's top ten shooters by ESPN basketball analyst Fran Fraschilla. Wittman led the Ivy League in three-pointers his first two seasons, hitting 44 percent of his shots from beyond the arc. He is also an 88 percent career free-throw shooter.

**FRONT OFFICE** Former All-American **Joe Nieuwendyk '88** hung up his skates during the 2006-07 NHL season, but he's not done with the game. A three-time Stanley Cup winner, Nieuwendyk is now a special assistant to Cliff Fletcher, general manager of the Toronto Maple Leafs. A native of Whitby, Ontario, Nieuwendyk spent one season with the Leafs near the end of his 21-year NHL career, during which he collected 1,126 points and 564 goals.



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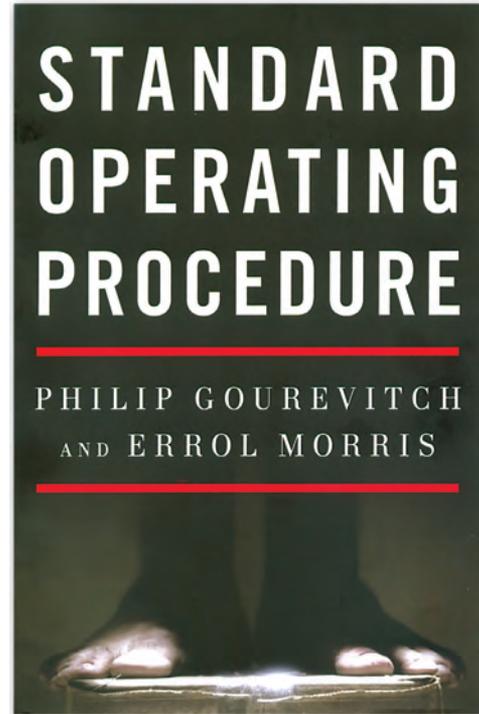


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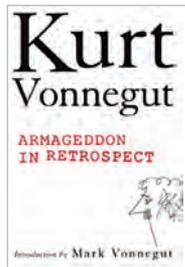
# Fog of War

**Standard Operating Procedure** by Philip Gourevitch '83 and Errol Morris (Penguin)

**B**ased on hundreds of hours of interviews conducted for the documentary film of the same title, the book describes the experience of soldiers stationed at Abu Ghraib prison and how their mission went terribly wrong. “It is almost as much a cause for national pride as it is for despair that some American soldiers didn’t seem to understand, or to care, that they were supposed to be keeping their diabolical assignment a secret, that they never fully accepted the guilty code of *omertà* that comes naturally to those who are truly and self-consciously corrupt,” say the authors. “They never entirely lost sight of the absurdity and insanity of their position.”



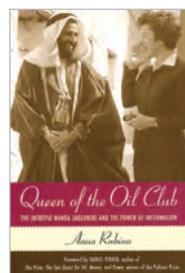
**Armageddon in Retrospect** by Kurt Vonnegut '44 (Putnam). “When does all the hate end?” asks Vonnegut in this posthumous collection that revolves around the theme of war. These previously unpublished stories, essays, and cartoons include a harrowing reminiscence of his experiences as a prisoner of war during the firebombing of Dresden and a speech that he meant to deliver before his death. “Writing was a spiritual exercise for my father, the only thing he really believed in,” writes Vonnegut’s son Mark. “He wanted to get things right but never thought that his writing was going to have much effect on the course of things.”



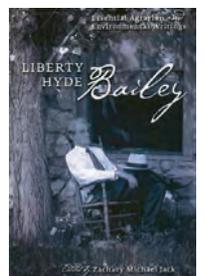
**Stuffed and Starved** by Raj Patel, PhD '02 (Melville House). More people go hungry than ever before, while even more people are overweight. Patel, a former policy analyst for Food First, shows that global hunger and obesity are symptoms of the same problem, and argues that eradicating world hunger can also prevent epidemics of diabetes and heart disease. He examines how the world food system is shaped by farmers, governments, corporations, consumers, and activists, and suggests ways for people to become more than just consumers and alter “the relations of power that exploit people both in growing, and in eating.”



**Queen of the Oil Club** by Anna Rubino (Beacon). Wanda Jablonski '42 was once the most powerful woman in the male-dominated world of oil, and her career offers insights into the formative years of American involvement in the Middle East. As publisher of *Petroleum Intelligence Weekly*, Jablonski chronicled and helped shape the post-war oil industry. Writes Rubino, an investigative reporter for Off The Record Research, “Her story is also a primer on the recent history of oil, reminding us how the quest for stable sources of oil became critical to American security, and how nascent nationalism in the Fifties led oil states to use petroleum as a political tool.”



**Liberty Hyde Bailey** edited by Zachary Michael Jack (Cornell). Legendary Ag college professor Bailey left his mark on horticulture, botany, education, and rural sociology; wrote more than sixty books; worked to improve the lives of farmers; and helped build the intellectual foundations of the environmental movement. As a scientist writing in the tradition of naturalists John Muir and John Burroughs, he stressed the importance of humanity’s place within, and not apart from, the natural world. This anthology, published on the hundredth anniversary of Bailey’s landmark *Report of the Country Life Commission*, presents selections from ten of his most influential books on agrarian and environmental matters.



## Recently Published

### Fiction

**One More Year** by Sana Krasikov '01 (Spiegel & Grau). Krasikov, a former CAM intern and graduate of the Iowa Writers' Workshop, belongs to a generation of Russian-American authors who are at home in two cultures, yet able to maintain an ironic distance from both. In her debut short story collection, she captures the lives of immigrants from the former Soviet Union who suffer from a sense of estrangement as they attempt to create new lives in the United States.

**March Toward the Thunder** by Joseph Bruchac '64 (Dial). Fifteen-year-old Louis Nolette, an Abenaki Indian from Canada, signs up with the Union Army's Irish Brigade in 1864 and marches south to fight in Virginia. Lured by the promise of good pay and the chance to defeat slavery, Louis discovers that war is a dirty business. Bruchac based the story on the experiences of his great-grandfather, Louis Bowman, who fought in some of the Civil War's bloodiest battles.

**Jack with a Twist** by Brenda Janowitz '95 (Red Dress Ink). Brooke Miller lands a celebrity divorce case while she's planning her wedding and then discovers that her fiancé, Jack, is the opposing attorney. Soon Jack resorts to legal trickery, and Brooke begins to wonder if she's chosen the right man. In her second novel, Janowitz juggles comic reversals with a Hepburn/Tracy-style battle of the sexes.

### Nonfiction

**African Americans in Congress** by Eric Freedman '71 and Stephen A. Jones (CQ). This documentary history tells the stories of notable African American members of Congress, including Hiram R. Revels, the first African American senator; Shirley Chisholm, the first black woman to serve in Congress; Charles Rangel, a founding member of the Congressional Black Caucus; and presidential candidate Sen. Barack Obama. Thematic chapters also cover the debates over slavery, the civil rights movement, and the struggle for economic justice.

**Policing the Globe** by Peter Andreas, PhD '99, and Ethan Nadelmann (Oxford). Transnational crime is a growing problem in this era of globalization. Andreas, an associate professor of political science and international studies at Brown, and Nadelmann, the executive director of the Drug Policy Alliance, focus on the increased number of global prohibitions, cross-border crime control in Western Europe, and the rise of the United States as the world's most aggressive policing power.



## Frank H.T. Rhodes Class of 1956 Professorship

### Call for Nominations

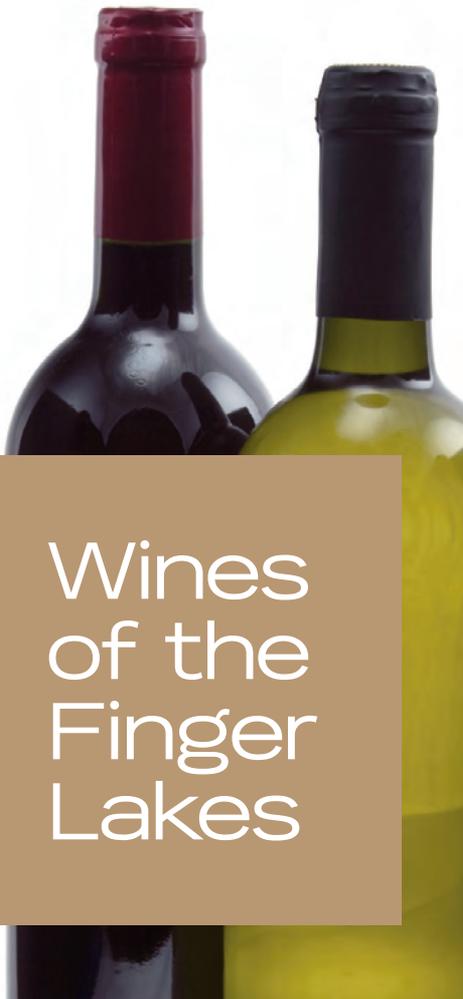
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Dossiers should include a nominating letter noting the nominee's qualifications and achievements, a description of how the nominee would contribute to the undergraduate experience at Cornell, and a copy of the nominee's curriculum vitae or resume. The dossier should also include any additional letters from Cornell faculty members, departments, or programs in support of the nomination. Nominations should be submitted to Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education Michele Moody-Adams and Edna Dugan, Assistant Vice President, Student and Academic Services, co-chairs of the West Campus House System Rhodes Selection Committee, at [rhodes56professorship@cornell.edu](mailto:rhodes56professorship@cornell.edu), or mailed to the Office of the Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education, 433 Day Hall, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY 14853 by the third Wednesday in October.

The beginning of the term of appointment for nominees approved by the Provost and the Trustees in May is July 1 in any given year. Additional information, including the composition of the selection committee, current Rhodes Professors or the Program Statement, can be found on the program website: <http://rhodesprofessors.cornell.edu/>.



# Wines of the Finger Lakes

## Featured Selection

### 2007 RAVINES SAUVIGNON BLANC

**T**hough good wine begins with good grapes, it helps to have talent in the cellar. Case in point: French-trained winemaker Morten Hallgren, who owns five-year-old Ravines Wine Cellars in Hammondsport with his wife, Lisa. He has crafted a Sauvignon Blanc that should serve as a benchmark for other vintners in the Finger Lakes region.

Sourcing Sauvignon Blanc grapes from Jim Hazlitt's Sawmill Creek Vineyards in Hector and Hobbit Hollow Farms in Skaneateles, the Danish-born Hallgren vinified and aged the wine exclusively in stainless steel tanks. "Oak aging would be overwhelming," he asserts—especially with Finger Lakes grapes. Furthermore, as with all wines from Ravines, Hallgren employed lees stirring (mixing the sediment on which the wine rests) every week during November and December, biweekly in January



and February, and once a month in March and April. "It's a way to soften the wine without using sugar," he says. "It rounds and polishes it."

In a region where attempts with this variety have yielded variable results, the 2007 Ravines Sauvignon Blanc (about \$17), of which 375 cases were produced, is a revelation. Exceptionally clean and possessing a moderate level of acidity, the style is one of restraint—not as flamboyantly fruit-driven as, say, its counterparts from New Zealand. It's a dry white wine that features aromas and flavors of apples and pears, plus a subtle note of grapefruit citrus and a slight suggestion of peach. Versatile with food, it can be matched with lightly grilled seafood and shellfish, salad with goat cheese, raw oysters, or vegetarian dishes.

— Dana Malley

*Dana Malley is a wine buyer and the manager of Northside Wine & Spirits in Ithaca.*

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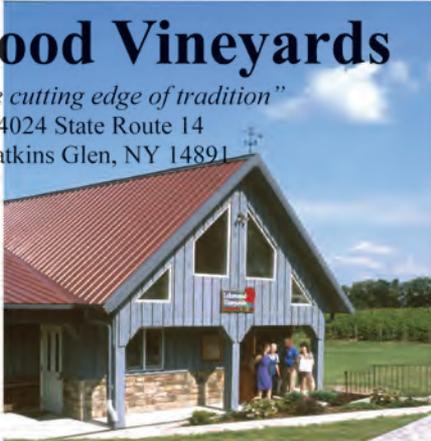


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# Speak Now

A novel approach to Arabic integrates the 'glorious' with the everyday

JASON KOSKI / UP



**Native tongue:** Near Eastern studies lecturer Munther Younes has pioneered a way to teach Arabic's written and spoken forms concurrently. He counts President David Skorton among his students.

It's the quintessential scene in crime fiction: the hard-bitten cop interrogates the lowlife perp. In just about any language, the dialogue would likely be laden with expletives, the characters speaking in the gritty patois of the street. But in a modern Arabic novel, notes Munther Younes, both detective and suspect would sound as though they were speaking the equivalent of Elizabethan English. "The artificial, bookish language throws me off immediately," says Younes, a senior lecturer in the Department of Near Eastern Studies. "I can't relate to it."

That disconnect exemplifies Arabic's diglossia—the existence of two distinct but interrelated forms of a language. One is written and read; it's the formal language of the Qu'ran, literature, journalism, business, diplomacy. The other is the colloquial tongue, spoken in varying dialects around the world. "Structurally they are different," says Younes. "Ninety percent of words are shared by the two, but pronounced differently. The best way to illustrate it would be that once you pick up a pen you think in terms of formal language, and once you pick up the phone you speak in the conversational." Students in Western universities traditionally spend years studying the formal version before being allowed to learn the other, but the Palestinian-born Younes sees the bifurcation as a waste of time—and an inevitable source of frustration. "The formal language is not spoken conversationally by anyone," says Younes. "When students go to Arabic-speaking countries, they find that people laugh at them, because it's like they're speaking Shakespeare's language with all the 'thous' and 'thees.'"

Younes is the architect of a novel approach to Arabic instruction, integrating the two forms from day one. With Arabic speakers and translators in ever-greater demand, Younes's system promises to impart fluency faster and more efficiently than traditional classes. "Student enrollment has increased dramatically since 9/11, and it continues," says Rosemary Feal, executive director of the Modern Language Association. "It's important to have a method to learn not only the traditional language, but also the language spoken on the ground." According to an MLA survey, the number of students in Arabic classes nearly doubled from 1998 to 2002, from about 5,500 to 10,600; in 2006, the survey's most recent year, enrollment had risen to nearly 24,000.

Younes has authored two textbooks on his method, which he calls unique to Cornell. (Although other schools use his texts, he says, they're doing so within the context of traditional Arabic instruction.) "It's quite an exciting new approach," says President David Skorton, who took a series of hour-long tutorials with Younes over the course of a year. "There's some considerable discussion of this approach, because it's quite a departure from other ways of teaching Arabic."

Near Eastern studies chair Kim Haines-Eitzen notes that the method not only challenges long-established pedagogy, but asks fundamental questions about the nature of the language itself; as

such, she says, it was bound to spark some tension. "What you can find with Arabic is an elevation of the written and read form as 'true Arabic'—it's the glorious written and read language, and the colloquial is 'just dialects,'" she says. "They're often looked down upon, as opposed to seeing Arabic as a living language that people use on a daily basis." Arabic studies, she says, "is a very entrenched discipline."

Haines-Eitzen attended Younes's Arabic classes for two years—not in an official role, she says, but "purely for my own enjoyment." The professor of Judaism and Christianity grew up in Nazareth and speaks Arabic at what she describes as a third-grade level. "Sitting in on Munther's classes was like returning to the language of my childhood," she says, calling his method a much more natural approach. "If you grew up in the Middle East, you would be speaking Arabic at all times, but you'd also be learning the written and read forms. There wouldn't be an artificial divide between the two." Plus, she says, it's a better way of addressing students' needs. "They want to be able to go to Damascus or Beirut and start meeting people, speaking with people, getting around, and they can do that much more quickly with this program."

Skorton's own Arabic skills went public in May, when he wowed the crowd at the Doha Ritz Carlton during commencement for the first class of MDs from Weill Cornell Medical College in Qatar. He offered a lengthy greeting in Arabic to the emirate's first lady, Her Highness Sheikha Mozah Bint Nasser Al-Missned, in what was reportedly a quite respectable accent. "He's a very attentive student, very serious. He really wants to learn," Younes says of Skorton. "He would be a great student of Arabic, if he just had a little more time." (Skorton strongly emphasizes that he is in no way fluent, though he can hold simple conversations. "I'm probably at the level of a ten-month-old," he says.)

Starting in the fall of 2009, the University will offer a year-long intensive course using Younes's method, funded as a four-year pilot program by \$900,000 from an anonymous donor. The course, the only one of its kind in the U.S., will comprise a semester on campus—students will be in class about four hours a day, five days a week—with the spring semester at Jordan's Hashemite University. Like the rest of Younes's classes, it will employ a variety of teaching materials—not only a poem written in the formal language, say, but also a song performed in a dialect. Such integration, he says, makes for a much livelier classroom. "When I want to chat with my students casually, I hesitate to use the formal language, so I switch to English most of the time," he says. "Whereas with the conversational one, it's natural and easy. There's no affectation. The student-teacher interaction is more normal, and we can introduce things like jokes and humor—which are not actually appropriate for the formal language."

— Beth Saulnier

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# Man of Conviction

As case director for the Innocence Project, **Huy Dao '97** vets an avalanche of letters from prisoners claiming injustice

*Founded in 1991 by lawyers Barry Scheck and Peter Neufeld, the New York City-based Innocence Project is a group of nonprofit legal clinics that examine cases in which DNA evidence could potentially exonerate prisoners who have been unjustly convicted. With a staff of eight, Huy Dao is on the organization's front line, reading letters from convicts appealing for help.*

**Cornell Alumni Magazine:** How much mail are you getting these days?

**Huy Dao:** Averaging over the last two years, we have about 250 new requests every month. As of now, we have close to 7,000 cases that are in some stage of evaluation.

**CAM:** Does it weigh on you to have such power over these prisoners' lives?

**HD:** It can be overwhelming and depressing. The joke around the office is that someday I'll sue them for therapy. But knowing that some clients have been exonerated, you realize how important the work is. I don't particularly feel like reading about rape and murder all day, but when I walk out the door, I know I've done something good.

**CAM:** How did you join the Innocence Project?

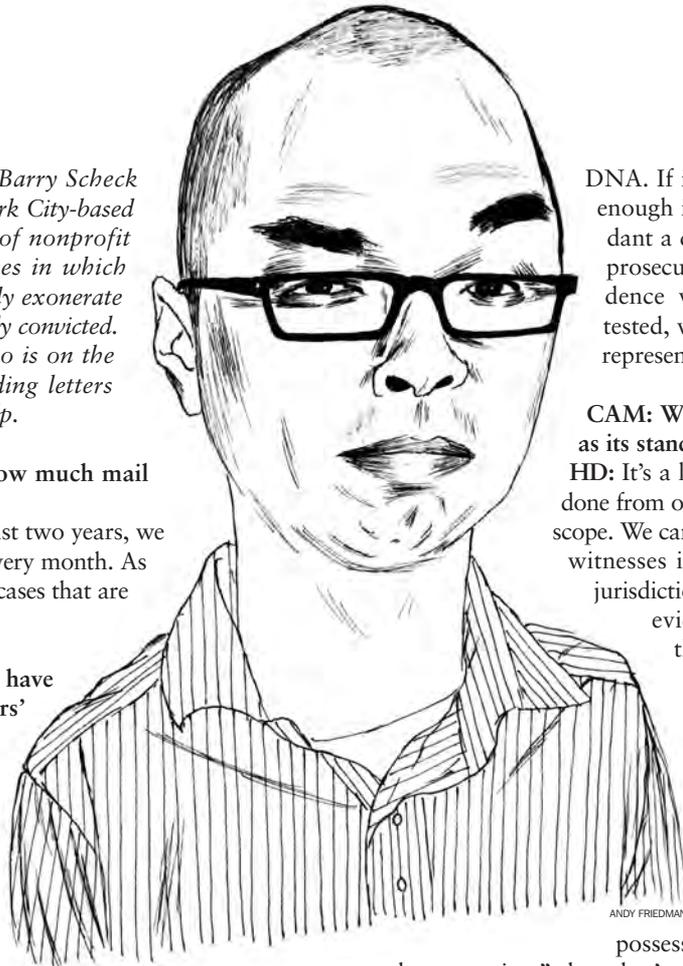
**HD:** I was kind of angry and politicized coming out of college. I had worked in Jansen's dining hall for four years, which opened my eyes to a lot of class issues. But it was also the music I was listening to, the friends I hung out with, what I was learning in class. So I started applying to nonprofits, figuring that while I had this energy I should put it to use.

**CAM:** And you became assistant director right out of Cornell?

**HD:** That was my title, but I was the second rung on a two-rung ladder, so I wasn't directing anybody. The job entailed evaluating the cases of people writing in with claims of innocence to see if they applied to the project's mandate. When I started, I had three mail bins full of letters.

**CAM:** What's your process for answering them?

**HD:** First we evaluate the case to see if it can be resolved by



DNA. If it might be, or if we don't have enough information, we send the defendant a questionnaire about defense and prosecution theory, as well as what evidence was collected, what might be tested, what documents they have, who represented them, things like that.

**CAM:** Why did the project choose DNA as its standard?

**HD:** It's a level of investigation that can be done from one place but still have nationwide scope. We can't go out and interview all of the witnesses in any given case, in any given jurisdiction. With DNA we can locate the evidence, have it tested, and do the litigation without putting resources on the ground.

**CAM:** Do you pursue every claim?

**HD:** It would have to be explicitly outside of the mandate for me to reject it. For example, if someone wrote, "I have a drug

possession case. It was baking powder

and not cocaine," then that's not going to be settled by DNA. But I was trained to err on the side of generosity. The mandate is simple: if there is a way for post-conviction DNA testing to prove innocence, then we will look at the case. For a long time, most of our cases involved sexual assault, because those are more likely to have biological evidence. But as the technology has gotten better, we're opening our doors to cases where, twenty years ago, you'd have no idea that DNA testing could resolve innocence.

**CAM:** For example?

**HD:** One case involved the shooting of a Boston police officer. The perpetrator fled and went into a house, demanded a glass of water, drank it, and left some clothing behind. By testing clothing left at the shooting scene, clothing at the house, and the rim of the glass, we were able to prove that it wasn't Stephan Cowans, the guy who had been convicted of the crime and served six years in prison. I point out that story because it's not a sexual assault—it's not even blood, which is what most people think of when they think of DNA testing. It shows the power that this technology can have to right wrongs.

**CAM:** Do you remember the first case you followed from letter to resolution?

**HD:** I remember the first two—one was a child rape and one was a false confession case in Pennsylvania, about fifteen minutes from where I grew up. I was surprised by my own reaction. What you usually see is people walking out with their hands in the air, celebrating. But for me, it was an overwhelming sense of relief that the case had not slipped past.

**CAM:** Has your job required you to go into prisons?

**HD:** I went to the Louisiana State Penitentiary in Angola to visit clients. I don't really remember what it was like, it was so overwhelming. The other prison I went to was in Pennsylvania, to collect a DNA sample. I got there after lunch, and I was struck by how the lighting and the smell were exactly like my high school. I walked past the cafeteria and it smelled like Tater Tots. The architecture was kind of the same, even the seating in the cafeteria. I took the sample in the infirmary, and it looked like a nurse's office in any suburban Pennsylvania school. That was quite shocking.

**CAM:** Since the prisoners' requests all come via the written word, has your English degree helped in your work?

**HD:** I went on to get an MFA in poetry at the New School, and I think that both degrees have informed me as far as looking at shades of meaning and context—you have to weigh lucidity, literacy, and various forms of desperation. Language becomes something else when someone is blindly reaching out for help, often without hope that anything is going to happen.

**CAM:** Is your poetry ever inspired by your day job?

**HD:** Very little of it, actually. I find that writing about what I do makes for overwrought pieces that are really only interesting to me.

**CAM:** How has this work shaped your view of the criminal justice system?

**HD:** I don't know how anyone can not see that the system is fraught with potential for human error. As much as race and class shouldn't affect a system that is designed to be fair, we see that they do—both in targeting an investigation and in rates of incarceration. People are always asking me questions like, "How many innocent people are in prison?" I don't know, but there are over two million people in prison, and if 1 percent are innocent, you have tens of thousands. A 1 percent error rate—which would be good in

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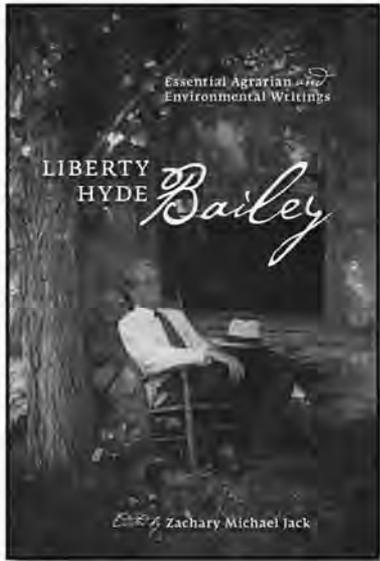
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any other system—is very disturbing.

**CAM:** How do you view the current debate over administration of the death penalty?

**HD:** Death penalty cases are so complex, I don’t know that there has ever been a fair treatment in the mass media of what the issues really are. In talking about it, people aren’t separating the moral outrage, “an eye for an eye”—the reasons *why* the death penalty might exist—from *how* the death penalty exists. It’s the highest-stakes realm of a very flawed system. I don’t want to live in a state that would consider the execution of an innocent per-

son the cost that society has to bear for the death penalty to exist.

**CAM:** Are there any particular cases that haunt you?

**HD:** Every day, but I try not to obsess on any single case because the vast majority that come across my desk I have to reject, simply because they don’t meet the mandate—but that doesn’t mean that their innocence claims are any less true. And so the mass of them sticks with me. Not knowing, and not being able to provide a means of ever knowing, weighs on you every day.

— Beth Saulnier



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## Speed Kills

Lab of O aims to protect right whales

There are only 350 to 400 right whales left in the North Atlantic—and each year, as many as forty die from being hit by ships. But since January, the whales have had a chance for safe passing during part of their yearly migration between Maine and Florida, thanks to a network of sixteen high-tech buoys placed along shipping lanes in Massachusetts Bay. Designed by bioacoustics experts from Cornell’s Lab of Ornithology, the buoys have underwater microphones that listen for the call of a right whale and send the information every twenty minutes to the Ithaca lab for analysis. If the calls are confirmed to be from a right whale, the ships’ captains are immediately notified and required to slow down ten knots. “We know that when the ships go fast, whales have no chance to get out of the way,” says Christopher Clark, director of the lab’s Bioacoustics Research Program, which also studies the calls of birds and elephants. “Now we’ve implemented a technological solution.”

Clark and his team had been implanting listening devices in the ocean around New England for ten years to gather information on whale migration patterns and behavior. The chance to use that technology for conservation came in August 2006, when a company called Excelerate Energy, bidding for permission to import liquefied natural gas, agreed to fund the whale-alert project in exchange for the right to use the port of Boston. Currently, only Excelerate ships and those from one other firm are mandated to slow down, but Clark and his team hope that other companies will sign on. “At this point,” he says, “the collaborative relationship is just starting.”

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**Bottoms up:** Ithaca Beer Company founder Dan Mitchell '00 in the brewery's tasting room on Route 13.

## Beer Nut

Dan Mitchell's stein overfloweth

**T**he aroma Dan Mitchell '00 remembers best from his microbrewery's early days is not that of yeast or barley or hops. It's the distinct fragrance of a 1987 Subaru station wagon, Ithaca Beer Company's first delivery vehicle. "You'd turn on the heat and it smelled like a squirrel's nest," Mitchell recalls. "It was brutal, but it's what

I had." The Subaru could hold only a few kegs, its back bumper dragging en route to Ruloff's and other Ithaca bars. "There was no one else moving the beer around," Mitchell says. "It was me."

What a difference a decade makes. Now wholesalers lug truckloads of the suds to bars and restaurants in four states. The company is marking its tenth anniversary this year, and it has two

extra reasons to celebrate: its “birthday” beer, Ten, won first prize as the state’s best craft-brewed beer at the 2008 Tap New York festival, and Ithaca Beer Company (IBC) was crowned the state’s best craft brewery. Drinkers seem to agree. IBC has averaged about 25 percent growth each year since tapping its first keg in 1998. “Something’s working right,” Mitchell says. “I’m not complaining.”

The company is riding the wave of several trends in the beer world. Like many other independent craft brewers—which the trade defines as ones that produce fewer than 2 million barrels annually and are not owned by industrial beverage behemoths like Anheuser-Busch—IBC is capitalizing on its small-town roots by using local ingredients and cranking up the variety, flavor, and alcohol content. “We’re not overly flashy,” Mitchell says. The company’s Double IPA (India pale ale) uses 100 percent New York State hops and has twice the alcohol of its other beers. Apricot Wheat—its best seller, with about 45 percent of total sales—has a fruity finish, while coriander and lemon zest spice its Partly Sunny. Ten is a pumped-up version of IBC’s slightly bitter CascaZilla ale, but with more hops and alcohol and a touch of smoked malt for a little bite. The company also makes artisanal root beer and ginger beer. “They aren’t breaking any barriers and doing crazy, wild stuff,” says Lew Bryson, managing editor at *Malt Advocate* magazine. “But the crazy, wild stuff is less than 1 percent of the craft-beer market. The beers that people drink the most are the kinds that Ithaca is making. When I go into a bar, that’s the kind of beer I’m going to have three of.”

For Mitchell, business came before beer. “I was always the kid on the corner with the lemonade stand,” he says. He got into a fistfight at age six because his buddy kept swilling their product. “I said, ‘If you drink it all, then what are we going to sell?’ It was the only fight I was ever in.” A self-described “horrible student,” he dropped out of Hobart College after two years, unsure of his future. He came into his own in California, where he climbed the ladder—literally—at an organization that trains students to manage painting companies. In two-and-a-half years, Mitchell went from painter to district manager for Northern California, training fifteen managers to run their own territories. “It was a crash course in learning how to run a business,” he says. “I was excelling at it, I liked it, and I had to do every aspect. That was a major transition for me.”

He planned to finish his degree at Berkeley, but his sisters in Ithaca convinced him to apply to Cornell. “I figured

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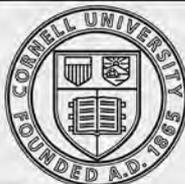
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I was a long shot,” Mitchell says. “But Cornell liked what I had done with my time off.” While bartending one night, he overheard a couple of customers wondering why the city didn’t have its own brewery. “Microbrews were fairly new, but we were selling a lot of them,” he says. “Light bulbs went off, and I said, ‘That’s a great idea.’ ”

He left Cornell (his wife, Mari Rutz Mitchell ’98, MS ’03, would eventually convince him to return and graduate), and with a partner contracted a Chicago brewery, developed a dreamy logo modeled on Cayuga Lake, and started peddling. Six months later, customers complained when they learned that Ithaca Beer was made in Chicago. His partner quit. And then the brewery shut down. “I decided I might as well learn how to brew and just do this myself,” Mitchell says. He spent a year apprenticing at a pub in Peterborough, Ontario, 300 miles from Ithaca—far from future competition. “Every weekend I’d drive up there and brew,” he says. “Then I’d come back here—tend bar, paint houses, whatever. Eventually I raised the money and knew the craft.” Soon Jeff Conuel ’92 took over

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Nationwide sales of craft beer have increased by 58 percent since 2004, while overall beer sales have remained nearly stagnant, according to the Colorado-based Brewers Association. “The local guys are growing faster than the national brands that have more name recognition,” says Paul Gatza, the association’s director. That’s because of the low quality of so-called industrial beer made by the likes of Budweiser, Miller, and Coors, Mitchell says. “It’s like the American beer market has set us up [for success]. They’ve con-

vinced the audience that American beer is this dumbed-down drink.”

In the past few years IBC executive brewer Jeff O’Neil has come up with a high-end, experimental line called Excelsior, named after the New York State motto meaning “ever upward.” The line includes three types of ale: White Gold, a rustic pale wheat; Old Habit, a barrel-aged rye; and Brute, a golden sour ale. They’re the kind of new styles that puzzled wholesalers ten years ago. “They weren’t actively looking for small breweries,” Mitchell says. “Then they’d come back and say, ‘That beer you’re making in your basement—I hear it’s pretty good.’ ”

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Backstage pass: John Resnick, MMH '07 (left), vibe manager for San Diego's Hard Rock Hotel, gets a sneaker autographed by Ramones drummer Marky Ramone.

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## Good Vibe

Hospitality plus rock & roll equals one grad's dream job

**J**ohn Resnick sips a Coke in a corner booth of a coffee shop called Mary-janes, which is itself in a corner of the Hard Rock Hotel in San Diego. Over the chorus of the Ohio Players' 1975 hit "Love Rollercoaster," the 2007 graduate of Cornell's master's program in hospitality management contemplates the hardest thing about his job: "explaining what I do."

Resnick is the vibe manager, a title only found at Hard Rock hotels—the sort of overtly hip properties where atmosphere is everything. "The best way for me to describe my job is that I'm in charge of music and culture," says the twenty-six-year-old Manhattan native. "But really it's the entire guest experience—the content on the video wall behind the front desk, the music, the smells, but also how that experience translates to our employees, how they act, and what they can tell you about the brand."

In other words, Resnick spreads the gospel of Hard Rock. On this Sunday morning in May, which happens to be his day off, he sure has dressed the part. Clad in True Religion jeans, with leather bracelets on his wrists, a chunky, biker-style silver chain

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around his neck, and an elaborate tattoo on each bicep, he looks like an indie rocker. But looks can be deceiving. “I’ve pretty much come to understand that I don’t have any musical talent,” he says, while a tune by Jane’s Addiction rocks from the coffee shop’s sound system. “In my apartment, I fool people all the time. I have a guitar. I have turntables. But I have no talent.”

But he did grow up with a passion for music, greatly influenced by his stepfather, a writer and musician who once lived next to Bob Dylan and the Band in the hinterlands of Woodstock. Resnick earned his undergraduate degree in business administration from tiny Salve Regina University in Rhode Island. After a stint with a property management company, he enrolled at the Hotel school, thinking he might someday run his own bed-and-breakfast.

When Resnick heard that a Hard Rock Hotel was opening in San Diego, he snagged a two-week internship in January 2007. The property was under construction, and its managers were trying to get a sense of the local party scene. “My first assignment was to go to as many bars as I could, write reviews of them, find out bottle and drink prices, and bring in my receipts,” he says. “I called all my friends and told them, ‘It’s official. I have the greatest internship ever.’” Upon earning his degree, Resnick was hired as a guest services manager; six weeks later, he was offered the vibe spot. “I said, ‘What’s the job description?’ They didn’t have one.”

One of Resnick’s primary responsibilities is music—programming every playlist from a collection of more than 15,000 songs in constant rotation in fifty-two zones of the hotel. What plays in Maryjanes, a sort of retro-yet-contemporary diner, differs from what’s heard in the lobby or the elevators. “A lot of the flexibility comes in our meeting spaces,” he says. “We have over 40,000 square feet of meeting space. Some groups really embrace the Hard Rock theme, so often I’m asked to make playlists for them.”

If a CEO would like to surprise his employees by learning how to spin records for the company shindig, Resnick (who has befriended nearly every DJ in town) will offer some lessons. If a celebrity requires a personal concierge for the weekend, Resnick is the man. Occasionally, he’ll burn CDs for hotel guests, no matter how questionable their taste—like the one who asked for a birthday CD comprising “Party Like a Rock Star” recorded over and over.

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Resnick gets an iTunes allowance, and he attends at least one concert a week. He works with the hotel's venue manager to bring in live acts like the Black Eyed Peas, and he oversees planning for major parties, such as the hotel's massive winter wonderland-themed bash last New Year's Eve, which featured a dance floor that looked like a frozen pond. "My job is to create experiences that our guests can't get anywhere else," Resnick says, over the opening guitar lick of the Kinks' "Lola," "experiences that leave them begging for more."

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ILR student Matt Ackerson '09 started Scrimple Inc. as a project for an entrepreneurship class his junior year. The site initially allowed students to print and clip free coupons; participating businesses paid Scrimple each time one was redeemed. After hundreds of coupons were printed, Ackerson decided there was enough interest in the site to try a more modern approach, so he introduced the S Card. While businesses now sign up for free, students have to purchase the card, which costs \$20 per year, to take advantage of the deals. "It's the same idea as before—encouraging students to go out and be social while helping them save money—but we are now using better point-of-sale technology," he says.

Scrimple beat out nearly 150 other entries from Cornell undergrads to take first place at last year's Big Idea Competition, sponsored by Entrepreneurship@Cornell and Student Agencies; Ackerson invested most of the \$2,500 prize back into the company. His future plans for Scrimple include expanding into other markets such as Syracuse and New York City, partnering with Cornell student groups seeking a fundraising tool, and introducing the Blakk Card, which can be used at bars and other nightspots. "It's only going to ramp up further next year," Ackerson says. "I've started saying I go to school on the side and run the business full-time."

— Liz DeLong



### On the Slope and Online

On a typical day last spring, a visit to the *slopedmedia.org* website offered video from a campus fashion show, a *Grease*-themed promo for the senior prom, student debate about the Democratic presidential nomination, and photos from a Saturday night concert by a DJ named Girl Talk. The site is home to Slope Media Group, Cornell's first student-run multimedia organization. Comprising radio, TV, and an online magazine, Slope lets users customize their media menu, choosing from both current material and archives of all its shows and articles. "It's definitely revolutionary," says president Caitlin Strandberg '10. "Even in the car, our generation is plugging in iPods. People want to self-select their music, and you can do that with Slope."

In addition to music, Slope Radio offers talk shows and Big Red sports coverage. Slope TV, broadcast both online and on CUTV (available in residence halls), covers sports, news, music, politics, and culture. *Slope Magazine*, currently digital, will offer a print version beginning this fall. More than 300 students are involved in Slope, Strandberg says, but its programmers can be anywhere in the world, since users can upload and edit content. Students on the New York and Qatar campuses have logged on, as have undergrads studying abroad. The organization is hoping to get alumni involved—creating, say, a Class of 1980 playlist on the radio station—and encouraging more users to contribute content. Says founder Yaw Etse '08: "I would like it to get to the point where the first thing that pops into someone's head when they record something on campus is, 'Let me throw this onto Slope Media.'"

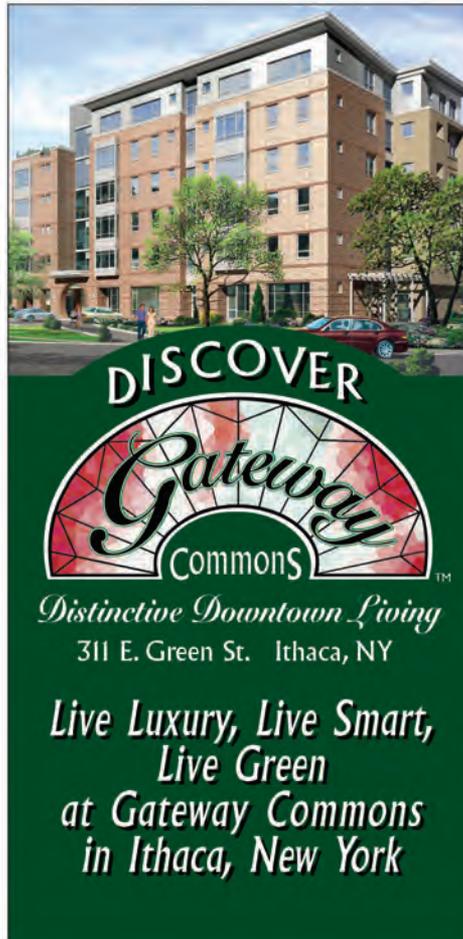
— Chelsea Theis

## A Wiki for CU

If you type "Big Red Bucks" or "Insectapalooza" into the online encyclopedia Wikipedia.org, you'll come up empty. But type them into CUWiki.org, and the information will be at your fingertips. Launched in 2007, the student-run site aims to be an encyclopedia of all things Cornell, says founder Tyler Garzo '08, a bio major who started it as an independent study. Like Wikipedia, it relies on the public to generate content. While Garzo wrote the first fifty articles (or "wikis"), the site now has more than 100—from "Dragon Day" to "Pumpkin on Clocktower"—and gets more than 1,000 unique visitors a month.

As the sole arbiter, Garzo vets all postings; he pays for the host server himself to keep the website unofficial. "It avoids risk for the University and allows CUWiki users to write more freely," he says. Garzo's favorite is the wiki on tunnels, which describes the verified (and rumored) underground routes beneath the campus. When the subject of the tunnels came up on a recent carpool trip, Garzo realized that the site had arrived. "Some of the other passengers started talking about the article as a good source of information," he says, "without realizing that I had written it."

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## Dress for Excess

**Arbitrage** caters to the aspiring titans of Generation Y

**O**n the “shirts” page of Arbitrage’s online clothing store, a brooding young man with five o’clock shadow gazes intently at the camera—cigar in one hand, whiskey in the other. A photo to his right depicts the tanned, toned torso of an anonymous woman, slightly sweaty, clad only in artfully placed sushi. Click through to the online “brand book” of the high-end men’s haberdashery (button-down shirts run \$165 to \$185) and you’ll find more provocative images: a man teasing a sexy blonde’s lips with his forefinger, naughtily threatening her with a riding crop as he tugs her hair from above; a trio of women lounging lustily on a bed as a man videotapes them; a naked woman, photographed from behind, blindfolded by a swanky necktie. The photos, shot by fashion photographer Marc Todd, embrace the unapologetic flaunting of masculine power—a sex-drenched updating of

Eighties-style conspicuous consumption à la *Wall Street*’s Gordon Gekko.

Launched in 2007 by Alan Chan ’06, Manoj Dadlani ’04, and Kristin Ming ’06, Arbitrage offers men’s shirts for both the boardroom and the bar, as well as ties, cufflinks, and wallets, all catering to the status-conscious urbanite. Over the past year, the line has landed coveted shelf space in stores ranging from Fred Segal and Saks Fifth Avenue to Canada’s GotStyle and Japan’s Liquor, Woman, and Tears. The fashions have even made it onto the backs of celebrities like “Entourage” star Adrian Grenier. “It’s not just clothing,” says Chan. “It’s about a lifestyle of success.” Arbitrage caters to that ambition, with its logo—a bull—everywhere from its cufflinks to the

linings of its ties.

Chan describes Arbitrage’s target market as a “modern urban businessman who works hard and plays hard,” which he says he can relate to; he worked for Summit Partners, a Palo Alto venture capital and private equity company, before deciding that finance wasn’t for him. When he started work, Chan felt he had few options to fill his post-college closet. There was Brooks Brothers, but its clean-cut style was too conservative, catering more to men of a certain age. There were generic department store button-down shirts—but they were, well, generic. Then there were offerings from Hugo Boss, Ermenegildo Zegna, and Paul Smith, but Chan wanted something with a slimmer

**Clothes make the man:** Arbitrage founders (from left) Alan Chan ’06, Manoj Dadlani ’04, and Kristin Ming ’06. The company’s fashions, designed to go from the boardroom to the bar, include a \$230 number that marries a dress shirt and a hoodie.

fit, more suitable for a twenty-something man-about-town.

Dadlani, too, was a member of Chan's target audience, having worked at the management consultancy and private equity firm Applied Value for a few years after Cornell. While Chan is technically chief executive officer and Dadlani chief operating officer, they each have their hands in all aspects of the young company. The two spend their days talking to store reps, organizing promotional events, and overseeing production at their Boston-area and New York factories. Ming, who studied textiles and apparel at Cornell, is the line's creative director, the artistic force behind the clothes. Though she expected to land her first job with a large design house—perhaps working just on accessories or sketching rough designs—Ming says she prefers overseeing products “from concept to finish” at the startup.

Arbitrage's so-called “corporate” line tends toward light-colored shirts made from luxe cottons and crisp patterns like pinstripes and herringbone, along with wide-cut ties that force a large knot, the better to make a strong statement in the boardroom. Then there's the “lounge” line, with slightly shorter, slimmer shirts meant to stay untucked. One of the company's most popular items is its \$230 Krona hoodie, a mullet of a shirt with a button-down front, French cuffs, side slant pockets, and a hood. There's a summer-friendly style in seersucker, which online culture maven Thrillist says is “perfect for maintaining your rep as the hardest mofo at the yacht club.”

The brand recently launched the Arbitrage EFG (Environmentally Friendly Garment) collection, made of organic materials, and is looking into more bamboo- and soy-based products. With the word “charity” embroidered on the shirts' cuffs, the wearer can casually drop into conversation that \$25 from each item goes to an organization that brings safe drinking water to developing communities. After all, as Dadlani says, the lounge shirts are meant to appeal to a specific audience: “The guy who wants to pick up a girl when he's out.” To that end, the company's advertising suggests that men who wear its clothes are more likely to be fighting off the ladies in a club's VIP room than chasing them on the dance floor. Playing up the lure of an exclusive lifestyle, Arbitrage made its early-stage website password-protected. The key? “Fidelio,” the word that allowed entry into the erotic nightclub in *Eyes Wide Shut*.

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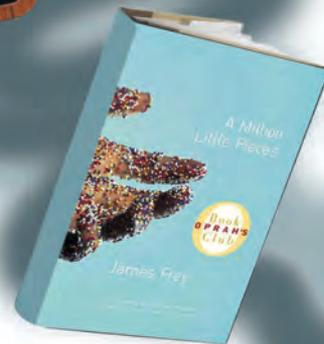
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In his first book, a former *Daily Sun* editor-in-chief and longtime Salon.com scribe contemplates the slippery slope of a 'post-fact society'



# ...And Nothing But the Truth

By Farhad Manjoo '00

Illustrations by Marty Blake

**F**or more than forty years, ABC, CBS, NBC, the Associated Press, and a half-dozen large newspapers, working in loose concordance, have collectively set the American news agenda. You could picture the old-time network news anchors—men like Walter Cronkite, Dan Rather, Peter Jennings, Tom Brokaw—as particularly attentive and imposing hosts of a national dinner party. For decades, they guided their guests, the American people, to whichever topics they considered worthy of our attention, and we hung on their every word. Their power was legendary. Early in 1968, CBS's Cronkite, a man Americans would have trusted with their checkbooks, ended a Tuesday evening telecast with his view that the United States was “mired in stalemate” in Vietnam. “If I've lost Cronkite,” President Lyndon Johnson remarked to an aide, “I've lost Middle America.” Johnson soon announced that he wouldn't stand for re-election.

But the mainstream media is now an institution in winter, with the largest outlets serving ever-narrower slices of the public. The mainstream is drying up. In some ways, we are returning to the freewheeling days before radio and television launched

the very idea of mass media—the era of partisan newspapers and pamphleteers. But our niches, now, are more niche than ever before. We are entering what you might call the trillion-channel universe: over the last two decades, advances in technology—the digital recording and distribution of text, images, and sound over information networks, a.k.a., the modern world—have helped to turn each of us into producers, distributors, and editors of our own media diet. Now we collect the news firsthand through digital cameras, we send our accounts and opinions to the world over blogs, and we use Google, TiVo, the iPod, and a raft of other tools to carefully screen what we consume.

This trend toward niches, which began decades ago but has recently been accelerating at a blinding pace, has itself become a topic of national conversation, feted for its capacity to return power to the people. You need look no further than your favorite political blog to understand the thrill of these people-powered movements. Now, finally, ordinary folks can propel outré political candidates to the big time and turn forgotten events into the biggest news events of the day. A peculiarly utopian sensibility colors much of the discussion about how these new tools will affect politics and society; the tone is surprising, given the magnitude of the shift we're talking about. It's probably unrealistic to think that we'll undergo these changes without any pain or that, indeed, we're not undergoing any pain now.

To continue the analogy: We, the guests at Cronkite's dinner party, have all jumped up from the table and turned the event into a stand-up cocktail affair, open bar. Now we're free to talk amongst ourselves. We mingle, flitting from group to group, or we stay put in our own circle of friends. This party is democratic and egalitarian; information no longer flows from a furrowed-brow host at the top, and now we all get to talk and listen to whomever we want, about whatever we want. The shindig is undeniably messier than in the past. There's a guy in the corner yelling about how NASA didn't really land on the moon, and he's attracting a crowd. A woman in a lab coat claiming to be the surgeon general of the United States is dispensing medical advice. You're suspicious of her credentials, but all your friends seem to believe her. On a table somewhere, people find a stash of photos of Britney Spears mistreating her baby. They make a million copies. Within minutes, a fellow is comparing Spears to Adolf Hitler. Rumors spread, cliques form. The prettiest girl in the room attracts all the attention. The people dressed in blue hold a secret meeting on the left side of the room. Everyone is wary.

The analogy may sound simplistic, but I mean only to highlight, in brief, some of the dangers I'll examine in this essay. Studies of the media and of human psychology, some conducted recently but many long before the digital revolution, provide compelling insight into the consequences of a fragmented media. Although information now flows more freely than it did in the past—and this is certainly a salutary development—today's news landscape will also, inevitably, help us to indulge our biases and pre-existing beliefs.

While new technology eases connections among people, it also, paradoxically, facilitates a closeted view of the world, keeping us coiled tightly with those who share our ideas. In a world that lacks real gatekeepers and authority figures, and in which digital manipulation is so effortless, spin, conspiracy theories, myths, and outright lies may get the better of many of us. All these factors contributed to the success of the Swift Boat Veterans for Truth campaign that derailed Senator John Kerry's presidential bid. New media, patchworks of niches, were at the scene of that crime.

**T**o understand what I mean when I talk about how niche media cultivate bias, consider a study by Shanto Iyengar, a professor of communications at Stanford, and Richard Morin, the *Washington Post's* director of polling. In 2006, the pair set out to discover how the source of a particular news story affects readers' attraction to that story. For instance, is a Republican reader more likely to read a piece of news because it comes from Fox News rather than from NPR?

To do this, the researchers obtained a list of news headlines spanning six broad categories—U.S. politics, the war in Iraq, race relations, crime, travel, and sports. Without disclosing which news outlet the headlines had come from, Iyengar and Morin asked some of the participants in the study to rate their interest in the headlines. This gave the researchers a baseline measure of the intrinsic attractiveness of each headline. Then, with another group of participants, Iyengar and Morin slightly tweaked how they presented the news stories. They added one of four ran-

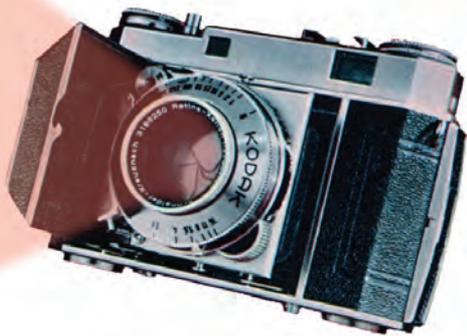


domly picked news logos alongside the headlines—from either Fox News, NPR, CNN, or the BBC. How would the logos affect people's interest in the headlines?

As they expected, people were biased toward certain news sources—Republicans preferred stories with the Fox News logo, and Democrats converged on CNN and NPR. But the nature and the intensity of the bias that Iyengar and Morin found are intriguing. For starters, they discovered that Republicans were far friendlier to Fox than were Democrats to either CNN or NPR; Republicans showed, in other words, a much greater propensity toward giving in to their bias. Adding the Fox label to a story about Iraq or national politics tripled its attractiveness to Republicans. No label prompted so great a shift in people on the left. The greater Republican bias is in keeping with numerous psychological studies that show conservatives to be much more willing to consume media that toe the ideological line. This phenomenon helps explain, in no small degree, the amazingly successful right-wing pundit factory.

The team's most surprising finding, though, didn't have to do with politics. Rather, it concerned "soft" news; people showed bias even when looking at news stories about travel and sports. "It's one thing when people prefer sources that they agree with when the news is talking about Iraq or President Bush—that's perfectly understandable," Iyengar says. "But what we show is that it even applies for issues on which the boundaries between Democrats and Republicans are not as clear-cut. If you're look-

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ing for a Caribbean getaway, why would it make any difference whether it's coming from Fox or NPR?" But it did make a difference—adding a Fox label to travel stories made them more attractive to Republicans and less attractive to Democrats. People “have generalized their preference for politically consonant news to nonpolitical domains,” Iyengar says—in other words, they’ve become addicted to their own preferred spin. “They’ve gotten into the habit of saying, ‘Whatever the news is talking about, I’m just going to go to Fox.’”

Think back to the height of the 2004 presidential campaign. Try to recall how you felt every time an advertisement for the Swift Boat Veterans for Truth popped up on your television screen. If you are a Democrat, it's likely that the ads provoked in you the sort of anger whose intensity can only properly be rendered here in a string of typewriter expletive symbols (#%&@!). What the Swift Boat Veterans for Truth were saying about John Kerry was plainly false. Everything you'd learned about Kerry, and everything you'd learned about the Swift Boat Veterans, corroborated this idea: websites, newspapers, and books teemed with evidence to support your view, and anyone who believed otherwise was willfully ignoring reality. If, on the other hand, you supported George W. Bush, you felt something like pure joy on seeing the same Swift Boat ads. To you, what the Swift Boat Veterans for Truth were saying about John Kerry was plainly true. Everything you'd learned about Kerry, and everything you'd learned about the Swift Boat Veterans, corroborated this idea: websites, newspapers, and books teemed with evidence to support your view, and anyone who believed otherwise was willfully ignoring reality.

My guess about how you might have reacted to the

Swift Boat campaign is informed by opinion surveys taken at the time, which show that Democrats and Republicans experienced the ads in diametrically opposite ways. When Democrats saw the group's first TV spot—which alleged that Kerry lied about the medals he'd earned in Viet-

nam—they immediately recognized it as false, and the vast majority felt no need to change their belief that Kerry had been a hero at war. Republicans, meanwhile, saw the commercial as pretty much on the mark; it confirmed what they'd suspected of Kerry all along, that his claims to heroism weren't true. In a survey by the Annenberg Public Policy Center of the University of Pennsylvania, 68 percent of Republicans who saw the ad reported finding it believable, while 73 percent of Democrats found it unbelievable. At first blush, such survey results might not sound too surprising. Of course people of different political parties had different reactions to this heated political campaign. Isn't that what you'd expect in politics?

But there is something remarkable about the contrary ways that Republicans and Democrats reacted to the Swift Boat ad. It has to do with the chief question that the Swift Boat campaign raised in the public mind: did John Kerry legitimately earn his medals in Vietnam? Now, unless you subscribe to a fuzzy, post-modern view of the world, it's clear that there can be only one correct answer to this question. Either John Kerry earned his medals, or he did not. There is, in other words, a definite, inarguable truth to what happened in the Mekong more than thirty years ago. This truth has been documented, and it can be verified through investigation. Moreover, the truth is universal. It ought to be consistent across party lines, whether the person who's answering the question is a Republican or a Democrat. The Swift Boat controversy over whether Kerry truly did earn his medals, then, can be seen as a fight over two competing *versions of reality*. In essence, the ads were asking us to look at history—the history of Kerry's time in Vietnam—and to decide



which reality *actually occurred*.

This may sound obvious, but most debates in modern politics simply aren't like this. When we fight over important issues, we're not usually arguing over the fundamental state of the world but instead over what to do about it. Your stance on health-care policy in the United States, for instance, hinges on your specific economic, ethical, religious, legal, and civic views: What would constitute a fair distribution of health care to the public? Do you believe health care falls under the list of services a government should provide to its citizens? How much should anyone spend to save a single life? And so on.

People harbor profound disagreements about all these questions, and yet, at the same time, there clearly are facts about health care in the United States with which everyone agrees. Tens of millions of Americans currently lack health insurance. Heart disease and cancer are, by far, the nation's most deadly ailments. Prescription drug use is on the rise. These are examples of a shared political reality—empirical, verifiable measures of the world about which there are, and really can be, no argument. For any issue, we find a set of such basic shared truths, a view of the world that is largely consistent regardless of partisanship.

At least, it has been this way until now. But there were few shared truths in the story of John Kerry's service in Vietnam. Shared truths are absent in other areas, too—in many issues surrounding national security policy, for instance. Whether or not Saddam Hussein was “personally involved” in the September 11, 2001, attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon is, like the question of Kerry's medals, an issue for which there is a definitive, correct answer. Either he was, or he was not. Although the Bush Administration at one time suggested (loudly) otherwise, the White House now admits Saddam didn't do it. More important, every major investigation of the issue—including by



percent of the nation thought the Iraqi dictator had been personally involved in the attack. A *New York Times* survey taken four years later, at the six-year anniversary of the attacks, marked a huge improvement—but it's still amazing. A third of Americans said they saw Saddam's hand in 9/11, despite a complete lack of evidence to support the position.

**D**id Iraq possess weapons of mass destruction at the time of the U.S. invasion? The most comprehensive investigations into Iraq's WMD programs prove that Saddam had no banned weapons. Even President Bush and Vice President Dick Cheney now acknowledge this point. But a Harris survey conducted in July 2006 showed that half of Americans reject this idea. They believe instead that the weapons were there.

It's not only in expectedly partisan national security issues that we see Americans disagreeing about what's happening in the world. Look, for instance, at global warming. Every major American scientific body that has studied the world's climate has concluded that the planet is heating up due to human activity. In 2004, Naomi Oreskes, a researcher at the University of California,

San Diego, surveyed the 928 studies concerned with climate change that were published in peer-reviewed scientific journals between 1993 and 2003. Not a single one, she found, disagreed with the consensus view about global warming. But the American public is not nearly so united. Polls show that, first, few Americans believe the science. A survey conducted by the Pew Research Center in 2006 revealed that only 41 percent of respondents think that there's solid evidence that humans are changing the Earth's climate. Democrats, though, are twice

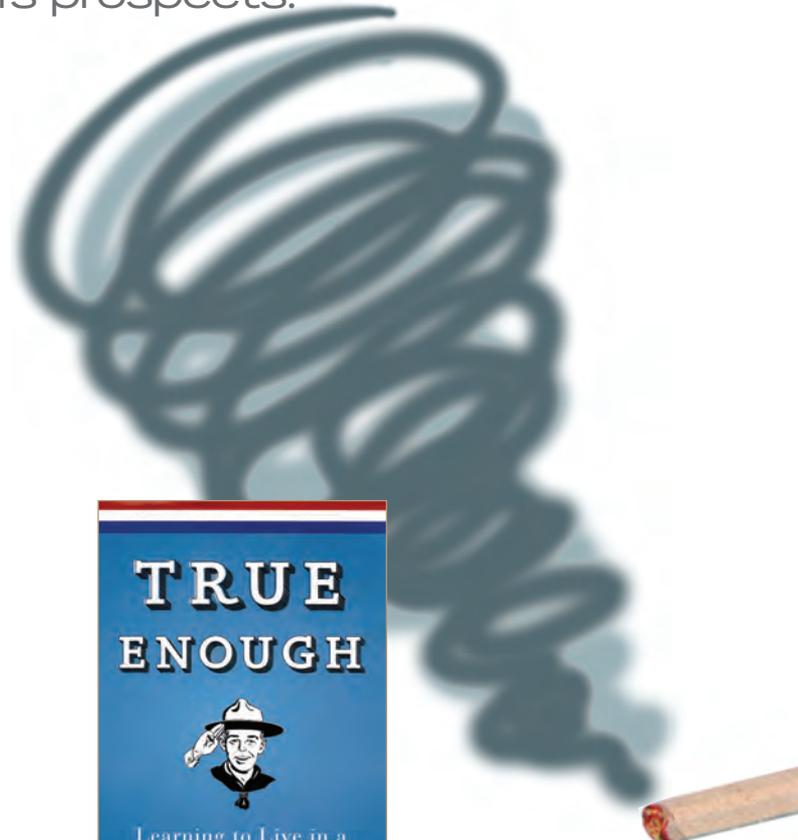
as likely as Republicans to accept the evidence. Even scientific fact isn't safe from politically motivated perception.

Perhaps the most striking example of Americans' partisan divisions over what's really happening in the world involves the economy. For several years, says Andrew Kohut, the director of

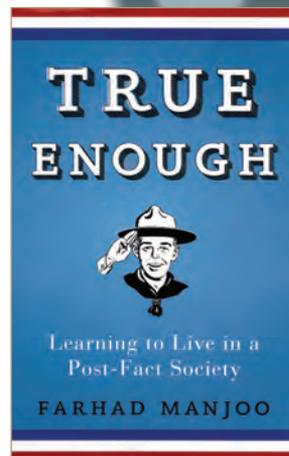
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the nonpartisan 9/11 Commission—determined that Saddam had no role in 9/11, while other government reports have proved that Iraq was not tied to al-Qaeda. A stunningly large number of Americans, however, blame Saddam. In the fall of 2003, a poll commissioned by the *Washington Post* showed that almost 70

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the Pew Research Center, Democrats and Republicans have largely agreed with one another when asked about the current state of the economy. This, he points out, isn't very surprising, because economic questions "are not as directly associated in the public mind with political parties or political figures." If someone asked you how well the nation's economy was doing, you'd probably think about your job and the jobs of people around you, rather than, say, about President Bush. Indeed, this was the case during the Nineties. We remember the Clinton years as extremely politically volatile, with Republicans and Democrats at odds on just about every issue of the day, but Americans were largely united in their view of the nation's prospects. When unemployment declined, satisfaction rose across the board, the blue lines and the red lines commingling on graphs of national opinion.



**B**ut that's no longer the case, Kohut has found. Just before President Bush's State of the Union Address in 2006, surveyors at the Pew Center called up 1,500 Americans and asked, "How would you rate economic conditions in this country today—as excellent, good, only fair, or poor?" The results were vastly divergent. Fifty-six percent of Republicans believed that the economy was in either excellent or good shape, while only 23 percent of Democrats thought this was the case. Sixty-two percent of Democrats said it was difficult to find a job in their communities, but only 38 percent of Republicans thought so. You might wonder whether this was because Republicans actually were facing better job prospects than Democrats were—could Republicans have been reporting better economic conditions because their lives were economically better off than Democrats'? Actually, no.

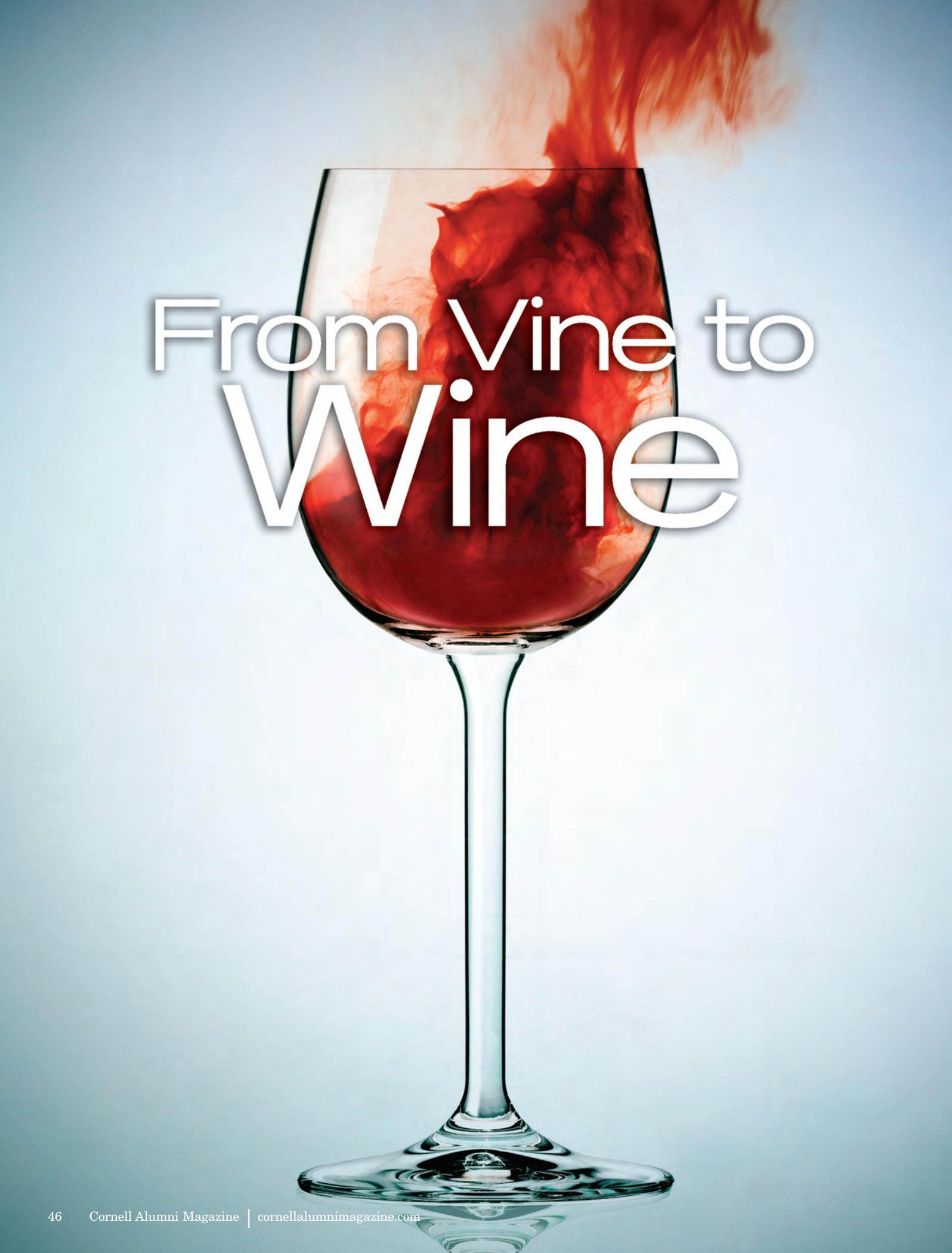
The Pew study found that the partisan bias held even when controlling for the respondents' incomes. Two-thirds of Republicans who made more than \$75,000 a year thought the economy was in great shape, but only one-third of Democrats who earned as much had the same idea. Similarly, Democrats who made less than \$50,000 annually were far more gloomy about economic conditions than were Republicans in the same bracket.

Think about this for a minute. Here were people living in the same economy as one another, folks with a roughly equal likelihood of finding a job or seeing wealth in the housing market or hitting on hard times. They were swimming in the same pool—but half of them thought the water was lovely, while the other half were dying of chill. They were, Kohut says, "living different realities."

It was in this tide of divergent, parallel realities that the Swift Boat Veterans for Truth launched their ship. For thirty years, there had been a shared national truth regarding John Kerry—whatever his behavior after the war, the evidence showed that he'd fought honorably in Vietnam. To many partisans, though, this was an unwelcome truth. And the new truth offered by the Swift Boat campaign, the version of reality they sought to propagate, was much friendlier to the right-wing cause.

Welcome to the *Rashomon* world, where the very idea of objective reality is under attack. ■

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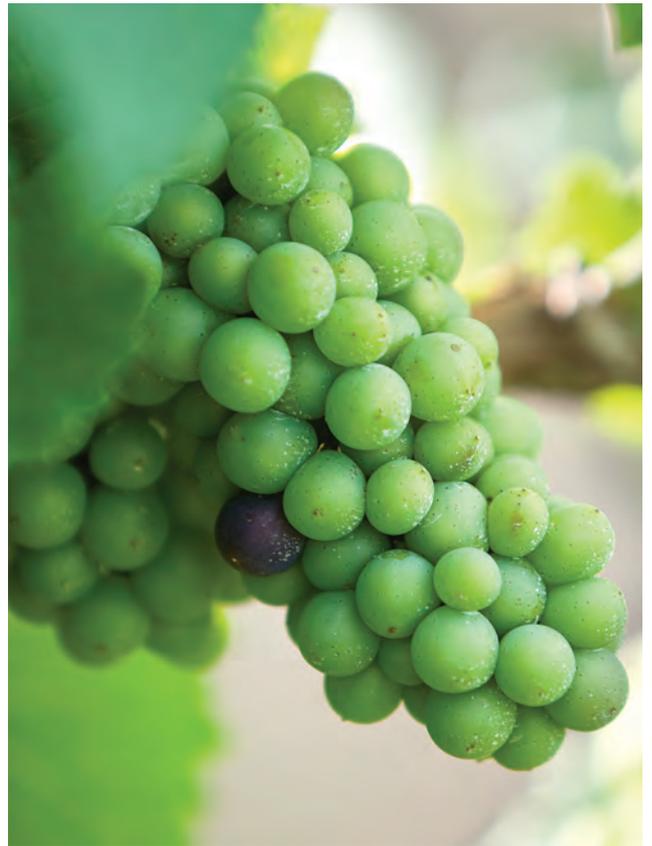
A wine glass filled with red wine, with a large, stylized white text overlay reading "From Vine to Wine". The text is centered over the glass and has a slight shadow effect. The background is a light blue gradient.

# From Vine to Wine

With a new undergrad major in enology and viticulture, Cornell aims to sow a crop of talent to fuel New York's wine revolution

By Beth Saulnier

Lindsay Stevens '05 stands behind the bar at King Ferry Winery, pouring tastes of Chardonnay for an eager audience of oenophiles. But instead of a bottle, Stevens is tilting a plastic pitcher; not only is this 2007 vintage not yet for sale, it hasn't even seen a cork. "It was just filtered," she tells the tasters, "so some of its characteristics might still be dampened." Stevens should know; she's the winemaker who created it. And the dozen people swirling the crisp young libation in their glasses aren't your average Finger Lakes tourists visiting the winery, located on the east side of Cayuga Lake about forty-five minutes northwest of Ithaca. They're students and faculty in the Cornell University Viticulture and Enology Experience (CUVEE), a week-long adult-education course held on campus in July. The class wasn't for dilettantes. For the \$2,195 tuition—not including accommodations—the course offered an immersion in myriad aspects of



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the wine industry, from climatology and grape husbandry to pest control, chemistry, blending, and marketing. The students got behind-the-scenes tours of several area wineries, where they had the chance to grill pros like Stevens on everything from the percentage of new oak in their barrel inventory to the hazards of working next door to the cold-stabilization room through an Upstate winter. “It’s not bad,” says Stevens, who keeps a space heater in her office, “except my toes are cold a lot.”

Held for the first time last summer, CUVÉE is only one facet of Cornell’s burgeoning wine scene. Just as the popularity of the grape has expanded nationwide—as retiring Baby Boomers have the time and disposable income to indulge in fine wines, and outlets like the Food Network have raised awareness of fine dining among average Americans—the New York wine industry is rapidly expanding. Over the past three decades, the number of wineries has grown from the single digits to more than 200, in eight regions from Long Island to the Finger Lakes to the Niagara Escarpment. New York is now third among wine-producing states; the industry is estimated to employ 36,000 people and contribute as much as \$6 billion a year to the state’s economy, not only through grape cultivation and wine production but tourism (upwards of 4 million annual visitors) and related industries. With such high stakes, the state’s wine industry is hungry—or, more to the point, thirsty—for assistance and expertise from its land-grant university.

**C**ornell has long contributed to the state’s viticulture (grape-growing) efforts, exploring methods for maximizing fruit production and coping with the vicissitudes of weather. The University is currently expanding its viticulture facilities with the construction of a new grape laboratory in the western New York town of Portland, set to open in 2009; on the enology (winemaking) side of the equation, plans are in the works for a 2,400-square-foot teaching winery on the Ithaca campus. Comparable to a facility at the University-affiliated New York State Agricultural Experiment Station in Geneva, the winery will initially be located in an addition to the Cornell Orchard’s cidery; it will move to Stocking Hall once the building undergoes a major renovation in the next five to ten years. “We’ve been making wine in the food science department, but it’s difficult,” says enology lecturer Kathy Arnink. “The juice was pressed in the orchard, then brought to food science. It will be a lot easier when it’s happening in one place. All of our winemaking and lab equipment will be here, so if we smell an unusual aroma as our wine ferments we can see if there is some microbe in there that we don’t want, instead of thinking, ‘Well, this is happening, but my microbe stuff is in the other end of the building.’”

For many New York State winemakers, the most exciting change on campus has to do with human capital. As of this fall, undergrads can formally major in enology and viticulture—making Cornell the only American university outside of California where students can earn a four-year degree in the field. (Past students, such as Stevens, had to settle for a concentration in viticulture or enology while earning degrees in either plant science or food science.) “We were hearing all the time from the wine industry in New York State that they needed more educated people to



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### Winemaking maven: Enology lecturer Kathy Arnink

help winery owners who may not have science backgrounds and need someone with more technical knowledge,” Arnink says. “Now, we have so many wineries offering internships that, at this point, there are more internships than students.”

As an interdisciplinary major, enology and viticulture (E&V for short, with “VINE” as its course code) does not have its own department but spans a wide variety of disciplines—not only plant science and food science but also climatology, geography, chemistry, microbiology, marketing, and more. Although majors can gear their studies toward either enology or viticulture, students will be expected to get a grounding in both. “The variety of weather conditions, grapes, soil types, and people in the New York State wine industry represents diversity you don’t normally see in other regions,” says Gavin Sacks, PhD ’05, an enology professor and one of several recent hires for the new major. “There are more than forty varieties of wine grapes in the Finger Lakes alone. That means that if you learn how to grow grapes and make wine here, you are going to be well prepared for doing so almost anywhere else.”

There are currently about twenty E&V majors, and Arnink says the program will stay small, perhaps growing to double that number. One of its goals, she says, is to graduate students who



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**Vino school:** Participants in the CUVEE program get lessons in canopy management (left) and wine blending (center). Right: CUVEE students take notes during a tasting in their Statler Hotel classroom. Below: Grapes under the summer sun at Swedish Hill, a Cayuga Lake winery run by David Peterson '79.

are highly trained in their field, but not so narrowly focused that they can't pursue something else after graduation. "This is their interest right now, but they're young, so they might change their minds," she says. "They'll have enough basic science, food science, and plant science that they can branch off. They'll be prepared for graduate school, or they could move up in a large food company if that becomes their interest." After all, as Sacks notes, not every undergrad who majors in psychology becomes a practicing psychologist; not every history major becomes a historian. "Part of the undergraduate degree is teaching people how to frame questions and answer them," he says. "I don't expect every student to become a winemaker or vineyard man. What I expect, though, is that they are going to know how to ask questions and answer them in an intimidating number of disciplines."

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**C**rossing the Ag Quad, you can recognize E&V majors by their distinctive gear: black plastic carrying cases that house four oversized tasting glasses nestled in protective foam. ("You can swirl the wine around really well so the aromatics come out," Arnink says of the tall, wide-bottomed glasses, "and they're cupped, so the aromas stay inside.") Students taste wines about twice a week as part of their regular coursework; the state waves the legal drinking age for students consuming alcohol in for-credit courses within their major. E&V students are also encouraged to take the Hotel school's ever-popular Wines & Spirits course, long taught by Professor Steve Mutkoski '67, PhD '76, which delves more deeply into wine history, criticism, and connoisseurship. And once the Ithaca teaching winery is up and

running, students will be making and tasting more of their own wines. The facility, Arnink says, will aid not only in hands-on training but in fostering morale among E&V majors. “It will give students a focus,” she says. “We haven’t had a place where they can hang out and form a cohesive group.”

Two of those students spent their summer at Swedish Hill, a winery located across the lake from King Ferry, on Cayuga’s west side. David Peterson ’79 is general manager of the winery his parents founded in 1986; it now produces more than 60,000 cases a year. Peterson, whose family also owns Goose Watch winery on Cayuga Lake and Penguin Bay on Seneca, is on the front lines of the state’s shortage of skilled enology labor. “We have a position open right now for an assistant winemaker for which none of the applicants has met the requirements—but students graduating out of the Cornell program most likely would,” he says. “It’s the same thing in the vineyard. There are people who know mechanically how to go about it, but don’t know why they’re doing what they’re doing and aren’t as good at adapting. If they’re faced with a new situation, they don’t know how to react.” As Peterson sees it, the new major could have a significant impact on the industry in New York State. “I think there will be a whole new pool of trained people that, ten years from now, will change the face of what we are capable of doing in this region,” he says. “They’ll take us to the next level.”

**O**n a brilliant July day, Peterson makes the five-minute drive from Swedish Hill to his family’s fourth vineyard—the only one that doesn’t have an on-site winery. There, intern Tosh Forrence ’09 is driving a tractor down long rows of vines; a bale of mulch unspools behind him as he goes, the better to retain moisture in the soil and discourage weeds. The son of Virgil Forrence ’75 and Hannah Hanford ’79, Forrence is focusing on the viticulture side, hoping to start his own vineyard someday. He spent the past spring semester doing an abroad program in Florence, Italy, taking as many wine courses as he could; at Cornell, he and a few friends have formed an informal wine-appreciation group. “Four or five of us who are really close in the major, we like to sit around and be wine snobs,” he says. “We try things and see what we think.”

The twenty-one-year-old grew up on his family’s northern New York apple farm, so he can pilot a tractor like other kids can drive the family minivan. (His full name is McIntosh; he has a brother named Jonathan and an uncle named Cortland.) At Swedish Hill he’s been working to manage weeds and improve vigor—thinning shoots, grape clusters, and leaves to promote cluster and vine growth. “It’s a challenge,” he says of viticulture. “Every cultivar is different, every variety is different, so it always keeps you on your toes,” he says. “Maybe there are insects in row ten and not in row eleven, or you come across a vine that’s not healthy, and there is a challenge to figure out what’s going on. Is there something in the soil? Is there a disease? Is it a pest problem?”

Back at the winery, twenty-five-year-old Steve Carlson ’06 is interning on the enology side; his duties range from

**S**ince the late 1800s, Cornell viticulturists have developed and released dozens of new table, juice, and wine grape varieties geared toward New York’s often-harsh climate; they have included such wine grapes as Cayuga White, Chardone, Traminette, Noiret, Corot Noir, and Valvin Muscat. The University-affiliated New York State Agricultural Experiment Station in Geneva is home to researchers like Bruce Reisch ’76, a professor of grape breeding and genetics who has twenty-five acres of vines under cultivation to develop new varieties, testing for everything from cluster formation to disease resistance. It’s not a field for those in search of immediate gratification. “If I made a cross this year, we could release a new variety anywhere from fifteen to forty years from now,” he says. “Every year, we have material in every stage of the pipeline. We’re always making new crosses, evaluating potential new varieties that first fruited a few years before, making wine samples, choosing seedlings to send out to cooperating growers in other states.”

He cites one potential new variety, which he describes as similar in style to a Gamay Beaujolais—“a light-style red wine grape, not a big, heavy red, but a very enjoyable, pleasant red wine variety.” Reisch first created the cultivar in 1995, and the Ag station has been distributing test plants to cooperating vineyards and researchers for the past couple of years, something of a viticultural fast track. “We’ve made three wine samples already, and all three have been very good—and the vines have shown little damage from insects or diseases, even though they’ve never been sprayed with pesticides,” he says. “But it requires further years of testing to make sure that what we’re seeing is stable and long-lasting. After all, when we name and release a new variety, we’re recommending it to growers to put into a vineyard that they hope to cultivate for thirty, forty, fifty years. We have to test these for multiple years, multiple vines, multiple locations to see how it does in different environments and over different years, looking for consistent quality.”

Reisch’s colleague Alan Lakso, a professor of pomology and viticulture, studies how the fruit’s quality and quantity are affected by a variety of factors—physiological, environmental, and cultural. His research includes inserting cameras several feet into the ground via clear plastic tubes to record root development, with the data downloaded to laptops in the field. He’s also been collaborating on the New York State Viticulture Site Evaluation Project; the effort, now in its testing phase, will create interactive online maps offering “one-stop shopping” for a wealth of data—soil composition, topography, rainfall, average temperature, and more. “When people want to find a place to grow grapes, they can zero in on locations and get a lot of information,” he says. “It will help guide them in finding better sites or avoiding worse ones.”

On the plant pathology side, scientists in Geneva and Ithaca are studying diseases and pests that bedevil vineyards—from powdery mildew to nematodes, the tiny

# Fruit of the Vine

Grape scientists nurture the new and protect the old



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**Sun and soil:** Viticulture professor Alan Lakso (left) tracks the growth of vines' root systems by inserting cameras into the ground (above). Top: A view through the camera, known as a minirhizotron.

worms that do \$10 billion in agricultural damage each year in the U.S. alone. "We have a dynamic group, one of the largest groups working on grape pest management in the world," says Geneva-based plant pathologist Wayne Wilcox. "Because of the climate we have in New York—where it rains more than in California, Australia, Chile, South Africa, or the Mediterranean growing areas—we have a lot more fungal disease than in places that are dry in the summer. We study a whole panoply of diseases, and we try to develop total management programs for diseases as well as insects."

Grapes represent an interesting challenge for plant pathologists, notes senior research associate David Gadoury. Take the battle against powdery mildew, which devastated European vineyards in

the mid-1800s after it was inadvertently imported on species native to North America. The European *vinifera* grapes had no resistance to such New World diseases, and they still don't—but growers and oenophiles continue to prize them, necessitating the liberal use of fungicides. "Viticulturists have created quite a bit of their own problems by insisting on growing a highly susceptible species in the center of origin for the pathogen," Gadoury says. "Grapes are grown because people have centuries of experience in making wine from these cultivars; they aren't selected based on their resistance to diseases. The challenge is to manage these diseases in a practical and a sustainable way, so our options are limited—because we're pretty much stuck with the varieties that we grow now."



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**Vine to wine:** Tosh Forrence '09 (above) and Steve Carlson '06 (below) spent the summer interning at Swedish Hill Winery. Both E&V majors, Forrence plans to work on the viticulture side, while Carlson (who will complete his degree in December) is concentrating on enology.



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making sure that wines are cold-stable (meaning they won't crystallize when refrigerated) to "topping off" barrels, adding wine during the aging process to counteract evaporation. Carlson, a second-semester senior, originally intended to major in biology, but caught the wine bug after taking a food science course called Understanding Wine and Beer—a class that is always enrolled to

its capacity of more than a hundred students, with many others turned away. "Wine is such a complex thing," Carlson says. "You can go as deep into it as you want to. As long as civilization has been around, wine has been around. It combines a lot of cool aspects. Sometimes you're outside, sometimes you're inside. You're doing both chemistry and manual labor. It's complex, but simple sometimes. There are so many variations and so many styles. It's intellectual, it's holistic. It's one of the few processes where you can see the whole thing—from a seed in the ground to the grape to the finished product."

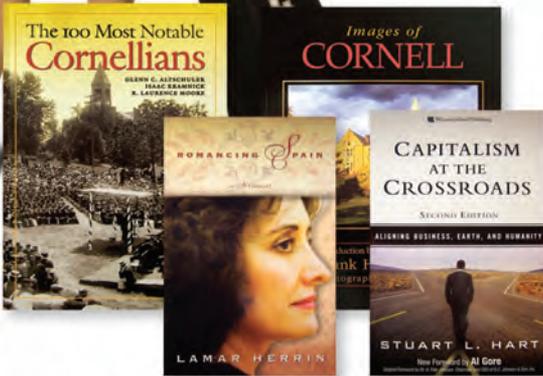
Carlson's studies have included a fall internship harvesting grapes at Cayuga Lake's Sheldrake Point Vineyard and a faculty-led spring break trip to Chile, where he visited vineyards including the massive holdings of Concha y Toro. Although he could likely find employment in the Finger Lakes after graduation—there's that opening at Swedish Hill that Peterson has been hard-pressed to fill—Carlson wants to broaden his horizons by working or interning at other wineries in the U.S. and abroad. "A lot of people, I tell them I'm majoring in wine and they say, 'That's great, I'm into wine.' But once I start talking about it, they realize how boring I can make it, because I know so much about it. But I know so *little* about it too, because there are so many different wineries and so many different regions. To really understand it, you have to travel everywhere and know a little about everything. It can pretty much consume a lifetime." ■

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Dancers take a nighttime turn on Friday.

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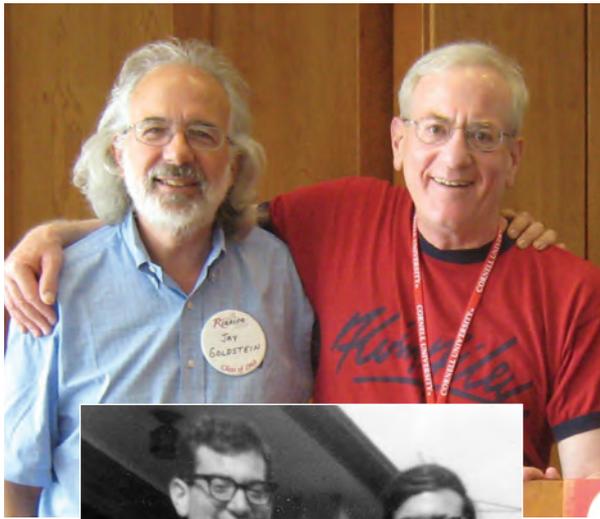
# Face to Face

Alumni reconnect at Reunion 2008



By Susan Kelley

Cornellians attend Reunion for lots of reasons, but mostly to rekindle friendships that sustained them on campus and continued after graduation. At Reunion 2008, Jay Waks '68, JD '71, and Jay Goldstein '68 didn't have much rekindling to do. They've known each other—and have kept in touch—since kindergarten, at P.S. 102 in Paterson, New Jersey. “We lived two-and-a-half blocks from each other,” Goldstein says. “I ate dinner more times at Jay’s house than in my own.”



PHOTOS PROVIDED BY JAY GOLDSTEIN '68

Waks and Goldstein were among the 6,000 people who returned to campus June 5–8 to bask in warm memories—and endure sweltering heat. Members of classes ending in “3” and “8” from all over the U.S. and the world packed Bailey Hall on Friday to hear journalist Claire Shipman give the annual Olin Lecture; she predicted that presidential candidates John McCain and Barack Obama will run a close race in the upcoming election. On Saturday morning, they came back to Bailey to hear President David Skorton tick off the year’s accomplishments in his State of the University address: a record number of student applications, conferring the first MD degrees given abroad by an American medical school, developing a new financial aid policy to make a Cornell education more affordable. Throughout the weekend, the outdoorsy crowd toured Beebe Lake by canoe and the Plantations Gardens on foot, while night owls made midnight runs to the Hot Truck. Others attended lectures on subjects from the history of wine in America to an update on investment technologies. The Sherwoods strolled about, providing *a capella* entertainment throughout.

Waks and Goldstein got together for breakfast, as they often did freshman year. They didn’t plan to attend Cornell together, but both got accepted and billeted to U-Hall 1’s first floor. “It was purely a coincidence,” Waks says. “I requested U-Hall 1

**Now and then:** Classmates Jay Goldstein '68 (above left) and Jay Waks '68 shared breakfast Sunday morning. Inset: Goldstein (right) and Waks in 1966, on their way back to Cornell after spring break.

Right: Racers at the starting line of the two- and five-mile Reunion Run near Barton Hall on Saturday morning.



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## Reunion by the Numbers

### Who attended

4,101 alumni  
1,300 other adults  
631 children

### Oldest attendee

Bill Vanneman '31, age ninety-nine

### Oldest reunion class — 1933

Eugenia Gould Huntoon of  
Bloomfield Village, Michigan  
Sarah Ellis Ward of Slingerlands, New York  
Beatrice Alexander Weingart of  
Van Glen, California.

### First timers

369 alumni attended their class reunion for the first time (including 31 attending their 50th)

### Weather report

Average high temperature: 87 degrees  
Average humidity: 72 percent

**A Sui or an MBC?:** Late-night revelers (above) order up Hot Truck eats. Right: CAM intern Jenny Niesluchowski '10 (left) shares a laugh with Bobbi Miller Brannin '38 at the All-Alumni Affair in Barton Hall.



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since it housed the ‘Barf Bar’ restaurant—that wasn’t its official name but is an accurate description of its effect on your digestive tract. I liked the idea of getting a quick breakfast without having to go out.” As they each made new friends, they continued to drive home together for vacation in Waks’s red Volkswagen Bug. After graduation, family and careers left little time for socializing



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## Thanks for the Memories

For my first face-to-face interview as a *Cornell Alumni Magazine* intern, I was assigned to speak with members of the classes of ‘33 and ‘38 during Reunion weekend, record their news during the All-Alumni Affair in Barton Hall, and write their class reports for the next issue. “And,” my editor told me, “you’ll get a free lunch.”

On a hot Friday afternoon, alumni began strolling into Barton, making their way around the informational booths that lined the walls and the catered buffet in the center of the track. I did a lap, scooping up some freebies (pens, key chains, calendars, and the like) and sampling ice cream from the Dairy Bar cart before joining a packed table labeled 1933 and 1938. I was prepared to spend an hour—if that—listening to stories about grandchildren and retirement. But the tales that they shared were full of life and adventure during their time at Cornell.

I could relate to many of their memories, even though so much about the University has changed since then. Bobbi, a woman now living on Long Island, told me about breaking Balch Hall curfew so she could attend fraternity dances. I met women who were still active in their sororities and men who had played hockey on Beebe Lake. (I’m the goalie of the Big Red women’s hockey team.) Bea, who was often the only woman in her physics classes, would take the trolley every Saturday with her girlfriends to the department store in downtown Ithaca. She reminisced about delivering newspapers at 4:30 each morning to help pay her tuition—which was only \$300 to \$400 a semester.

I was so caught up in their stories that I forgot to eat lunch and the buffet was about to close. “Don’t worry, you’re not missing much,” Bea told me as she slid a piece of chocolate cake in my direction. I only had time to take one bite before I discovered that we both live in Southern California. After a lengthy discussion of the state’s ideal weather, I looked up to find that the booths and the buffet had been cleared; apart from a few other stragglers, we were the only people left in Barton Hall.

— Jenny Niesluchowski ‘10



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**Young at heart:** Some of the 631 children (above) who attended Reunion 2008, under a magician's spell. Right: Classmates Edy Newman Weinberger '43 (right) and Caroline Norfleet Church '43 embrace after seeing each other in Barton Hall on Friday. Below: President David Skorton giving the State of the University address to a full house in Bailey Hall on Saturday morning.



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(Goldstein became a dermatologist, Waks a lawyer). Sometimes years would go by before they would reconnect, often at Reunion. "That was our principal face-to-face contact over the years," Waks says.

This year, Goldstein left campus Friday afternoon for his daughter's birthday, and returned on Saturday—just to see Waks. "When we sang the alma mater with the Sherwoods and put our arms around each other, I almost cried," Goldstein says. "And I don't cry easily." ■



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## The Best of CALS

### *A Brief History of the Outstanding Alumni Awards*

By Mollie Pulver '80

For thirty years the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences (CALS) has annually recognized alumni who have demonstrated excellence in their careers and service to the College and their communities. To honor their work, CALS offers the annual Outstanding Alumni Awards (OAA).

CALS alumni are a diverse group who have entered myriad careers, and many have achieved notable success. The College's Alumni Association Awards Committee is charged each year with identifying up to five alumni who are outstanding in all areas. To receive the award, a candidate must meet at least one of the following criteria and show some accomplishment and interest in the other two:

- active involvement in, work for, and demonstrated leadership abilities in CALS and Cornell;
- "recognized success" in their business, profession, or other vocation;
- "recognized success" in avocational activities other than Cornell. ("Recognized success" in this area means having made a significant contribution to the betterment of society through involvement in community, schools, charitable organizations, and other humanitarian undertakings.)

Each year the award winners, their families, guests, and CALS Alumni Association members gather in the

Statler Ballroom for an evening of fellowship and recognition. At last year's gala, Dean Susan Henry congratulated the recipients with the following comments, although her words describe all who have received the award over the years: "These alumni are distinguished in their many achievements," Henry said. "What these individuals have in common is their tremendous commitment to what they do, and their generosity in giving back. They have demonstrated exceptional dedication to the College and to Cornell, sharing their time and talents in numerous ways. They've made a substantial difference in their communities, their fields of endeavor, and their college through their service and dedication. However, they each reveal an extraordinary sense of modesty when you speak to them about their noteworthy accomplishments. To them, their commitment is a given—all in a day's work."

Joseph King '36, BS '38, was the first to receive the OAA award, in 1977. The list of past winners now totals 137 and includes many distinguished names well known to Cornellians, in-



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**First rate: The late Joseph King received CALS's inaugural Outstanding Alumni Award in 1977.**

cluding Robert Trent Jones, SP Ag '30, John Dyson '65, and Stan Warren '27, PhD '31. Recipients have come from across the United States and around the globe. They include Teng-Hui Lee, PhD '68, former president of Taiwan, in 1995, and In-Kyu Han, PhD '65, president of the Korean Academy of Science and Technology, in 2003.

In 1988 the program was expanded to recognize young alumni (defined as *(continued on page 65)*

# Calendar of Events

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## New York/Ontario

**CALS**, September 27—Apple picking, Indian Ladder Farms, Altamont. Contact Diane Irwin, [dmi7@msn.com](mailto:dmi7@msn.com), 518/884-0322.

**CAF**, October 15—Rochester Regional Phonathon. Contact Tristan Fields, [tgf6@cornell.edu](mailto:tgf6@cornell.edu), 607/254-6407.

## Northeast

**Northeast Regional Office**, October 6—Women's dinner connection, Vintage, West Roxbury, Massachusetts. Contact Rebecca Alperin, 617/928-1971.

**CC/Vermont**, October 11—Book club: discuss the book chosen for Cornell's 2008 New Student Reading Project, *Lincoln at Gettysburg: The Words that Remade America* by Garry Wills. Contact Alexandra Tursi, [ant9@cornell.edu](mailto:ant9@cornell.edu).

**CC/Boston**, October 11—Football, Cornell vs. Harvard, Harvard Stadium. For tickets, go to [www.gocrimson.com](http://www.gocrimson.com) or call the Harvard Athletics ticket office at 617/495-2211 or 877/GO-HARVARD. Contact Jens Kullmann, [jkullmann@cornellclub.org](mailto:jkullmann@cornellclub.org).

**Northeast Regional Office**, November 11—Women's dinner connection, Artu, North End,

Boston. Contact Susan Simone, [simones@gtlaw.com](mailto:simones@gtlaw.com).

**Northeast Regional Office**, November 13—Young alumni gathering, the Red Hat, Beacon Hill/West End, Boston. Contact Kate Perkins, [kab63@cornell.edu](mailto:kab63@cornell.edu), 607/255-1921.

## Western

**CC/Southwest Ohio**, September 19—Service event: pasta dinner to support Fisher House, where families of injured soldiers live while loved ones recover in nearby hospitals, Dayton. Contact Lou Ferraro, [ferrarojr@aol.com](mailto:ferrarojr@aol.com), 937/469-4953.

**CC/Southwest Ohio**, September 20—Service event: Cornellians compete in the Air Force Marathon to support Fisher House, where families of injured soldiers live while loved ones recover in nearby hospitals, Dayton. Contact Lou Ferraro, [ferrarojr@aol.com](mailto:ferrarojr@aol.com), 937/469-4953.

## Western

**Cornell Annual Fund**, November 5—Portland Regional Phonathon. Contact Tristan Fields, [tgf6@cornell.edu](mailto:tgf6@cornell.edu), 607/254-6407.

## International

**CC/London**, October 26—NFL game: New Orleans Saints vs. San Diego Chargers, Wembley Stadium. Contact Tyler Rudd, [tylerrudd@paulhastings.com](mailto:tylerrudd@paulhastings.com).

## Come Home to Cornell! Homecoming 2008: September 26–28

Join fellow Cornellians and friends and enjoy the best that the University has to offer. Alumni, students, and faculty will be on hand for an exciting range of academic, social, and athletic events. It's a weekend you won't want to miss! The campus will be in full swing with a variety of programs that promise to keep you busy from morning to night.

### Saturday, September 27

**All-New, All-Alumni Tailgate**, 11 a.m.–1 p.m., Crescent parking lot. Meet and mingle with fellow alumni. Complimentary food and beverages will be served under the big tent. Musical entertainment by Johnny Russo's East Hill Classic Jazz Group. The Big Red Band, cheerleaders, and the Big Red Bears will stop by to help you catch the spirit. Sponsored by the Office of Alumni Affairs.

**Cornell vs. Yale Football**, 1 p.m., Schoellkopf Field. Feel the excitement in the air! Join the roar of the crowd and cheer the Big Red on to victory as they square off against Ivy rival Yale. For football tickets and stadium parking permits, call the Athletic

Ticket Office at (607) 254-BEAR. Tickets: \$15, \$12 for seniors and students.

**Glee Club concert**, 8 p.m., Sage Chapel. Hear one of the country's finest collegiate male singing ensembles and Cornell's oldest student organization in a concert of classics and songs of Cornell. Professor Scott Tucker will conduct. Tickets: \$10, \$5 for students, available in advance at [www.baileytickets.com](http://www.baileytickets.com) and the Clinton House's Ticket Center, and at the door.

And that's just the beginning! Choose from campus tours, college and school programs, fraternity and sorority events, admissions information sessions, recreational programs, class and affinity activities, and much more. For more Homecoming information and a list of events, contact the Office of Alumni Affairs at (607) 255-7085 or visit [alumni.cornell.edu/homecoming](http://alumni.cornell.edu/homecoming).

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under age forty when nominated). Up to two award winners are recognized in this category each year. The first Young Alumni Award went to Daniel Decker '74, PhD '86. He has since been joined by twenty-two other notable graduates, including Jim Bittner '80, who received the award in 1997. "I'm amazed at how such busy people still find time to maintain their ties to the College, giving their time and talents while starting businesses and families," says Bittner.



**Daniel Decker, winner of the first-ever CALS Young Alumni Award**



**Professor George Conneinan, a recipient of the inaugural CALS alumni award for faculty**

The program was expanded again in 1996, with awards for CALS faculty and staff. The first two faculty to be recognized were George Conneinan '52, MS '56, and Bernard Stanton '49, professors emeriti in applied economics and management. To date, twenty-four faculty and staff have been honored.

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**CRC** The robins return to chirp on the Arts Quad every spring, to be followed shortly by the Continuous Reunion Club, which busts out all over the campus in early June. CRC (est. 1906, without any of its present members) was here before the Straight, Schoellkopf, Balch, and in fact most all the buildings we now know. It is composed of 300-something alums for whom just one reunion every five years won't do. So they turn up every year or almost. Most of the faithful made it one more time, the gas and other travel expenses of June '08 notwithstanding.

After settling into their familiar reunion home-away-from-home, the Holland Int'l Living Center Low Rise 8 on North Campus, a CRC crew answered the call to the traditional Savage Club show at the Statler. Our Ithaca Savages grew out of the Savage Club of London, founded in 1857. They sing, perform magic tricks, play Dixieland and heavy metal, and otherwise divert. CRC Savage **Ernie Hardy '53**, PhD '69, sang this year, as did the Cayuga's Waiters of the Fifties, with whom we shared our North Campus quarters.

Some arose early for golf, or bird-walking, or a college breakfast. Most found their way to the Statler ballroom for CRC's annual luncheon. There they reunited with friends from the coaching staff, previously the only exceptions to the rule that only CRC members could attend. This year, for the first time, non-Cornellian wives and fellow travelers were welcome to the lunch. The mysteries of CRC were not revealed to them. (Of course, there aren't any.) From all appearances, lots of them will be back for more in years to come.

Retired baseball and football coach Ted Thoren, honorary (and senior) CRC member, traced his recollections of the history of the organization up to the latest breakthrough. CRC presented a check to a deserving Cornell team, the Ivy League champion women's basketball bunch. Their coach, Dayna Smith, accepted it with warm wit. Men's coach Steve Donahue reviewed his Ivy championship year. (Reminders: no Ivy team other than Penn or Princeton has won the title since 1988, when Cornell won it. This was the Big Red women's first Ivy championship season. The Cornell men are the nation's only team to improve its record each of the past six years.) Director of Athletics Andy Noel honored his outstanding group of coaches and hailed the role of alumni in building better programs.

**Gerry Grady '53** concluded the session with our traditional financial report. He called for a silent time in memoriam for members lost in the past year: **John Babcock '45**, **Seaward Sand '45**, PhD '55, **Barry Nolin '51**, **Glen Woolfenden '53**, **Jack Murphy, JD '68**, and **Dave Griffin '71**, MPS '73. Later in the afternoon, members gathered at Schoellkopf for the annual reception sponsored by the Cornell Football Association.

On Saturday morning, you had your choice of the Alumni Baseball Game or President David Skorton's State of the University address or this or that—after Grady's time-honored milk punch social, of course. Those who chose gracious dining at the Ithaca Country Club Saturday night were once again delighted by the serenade of **Jon Wardner '79** and his alumni Hangovers, besides the elegant

cuisine. At Cornelliana Night, which followed, CRC members were called upon to stand and be recognized for persistent reuniting. **Bill Vanneman '31**, there for his 77th Reunion, was warmly applauded. Visits to the tents ended the evening, although a few, back from the dancing, wound up the night with a last sip with the Waiters in HILC8 residence.

**Connie Santagato** Hosterman '57 is to be commended and richly thanked for tireless help with the details that make reunions work. Similarly: **Cathy Hogan '70** and Kelly Woodhouse of Alumni House and our excellent class clerks **Nwanyinma Nnodum '08** and **Henry Kaweesi '11**, here from Uganda. **Jim Hanchett '53**, 300 1st Ave., Apt. 8B, New York, NY 10009; e-mail, jch46@cornell.edu.

**33** GREETINGS from the Intrepid Three of '33! **Bea Alexander** Weingart, **Sarah Ellis** Ward, and **Gene Gould** Huntoon were the lucky ones to attend our 75th Reunion. Each of us was accompanied by a handsome/attractive son or daughter, and our sextet was graciously included in the '38 gatherings—and we didn't even feel older!

Cornell went all out to make things not only enjoyable but comfortable. Deluxe buses took us from the Statler to all areas of the campus, and even to the Arboretum, where we heard a great informal concert in a tent! Highlights of the weekend were front-row seats for two great concerts in Bailey Hall. Especially touching was recognition of the three of us from the stage, and a conversation with President Skorton and his charming wife.

Cornell was even more beautiful and inspiring than we remembered. Our thanks to all who made our 75th so special.

You classmates who couldn't make Reunion were really missed! Just for fun, get in the mood by singing your favorite Cornell song, then write me your news. It's about time we got back our SPACE in *Cornell Alumni Magazine*! Bea Weingart shared her thoughts with the alumni magazine during the All-Alumni Lunch at Barton Hall on Friday afternoon. A graduate of the Ag college, she remembers being the only female in her Engineering classes. When she arrived at Cornell her advisor was on sabbatical, so she chose all her classes on her own—upper level courses! She managed to succeed in class, but had to go back and take all the entry-level courses during her final year.

To help pay tuition, Bea rose at 4:30 every morning and delivered the daily paper to the residents of Risley Hall. On the weekends, she and her friends took the trolley downtown to the department store. After graduating, she taught for 20 years and says her Cornell degree opened many doors for her. Now retired, she has had the opportunity to do a lot of traveling over the years, including a trip to Madagascar with her daughter to see Haley's comet, to China in 1979, and to Antarctica twice. Bea has been living in Southern California for 64 years.

Here's my address. Send me your news! **Eugenia Gould** Huntoon, 650 N. Williamsbury Rd., Bloomfield Vlg., MI 48301. Class Notes Editor e-mail, adr4@cornell.edu.

**38** Fifteen members of the Class of '38, along with 15 devoted companions, returned to the Hill for their 70th Reunion. Among other activities, the group enjoyed the All-Alumni Lunch at Barton Hall on Friday afternoon, and several classmates shared their thoughts with us.

**Eleanor Walbridge** Morgan lives in New Hampshire. She got married during her second year at Cornell, and graduated from the College of Human Ecology. **Henrietta** "Bobbi" **Miller** Branin of Long Island noted the differences between life at Cornell today and student life in the '30s. All students lived in the dorms back then, she said, and there were, of course, separate dorms for the men and women. The freshman curfew was 9 p.m. on weeknights, and seniors could stay out until midnight. Bobbi was an English major in the Arts college, and tuition was \$400 per year. During her four years, one of her most memorable moments was a seven-country tour she and her classmates took with a professor. She particularly remembers Germany and France. Other Cornellians in Bobbi's family include her father, who graduated from the Engineering college in 1911, and her brother, a Hotelier from the Class of '48.

**Charles Lounsbury** writes: "It was a privilege to be able to go to the 70th Reunion at Cornell. Friday night I went to the class reception, picture-taking session, and dinner. What a wonderful time! My memories of Cornell would fill volumes: Farm and Home Week, multiple events at Bailey Hall, the farewell for Daisy and President Farrand, walking around campus while wearing a "freshman cap," and ROTC in Barton Hall (wearing a uniform with high-laced boots) and not being able to load the old cannon! What memories!" Charlie now lives at Kendal at Ithaca, which, he says, "is in many ways just a progression of Cornell." He keeps busy with gardening, lectures, discussion groups, musical performances, and watercolor classes.

If you were at Reunion, please do send in your thoughts and let us know what you did during the weekend. If you weren't able to make the trip, don't hesitate to send a news update at any time. Your classmates want to hear from you! **Class of '38**, c/o *Cornell Alumni Magazine*, 401 East State St., Suite 301, Ithaca, NY 14850; Class Notes Editor e-mail, adr4@cornell.edu.

**43** Dizzy Dean once said, "If you done it, it ain't braggin'." We done it. We really done it. Four score and six years old, we gathered on the Hill—40 classmates plus a gaggle of spouses, children, and children's children—for what **Caroline Norfleet** Church rated "a bang-up weekend." Energy level was through the McGraw Tower roof. Same for camaraderie. Ditto esprit de corps (no pun intended).

This from **Barbara Wahl** Cate: "Going back to Cornell for Reunion is not without its cares. Worries on Wednesday: Will I know anybody? Will anybody know me? And how will I look to them? And how will they look to me? With whom will I sit? What will I wear? But then, Thursday, happily, found me ensconced in the Statler with **Shirley Wurtzel** Jacobs (an old sorority sister),

who told me she'd been uneasy about coming to Ithaca until she read my gung-ho letter in the '43 column. She thanked me. Well, for heaven's sakes! It was glorious! One of the best times in my life! Once again I could hug **Edy Newman Weinberger** and **Ruthie Ohringer Frank**. And I got to know **Caroline Norfleet Church** and **Jane Adams Wait**. Miller, do you realize that this was all your fault? If you hadn't published the "Compendium of Memoirs of the Class of '43," and if I had not read every word of it and thereafter become your e-mail buddy, I would have missed **Cornelliana Night** at Bailey Hall. Attention, classmates," she finishes, "reread your Compendium. It's more fun than a barrel of freshmen."

In the event that you were otherwise engaged and 1) missed our 65th but 2) are interested enough to endure a spate of asides by reticent Resident Class Correspondent Hissself, stick around. And if you want to read about those events open to all reuniting classes, leaf back a few pages. I'm sure CAM covered them superbly.

Sorely missed were the housebound, among them reunion chair **Bob Larson**, bedridden ten miles distant, alas, with pneumonia. Among those Hillbound, our vote for best preserved and nattiest: **Stan Levy**, **Jane Wait**, **Ruth Frank**, and **Jes Dall**.

Thursday evening **Rosa** and President **Emeritus Frank Rhodes** joined us for dinner: a coup and a treat. Cogent and eloquent, as always, Dr. Rhodes "helped us remember," in the words of **John Detmold**, "what it was like for all of us on the Hill when WWII broke out. Many of our classmates, the younger faculty, and staff dropped what they were doing and signed up. It must have been tough to keep the University going. And we know that many of those who went off to war (38 from '43) never made it back." Tottering under its heft, **Larry Lowenstein** delivered to our silver-haired-messenger ex-boy-ex-Prexy a check the size of **Schoellkopf's** scoreboard, payable to Cornell U., and notable for the numbers thereon: \$1,544,421, which is a lot of money even if you say it fast. Thanks go to 174 donors of the okey-dokey Class of '43, and one **Nancy Nickerson**.

Friday evening we dined—and **Jerry** and **Dorothy Batt** danced—to the strains of the **Molly MacMillan Trio's** rendition of the ballads and jazz of the '30s and '40s, still the best ever. Saturday eve I learned from **Bill Dickhart** how **Carl Arnold** came to be called Sam: he was forever singing "Sam, Sam, the lavatory man / Chief inspector of the outhouse clan . . ." a song I learned in Boy Scouts, but which **Bill** sings in lyrics better suited to a truck stop or, with all due respect, a **Sigma Nu** beer party. At dinner we asked him to come to the mike and do it again. He did and delivered the highlight of a weekend of highlights. True, he's lost a step legging out grounders, but the vocal mechanics remain intact. **Carol Bowman Ladd** approached the podium to retell, as requested, the story of the day she arrived early to anatomy class where she was introduced by **Hope Ritter** to her very first embalmed penis. Husband **Bob** tried to change the subject with a tale of war exploits. Our view: **Carol** carried the day.

At the table **Shig Kondo** gifted me with a flask of English body lotion pilfered from his hotel in Hawaii. The label: "Miller Harris." Google, dear reader, **James Lorie**, MA '45, or **William Leuchtenburg**, for instance, and bask in the redolence of their achievements. Google me and inhale four pages of fragrance ads.

At Sunday's Q&D breakfast, we were asked to stand in turn and recite for the assemblage our

accomplishments on the Hill and after. **Steve Hawley**: "I played on the polo team, served in the Army, and raised a family and lots of horses and sweet corn in western New York State." Guess Who rises and chimes in: "Steve neglected to tell you that for 20 years he served in the New York State Legislature and was only one prostitute away from becoming governor." ■ **S. Miller Harris**, P.O. Box 164, Spinnerstown, PA 18968; e-mail, olchap@comcast.net.

**48** Saturday, June 7, after our 60th Reunion cocktail reception and "formal" dinner in the Willard Straight Memorial Room, we all witnessed the most dramatic sunset ever created over the hills west of Ithaca. One might possibly see such a sight at Dartmouth, but never at Harvard, Brown, Yale, Columbia, Princeton, or Penn. The chimes were ringing and the weather was splendid (nice and warm—hot!).

In 1948 there were 1,836 people who received degrees and/or otherwise chose to call themselves '48ers. As of May 16 there were 695 of those known to be deceased, and 233 with "bad addresses" (non-mailable, "lost," "strayed," "stolen"). That leaves 908 of us still breathing and hobbling along on various replaced body parts. Our class set the all-time 60th Reunion record for alumni returning—93—which is 10.24

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Bobbi Miller Brannin '38

percent of the known living. We can't list their names, but you can see them on our class website, <http://classof48.alumni.cornell.edu>.

The 93 returnees were members of the following disciplines: 27 Arts and Sciences, 16 Hum/Home Ec, nine ME, eight CE, seven Ag, six EE, and four each of Chem E, Hotel, ILR, and ORIE. The latter two are supposed to keep all of us other degree holders "organized and toeing the line." In addition, there were four "others" ("hard knock" degrees), making it 93 total.

There were many enlightening and entertaining panel discussions, demonstrations, and other "discovery" events in addition to the standard "banquets, parties, and balls." Many thanks to our hard-working all-Ithaca reunion committee of **Martha Clark Mapes**, MS '49, **John "Skeeter" Skawski**, EdD '57, **Jean Genung Pearson**, **Marian Lang Blanchard**, and the folks at the Alumni Office.

Our new class officers for the next five years to our 65th Reunion in 2013 are: **John "Skeeter" Skawski**, Ithaca (president); **Bob McKinless**, Alexandria, VA (vice president); **Bill Copeland**, Hamilton, OH (Cornell Annual Fund chairman); **Jean Pearson**, Ithaca (treasurer and class webmaster); **Patricia Kerwin Herman**, Washington, DC (Reunion 2013 chairperson); **Bob Persons**, Port Washington, NY (correspondent, columnist, and networking curmudgeon); and the following regional VPs: **Anatole Browde**, St. Louis; **Margaret**

**Smith Brown**, Lincoln, NE; **Bill Gibson**, Danville, CA; **Sylvia Kilbourne Hosie**, MNS '49, Northport, NY; and **John Kent**, Yardley, PA.

The men in our class are of many different ages, due to WWII. I think the oldest is mechanical engineer **Tom Clements**, 92, who lives in Annapolis, MD. The youngest are guys like me who went right into the Navy V-12 officers training program upon graduation from high school in January 1944. This reunion was dedicated to all those vets who served and would have graduated in earlier classes had they not been engaged in "military sabbaticals." Many submitted remembrances, which were posted at Reunion Headquarters, and **Jean Pearson** is compiling them for the Archives. They will be available to classmates. At her urging, I sent her a ten-page description of how I helped win WWII by fighting the battle of "Guadalcanell" as far away as anyone could get from the front-line action. "They also serve who only stand and wait" (John Milton).

Please note that our new leadership team is 100 percent Marines, so there will be absolutely NO FOOLING AROUND! And we will all be expected to care for each other and stick together until at least 2013.

Did you know that we have a Nobel Prize-winner in our class? He's **Bob Fogel** of Chicago, IL. You can Google him. **Cornell BA**, **Johns Hopkins PhD**. His field is econometrics. I'm trying to get him to pay his dues and/or send me his

thoughts on where the economy is headed. If he sends me any pearls of wisdom, I'll pass them on.

Here's continuing news from some Reunioners and others. **Bob McKinless**, Alexandria, VA: "Climbed up 2,400 feet on Old Rag Mountain for the 41st (and last) time in May 2006. Have turned over this Cornell Club event to **Clint Brass '90**. He arranged for a surprise 80th birthday party for me at the summit. My son, daughter, and grandson were there too. They lugged cake, a poster, and souvenir M&Ms and T-shirts to the top, all unknown to me until the last moment. Also took a five-day bike trip (maybe my last) in Wisconsin in August 2007." **Anatole Browde**, St. Louis, MO: "Writing another book. Attend concerts. Work at church. Fondlest memory is graduating. Have been to Newport Beach and Chappaqua, NY. Busy updating computer programs. Would rather be sleeping. Plan to travel more, stay well."

**Harold Vroman**, MS '52, Cobleskill, NY (summer), Plattsburgh, NE (winter): "I send change of address forms twice a year to keep me connected with the real world." **Hamilton Miller**, Longview, TX: "Still cutting out and painting small wooden cars for the children in our two hospitals and the Shriners Hospital in Shreveport, LA, plus the women's shelter. Remember tobogganing on the Library Slope and ice skating on Beebe Lake, and the ice sprayed on Delta Tau Delta tennis court." **Claude Stone**, Morton, IL: "After 55 years, my wife Mary passed away on

April 1, 2007 following a severe stroke and coma. She missed the birth of her great-grandson on October 18, 2007. Mary was a 'wonder mother and wife.' " **Murray Rucker**, Beverly Hills, CA: "Busy marketing and playing tennis. Fondest Cornell memory is establishing Watemargin." ■ **Bob Persons**, 102 Reid Ave., Port Washington, NY 11050; phone and fax, (516) 767-1776.

**53** Mature citizens, of an age to have been in junior high when Latin was almost universally mandatory, proudly wore shirts emblazoned LIII in June. Those Roman numerals revealed them as Cornell '53. (Some people are reluctant to wear class numerals at this time of life.) It was **Mort Bunis**, JD '55's good idea, and he and co-chairperson **Claire Moran Ford** had many of them for our LVth at air-conditioned Mews dormitory on the like-new freshman campus (elevators provided, too).

There were those among the first to register on Thursday who settled in around the reception area to check out the refreshments the management had provided, see who was turning up, and find out what was new with old friends over the five years since last we convened. Some classmates had donated '53 sweaters (large-ish), belts (variably sized), chapeaux, ties, and a few little-used reunion beer jackets. At the price (zero), they flew off the rack.

Others went on a class tour to the Plantations for a look at the Container Gardens that '53 had donated (they're flourishing). Peony gardens were at a June peak. Extensive herb gardens spiced up the visit. Independent types set out on their own in a wide array of pursuit, individual Finger Lakes winery tours included.

The first class meal was a buffet in a building named for classmate **Bob Appel**, just a few steps from Mews. Some went back to Mews to join **Tom Foulkes '52** at the piano. Quite a few chose the annual Savage Club show. The Savages are jugglers, magicians, musicians, and such who entertain at Reunion and have been doing so in three centuries. **Ernie Hardy**, PhD '69, one of the nobler Savages, sang this time. So did **Jack Brophy** and his Cayuga's Waiters from the Fifties, a triple-or-so quartet that included **Jim Galusha**, **John Nixon**, and **Al Packer**.

People were still showing up Friday, in time for dozens of delights on Mater's menu, from bird walks to college breakfasts to innovative uses of handheld computers to an ROTC reception to a lecture on how to save the world to Olin Lecturer and ABC newsperson Claire Shipman's views along the "Road to the White House 2008." To name but a few. Philip and **Roz Zalutsky** Baron presented a '53 art-and-craft show featuring the impressive talents of artist **David Gatti**, photographer **Dick Halberstadt**, **Jane Little Hardy**, **Lois Crane Williams**, MEd '60, **Don Christiansen**, and Jan **Giarrusso** (**Vinnie's** wife). Roz and Phil displayed a gallery in their oils of '53 rogues like **Rich Jahn**, **Jim Blackwood**, **Mort Bunis**, **Dave Rossin**, and, well, moi.

President emeritus Frank H.T. Rhodes and wife Rosa joined '53 at the cocktail hour at the Statler. He mingled with many. Some had traveled with him to faraway places. Others presented him with new faces. He greeted all equally with that amazing grace of his. President David Skorton and his wife, Robin Davison, came to the Statler dinner. Our major gifts team leaders John and **Lea Paxton Nixon** gave him a make-believe check for an honest-to-goodness \$22-something million. (More

was to follow.) That was about four times any other class gift this year and about 40 percent for all classes overall. Skorton told those assembled that he'd like to be an honorary member of '53. Done, by acclamation. The evening ended with the singing of the Alma Mater, for which our newest classmate picked a quartet to lead (himself, Robin Davison, Nixon, and, well again, moi. Geez.)

Traditionalists then adjourned to the Arts Quad tents. Tom Foulkes was back at the Mews keyboard. He played, and most of those present sang, old favorites (even though most of us need to have printed copies of the songs we knew so well). There was a soloist, **Ann Gleason** Sequerth, seen and heard in campus musicals back then. The room belonged to her "Bill," "Summertime," "Over the Rainbow," and "Till There Was You." Yep. She was in voice. Still. And it was clear that **Bruce Johnson**, MBA '54, hasn't lost his touch on the washboard/necktie. Late night songsters presented a full-throated rendition of "The (Private) Life of the Camel."

**Gerry Grady** whipped up a batch of his time-honored milk punch to open Saturday morning eyes in time for Skorton's State of the University address. Nobody would call that punch sockless. Vince Giarrusso looked at least as sprightly as David Ortiz around first base in the 13th annual Alumni Baseball Game. The memories lingered on as the Waiters returned for a Saturday lunch buffet serenade at Duffield Hall on the newish Engineering Campus. The class saluted outgoing treasurer **Judy Resnik** Chabon, then voted to replace her with **Bill Belamy**, MBA '58, JD '59. A class council was endorsed by the electorate, as well as a slate of returning officers: **Dorothy Clark** Free (historian), **Caroline Mulford** Owens (secretary), the **Nixons** (Annual Fund reps), **Jim Blackwood** (VP for membership and planned giving and webmaster), **Roz Baron** (VP), **David Gatti** (VP), **Dick** (Reunion Transportation Czar) **Halberstadt** (VP), **Jane Hardy** (VP), **Joyce Wisbaum** Underberg (VP), **Claire Moran Ford** (first VP), and moi (class correspondent and prez). It was announced that a classmate had named Johnson Museum Gallery Number Five for the Class of 1953.

The class dined at Alice Cook House, part of the new upper class area on the West Campus, before a huge TV screen, big enough to show Big Brown maintain the tradition of favorites failing to win the Belmont Stakes and thus horse racing's Triple Crown. Buses conveyed those so inclined to refurbished Bailey Hall for Cornelliana Night—and recognition for our fiscal generosity. The Arts Quad tents were a stop on the way to Mews from Bailey, and there dancing was perpetrated and some conversation. Meanwhile, back at the dorm, Foulkes continued to please the crowd around the piano, along with **Louis Pradt** on the clarinet and Johnson on the washboard. We said our "Till we meet agains" on Sunday during brunch-for-the-road at the Ithaca Country Club.

This was a real fine reunion, all hands seem to agree. We must thank and salute Mort and Claire, Deanna Quvus and Susan Doney at Alumni House, and, of course, our clerks: **Hali Booker '08**, **Catherine Lange '10**, **Ilea Malaney '11**, **Jonathan Pomboza '10**, and **Angelica Torres '09**. Let's do it again in MMXIII. ■ **Jim Hanchett**, 300 1st Ave., Apt. 8B, NYC 10009; e-mail, jch46@cornell.edu.

**58** Wow! How fast 50 years flies by! Our reunion was wonderful, and somehow, when we're back on campus, those years seem to disappear and we can pick up where we left off. The weather was

sunny and a bit warm (the Northeast heat wave), but we didn't skip a beat. We had more than 500 people back, and I think a good time was had by all. Old friendships were renewed and new ones made. Singing groups performed at many of the functions—the Sherwoods, Cayuga's Waiters (where **Liz Fuchs** Fillo sang the parts of her recently deceased brother), and the Tag-a-longs. There was even a ragtag band that occasionally wandered the campus. The Olin Lecture, by Claire Shipman of ABC News' "2008 Road to the White House," was a highlight—another insight into the interesting times we have ahead of us. The State of the University address by President Skorton was outstanding, and with such a great leader, I know the university is in great shape.

Our own class "Forum on the Arts," hosted by Liz Fillo and featuring our award-winning lighting designer and classmate **Jennifer Tipton**, was a huge success. After the discussion, our class fundraising chairs **Glenn** and **Maddi McAdams Dallas**, presented the university with a check for more than \$7.5 million. Congratulations, class, and our sincere thanks to the Dallahs. Our class honored them by having a "Maddi and Glenn Dallas Graduate Scholarship in Public Garden Leadership" given to **Barbara Conolly '08**. Maddi wanted to convey a message to the class and wrote, "Our wonderful 50th Reunion was truly a memorable event for Glenn and me. We are grateful for this honor and look forward to having Barbara share her progress with us and the class." Our late classmate artist **Elsie Dinsmore** Popkin was also honored. The Hotel school had a brief documentary on Elsie at work, and then guided viewers through the hotel's display of her vibrant pastels of various Cornell locales. Her works are in collections at the Johnson Museum of Art, as well as many other public and private collections.

How many of you remember "Yeagerburgers" at Obies? I finally met the man it was named after—**Marcia Fogel Yeager's** husband **Bob '55**, BArch '57! A very special thanks to Marcia and Bob, an architect, for designing all our venues. They made a special trip to Ithaca last March to check things out. Thanks also to **Jim** and **Annette Fogo Harper**, our wordsmiths, and to all the others who worked so hard on Reunion and made it a huge success!

The AEPH's and a few others had a lovely cocktail reception at the home of **Don '55**, PhD '68, and **Iris Marcus Greenberg**, MST '64. Donny designed the house, which overlooks beautiful views of Cayuga Lake. The house was built from wood, glass, and stone, and is magnificent. It was nice to see so many of the sorority sisters back, including one who hasn't been back for many years, **Judy Phillipson** Warsh. **Mary Morgagne** Cooke ventured back to Reunion from Hawaii, and I don't think she came the farthest. Not sure who that honor goes to.

Some news from classmates that didn't return. **Tom Spooner**, BCE '60, is retired and doing a lot of traveling—much with the Cornell Sherwoods. He sings with them two to three times a year and gets to hear from old Cornell friends often. He resides in California. **Ann McGinnis** Daiber is a volunteer church lady and plays in a recorder group that travels around New England. **Mimi Smith** Hardy is retired and enjoys volunteering and helping with her grandchildren. She is enjoying life in the beautiful college town of Middlebury, VT. **Herb Meltzer** is a professor of psychiatry and pharmacology at Vanderbilt U. School of Medicine. He presents talks in Japan and Argentina and consults with pharmaceutical companies. He also enjoys doing research

and playing with his grandkids. One of his fondest memories of Cornell is walking back to his dorm room on a beautiful spring night!

**Art Shostak** is in his third year of retirement after 42 years of university teaching, writing (31 books), and research. He is doing a lot of traveling and is working on three new books. He's anxious to finish the books so he can begin his memoirs for his grandchildren. One of his fondest memories of Cornell is taking a course at the ILR school that spent a day each week at a work site (e.g., a coal mine, shoe factory, etc.). **John Herman** is retired, but teaches third- and fourth-year medical students at UCSF in outpatient ambulatory care. He is also a diabetologist for a summer camp for diabetic pre-teens and teenagers, and has been on the board of directors of the Diabetes Society since 1969. He also does some landscaping and maintenance for his daughter **Erica '92**. **Charles Thorn**, MS '60, does barbershop harmony and is quite the political activist. He sings baritone with the Harbor City Harmonizers in Melbourne, FL.

I received an e-mail from **Bruce Marshall** who, unfortunately, missed Reunion due to a family wedding. He sent the sad news that **Harvey Fein**, a ChemE '59 classmate who earned his PhD from MIT in '63, passed away in June. During his time at Atlantic Research, their NASA and military rockets put up a lot of intelligence, scientific, and commercial satellites in the earliest days of the space age. During the first gasoline crunch of the '70s he directed preliminary design of coal gasification and liquefaction projects at TRW Energy Systems. Later he managed assessment of commercial fuels projects at US Synthetic Fuels Corp. Harvey considered his greatest achievement his 50-year battle with muscular dystrophy diagnosed in his early 20s. **Jan Arps** Jarvie, jjarvie@sbcglobal.net; **Dick Haggard**, dhaggard@voicenet.com.

**63** **Warren Icke '62** and I have just returned from our 45th Reunion. Thanks to chairperson **Marijane Beattie** Watson and her committee (**Carol Westenhofer** Anderson, **Judy Clarke** Bennett, **Paula Trested** Laholt-Oeste, **Gwen Sibson** Porcaro, **Retta Presby** Weaver, and **Nancy Cook** McAfee), those of us who attended were kept comfortably busy. Matching 90-degree temperatures and humidity accompanied us as we moved around campus attending lectures, college breakfasts, Barton Hall Alumni Lunches, a picnic at Beebe Lake, and dinners at Ithaca Country Club, Appel Commons, and the Statler.

Our Class Symposium was held Friday morning and was led by honorary classmate Ted Lowi, the John L. Senior Professor of American Institutions. Saturday morning **Bob Epstein** led a class panel entitled Five Years, Five Minutes: Reflections of Classmates. Panel members **Russ Stevenson**, **Dee Abbott** Youngs, **Jim Billings**, MBA '64, **Mary Falvey**, **Dick Lynham**, BME '65, **Sara Mills** Mazie, and **Bill Wycoff** covered life/death experiences, concerns about our changing environment, politics, and personal life changes.

A reception was held at the Carol Tatkon Center Friday afternoon, where **Ed Butler** presented our class gift check for \$150,000 to endow a seminar room in the freshman center created in the old Balch dining room. Memorabilia from our days at Cornell, including a slide rule, 45 rpm record, the Freshmen Register, and a computer card from our days at Cornell, were collected and are in permanent display in a showcase in the seminar room.

At our Friday night dinner at Appel Commons, the following class officers were elected: President, **Carol Bagdasarian** Aslanian; Vice President, **Joe Stregack**, PhD '70; Treasurer, **Vivian Grilli** DeSanto; Secretary, **Marjorie Walker** Sayer; Cornell Fund Representative, **Dick Lynham**; 2013 Reunion Chair and Webmaster, **Paula Trested** Laholt Oeste; and myself as Class Correspondent. Class Council Representatives will be Ed Butler, **Pat Kelly** Poggi, **Zach Fluhr**, **Peter Lee**, **Marcy Bergren** Pine, and **Jim Billings**. Thanks to all for volunteering for the next five years.

Carol Aslanian was given the 2008 Helen Bull Vandervort Alumni Achievement Award at the College of Human Ecology Reunion Breakfast. The award is given annually to alumni who have demonstrated outstanding service to the college and to the university in professional and volunteer roles. Her bio of activities would take up most of this column, but two highlights: Carol is president of the Cornell Association of Class Officers and a lifetime member of the University Council. Congratulations, Carol!

**Nancy Chu** Woo and her husband were attending her first reunion. Two of Nancy's paintings were on display at the Johnson Museum of Art. One of them was in the lobby and the other amidst the Chinese art on the fifth floor. Nancy is an artist and lecturer in Hong Kong. The Reunion Run took place on Saturday. **Cornell Dawson** placed second in the five-mile run in the age 60-69 category. **Dick Lynham** was second in the two-mile run in the same age category. **Chuck Skinner**, MME '69, timer extraordinaire at the Class Panel, lives in Cleveland. He retired from management consulting in 1999 and keeps busy managing his assets. Son **Jeff '00** works for Cornell, and daughter Melinda is a lawyer married to a lawyer living in New York City.

**Bill** and **Debbie Seyl Wycoff** live in Pittsburgh, where Bill continues to work as a trial lawyer. Debbie and Bill love to play golf, and travel to find places to do that. Class Panel moderator **Bob Epstein** works in entertainment law in New York City and is learning how to be a librettist for musicals. During the panel, he showed some 1960s stereo equipment and the iPod of today to show the changes in how we listened to music. **Roger '60**, PhD '65, and **Mary Lou Moore West**, MS '65, were at reunion from New Jersey. Mary Lou received a \$3 million grant from the National Science Foundation to bring graduate students into the K-12 classrooms. The focus is on improving communication and attitude, especially at the middle school level.

I'll have a lot more from people at reunion in the next column. Meanwhile, **Linda Eakin Rakowski '64** wrote in April with the sad news of the passing of her husband and our classmate **Bob**, ME '66. He had undergone heart surgery in October 2007 and was planning to retire from Ohio U. this year. Bob had worked in medical school physiology departments for his whole career, which included several years as chair of physiology and biophysics at the Chicago Medical School. An opportunity to chair at an undergraduate institution, Ohio U., took them to Athens, OH, in 2000. A fund has been established in his name at the university. Donations may be sent to: The Ohio University Foundation, P.O. Box 869, Athens, OH 45701. Be sure to name the fund: Robert Rakowski Award for Outstanding Research. Linda plans to move where they had both intended to be together: Falmouth, MA. Bob had worked summers at the Marine Biological Laboratory in Falmouth.

Many thanks to Ed Butler for his five years of leading the Class of 1963. **Nancy Bierds** Icke, 12350 E. Roger Rd., Tucson, AZ 85749; e-mail, ick63@gmail.com.

**68** It's hard to believe, but it's true! Forty years have passed since our graduation from Cornell! To celebrate the event, a hardworking group of classmates helped plan and run an amazing reunion, June 5-8. I have personally attended EVERY reunion of our class since graduation. Therefore, I can tell you firsthand that the 40th was clearly the best ever. Maybe it was the wonderful class events or the fabulous weather or the great lectures or the Reunion Run, golf tournament, and class barbecue. Or maybe it was the fact that by the 40th, people are relaxed and mellow and more interested in catching up with old friends and meeting new ones than announcing their own success. There were many reasons—and it was a great weekend!

Before getting into details and who was there, let me first thank some of those involved. Special credit goes to our hardworking reunion chair **Henry Siegel**, who went all out for the class, and the amazing **Nancy Nystrom** Frantz, who handled registration. **Pete Woodworth**, MBA '69, was in charge of favors, **Kathy Maney** Fox did the great decorations, **Joel Kurtzberg** handled affinity communications, and **Jim Gutman** put together a collage of Cornell *Sun* stories from our years on the Hill.

On the important fundraising front, class campaign chairs **Jay Waks**, JD '71, and **Peter Orthwein**, MBA '69, were assisted by the Class of '68 40th Reunion Major Gifts Committee, who helped the class raise more than \$1 million for Cornell and also set a record for Tower Club members (the Tower Club recognizes those who give \$5,000 or more in a year). Check out the class website, <http://classof68.alumni.cornell.edu>, to see the new slate of class officers elected at Reunion, and many thanks to the outgoing officers for all their work over the last several years!

Two Reunion highlights: At our special Class Forum, **Ross Brann**, the Milton Konvitz Professor of Judeo-Islamic Studies, provided a fascinating update on Mideast affairs. At the class barbecue at the beautiful Cornell Plantations, former president **Hunter Rawlings** welcomed the class, and **Dean Koyanagi '90**, BS '01, coordinator of Cornell's sustainability efforts, described the university's efforts to preserve the environment.

I won't try to list everyone who attended, since there will be follow-up columns, but will mention a few as space permits. **Alan Altschuler** made a special effort to recruit friends from Tau Delta Phi to return, and it was wonderful to see **Rich Kasdan**, **Art Kaminsky**, **Joel Turok**, **Jon Ellman**, **Rich Cohen**, **Jay Berke**, and others. That included my freshman roommate **Dave Heiden**, who came from San Francisco. I had some great conversations with **Rich Felder** about life in Aspen in the summer and the many activities that he and his wife do to support music in the area. **Jay Goldstein**, a dermatologist in Natick, MA, is also involved in music in his spare time—in a local band. I look forward to attending their concerts.

On the athletic front, special recognition goes to **Joel Negrin**, **Len** and **Ronna Rappe**, and, I believe, **Tina Forester** Cleland, who made great time on the Reunion Run. **Steve Steinhardt** excelled on the tennis court. It was wonderful to see **Joe Gellert**, MBA '71, and wife Ellen. Joe lives in the NYC area and is in the cheese business. He

enjoys going to the longtime family farm in Hillsdale, NY. **Tracy Sillerman** was at Reunion with his friend Jessica Harris. Tracy is a real estate partner with the Kramer, Levin law firm and is expert in permitting and development issues in NYC. In his spare time Tracy collects maps and rare books. He seemed as athletic as when he was on the 150-pound football team at Cornell.

Other lawyers at Reunion included **Pete Smith**, JD '71, accompanied by his wife **Debby (Kates)**, MA '71; **John Seligman** with wife Susan; **Mary Hartman Schmidt**—our new class correspondent—and her husband Bill, who is also an attorney (and a great fellow even though he went to Yale); Jay Waks, who practices labor law in NYC and has received great recognition for his important work in the municipal area; and **John Gross**, JD '71, a widely recognized labor attorney on Long Island. **Barry Shaw** was there with wife Annette. Barry has an orthodontics practice in Binghamton, NY. I had a very pleasant dinner with **Linda Saltzman** Farkas, who presently lives much of the year in the Hamptons. **Walter Schenker**, a hedge fund manager who lives in New Jersey, attended with his wife Susan.

It was great talking with **Les Kristt** and his wife Amy, who live in Monticello, NY. Les runs a busy office supply business. Also wonderful to see the always vivacious **Susan Zodikoff** Berke, as well as **Susan Leibowitz**, who lives in the Boston area. Also near Boston is **Herb Fuller**, who attended with wife Martha. Herb is a manager of building facilities at the Center for Behavioral Sciences at Harvard. **Elliott Meisel** continues with the New York law firm of Brill & Meisel, which he founded a number of years ago. On the weekends he can be found at his home in the Hamptons, where he is a local expert on zoning matters. He enjoys flying his own plane. **Judy Winter** Andrucki, MST '69, is an attorney in Lewiston, ME, and enjoys her summer home on the amazing island of Islesboro on the Maine coast.

More on the Reunion in next issue. I have greatly enjoyed writing our column for the last 25 years or so, and am now turning it over to Mary Hartman Schmidt for the next five years. ☐ **Gordon H. Silver**, gordon\_silver@comcast.net.

**73** A hot and humid weekend greeted us on our arrival in Ithaca and it didn't let up—95 degrees, easily 75 percent humidity, few clouds, and no rain. Made me wish I could still go skinny-dipping in the reservoir. Fortunately for my companions, I knew I just shouldn't go back that far in recapturing my campus experiences.

Even without rain we knew where we were: on campus with more than 170 classmates at attendance. Not quite a 35th Reunion record, but we did break another record: the highest number of contributors to the Cornell Annual Fund by a 35th Reunion class. At the end of Reunion Weekend, we were at 823! Our generosity was exemplary, with 77 Tower Club donors—a class best—and a total contribution to the university at press time of \$3,294,122. During our class events, I wandered around and interviewed classmates I didn't know and some I did. Here's a compilation of what I learned about people who come to their 35th Cornell Reunion.

They are exceptionally proud to have a child or grandchild who goes to Cornell. **Sara Weiss** has two of three children in the ranks of Cornellians, a 2007 grad and one slated for 2011. **Pat Zimmer** and his wife **Arlene (Finkelstein)** '75 have

**Jennifer Zimmer** Nitkowski '02, an actuary living in Ithaca, and **John '06**, a Hotelier who now works for Lehman Brothers.

The range of our lives spans several gorges and the entire globe. **Elizabeth Lau** Yin came from Hong Kong; **Jon** and **Michelle Kaplan** from Palo Alto; and **Dave** and **Pat Miller Ross** '72 from the shores of Puget Sound. **Marge Smigel** tears up the floor with the tango, ballroom dancing, and other creative passions. **Jeffry Daniels** lives in Ann Arbor, MI, and works at the U. of Michigan. We traded a few stories about the "Big House" and the intimacy of Cornell football in comparison. **Bruce Davis** is in Maine, working to bring a reagent process to market that would easily and quickly type infections so that antibiotics could be targeted more accurately. **Steve Mayeri** and his wife Patricia Tierney have two children, 5-year-old son Eoin, and Ava, their 18-month-old daughter. Steve has just made a career switch. He retired from 20 years as an emergency MD in Chicago (I guess the U-Halls do prepare you for some things in life) and is now at Yale U. studying psychiatry. I was glad to see fellow psychology major **Ann McComb** attending reunion again. She came from Florida, so I'm not sure she saw much relief in coming north for a few days.

Beyond too much more reminiscing, let me personally thank the class officers and reunion committee for the outstanding efforts to make Reunion Weekend a delight. There was plenty of flex-time between the class events to just do what you wanted. So, hats off to **Thilde Peterson**, **Marty Slye Sherman**, MPS '75, **Paul Cashman**, **Larry Taylor**, and many, many more. I was delighted to meet the other class correspondents in person after five years of electronic exchanges.

Mostly, I enjoyed hanging with my friends from Cornell: **Ellen** "Rocky" **Rosenthal**, **Wendy Jennis**, **Judith Goldman** Nunez, **Margaret** "Migs" **Friedman**, **Ed Schechter**, MBA '74, **Gerry Concanon**, MCE '75, **Paul Harnick**, **Robert Cooper**, **Dan Flertage**, and **Simeon Moss**. Paul remains a fit and successful cardiologist. Ed brought his delightful wife Wendi, who graduated from Syracuse U. (my backyard growing up). Ellen and husband Rick Whiteman brought their retired selves to the party. They left the National Labor Relations Board after more than 30 years of service each. I've known them for a long time and hope to continue. Migs's husband is pursuing his DO in Kentucky, while she lives in the Phoenix area. Judith and Abel live in Taos, NM. Cooper provides international medical and dental referrals and travels to Thailand, when not playing with his band. Dan remains an outstanding science teacher in the Ithaca School District, where his wife Judy is a counselor. Simeon, like **Susan Murphy**, PhD '94, VP of Student and Academic Services, plays a key role at Cornell as the head of the press office. His wife Moira is a teacher in Ithaca also. She's the sister of another classmate who couldn't attend: **Jeff Lang**. Moira reports that Jeff is doing well. We all visited Castaways, known as the Salty Dog when we danced there to Orleans.

So, what did I learn at this reunion? As tough as it sounded at the luncheon, facing the

reality that we had, at best, six more reunions (30 years . . . 86 . . . let's not do the math). The question I was asked the most was where the triplets ended up. Even after each triplet made the dean's list his/her first year in college, we remain terrified. How did we get so lucky? Broke, sure, but blessings and a charmed life have surely been Dave's and mine. Anna is at Stanford U., Christine is at Grinnell College, and Mitch, after giving us a transition year by going to Michigan State U., is heading out to Los Angeles to go to Occidental College. His sister Kate and her husband Ben live a half-hour away (on a good traffic day). So we'll finally really have an empty nest, although I can assure you that the other theme I heard at the reunion was that the nest can quickly refill.

Well, I'm pushing Cornell for graduate school. While I remain un-retired, there is still money and hope for someone else becoming a Cornellian. Send your news and musings to: ☐ **Phyllis Haight** Grummon, phg3@cornell.edu. See you in five years!

**78** Despite nearly record-high temperatures, the Class of '78 knows how to throw a cool reunion.

Many thanks to **Mary Bowler** Jones and **Suzanne Bishop** Romain, our co-chairs, and other class officers for the hundreds of hours of planning that went into the weekend. A special thank-you goes out to our retiring class officers. **Pepi Leids**, DVM '82, was class correspondent for an amazing 25 years; **Chip Brueckman** also served as class correspondent; and **Jeanne Arnoldschwetj**e served as secretary and VP and membership chair over the last ten years.

Many classmates came for their first reunion. Among the first-timers were **Diana D'Amelio**, who is a physician's assistant at a reproductive medicine clinic in Connecticut, and **Lena Chung** Mei, who lives in Nashua, NH, and works for Morgan Stanley. Honors for the "farthest flyers" go to **Ed Harris** and his wife Apilai from Tokyo, and **Eugenie Shen** from Hong Kong. Ed's son Brian, a student at Hobart, joined the class for Saturday dinner. As far as returning fraternity members go, **Kevin Wandryk** convinced 12 other brothers of Phi Sigma Epsilon to come back for reunion, including **Dave Millman**, **Mark**

**Pavia**, **Steve Weiner**, and **David Bilmes**.

Thursday night's informal dinner was held at the Sage Hall atrium. **Cynthia Kubas** actually got to see fellow Honolulu resident **Dave Monahan**, rather than just e-mailing or phoning him. Both are active members of the Cornell Club of Hawaii. **Liz Granitz** lives in Sag Harbor and teaches economics at Long Island U./C.W. Post. After dinner, several classmates attended the Savage Club show and flashed their cell phones (the 2008 equivalent of cigarette lighters) during the rock ensemble performance. Who knew the Savages would play "Smoke on the Water"? Other Thursday night exploits included a futile search for the Hot Truck by **Doug** and **Anne Hamilton Johnson**. They live outside Philadelphia and just attended their daughter's graduation from Princeton. (One hopes they got a PMP on Friday night, since the Hot Truck was parked near the Arts Quad tents.)

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Phyllis Haight  
Grummon '73

Friday night dinner was held at Trillium, with special guests Frank and Rosa Rhodes. We presented the class reunion campaign “check” of over \$4.3 million. (As another plug, the class has a memorial scholarship that benefits children of classmates as first and second priority. The 2007-08 recipient was **Melinda Mathis '09**, daughter of **Andi Rosenstein Mathis**.)

We heard about several interesting careers. **Bryan Plude** lives in Davis, CA, and is working to clean up the San Francisco Bay wetlands. Former roommate **Suzanne Tougas** Snedeker has written three videos on environmental estrogens and breast cancer, targeted toward younger women. To see the videos, the URL is <http://envirocancer.cornell.edu/research/endocrine/videos/>. Among the career- or job-changers, **Lorraine Heffernan** has been accepted to the library science program at Rutgers. **Candy Warner** Herring lives in Quebec and is diving back into design after raising a family. Fellow Seattleite **Todd Johnson** was recently named VP of facilities at Children's Medical Center after holding the same position at Virginia Mason Medical Center. **Matt Sadinsky** brought daughter number three to campus with him. He is president and CEO of System Operations Success in Charlotte, NC.

Boston-area classmates were well represented at Reunion. **Toby Brown** Gooley writes and edits a magazine for supply chain professionals. **Andre Martecchini** has served as a selectman (city council member) for 12 years in Duxbury. **Robbin “Robbi” Warner** Goulet works for the FAA, where she is responsible for the safety of aircraft engines. Suzanne Bishop Romain's daughter Jess rowed on the UMass crew team this year.

Conversations around headquarters and meals were wide-ranging, from election-year politics to eating “dangerous amounts of sushi” (**Jonathan Honig**) to children. **Bruce Clements** bragged that his daughter was accepted into the Ag college, “and she got a scholarship!” **Randall Nixon's** teenaged son sounds like a great candidate for the Cornell Entrepreneur Network. He's started three businesses since he was 15. I ran into **Kathy Rich** Oscarlece in the newly renovated Mann Library on Saturday afternoon. She lives in Fayetteville, NY, and was passing through town en route to meeting her son's future in-laws.

At Sunday brunch, the following slate of officers was approved by the classmates in attendance: **Roger Anderson**, President; Mary Bowler Jones, Vice President, Membership; **Sharon Palatnik** Simoncini, Vice President, Regional Events; **Joanne Wallenstein** Fishman, Secretary/Treasurer; **Laura Day Ayers**, MBA '86, and Suzanne Bishop Romain, Reunion Co-Chairs; **Paul Bonner**, Webmaster; **Cindy Fuller**, PhD '92, and **Ilene Shub Lefland**, Class Correspondents; **Angela DeSilva**, **Marie Hagen**, JD '81, and **Suzanne Solomon**, Cornell Fund Representatives; and **Nina Silfen**, Historian.

I'm sure Ilene will have more news from Reunion in the next column. The two of us will make an interesting team for correspondents, since she works in public relations and I am in scientific writing (grants and manuscripts). Until next time: **Cindy Fuller**, [cjfuller@mindspring.com](mailto:cjfuller@mindspring.com); **Ilene Shub Lefland**, [ilnee@cjpc.com](mailto:ilnee@cjpc.com).

**83** “Everything has changed . . . and nothing has changed.” Spoken by President David Skorton during his State of the University address, this phrase sums up my impressions of our 25th

Reunion last June. The campus is so different from how it was when we first graced the Hill. Yet the energy and vibrance—of the campus, the students, the faculty, and staff—are the same as always.

298 of our classmates, 102 adult guests, and 149 children converged on North Campus June 5-8 for our quarter-century reunion celebration. The most unexpected reunion guest was the insufferable heat wave that actually made the return to my Houston hometown pleasant! As we checked in at

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President David Skorton

Mary Donlon on Friday, we were chagrined to find that all available box fans had been rented and we were out of luck. It was very toasty in our sixth-floor dorm rooms, but we survived and had a great time. Reunion chairs **Susan Wasserman** Guerin and **Andy Sosa** did a terrific job and didn't let the heat dissuade them from stepping up to the plate once again to chair our 30th Reunion in 2013!

As we drove onto campus early Friday afternoon, we stopped at a Cornell information booth to ask the young attendant where to park in order to make it to the Olin Lecture on time. He blithely replied that of course we should park in the parking garage. My blank look must not have been enough to give away my age, so I had to ask, “What parking garage?” After he explained (it's adjacent to Schoellkopf Field, by the way), he asked, “You do know where Bailey Hall is, don't you?” Nice to know that the generation gap is alive and well on the Cornell campus!

The Olin Lecture featured Claire Shipman, senior national correspondent for ABC's “Good Morning America.” She delivered a personal glimpse into “The Road to the White House 2008” and shared numerous charming anecdotes about covering today's major political figures. Friday night our class held a barbecue dinner on the shores of Beebe Lake, followed by an ice cream social in the delightfully air-conditioned lounge back at Donlon. I was able to catch up with **Dana Gordon** and fiancé Steve Dzik, as well as **Karen Chin Chang** and husband **Andrew '74**. Karen has made it to most of our reunions so far, but missed our 10th while living in Hong Kong, where she worked in direct marketing for an English-language Thai-owned magazine. Karen is now a stay-at-home mom of three beautiful kids.

Saturday morning, I stopped by the College of Arts and Sciences breakfast and the talk by Dean Peter Lepage. Husband Griff then took our girls (Anna, 17, and Sarah, 13) to the admissions information session, and I'm happy to report that Anna has now added Cornell to her short list of schools to which she plans to apply. **Lisa Esposito** Kok and I attended President Skorton's State of the University address at Bailey Hall, where many questions were posed regarding campus development and building at Cornell. President Skorton assured alumni that Cornell has a master plan in place and is working hard to meet the needs of the Cornell community while maintaining the integrity of the campus.

After a side trip for pizza at the Souvlaki House (one of just a few old haunts left in Collegetown,

along with the Nines, Ruloff's, and Collegetown Deli), we rejoined our classmates for some “Fun in the Sun” on the Arts Quad, where kids and adults alike had the chance to slip, slide, and bounce on giant waterslides and inflatables. Saturday evening brought us to Cornell's beautiful new athletic facilities, where we enjoyed a reception on the terrace and some brief remarks by President Skorton. Classmates then crowded into the basketball arena for our class photo, followed by

a delicious sit-down dinner in Bartels Hall as we watched our kids climbing the walls (literally!).

Reunion wouldn't be Reunion without Cornelliana Night at Bailey Hall, where the Alumni Glee Club and Cornell Chorus delighted the packed auditorium with old fight songs and sentimental Cornell favorites. Cornell Association of Class Officers (CACO) president **Carol Bagdasarian** Aslanian '63 announced the class reunion gifts to the Cornell Annual Fund. With 767 campaign donors, 667 dues-payers, and 54 Tower Club members (a class best!), the Class of '83 had 39 percent combined participation in fundraising and raised nearly \$1.4 million dollars for the university! At Cornelliana Night, we were also inspired by the presence of one member from the Class of '31 and three members from the Class of '33. Here's hoping we have many dedicated classmates trekking back to campus for our 75th (and beyond) Reunion! Meet you in 2058, OK?

The weather cooled enough by Saturday evening to enjoy the tent parties on the Arts Quad, where you could choose between dancing to the tunes of a DJ, a classic rock band, or a 1940s-style Big Band. Those who were still hungry were able to get snacks from the Hot Truck conveniently parked outside Goldwin Smith. (Why couldn't it have been located there 25 years ago?) Arts Quad revelers had the opportunity to enjoy the 25th Reunion gig of the Bourgeois Blues Band (minus harmonica player **Roy Passer**), with classmates **Tom Helf** (drums), **Rob Smith** (piano, vocals), **Ira Langstein** (guitar), and **Mark Censits** (bass, vocals). Quips Tom, “The highlight was during our last song (Creedence Clearwater Revival's ‘Fortunate Son’) when Rob jumped off the stage and danced with the crowd. I think he would have attempted crowd-surfing had we arranged beforehand for paramedics to be present.”

During a “Noyes-style” Sunday brunch at Appel Commons, we elected our slate of class officers for the next five years: President, **John Skawski** (whose dad just finished a term as president of the Class of '48); Vice Presidents, **Carin Lewis** Evans and **Linda Krasnopolsky** Newman; Membership Chair, **Barry Cohen**; Treasurer, **Mark Rhodes** (for the second term); Secretary, **Diane Barsky**; Webmasters, Dana Gordon and **Martha Galli-Leslie**; Cornell Annual Fund Representatives, **Jean Parker Hill**, **Phil Rickey**, and **Mark Wolcott**; Class Council Members, **Nicole Cormier**, **Catherine Fallis**, **Miriam Barasch** Fleming, Lisa Esposito Kok, **Abbie Bookbinder** Meyer, **Tom Navasero**, and **Benny Yih**; Reunion Chairs, **Andy Sosa** and **Susan Wasserman** Guerin; and Class Correspondents,

**Alissa Gaines-Russell** and **Lorinda Buffamante Schwarz**. **David Pattison** and I are happy to pass the class correspondent torch on to Alissa and Lorinda, and want to thank all of you for keeping in touch with Cornell through your news submissions over the last five years. See you in 2013! ☐ **Dinah Lawrence** Godwin, Dinah.godwin@earthlink.net; and **David Pattison**, dpattison@earthlink.net.

**88** Greetings, classmates! After much planning and anticipation, our 20th Reunion is now one for the history books. How was Reunion? Fun-filled and loaded with moments for reconnecting with old friends. I must say that hot and humid also apply. Yes, the heat was not what most of us associate with Ithaca and our days at Cornell. But while the stickiness we experienced walking around campus may have dampened a few T-shirts, it did not dampen our spirits as we enjoyed the weekend. Our class owes a tremendous amount of gratitude to our reunion chairs **Lisa Pasquale Semmes** and **Kelly Smith** Brown, MBA '92. They did a fabulous job planning the reunion for our class. Lisa was on campus only a scant five weeks after giving birth to her sixth child, daughter Juliet, and she had four of the five other kids with her as well! Also deserving special recognition is **Angelica Watson** Botkin, who served as our reservations/rooms coordinator and went above and beyond contributing to reunion planning while Lisa was getting closer to her due date. All other class officers pitched in as well, helping out in Ithaca as meal and event hosts, doing their best to make things run as smoothly as possible. A big thank you to everyone who helped out! We had a turnout of nearly 650, including 331 classmates and their spouses, guests, and children. We hope to see everyone back in Ithaca again for our 25th in 2013! For the reunion campaign, our class reached a total of 733 donors, including 42 Tower Club members, a record for '88ers. The total dollars raised by the class was more than \$716,000.

As always after reunion, we have a new slate of officers volunteering to serve our class for the next five years. Incoming president is **Alan Riffkin**, who ends a term as VP of fundraising. Alan is a banker with Lazard Freres and lives in Manhattan with wife Anne and their children Kelsey, Hallie, and Carson. Incoming VP for the Cornell Annual Fund is **Susan Kuniholm** Potter, with **Lilli Siegel** Roth as Cornell Fund representative. Incoming reunion chairs are **Pam Darer** Anderson, who has handled that job before, and the aforementioned Angelica Botkin. It was fun for me to learn more about Angelica during reunion. On the day before commencement in 1988, she married classmate **Brad Botkin**, whom she had met freshman year. They live in Lorton, VA, just outside Washington, DC. Brad is a financial manager at the Pentagon, while Angelica is a full-time mom and inspirational speaker. She also volunteers to aid Navy enlistees with personal budgeting. Just before reunion, their son **Alexander '11** completed his freshman year at Cornell, where he lived in Low Rise 9, the same freshman dorm as his mom. Perhaps his siblings Michael, Christian, and Arcadia may one day follow suit.

**Suzanne Bors** Andrews will be retiring from her role as my co-correspondent, but will continue to serve the class as our new treasurer. I must extend a personal thank you to Suzanne, who has

been fantastic to work with for the past five years. I will miss her columns and her warm sense of humor. Joining me as correspondents are **Brad Mehl** and **Sharon Nunan** Stemme. As much as I will miss Suzanne, I welcome Brad and Sharon and look forward to working with them. Rounding out the class leadership are **Howard Greenstein** as VP, communications and **Jason McGill**, BArch '89, as VP, membership. Last but not least, past class officers who will continue to serve as class council members are outgoing president **Rob Rosenberg**, outgoing reunion chairs Lisa Semmes and Kelly Brown, and **Paul Kitamura**. A big thank you to all class officers past and present!

I spoke to many classmates with pen in hand during Reunion. Following is some of the news I gathered, in no particular order other than perhaps the order in which I met people. I apologize for making these short and sweet, but I do want to mention as many as I can. My fraternity brother **Walter Swearingen** is a commercial litigation attorney with the firm Levi, Lubarsky & Feigenbaum in NYC. Walt currently lives in the Parkchester neighborhood of the Bronx. **Deborah Giannoni Johnson** is a manager of an office furniture company in Houston. She and husband **Gary, MBA '93**, have children Carlo, Audie, and Alice. **Michael Moore '87** lives in Hillsboro, CA, and has worked in software consulting for 11 years with Seibel, now part of Oracle Corp. **Stephanie Ryan** Zerilli is a single mom of three children, living near Ithaca in Lansing, NY. **Doug Ringel** is a patent attorney in D.C. and is married to **Deborah Goldstock '90**, also an attorney. They have children Sam, Emily, and Danny. Doug and Michael Moore have ridden together in the Twin Forks MS150 bike tour, a two-day bike ride to raise funds for the fight against multiple sclerosis. Their team, "CU Later MS," is captained by classmate Doug Moore and includes fellow Cornellians **Eric Bobby**, **Bart Codd**, **Ken Dearden '89**, **John Ehman '87**, **Dave Feldman '89**, **Tim Goodman**, **Tim Harrison**, **Dave McGinley**, **Rob Mosher '89**, and **Mark Joseph**.

My long-ago seat neighbor in Intro to Wines and Spirits **Amy Tietjen Smith** lives in Lebanon, NH, with husband **Bruce '89**, MS '98. Bruce works for Dartmouth and could not be at Reunion as Dartmouth had their commencement the same weekend. Amy was accompanied by her children Tristan and Avery. She also introduced me to her freshman-year roommate **Julie Masterman** Mendosa, who lives in Vienna, VA. Julie is an intelligence analyst for the Drug Enforcement Administration, where her husband Larry is a section chief. Julie and Larry have children Matthew and Morgan.

It was a pleasure to run into **Carla Libertore**, a classmate I met in freshman year and had not heard from for many years. Carla is an ob/gyn living in Syracuse with her husband and fellow ob/gyn Sargon. They have three children, Sargon, Luciano, and Sofia. Another physician and freshman-year dorm-mate is **Maggie Ho**. Maggie is an anesthesiologist in northern New Jersey whose husband Kevin did his residency at Cornell Med. They have children Max, Alex, and Jaden.

Attending her first reunion was **Susan Redick** Gruber, a fellow churchgoer when we were on the Hill. Sue lives in Kentucky with husband Terry, a pilot for Delta Airlines, and their children Ben and Katharine. Sue was at Reunion with **Melissa Beisheim** Benno. Melissa lives in Rutgers, NJ, and is now a full-time mom to two boys, after spending 12 years in market research. Also at her first reunion was **Tobe Mellman Rubin**, MD '92. Tobe is an ophthalmologist living in Boca Raton with

husband **Joshua, MD '93**, a gastroenterologist. Tobe and Joshua have kids Jacob and Kayleigh. At our brunch on Sunday, I met **Victor Seidel**, who teaches business at Oxford U. and has a 1-year-old son Corbin. Victor was attending his first reunion, but is a third-generation Cornellian. One evening, he wore the blazer of his great-uncle who was the Class of 1931.

Whew! Well, that's about my limit for this column. I apologize if I missed anyone I met while at Reunion. But you always have the opportunity to get news to your classmates by writing to me or my new co-correspondents. It will be my pleasure to hear from you and serve our class for the next five years. Until next time, I wish you peace.

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**93** Hello, Class of '93ers! Having just come back from our 15th Reunion, I have to say what a fantastic time it was. While temperatures topped out in the 90s (and our dorms did not have air conditioning!), a cool time was had by all. Our co-chairs, **Lauren Bailyn** Sapira, MBA '94, and **Christine Waters Stuhlmiller**, and our registration chair, **Stacie Heck** Fitzgerald, along with the rest of the Reunion team, did a phenomenal job. Despite the sweltering heat, we were treated to great events, meals, and activities across the campus. Some of the highlights included dinner Friday night at Appel Commons on North Campus, a fun-in-the-sun carnival on the Arts Quad, and dinner on Saturday night at the new Noyes Center. They also managed to keep an ever-running supply of cold drinks and snacks at our headquarters in Low Rise 9.

It was great to see campus and how much has changed. North Campus is almost unrecognizable, with dorms dotting what used to be open fields, and Bailey Hall has been renovated and is now much more comfortable than what I recall from Psych 101! But of course the best part was hanging with old friends. Lauren was there with her husband Valdi Sapira and children Josh, 4, and Samantha, 2. They live in Hoboken, NJ, where Lauren is a media editor for Wiley and Sons. Chris and husband **Dave Stuhlmiller '92**, were there with daughter Sarah, 2. Chris is working at the U. of Medicine and Dentistry in New Jersey. Stacie was at Reunion with husband Justin Fitzgerald and son Jordan. She lives outside of Ithaca and works as a social worker in the ER.

My husband Sandy Rosenberg and son Jonathan, 2, made the trip from our new house in White Plains, NY, where we have just moved after my almost 15 years in New York City (yup, moved there right after graduation). I'm still working as a healthcare actuary at Buck Consultants (where I've also been since graduating). We had loads of fun, although I will note that it was quite a different experience walking around campus with a 2-year-old in tow! We were sharing a dorm wing with Scott and **Lisa Ness** Seidman and their children Hannah, 8, and Matt, 3. The Seidmans live in East Brunswick, NJ, and Lisa is in-house counsel for National Starch and Chemical Co. I also got to see **Rob Fromberg** of New York City, **Irene Arque** Christy, husband Tom, and son Perry, and **Mark '94** and **Allison Waxberg Milgrom** with their 10-month-old daughter Alexandra.

There was a big AEPi contingent at Reunion. That crew included: **Eric Feig**, wife Heidi, and children Hannah and Jordan; **Matt Krakowsky**; **Josh**

Frank and wife Julia; **Craig Gordon**; **Scott and Jacqueline Lurie Liebman**; **Scott Fink**, wife Amy, and daughter Ilana; and **Aron and Tho Mai Izower** and their boys Asher and Xander. Also included were **Seth Kestenbaum**, who is living in NYC and working in real estate, and **Jeff** and **Galit Cohen**, who were there without their three daughters for the weekend. They live in Teaneck, and Jeff is working for Bloomberg in New York City.

**Staci Mayer** and her husband **Will Friese '88** did double-duty at the classes of '93 and '88 reunions. They and their three girls live in Phoenix, where they are both doctors. **Jennifer Abeles** e-mailed to say that she was not able to make it to Reunion this year because she had her hands full with her newborn son Aidan. She has been married to **Paul King '92** since 1998 and has an older son Ryan, 4. Jennifer and Paul live in Williamsville, NY, and she is a doctor practicing internal and pediatric medicine in Buffalo. Jennifer wasn't the only one tending to a new baby. **Amy Miller Moore** is a stay-at-home mom and wrote, "My husband and I recently added to our family with the birth of our son Paul Moore Jr. in February. PJ, as he is called, joins older sisters Leah, 10, and Sophia, 6. Three future Cornellians in the making!" **Charles and Monica Prasad Hayes** welcomed Paige Clementine Prasad Hayes on Sept 5, 2007. Monica is an assistant professor of gynecologic oncology practicing at Mount Sinai Medical Center, and Charles recently left Credit-Suisse and is now a portfolio manager at S.A.C. Capital Advisors LLC. Congratulations!

Finally, I'd like to thank our outgoing class officers for all their hard work these past five years and welcome aboard (or back) the new class officers for the upcoming term. A special thank-you to my co-correspondent **Erica Fishlin Fox**—I've enjoyed working with you! Keep the news coming and enjoy the fall! ☑ **Yael Berkowitz Rosenberg**, ygb1@cornell.edu; **Melissa Hart Moss**, melimoss@yahoo.com; and **Melissa Carver Sottile**, mtcstottle@yahoo.com.

**98** *"I know how much you have suffered at sea, and how ill you have fared among cruel savages on the mainland, but that is over now, so stay here, and eat and drink till you are once more as strong and hearty as you were when you left Ithaca."* (Homer's *Odyssey*)

This June, 527 of us set sail for Ithaca to tell tales from the past ten years, and to relive some of those happy, hearty days during possibly four of the best years of our lives.

*"Is this place that I have come to really Ithaca?"*

Ithaca is a little different from what we remembered. The sun shines brilliantly. A drive/stroll through Collegetown reveals the addition of Starbucks. Chariot's has disappeared. Beer at the Palms is not as cheap as we remember it to be (and no Old Mills!). The U-Halls on West Campus, where many of us spent our first Ithaca months, have gone. Now there are bigger buildings and a Jensen's that features facilities of a university in the 21st century. Hard as it is to imagine, we belong to a different century, a different generation of Cornellians compared to those that meet and greet us over Reunion Weekend. And we, too, are a little different from when we last gathered together on the Hill. There is a significant increase in the number of spouses and strollers at this reunion compared to the last. Whereas at the 5th Reunion many of us were still in school, about to

go back to school, or having just graduated from more school, this time around many of us are newlyweds or new parents or have reached new heights in career developments.

*"They seemed as glad to see me as though they had got back to their own rugged Ithaca, where they had been born and bred."*

Some things, fortunately, do not change. Hot Truck still runs (and there is lots of it over the weekend!). Over the years we may have forgotten how awesome it is to be in the company of Class of '98ers, but Reunion Weekend puts all those doubts aside. Old friendships are rekindled, and new ones are made. Old stories from freshman year are revealed and retold, along with more recent news and happenings. Seeing tents on the Arts Quad, and having to wear a big shiny name badge (well, button) at all times brings us back to 1994, when we first arrived for Orientation Week (moving in large herds to the nearest party). The events that the university and our reunion co-chairs (thanks to **Shana Elberg**, JD '01, and **Erik Weinick**, JD '01) have planned are plentiful and well-organized, ranging from breakfasts, cocktail hour, and Dinosaur BBQ by Beebe Lake (yum!) to wine-tasting, campus tours, and lectures. With the intense heat, though, many of us sought refuge in the gorges, in Collegetown, or at the Dairy Bar. The majority of our class stays in Risley, with overflows spilling into Anna Comstock and Balch. It feels familiar and odd at the same time—it was well over ten years ago when we last donned nothing but a towel in the hallway between communal bathrooms and our extra-long single beds. Next time, we should all remember to bring along shower caddies.

With all the fun that occurred back on the Hill, we unfortunately found out some sad news. We are extremely sorry to learn of the death of Prof. Bill Rosen in the College of Human Ecology, who died of brain cancer a week before Reunion Weekend. He was a great teacher and mentor, and both Gregg and Erica had the pleasure of studying with him. Among other things, he taught us a few fundamentals in life: how it should be equal parts work and fun, and how politics and economics can all be boiled down to simple terms and principles that are much more easily digested with the help of pizza and beer.

*"But I am not struck by your appearance, for I very well remember what kind of a man you were when you set sail from Ithaca."*

Before we descend onto Beebe Lake for our class BBQ, it is time for a class picture on the lawn in front of Risley. For effect, and in true Ithaca fashion, it starts drizzling. The photographer kindly reminds us that ten years past graduation, we are now looking our best.

On that note, and as we finish our 30th column, we would like to thank everyone for sharing your news over the years (and on a personal note, Gregg and Erica had a blast working with each other over the last five years!). However, we look forward to continuing to read about your lives in the class column. From now on, please send your news to the new class correspondents (**Molly Damieder**, **Uthica Jinvit**, and **Karen Dorman Kipnes**). It has been a real pleasure getting to know so many of you, and we look forward to seeing everyone again at our next reunion! ☑ **Erica Chan**, hc31@cornell.edu; and **Gregg Herman**, gdh5@cornell.edu.

**03** A big thank-you to **Nicole Manning** and **Jaime Hanlon** for all their work putting together

Reunion 2008. Many of our classmates gathered together in Ithaca the first weekend in June to reminisce, catch up, and have fun. A number of folks arrived Thursday evening and checked into our class headquarters at Clara Dickson Hall, and most everyone else trickled in throughout the day on Friday. Many of the early birds spent much of Friday on the official Class of 2008 wine tour, which from all reports involved, not surprisingly, lots of wine and a great time.

Others stayed on campus and attended some of the official campus activities, including the Olin Lecture, held in the newly renovated Bailey Hall. Thankfully the renovation included air conditioning! Ithaca's summer weather was in full force with over 90 degrees and 80 percent humidity. No wonder classes get out in May; studying in that heat would have been near impossible! Thankfully the lectures and sessions during Reunion were engaging and in air-conditioned rooms. Many folks opted to hang out in the gorges, play Frisbee on the Quad, or nap in the sun.

Saturday night, former Cornell president Hunter Rawlings joined our class for a meal at RPU. Classmates used this time to reconnect and find people they hadn't seen in years (and remember names). From there, many went to Cornelliana Night and joined in with the Chorus and Glee Club. Bailey Hall was filled with the voices of Cornellians singing the Alma Mater, along with some of the other fun songs, including an entertaining rendition of the "Song of the Classes." People made their way on to the Arts Quad afterwards and enjoyed snacks and drinks in the warm Ithaca night. Though I only stayed until 1:00 a.m., rumor has it that the party continued long into the night with many in our class choosing to stay up all night in the tent out front of Clara Dickson Hall.

While much has changed on campus (new dorms, renovated Bailey Hall, new section of the Statler), much has stayed the same (Hot Truck, Frisbee on the Quad, the chimes). However, five years out means that many of our classmates had much to share. **Kate Nelson** Schoenberg was back on campus taking in the sun. She and her husband moved back to Ithaca for graduate school. Meanwhile, **Matt Haistings** finished another tour in Kuwait and has settled back into life in North Carolina. He found time during Reunion to meet up with many other Hotelies and reminisce about how different the Hotel school experience is from the "normal" Cornell experience.

**Michael Cody**, **Steve Harasim**, and many other ChemE majors were back in full force; many of them went on the Friday wine tour and had a great time! **Samyukta Bhowmick**, **Priyanka Nishar**, and **Shruti Garodia** also took a break from their busy lives to return to campus. **Tamara Crepet** was on campus and updated us on her life. She's a public defender in North Carolina. **Diana Schatz**, **Megan Groh**, and **Piper Corp** spent the first part of reunion figuring out who in their group had been smart enough to bring along swimsuits, and then spent much of the rest of their time in Ithaca enjoying the cool air of the gorges.

We invite you to share your Reunion stories and pictures on our Facebook group: Cornell Class of 2003. Those of us who were able to make it back had a blast, and there are many new Cornell memories to share with the classmates who weren't able to come. I'm sure there are many Reunion stories to report, so please keep us posted so that Sam and I can share them with you! E-mail us at: ☑ **Sudha Nandagopal**, sn58@cornell.edu; **Sam Buckingham Noonan**, swb9@cornell.edu.

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**35** **Elizabeth Williams** Stavelly wrote in June—all the way from Northern California. “I no longer drive a car and use a walker to get around. I didn’t get far out of Mendocino in the past year.” She reports a most enjoyable visit from **Esther Major Batchelder** and her daughter and son-in-law last fall, and continues with her hobbies of knitting and playing bridge. Thank you, Elizabeth, for keeping in touch. All classmate news welcome! ☐ **Class of ’35**, c/o *Cornell Alumni Magazine*, 401 East State St., Suite 301, Ithaca, NY 14850; Class Notes Editor e-mail, [adr4@cornell.edu](mailto:adr4@cornell.edu).

**37** **Winifred “Windy” Drake Sayer** sends greetings to **Selma Block Green!** A nature lover who spends time gardening and reading, Windy writes, “Finally I have some news to send you!” By pure chance, she had opened up an alumni publication from Carleton College received by one of her granddaughters and discovered a wonderful article about **Mary Chaney Carson**. It described how Mary and her late husband Paul had established a scholarship fund for Carleton students with the help of proceeds from the sale of their home. The Maryhill Endowed Scholarship Fund is named for the home they built in 1940 and lived in for 65 years. In addition, documentation of Maryhill’s creation—nearly 600 letters that passed between the couple and the architect—will be preserved in the U. of Minnesota’s architectural archives. The article included a lovely picture of Mary, and Windy adds, “I remember her with warmth and affection. Do you know about her lifelong work on the tapestry? Hope to see you at our 75th, if not before.”

**John Henderson** writes that there’s no new information since his last report. “I did attend the 70th Reunion, which was great. Everyone went out of their way to make us welcome.” **Ray Bellinger** is relaxing at home in Watertown, NY. His last big trip was to Florida in 2003 for a grandson’s wedding, but these days he keeps busy with reading, bird-watching, and tree and plant care. Ray and wife Cora have three daughters. Jane and Mary are teachers, and Martha is a supervising judge in Los Angeles County. **Esther “Dilly” Dillenbeck Prudden** heads to Lake George every summer for a couple of weeks. She also traveled to San Francisco for a family reunion. At home her hobbies include photography and antiques, and she continues with her many civic organizations: Mother’s Club, Literary Club, the hospital board (and a volunteer as well), the DAR, a humanities class, the College Women’s Club, and as a travelogue presenter. “I return to Ithaca every June with Davy, Mickey, Windy, Schusty, Claire, and Margie.”

Speaking of “Davy,” **Louise Davis** (Haverford, PA) sent a News Form in March. It said that her most recent trip was to Reunion 2007, but it

sounds like that may have to be updated to Reunion 2008! Davy makes silver jewelry and teaches others how to do it as well. **John Hough** also wrote in the spring. His most recent trip, with wife Ann, was between Christmas and New Year’s on a Hawaiian Islands cruise. In September 2007, they had a visit to Las Vegas to see **Irv** and **Millie Uher Jenkins**. According to their own News Form, Irv and Millie stopped traveling years ago. Millie writes that they like Las Vegas too much! They stay involved with a local neighborhood group and spend quiet time at home reading and writing letters to friends, in addition to golfing and swimming.

More to come. We would love to hear from all ’37 classmates and will share your news in the column. ☐ **Class of 1937**, c/o *Cornell Alumni Magazine*, 401 East State St., Suite 301, Ithaca, NY 14850; Class Notes Editor e-mail, [adr4@cornell.edu](mailto:adr4@cornell.edu).

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**39** We still have a lot of news to share. Don’t hesitate to send an update at any time, and stay tuned to this space in future issues of the alumni magazine. We sadly report the death on May 16 of **Phil Twitchell**, who served as Men’s correspondent for several years. Phil was an industrial engineer at DuPont and kept busy in retirement with woodworking, reading, genealogy research, and traveling. Our sincere condolences go to his wife Sylvia and all their family members, with appreciation for his friendly manner and dedicated service to Cornell.

**G. Whitney Irish** also gave credit to Phil for taking on the job of class correspondent. He adds, “Still the same old, same old. Doctor’s appointments account for most of the mileage on our car. Still trying to sing barbershop and in the church choir.” Whit and wife Betty finally decided to get their shingles shots in 2007. “A fellow barbershop singer has been dealing with it all summer.” **Elsie Robinson Whalen** writes, “I’m still living in a retirement community in Carlsbad, CA, a few miles from my daughter and her family. I’m active in Bible study, a book club, and a quilt club. I’ve been quilting for about 30 years and make small quilts for babies born with AIDS or fetal alcohol syndrome, as well as for my family and friends. My son, a minister, lives in Washington State and has two college-age children. My daughter’s daughter is a schoolteacher, and her son is involved with computers.” Elsie would love to hear from **Eleanor Dodge Hassett**.

**Sylvia Small Wheeler** reports that she is happy and healthy, “but SLO-O-O-W, of course.” Sylvia described her retirement, which came in stages. In 1984 she retired from teaching at BOCES in Suffolk County. After the death of her husband John in 1993, she began serious volunteering and didn’t wind down those activities until well into the next decade. In 2005 she moved to an

apartment in a senior independent living facility, and was content to stay—with two cats and some continued volunteer activities. Fall 2007 found her feeling fully retired at last. “I chose to sell my car and don’t miss it, but still renewed my driver’s license. My daughters are fine, in Westport, CT, and San Diego, CA. I am lucky.” **Rawley Apfelbaum Silver** sent a blank News Form from Sarasota, FL, but it was good to hear from her.

**Priscilla Buchholz** Frisbee was honored last fall by the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Columbia County for being their longest active volunteer. “I’m still judging at the County Fair for the 4-H department. I may be a lot slower than I used to be, but I’m fortunate to be able to still live in the family home—160 years of family ownership. I celebrated with my family, getting together at Beech Mountain in the Great Smokey Mountains in North Carolina. The years at Cornell were wonderful and helped shape all of the years that have followed.” Congratulations also to **Jerome Schneck**, who received the William A. Console, MD Master Teacher Award in Psychiatry, awarded by State University of New York Downstate, “in recognition of [his] outstanding teaching ability and contributions to psychiatry.”

**Mona Brierly Carvajal** spent summer 2007 on Lake Champlain with daughter **Nancy Carvajal Lang ’64** and her husband **Richard ’60**, LLB ’64. “We rented a ‘camp’ on the lake, and many of our family members visited us there. I was happy to watch my three ‘children’ gambol in the lake together! (My fourth child, Kathleen, died in 2001.) I now have a new great-grandchild in Texas, for a total of nine.” **Peggy Dole Chandler** and husband **Webster, MS ’40**, stay pretty close to home these days. Peggy writes, “We’ve had to give up our daily walks due to my ‘unstable’ knees, but still volunteer at the information desk of our local hospital, where it is fun to greet people.” More news to come. ☐ **Class of 1939**, c/o *Cornell Alumni Magazine*, 401 East State St., Suite 301, Ithaca, NY 14850; Class Notes Editor e-mail, [adr4@cornell.edu](mailto:adr4@cornell.edu).

**40** The Big Fourth is almost here as I write, but when you read this, Labor Day will have come and gone. I hope all of you had a great summer.

In the news, **Larry Cook**, MEd ’51, reported that his grandson James graduated with honors from Binghamton U. **Armand “Army” Droz** celebrated his 91st birthday (are we really that old?) at a family reunion that included viewing the premier of his daughter’s first starring film role. **Duncan Kreamer** wrote that his grandson Lt. Robert Nathaniel Kreamer, Chief of Operations, Joint Intelligence Seal Team, was recently awarded a Bronze Star for valor in actions in Afghanistan.

**Fran Tolins Waldman** has long been retired from teaching high school and college English. She regrets she didn’t make our 65<sup>th</sup> Reunion in 2005, but hopes for better luck in 2010. I hope she’ll see a lot of you there too!

That’s the news to date. Send input directly to me, or to the magazine. I need it! ☐ **Ellen Ford**, 300 Westminster Canterbury Dr., #416,

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**41** It's late June at this writing, and my wife, Willie Ann, and I are about to wind up a three-month stay in Versailles, KY (Willie was born and reared in Lexington, just 12 miles away). Spring is gorgeous up here, right in the heart of horse farm country and great for an extended visit. However, it's beginning to get hot and time for us to return to our continuing care retirement community in Boca Raton, FL. Spring is also great for class correspondents. This is when the class dues come in, and with them, notes from class members—22 of them from the '41 Men this time! I'm back in business, at least for several issues. Please keep them coming even if you have already paid your dues.

We again received the most returns from California so I'll start with them. Last year, **Irving Merrill** of Walnut Creek and his wife Virginia celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary with family and friends. They wonder if 65 years is a record for our class. Any challengers? Irv's PhD is from U. of Illinois, in the field of mass communications. **Stanley Reich** of Piedmont is still working part-time! He continues to lecture two days a month at UCSF and serve two days a week as a V.A. chest radiology specialist. He and wife Adele enjoy their kids and grandkids and living at home. **William Turin** (Indian Wells) retired from the practice of dentistry in 1992. Then, after his wife Toni died, he worked for a number of years at a Barnes & Noble bookstore, retiring from that just last year! Bill has a son Dan who married a Swiss girl and lives in Switzerland, and a daughter Lisa who lives and works in L.A. Our classmate says he spends his time reading, playing the piano, and studying German so he can communicate with Dan's Swiss in-laws when he visits each summer. He says his "health is excellent—possibly because of good genes, regular exercise, and good thoughts."

**David Altman**, BA '40, living with wife Beverly in Menlo Park, says he "keeps busy with an annual cruise, monthly golf game (in a cart, of course), duplicate bridge, and worry about world events like global warming." In particular, ever since reading Paul Ehrlich's 1968 book *The Population Bomb*, he's "been waiting for the world to wake up before nature solves the problem—which may not be as gentle as the human approach." David, you have not been having good thoughts, but we appreciate your input! ☐ **Warner Lansing**, 6065 Verde Trl. S., Apt. G310, Boca Raton, FL 33433; tel., (561) 487-2008; e-mail, [wlaning@bellsouth.net](mailto:wlaning@bellsouth.net).

The drought is over, and my thanks go to all of those who sent news along with their dues. My first report is to sadly announce the loss of **Charlotte Kovitz Schaffner** (Denver, CO) on March 17, 2008. Her daughter Susan sent a lovely photo of Charlotte, her obituary, and the eulogies from her funeral, which I am using in telling of her life struggles and accomplishments.

Charlotte attended Cornell on a \$500 scholarship plus working long hours in a cafeteria. She graduated as a bacteriologist and worked for the National Jewish Medical and Research Center in Denver, where she and a team of doctors found the vaccine for tuberculosis, one of her proudest accomplishments. In 1955 she married Myer

Schaffner, who survives her, and settled down as a homemaker with their two children and as a business partner in the Peerless Tyre Co., which her husband founded.

Many facets of her life reflect the difficulties of Jewish families in the 1920s. Her parents emigrated from Eastern Europe and she was born in Williamston, MI, just outside of Detroit. Charlotte was 4 when her father was murdered, and shortly after that, she and her mother were chased out of town by the Ku Klux Klan. After her marriage the family moved to Westminster, a suburb of Denver, where they were the first of the Jewish families who now live there. In 1986 Charlotte and Mike lost their only son, Bill, to AIDS. But Charlotte, who felt the pain and anger of her loss, did not close herself off from this reality but turned her anger into love. She was "adopted" as a mother by many of her son's friends and all of the pallbearers at her funeral were from the gay community. My personal thanks go to Susan for sharing these tributes to a remarkable classmate who was a loving and generous woman, a "woman for all seasons" in the words of her rabbi.

**Ruth Kessel Butterly** (NYC) once again issued her invitation to look her up at the New York Public Library (42nd St. and 5th Avenue), where she is a volunteer. Be sure to vote! ☐ **Shirley Richards** Sargent Darmer, 20 Haddington Lane, Delmar, NY 12054; e-mail, [kid12054@aol.com](mailto:kid12054@aol.com).

**42** Sad news is not unusual, but the passing of **George Howell** (Oak Brook, IL) touches everyone, as he was such a big boost to our class. He and **Barbara (Crohurst)** served as our fundraisers and did a sensational job. His life was a series of successes. George served as captain in the 9th Army, commanding officer of the 351st Combat Ordnance Company in Europe. Discharged as a major, he worked for General Electric as VP of manufacturing, then at Royal Electric as senior VP. He was later executive VP of Golconda Corp., and was VP of business development and acquisitions for Int'l Minerals and Chemical Corp. when he retired. Under his leadership, McDonald's Corp. moved its Hamburger U. to Oak Brook in 1980. He later was president and CEO of Wurlitzer, and in 1988 co-founded Pflingsten Partners, where he continued to provide advice and counsel. He was the third village president of Oak Brook and helped shape it from a small hamlet to a center for corporate headquarters. He and Barbara had two sons, three daughters, and 12 grandchildren. He will be greatly missed by all.

My inquiry about **Kurt Vonnegut '44** brought this interesting info from **Tom Flanagan** (Norwich, NY). "My son **Peter '74** was at a country auction in Boston, saw some old track programs of Cornell, Princeton, and Penn and bought them. Low and behold, Kurt Vonnegut and I were both assistant starters. I do not remember him . . . as I am sure he would not remember me. However, it was a real flashback to the old indoor track meets."

**Jane Smiley** Hart (Washington, DC) writes a wonderful account of her life as a Cornellian. From 1874 to 1944, eight members of her family attended the university, and her dad, **Dean F. "Doc" Smiley '16**, MD '19, served as professor of public health in the Medical school in NYC and health officer on campus in Ithaca under President Farrant. Jane relives her years at Cornell when she sang under the baton of Eric Dudley, walked about ten miles per day, and still had the energy to jive

to Benny Goodman until midnight. About her Dad she writes: "Dad joined the Navy and was soon making health films with Genes Tierney and Kelly, returning to Cornell only for his 50th. Once, as our family dined in an Albany restaurant, a man approached our table and Dad rose, going suddenly pale. 'It's all right, Doc,' he said. 'I'm fine. I just wanted to tell you I never meant any of those threats and I will always be grateful to you.' Dad had once taken a gun out of the student's hand when distraught. He had threatened to shoot himself—and anyone who interfered—in the men's room at Willard Straight, and had to be talked out of it." Before Jane attended the 65th Reunion, she wrote, "We will reflect once more how much Cornell has meant to us and the whole region during our lifetimes and how with the Moog Synthesizer and the Mars Landing, etc., it has international, even cosmic relevance now." Can anyone put it better?

Diana Potter Hill (Tucson, AZ) writes about her folks, **Art** and **Jean Fenton Potter** (New Milford, CT). Sadly, Art passed away about five years ago, "the day before war was declared. We were grateful he did not have to see another war. WWII was enough, and Vietnam was tough on our family. He had a wonderful life and we all miss him dearly. Mom's health is great, but she does remember the past better than events from yesterday." Diana continues, "My son graduated last year. Cornell was an amazing experience that provided him incredible intellectual as well as personal growth. I love the alumni magazine and will forward it to him at the U. of Oregon Law School."

Another sad departure came as **Art Foster** (Bellevue, WA) passed on, surrounded by his wife Fay and his four children and their families, including ten grandchildren and one great-grand. Born in Nova Scotia, Art was an avid hockey player, and after Cornell he played in Charles Schulz's "Snoopy's Senior World Hockey Tournament" in Santa Rosa, CA. A paratrooper with the Army's 82nd Airborne he also served in China. He met Fay, an Army nurse, in Europe and also served in Korea and Vietnam, retiring as a lieutenant colonel. Full military honors were given to Art at his memorial. I particularly will miss him, as he was a great dancer and liked to go to reunions.

If you grew up in Nassau County and want to learn something really amazing, go to [www.mynassauproperty.com](http://www.mynassauproperty.com) and "propertysearch" for your address. I was astounded to learn that my old house is now worth \$838,800. My folks paid \$5,000 in 1924! And it still looks great in the photo. Other counties may work also. Keep writing to me. ☐ **Carolyn Evans** Finneran, 8815 46th St. NW, Gig Harbor, WA 98335; e-mail, [carolynfinn@comcast.net](mailto:carolynfinn@comcast.net).

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**44** Until this writing, I have grouped news items in categories such as still working, retirements, travel, children, anniversaries, 80th birthday celebrations. But since we all are 85 or older, and since my column is due a couple of months ahead (with a time gap between receipt of news and reporting sometimes too large), herewith your stories as logged in:

**Alison King** Barry, BArch '47, wrote, "Still in my large, lovely old house on an acre and a half of land." Alison gardens with hired help for lawns and 250-year-old trees. Her two children visit often from the Berkshires. She works out at the Y and runs with her Portuguese water dog Sombra. **Forris Chick** and wife Lynn are back in Clinton, CT, having given up Kennebunkport. Both are healthy. Forris's interests are in his workshop and music, especially the Big Band era. The **Taylor Kellers** enjoy their summers at "our Eden on Canandaigua Lake—the Seneca Indians' chosen spot." They have friends and family visiting from Florida, Hawaii, Oregon, and D.C. Taylor reported a first great-grandchild.

**Jean Shaver Hansen** claimed a year ago that husband **John '42** was still active in tennis and squash. They welcomed a third great-grandchild, a girl, born to **Lindsay Rich** Caver '97. **Christie Rich** Pease '95 produced their fourth. **Peter Tolins**, MD '47, wrote of ill health, but "four kids are doing well. Two and possibly a third grandchild threaten marriage." The Tolins attend chamber music concerts in Walnut Creek and San Francisco and "appreciate the ease of living in California." They see Sally and **Bob Greenburg** whenever they visit their son in the Bay Area.

**Elaine Smith** Feiden of Mamaroneck, NY, reported that her daughter was helping her with her rare book business and a decision about a future residence, since driving had become questionable at her age. She thought a New York City apartment most likely. **Erma Nightingale Wiggin '45**, BS HE '44, wrote that she was still "piloting" the company **Bud** started 52 years ago. Advanced Instruments Inc. manufactures diagnostic equipment for hospital and dairy laboratories and universities. Headquartered in Norwood, MA, with a plant in the Netherlands, the company is expanding with a new European acquisition. "Bud's entrepreneurial spirit lives on!"

CAU participation included **Lucius Donkle** at the Shaw Festival and Brian and **Helen Wright** Murphy at Gettysburg.

Our president **Dotty Kay Kesten** sent a letter dated June 2008 to all classmates reminding us of the 65th Reunion next June. She and **Art** are attending a planning meeting in September. She also mentioned a class gathering at Homecoming, September 26-27, for the Cornell-Yale game: tailgate at the Memorial Room and post-game dinner at the Ithaca Yacht Club. She reported 255 duespayers (42% of 602 living members). Our class projects continue: periodicals endowment for the University Library, '44 Class Memorial Room at Bartels Hall, Tradition Fellowship, and elm tree beautification. Art's website now includes 1,912 pages and 5,437 photos (group, team, etc.), and ranks atop 62 other websites: <http://classof44.alumni.cornell.edu>.

Sad to report the deaths of **Howard W. Blose**, BCE '47, **Morton J. Savada**, and **Charles S. Williams**. □ **Nancy Tortinski** Rundell, 20540 Falcons Landing Circle, #4404, Sterling, VA 20165.

**45** There's a saying, "If you want to have a good job done, give it to someone who is already too busy." Besides her "day job" as our dynamic class co-president, **Maxine Katz** Morse (Rye, NH) serves as volunteer or board member of Canterbury Shaker Village, Shoals Marine Lab, the Portsmouth Music Hall, and the finance committee of Governor John Lynch's re-election. All of this is merely a reflection of her fruitful time at Cornell when

she served on the Student Council, the *Cornellian*, WSGA, and Cornell for Victory, and played field hockey. She knows that most important of those busy years were the friendships and associations with fellow students. In that spirit she would like to hear from those with whom she has lost contact: **Ann Ward** Gibb, **Betsy Acheson** Mackenzie, and **Pat Orling** Ficken.

**James Rodgers Jr.** (Hingham, MA) sent a photo of seven sailors in the V12 program at Dorm 25. He notes that **V. D. Shumaker '48** and he are recognizable, but wonders of the whereabouts of the others, as well as all other V12s who shared duties and studies with him from 1943-45. Jim retired from American Water Works Co. in 1983 as System Company President, New England Division. He stays busy as a library volunteer and a nursing home ombudsman, and with the Weir River Estuary Group. His travel endeavors are attending grandchildren's weddings—three down and nine to go. He cherishes the "whole atmosphere of Cornell" and even managed to meet his wife on weekends far from the campus (probably AWOL).

**Albert Brown**, PhD '51 (Lincoln, NE) notes that he has been retired 18 years, which is the length of time from birth to entering college. He spends quality time gardening and muses, "My bulb plantings have been particularly good this year and are all coming up in a rash of daffodils and tulips after crocuses and snowdrops" (you're quite the poet, Al). His fond memories are of graduate school and he keeps in touch with fellow students. **John '43** and **Ann Buchholz Alden** enjoyed an Elderhostel trip in Australia last fall with special attention to Perth, where John had R&R during WWII. They had plans to tour the Ukraine and Romania on a Cornell alumni trip during the summer.

**John Clements**, BA '44, MD '47 (Tiburon, CA) was awarded the Pullin Prize at New York Presbyterian Hospital in April. The full first page of the announcement section of the *New York Times* describes the prize as honoring lifetime achievement in research dedicated to improving the health of children. "This year's award recognizes an outstanding investigator for his groundbreaking discovery of a lung surfactant critical in neonatal respiratory distress syndrome (premature blue baby). We honor the creativity, dedication, and determination of this physician-scientist whose work has saved the lives of millions of children." Previous awards are the Lasker Award, the Helen Appar Award, the Distinguished Alumnus Award of Weill Cornell Medical College and three honorary degrees. Your class correspondent was John's roommate in med school, and my future wife Betty and I introduced John to his future wife Margot. Our families have remained close for 59 years. Margot was vocalist and John the organist at our wedding. We have enjoyed many cruises and motor trips in Europe and numerous weekends together featuring tennis, concerts, great food and wine, and high humor. John is officially retired, but he hasn't researched the definition of the word because he is in his lab at UC San Francisco over 40 hours a week.

Please keep our class informed. □ **Robert Frankenfeld**, 6291 Bixby Hill Rd., Long Beach, CA 90815; e-mail, [betbofb@aol.com](mailto:betbofb@aol.com); **Julie Kamerer** Snell, 3154 Gracefield Rd., Apt. 111, Silver Spring, MD 20904; e-mail, [julie.snell@verizon.net](mailto:julie.snell@verizon.net).

**46** Dr. **Robert F. Brodsky** (Redondo Beach, CA; [rfoxbro@aol.com](mailto:rfoxbro@aol.com)) remembers playing jazz cornet

in a Greenwich Village bar mainly for tips and drinks in '47 and '48. That gig ended when the bar replaced him with a high school kid who played better and cheaper. Chastened, Bob decided the time was ripe to benefit from his WWII US Navy benefits. He used the GI Bill to add to his Cornell credentials, gaining a master's in aeronautical engineering and a doctorate in science from NYU in 1950.

In 1969 Aerojet General promoted Bob to chief of their European operations, headquartered in Paris. The office's primary mission was to support a major NATO contract wherein Aerojet licensed the manufacture of proprietary rocket engines to three European manufacturers. He was assigned, also, to peddle a very unusual product to health ministries of all local Western nations, as well as to the World Health Organization in Geneva. In the early '60s, Aerojet had developed a device to detect deadly microorganisms in the atmosphere in time to counter most of their harmful effects. When the Nixon Administration was able to negotiate mutual cessation of biological warfare, Aerojet's product was no longer needed.

The company faced huge losses. But Aerojet would try to make that lemon into lemonade. They successfully adapted the research from the biological agent to a peacetime product that promised great demand. The product was an instrument with which one relatively unskilled technician could test for syphilis at the astonishing rate of 800 slides of blood-smear specimens per day. The then-standard method required a qualified doctor and an expert technician to produce only 40 tests per day. And, best of all, the serum needed to run the machines was available exclusively from Aerojet, a huge potential profit center!

Bob noted consistently adverse reactions from the health ministries he visited. They all claimed no one was in charge of controlling venereal disease because, "Our country has no VD problem!" Bob's persistence in his smatterings of the local language led inevitably to the concealed VD official. But the \$7,000 per unit price was an obstacle because that was a formidable budget figure then. Undaunted, Bob convinced the high corporate brass to rent the machines and, finally, to give them away provided that the user agreed to operate exclusively with Aerojet's serum.

Eventually, Aerojet sold the business division and rights to Fischer Scientific, which, Bob speculates, continues the business to this day. He has had many top jobs since with fine companies and outstanding universities, but fondly remembers this caper and developing his taste for Paris's finest cuisine and wine.

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On May 28, 2008, I joined the rest of my mourning classmates who have lost their spouses. My beloved **Phil '47**, ME '48, died of myelofibrosis (blood cancer). He had been given only eight weeks to live last September, but he fought valiantly and lasted nine months.

In April, I heard from **Mary Lou Rutan** Snowden that she had moved to a new apartment in Madison, WI. Her husband, Harry, died several years ago. She took a Mediterranean cruise last October. "I fondly remember trying to cross the suspension bridge while the boys made it vibrate."

Yes, in the 1940s, we AOPis had to cross that bridge every day to get to classes. That was when it really swayed. It is pretty tame today.

Now, I need your help. Please fill my mailbox with your news. I just hope I haven't misplaced your news over the last few hectic months. If I did, please forgive me and send it again. I'll try to do better in the future. **Elinor Baier Kennedy**, 9 Reading Dr., Apt. 302, Wernersville, PA 19565; tel., (610) 927-8777.

**47** You sent news! Thank you. First, I'll start with the phone messages. I speak with class VP **Barlow Ware** often. After our graduation, he went to New York City and worked for AT&T, and then in 1950 returned to Cornell, where he has stayed all these years. Following retirement he stayed in his position as director of special projects in the Office of Alumni Affairs and Development—pro bono!—for almost 20 more years. He has now closed up shop and moved from office and house to a nearby residence where he's happy and would be pleased to hear from you at Bridges, 524 Wyckoff Road, Ithaca, NY 14850.

A few days ago I had a conversation with **Dan Belknap** in which we mostly talked about politics since we were together in the Constitution Law class of Prof. Cushman. It was fun and enlightening. Dan, a social worker all these years, has worked on behalf of minorities, the poor, the downtrodden, and some in trouble with the law. Because he is a strong and insistent advocate, he has acquaintanceship with many persons in high places, locally and nationally. Dan is also still busy in his community, patrolling his nearby park on his tricycle, spearing and clearing trash. Dan asked me to tell you he has a granddaughter who received her BA in Colorado and is now pursuing a BS in nursing to become an NR. He has a grandson in New England who teaches circus functions in high school and colleges and is a cook in his center. Dan has 11 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

In checking in on my close-by classmates, I find we have all recovered from the winter to one degree or another. **Ann Trimby Englehardt** had been through knee difficulty, but is doing better. Ann and I share the fact that we like to dry our wash on the line. It gets us out and everything smells so good. Good green ladies! Since Ann's husband **Herb**, **MBA '48**, a very nice man, answered the phone, we chatted and shared a little about the background of my first name. In June, Ann and Herb attended three graduations of their daughter's children: a grandson finished medical school in Buffalo and will intern there, a granddaughter was graduated in Buffalo, and a grandson finished high school. Ann attended her 65th high school reunion over the summer. She reports that **Jean Hough** Wierum and her husband have moved to our area from Massachusetts to be near a daughter already living here. Ann also reports that **Jean Jephson** Gough Schild lost her second husband last winter and is now on a long visit in Arizona, where one of her sons and his family live. **Betty Miller** Francis and I had a brief phone visit early in the year. She is well, still traveling, and very happy. I'm glad.

**Margi Schiavone** Berens attended the high school graduation of her grandson Gregg, son of Margi's daughter **Elizabeth**, **MPS '78**. Gregg will go to Washington U. in St. Louis. Margi's son Don recently finished a cross-country bike ride, surely

with many interesting tales to share. **Pete Schwarz**, **BEE '46**, who continues to be busy with Rotary, and his wife **Elaine (Drobner)** also have a high school graduate grandson, and were proud of Daniel's many awards. He will attend Stanford. **Sawyer Thompson**, **BS ME '46** (tomsimba@aol.com) e-mailed that all his activities are conducted between doctor and dentist visits [this writer's observation is that we're probably almost all in that same club]. After attending our 60th Reunion with his brother **Bill '48**, where he enjoyed seeing many former classmates, he cruised in December with fellow Cornellians to the Panama Canal, Aruba, Costa Rica, Colombia, and Jamaica. Living in Florida, he plays golf, attends the theater in Jupiter, supports the Marlins, and is a board member of the Loxahatchee River Environmental Control District. He sounds well to me, needing not too many doc visits.

‘I remember trying to cross the suspension bridge while the boys made it vibrate.’

Mary Lou Rutan Snowden '46

**George Axinn** (axinn@msu.edu) has helped me greatly the last few years by reporting about the lives of his wife **Nancy (Wigsten)** and himself. Though George is now professor emeritus at Michigan State U., he continues to teach an online graduate seminar on international development from their home. He has been on the faculty at MSU for more than 50 years, and this time writes mostly about Nancy. In mid-May she received the first copies of her most recent book, *From the Foothills of the Himalayas*, published by iUniverse. Her book is based on reflections from notes and letters she wrote from 1976 to 1978 while living in rural Nepal. An excerpt from the book cover: "Back before cell phones, computers, e-mail, and even bridges in the Chitwan Valley in Nepal, Nancy and her husband George worked with agricultural education programs . . . Nancy worked as an international development consultant for more than 30 years in India, Nepal, Bangladesh, Ethiopia, Nigeria, and other countries of Africa, Asia, and South America. She worked for many groups concerned with development of women in agriculture." These two classmates have lived extraordinary lives. When I sat next to Nancy in Speech class, I never imagined her future. Happy fall! **Arlie Williamson** Anderson, 238 Dorchester Rd., Rochester, NY 14610; e-mail, arlie47@aol.com; **Sylvia Kianoff** Shain, 653 Primrose Lane, River Vale, NJ 07675; tel., (201) 391-1263; e-mail, irashain1@verizon.net.

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**49** Thanks a lot for all your notes! It was great to hear from **Marty Coler** Risch, our former class financial guru. Marty has spent her time since our

50th Reunion getting eight towns to pool their talent, students, and resources to build a new high school for Mount Washington Valley, NH. She has served ten years on the Madison School Board, negotiating teacher contracts and raising money for the automation of their library and for the addition of a new children's room. She enjoys oil painting and, of course, traveling to admire the talents of her and husband Bob's grandchildren! Marty's brother, **Rod Coler**, has retired from his medical practice after 48 years on the staff of Kennewick (WA) General Hospital. He served on the hospital board of commissioners from 2003-05 and was twice named KGH Chief of Staff. The hospital's new Center for Senior Health has been named the Rod Coler Center for Senior Health in recognition of Rod and wife Thelma's longtime commitment to the hospital and the community. Rod has set aside his stethoscope, but not his butterfly net or skis.

He and son Clark developed a nature trail along the Columbia River that also bears his name. Rod is currently president of the local Audubon Society chapter. Enjoy your retirement—well earned!

And now, as promised, a walk down memory lane, written by **Vincent R. "Vin" Rogers**, Storrs, CT:

Anyone remember the Golfers Club? It was downtown, don't know exactly where—a swinging place, an after-hours social club (password needed), catering mostly to blacks, with the notable exception of musicians of any race, color, or creed. If you could play, you were welcome. The name—Golfers—was a puzzle—no evidence of golf anywhere. I was a junior; the year, 1948. Music, specifically jazz and the trumpet, was my passion. I hooked up early with some great players on the Hill—**Don Asher '47**, **MS '48**, **Bruce Lippincott '48**, and **Win Morgan**, **GR '46-47**, among others. We were the musical equivalent of starters on the Cornell football team; we wouldn't turn pro, but we were good.

One of our gigs was a regular Saturday night stand at the Golfers. We started at 11 p.m. and quit at 3 a.m. We were the house band, but players were always welcome to sit in—and sit in they did! Guys from the Hill, Ithaca College, Syracuse, Binghamton, and Lord knows where else. It was the place to be if you were into jazz and could play.

It could have been Spring Weekend, I can't be sure, but the great Duke Ellington Band was on campus for a concert at Bailey Hall. We worshipped the Duke and all his sidemen: Ben Webster, Ray Nance, Johnny Hodges, and my trumpet idol, Cootie Williams. Of course we were there, front and center, as close as we could get to musical royalty, listening, wildly applauding, and learning. As soon as Duke's performance ended, we rushed off to our gig at the Golfers, eager to play, inspired by the exciting sounds we'd heard.

Saturday night, 1 a.m. There's a hip, attentive crowd. Many had been to the Ellington concert,

and the place was swinging. Suddenly there's a buzz in the room. A hushed reverence takes over, as if the Pope had arrived. But it's not the Pope. Half the Ellington band (minus the great one himself) has come to the only watering hole still open downtown. I'm not sure when we became aware of this, but you could probably gauge it pretty well by the energy and quality of the music we were producing. My God, Duke's guys were listening to us (or, at least, hearing us—I guess they couldn't avoid that)!

Our set is about to end. Maybe one more tune. Don, our pianist and leader, points to me. "Man, let's do 'Can't Get Started.'" I think of Bunny, Diz, Maynard—much to live up to here. "Yeah, let's do it."

It's hard to describe a musical performance, especially one's own. I guess I was in the zone that night. I don't know if I've ever played better. The piece ended with me squealing a D above the scale that I absolutely owned. The set is over. I put down my horn, walk off the stand. Duke's guys are sitting together at a nearby table. Hodges is there; Williams, too. There's food, drink, women, and laughter.

Someone says, "Hey man, come on over here." "Who me?" "Yeah, you. The trumpet player, right?" "Right." I walk to the table. I sit. They slide a glass my way. I drink. "Man, you know what? You got a great sound!"

I'm 81 now, still playing my horn. I married, fathered, grandfathered, even great-grandfathered. I've done most of what I wanted to do in this life. But that night—1948, 2 a.m. at the Golfers—was magical. I don't know who said it (I hope it was Cootie), but if I'd been a kitten

I'd've purred! Imagine. One of Duke's guys said, "Man, you got a great sound!"

Hey, Vin, how about playing at our 60th Reunion? **Mary Heisler** Allison, 1812 Puerto Bello Dr., The Villages, FL 32159; tel., (352) 259-0203.

**50** Cornell football coach **Jim Knowles '87** was the featured speaker at the annual class dinner in New York City on May 2. Class pianist **Dave Dingle** accompanied the group in the usual boisterous singing of party songs we all associate with our college days high above Cayuga's waters. The fine evening ended with **Bob Post** leading all in a spirited rendition of "Seven Old Ladies Were Locked in the Lavatory." Attending were **Phyllis Fein** Ames, **Pat Fritz** Bowers, **Jim** and **Nancy Hubbard Brandt**, **Dave Brooke**, **Bruce Davis**, MBA '52, Dave and Susan Dingle, **Bob Fite** and his sister Betsy, **Mary Holcomb** Haberman, Gurnee and **Marjorie Leigh** Hart, **Dick** and **Pat Pogue**, Bob and Jane Post, **Stan Rodwin** with **Joyce Wisbaum** Underberg '53 and Stan's son Brian Rodwin, **Peter** and **Arlene Rotolo**, **Nelson**, MBA '51, and **Nancy Schaeen**, **Larry Scherr**, MD '57, **Marion Steinmann** and Charles Joiner, **Stan** and Jo Ann **Taylor**, **Pat Carry** Stewart, and **Charles Wille** and Joan Roerden.

Class of '50 members who have participated in recent seminars or tours offered by Cornell's Adult University: **Charles Gorss**, **Jane Wigsten** McGonigal, PhD '84, **Al**, JD '52, and **Doris Neimeth**, and **Daniel** and **Betty Rosenberger Roberts**.

Class officers met in Philadelphia on February 9 in conjunction with the annual meeting of CACO. A report of this meeting was sent by letter to class members in March. Highlights: 1) We have 470 dues-paying members; 2) over the years our class has contributed more than \$100 million; 3) for the fiscal year 2007 our gifts totaled \$2,834,705; 4) VP Stan Rodwin announced a new class website, <http://classof50.alumni.cornell.edu/>; 5) for other news refer to *Cornell Alumni Magazine's* improved website, <http://cornellalumnimagazine.com>.

**Ernst Albrecht** (Burgdorf, Germany) worked 20 years for the government of Lower Saxony and many years for world peace with emphasis on European unification. **Bob Allen** (Port Hueneme, CA; [aeraga@verizon.net](mailto:aeraga@verizon.net)) was born in Queens, NY, but has since lived in Southern California. He has terminated his aerospace consulting activity and now focuses on golf, deep-sea fishing, and offshore power boating. **Richard Loynd** (Short Hills, NJ) is still employed in the field of money management and venture capital. He has been actively involved with the new Friends Hall at Schoellkopf, which includes a Football Tradition Room and an Athletic Hall of Fame Room. He also had a visit with Dean Kent Fuchs of the Engineering college regarding programs devoted to team competitions in Engineering, an activity that promotes teamwork similar to that learned in athletics.

**William Nelson** (Cape May, NJ) currently "messes about in boats" and helps the Lower Cape May Regional High School Sailing Club. He served three years in Army Ordnance in WWII and sent in an interesting non-combat story. Seems his transport ship was on the way to the South Pacific carrying 5,000 soldiers and a few hundred Marines all confined to the lower decks while the upper deck housed some number of female nurses, Red Cross personnel, and USO entertainers. The ship and others in a flotilla were not near action and on sunny days the girls lounged about on the upper decks in bathing attire. When pilots from

the nearby aircraft carrier discovered this they did stunt maneuvers over the ship. One, whom it is assumed wanted a closer view, got too low and crashed into the lower part of the ship causing severe damage, destroying the plane, and killing himself and two of the ship's crewmen.

**Thomas Bryant Jr.**, JD '53 (Palm Desert, CA; [DotomBryant@aol.com](mailto:DotomBryant@aol.com)) is a veteran of WWII service in France. He is retired from law practice and now active in theatre programs of the local Rotary. And, like many seniors, he golfs, travels, and plays bridge. Cornell grad **Elizabeth Bryant '08** is a granddaughter. **Doug Bridges**, a WWII vet, flew 28 B-17 missions over Europe. He and wife Jeanne now support 16 different Christian ministries. **William Bartels** (Pompano Beach, FL) sent in a news form without news.

**Barbara Britton** Sedwick (Knightdale, NC; [www.lahoyafarm.com](http://www.lahoyafarm.com)) did biochemical research at Scripps Clinic and taught biology and math at Bishops School in La Jolla, CA. On a Fulbright fellowship she lectured in botany at the U. of the Philippines. Her current activity involves sport-horse breeding on Lahoya Farm, where she also breeds purebred Siamese cats. Ignoring her suggestions, her son and daughter attended the U. of Virginia and the U. of California. Says Barbara, "I continue to believe that Cornell is one of the most wonderful teaching institutions in the US. My years there were the most enjoyable of my long life." Like others of her reporting classmates she is concerned that, for compelling reasons, "this country is in a very sad situation and the future looks very grim."

**John MacNeill** (Homer, NY; [jsmacneill@clarityconnect.com](mailto:jsmacneill@clarityconnect.com)) still works as a professional consulting engineer. For 30 years as "Papa John" he has chaired the Cortland, NY, Rotary Foreign Exchange Committee, which has taken him to visit foreign exchange students in 17 different countries. His three children and ten grandchildren all live within a one-hour drive. In WWII John served in the US Navy starting at the former Sampson training base (now Sampson State Park, northwest of Ithaca on Seneca Lake) and ending at Midway Island. John is concerned about war as a serious contemporary problem along with global warming. **Paul Jostin**, 6080 Terrace Dr., Johnson, IA 50131-1560; tel., (515) 278-0960; e-mail, [phj4@cornell.edu](mailto:phj4@cornell.edu); **Marion Steinmann**, 237 West Highland Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19118-3819; e-mail, [cjoiner@ix.com.com](mailto:cjoiner@ix.com.com).

**51** **Stan** and **Doris Rein Rosen '55** celebrated granddaughter Ally Weissenberg's bat mitzvah in South Orange, NJ, May 17. Parents **Adam '85** and **Robbie Rosen Weissenberg '85** were joined by 22 Cornellians including **Bob**, MBA '53, and **Sandy Chachkes Temkin '55**, and **Roger '53** and **Barbara Marcus Friedbauer '53**. **David Werdegarr**, MA '53, Ross, CA, is president and CEO of the Inst. on Aging in San Francisco and professor emeritus of Family and Community Medicine at UCSF's School of Medicine.

**Paul Nix**, Chatham, NJ, has been a member of the Plainfield Curling Club since 1970. He retired from Mobil Oil's Int'l Division, where he advised and assisted overseas refineries in the use of computers and computer programs to improve operations. An interview by the Chatham newspaper sent to us by **Diana Heywood Calby '54** (wife of Cornell wrestler **Joe Calby**) described how he became (headline!) "Chatham's Curling King." "In the late 1960s when we lived in Summit, my

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wife, Joan, played bridge with a lady from Canada, Marianne. Marianne spoke often about curling, which she said is a game played on ice and very popular in Canada. Joan thought it sounded interesting, so one night in 1970, Marianne and husband Lorne took us to the Plainfield Curling Club in South Plainfield. Members explained how the game is played and showed us how to deliver a stone. We found it fascinating and joined the club." The toughest aspect of curling, says Paul, is "hitting the broom! The skip (the team captain) stands at the far end of the ice and tells each teammate what kind of shot he wants. He holds his broom where he wants the curler to aim. If the curler's aim is accurate, he is said to 'hit the broom.'" Interest in the sport has taken Paul and Joan to world championships in Canada, Glasgow, Lausanne, and Garmisch-Partenkirchen.

**Bruce Widger**, DVM '51, Marcellus, NY, was the Grand Marshall of Marcellus Olde Home Days parade and ceremonies on June 7. He has had three grandchildren at Cornell: Benjamin, Ted, and Sarah Widger. **Charles Smith**, MEd '64, writes from S. Plymouth, NY, that he and Judith have five children—all grown now—three sons and two daughters. "We go each year to the U.K. (my wife is British) and then to France (my oldest son lives there), and elsewhere in Europe as the fancy takes us." He occasionally hears from **Fred Sumner '50** and **Dave Wolcott '50**.

**Kitty Welch** Munn is downsizing and getting ready to move into a continuing care retirement center in Raleigh, NC. She is thankful for all the help from her three children. **Maurice '50** and **Allice Halsey Mix** have moved from Brattleboro, VT, to Langdon Place Nursing Home in Keene, NH. **Valerie Sabik** Reid, Santa Rosa, CA, checked in with no news. **Jim Furbush**, Baldwinsville, NY, sold the golf course he had operated for 45 years. He and wife Charlene are now doing a lot of traveling. They have never missed a reunion and are looking forward to the next one. **George Shaw**, retired sea captain, writes from Stuart, FL, that he is still running charters to the Caribbean and gives phone numbers in Stuart and Spanish Wells, Bahamas.

The new News Form has a new heading, "My fondest memory of Cornell," and this has reaped a great harvest for class news. Thanks to you all! **Anne Leonard** Whitney, Barrington, NH, has two children—Michael and Laura—and four grandchildren. She remembers activities at the cow barns and Sage Chapel Choir fondly. Currently, she is "still recovering from surviving the past winter—snow banks over my head!" **Alvin** and **Betty Ellen Wood Ries '49**, MNS '50, live in Highland, IN. Alvin is still singing in the Chorus of the Dunes (a barber-shop chorus) and the Hoosier Grandpas (a VLQ—very large quartet). "We keep very busy singing at parties and dinners." Alvin just received the chorus's Barbershopper of the Year award for 2007. His favorite Cornell memory: "Ice skating on Beebe Lake with the lights on and music playing and then watching the workers burn a hole through the ice and pumping up water to spray on the ice to make a smooth surface for the next day."

**Walt "Bud" Dockerill** is a retired Catholic priest living in Royal Palm Beach, FL. He helps out in local parishes and has traveled to Medjugorje, Yugoslavia, on pilgrimage three times, plus trips to the Holy Land, Ireland, Rome, and Assisi. Swimming in Beebe Lake, enjoying the beautiful campus and scenery, Lambda Chi Alpha, being a part of the Catholic community, heading the '51 tennis team and going on the trip to Virginia and south, and playing tennis with **Dick Savitt '50** and **Lennie**

**Steiner** are among his favorite memories. **Joan Singer** Rosner, BA '50, NYC, is still involved in Manhattan's art world. She leaves Manhattan only twice a year to visit her sister Carol in Mamaroneck, NY. She has fond memories of the incredible beauty of Cornell and the Geology classes and hikes. Please send your news to: **Brad Bond**, 101 Hillside Way, Marietta OH 45750; tel., (740) 374-6715; e-mail, bbond101@suddenlink.net.

**52** Wow! As instructions and late news came in for my June 15 deadline I learned that enough of you now subscribe to the magazine to allow one-third more room for news. Now more of you can speak in more of your own voice.

We'll start with an e-mail response from **Will White** to my question to Floridians. "Joanie: I used to visit my oldest, Will IV, and his family in Sarasota when we lived in the Hartford, CT, area, and I used to think, 'Boy, I'd hate to live down here. It's so flat!' And it certainly is. Fast forward to 1991, when I sailed down to Sarasota from Maryland, where I had bought a boat, to spend Christmas with Will and family (yes, there is a V), and met a nice French lady. I came ashore instead of proceeding to the Caribbean and married her. We lived in Sarasota for about eight years, and I realized in a flash of insight while driving east in a late afternoon sunset, that while hills and snow and leafless trees might be missing, the huge thunderheads that pile up over the center of Florida are just as inspiring as the hills of Connecticut. So there are compensations, like warmth and year-round sailing. We did become half-backs for three years, on the northern neck of Virginia, but returned to Florida five years ago to 12 acres outside Arcadia. I think we're home. There are hills aplenty north of Tampa, and we may be underwater when global warming takes its toll, but . . . —Will White."

**Harvey and Ann Coffeen Turner** (Mendham, NJ) have now seen all seven wonders of the modern world. A photo of the Turners on camels in Petra in mid-March has been forwarded to the Web page. They wrote: "Ann is still tutoring full-time at nearby Gill-St. Bernard's School in Gladstone, while Harvey works part-time as an advertising salesman for the *Star-Ledger*. Ann's busman's holiday is a Saturday tutoring program for inner-city children. Ann is also selling her teaching materials on the Internet. We both dote full-time on our two Vietnamese grandchildren, Hieu and Thoa."

Now to hard matters. **Bob and Jeanne Irish Lewis** (Webster, NY) were your class correspondents for ten years. Word has come from the University that Bob died on May 13. Also, the *New York Times* announced the May 22 death of **John F. Craver**. Jack and **Libby (Hunsberger)** (Lancaster, PA) were good friends when I worked in D.C., and I hold Jack singly responsible for my very nice wedding reception at the Plaza. Cornell has lost two more good people. My heart goes out to Libby and Jeanne.

News in the mailbag: **Alfred Pagano** (Newark, DE; alfred.h.pagano@usa.dupont.com) is retired from DuPont, but continues to do environmental consulting for them part-time. Al is active in community, political, and Italian-American organizations. Recently, he had been spending time with family and grandchildren in San Diego and on vacation in Mexico. **Martin Cohen** (Belmont, MA; Banjoengineer@aol.com) is also retired. He makes toys for his grandsons, restores banjos, and reads.

Active in local politics, he has been involved in town meetings for 33 years and serves on the zoning board of appeals. Apparently, he had something to do with putting red bulbs in the library tower. Need to know more? Contact him.

**Peter Shuster** (Seneca Falls, NY) lists farming as his present day job. He grows Cornell-certified seed and exports soybeans to Japan. He had recently been "combining." When not farming, he does photography. He noted, "I enjoy what I do, but hope to take a long trip this winter." **Henrietta Moscowitz** Kuhl (Merrick, NY) is a retired travel consultant. She enjoys international folk dancing and taking courses at the local university. In addition, she goes to the theater in New York and sees her grandsons almost every weekend. Honey remembers "starting as an excited freshman in 1948! How lucky I was!"

**William Schneider** (Middle Island, NY) is "100 percent retired." He spends time with family events and chess. Recently, he says, he has been "helping to put my doctor's kids through college." He'd rather be "enjoying the view on Waikiki Beach or Isla del Sol in Florida." Wouldn't we all? **Helen Pellman** Marsh (Middlebury, VT; hmarsh4@verizon.net) sent no news, but did send a new E address. **Gertrude Serby Gildea** (Columbus, MS; gsg22@cornell.edu) has a business card that reads, "Violin Teacher. Arts Advocate." Trudy gives private lessons in Suzuki method violin and helps the Suzuki String Youth Orchestra with practice and performances. When she wrote, she was preparing music for Christmas programs and practicing for those events. She is VP of the Columbus Historic Foundation. Her home, which she shares with husband **Ray '46**, was scheduled for the annual pilgrimage of antebellum homes. **Joan Boffa** Gaul, 7 Colonial Place, Pittsburgh, PA 15232; e-mail, joangaul@mac.com.

**53** The class column for this issue can be found with the Reports of Reunion Classes, which begin on page 66.

**54** It's countdown time, everybody. We are now less than a year from our 55th Reunion scheduled for June 4-7, 2009. **Jack Vail** and **Chick Trayford**, MBA '60, our co-chairs, are at work on the myriad details necessary to pull off a successful party. We seem to pick very busy people for reunion chairs: **Rosemary Seelbinder** Jung was moving house from Philadelphia to Florida during our 50th, and this year Chick is building a new house in Delaware and having all the fun that one has on a construction site. Jack reports we will be headquartered in Mews Hall on North Campus adjacent to Court Hall, where we were for our 50th. For those not familiar with North Campus, both are behind Clara Dickson and Balch Halls. More information should be in your mailboxes come September at the same time you are reading this column.

**Jan Jakes** Kunz has the website up-to-date and will be adding to it as information becomes available. At your request we have added an "In Memoriam" page to honor those in the class who have passed on. I might suggest you go to the "E-mail Addresses" section and check your address to insure it is a current one. Jan has done an extremely thorough job making things Cornell accessible, including links to the Cornell Store and the Alumni Directory.

On June 11 at the Cornell Club-New York, **Irwin** and **Joan Klein Jacobs** were awarded the Tanner Prize for their contributions to Jewish life and to Cornell. Irwin and Joan recently established a \$30 million scholarship and fellowship endowment for the College of Engineering. **Bill Ebel** has retired from his retirement job and is now investing his time on natural and farm land preservations for Lancaster County, PA. He had wished to hear from **Clay Miller**, so I gladly connected Bill with Clay and they have made the commitment to return in June. Bill remembers picnicking and swimming in Fall Creek Gorge below the Fiji House.

**Bill Peters** volunteers at his local hospital and records for the blind and dyslexic. **Ernest**, MA '55, and **Elaine Harrison Cohen** recently planned and presented, with Widener U., the 15th Delaware Valley Conference, "Toward a Sustainable Society," held this past April in Chester, PA. You might like to look at their website, [ssapinc.org](http://ssapinc.org), with its clever logo. One of Elaine's fond memories was working with Rabbi Goldfarb to start a Kosher eating society at Hille House.

We received a very interesting note from **Michael Stone**, MD '58, whose practice of psychiatry, psychoanalysis, and forensic psychiatry has involved him in the research of personality disorders of a very disturbing kind. He has recently completed a series for Discovery Channel that takes you "deep into the minds of the world's most notorious, merciless, and deadly criminals, with 'Most Evil.'" Michael says the program is based on his interviews with serial killers and other types of murderers. Suggest you Google "Most Evil" and locate the series in your area. Most fondly remembered were his studies in Latin and Greek with professors Harry Caplan and Friedrich Solmsen. **Nancy Moskowitz** Wachs, BArch '55, might be formally retired from the field of architecture, but that gives her more time to build sheds for lawn mowers and other outdoor equipment that need shelter from Rochester winters. Nancy loves to recall all five classes of Architecture harmonizing at Christmas time in their open drafting rooms in White Hall.

Dorothy and **Warren Breckenridge** have sold their Concord, MA, house of 24 years and moved to a condo in Yarmouthport. Breck keeps busy with woodworking, sailing, and biking in the summer, and the gym in winter, working on the dreaded ergometer in preparation for the Reunion Row. Breck is our Cornell Annual Fund representative and is looking for volunteers. Those who would like to step forward and assist him can find him at: (508) 362-7818 or [rwbreck@aol.com](mailto:rwbreck@aol.com). **Robert Kahrs** '52, DVM '54, MS Ag '63, sent me an e-mail about his latest book, *Mastering Scientific Writing*, that "provides a stepwise pathway to writing excellence." Since my resources had revealed he was a veterinarian, I asked Bob what he had been doing for the past 50 years. After receiving his DVM from Cornell he practiced in Attica, NY, and served on the faculties at Cornell, the U. of Florida, and the U. of Missouri, where he was dean for ten years. He then negotiated international trade agreements for the US Dept. of Agriculture. He has published several books and is now retired in St. Augustine, FL, where he lectures on writing skills.

**Ed and Joyce Dudley McDowell** '57 spent last year in motion on both land and sea. Ed, like many of us, reached a significant birthday—and where else would a sailor spend it but on the *Clipper Adventurer* in the White Sea. From Archangel to Snow Hill Island in Antarctica is all in a year's travel for Ed and Joyce. Ed is "still campaigning the Grand

Illusion and still winning the big ones." ☒ **Les Papenfus** Reed, [ljreed@speakeasy.net](mailto:ljreed@speakeasy.net). Class website, <http://classof54.alumni.cornell.edu>. Cornell Directory, <https://directory.alumni.cornell.edu>.

**55** **Dave Schmidt** notified us that he has been named a Kentucky Colonel, the highest honor awarded by the Commonwealth of Kentucky. The Colonels are Kentucky's ambassadors of good will and fellowship around the world, and are chosen on the basis of contributions to the community, state, and/or nation. The Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels was founded in 1932 by Gov. Ruby Laffoon and includes such well-known and diverse personages as Winston Churchill, John Glenn, LBJ, Ann-Margret, and Tiger Woods, to name a few. As a charitable organization, it has contributed thousands of dollars to worthy causes. Dave moved to Kentucky in 1959 after his stint in the Air Force, and his first date with wife-to-be Joann was attending the Kentucky Derby. The Schmidts lived in Louisville, KY, when they were first married, and—true Kentuckians that they are—just hosted their 47th annual Kentucky Derby party!

In April, we heard from **Hilly McCann** Dearden with the discouraging news that she was still laid up with a fractured shoulder, torn rotator cuff, and fractured spine. We all send you our best wishes, Hilly, and hope you are getting well. **Bob Walker** writes from his home in Amherst, NY, that he survived 20 years of diabetes but was disabled by a stroke ten years ago, just about the time that he retired. Also in April, **Dick Estey**, MBA '60, wrote that he'd "been doing a lot of running back and forth between home and the skilled nursing facility that currently houses my wife Joan." Joan suffered a stroke in January, but was making good progress; we hope by now things are truly on the mend. Last summer the Esteys spent a week at CAU. Dick went fishing on the Delaware River ("something I missed out on at our 50th Reunion") while Joan took a course on WWII. She was joined by **Mary Helen McClanahan** Sawyer, PhD '62, who was maid of honor at the Esteys' wedding at Anabel Taylor Chapel some 46 years earlier. Other classmates enjoying CAU were **George**, LLB '57, and **Caryl Salomon Bernstein**, who studied East Asia, along with **Bob**, MBA '57, and **Vanne Shelley Cowie** '57. **Dick** and **Elizabeth Westin Pew** '57 attended the pre-Reunion seminars. **Leslie Plump** boned up on Florida Baseball, while **Nancy Stevens** learned about the Texas Big Bend.

A note from my former Comstock roommate, **Sue Spooner** Olsen: "I was thrilled to receive a letter last week from the Council on Botanical and Horticultural Libraries announcing that their award committee had chosen my *Encyclopedia of Garden Ferns* to receive their 2008 Annual Literature Award. Needless to say, I feel very honored." What great news, Sue! In February, Sue spent two wonderful weeks with a group of other fern enthusiasts in Costa Rica. "It was fascinating—and their fresh fruits, especially pineapple, are divine! I might add that it was a great time to be away from our dreary winter weather [in Bellevue, WA]." **Elizabeth** "Libby" Milliken Klim also sent me a note about Sue's book. Libby further reports that she, **Ellen Kemper Plummer**, and **Ruth** "Rudy" **Clarke** Hawkins "try to squeeze in a yearly visit," and stay in touch with freshman corridor-mates **Barbara Brenner** Levine and **Peg Blackburn** Robinson. Libby adds that she still paints; her cards are sold in a local frame store.

Retired attorney **Jan Kahn** Marcus and husband Ed Barz live in Newburyport, MA. Jan is president of the Anna Jacques Hospital Aid Association. Her son Adam was married in Northeast Harbor, ME, on 7/7/07—"that magical day"—and the couple lives in Boston. Speaking of magical moments, **Don Crane**'s granddaughter got engaged last March at the top of the Empire State Building. Don continues to arbitrate labor disputes, and adds, "It keeps me off the streets." **Elly Rohrllich** Koepfel had a great time traveling to Italy with her son, daughter-in-law, and three grandchildren—"and, can you believe it, we're still speaking!" Elly enjoys reading, tennis, music, and bridge games with **Roberta Strell** Solowey—"and she's good!" Must have been all those after-dinner bridge games freshman year. **Jean Keller** Miller is still practicing psychiatry at her private office in Bronxville, where she's been since 1963. "I travel extensively and use birding as an excuse to visit remote areas," Jean explains. **Debbie Golub** Leibowitz is very active in the "sisterhood" at her synagogue, Congregation Beth El of Montgomery County, MD. She also has fun with bridge, Sudoku, and her six grandsons—and tries to attend "all the theater and concerts that I can."

**Kenneth Sanderson** and wife Barbara spent three weeks in China. "China is a beautiful, cultured country with many problems (population, pollution, poverty). The people are friendly and industrious, love Americans, and often ask to get their picture taken with you." Ken also felt that the Chinese have "a burning desire to catch up with—and perhaps surpass—the rest of the world," and he predicts "the Olympics should be a knockout!" Ken is presently awaiting a copy of his reference book, *A Dictionary/Index of Interior Plants*, which gives the common and scientific names of interior (foliage) plants. Anyone want to guess what the Cornell flower is? The answer is *Clerodendrum thomsoniae*. You can look it up to learn the origin and find a brief description. Speaking of authors, **Rona Kass** Schneider's newly published book has had great reviews—"very gratifying, after all that work!" **Malcolm Whyte** was completely surprised to find himself the guest of honor at a party to celebrate his retirement and his 75th birthday, which was held at San Francisco's Cartoon Art Museum, which he founded. Mal is now on the board of directors of the Book Club of California, the publications committee, and chair of the newly chartered marketing committee. He's particularly pleased with the "excellently produced" exhibit and catalog of the Johnson Art Museum's Indian art collection.

**Ann Busch** Githler has retired from her job as a physician assistant at a V.A. hospital—"so every day is Saturday!" Ann's now free to attend the opera in the US and Europe, and to devote her time to playing early and traditional music. **Paul Sammelwitz** reports that he's "trying to stay in reasonable physical shape" with biking, hiking, and swimming, and is now learning to kayak—"a great sport that I plan to pursue further." Paul took a trip to Scotland last August with Cornell Alumni Tours (where he got lucky with tickets to the Military Tattoo) and just returned from an Elderhostel vacation in Galveston, TX. **Bill** and **Sara Smith Ellison** live only an hour away from Sara's Cornell roommate **Rima Kleiman** Sharron and her husband John. The Ellisons and the Sharrons took a two-day hiking trip recently through Southern California's too-little-known Anza Borrego State Park/desert/mountains, and plan to do it again soon at Sequoia National Forest. Our reunion in 2010 will

be the Ellisons' 12th (counting our mini-reunion in 1958)—and the “best news,” they say, is that Rima is looking forward to her very first!

Lastly, we report the deaths of two classmates: **Gordon Lisle Smith** in March and **John Davidge**, LLB '58, in June. Our thoughts and prayers go out to their families and friends. ☒ **Nancy Savage** Petrie, nancypetrie@optonline.net. Class website, <http://classof55.alumni.cornell.edu>.

**56** I want to share my last campus visit with all of you. It occurred earlier in June for the pre-reunion CAU seminar on China with Prof. Peter Katzenstein and his colleagues. It wasn't our reunion, but everyone is welcome to attend the pre-reunion seminars. It differs from the summer on-campus programs in that it is shorter (three full days instead of five), we are housed at the Statler, and the meals that are included are at the Statler or the Ithaca Country Club. **Lonnie Hanauer**, MD '60, and wife Bette, from West Orange, NJ, were also there. During the year, the following '56ers attended CAU off-campus seminars: **Charles Dorman** and his wife (Pflugerville, TX) and **Harvey Hammer** and his wife (Morristown, NJ) were students at the Gettysburg Civil War seminar with Edward Baptist and Joel Silbey and son **David Silbey '90**; **William Eisen** (Blue Bell, PA) walked the Amalfi Coast and Naples, Italy, with Jeffrey Blanchard; at the Shaw Festival with **Glenn Altschuler**, PhD '76, and Alain Seznac were **Charles Platt** (New York City) and Stephen and **Gail Gifford Rudin** (Manhasset, NY); **David '54** and **Nancy Fowle Morse** (Urbana, IL) were at the Florida Baseball seminar with Glenn Altschuler; and **Tom** and **Liz Moftey Poulson '58** (Jupiter, FL) were at the 2007 pre-reunion seminar with Isaac Kramnick and Hunter Rawlings III. I hope to see more '56ers at future CAU events. They are great.

Regarding a recent class column in which **Ed Berkowitz** was lamenting the potential loss of revenue and thereby a villa on the south of France for the inventor of the “Yeagerburger,” he heard from its inventor, **Bob Yeager '55**, BArch '57, whose letter was on stationery showing a printed letterhead return address of Les Terrasses du Port, La Condamine, Monaco, saying, “Ed: Didn't my assistant send you the checks?” As a follow-up response, Ed suggests the following: “Maybe a cc: of my letter to the IRS containing a copy of Yeager's letter to me and suggesting that they see him about a failure to pay back taxes on those royalties or a copy of my letter to my solicitors asking them to look into the Monaco statute of limitations?” Just a joke, folks.

**Vivian Goodrich Schmidt**, MS '59, and husband **Bill '55**, MS '59, are enjoying Oklahoma's relatively mild climate and its busy centennial year. Vivian adds that she was recently appointed to the Bartlesville, OK, City Planning Commission, and is still on the county election board and writing PR for the local League of Women Voters. **F. Carol Criss** Ramsey (Marion, NY) is active in several local issues including education, AAWW, Delta Kappa Gamma, Literary Volunteers, her church, and NYS Retired Teachers Association. Dr. **Harold Grunert** (Rochester, NY) retired from his ob/gyn practice last June, which at this time, he says, “leaves **Art Edelstein**, MD '62, as the only '56er practicing ob/gyn in Rochester.”

**Patricia Brodie** (Concord, MA) works part-time as a clinical social worker in private practice, and full-time writing poetry. **C. Russell Wagner**

(Carriere, MS) is a retired hydrologist with the US Geological Survey and is heavily involved as a volunteer with Habitat for Humanity in Picayune, MS, 60 miles north of New Orleans, as a construction manager for new homes post-Katrina. He and wife **Pat (Adams) '57** spend three months every summer near Ottawa, as reverse snowbirds. **Katharine Weigt** Huberth (Auburn, WA) is a professional fine artist and teacher, signature member of the Int'l Society of Acrylic Painters, and elected member of Women Painters of Washington. **Edward Cunningham**, LLB '62 (LaGrangeville, NY) is a lawyer and trustee/portfolio manager for 18 family and charitable trusts with aggregate value of approximately \$35,000,000. He is also a director of the Metropolitan Opera in NYC. Check out **Sandra Albert** Wittow's website for her new retrospective: [www.sandrawittow.com](http://www.sandrawittow.com).

with their 22 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. **Thomas White** (Lahaina, HI) continues his consulting practice.

We received a long note from **Ruth Morse** Harris (Livingston, TX). She wrote about her experiences in Europe on the Int'l Farm Youth Exchange soon after our graduation, her 30 years teaching and family farming in upstate New York, and her family activities. **Roy Curtiss III** (Paradise Valley, AZ) was named Arizona Bioscience Researcher of the Year in 2007 and travels to conferences in South Africa to discuss progress in the challenges of global health. We also heard from Rev. **John Maltby** (Monmouth Junction, NJ) on his very busy life, completing 50 years as pastor of the Miller Memorial Presbyterian Church, Monmouth Junction, NJ. **Martha Bentel** Lovell (Roseville, CA) volunteers at the Kaiser Hospital

‘I remember all five classes of Architecture harmonizing at Christmas time in their open drafting rooms in White Hall.’

Nancy Moskowitz Wachs '54

**Gregory Hill** (Juliet, TN) is involved with the Vanderbilt Retirement Learning program and is a master gardener and a docent with the zoo. **Baxter Webb** (Palm Beach, FL) continues to travel and has recently seen fellow Hoteliers **Peter Fithian '51** and **Jean Kelley Rolles '58**. **Rose Goldman** Mage (Bethesda, MD) is looking for an institution, perhaps the Cornell Vet college, to adopt her colony of immunogenetically defined rabbits. She is reachable at [rmage@niaid.nih.gov](mailto:rmage@niaid.nih.gov). **Doug Merkle**, MCE '59 (Panama City, FL) is teaching a course in numerical methods at Gulf Coast Community College for engineers at Florida State U., and is chairman of a political action committee, Citizens for Bay Schools, advocating a ten-year extension of a half-cent sales tax to fund rehabilitation and renovation of existing schools. **Larry Brown** (Highwood, IL) retired last July as an independent director/trustee of the Nuveen Funds Board after 14 years of service.

**Lorna Salzman** (Brooklyn, NY) is an activist in environmental issues, having run for the Green Party as a presidential candidate several years ago. **Barbara Barron** Starr (Livingston, NJ) continues with her private practice as a psychologist and also continues to travel with husband Bob. **Ed Rosen**, BArch '57, NYC, is a senior VP/senior architect at Bovis Lend Lease. His wife Barbara is an administrator at the middle school of the Brearley School in Manhattan. **Trudy Hutchins** Hickox (Chappaqua, NY) is working, playing tennis, traveling, and participating in Cornell activities. **Rufus Jones**, MBA '60 (St. Augustine, FL) is retired and traveling. He married Martha Erhlich of Ada, OK, this past August, and they have a summer home in South China, ME. Rue adds that it's a fantasy story, too long to tell here, and wonderful. Thanks, Rue, for the great news. **Laura Treman** Almqvist has a new address in Tucson, AZ. **Carol Skidmore** Cuddeback (Front Royal, VA) and her husband celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at the Outer Banks, NC,

emergency room; **Frank Lynch** (Seaside, OR) teaches digital photography at the local college; and **Dick Miller**, MBA '58 (Lake Forrest, IL), a Cayuga's Waiter of the '50s, continues to be active in Cornell activities. It's great to hear from all our classmates who live all over the US. Another way to keep in touch is through our class website, so visit <http://classof56.alumni.cornell.edu>. ☒ **Phyllis Bosworth**, [phyloboz@aol.com](mailto:phyloboz@aol.com).

**57** **Alberta Clayton** Meade lives in Roswell, GA, just north of Atlanta, and travels to Hilton Head Island, SC, twice a year to enjoy her timeshare. When “Birdie” was in town last May we got together for lunch and much reminiscing about our freshman year in Risley. Also in May, **Rachel** “Rose Lee” **Lawrence** returned to campus to attend the Law School graduation, where her grandniece **Marika Lawrence '04** was awarded a JD. Marika's father, **Jonathan Lawrence '70**, and brother **Stefan Lawrence '99** were also on hand. Rachel writes that “the campus was awash with flowering trees, blossoms, and plants. Magnificent!” She also mentions that she finally made it to the Ag Quad, which she had never managed to see during her four years at Cornell. Rachel retired from the Associated Press ten years ago. She lives in Teaneck, NJ, and loves the freedom to pursue her many interests.

**Bob Watts** reports that he and Linda had a marvelous visit from class president **Dori Goudsmit** Albert in June. Dori was in town to attend a family wedding in nearby Narragansett, RI. Among other relaxing activities, Bob says they toured the Tennis Hall of Fame. Dori is a regular tennis player, among her many other activities that also include coaching novice oarsmen at her nearby Fairport Crew Club. The club recently honored Dori's long and loyal volunteer coaching activities by naming an eight-oared shell in her honor!

News and dues forms will be in your mailbox soon. Please take time to drop a line about happenings in your life. ✉ **Judith Reusswig**, 19 Seburn Dr., Bluffton, SC 29909; e-mail, JCreuss@aol.com.

1,200 people attended a memorial service for **Stephen Weiss** at Cipriani on 42nd Street in Manhattan on May 20. It was vintage Steve, with speaker after speaker recounting the tremendous work he had done for Cornell and so many other endeavors over his lifetime. His sense of humor was pinpointed also, and one could feel Steve's presence upon walking in, with his image on a giant screen.

There were three past presidents of Cornell and current president David Skorton in attendance, as well as liberal representation of the Big Red Band and Glee Club. **Roger Weiss '61**, JD '64, Steve's brother, told of their childhood, and Steve's son **Michael '06** spoke for the family, and did it so well that his father would have been immensely proud. Former president Frank Rhodes was the final speaker, and it goes without saying that he captured the essence of his friendship with Steve and his service to Cornell, not only in his serving as chairman of the Board of Trustees for eight years, but his work on behalf of the university for more than 50 years.

Fellow trustees **Jim Broadhead** and **Paul Tegurtha** were there, as well as **Henry Lasky**, **Bob Bayer**, and **Tony Alter**, Steve's former roommates. **Judy Richter** Levy, LLB '59, attended, as did **Tony**, MBA '58, and **Gail Lautzenheiser Cashen**. A big hug for **Ernie Stern '56**, as well as **David Nye**, my roommate in NYC in the late '50s. After the service, Gail, Tony, and I drove to their farm in the Hudson Valley, where I once again experienced their terrific hospitality. ✉ **John Seiler**, suitcase2@aol.com.

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**59** *Blue Bug, Red Road* (iUniverse, 2008) is the most recent publication by **Gaines Post Jr.** of Santa Rosa, CA, a professor of history emeritus at Claremont McKenna College, where he also served as dean of faculty and senior vice president. This "road book" describes Gaines's post-retirement drive from California to Wisconsin and back in his 1966 VW Bug, solo and slowly. Part travelogue, part memoir, the book weaves together past and present and, in the words of one reviewer, "offers a unique blend of nostalgia and incisive commentary about the imprint of Americans on the land and on each other."

*The Thom Fence* by **Pearl Woody Karrer** has been published by Finishing Line Press. This book of poems set in Africa uses the metaphor of the thorn fence "for the barriers between prey and predator, between first and third worlds, between ourselves and nature," notes a reviewer. Pearl, who lives in Palo Alto, CA, teaches piano and is the poetry editor for the *California Quarterly*, sponsored by the California State Poetry Society. A recent vacation focused on trekking in Patagonia. For **Robert Markovits**, JD '62, of Stockbridge, MA, a highlight was a four-month world cruise with Holland America. Robert is an attorney and

noted stamp collector, specializing in plate blocks, US stamps, stamps of US possessions, and US postal history. **Bill**, BArch '61, and **Jan Dring** "still love to travel" and enjoy skiing, biking, and hiking. They spend winter and summer at their home in Steamboat Springs, CO; the rest of the year they are "at home" in Oak Park, IL.

**Gary Randorf**, MS '71, who lives in the Philippines, is writing his autobiography and working on *Adam is Eve*, "a serious photo essay on the very beautiful transvestites of the Philippines." Gary's first book, *The Adirondacks: Wild Island of Hope* (Johns Hopkins, 2002), is filled with magnificent photos of the wild and uniquely beautiful six-million-acre park. **Marian Fay** Levitt "pulled out all stops" to celebrate her 70th birthday at the Salmagundi Club in Manhattan's Greenwich Village. Among the approximately 80 guests were Dee and **Alan Rosenthal**. "We had a great pianist, who played all my favorite Gershwin and Port songs," says Marian, "but he didn't know 'Far Above Cayuga's Waters!'" More recently, Marian and her husband Lee were in Bali, where Marian's interests focused on the island's "wonderful jewelry industry."

"None!" is the "day job" listed by **Joanne Mattson** DeVoe '59, BS Nurs '60 (joanned@gis.net). She is very active in lobbying and demonstrating on behalf of world peace and women's issues in her hometown of Warren, RI. **Dave Dunlop** and **Dick Vincent** were among 300-plus Cornell wrestling fans in St. Louis to cheer on the Big Red wrestlers at the NCAA Division National Championship Tournament. Earlier, they watched our wrestlers win the Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Association Championship tournament, qualifying six to compete in the Nationals. "Many in St. Louis thought Cornell's wrestling program is the best in the country. I think so, too!" writes Dave.

Twenty-four grandchildren! If that's not enough to keep **Beth Weinstein** Newburger-Schwartz of Arlington, VA, busy, she's also president/CEO of Epoch Communications, a company that helps preservation organizations raise money, improve operations, expand outreach, etc. Plus she's a trustee of the National Children's Museum, Arena Stage, and the Jewish Women's Archive, and on the Board of Directors of Boat US. Still, this year there was time to travel to Japan and South Korea for a month. **Richard Dyer**, MD '63, of Watertown, CT, now semi-retired from his orthopedic surgery practice, continues to be active in masters rowing/sculling with the New Haven Rowing Club. He initiated a kayaking event to benefit the schooner *Quinnipiack* and Long Island Sound, and he's active in the Cornell Rowing Association's efforts to raise money for a new boathouse.

Classmates who attended CAU 2007 off-campus study tours, seminars, and cruises included **Elle Applehaite**, **Ann Schmeltz** Bowers, **James Grunzweig**, **Bourke Larkin** Kennedy and her sister **Morgan Larkin** Rankin, **Carole Sahn** Sheft, and **Beverly Hall** Severance. **Robert Stevens**, BArch '59, attended CAU's pre-reunion seminar in Ithaca.

"I'm looking forward to the 50th—the only one I have or will attend," writes **Steve Kahne**

of Prescott, AZ. Steve is a professor of electrical engineering at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical U. His extracurricular activities include the directorship of West Yavapai Guidance Clinic and the Northern Arizona Regional Behavioral Authority. He's also very active in the Int'l Federation of Automatic Control (IFAC), and is a trustee of the IFAC Foundation, which fosters the organization's scientific and social goals.

"June 2009 doesn't seem very distant! You can add my name to the list of those planning on attending reunion," writes **Deloyce Timmons Conrad**, who'll be returning

to campus with husband **Klaus**, MS '60. The couple, who live in Seefeld, Germany, usually attend annual Cornell Club of Germany gatherings. The club has one really big long-weekend event each year, generally in the spring. It's always in a different place, mostly in Germany, but several gatherings have been in neighboring countries, including this year's event in Appenzell, Switzerland. Deloyce notes that readers

can learn more about this and other international clubs on the Cornell website. She also is active in keeping a smaller group going in Munich. "We celebrate Zinck's Night and have informal quarterly get-togethers. Sometimes we have a speaker, once a year we meet in a beer garden, and generally, our emphasis is on socializing." ✉ **Jenny Tesar**, 97A Chestnut Hill Village, Bethel, CT 06801; tel., (203) 792-8237; e-mail, jet24@cornell.edu.

‘Why is it that “downsizing” sometimes works out to be larger?’

Jan McClayton  
Crites '62

**60** This is the year that many of us reach the birthday that officially defines us as what we might euphemistically describe as "late middle age" (the adjective "old" still induces a choking feeling), and I'm curious about what everyone is doing to celebrate this major event. Do send word about what sort of festivities you undertook to mark the Big Seven-0.

Some classmates decided that the group approach would be best and gathered in Carmel Valley, CA, at the home of **David** and **Michaelin Reamy Watts** over a long weekend in late April for a gala celebration. Among those present were **Jim**, MBA '63, and **Becky Quinn Morgan**, **Gretchen Zahm** Babarovic, **Dan '58** and **Barbara Cyrus Martin**, and Larry and **Margaret Osmer-McQuade**. Age-defying physical fitness was demonstrated by daily rounds of competitive tennis and brisk hikes through the picturesque hills of the Santa Lucia Wildlife Preserve; less vigorous moments were filled with stimulating conversation and delicious meals. It should be noted that the group was relieved that this year's gathering was less melodramatic than one in 2007, when a dinner at the Morgans' place in Squaw Valley, CA, had a highly unwelcome guest—an enormous black bear who caused a major commotion when he made off with the leftover salmon and tarragon sauce.

The staff at Cornell's Adult University reminds us that many classmates are still seeking knowledge by availing themselves of a wide range of

study tours. During the 2007 CAU season, Margaret and **Michael Parmer** and Patricia and **David Atkinson** studied the Civil War at Gettysburg; **John '58** and **Cynthia Golomb Dettelbach** visited the Lost Worlds of Libya and Tunisia; Madeleine and **Raymond Burton** and Judith and **Peter Leadley** went to France to learn about the Wine and Cuisine of Bordeaux; and baseball aficionados **Stephen '58**, **MBA '59**, and **Evalyn Edwards Milman** joined the group focused on Florida Baseball.

**Bill Henry** and his wife **Joan (Kather) '64**, normally found in Sequim, WA, spent the fall semester of 2007 in Shanghai, while Bill taught engineering courses at Jiao Tong U. and Joan offered classes in English presentation skills. The Henrys spent their non-classroom time exploring Shanghai and, says Bill, "learning for ourselves how China is coping with the challenges it faces." In November, he also traveled to India to make presentations at two engineering conferences, one in New Delhi and the other in Bangalore, where a fellow speaker was **John Abel '62**. **Carl Volckmann** reports from Westport, CT, that he and Linda had "a great trip in November '07 to Australia and New Zealand with Harvard Business School classmates. We visited with Sheila and **Lee Asseo** in Santa Barbara on the way west, and celebrated Thanksgiving with our children and grandchildren in Seattle on the way home."

**Dolores Furtado** of Overland Park, KS, completed her four-year term as county commissioner in 2007 and is now officially fully retired. She says, "While I am drawn to academics [she is professor emerita at the U. of Kansas], my time is now consumed by volunteer activities. It really is busy, but fun." **Ron Pereira** writes from Woodbridge, VA, that he sold his business in Manassas, but still teaches accounting at Strayer U. and also serves as general manager of the Lake Ridge Association. Ron and Karin, who have five children, recently welcomed their third grandchild.

**Bob Lockard** says he and Ellen "continue to split our time between Estero, FL, and Richmond, VA, but the birth of our first grandchild in Bethesda, MD, is causing us to spend more time based in Virginia." Another classmate whose location has been influenced by the arrival of grandchildren is **Edward Tucker**, who moved from Columbus, IN, to Canton, GA, to be closer to his. **Don Milsten** of Baltimore, MD, points out that he and Barbara "now have eight grandchildren, and that is priceless!"

**Davi-Linda Katzin** Friedman of Bedford, MA, notes that she and David have "six outstanding grandchildren," including a college student and a not-quite-2-year-old. **Eva Metzger** Brown of Amherst, MA, reports that she also has a grandchild old enough to enroll in college, along with six others, the youngest of whom is now in primary school. Eva and Norman enjoyed a trip in late 2007 to Israel and made a side trip to Jordan, where they visited the ancient city of Petra.

**Bob and Toby Jossem Silverman** are dividing their time between Rochester, NY, and Naples, FL, where they often see **Bernie '59** and **Myra Rosenzweig Gross**. In Rochester, at a book-signing event, Toby came across **Peter Yarrow '59** of the noted singing group Peter, Paul & Mary, and says she purchased a number of Peter's books and CDs for grandchildren's gifts. During their summers in Rochester, the Silvermans spend time with their grandchildren and work on the scholarship committee of the local Cornell Club; Bob also teaches at SeniorNet, a program offering instruction on computer use to the over-65 cohort. Keep the

news coming! **Judy Bryant** Wittenberg, 146 Allerton Rd., Newton, MA 02461; e-mail, jw275@cornell.edu.

**61** Many of us have taken tours and cruises to interesting or even exotic places. Think of the trips to the Mediterranean, Alaska, the Far East, and Australia. Most of these operators are not terribly involved in true adventure. But we have a recent letter from **Gary Busch** that tells a different story. "After all these years in the wilderness, people are now interested in Africa. I just came back from Zimbabwe and Katanga last week and am heading back to the Ivory Coast and Nigeria next week. Still working as an adviser to a few African governments and several multinationals on African politics. Sold out my interest in the Sierra Leone mobile phone system. Our cargo aircraft are still flying around Africa with exotic cargos and somehow I always end up in or near war zones. That's where the money is, I am told. I am now a serial grandfather. My wife and children are all with me in London. Strangely enough they don't travel with me in Africa. I am looking forward to finally getting to my first reunion (the 50th). Ins'allah I'll see you all there."

More news concerning my neighbor and classmate **John Sobke**. Both of us live at The Landings on Skidaway Island outside of Savannah, GA. This is a gated community of 8,500 residents and 108 holes of golf. Each year six nominees compete for three positions on the board of directors. Interestingly, half of the candidates were Cornell grads. John was duly elected and will be serving for the next three years.

One of our sources of material for this column comes from the News Forms that are submitted with the annual class dues subscription. Catching up on a few classmates who took the time to write, we've heard from **Patricia Dunning**. She lives in San Jose, CA, having retired from IBM in 1991. Now, I share a second alumni relationship with Patricia, having spent my career at Big Blue also. Currently she is spending time with the Museums of Los Gatos as a board member and treasurer while also doing research for the museums' San Jose/Los Gatos Historical Homes Tour.

**Diane Thomas** Staab writes from Old Greenwich, CT. She quit her "day job" in June 2007, retiring from Int'l Paper Co. as general counsel, Asia. Also, **David Neumann** reports that he has retired from the National Inst. of Standards and Technology and resides in Washington Grove, MD. David is teaching chemistry as an adjunct professor at Montgomery College in Rockville. He is also a member of the Historic Preservation Commission in the town of Washington Grove. In response to the question, "What is the one thing you remember most fondly from Cornell?" he resurrects the memories of the "walk to 8:00 classes up the Hill." Who can forget! Asked whom he would like to hear from in the class, he mentions **Marian Slutzky**.

**May Lee Ling** and husband Chung-Li recently moved from Hingham, MA, to Laguna Woods, CA. Along the way they visited ten national parks on their driving trip. Now retired and active in biking and swimming, May would like to hear from **Maureen Sze '62**. Still actively engaged in real estate development and property management, **Nelson Spencer** lives in Dallas, TX. His leisure pursuits include rowing, rugby, fly-fishing, and printmaking. He recounts fond memories of Zinck's and the Johnny Parsons Club on Beebe Lake. **Nathan Kolodny** wrote from his

home in Hartsdale, NY, where he is retired. He was honored with an honorary doctorate from St. Petersburg Biographical Inst. and has recently authored a novel and a children's book. Nathan recalls his undergraduate Philosophy classes with **Keith Donnellan, PhD '61**, and would like to hear from **Linda Blaine Fleischer '63**.

A fairly lengthy note came from **Suzanne Oparil**, who continues her medical career at the U. of Alabama, Birmingham. She is involved in research in hypertension and vascular biology with emphasis on hormones and women's health, addressing the question, "Why do women live longer?" She is serving a two-year term as president of the American Society of Hypertension, the largest professional organization in the world dedicated to the prevention and treatment of hypertension and its consequences. When not engaged in her professional pursuits she chooses to travel using her "perks" of academia. Suzanne would like to hear from **Doris Markowitz** Greenberg. **Ted Bier** recently attended the Cornell Entrepreneurs Program held April 22, 2008. A fellow Mechanical Engineer, Ted founded T.M. Bier & Assoc. in 1977 and has grown his firm into an industry leader in developing energy efficient climate control systems. TMBA is headquartered in Glen Cove, NY.

In our previous class column, fellow correspondent **Joanna McCully** wrote about her exciting trip to Morocco. The local paper picked up on this adventure and printed a feature story including pictures of Joanna—complete with caftan—in front of her desert tent. Try Google for the story appearing in the *Daily Sun* from The Villages, Lady Lake, FL, on February 5, 2008.

As always, your class correspondents need a steady flow of news for our column. Drop us a note, an e-mail, or whatever. Your input can be sent to us at: **Doug Fuss**, 5 Pineside Lane, Savannah, GA 31411; e-mail, dougout@attglobal.net; or **Joanna McCully**, 1607 Hilton Head Blvd., Lady Lake, FL 32159; e-mail, joannacelticlad@aol.com.

**62** **Pete '61** and **Cathy Van Buren Bomberger** (cathybomb@aol.com) planned a mini-reunion with Pete's high school friends in Sea Ranch, CA, in May, and expected to be in Washington, DC, to attend the We the People National Finals, where Munster High School represented Indiana. "We both work with this highly successful national citizenship education program." Pete and Cathy were planning on being in Ithaca for Cathy's Ithaca High summer reunion.

It's hard to know where to begin to condense the past frenetic years of **Bill** and **Janet Coggs-hall** (bill@wilddancer.com). They travel globally from their Menlo Park, CA, home. A highlight was the Hunter's Ball in Vienna in 2006 and its San Francisco equivalent last year. The Coggs-halls are "avid and trained" ballroom dancers. Swing dancing is the avocation of **Michael Ernstoff**, MEE '65 (Los Angeles; PS144NYC@yahoo.com). When not managing his real estate investments, he also enjoys windsurfing.

**Fred '59** and **Carol Shaw Andresen** (fhacs@triad.rr.com) are enjoying retirement in Greensboro, NC, and keep very busy between volunteer commitments and grandchildren. "We have eight, but they're in Boston, Atlanta, and Tampa, so we're traveling often." Carol, **Karin Nielsen McNamara**, and **Gail Strand Wiley** looked forward to seeing each other last May at their 50th high school reunion in White Plains, NY.

Manufacturer's rep **Robert Gillen** (chiller919@aol.com) coaches Special Olympics basketball and softball. He and Lee Ann live in Raleigh, NC. The holiday greeting from the household of **Joy Harwood** Rogers and Bob Parker (rogersparker@comcast.net) featured a family photo with 19 smiling faces, including nine little ones. Joy has retired from school nursing and sings with the Seattle Choral Company. They travel, boat, and enjoy life in the Northwest.

As principal scientist at Sierra Research in Sacramento, CA, **Eric Walther**, BEP '64 (eric\_walther@yahoo.com) prepares environmental impact analyses in air pollution and public health and permits for construction and operation of electric power plants. Eric and Pamela enjoy tennis, cycling, swimming, and camping. "A lifetime injunction against bungee jumping" was the only limiting after-effect of **Betty Krepis** Zielinski's husband Bob's aneurism surgery last year. Despite that lost time, and Betty's own bout with rheumatoid arthritis, the thespian couple played in three shows during 2007, stage-managed another, and completed some assignments for a local (Louisville, KY) talent agency.

After a move to a new condominium in Belmont, MA, **Myra Maloney** Hart and **Kent Hewitt '59** headed for winter in Palo Alto, where Myra worked at Stanford. They looked forward to visiting offspring in California and to being within walking distance of daughter Holly's family upon their return home. Also making a move were Bob and Karin Nielsen McNamara (kmcnama3@rochester.rr.com), who relocated within Pittsford, NY, their longtime home. Why is it that "downsizing" sometimes works out to be larger? Sons Rob and Tim are in London and Alexandria, VA, respectively, with their wives. Barbara and **Bill Stowe** (stowe@roadrunner.com) make their home in Lake Placid, NY. Bill recently hiked the Milford Track in New Zealand. He remains active in rowing-related boards and activities and his church, and as president of Lake Placid Rotary. Bill is the author of the well-reviewed *All Together: The Formidable Journey to the Gold with the 1964 Olympic Crew*, and is currently finishing a book about Vietnam in 1963.

It was too brief, but what a treat to have a visit with Gay and **Don Heppes '61** (heppes@prodigy.net), who stopped in during their four-week motorhome odyssey from River Forest, IL, to the West Coast. They played golf along the way and contributed mightily to the coffers of the gasoline purveyors. Since retiring from marriage and family counseling, Gail Strand Wiley (cuscowilla@comcast.net) has returned to pottery-making. She belongs to a cooperative group, Clayspace, and is active in her church. Gail and Bud enjoy their Wisconsin cottage and their "too-far-away" grandchildren.

"I think it's time to retire," writes **Anne Standish** Uhe (anneESUhe@aol.com), business manager/treasurer of Prairie Fire Theatre in Carlock, IL. She and her husband have completely remodeled most of their home, and Anne knits, makes stained glass, and researches ancestry. Also enjoying retirement is **David Dameron** of Henderson, NV, who keeps busy teaching a class called Globalization: Oil, Russia, China, India at Osher Lifelong Learning Inst. at the U. of Nevada, Las Vegas.

**Don**, BArch '63, and **Arlene Hutton Matzkin '61**, BArch '63 (drm29@cornell.edu) spend Monday through Wednesday in the Philadelphia office of Friday Architects/Planners and the remaining days of the week at their Lewes, DE, home. Don is Friday's president. Golf, gardening, and grandkids top their extracurricular list. Washington, DC, is home to **David Lloyd** (dlloyd@paint.org), vice

president for government affairs at the National Paint and Coatings Association. David and wife Andrea Wollock enjoy traveling the world. **Harry J. Green III** (big3daddy@msn.com) is an executive project manager with IBM and works from his Mercer Island, WA, home. Harry's fond Cornell memory is "walking home from the library around midnight under a clear, star-filled sky—taught me to keep things in perspective."

We're saddened to report the passing of **David C. Wright** of Glen Ellyn, IL, last March. David was a buyer for Sears for 31 years and owned two candle-related gift stores. Retired, he worked part-time as an insurance agent when not salmon fishing from his boat in Waukegan Harbor. David was active in scouting, Kiwanis, and his church. His wife Florence can be reached at candle27@aol.com. **Jan McClayton** Crites, 9420 NE 17th St., Clyde Hill, WA 98004; e-mail, jmc50@cornell.edu.

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**64** I begin this month's column with what thankfully has been a rarity: a correction. In last May's column, I mistakenly wrote that **George Ecker**, MA '70, and wife Ruth live with their teenage daughter, Kolya. George wrote me that Kolya is "very much a son." George explained that Kolya is the Russian nickname for Nikolai, and that they had adopted him in Russia ten years ago. He added that a lot of people errantly assume that Kolya is a girl's name. Thank you, George, for setting me straight.

Now to a pair of congratulations. First, **Thomas Newkirk**, LLB '66 (Bethesda, MD), an attorney with Jenner & Block, a major Washington, DC, law firm, has been named one of the seven "Leading Lawyers" in the nation's capital in the area of corporate governance/internal investigations. Next, congrats go to **Robert Merrill**, who has just had his first novel published, *Tankman in America* (Traford Publishing). Bob, a retired school teacher who lives with wife Jane in York, PA, based his story on his experiences working with asylum seekers confined in the York County Prison following the 1993 shipwreck of the *Golden Venture*, which had been trying to smuggle the refugees into the US. Bob's eponymous title character, incorporated into his novel, refers to one of the most iconic figures of the 20th century, the lone man who stood steadfastly before a menacing tank in Beijing's Tiananmen Square in 1989. The Merrills have three grown children and seven grandchildren. Bob enjoys racquet sports, playing musical instruments, and reading books in various languages.

**John Grove** is appearing in this column for the very first time. John, who lives in Fort Walton Beach, FL, is a retired Air Force pilot and vice president of the Humanitarian Foundation. Notably, he created the John Grove Collegio, the first and still only high school in an area of Honduras. John writes, "Humanitarian work is my life." He often travels back to Honduras to oversee the foundation's work there. **Jeffrey Weiss**, who hasn't been in this column for 15 years, still lives in Dallas, TX, and lists his occupation as investor.

**Sanford Gibbs**, last seen here a dozen years ago, continues his private law practice in Anchorage, AK, where he lives with wife Anita. One

of their two grown daughters lives nearby, so they see their granddaughter often. Sandy reports that he "finally" sold their horse, but is still active in horseracing and dressage. He also is state chairman of the Fellows of the American Bar Foundation. **Robert Dietz**, MS ORIE '66, last here in '97, recently moved from Brooklyn, NY, to Tucson, AZ, but didn't say whether it's retirement or work-related.

**Elizabeth Lewis** Allen and husband Don Mohr have retired from their consulting business ("finally home, after extensive travel for decades . . ."), but she continues volunteering as a reading tutor in their home in Encinitas, CA, and is teaching piano to one of her students. Betsy and Don enjoy sailing, boogie boarding, and gardening. She reports that **Ed '63**, MEE '65, and **Nancy Taylor Butler** visited them recently. Betsy writes, "I am celebrating each day." **Eileen Wilson** Harvard, who lives in NYC, is still working. She's chief development officer of Perkins Eastman Architects. **Rachael Taylor** Baroni and husband Phil recently traveled to Malaysia, China, Vietnam, Singapore, and Hong Kong on buying trips for their chain of 14 unfinished furniture stores, located throughout New England. Rachael is on the finance committee for their hometown (Dennis, MA) and also is on the Boy Scout board for Cape Cod. The Baronis have six children and 12 grandchildren.

Finally, **Ron** and Karen **Madaras** are coming to the end of a 14-month stint living in France, an assignment stemming from Ron's work as a high-energy elementary particle physicist at the Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory in California. His current assignment is the ATLAS experiment at the Large Hadron Collider (LHC) at the international science laboratory CERN in Geneva, Switzerland. The aim of the experiment is to understand the fundamental particles that make up the universe. In order to work more closely on ATLAS, which began operating this past summer, they relocated to France last October. The CERN lab itself is actually right on the France-Switzerland border, and they are living in a small French village, Thoiry, just across the border, at the foot of the Jura Mountains, from where they can see the Alps on the other side of Geneva. They are enjoying the good food, wine, and cheese there, and the opportunity to visit various local villages and take weekend trips. Ron had many great skiing days in the French Alps, continues to run regularly, and also enjoys scuba diving and sea kayaking when he gets the chance. The Madaras have grown daughters and a granddaughter back in California.

That's it for this issue. My thanks to all of you for responding to my pleas for news to fill this column. Rest assured your tidings will appear in subsequent columns. For now, be sure to visit our class website, <http://classof64.alumni.cornell.edu>, and to send me news at home or online. **Bev Johns** Lamont, 720 Chestnut St., Deerfield, IL 60015; e-mail, blamont64@comcast.net.

**65** A number of our classmates participated in CAU off-campus study tours, seminars, and cruises in 2007. **Jeffrey 'GR** and **Penny Skitol Haitkin** went to East Asia and the pre-reunion CAU. **Bob Huret** and wife Judy also went to East Asia. **Alice Michtom** attended the study program in Gettysburg, and **Arnold Rabinor** and his family went to Tanzania.

In an e-mail, **George Arangio**, MD '69, let us know that he was inducted into the National

Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame-Pennsylvania. George is a clinical professor, Dept. of Orthopedic Surgery, at Hershey Medical College. Another doctor, **Larry Menzer**, is still practicing pediatrics in Van Nuys, CA. He enjoys spending time with his children and grandchildren.

**Jean Chen** married John Miyamoto on February 22, 2008. John, a professor at the U. of Washington in Seattle, did his undergraduate work at Harvard and earned a PhD at U. of Michigan. **Bradley Olman** (Little Silver, NJ) said he is now teaching middle school social studies and language arts after putting down his cameras after 25 years of print work. He is a FIFA soccer referee and coaches middle school soccer teams in his spare time. Brad reports that he has become a stay-at-home Dad after 25 years of travel. His son Charley is a ninth grader and plays soccer and lacrosse. Daughter Emily is at Dickinson College, where she is studying comparative religion and dancing. **Di-anne Rosborne** Meranus lives in Riverdale, NY. She writes that she is completing a wonderful 24-year career of teaching fashion design and merchandising at Marymount College, Tarrytown, NY. The college was absorbed by Fordham U. and has now been closed. She has been enjoying her eight grandchildren, learning weaving at the Weaving Center of the Marymount Convent, and exploring part-time teaching opportunities.

Enjoying retirement is **Kenneth Banse** from Westtown, NY. He is on the Town Planning Board Zoning Commission and the Fire Advisory Board and spends time fishing, hunting, and traveling. He and wife Kathryn have a summer home in the Thousand Islands and are planning a trip to China. **Martha Weiss** Young, MS '67, married David Dobra on April 26. They live in Sugar Hill, GA. Also retired, **Christy Reppert** Sacks and husband Stephen live in Brooklyn, NY. Christy is enjoying exploring New York neighborhoods, singing in a local chorus, and studying Biblical Hebrew.

A press release from Ross Controls (Troy, MI) states that **Steven Demster**, ME '66, has been named CEO "with responsibility for the strategic direction of Ross's international group of companies." Ross Controls is a world leader in products for the fluid power industry. Prior to joining Ross in 1994 as VP and COO, Steven was VP of technology, then president and CEO, of KSG Industries/Karl Schmidt Unisia in Marinette, WI. In the '60s and '70s, he worked for Boeing's Space Division in Huntsville, AL, and worked closely with NASA on the Saturn V/Apollo moon program, the Skylab space station, and the space shuttle booster system, as well as on Vietnam-era military helicopters.

**David Ziff** is a clinical psychologist and resides in Chapel Hill, NC. He is also a jazz musician and spends his free time playing in a big band. Recently retired and living in Naples, FL, is **Philip Dobbs** and his wife Gail. Philip is a retired branch chief in the Manhattan Family Court Branch of the NYC Dept. of Probation. He was also a high school teacher in New Jersey until a year ago. He is presently a volunteer beach inspector, and is also constructing a butterfly garden, hiking, traveling, reading, and playing the guitar. **Diwan Kailash Chand** lives in Ottawa, Canada, with his wife Anita. He recently traveled to Thailand and Cambodia. News and dues came from **Thomas Borut** of Manhattan Beach, CA. He is medical director at Concentra/LAX Medical Center in Los Angeles, and spends his free time studying finance, cooking, and wine appreciation.

One of the lines on the Class of '65 News Form asks, "What is the one thing you remember

most fondly from your time at Cornell?" Many classmates remember the physical beauty of the campus and the surrounding area. Fall has now come to Cornell, and we can probably all remember the magnificent colors on campus and all over the Finger Lakes.

Keep the news coming! Tell us what's going on in your lives. ☐ **Terry Kohleriter** Schwartz, Terryks7@aol.com; **Joan Elstein** Rogow, psurutsc@aol.com; and **Ronald Harris**, rsh28@cornell.edu.

**66** The arts, jobs, family, and Cornell continue to occupy our ever busy lives. Last winter the work of artist **Gretchen Stevens** Cochran was included in the Ohio Arts Council's Riffe Gallery exhibition, *Connections II: Ohio's Artists Abroad*. All the artists participated in OAC's Individual Creativity international residencies program. **Martin Nankin** reports that his wife Frances won a Daytime Emmy Award as executive producer of "Cyberchase," a PBS animated math series for children ages 8 to 11.

A busy life in the Berkshires suits **Hilda Lichtenstein** Levine these days. She is president of the 100-member local Cornell Club founded by her and **Toby Kleban** Levine '64. Hilda and husband Martin (hildaandmarty@aol.com) also spend time in Boston visiting their daughter **Jill Levine** Bradford '94, her husband Dan, and their two children. The Levines took a trip last fall to the Galapagos Islands and Machu Picchu. **Michael '65** and **Carol Rollins Lynch** also have busy lives working, visiting children (in Atlanta, GA, and Darien, CT), and building a second home in

Act with respect to financial disclosures of members of the federal judiciary. Emily and her spouse Eleanor Acheson live in Washington, DC. 2007 was a joyous family year for Aaron and **Esther Strauss** Lehman. Their oldest grandson was bar mitzvahed in May, and their newest grandchild, Maxwell Reid Lehman, was born in July. His parents met at Cornell's summer program for high school students. In November, Esther and Aaron took a cruise from Venice to Barcelona.

Classmates who keep in touch: **Ernest and Judith Payne Getto**, Montecito CA; **Joanne Biancianiello** Wills, JJWill2@comcast.net; **Charles Weiss**, Atherton, CA; **Fran Ferraro**, franf@tampabay.rr.com; **James Van Houten**, MBA '68, Orangeburg, NY. Keep us informed. ☐ **Susan Rockford** Bittker, ladyscienc@aol.com; **Pete Salinger**, pas44@cornell.edu; and **Deanne Gebell** Gitner, dgg26@cornell.edu.

**67** **Adam Perl** (Ithaca, NY; adam@pastimes.com) owns Pastimes Antiques in Ithaca, sings with the Cayuga Vocal Ensemble and the Savage Club, and constructs crossword puzzles—he has published 14 in the *New York Times*. He adds, "I'd rather be writing my memoirs while I can still remember." He'd like to hear from **James Poffley**, **Emilie Gostanian** Marchant, MPS '85 (Clinton, SC; emarchant@earthlink.net) continues as a career development facilitator for a middle school, works with the Laurens County Humane Society, and is "working and enjoying the mild Southern weather." She recalls the libraries and many friendships from Cornell.

‘I’d rather be writing my memoirs while I can still remember.’

Adam Perl '67

Reynolds Plantation, GA. Carol does fundraising for nonprofits, and Mike is CFO for Federal-Mogul Corp., an automotive supplier in Detroit. Mike is also a scuba diver, and he and Carol play tennis, so they vacation in Mexico and the Caribbean. If you are headed south this winter and want to stop in Georgia for a visit or just want to say hi, contact Carol at clynch7@comcast.net.

Busy doesn't begin to describe **Ronni Barrett** Lacroute's life these days. She runs her winery in Oregon, dealing with producing a good product under difficult weather conditions. Her life is also directed at sponsoring chamber music and theater in Portland; sitting on the Board of Trustees of Linfield College; supporting low income health clinics; sponsoring a range of Cornell programs; and occasionally spending time grandmothering Kiana, 7. Ronni, an Arts and Sciences grad, has found new links to other Cornell colleges through support programs at CALS, Engineering, Lab of Ornithology, and A&S. She says, "Cornell is a constant source of joy for me, providing intellectual thrills, friends, and a focal point."

US Court of Federal Claims Judge **Emily Hewitt** was appointed in 2006 to the Committee on Financial Disclosure of the US Judicial Conference. The appointment was made by Chief Justice John Roberts. Duties include serving as a "supervising ethics officer" under the 1978 Ethics in Government

**Toni Ladenburg** Delacorte (Alexandria, VA; tdelacorte@aol.com) is VP of North America Precis Syndicate and enjoys skiing and "spending time with old friends." She'd like to hear from **Jill Poliakin** Wood of NYC. Toni also enjoys "being a good 'dog mom' to my two rescued golden retrievers." **C. Roy Christensen** (New Vernon, NJ; crc25@cornell.edu) engages in business consulting through StratThink LLC with clients mostly in the energy and process industries. "As a 'Stephen Minister' for our local church," he reports, "I give support to a person who needs a caring counselor/minister in his life situation." He and wife Cherie have three grandchildren under 2 in the area. Roy remembers "the camaraderie and growth that lightweight rowing provided" at Cornell and would like to hear from **Peter MacWilliams**, DVM '69.

**Gerald Killigrew** (Canandaigua, NY) is a farm loan manager with the USDA's Farm Service Agency in Canandaigua. Rev. **DuBois Smith** (Valley City, ND) is a retired United Methodist minister and former John Deere equipment dealer. He has moved to North Dakota to live near his daughter and her husband. Gerald recalls Sage Chapel most fondly from the Hill. **Miles Haven** (Potomac, MD; miles@havenmail.net) is semi-retired as president of HIS, a software company. He runs marathons and ultramarathons, and also enjoys hiking, biking, reading, traveling, and taking courses and seminars with

Smithsonian Associates, one of the great benefits of living near the nation's capital. He has attended "mini-medical school classes" at Georgetown U. and recalls "the warm spring weather" at Cornell.

**Carole Newman Allen** (Arlington, MA; allen@massmed.org) is director of pediatrics at Harvard Vanguard Medical Associates. She's active in the American Academy of Pediatrics and serves on its committee on state government affairs. She says she'd rather be gardening and "effecting change in our political landscape" and recalls most fondly "meeting my husband, **Tom '66**, MEng '67, after Dante class" at Cornell. **Sandra Nelsen Williams** (Vestal, NY; SJNWms@aol.com) reports: "After 16 years as a program manager with the Broome County Office of Aging, I retired. I have remained on several agency boards and continue to be actively involved in a number of community volunteer efforts." She adds, "In the year since retiring, we have done a lot of traveling, and I cannot think of a thing I'd rather be doing except more of everything I'm doing now." Sandra recalls "walking across the Arts Quad at dusk when the clock tower was chiming." She'd like to hear from **Mary "Mickey" McDonald Zirkle** and **Barbara "Bobbie" Whittier '65**. **Richard B. Hoffman**, 2925 28th St. NW, Washington, DC 20008; e-mail, rhoffman@erols.com.

**68** The class column for this issue can be found with the Reports of Reunion Classes, which begin on page 66.

**69** Do you remember when you arrived in Ithaca for the first time, what it was like moving into the freshman dorms, wondering about your roommate? Do you remember what you were doing during the "Great Northeast Blackout" that fall? Wouldn't it be fun to reconnect with the friends who shared these experiences? Well you can, writes class president **John Rees**, by making a commitment now, both to yourself and your friends, that you will be in Ithaca for our reunion in June 2009. With our 40th Reunion approaching quickly and plans well under way, John is looking for people who will take the lead in contacting their affinity groups. We all look forward to seeing the people we were closest to: sorority sisters or fraternity brothers, teammates, fellow club members, or those we worked with. If you are willing to do some e-mailing or calling, please let John know at john@reesandassociates.net. And remember to set aside June 4-7, 2009 now!

**Bob "Ghost" Gray '72** is reconnecting with Chi Psi brothers from the classes of 1968-76 in the hopes of a reunion at Cornell, as well as local get-togethers. Chi Psi's are encouraged to contact Bob at Mrgray1000@aol.com, writes **Perry Jacobs '74**.

**Howard Zwiefel**, MCE '71, retired and moved from California to North Carolina, traveling via Ithaca, where he attended Acacia Fraternity's centennial celebration. **Tom Kocovsky** and **Bob Lightfoote** were both on hand. Now Howard is taking courses at Duke and North Carolina State U. in their retirement programs: Mathematics and Music; Puzzles and Problems; The World Today. Howie mentions that he is still into curling at the Triangle Curling Club. The Alpha Phi newsletter contained an item written by **Maria Keiser Bartlett**. She spent a week in June 2007 traveling with

**Claire Scully DeLauro** and **Peggy Johnson Nichols** in and around Albuquerque, Taos, and Santa Fe, NM. Maria wrote, "(We had) no problem sharing a bathroom after that practice 35-plus years ago at Alpha Phi." She also mentions settling into a new home in Andover, MA, and her work as a volunteer at the Boston Museum of Fine Arts and on the board of the YWCA of Greater Lawrence.

Potter **Jayn Avery** wrote, "I sell my pottery at a farmer's market in Roanoke, VA, and I have met a few Cornell alums by chance as we converse. There seems to be a migration of Upstate New Yorkers and New Jersey/NYC folk to Virginia. I was part of a wave that came here in the '70s to homestead." In addition to creating lace-impressed functional stoneware and hand-sculpted vessels, Jayn volunteers her time at the Jacksonville Center for the Arts as a board member and gallery chair. She also hikes and canoes and lately has been doing house repairs and gardening. When thinking back about Cornell, Jayn recalls the student protests and anti-war activities.

Classmate **Jonathan Kaplan**, MD '74, writes that his most fond Cornell memories include "friends and the most beautiful college campus in the country!" Now Jon works for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as Chief, HIV Care and Treatment Branch, Global AIDS Program in Atlanta, GA. Jon says, "I like my work, but more recreational activities wouldn't hurt!" He is active in his local CAAAN program and wishes he had time for more. Two years ago he and **Andy Wiley** went trekking in the Himalayas. Jon has also been in contact with Cornellians **Bill Bikoff**, **John Alden**, **Mike Scheld**, MD '73, and **Gary Shaye** and would like to hear from **Alan Lowenfels**.

**Barbara Grosz** is busy as the interim dean at the Radcliffe Inst. for Advanced Study, Harvard U., and professor of computer science. Last fall at Cornell, she chaired the external review of the computer science department. Previous to that, Barbara climbed Mt. Hamilton in Yosemite National Park. The university reports that several classmates participated in CAU. **Nancy Karch**, **Patricia Beck Reines**, **Mary Cole Smith**, DVM '72, and husband **Eric**, PhD '72, **Joseph Smith**, and **Walter Tusinski**, MBA '71, chose off-campus study tours, seminars, and cruises. They ranged around the world from the Shaw Festival: Niagara-on-the-Lake to the Lost Worlds of Libya and Tunisia.

Most weekends found **Laurel Rathbun Hunt** at her North Carolina cabin. She wrote, "With a fire going in the fireplace, a good book, a dog curled at my feet, and a view of the woods and mountains, I have much to be thankful for." She is very busy with her hospital work, but says that it is the most satisfying job she has ever had. And this year, she got involved helping to expand the pet therapy program. After 30 years of public health nursing, **Karen Loudenslager Soisson** retired from the Maryland State Health Dept. She reports being very happy right now, traveling, gardening, reading, exercising, and volunteering at the local arts center. Karen looks back on "the wonderful students and staff" at Cornell and keeps in touch with **Karen Kelly Proctor**, **Karen Roper Runyon**, **Joan Scheibel**, and **Judy Lehman Mazess**.

**Barry** and **Susan King Weeks '71** live in Groton, MA, where Barry indulges his twin hobbies, working on old Audis and old houses. Barry also tells us that he is a business process consultant with HP. He wishes he were traveling right now, and his best Cornell memories are of the years at Alpha Sigma Phi. **Walter Schwartz**, MBA '73, writes, "As for what I was doing during the 'Great

Northeast Blackout,' I was standing on a chair in my dorm room changing a light bulb. As I turned it in the socket, the room lights flickered, then went out. I looked around, the hall lights were out, and I thought, Now I'm in trouble! Glancing out the window, it became clear that the lights in the other dorm buildings were out, and in Ithaca too." Perhaps my light bulb skills were not to blame." I'm still collecting stories about the Northeast Blackout of 1965, so please e-mail yours to: **Arda Coyle Boucher**, 21 Hemlock Hill Rd., Amherst, NH 03031; e-mail, aboucher@airmar.com.

**70** **John Boldt** and wife **Barbara** (Santa Fe, NM; johnboldt@earthlink.net) have been building two new houses since May 2007, when John was offered an early retirement package from Hewlett-Packard (which he took!). He also retired from his appointment to the Cornell Technical Advisory Board. The first house is a completed rental property, and the second is a new home for them. Hopefully it will be completed by spring 2009. In July and August 2007, they visited Russia—a first for them even though John had traveled extensively during his career. They report that the culture, history, and artwork were fantastic. Since the fall of Communism in 1991, they write, great strides have been made (in large part due to the oil revenue), yet much remains to be repaired and modernized. **Winston Gayler** (Belleair, FL; wgayler@tampabay.rr.com or winston\_gayler@jabil.com) has returned to Jabil Circuit in St. Petersburg, FL, as a principal engineer in technology services in the industrial sector. His design group adds new technology from the personal computer and consumer electronics fields to older products, such as White Goods and other appliances.

**Robert Scurfield** (Haysville, KS; rms38@cornell.edu) is working as in-house counsel for Cessna Aircraft Co. He also owns and flies an aircraft for pleasure. He and wife **Melissa** have one son, **Brett '01**, who lives and works in Shanghai! **Cynthia Johnson O'Malley** (Newport, RI; comalley@newportmansions.org) is now director of retail sales for the Preservation Society of Newport County. Last December, she and **Lani Bishko** Durkac spent Christmas together with their families in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. They had a wonderful time!

It is with sadness that I report the death of our classmate **Mark Eiges**. Mark died in April at his home in Studio City, CA, of natural causes. He had been a video editor and post-production supervisor for television and film projects. He is survived by his sister Marilyn of New York and his cousin, who notified me, Marcia Franklin of Boise, ID.

I recently wrote about **Seishi Yoda** (member ship@yacac.or.jp), but the news was old and incomplete. He has quickly written after our most recent class mailing with more details and he went through all the News Form questions. After spending seven years as GM of the Foreign Correspondents' Club of Japan, he finished the job on March 31, 2008 and returned to the YC&AC (Yokohama Country and Athletic Club) on April 1, 2008, where he is sales and business development manager. He is also a member of the Yokohama Yamate Lions Club, the board of directors of the Bluff Clinic of Yokohama, and the J League (professional Japan Football Association). Recently, he has been taking care of his 20-month-old daughter, and when asked what he'd rather be doing, he said he would like to be retired. He and wife Mitsue live in Yokohama. He also has two children from a previous

marriage and three grandchildren. His fondest memory of Cornell was when he was informed that he had been granted a scholarship. He would like to connect with his former professor Thomas Curren.

**Fred Solowey** (fredsolo1@verizon.net) also answered some of the specific questions. He writes that he does communications consulting by day, and after hours he sings and performs with the DC Labor Chorus. He also reports that the inevitable seems to have happened to him after becoming a father at age 53: Fred became the PTA president at their neighborhood public school at the even more tender age of 58. During a visit to Los Angeles during the Writers Guild strike, he got to walk the picket line with guild members and old friends **Ed Zuckerman** and **Howard Rodman '71**. Fred would rather be playing for the Mets, he says, "if only I could hit, throw, or run decently!"

**Bill Fogle** (Mesa, AZ; bill.fogle@cox) really seemed to enjoy the question suggestions. His present day job—until January 1, 2008—was with the once mighty TRW Automotive Inc. His extracurricular activities include shooting a .40 cal. S&W slow-fire with a Beretta M8000 Cougar at the Rio Salado Sportsman's Club to rekindle memories of better times in the US Marine Corps; i.e., those days when the country was not hell-bent to kill Islamic "enemies" in faraway lands. Recently, Bill has been doing research on Greek mottos adopted by the chapters of Delta Kappa Epsilon. He also drives an MY 2006 Mazda MX5 at velocities approaching 115 mph whenever the Mesa cops are absent or reasonably preoccupied. He says it is hard to write about the Cornell friends from whom he would most like to hear because, sadly, they are departed: **Stu Norwood '61** (d. September 1995), **Don Schwartz '65** (d. February 2007), and **Don Weadon '67** (d. March 2008). However, Bill does write that it would be nice to hear from **William Dixon** if for no other reason than to see if his recollection of their night serenading coeds in Balch Hall matches his. Bill adds that he and his dear wife, Irene, celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary in February this year. And last, but not least, Bill and DKE brother **William Morrison** recently enjoyed a delightful dinner at the Columbia Inn in Phoenixville, PA. They toasted his good fortune at being tossed out of the Cornell Hotel School (twice!) back in the Sixties. Bill, thank you from all of us. ☐ **Connie Ferris Meyer**, cfm7@cornell.edu.

**71** Thanks to those of you who contributed news with your dues payment last spring. We won't have room to use it all this time, but it gives Linda a stock of news for the next issue. An e-mail request for news last February brought in so much material, we still have a lot to report. But it always runs out after a while, so watch your inbox for a message requesting your latest news.

**Lisa Fremont Freund** (laf307@aol.com) writes, "I'm married to another Cornellian, **Sid '70**, and we

have two daughters, 29 and 15. The older one is married and living in Boston. I'm a high school teacher. I regularly see classmates **David Schiff** and **Richard Greif**—we are members of the same synagogue and do an amateur comedy show every year." Semi-retired globetrotter **Jim Bower** wrote in from sunny Jamaica. "I'm doing some consulting and some software development on my own, as well as writing and photography for fun." Jim and wife Esther previously spent a couple of years in Paris working with a local business partner for his company. "We want to go back to France for another year, then move on to other countries for a year at a time."

Several Cornell RNs stay in touch around New York City, according to **Carol McDonald** Mulvaney (fsthls73@aol.com). Carol is director of clinical services for the NYC Dept. of Health, Bureau of Immunization. **Janice Kikuchi '74**, BS Nurs '75, works in the same bureau. Carol mentioned that **Susan Papera**, who got her BS Nurs in '71, is a midwife at the North Central Bronx Hospital.

Floridian **Philip Cochran** (craiginfoff@hotmail.com) and wife Irma now reside in Port St. Lucie, where Phil owns a franchise territory with FocalPoint Int'l. He coaches small and medium-sized business owners and entrepreneurs. Phil and Irma have three grown kids who are doing great. The Cochrans spent several days in Orlando last January with **Mike** and **Robin McFarren**.

"I am teaching at Hunter College in New York City, where I am director of the graduate program in studio art," writes **Joel Carreiro** (jcarreir@hunter.cuny.edu). Joel has had numerous art shows including a solo show called "Spellbound" that opened last year and moved to several university gallery venues. "I live in Nyack, NY, with my wife **Colleen Colbert '73** and our children Lucas and Lily. Last year I came back to the Cornell Art department as a visiting artist."

A nice long letter from **Floyd Douglas** (fdoug las328@yahoo.com) arrived earlier this year. "Graduation from Cornell seems long ago, but I have not forgotten my positive experiences at the university." Floyd wrote about his second career as an employee benefits specialist with a financial services firm. He also reported on the details of a 30-plus-year career as a high school teacher, administrator, and interscholastic athletics coach. He still officiates at high school and college-level sports events. Floyd retired from the Guilderland school district, in the Albany, NY, area, where he resides with wife Tracee. The Douglases have two sons. **William '09** is majoring in communications, and Robert attends high school. Psychologist **Edward Hoffman** (dreh787@aol.com) lectured on Psychology in English at Tokyo U., Kansai Gaidai U., in Osaka, and elsewhere in Japan a year ago. His newest book, *The Wisdom of Maimonides*, was published this past spring by Trumpeter/Random House.

## Diner's Club

Richard Gutman '71, BArch '72

**R**ichard Gutman begins most mornings with "Adam and Eve on a raft." Otherwise known as two poached eggs on toast, it's the favorite breakfast of one of the nation's foremost diner historians. Gutman, director of the Culinary Arts Museum at Johnson & Wales University, has been studying the history and cultural impact of diners ever since he wrote his Cornell thesis on them. The architecture grad established a permanent diner collection in the museum, showcasing more than 300 items—menus, a cashier's booth, neon signs, even walls and windows. He travels the country giving lectures on his life's work and has written four books on the topic, including *American Diner*. He calls diners an American icon, a unique environment that provides home cooking away from home. "You know what to expect in a sense, but it's not that predictable," he says. And according to Gutman, diners are still thriving. "Nowadays diners are hip," he says. "People who are going into the business do sustainable food, food from local farms; they're buying fair trade coffee, they're going trans-fat free. They serve the food that people want to eat, but they make sure to change with the times."



Gutman often gives tours of the museum, a task he loves. He's always sure to point out his favorite item in the collection: an 1880s horse-drawn milk wagon that was converted into a hot dog cart in 1926. As a precursor to diners, the wagon reminds Gutman of his frequent visits to the Hot Truck. "I came back to Cornell after ten years and they still knew my usual order," he says. "That's the kind of thing that happens in diners. They know what you want as you walk up."

— *Chelsea Theis*

**David Prendergast**, BArch '72 (dprendergast@prendergast-laurel.com) also sent in a news-dense letter. "I am a practicing architect with a six-person firm based in Manhattan. We do mostly public projects such as libraries, colleges, firehouses, and museums." David's firm has won notable design awards from the NYC Art Commission. He stays in touch with classmates **Nils Montan**, **Dick Immerman**, **Jordan Clarke**, **A. J. Mayer**, and **Dick Gutman**, BArch '72. David and wife Julie have two children. **Maggie '11** is in the AAP college, and Catherine just finished high school. **David Schwartz** (dschwartz@bookwindows.com) is an expert in the field of organizing and filing. He built a company, Productive Education LLC, around his inventive ideas for organizing. He worked 16 years in the

Nursing graduate **Rosalie Hornblower** (rosaliecat@comcast.net) has a boutique hotel with 12 villas on the Pacific coast in Escondido, Mexico.

It was nice to hear from **Ken Weinstock** (kenwcpa@linkline.com). Ken migrated to Southern California in 1977. "I came here to play music and ended up as a CPA—that's Car Parking Attendant for the uninformed." Ken's practice specializes in taxes. He has lots of children and grandchildren to think about. He has a daughter by a previous marriage, and wife Linda has three more. Together they have eight grandkids that live in the Phoenix area. Ken says, "I may be commuting to my office in California from Phoenix in the not-too-distant future. **Deborah Gale** (dgale@uvm.edu) works at the U. of Vermont in admissions. She specializes in the

West Campus and Collegetown for Cornell. Her after-work activities include taking classes, working as an event manager for Cornell, singing at the Lost Dog Cafe in Ithaca, and doing projects with students. Donna says that right now she is "in heaven" and couldn't ask for anything different. She would like to hear from **Gary Wolf '71**.

**Michael Belzer**, PhD '93, is associate professor of economics at Wayne State U. in Detroit, where he does research on the trucking industry, labor, health and safety, and Chinese industrial relations. After hours, he operates Sound Science Inc., an economic and organizational research firm producing sound scientific analysis and legal consultation. Mike spent seven months in China and Taiwan during 2006-07 teaching industrial relations and doing research on Chinese labor issues. Right now, he'd rather be studying Chinese philosophy and going to the beach.

Early this year, I organized a group event for the Cornell Alumni Association of Northern California. We attended an NBA game between the Golden State Warriors and the New York Knicks. A surprise attendee was Dr. **Judi Bloom** Hauswirth, who lives in Southern California. A longtime Knicks fan, she was in the Oakland area that week, so she decided to join our group at the game. Judi told us about her daughter, who just graduated from college and was working for a Japanese news organization. She was assigned to cover the Hillary Clinton campaign and spent much of the past year traveling around the country with Senator Clinton. That must have been quite an experience.

**James Blume** is a partner in a small law firm (Blume Faulkner PLLC) in Richardson, TX. He recently helped organize the Dallas Democratic Lawyers Association. James says that Dallas County has become a "blue" county in a very "red" state. For hobbies, he enjoys sailing. James owns a J-44, which he keeps on Lake Texoma. He was inspired to buy the boat after seeing one of her sisters on Cayuga Lake during our 20th Reunion in 1992. James says he would rather be sailing someplace where cell phones don't work. The one thing he remembers most fondly about Cornell was being president of Willard Straight Hall as a senior. James would like to hear from his freshman roommate, **Tom Barron**. While we're talking about Texas, I had to travel to Houston in May on business and spent the weekend visiting with **Wes Schulz**, who lives in nearby Sugar Land. Wes is a nuclear engineer for the Houston power company. We took a tour of NASA's Johnson Space Center (where failure is NOT an option), then drove to Galveston Island for some seafood and my first look at the Gulf of Mexico. The next day we visited the San Jacinto Battlefield Memorial just east of Houston to learn how Sam Houston and the Texans defeated the Mexican General Santa Ana, avenging the Alamo and achieving Texas independence.

**Robert Efron**, DVM '75, is a veterinarian in Hartford, CT. He reports that he is taking a two-year history course on Judaism, as well as taking dance lessons from his wife Sharon. Bob is also getting in shape and practicing to do an ironman half-triathlon. He would love to hear from anyone from Dorm 2, Floor 2, or from any fraternity brother from Phi Sigma Epsilon. **Stephanie Stern** is a laser optics manufacturer for a very small "niche" business making pellicle (thin film) beam splitters. She enjoys singing, dancing, and hiking and keeps busy running spotlights for the community theater in Mt. Kisco, organizing her high school reunion, and being involved in school affairs where her child attends high school. Stephanie fondly remembers

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Alex Barna '72

computer industry prior to starting his company in 1989. "We have adopted the 'Cornell Notes' format, which is a two-column note-taking system that is being popularized around the country." He has received more than 25 patents to replicate in physical devices how computers operate algorithmically by employing clever folding models. David's wife **Sharon (Braunstein) '72** is a psychotherapist practicing in Hopkinton, MA. Younger son **Zachary '04** attended the Hotel school.

**Jody Bolz**, MFA '73 (odybolz@aol.com) writes from the Washington, DC, area, where she's lived for more than 30 years. "I don't know why it's taken me a thousand years to resurface." She's a poet and essayist who taught for many years at George Washington U. and edits *Poet Lore*, America's oldest poetry journal (launched in 1889). She has two children with husband Brad Northrup, who feels like a Cornelian because the couple put two children through Cornell—son **Eli '07** and daughter **Jessie '08**. **Ken Werker** (ken.werker@rayberndtson.ca) checked in from Vancouver, BC. "I'm now managing partner of Ray & Berndtson's Vancouver office. Our office is British Columbia's largest executive search firm and part of Canada's largest executive search firm. I'm specializing in healthcare, universities, and professional services firms. Life has definitely been very good for us here on Canada's west coast." Wife **Janet '74** was named a Canada Research Chair in Psychology at the U. of British Columbia as a result of her research in language acquisition. The Werkers' son **Greg '98** is a PhD student at U. of British Columbia.

Here are some short-takes from e-mail. **Bill '70** and **Cathy Besosa Maro** (cathy.r.maro@baesystems.com) reported a Cornell marriage of their daughter **Lauren '05** to **Colin Murphy '05** in Boston about a year ago. Cathy says, "There were loads of Cornellians in attendance." **Jeff Gutman** (Jgutman@worldbank.org) is now VP for operations policy and country services at the World Bank. **Alan Mittman** (alm63@cornell.edu), associate director, Cornell Office of Workforce Diversity, Equity, and Life Quality, reported this exciting news: "Our granddaughter Lela Zoe was born April 13, 2007 to our son **Asa '98** and his wife **Michele (Eng) '98**." School of

recruitment and retention of underrepresented students. "I often think about my tenure at Cornell and how my experiences with the early days of affirmative action influence and inform the work I do today." Deborah lives in Plainfield, VT, with husband Marek Pyka and son Matthew.

If you're trying to reach someone, let us know and we'll make an effort to connect you. Please e-mail Linda or me. **Matt Silverman**, mes62@cornell.edu; **Linda Germaine-Miller**, lg95@cornell.edu.

**72** I want to start this column by proudly announcing that my daughter Kelly Leigh Barna married Ian Spaulding during a lovely outdoor ceremony near Half Moon Bay, CA. Kelly works for Cornell at the Western Regional Office in San Francisco.

I was fortunate to be able to travel to Anaheim, CA, this spring to watch the Cornell men's basketball team participate in the NCAA basketball tournament after winning the Ivy League championship for the first time in 20 years. Unfortunately for the Big Red, their "March Madness" experience lasted only one game, losing to Stanford (the Cornell of the West). Cornell clearly was not used to playing against a team that had twin 7-foot centers. I ran into **Steve Kane**, MBA '73, at the game. Steve was recovering from knee surgery and was still on crutches. But that did not stop him from biting the bullet and attending the game. It seemed to me that there were more Cornell fans than Stanford rooters in attendance (we certainly made more noise). I also thought that the Big Red Band outplayed their highly publicized but overrated counterparts from Stanford. Who wants a tree for a mascot anyway?

After 30 years, **Louise Shelley** changed jobs. She is now the director of the Terrorism, Transnational Crime, and Corruption Center (TraCCC) and professor at the School of Public Policy at George Mason U. in Arlington, VA. Her "after hours" activities include textile and rug collecting. **Donna Brescia** moved to Ithaca in 2007 and has really enjoyed "coming home." She manages the dorms

Ithaca, walks in the gorges, reading in the gardens—and generally just being there.

**Sherrie McNulty** is an attorney in Albany, where she represents children in Family Court. She loves to travel, hang out at the gym, and play tennis in the summer. Sherrie admits that she is addicted to her iPod and downloaded books. Last November, she took a two-week Spanish immersion course in Mexico—and learned that one can't learn Spanish in two weeks. Sherrie says that she would rather be at the beach, particularly Vero Beach, FL. The one thing that she remembers most fondly from her time at Cornell was that “we stopped the war.”

**Carl Viniar** is an attorney with Angelini, Viniar & Freedman, a mediator with the South Jersey Mediation Center, and an adjunct professor at the Rutgers School of Law in Camden, NJ. After hours, Carl teaches conflict resolution-related subjects to an 11th grade post-confirmation class at their synagogue. When not working or teaching, Carl likes to attend the movies and keeps busy trying to guide his three children through their teenage years. Carl remembers the great community of antiwar activists at Cornell, ready to change the world. He says that he is not sure what happened to some of us.

Perhaps the activists were more successful in ultimately changing some aspects of our world than Carl thinks. While we have not been able to completely end war, this month same-sex marriage became legal in California. That is a significant change in our culture, unthinkable 40 years ago. In addition, this year the Democratic Party will nominate an African-American man as its candidate for President of the United States. This is one of the most significant changes in the history of our nation. Were the seeds for this historic event planted by the activists in the 1960s? Could this be a topic for a panel discussion at our next reunion?

Remember, Gary, Carol, and I depend on YOU to send us news about yourself and your family. Send news to: [Alex Barna](mailto:Alex.Barna@cornell.edu), ab478@cornell.edu; [Gary Rubin](mailto:Gary.Rubin@aol.com), gl Rubin@aol.com; or [Carol Fein](mailto:Carol.Fein@aol.com) Ross, hilltop80@aol.com.

**73** The class column for this issue can be found with the Reports of Reunion Classes, which begin on page 66.

**74** I start this column with news items written by professional sources and progress to items where I have constructed the content, sometimes with fuzzier details. A recent online press release from the *Tufts Journal* promotes a new book by classmate **Ronald Pies** called, *Everything Has Two Handles: The Stoic's Guide to the Art of Living*. Ron's premise is that “the philosophers from ancient Greece can teach us a thing or two about coping with life in 21st-century America.” He is professor of psychiatry at both SUNY Upstate Medical U. in Syracuse, NY, and at Tufts U. School of Medicine in Boston. Ron has written several psychiatric textbooks, a book of poetry, and a collection of short stories. He lives near Boston with his wife Nancy Butters, MSW.

The month of May found Fabius, NY, alpaca farmers **Ed** and **Pauline Brooks Drexler '75** holding their annual shearing festival. Record numbers of attendees watched the shearing of alpacas, patted the lambs, and tried their hand at the apple catapult. Ed and Pauline welcomed two new grandchildren into their family, including Sarah Grace,

produced by daughter **Emily Drexler** Olsenwick '03 and husband Scott. Cornell-related events include the graduation of daughter **Renee '08** from CALS with a degree in nutrition and the transfer of youngest son Travis into CALS as a junior.

**James Nocek** (Auburn, NY), who has a master's in dairy science from Penn State U. and a PhD in animal science from Virginia Tech, recently opened Anyela's Vineyards, the first winery growing its own grapes on nearby Skaneateles Lake. According to a local news article, owning a vineyard has been James's dream 30 years in the making and is related to his Eastern European family heritage. His vines are buried in the fall, then dug up and put on the trellises again in spring to protect them from harsh winter conditions. James's original career was as an expert in dairy herds, involving research and early honors for significant national contributions to animal agriculture. **Perry Jacobs** (Mamaroneck, NY) revealed that he originally hailed from Rochester, NY, and went to summer camp in Penn Yan on Keuka Lake, also a Finger Lake. He made a plea to print the following blurb: **Bob “Ghost” Gray '72** is reconnecting Chi Psis from the classes of 1968 to 1976 in the hopes of a reunion at Cornell, as well as local get-togethers. Chi Psis are encouraged to contact Bob at Mgrgray1000@aol.com. **Bill Van Sweringen**, loyal class news filer from Houston, TX, echoed this request and noted that as his son's college selection process continues on, “there has to be a better way.”

Current and past '74 class presidents **Kristen Rupert** and **John Foote** hosted two spring events at their charming Italianate house in Forest Home that serves as their base of operations in Ithaca. Several classmates attended a champagne reception for Class of 2008 graduates after Commencement, including **Henry Grillo**, wife **Kathy (Ganss) '75**, and son **Daniel '08**. Henry is currently a technical faculty member for the School of Design and Production, North Carolina School of the Arts, and has taught courses in drafting, theatre technology, technical direction, and CAD. **Peggy Cangilos-Ruiz** was there with architect husband **Steve Ruiz '72** to celebrate the graduation of daughter **Rebecca '08**. Peggy, who earned a JD from Albany Law School in 1979, was appointed US Bankruptcy Judge for the Northern District of New York in 2007. She has practiced law in both Florida and New York and has also written and lectured extensively on bankruptcy issues. The Cangilos-Ruiz family now lives in Skaneateles, NY. **Marleen Kay Davis** and younger son Robert attended the festivities in honor of son **Stephen '08**. I brought along my sister **Jean Moore Latham '70** and brother **Ted Moore '71**, who was hosting the Moore family en masse for the graduation of his son **Trevor '08**. Trevor majored in American Studies and is the last Moore graduate I will be talking about in this column (I promise).

Kristen and John also hosted a weekend-long reunion planning retreat whose purpose was to generate ideas about how we can meet our 35th Reunion attendance and fundraising participation goals. Our hosts furnished “Notable Class of '74 T-shirts” to wear on our assigned scouting missions of other classes' reunion events. Many current and long-serving class officers and council members participated, including **Brian Beglin**, **John Alexander**, MBA '76, **Helga Valdmanis** Toriello, **Kimberly Christy Gordon**, **Andrew Chang**, **Lenny Shapiro**, **Bonni Shulman** Dutcher, **Evan Stewart**, JD '77, **Mary Berens**, and **Mary Ellen Smith**.

Membership chair **Chris Cobaugh** was there, as well as her daughter **Kasie '09** (a junior Nutrition

major with interest in the slow-food movement), who was charged with producing Friday evening's grilled chicken doused in legendary Cornell barbecue sauce. **Dale Lazar**, JD '77, brought his wife and his daughter **Vanessa '09**, also a Nutrition major. On campus for the reunion year of his wife **Nancy (Miller) '73**, MA '76, **Dick Clifford**, MBA '76, stopped by to visit. The two cars with Tennessee plates belonged to **Carolyn Gregg** Will of Pigeon Forge and to **Marleen Kay Davis** of Knoxville. Marleen is a professor and former dean of the architecture school at U. of Tennessee. She uses Facebook (in a limited fashion) as a means of communicating with her students and grads. As the incoming class webmaster, she has just helped launch a draft 1974 Web page on the Cornell server for our officers to beta test; soon this site will be available for all '74 classmates to enhance our communications.

**Bill Howard** has created a Cornell Class of 1974 group on Facebook.com as part of our pre-reunion activities. While Facebook started in 2004 as a social networking website for college, then high school students, it has grown to connect people of all ages by region, city, workplace, school, and interest. It's great for business networking. And, Bill says, “Facebook doesn't make you show how old you are.”

Apparently inspired by his experiences many years ago along the sidelines with fellow cheerleaders **Diane Kopelman** VerSchure and **Jodi Sielschott** Stechschulte, John Foote researched the origins of the Big Red bear mascot in his newly released book, *Touchdown: The Story of the Cornell Bear*. All proceeds will be donated to the Class of '74 Scholarship. While John was over at the Cornell Store autographing copies of *Touchdown* for Reunion-goers, **Mi O'Connell** smuggled a marvelous sample of bear cub taxidermy onto the Rupert/Foote porch. It was soon bedecked with pennants, scarves, and other items from the Foote/Rupert Cornelliana collection.

**Nancy Maczulak** Fisher and I shared a NYR (non-reunion year) dorm room in Baker Tower, complete with echoing footfalls in the stairwells. She reported that she and **Jack Wind** “went to his fraternity, TKE, on Saturday night and watched the Belmont. Jack has friends who are part of the syndicate that owns Big Brown. Big Brown finished last, but I bet he would have finished first if he had been named Big Red!” Jack lives in Ridgewood, NJ, and practices law in Jersey City. Nancy notes that she and husband David will be celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary in July. They met at ballroom dancing lessons in Boston and went on to win many championships. For their upcoming anniversary, however, they are planning a bike trip somewhere. Right now the top candidates are Napa or Prince Edward Island.

Remember, we are always willing to write about classmates other than class officers and Cornell-related family members! But you must send us the news, belong to organizations with good PR departments, or, in my case, live within reporting range of the *Syracuse Post-Standard*, in order to make this happen. Let us hear from you! [Betsy Moore](mailto:Betsy.Moore@cornell.edu), emoore@cazenovia.edu; [Steve Raye](mailto:Steve.Raye@cornell.edu), spr23@cornell.edu; and [Bill Howard](mailto:Bill.Howard@cornell.edu), wkh2@cornell.edu.

**75** The longer I'm out of Cornell, the more I appreciate the friends made while there and even those Cornell friends I have made since leaving Ithaca.

I just spent a long weekend in Florida with seven such great women reminiscing, catching up, and discussing the future. **Steffi Feit Gould** (gouldpjaks@aol.com) lives on Long Island with husband **Perry '74**. Son Andrew works in Seattle, Jason is at U. of Michigan, and Keith is at U. of Wisconsin. **Karen Lauterbach** (kel@rti.org) lives in Chapel Hill, NC, with husband **Mark Powers** (mark.powers@duke.edu). Karen heads marketing communications at RTI Int'l and is managing editor of the newly formed RTI Press. She is also a literacy tutor and is training to teach English as a Second Language. Mark is enjoying his affiliation with Duke U.'s School of Medicine, where he is an associate professor of pulmonary medicine. Son Luke is in San Francisco working and taking graduate courses at Stanford. Son Kyle just graduated from UNC, Chapel Hill and is working in Atlanta.

**Abbie Smith**, PhD '81 (abbie.smith@chicago.gsb.edu) is the Boris and Irene Stern Professor of Accounting at the U. of Chicago Graduate School of Business. She sits on several corporate boards and loves to travel. **Cindy Coulter** George-Harris (cgeorge@sogcfamlaw.com) is a matrimonial lawyer in Greenwich, CT. Her son Dan works in Washington, DC, and daughter Caroline just finished her junior year at U. of Colorado. Cindy is very proud that she shot a hole-in-one last year at Mt. Tremblant in Quebec while playing with sister **Pam Coulter** Mason '76. I had the pleasure of attending the Cornell-BU hockey game in NYC in November with Cindy, her husband, and her father **Bill Coulter '45**, who just passed away this April. He was a great guy who loved Cornell and attending Big Red sports.

Also attending our "Girls' Weekend" was **Christine "Ting" Magill Kamon** (kamon75@yahoo.com), who recently moved back to Chester County, PA, with husband **Mark**, who is SVP at Carpenter Technology. Son Jake and wife welcomed the first grandchild, Matthew; son Mike is on his second tour in Iraq with the Army; and daughter Emily is in graduate school. **Cindy Johnson** Giambastiani and husband Ed have retired from the Navy after 37 years (Ting and I were honored to attend the Admiral's retirement service last July at the Naval Academy). They will stay in Washington, DC, and the Eastern Shore, which will keep them close to daughter Cathie, son Peter, and their first grandchild, Hannah. **Lynn Arrison Harrison** (lah2127@aol.com) and husband **Chip '74** live in Hackettstown, NJ. Lynn is a paralegal at Nusbaum, Stein while Chip has been planning and overseeing the construction of their country house (soon to be retirement home) in the Adirondacks. Son Ridgeley works at Union College and son Willie just graduated from St. Lawrence. Lynn and I visited daughter Katie when we were in Florida. I (Deb) have been with AIG for the past seven years, but recently took a new role as a fixed income product specialist with our Asset Management Group. I will soon be traveling, so I may look up some of you Cornellians across the country. Let me know if you are up for a visit!

Several classmates took advantage of Cornell's Adult University in 2007 to travel and learn all over the world. Linda and **Paul Higdon** went to Ithaca to attend a pre-reunion seminar, while **Charles**, JD '78, Marcy, and Michael **Grundner** went to Gettysburg, PA, to hear all about the battle. **Elaine Johnson** Ayres went to France to learn about the wine and cuisine of Bordeaux, while **Marc Levine '74**, DVM '78, and **Fran Melton**-Levine took their family to Tanzania for a safari, and **Brian Marder**, DVM '80, went on a Galapagos

Island family cruise. They all sound enjoyable to me! Some of our classmates' children have been getting a head start on a Cornell education by attending Summer College. Those who attended include: **Stephanie Adler** Ben-Yaish's son Joshua, **Frank Goodwin's** son Adrian, **Caryn Goldsamt** Margolis's daughter Jenna, **Gerald Smith's** daughter Elizabeth, Fran Melton-Levine's daughter Amanda, and **Joseph Mott's** daughter Devon.

On to the e-mail folder of news (thanks so much for sending tidbits so we can always keep our classmates in the know). **Clifford Proctor** (clifford.djp@pngusa.net) is in NYC working as a porter at the West End Intergenerational Residence. In late 2006, he became a Secular Franciscan (that is a lay person who follows the Gospel in the footsteps of St. Francis and St. Clare). He practices Tai Chi, and poetry and music are also hobbies. Occasionally he sees classmate **Kenneth McCumiskey**. Also in NYC is **Neal Platt** (lawnrp@aol.com), who has been practicing intellectual property law for 30 years, and teaching it at Hofstra Law School for 25 years as a special professor. Neal's wife is also a lawyer, his daughter just graduated from Hofstra Law School (she's an articles editor on the *Labor Law Journal*), and his son is completing his second year at Brooklyn Law School. Neal wonders how his home became an Inn of Court! **Barbara Riggs** (briggs@huntoverfarm.com) writes from Middleburg, VA, where she retired in 2006 after spending 31 years working for the US Secret Service. During her career she served six presidents, visited all 50 states and every continent except Antarctica, and witnessed history in the making. She now pursues equestrian interests and is contemplating writing a book or two. That should be some interesting reading material.

Out in Berkeley, CA, is **Laurie Schlansky** Piotrkowski (laurie@california.com). She was big on Japanese studies at Cornell and recently returned to making daily use of these skills at Sony Computer Entertainment America, working on PlayStation product documentation. She also took her husband on his first trip to Japan, where she was included in a work celebration. Nearer to home, she saw an "old" professor, T.J. Pempel, at a Berkeley Rep Theater event. She helped proof one of his books as a student, but didn't know he was also in the Bay Area. **Andrew Abramson**, MCE '77 (aabramson@valuecos.com) is president/CEO of Value Companies Inc., a national residential real estate development and property management firm in Clifton, NJ. He is married with three children. **Heather '05** lives in NYC with twin sister Lauren, who graduated from U. of Wisconsin. Daughter Carly is a high school junior and beginning her school search that will hopefully include Cornell. Andrew is active in the Cornell Real Estate Council and has participated in the lecture seminar series at the graduate real estate school. He is on the board of directors of Valley National Bancorp and serves as chairman of the Audit Committee.

I was delighted to hear from former apartment-mate **Liz Sagan** Quinlan (liz1531@aol.com), who is still a practicing urologist in Pittsburgh. Interestingly, one of the foremost experts in her specialty, which is female urology, is classmate **David Staskin**, currently affiliated with Columbia. He joined her for dinner while giving a lecture in Pittsburgh. Daughter Kate is in dental school at U. of Pittsburgh, daughter Annie graduated from U. of Maryland in May, son Max is a junior at U. of Pittsburgh, and daughter Molly is a marketing director in Pittsburgh and mother of Liz's first grandchild, Jack, providing lots of fun for Liz. She hears

bits and pieces about the old DG crowd, and would love to see them. If anyone stops in Pittsburgh, Liz would love a call. More news in the next column. Keep it coming! **Deb Gellman**, dsgellman@hotmail.com; **Karen DeMarco** Boroff, boroffka@shu.edu; **Mitch Frank**, mifgator@aol.com; **Joan Pease**, japease1032@aol.com.

**76** Greetings, all, and thanks to those of you who sent in your news forms. I have lots of info to share. A reminder to those who would like to "find" an old friend from Cornell, please check out Cornell's online alumni directory, for alumni only. Go to <https://directory.alumni.cornell.edu> and get back in touch with someone you've lost track of.

I've been asked to pass along that **Bob "Ghost" Gray '72** is reconnecting Chi Psi's from the classes of 1968-76 in hopes of a reunion at Cornell, as well as local get-togethers. Chi Psi's are encouraged to contact Bob at Mrgray1000@aol.com. **Cindy Powell** lives in North Carolina and works at the U. of North Carolina, Chapel Hill as chief, division of pediatric genetics and metabolism. Last spring she traveled to Turkey and her tour group included fellow Cornellian **Jeanne Mullenhoff**, MS '80. **Mark Ruderman's** law firm, Ruderman & Glickman, is celebrating its 20th year. Partner **Steve Glickman '71** is also an ILRie. Their firm solely represents management (public and private) on the East Coast. **Virgil Dearmond** writes that he is with Army and Air Force Exchange Service. He is the contracting officer for strategic initiatives (lifestyle centers, wireless communications, triple play). He has been traveling to Thailand, Egypt, and Brazil.

**Betsy Landsman** writes that for the past six years she has been the proprietor of the Landsman Dog Hotel, a five-star resort/spa for small dogs. Her son Willie just celebrated his bar mitzvah, and five other Cornell alumni were in attendance, including her father, **Richard Landsman '48**, **Robert Landsman '50**, **Arnold Abelson '43**, **Jennifer Landsman** Chobor '85, and **Brett Nussbaum '87**. **Diane Bingemann** Garcia is a sixth grade math/science teacher in Palo Alto, CA, spending her free time horseback riding (she has five horses), skiing, camping, and hiking. **David Dennihy** is an emergency physician and medical officer/physician with the FDNY. His free time is spent in fitness activities, fishing, and as a Naval Reserve medical officer.

**William "Buck" Briggs** lives in Ithaca, NY, and is VP of labor arbitration and litigation of the National Football League. He is teaching sports law at Penn's law school (in the fall) and at Cornell Law School (in the spring). He is also the color voice of Cornell Big Red football. As to what he's been doing recently: "Watching my hairline recede in the mirror every morning." You're not alone, Buck! **Ellie Friedland** is an associate professor of early childhood education at Wheelock College in Boston, MA. Recently she has done volunteer work with public school teachers in Guatemala. **Rob Monson** lives in Santa Rosa, CA, and is the VP of operations at a high-tech electronics start-up using patented magneto-inductive magnetic sensor technology, building both magnetic sensors and 3-axis tilt compensated compass modules. Rob has reconnected with former Phi Kappa Sigma fraternity brothers, hearing from '76ers **Lowell McAdam** and **Kris Anderson** in the past months.

**Ward Naughton**, MBA '79, lives in San Francisco, CA, and is president of HiFX Inc. and managing

director of Hanover Partners. His free-time activities include golf and renovating a lake cabin in Vermont. He's been traveling internationally, advising emerging growth companies. **Steve Albert** writes from St. Louis, MO, where he is a purchasing agent of food for prisons. **Tom Garr** and wife Darlene live in Atlanta, GA. He is managing director at Mastholm Asset Management. Tom spends time coaching youth lacrosse for his sons and fondly remembers playing drums for the rock band Zoltan at the Cornell fraternities and all over New York State.

**Steven Weinstein '76**, MS '78, was promoted to vice president of Regeneron Pharmaceuticals' Clinical Sciences group. He will be the therapeutic area head for inflammation and related disorders and responsible for late-stage clinical development activities for inflammation-related investigational agents. Steven, who has more than a decade of experience in the healthcare industry, was a lead clinical writer and reviewer to support the registration of riloncept, Regeneron's candidate for the treatment of CAPS, a group of rare, inherited inflammatory conditions.

**Christine Butler** Lenoir is a supervisor in the Virginia Beach Dept. of Public Health and a captain in the Navy Nurse Corps Reserve. She had a three-year recall to active duty until May 2007. **Charles Andersen** and wife **Amy (Camardo)** live in Kildeer, IL. Charles is president/CEO of Transco Inc. Both he and Amy are singing in a 140-member ensemble called the Chicago Master Singers. In July 2008 they will be traveling with the group on a concert tour to Provence. In May 2007, their son Eric graduated from Duke and is now a first-year dental student at U. of Illinois, Chicago. Their daughter Carrie graduated from Harvard in June.

**Alice Mascette** is the branch chief at the National Heart, Lung and Blood Inst. in Bethesda, MD. **Cameron Munter** writes that he is serving as a US ambassador in Belgrade, Serbia. After having the US Embassy burned by Serbian nationalists, he is presently spending much time rebuilding it. **Bob Harrison** is the CEO of Clinton Global Initiative. His after-hours extracurricular activities include vice chair of the Cornell Board of Trustees, director of the Association of American Rhodes Scholars, and chair at the Henry Street Settlement. He retired after 22 years on Wall Street to focus full-time on public service and nonprofit activities. **Oliver Mitchell Jr.** is senior VP, general counsel, and secretary at Carpenter Technology Corp. in Reading, PA. **Amy Lubow** Downs lives in Brooklyn, NY, and works for a software publishing company in Manhattan. **Marlaine Brem Darfler** lives in Groton, NY, and is a massage therapist. Her free hours are spent as president of the Friends of the Lansing Community Library, hospice volunteer, caregiver for her mother, and in many aspects of her synagogue.

That's all for now. Please keep sending your news forms in. I hope this finds you all well. I know that **Sandy Widener** is smiling down on us. Best always. **Karen Krinsky** Sussman, Krinsk 54@optonline.net; **Pat Relf** Hanavan, Relf@tds.net; **Lisa Diamant**, Ljdiamant@verizon.net.

**77** Fall is back and reminds me of the ever-renewing cycle of life and academia. A number of our classmates reported on the college activities of their offspring, which also reminded me that one gets older, even if one doesn't choose to grow up.

**Gary Buerman** (gbuerman@peoplepc.com) writes that his daughter Elizabeth was accepted

by Cornell in the Food Science program, Class of 2012. Another new Cornellian, Class of '11, is **Laura Birnbaum**. Her mother, **Ellen Wurman Birnbaum** (ewb28@aol.com), writes that Laura loved her freshman year at Cornell, living in Donlon and pledging AEPi. Ellen's oldest daughter, **Deborah '06**, finished her second year at Columbia Law. **Christine Liguori '08** graduated from ILR this past May, writes proud parents **Stephen** and **Susan Szymanski Liguori** (susanliguori@aol.com). And **Art Loomis**, MBA '81's (alloomis@ne-capital.com) daughter Julia starts at Cornell this fall, at the urging of her grandfather **Howard Loomis '49**, MBA '50.

Some children chose schools other than Mom's or Dad's alma mater. Ellen Birnbaum's son Jonathan graduated in June from MIT and is working as a trader at Morgan Stanley in New York. **Janet Bowden** (JanetLBowden@aol.com) writes that her children "provide lots of entertainment." Son Ben majored in music performance as a percussionist at California State U., Long Beach, and daughter Ali is majoring in film acting at NYU's Tisch School of the Performing Arts. Class president **Joe Reina's** (jtreina@yahoo.com) daughter Katie has finished her first year as a theater major at Fairleigh Dickinson U.; Joe's son Joe Jr. is a professional chef. And Art Loomis's daughter Genevieve is at Williams College.

Many of the above classmates sent personal updates as well. Art Loomis is president of Northeast Capital in Albany, NY, where he buys and sells banks all over the country. Art and wife **Patricia (Allen) '78** celebrated 29 years of marriage this past June. Art writes that the credit is all Pat's. He also noted that it was fascinating to visit Cornell and see the campus through the eyes of a 53-year-old. Yep, we're all looking through the eyes of 50-somethings at this point. Ellen Birnbaum and husband Mark also had an anniversary this year. They celebrated 27 years of marriage at an adult-only spa resort in the Maya Riviera in Mexico. Ellen has been a Cornell Alumni Ambassador in Great Neck, NY, for 22 years and enjoys meeting prospective Cornellians. She works for the Town of North Hempstead and is very involved in local Democratic politics in her community.

Janet Bowden, a licensed marriage and family therapist, is busy coaching and consulting with parents of autistic children. Janet separated from her husband five years ago and has been busy growing her psychotherapy practice and raising those entertaining children. Joe Reina is a financial systems consultant for Madison Square Garden in New York City, where he has glimpsed the inner workings at the Garden and Radio City and even bumped into a few players and coaches in the hallways. In his spare time, Joe has become quite the thespian, appearing in eight productions over the last two years. This past spring, he appeared as Cord, the Federal Marshall, in *Oklahoma*, and also appeared at Senator Fipp in *Urinetown*. Susan Liguori followed up her Master of Divinity degree from Yale Divinity School with four clinical pastoral education internships and is now working as a chaplain serving residents of skilled nursing facilities in Greenwich, CT.

**Joel Benjamin** (kazjoel@yahoo.com) has been living and working in Kazakhstan for most of the last 15 years. Based in Almaty, Joel is a partner in the London-based international law firm Denton Wilde Sapte, and heads the firm's Central Asia banking, finance, and capital markets practice. Last year Joel was married to Ekaterina Kordova, a managing director of a Kazakhstan bank.

They have a 3-year-old daughter Dasha, and their son Aaron Constantine was born in March. **Nuriel Lapidot** (nlapidot@nextwave.com) has been living in San Diego for 12 years and is a program manager at NextWave, a WiMax chipset developer. His wife **Dianne (Van Schaick)** volunteers at their children's school and their synagogue. Their oldest children are out of the nest and the youngest is class president of her high school class and plays soccer when she's not "squeezing the cats" or baking cookies. Living in San Diego, Nuriel apparently gets a few visitors, including **Bob Scharf**, who travels extensively for his optical fiber connector company, and **John Bennett**.

**Ross Lanzafame**, MPS '79 (rosslanzafame@netscape.net) was named National Volunteer of the Week by the American Lung Association in April. Ross chairs the American Lung Association of New York State, as well as serving as a member of the national board of directors for the American Lung Association. In addition, he chairs the Health Law Section of the New York State Bar. Ross lives in Rochester, NY, where he is a partner in the law firm of Harter, Secret & Emery LLP; he practices health care law, representing hospitals and nursing homes in regulatory, corporate, and reimbursement matters. And an accomplishment to which we all aspire: retirement. **Jeff Brown** (jeffrey203@charter.net) writes that he retired at age 52 from GE after 31 years. He's thinking about opportunities for the next chapter of his life, and is considering consulting with businesses to help them save money and become more efficient through the use of Six Sigma and lean methodologies.

Thanks to everyone for their news. Your class correspondents would love to hear from the rest of you, too. Send news directly to one of us at the e-mail addresses below, return a News Form, or use the Class of '77 website, <http://classof77.alumni.cornell.edu/>. **Annette Mulee**, Annette@mulee.com; **Howie Eisen**, heisen@drexelmed.edu; **Mark Petracca**, mppetrac@orion.oac.uci.edu.

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**79** Mark your calendars: our 30th Reunion will take place June 4-7, 2009! Reunion co-chairs **Larry Stone** and **Steve Magacs** are leading the effort to create a great weekend for us all to enjoy. If you are interested in volunteering with the planning of reunion activities or helping during Reunion Weekend itself, please let Larry and Steve know by contacting them at lds11@cornell.edu and smagacs@lightlink.com, respectively.

Current reunion volunteers and the jobs they have taken on include: **Mike Curran**: Reunion Treasurer; **Lisa Barsanti Hoyt**: Meal Host (a total of eight meal hosts/captains are needed); **Elina Hum Pratt**: Door Prizes/Corporate Donations; **Dan Mansoor**, MBA '80: Souvenirs; **Jordan Schell-Lambert**: Registration and Website; and **Jeff Weiss**: Class Forum. Many more tasks need to be completed; please consider getting involved.

Be on the lookout for the "Freshman Dorm Puzzle" located on our Class of '79 website this fall (<http://classof79.alumni.cornell.edu>). What is the Freshman Dorm Puzzle? It's a chance for you to reassemble freshman dorm rosters and hopefully reconnect with old friends. Cornell

maintains a database of club, sport, and Greek membership, but not dorm associations. The goal is for the game to spur communications with acquaintances from freshman year dorms and aid in getting ready for Reunion '09.

**Sue Zellner** Dunietz is a full-time homemaker with a 9-1/2-year-old at home who has special needs and requires a lot of time and attention. Sue enjoys scrapbooking in her spare time and volunteering with her daughter's PTO. She would enjoy hearing from **Howie** and **Elaine Steinmetz Feldman '80**. **Terri Grodner** worked for the Harvard School of Public Health for 18 years. For nearly the past two years, she has been the director of the Diabetes Prevention and Control Program at the Massachusetts Dept. of Public Health and she is enjoying the challenges presented by her new position.

While college shopping through the Midwest, **Tom Van Leeuwen**, wife Sally, and daughter Carrie were able to get together for dinner with **Chris Mailing '78**, his wife **Arlene Brimer '76**, and their daughter Hope. Chris owns Turin Bicycle in Evanston, IL, and has grown the business into one of the top 100 bicycle retailers in the country. Later on the same trip, the Van Leeuwens dined with **Geoff Smith**, wife Robin, and daughter Delaney. Geoff, retired from P&G in Cincinnati, OH, now consults with professional and collegiate sports teams.

**Becky Smith** Coggins is an associate professor of surgery/emergency medicine and associate dean for medical student life advising in the School of Medicine at Stanford U. Becky and her husband have three sons. **Tom Furlong** and wife Becky are living in Tokyo and invite Class of

'79ers who visit the city to stop by for a visit. They are there for a couple of years while Becky works on an IBM assignment. Tom is a senior consultant for Ingenium Group (a recruiting firm) and has been spending free time trying to learn to speak Japanese and to master Japanese cooking. He has also been touring around the Far East and putting his photography skills to use.

**Mona Mahlab** Longman lives in Westchester, where she and husband Tom are raising three children: Adam, a freshman at Washington U. in St. Louis; Ben, a high school sophomore who enjoys computers; and Emily, an 8th grader who is getting ready for her bat mitzvah this fall. Mona has begun to trade stocks and options again after taking a break to raise her children. **Chris** and **Amy Schapiro Cochran '81** live in upstate New York on a 102-acre farm near Saratoga Springs. Sons **Andrew '09** and **Keith '07** are Cornellians, and daughter Sarah, 14, is in high school.

Please remember to send us your news at [Classof79@cornell.edu](mailto:Classof79@cornell.edu). You can also write to us directly: [Cindy Ahlgren](mailto:Cindy.Ahlgren@hotmail.com) Shea, [cynthiashea@hotmail.com](mailto:cynthiashea@hotmail.com); **Kathy Zappia** Gould, [rdgould@sus.com.net](mailto:rdgould@sus.com.net); and **Cindy Willams**, [cew32@cornell.edu](mailto:cew32@cornell.edu).

**80** As we members of the Class of '80 face our 50s, I am reminded of the thoughts of the philosopher Carl Jung, who wrote, "In the second half of life the necessity is imposed of recognizing no longer the validity of our former ideals but of their contraries. Of perceiving the error in what was previously our conviction, of sensing the untruth in what was our truth, and of weighing the degree of opposition, and even of hostility, in what we took to be love." (Jung certainly would have knowingly nodded throughout most of the Seinfeld episode called "The Opposite".)

After brooding about this for a while I intended to write a stern rebuke of this Jungian philosophy about aging, until I realized that I would be playing right into his hands. I do remember supporting Jung's ideas as a student, but if he is right about us 50-year-olds, should we not believe that he is now wrong and therefore right all along? Say what you will, Carl, but the one truth that shall remain unaltered as I hit 50 is my lousy grade in Introduction to Philosophy.

Jung's downer notwithstanding, our classmates are heading into their sixth decade full speed ahead in family, careers, and activities. **John Prokos** skis, hikes, bikes, kayaks, and rides his motorcycle when not designing new academic buildings across the country. He is an architect and principal with the Gund Partnership in Cambridge, MA. John's wife is **Kim Tracy-Prokos '78**. **Victoria Conn** Halliday is a landscape architect, although she studied art and art history at Cornell. She earned an MLA at the U. of Virginia and specializes in horse farm design and urban restoration. This focus should not surprise those who knew Victoria as a member of the Big Red polo team. Her last project was the renovation of a historic cigar factory into retail and office suites. She is married with 5-year-old twins Annie and Owen, and frequently returns to Ithaca to get together with fellow equestrians.

Apparently **Bill Sussman** didn't get Jung's memo because he continues to play lightweight football, now with strapping sons Harry and Matt. Bill and his wife **Arlene (Orenstein) '84**, MD '90, just celebrated their 20th anniversary. **Bill Prescott** is still living on the left coast (San Ramon, CA)

with Pam, his wife of 23 years, and two daughters. Ashley is a junior at Pepperdine U. studying communication, and Shannon is starting her sophomore year at UC San Diego.

**Eileen Crowley Fritsch** and husband **Frank '79** call Los Gatos, CA, home, and also have a UC San Diego connection. Daughter Virginia is an alumna and now has her sights set on vet school. Son Frank is starting his junior year and is a cog on USD's nationally ranked volleyball team. According to Eileen, the shortest distance between a non-Ag Cornellian and a cow's udder is not a Straight line. "I remember Ag Days, where you could milk a cow at Willard Straight, and how I really wanted to do it, but the line was always way too long, so maybe you could lobby to have more cows there on future Ag Days." Perhaps a reader with some pull at the Dept. of Animal Science could help Eileen with her request.

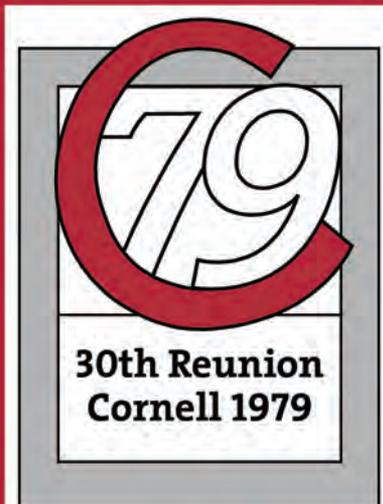
Those of you who enjoy a Florida grapefruit before heading off to work probably have **Tom Stopyra** to thank. He is technical crop advisor for the Packers of Indian River in Ft. Pierce, FL. The company owns a packing house and 4,000 acres of citrus groves, and ships 1 million cartons of the juicy gems each year. **Elyse Tepper Nathanson** has reconnected to Cornell through son **Brian '12**. After a long absence she marveled at the transformation of her former stomping ground, West Campus. One of the things that attracted Brian to Cornell was the idea of all-freshman housing on North Campus. Elyse is married to **Andrew Nathanson '79**.

Note to Carl Jung: you Kant stop **Vanita Taylor** (philosophers hate references to the competition). She and **Cheryl Smith** both work for the Maryland Office of the Public Defender's Children in Need of Assistance Division. "I celebrated my 50th in March, and Cheryl and I had dinner with several co-workers and friends to mark the occasion. At dinner we reminisced about our Quill and Dagger induction, and the drama surrounding the ceremony. My daughter Aleta, born in Ithaca during my junior year, is now 29."

**Betsy Murphy** Erickson had dinner for 50 for her 50th. The guest list included **Mary McDonald '79**, **Steve Magacs '79**, **Alison Plotsky Brown '78**, **Steve** and **Jane Albert Hubbard '81**, **Heather Robbins '83**, and **Gene '82** and **Margaret Thomas Stromecki '86**. Betsy is an appellate attorney with the US Dept. of Justice, Tax Division, in Vienna, VA. She has three children, Alex, 16, Theo, 13, and Lydia, 10, and is a member of Venus D Minor, an eight-voice women's cappella singing group (do you think they would take a request for "Forever Jung"?).

A Big Red Riddle: What do **Robert Holzer's** company and the Big Red Band tuba section of the late '70s have in common? Here's a big hint: Robert is president of Chick Master Incubator Co. of Cleveland. Robert's company makes poultry incubators and produces vaccine for sale worldwide. He visited the campus last spring and was reminded what a great life it was as a student on the Hill. Many of us owe thanks to him for some of our best Cornell memories, as Robert spent two years as show selection chairman at the Cornell Concert Commission. He is a skier, and has run into **Bob Zuch '77**, ME '80, and **Dan Miron '79** on the slopes (figuratively).

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know the feeling. **Joan Antonik** was part of **Glenn Altschuler, PhD '76's** team at Florida Baseball; **Barbara Omara Hinsley, Maura Kates-Rutkin, DVM '83,** and their respective families traveled to the Galapagos Islands; **Mark Gudesblatt, MD '80,** wife **Sharon Inkeles '79, MD '83,** and family took the Serengeti Family Safari to Tanzania; and **Scott Picon** took the aforementioned cruise to Japan, China, and Vietnam. Check out <http://www.sce.cornell.edu/cau/> for more program info.

"We are at the stage of life when we are launching our children on their way and starting to take care of our parents," writes **Sam Wennberg.** Sam's oldest daughter earned her degree from Boston U. this year, and the youngest (of three) is out of high school. "I'm not quite ready to respond to the AARP mailing, however." Sam, you might want to note another upcoming milestone, our 30th Reunion, set for June 2010.

Forget about that sourpuss Jung. From your notes it appears that the Class of '80 can (with apologies to the American philosopher Jack Nicholson) handle the truth. We love to hear from you, and there are many ways for you to pass your news along: 1) Fill out and return the News Form included with your class dues renewal mailing; 2) follow the link on our class website, <http://classof80.alumni.cornell.edu/> (please note: no www), click on the Class of 1980 Dues link in the left hand column, and look for "Send Class Notes"; or 3) reply to the e-mail blast that might make its way to your inbox from one of our proactive class correspondents. ■ **Dana Jerrard,** [dej24@cornell.edu](mailto:dej24@cornell.edu); **Tim O'Connor,** [two2@cornell.edu](mailto:two2@cornell.edu); **Cynthia Addonizio-Bianco,** [caa28@cornell.edu](mailto:caa28@cornell.edu); **Leona Barsky,** [leonabarsky@aol.com](mailto:leonabarsky@aol.com); **Dik Saalfeld,** [frs25@cornell.edu](mailto:frs25@cornell.edu).

**81** Thank goodness for Kathy's last plea for news: it worked! As our class rolls into its 50s, let us know about notable celebrations or your new goals for "the second half." This past April, I had the pleasure of being there to celebrate **Brent Welling,** MBA '85's birthday along with his wife Shereen and **Theresa Kronik Wrobel** at the Wrobels' vacation home in Park City, UT. We enjoyed good food, excellent spring skiing, and great company and proved we can do anything we set our minds to, except walking down stairs without pain after several days of skiing! The mind was willing, but the body . . . well, you know. Brent works as VP of finance at Rex & Co. He and Shereen (UC Davis '89) have been married for 14 years and live in Lafayette, CA, with their Lab/Australian shepherd mix, Solo. Shereen is a vet nurse for San Francisco Vet Specialists. Not with us was **Jim Hahn** of Phoenix, AZ, who had to bail out after being called to Melbourne, Australia, by his employer, Tauck Tours, for whom he has worked for the past 15 years. He was there in spirit and also by text message. Also absent was **Lisa Kremer Ullmann,** due coincidentally to the 50th birthday celebration for husband **Mike '80.** The Ullmanns' son **Matt** has joined the Class of 2012 in the College of Arts and Sciences. Their daughter Emily, grade 11, helped celebrate the bat mitzvah of her sister Lauren, grade 8, this past spring. Classmate **Monique Van Perlstein** was also in attendance at the occasion.

**Barbara Reale,** a midwife in central New Jersey, is heading to Trinidad for four months with her husband, daughter, 16, and twin boys, 14, to set up a midwifery clinic. In Short Hills, NJ, **Michael,** BArch '82, and **Jennifer Rosenberg**

**Markovitz,** BFA '81, moved into a new home designed by Michael, a self-employed real estate developer. Michael, son Max, 13, and daughter Lauren, 16, make welded metal sculptures in their home studio. Jennifer is completing her master's in museum studies at Seton Hall U. Meanwhile, in Andover, MA, **Willard Perkins** is building a new business called Feast Café and Provisions ([www.feastcafe.com](http://www.feastcafe.com)), which is a combination Panera/Starbucks Café and small gourmet market. He is a registered professional engineer and construction supervisor who builds medium-sized commercial and residential developments. His first Feast Café will open in September.

**Ellen Ruck** wrote in from Chester, NJ, where she is an antiques dealer for Colony Farm Antiques and married to **Frederick Perry '79, MBA '80.** In her spare time, Ellen deals in luxury cars for Concours d'Elegance, collects Mercedes Benz automobiles and memorabilia, models, and sells Lady Ellen's historical fashions to American Heritage museums. She also lectures. She was delighted to reconnect with former roommate **Gail Yager.** **Dave Wooldridge** wrote from Annapolis, MD, where he is an airline captain with Delta. He is also a yacht broker with American Global Yacht Group. Dave enjoys sailing and fishing with his two sons, ages 8 and 11.

**Rich Oldrieve** lives in Westlake, OH, and also has a duplex a couple of hours west of Toledo. Having obtained his MEd and doctorate in special ed at UNC, Rich's goal was not just to prevent students from falling behind academically, but to figure out how at-risk students can maximize their gifts and move on to college. He is currently teaching reading assessments at Bowling Green State U. "After seven years as a stay-at-home mom," wrote **Christine Ritenis,** "I was accepted into the Sarah Lawrence MFA program in creative nonfiction writing. She said that she was "thrilled and terrified" to become a full-time student again. During her open time, she trains for marathons in Suffern, NY, and volunteers at school and in the community.

Last March, **Chuck Manning** decided at the last minute to attend the Cornell-Harvard hockey game with his daughter Carolina. He reports, "After an afternoon at the Statler and marveling at the stunning views, we walked through a perfect-for-the-occasion blustery snow squall to Lynah. We worked our way through the first security check and were surprised at the quality of our seats, which were in the second row directly across from the student section. At the end of warm-ups, the Harvard captain flipped a puck over the glass to me and gestured for it to be handed off to a girl with the family behind me. The atmosphere at the start was electric, and as the fish rained down and the students erupted in incredibly creative, enthusiastic, and synchronized waves of cheer after cheer, through thick and through thin, the years peeled away for me. We yelled until we were hoarse and loved the senior salute after the game. Cornell lost the game, but never has an outcome been more irrelevant." Chuck lives in Wynnewood, PA.

**Erik Engberg** was reminiscing about the college experience with his son Jaryd, 18, who applied to schools this past spring. He said they also enjoyed staying at the Statler in the process. His daughter Larsen is "14 going on 18," and, reportedly, when she isn't texting her friends she excels in the classroom and in the swimming pool. Erik continues to work as the executive director for the Pittsburgh Care Enhancement Center of Healthways, a company that provides healthcare support worldwide. He has enjoyed living in Pittsburgh with his

wife and kids and has undergone dual hip replacement. Snow and ice of the season make ambulating difficult, so a move south to North Carolina or Tennessee might be in their future. He would love to hear from classmates at [eengberg@zoominternet.net](mailto:eengberg@zoominternet.net).

**Scott '79** and **Leslie Rosenthal Jacobs** still live in New Orleans and have rebounded from Katrina. Their oldest, **Lauren '05,** returned to New Orleans to help with the rebuilding. Younger daughter Michelle, a senior at Penn, studied in London this past semester. The Jacobses had dinner this past fall in New Orleans with Prof. **James Maas, PhD '66,** who is still teaching Psych 101 and enjoying Bailey Hall post-renovation. **Nancy McGuinness** Albanese wrote from London, where she has been living since 1992. She initially went overseas to take a job with Morgan Stanley, met her Italian husband, and has been there ever since. She retired shortly before their third child was born. Her kids are now 13, 11, and 8. Since retiring she has taught parenting skills to an "eclectic bunch" of parents who live in West London. Their family travels a lot between the UK and Italy, as well as the US during the summer. She would be happy to hear from old Cornell friends and learn of their stories at [albaguinness@aol.com](mailto:albaguinness@aol.com).

**Joshua Fried** sent in an announcement from NYC, where he performs regularly as Radio Wonderland, the media-mashing/multi-metric/high concept one-man dance band. To learn more, go to <http://radiowonderland.org>. **David Barringer** is one of the owners of Naked Winery and a full-time ski instructor at Mt. Hood Meadows in Oregon. He writes, "After my BSEE at Cornell and heading to Silicon Valley with Intel, I never thought I would be here! What a long strange trip it's been . . . Didn't the Grateful Dead say that?" On that note, please remember our class website, <http://classof81.alumni.cornell.edu>, and let us know what's happening. ■ **Jennifer Read** Campbell, [ronjencam@aol.com](mailto:ronjencam@aol.com); **Kathy Philbin** LaShoto, [lashoto@rcn.com](mailto:lashoto@rcn.com); and **Betsy Silverfine,** [bsilverfine@comcast.net](mailto:bsilverfine@comcast.net).

**82** For some of us, retirement is no longer an abstract concept. **Rebecca Hamilton** (spouse: **Allan King, PhD '72**) of Dallas, TX, reports, "Retired." She spends her time reading, traveling, writing, and "trying to learn more about history." Her daughter is majoring in archeology at Stanford U. Rebecca fondly remembers the idyllic, lush, warm Ithaca summers and would love to hear from **Anne Marie Mizel.** "Nothing" is the job reported by **Patricia Donnelly Boyers** of High Point, NC, who is "enjoying 'easy time'" with her four boys (10, 11, 14, and 16), including coaching 5th/6th grade basketball. She apparently leads by example because she says, "I forgot how long that court was and how difficult 'suicides' were. But we all got in shape fast." She would like to hear from **Hilary Mason** King and **Stephanie Steinberg** Sobel. Retired from the Air Force after 26 years is **Mark Strickland,** who lives in Columbia, MD, with wife Kimberly. Mark has left his job as Deputy Division Chief, Appellate Defense Division, JAG Corps, to begin a position as a legal writing instructor at Howard U. Law School. Mark is also second counselor in the Stake Presidency of the Columbia Stake of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. From his Cornell years he has fond memories of Delta Chi fraternity and walking around the Arboretum, Orchards, and Plantations areas. **John McGrath,** if you are reading this, give Mark a shout.

On the other hand, class council member **Lori Friedman** Robinson has tried retirement and reports, "After happily spending ten-plus years in professional retirement, and after sending my oldest son to college at the U. of Michigan in 2007, I have recently reentered the work force as the executive director of a nonprofit charity called the Hoop-A-Paluzza Foundation. I have the opportunity to work from home so I am able to schedule my days to suit my lifestyle. I feel lucky to have found a position that combines my business skills (which were getting a bit rusty) with my philanthropic interests. I still regularly see **Emily Oshin Turell**, **Alisa Kishinsky Hare**, and **Amy Brown Giles**, and talk to **Suzanne Brenner Sanborn**."

Also in law is **Ruth Logan**, of Dallas, TX, who is an associate municipal judge for Dallas and staffs her own law office when not doing volunteer work at her daughter's school and in the community. She would love to hear from **Dianne Renwick**, who according to our database is also a judge, with the New York State Supreme Court in Bronx County. Attorney **Kristan Peters-Hamlin** is managing partner of Peters Hamlin LLC, "a law firm and litigation boutique I founded in 2007." She just finished designing and overseeing the construction of her new house in Westport, CT, and it appeared in *Westport Magazine* as a featured home. There she, husband Geoffrey Hamlin, and children Brittany, 14, Christopher, 14, and Kenton, 13, hosted a fundraiser in March for presidential candidate Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton at which Clinton, CT, Attorney General Richard Blumenthal, and actor/comedian Chevy Chase were present. Says Kristan, "I am in the process of establishing a charitable foundation, the Int'l Bridges Between Women, to promote legal and civil rights for women in the Middle East. The goal is to help address the world's largest civil rights problem today—the lack of civil rights for women in traditional Islamic countries—as well as to work toward a means of increasing moderation in the Middle East by increasing the moderating presence of women in the Middle East. I have been discussing my efforts and goals on this issue with Senator Clinton and her former chief of staff, Melanne Vermeer. I attended the Int'l Bar Association meeting in London and met with Cherie Blair (wife of Tony) and with the president of the IBA, Fernando Pombo, both of whom were supportive of the concept and goals."

As usual, a few doctors checked in. **Jona Diana Weiss** is practicing pediatrics and adolescent medicine in NYC. **Stephen Kagan** is married to Caryn Lobel, MD, and lives in Atlanta, GA, where he has retired from a clinical infectious disease practice and has joined Pfizer as regional medical and research specialist in the HIV division. He is on the board of the professional musical theater group the Atlanta Lyric Theatre, says he is getting in better shape, and would rather be hanging out with Dr. **Adam Shapiro**, who lives in St. Thomas, Virgin Islands. Stephen fondly remembers "THE SHIRE!" and says, "We should have a Thire reunion."

Our class is also involved in the world of finance. **Michael Lucas** and wife Deirdre live in Chicago, IL. Michael is managing director of business development with Leading Edge Investment Advisors LLC, and also spends time investing in business startups and "distressed" real estate opportunities. From Cornell, he remembers fondly "helping to revitalize a slumbering basketball program [Mike was captain our senior year] and making some lifelong friends." Mike would love to hear from **Laura Jean Mallon McCarthy**. **David**

**Carey** and wife Linda live in Cold Spring Harbor, NY, where David is a trustee of the library. David is associate director of case administration for FINRA's dispute resolution forum in NYC. The Financial Industry Regulatory Authority is the largest nongovernmental regulator for all securities firms doing business in the US. According to the Web, "Every day FINRA protects investors by working to keep the capital markets fair." David would like to hear from "Chi Phi brothers from the classes of 1979 to 1984."

I also heard from classmates in various other diverse and interesting lines of work. **Joan Aguardo** and husband Alan Shapiro live in Pasadena, CA, where she is film commissioner for the City of South Pasadena and mother of two middle school-aged boys. Joan says she spends all of her free time attending dog shows with her three bulldogs. **Patti Morrissey** lives in Potomac Falls, VA, and does contract work in the Pentagon analyzing counterterrorism and warning issues for the Undersecretary of Defense for Intelligence. She has been active in politics, playing and coaching soccer and gymnastics, and being a political pundit for a public-access cable TV show. She is engaged to "a wonderful guy," and under extracurricular activities lists "two teenage daughters—need I say more?" Patti remembers fondly her wonderful Delta Gamma friends and the gymnastics team, and would like to hear from freshman roommate **Theresa Reilley** Heggie.

**Oliver Campbell**, ME '84, works in Round Rock, TX, for Dell Inc. Oliver says, "I lead the Global Packaging Engineering team for Dell. We specify or design all of Dell's packaging, which includes the more artistic XPS and Alienware lines, which is kinda cool! We play a large role in supply chain design. Previous rotations included strategy, logistics, operations, and procurement. Dell has made me well rounded!" Oliver enjoys skiing in New Mexico with wife **Midori (Hiraizumi)**, ME '84, and their three kids, and would like to hear about Africa from **David Takacs**, PhD '94. **Randolph Hunt** of NYC is a Civil Engineer III with the NYS Dept. of Transportation, where he is in charge of the design of \$200 million of highway projects. Randolph is also treasurer of the New York Interagency Engineering Council and vice president of publicity for a Toastmasters club. **Mark E. Fernau**, mef29@cornell.edu; **Douglas Skalka**, dskalka@nplmlaw.com; **Steven Crump**, spc25@cornell.edu.

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**84** I am writing this from Westport, NY, where **Bob Forness '87** and I will deposit our son Brian for his second year at Camp Dudley. We are hoping to see **Kitty Cantwell** and husband **Kevin McCormick '84** tomorrow—their sons have attended Dudley. Kevin was a camper here and is now on the Dudley board. Kitty and her reunion co-chair **Janet Insardi** would surely want me to put in a word about next year's reunion, our 25th! Both Kitty and Janet attended this year's reunion to scope out the available event sites and caterers. If you are available to help out with reunion planning, you can reach Janet at insardij@hotmail.com. You will be receiving more information during the year, but in the meantime, save the date: June 4-7, 2009.

**Sue Morris** Wilkey is a freelance writer based in the Brandywine Valley of Pennsylvania who asks all to visit her blog: happymealsandhappyhour.blogspot.com. "Just another chardonnay-swiggin' beta mom livin' the dream." Of all the jobs her Comm Arts degree prepared her for, Sue enjoys blogging the most. Sue remembers watching the lights of Ithaca from the Straight terrace at night and would like to hear from **Sue Snyder** Dido-minica, **Karyssa Britton** Henderson, **Debbie Gabos** Gatta, **Doug Belden**, **Scott Sidman**, BS Hotel '02, **Tim Donahoe**, **Jenny Pierce** Fusco, **Chris Kassis**, and **Carolyn Young**.

**Ursula Bauer** is the director of the NYS Dept. of Health's Division of Chronic Disease Prevention and Adult Health. The division includes programs addressing tobacco prevention and control, healthy heart and community wellness, cancer screening and cancer services, obesity and diabetes, injury prevention, and other chronic disease prevention programs designed to improve the health of New Yorkers. Ursula completed her master's and doctorate at Rutgers, Columbia, and Yale. She lives in Delmar, NY, with her husband and two daughters. **Mike Cahill**, a fellow Hotelie, is continuing to grow and expand HREC, a hotel/casino advisory firm. HREC is now the proud home to many Cornellians including **Rick George '86**, **Rich Musgrove**, **Pat Culligan '79**, **Ron Muzii '83**, **Jill Oset** Cahill, **MPS '86**, **Andy Broad '95**, **Bryan Esposito '01**, and **Chris Eckstein '06**.

**Ted Jonas** is the managing partner of the Tbilisi, Republic of Georgia, office of the international law firm DLA Piper. Ted's work also includes real estate, capital market, and corporate M&A deals. Ted and wife Nino Tsisleanidre have a 3-year-old son Alexander, and Ted also cherishes time riding his horse Devi. **Hope Kuniholm** lives in DeWitt, NY, with husband Peter Verheyen. She teaches toddlers at Syracuse U.'s Early Education and Childcare Center. Hope and Peter are working to increase their self-sustainability by removing their lawn and growing native plants and adding to their vegetable garden. They also enjoy building European train modular layouts (Z gauge and N gauge). Hope loves walking her dog and recalls fondly walking into Sage Chapel for the Christmas concert as a member of the choir, carrying a lit candle in the darkness and trying not to drip hot wax on her robe. **Sharon Lindan** Mayl is a senior policy advisor for the US Food and Drug Administration. Outside of work, Sharon is married to Eric and spends a lot of time "following the kids around."

**R.P. Scelzo** (RP.Scelzo@usfood.com) and wife Tracy live in Wallingford, CT, with their two teenage boys. R.P. is a sales rep for US Foodservice and enjoys "cruising in his classic 1968 Olds 442 convertible." R.P.'s fondest Cornell memories: relationships developed and "my youth." He also remembers what a beautiful day we had for graduation. R.P. would like to hear from **Cliff Barker**. **Diane Matyas**, MFA '89, is the director of exhibitions and programs at the Staten Island Museum, the only remaining multi-disciplinary museum (art-science-history) in New York City. Diane spoke in July at the Guild of Natural Science Illustrators conference in Ithaca. Her parents still live above Cayuga Lake, so that's a nice coincidence too. Diane and husband Ben have two children, 7 and 12. Her fondest times at Cornell were Sibley Beach Days and dancing at Common Ground.

**Gail Rowe** (gail.rowe@laroche.edu) was promoted to full professor of biology at LaRoche College in Pittsburgh in August 2008. She is also a feline rescue volunteer and practices Tibetan

Buddhism. Gail remembers Cornell for the “rich intellectual environment across campus: scientific, cultural, artistic, and political.” She would like to hear from **David Takacs '82**, PhD '94. **Julie Helitzer** Shubin is an adjunct professor at George Mason U. She also spends time collecting antiques, playing tennis, walking, and in cat rescue. Instead of grading papers and exams, she would love to be relaxing at the beach in Cape May, NJ. Julie has recently seen **Jack '55** and **Genie Alexander Helitzer '57** (her Mom and Dad), and her sister and brother-in-law **Keith '81** and **Marjorie Helitzer Swirsky '81**. She has fond memories of SNOW at Cornell.  **Lindsay Liotta** Forness, fornesszone@aol.com; **Karla Sievers** McManus, Klorax@comcast.net. Class website, <http://classof84.alumni.cornell.edu>.

**85** I have lots of news to share from classmates. Thanks to all who have responded so far to the News and Dues mailing and to our e-mail solicitations. **Kathleen Dillon** Carroll, MBA '86, owner/operator of a strategic marketing and branding consultant business in Ridgewood, NJ, writes that she is raising two boys with husband Randy. She would like to hear from **Steve Nisco '84**. **Michael Geschwind**, clinical neuroscientist/MD at UC San Francisco, is a leading expert on prion diseases and memory. He has been on “Dateline NBC” and in the *New York Times*. Twin brother **Ben Geschwind** is in corporate communications for Accenture and lives in Maplewood, NJ, with wife Ethelyn and son Ayton.

**Alkesh Shah** and wife **Kathy Pierce '86** are enjoying life between their two homes in Chelsea, NY, and Cape Cod. **Heidi Tobler** Sakanaka and husband Hisaji live in Harrison, NY, with their two daughters. Heidi has been busy as stage and soccer mom, and ran into Cornell housemate **Didi Cox** Somerville '84 at the American Girl Place store in NYC. She also works part-time for ANI Marketing Service run by **Aruna Inalsingh '86** and **Liz Wilson** Ruvo '87. Most of the work is done remotely online. They don't actually see one another, but e-mail often.

**Ed Catto**, a 1990 U. of North Carolina Kenan-Flagler Business School MBA grad, works for Chadwick Communications, a Manhattan consulting and ad firm. He was featured in *Business Week* magazine in April. **David Jaroslaw** lives in Brooklyn and works as an attorney in NYC on Avenue of the Americas. He is, of course, a Mets fan and heads to games as often as he can. He is a former Cayuga's Waiter (we all loved those pop-up concerts!) and recently rehearsed with other Waiters alumni **Dean Gowen**, **Paul Jensen**, and **John Roscoe**, MBA '90. David writes he is mending a broken leg. Hope you are back on both feet by the time this is published, David.

I enjoyed hearing from **Coley Bookbinder**. As a fellow Hotelie and resident of U-Hall 1, I remember meeting him freshman year. Coley is in Philadelphia, where he works at Wachovia Securities as first VP, investment officer. He and wife Eileen are raising their children Samuel Coleman (the fifth!) and Grace. Coley lost his dad, **Samuel C. Bookbinder III '57**, back in 2004, and misses him dearly. **Sheri Wilensky** Burke reports that in February she and husband Thomas became the proud parents of baby boy Thomas Liam. Mother and son are reportedly doing fine. Congratulations!

In Massachusetts, **Lisa Cohen** Freedman owns and operates a medical lab and is raising three boys with husband John. They recently bought a

house on Martha's Vineyard. In Brookline, MA, **Teresa Cheng** says she is back in school, getting a master's in public health at Boston U. She is looking to get into academic medicine after practicing for 15 years in primary care. She and husband **Ira Chan '84** enjoy watching their boys, 15 and 11, play soccer. **Alan Glass**, from Newton, MA (ajg38@cornell.edu), sends wonderful news that he and wife Larissa welcomed their second child, Lindsay Nicole, on December 27. Big brother Jeremy, 2-1/2, is enjoying his new role. Alan works at CICOR Int'l as VP and general counsel.

Mexico—he is running for the State Legislature. Which reminds me . . . everyone get out and VOTE this year! **Pamela Bliok** Morris is in Grand Prairie, TX. She and husband Steve enjoy swimming and sailing with their 4-year-old son. Her “day job,” however, keeps her busy as psychologist/director of clinical training at a federal prison. Pam writes that she is always looking for a trip to the Caribbean! **Diana Lands** Nathanson is an interior designer and residential contractor in Beverly Hills, CA. **Allen Sussman** is in Rolling Hills Estates, CA, and recently joined Reed Smith LLP as

‘Of all the jobs her Comm Arts degree prepared her for, Sue Morris Wilkey enjoys blogging the most.’

Lindsay Liotta Forness '84

**Steve Tamasi** wrote from Boston. He graduated from the three-year Owner/President Management program (OPM) from, dare I say it, Harvard Business School in 2008. Congrats, Steve. Hope to hear more soon. **Dino Davis**, Randolph, MA, was recently promoted to VP and product specialist at Rampart Investment Management, a leading investment firm in Boston. Dino had received an MBA in international finance and marketing from Babson College and served seven years as a US Army officer.

Moving south to North Carolina, **Sarah Palmer** is the academically gifted specialist for an elementary school in Raleigh. This includes making sure the children are able to “interact with nature, in order to support their intellectual and emotional development, and to nurture their own Earth awareness and activism.” Sarah would love to hear from **Ilene Friedman** and **Lynn Marshall**. **Ted Alexander** of Shelby, NC, is the southwest regional director of the Preservation of North Carolina Foundation—and the mayor of Shelby! Ted keeps busy making presentations regarding historic tax credits to planners across the Charlotte area. He would like to hear from **Mark Lino**, PhD '87, **James Glass**, PhD '87, and **David Schwartz**.

In Wooster, OH, **Martin Lubell** (MartinLubell@mac.com) has gone back to school for biochemistry and bioinformatics. He had been converting an old warehouse in St. Paul, MN—to what, I do not know—but is now back in Ohio with wife Beth, a professor of German, and sons Julien, 8, and Xavier, 6. They will all be in Vienna, Austria, by print time. Martin was, apparently, traumatized by losing his address book after graduation (23 years ago!) and would like to hear from **Peter Ang '86**.

Further west, **Paul Kohn**, MS '89, is working at a higher ed career at the U. of Tucson. He says that in Arizona, “the sun shines as much as Ithaca has clouds.” He is looking for **Sharon Hay '91**. In Paradise Valley, AZ, **Anne Aberbach** Lee and husband Steve are realtors for Coldwell Banker. They are raising two “awesome kids,” Jordan, 12, and Olivia, 9. Anne would love to put her family in an RV and road trip across America. Sounds like a good way to spend a summer, Anne.

**Julie Jerome** McCallen is a physician in Norwood, CO, specializing in age management medicine. She would love to hear from **Shirley Fox**. **Benjamin Rodefer** is looking for voters in New

partner. He says he'd rather be back at Cornell and fondly remembers springtime on campus.

I plan to enjoy the mountains, lakes, and pollen in Georgia, and hope all of you were able to get outside this summer, too. I've seen many waterfalls that rival the gorges of Ithaca. Send news!  **Joyce Zerkowitz** Cornett, jcornett@actslife.org; **Leslie Nydick**, Lnydick@aol.com.

**86** As I write this column, another school year has ended, and my neighbor's son, who just graduated from the Engineering college, is hosting a weekend party in his backyard for his fellow Cornell graduates, sealing the bonds of friendship created in their four years together before they venture off into the “real world.” I can hear the sounds of music and laughter, bringing back fond memories of the thrill of having just graduated. A few towns away, we attended a summer barbecue at the home of **Bob** and **Lauren Jensen Corning**, also to celebrate Cornell connections and friendships both new and old. After 20 years in finance at the Stop & Shop supermarket chain Lauren is taking time away from the working world to enjoy her children, learn tennis, and visit her dad on Cape Cod.

Shortly after moving into a new home in Belmont, MA, Lauren and Bob realized that their next-door neighbors were Cornellians **Dick '55** and **Elizabeth “Sue” Westin Pew '57**. In fact, Dick was a Sigma Pi fraternity brother of Lauren's dad, **Fred Jensen '54**. This was the impetus to throw a party for any Cornellians they knew in the area, including neighbor **Cara Noferi** and her 13-year-old daughter. Cara has a new job as senior planner at Harvard U.'s Campus Design and Planning office. She is enjoying playing tennis and stays in touch with many friends she made in Delta Gamma sorority. Also in attendance was **Arlyn Diaz Vogelmann** with husband **Stefan '85**, BArch '88. They live in Hingham, MA, with their two children, and both practice architecture with Boston firms. **Mike Bassett '87** was also there with wife Sara McCormick.

Other Cornellians who continue to connect are **Steve Kirson**, **Frank Goldman '87**, JD '94, and **Robert Mandelbaum '81**. They get together at a local Atlanta sports bar to watch football, basketball, hockey, and lacrosse games. Steve practices domestic relations law, has been married for

16 years, has a 12-year-old son, and recently adopted two adult Labs from the Atlanta Lab Rescue. He and his family enjoy taking cruises and vacationing on the Florida Panhandle. They're looking forward to son Harris's bar mitzvah next spring. **Amy Kates**, MRP '87, reports that she recently saw **Alissa Stern** and family in Bethesda, MD. Amy has published her second book, *Designing Your Organization*. She and her husband live in New York City with their two sons, and enjoy getting away to their vacation home in Hemlock Farms, PA, when not traveling for work.

Some alumni stayed connected to Cornell this year by taking part in Cornell's Adult University. In December, **Jill Snyder** Burger and family went on the Galapagos Islands Family Cruise, while **Poon-Ming Wong**, MBA '89, and wife **Mei Sei Fong '88** and family went on the Tanzania Serengeti Safari. Sounds like fun!

We received updates from three classmates who are doctors balancing work and parenting. **Gloria Escamilla** is building her ob/gyn practice in St. James, NY, where she lives with husband Joseph Lomonaco and their three children. In her free time, Gloria enjoys traveling and photography. She would love to hear from **Jackie Tobin '85**. **Michele Fagnan Boretti** is also in upstate New York, living in Scotia with husband Guy. Michele recently returned to work as a school psychologist for the Shenandoah Central School District after a 19-month maternity leave. When not working, Michele participates in her parish choir as well as the New York Catholic Chorale. Her fondest Cornell memories are of her sorority sisters, and she would love to hear from **Daisy Stannard** Cameron '85.

**Elizabeth Gutrecht** Lyster just opened her own office space in Laguna Beach, CA, specializing in menopause and hormone consulting, as well as a weight loss program. She has two boys, ages 7 and 10. Lastly, we heard from **John Kuniskis**, who is a general manager and partner in a Mitsubishi dealership in Rome, GA. In his free time he enjoys bass fishing, golf, and skeet shooting. John's favorite Cornell memories are PMPs from the Hot Truck, frat parties, and the snow on Libe Slope.

Before signing off, we want to let you know that the *Cornell Alumni Magazine* website ([cornellalumnimagazine.com](http://cornellalumnimagazine.com)) has been improved and expanded. One of the changes includes restricting access to Class Notes, as well as other features and benefits, to subscribers only. The goal is to protect the privacy of alumni, as well as to encourage more alumni to pay class dues. Be sure to check out the new website and pay your class dues so you can continue to have full website access and receive the magazine!

Please keep your news coming in. There are many of you we haven't heard from and this column is only as interesting as the news we receive! **Susan Seligsohn** Howell, [susancornell86@comcast.net](mailto:susancornell86@comcast.net); and **Laura Nieboer** Hine, [lauracornell86@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lauracornell86@sbcglobal.net).

**87** Hello everyone! By now the kids are back in school and hopefully all of you had a wonderful summer. Lots of you wrote with your news. Keep it coming! **Julie Andrews** Amadon ([coachmanmotel@bresnan.net](mailto:coachmanmotel@bresnan.net)) checked in from Thermopolis, WY, where she owns and operates a motel with her husband Jim. She reports that it is a 24-hour-a-day/seven-day-a-week job, not leaving her much free time, although she manages to run between five and eight miles a couple of times a week.

She's hoping to sell the business in order to return to Woonsocket, SD, where they own "a little house on the prairie." Good luck! Julie would love to hear from **Nancy Bloodsworth** Zelinsky. **Daniel Alonso** writes that he is a partner at the law firm of Kaye Scholer LLP. "Before his downfall, Governor Elliott Spitzer appointed me to a seat on the NYS Commission on Public Integrity." Dan mentions that he would rather spend his time playing with his boys Danny, 4, and Teddy, 2. Dan wants to reconnect with **Tom Tseng**, MCE '94.

From Lihu'e, HI, we received news of **Rob Goldberg**. A practicing attorney, Rob is the self-described father of "four little princesses." He reports that **Karlie Taneza Goldberg** arrived on March 12, 2008, joining older sisters Julie, 7, Mollie, 5, and Leilani, 3. **Doug Kurth**, BArch '88 ([cdkurth@aol.com](mailto:cdkurth@aol.com)) also hails from Hawaii—Mililani to be exact. Doug is an architect at Naval Facilities Engineering Command Pacific in Pearl Harbor, and is father to 7-year-old twin daughters. A Navy Reservist, Doug reports that he just got orders to report to Iraq with the First Naval Construction Regiment. Doug reminisced about getting free coffee at midnight at the Green Dragon with his friend **James Ahn '88** before heading back to Rand Hall, and mentions that he would love to hear from his old North Campus suite-mates **Dave Dunning**, **Chris Green '88**, and **Dave Virtue '88**, BArch '89. Doug, I'm sure I speak for the rest of our classmates when I say that you will be in our thoughts in the months to come. Stay safe.

**Tom Riford** writes that he is the president and CEO of the Hagerstown-Washington County Convention and Visitors Bureau. He works part-time at local radio station WJEE as a news reporter, as he has done since attending Cornell, and as a part-time ski instructor at the Whitetail Ski Resort in Mercersburg, PA. This is not much different than while Tom was here at Cornell, working at Greek Peak and the local radio station. During his free time he is father to three kids, ages 16, 14, and 12. He and his son, the youngest, plan to travel about Europe this summer. Tom notes that despite serving on more than 40 (yes, 40!) boards, committees, task forces, and organizations, he'd much rather spend his time visiting his father, former NYS Senator Steve Riford, in Maui.

**Jennifer Block** Sheffield lives in Manhattan and is a managing director and head of the Transaction Advisory Group, Citigroup Global Markets. Fellow New Yorker **Michael DeLucia** works as account director for all the media planning and buying for the US TV networks of Discovery Communications at its media agency of record, PHD. **William FitzHugh** checked in by e-mail ([wfitzhugh@5amsolutions.com](mailto:wfitzhugh@5amsolutions.com)) to let us know that he just started a new job at 5AM Solutions, a company devoted to software solutions in the life sciences. "We have extensive expertise in developed Web-based solutions to support research and development by biotechnology firms and government and academic researchers. My expertise is in bioinformatics and biostatistics." William also reports that he enjoys fishing, playing the guitar, and making computer-generated art. The person he would like to hear from most is **Joe Lin**.

From Belgium we received news of **Joanne Friedman** McKinney. Joanne works as a strategic planning/youth marketing consultant and has been living the expat life in Belgium with her family for three years, going on a fourth. She mentions that she enjoyed meeting up with Cornell friends **Dianne Button** Moriarty and **Randi Karman** Guttenberg and their families in London over

Christmas. Joanne also leads a not-for-profit photographic project in Rwanda, which you can view at [www.rwandaproject.org](http://www.rwandaproject.org).

**Joseph Englander** recently joined Florida-based Shutts & Bowen LLP as a partner in the intellectual property practice group. He specializes in intellectual property law, with an emphasis on patents, trademarks, and copyrights. **Matthew Nagler** is currently assistant professor of economics at Lehman College, but has accepted a position as associate professor of economics at City College of New York, his dad's alma mater. He will start there this fall. When he's not teaching, Matthew enjoys attending his son Joshua's many sporting events and practices. He has recently been in contact with classmate **Perry Molinoff**, with whom he has been brainstorming business ideas. Matthew is also in touch with classmate **Brian Giesler**; they frequently discuss their respective academic research projects. Lastly, Matthew notes that he has been back to Cornell three times in the past five years. "It has been an opportunity for me to discover Ithaca, beyond the confines of campus—something I never really did as a student."

Some of our classmates are in the midst of career changes. **Doug Rademacher** checks in from Providence College in Rhode Island, where he has gone back to school to train as a high school math teacher. Previously, Doug was the chief information officer at APC. He comments, "Starting a new career is challenging and fun and humbling." From **Denise Aranoff-Brown**: "After taking a very generous package from my previous job in December 2006, I took pretty much the entire of 2007 to figure out what I wanted to be when I grew up. After 16-plus years in financial marketing, I decided to find a way to use my skills for good, not evil." Denise is now senior director of marketing for the National Aquarium in Baltimore, MD. Interestingly enough, Denise mentioned that classmate **Candace Breland** Osunsade has also recently joined the aquarium as the new head of HR. Denise finished up her note by commenting that she is loving her new job, and would love to hear from Cornell friend **Lorraine Arbour '86**.

Have you signed up for your Cornell NetID yet? **Heidi Heasley** Ford, [hhf6@cornell.edu](mailto:hhf6@cornell.edu); and **Brenna Frazer** McGowan, [bfn26@cornell.edu](mailto:bfn26@cornell.edu).

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**89** I'm writing this as the kids are getting ready to end their year of school; however, by the time this is printed they'll be starting a new year again. Before we get into the news for this edition, let's take a minute to reminisce and remember the days of returning to campus and starting a new course load, living in a new place, meeting new friends, etc. Boy, those were the days!

We're all busy in our lives today, and we have a lot of fun and exciting things happening with our classmates. **Kristen McNair** got married to Christopher Hopper on Dec. 29, 2007 in her parents' hometown of Ogden, UT. The Hoppers live in Boise, ID, where Kristen is a European automotive customer marketing manager at Analog Devices' Micromachined Products Division. **Robert Kim** wrote to tell us he is a management

consultant for SM&A and spends his free time playing with his young son.

**Tami Seaman** is a family physician in Latham, NY. She and husband Mark Fountain enjoy spending time with their family. **Katherine McGee** lives in San Francisco with her husband Joe and children Charlie, 6, and Nicole, 3. She is a senior VP at Wells Fargo, Internet Services. **Anthony Dinkins** is a VP of human resources at Citrix Systems. He lives in Miramar, FL, with his wife Christina and his three children, Dante, 4, and twins Kaya and Maya, 2. Anthony writes that he is involved on the board of directors for Inroads Florida and Junior Achievement of Broward County.

Another Floridian, **Kevin Cook**, wrote to tell us he and wife **Lisa (Piccinino) '82** may be the only two married Cornellians who are vegetable breeders in private industry. Kevin is a pepper breeder and Lisa is a tomato breeder. They live in Naples, FL, and enjoy taking walks on the beach, gardening, and spending time with family. The Cooks recently bought a summer home in Maine, "so when we retire we can winter in Naples and summer in New Harbor, ME." Wow, preparing for retirement already! Another classmate who recently relocated to St. Petersburg, FL, is **Alison Roberto Santo**, who is corporate counsel at Avantair Inc. She and husband Steven enjoy raising their daughter Marielle, 6. **Kristina Schneider Holman** is a per diem social worker at a local hospital near her home in Summit, NJ. She is also a full-time mother of 5- and 7-year-old boys. Kristina and husband Paul enjoy biking and hiking with their kids. Kristina spends quiet time knitting, plus they recently renovated their 1930s house, doing much of it themselves.

**Carol Borack** Copenhaver is practicing medicine in Allentown, PA. She and husband Chris adopted a baby girl, Addison, born May 22, 2007, from Korea. Addison arrived in the US on Jan. 23, 2008 and joined sister Bryn, 7, and brother Ryan, 3. Carol celebrated turning 40 with a trip to Jamaica with her husband, along with Cornell friends **Trevor Steer** and wife Pam, and **Lisa Spellman Davis** and husband Bob. They started planning this trip 20 years ago at Cornell!

**Joel Seligman**, MPS '00, wrote that he moved from Boston to Chicago, where he started a new job in April '08. He is the assistant VP for strategic communication at the U. of Chicago. Joel is also back in school earning a doctorate in higher education management at the U. of Pennsylvania. After spending six years in Europe (two in Switzerland and four in Lake Como, Italy), **John "Alex" Martin** is living in Princeton, NJ, with his wife Maria and their four children. They are very happy to be back closer to their families. Alex is COO of Intercept Pharmaceuticals in New York City. Both Joel and Alex said the thing they remember most fondly from Cornell is singing. Remember how great the Hangovers and Cayuga's Waiters were and how much fun it was to listen to them sing?

The last bit of news that can fit this time is from **Phillip Penn**, chief financial officer for the property and casualty claims area of the Hartford Insurance Group. He recently won his first elected office, a seat on the local board of education in Burlington, CT. He and wife Jennifer are busy taking their two kids, ages 7 and 4, to Cub Scouts, swimming lessons, hockey, etc.

That's all the news for now. Remember, if you want to see your name in print, please send us an update about yourself and any Cornell classmates you keep in touch with. The column is only as good (and long) as the news we have—so

please keep writing. Thanks! ■ **Stephanie Bloom** Avidon, savidon1@hotmail.com; **Anne Czaplinski** Treadwell, ac98@cornell.edu; **Lauren Hoeflich**, laurenhoeflich@yahoo.com; and **Mike McGarry**, mmcgary@dma-us.com.

**90** Starting with babies, in no particular order. For those who forwarded pictures, we are sadly unable to reproduce them, no pun intended, due to space constraints; however, the correspondents reliably report that all babies we have seen are awfully cute.

**Allan Roussele**, wife **Paulette (Dwen) '89**, MS '96, and sons Alexander and Nolan welcomed another boy, Andrew James, to the fold. Allan has photos, notes, and appropriately goeey fatherly comments on his blog at [www.roussele.com/allan](http://www.roussele.com/allan). **Julia Smith**, DVM '94, PhD '02, and Murray Thompson started off 2008 with the celebration of the birth of a "beautiful baby boy, Ethan Elbridge Thompson." The proud parents "are sure that his big hands will be put to good use on our dairy farm as he gets older." In the meantime, Julie is still an extension dairy specialist at the U. of Vermont and is active in promoting agricultural emergency preparedness.

**Ka Sin Yeung** and **John Hines** completed their family with a second girl, Devon, in August 2007. The family, including big sis Jordan, 4, live in Connecticut and look forward to a northerly "pilgrimage" up to Ithaca when they're a little older so they can see where Mommy and Daddy first met. After having four girls, ages 8, 6, 4, and 2, **Mary-Lou Smulders** opted to retire from full-time work as an SVP of marketing worldwide for Oracle, though she keeps her hand in on a few boards. However, her big news is that, for her 40th birthday, her husband threw "the most amazing black-tie surprise party at our house with 100 of my closest friends from everywhere!" She reports that the big bash will keep her going for "at least the next ten years."

**Christy Conslor** lives in San Francisco and married Christopher Bauer in 2005. They had daughter Molly Frances in July 2007. Christy works as the VP of leadership development for Safeway Inc. **Stephanie Jensen** was married on Nov. 19, 2007 to Dr. Paul Eykamp on the island of St. Lucia, West Indies, in a small ceremony attended by family and a few close friends, including Engineering classmate **Charles Webb**. The couple currently reside in Menlo Park, CA. **Ani Phyo** published a book last summer, *Ani's Raw Food Kitchen*, which won Best Vegetarian Cookbook 2007 from Gourmand Book Awards. She was recently featured in *Food & Wine Magazine* and has "the most popular uncooking show on YouTube."

Head eastward, young man: **John Wolff**, MBA '99, and wife Colette left Los Angeles for the East Coast, having settled in Stamford, CT, with their two dogs. The move and the decision to leave the entertainment industry were at least partly fueled by the Hollywood writers' strike. John has returned to Internet marketing and is "enjoying the fact that the men's track and field team was once again league champions." Still the general manager of Carolina Golf Club, a private golf club in downtown Charlotte, **Roger Wolfe** achieved his Certified Club Manager status and will reopen the club on Labor Day 2008 following a \$10 million renovation.

Based in Shanghai, **Maria Korolov** Trombly has been running a Hong Kong-incorporated "custom news agency serving publications in the financial, technology, and pharmaceutical industries,"

providing in-country coverage in China, India, and the Philippines, and additional coverage of technology stories in Russia, Eastern Europe, the rest of Asia-Pacific, and the US. However, she plans on expanding the staff there so she can move her family back home to Massachusetts and travel back and forth. Her two children, ages 10 and 13, have spent four years studying Chinese and are now fluent. In the meantime, she is still a regular guest on local television and at regional conferences, speaking on cultural and business topics.

Fifteen years ago, **John Lin** moved to Singapore for a short posting, yet finds himself still there "with no plans to move back stateside." Even so, he has fond memories of his days at Cornell: Phi Delt, shooting pool at WSH, and even (gasp!) of being an engineer. He recently met up with another engineer and fellow Phi Delt, **Andy Hazelton**, who had been on business from Tokyo. He adds, "If any of the old gang pass through this way, drop me a line at [grasaman@mac.com](mailto:grasaman@mac.com)." In contrast, another classmate changed gears after 15 years. **Ian Reisner** left Wall Street for a real estate development career with Parkview Developers. Since 2005, he has been working on condo and hotel developments, such as a hip Hell's Kitchen condo and the newest project, a "downtown hip new loft-like hotel" on lower 5th Avenue.

**Laura Calvert** Richardson is a clinical trial manager at Pharmacopeia in New Jersey, which focuses on developing drugs for immunological illnesses. However, she is looking at veering off from a pharmaceutical bent and working in alternative health care, which she will be able to do once she completes a doctorate in naturopathy. ■ **Tamiko Toland**, [stmoluag@yahoo.com](mailto:stmoluag@yahoo.com); **Amy Wang** Manning, [aw233@cornell.edu](mailto:aw233@cornell.edu); **Kelly Roberson**, [kelly-roberson@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kelly-roberson@sbcglobal.net).

**91** We received so much news in recent months! No space to waste. It was great to hear from friends with whom I had lost touch, including **Jill Kerber Aldous**. Jill is married to **Steve '90** and lives on a farm in Iowa with children Kiersten, 10, and Levi, 6. Jill keeps busy working with her father **Edgar Kerber '54** and brother in a feed manufacturing and livestock management services company that has been in the Kerber family since 1922. Jill's nephew **Justin Kerber '10** is studying business in the Ag college and wrestling for the Big Red. Jill and her son had the opportunity to meet the Cornell wrestling team at the Team Duals in Cedar Falls, IA, last winter. **Luisa Santiago-Jones** is living in



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Miami, FL, where she works as an assistant chief counsel in the Dept. of Homeland Security. She is also a member of the US Army Reserves.

Making up for lost time, **Andy Burrows** sent us a quick review of his life since he left Cornell. Following graduation, he moved to New York City to attend NYU law school. After finishing there in 1994, Andy moved to San Francisco, where he practiced law for six years. In 2000 he became a legal recruiter with Major, Lindsey & Africa. In this role, he has had the pleasure of working with many Cornell graduates over the years. On the personal side, Andy has been married to wife Rachel since 1997 and welcomed son Parker to the family in 2004.

Sharing news from overseas, **Betsy Alley**, who lives in London, divides her time between family (husband Derek and daughter Carmen, 1), a part-time business development role at London Business School, and her e-commerce start-up, Modern Antiquity.com. She also serves as a board member for a small local museum called the Ragged School Museum, which allows visitors to experience the life of the Victorian poor and to have lessons in a Victorian classroom. Betsy also runs a chapter of her business school alumni club, based within Canary Wharf, London's new financial hub. "I don't really see any Cornell friends over here, as I've found the local alumni events here don't attract Cornellians of our generation, but I'd always love to hear from anyone who might be in town! Feel free to drop me a line at [betsyalley1@yahoo.com](mailto:betsyalley1@yahoo.com)."

Another busy classmate is **Philip Rothman**, executive director of the Regulatory Inquiries Group at Morgan Stanley in New York City. He leads a group of six people who respond to inquiries from the SEC and other securities regulators. With the recent turbulence in the current markets, 10- to 12-hour workdays have become the norm (not including the reach of his dreaded Blackberry). Philip and wife **Dena Blum-Rothman '90**, MS '96, have three children, Sydney, 9, Matthew, 7, and Ethan, almost 1, as well as three dogs. He writes that it is interesting to see the older kids with the baby: "like built-in junior nannies!"

Cattle rancher **Alarik Myrin** lives in Duchesne, UT, with wife Staci. He is working to implement a holistic management system on his ranch, increasing biodiversity and decreasing machinery and fuel use. He has also been occupied with calving, including tending to any problems with newborn calves. In his free time, Alarik enjoys sailing and fine-tuning hand-loaded rifle ammunition. Alarik and Staci enjoyed connecting with Cornellians recently at an event in Salt Lake City featuring Nutrition professor Patrick Stover. Classmate **Tareq Harb** and his wife Mariam Nassif also attended the event, which was organized by **Kathy Kraus** Bolks.

The success of men's lightweight rowing coach **Todd Kennett** was shared with the Cornell community at Reunion. On June 7, a full house at the newly renovated Bailey Hall applauded enthusiastically when it was announced that Todd and his lightweight crew won the national championship for the third year in a row. The Cornelliana Night crowd joined the Alumni Chorus and Glee Club to sing the "Crew Song" in their honor. Todd was also tapped for honorary membership in Quill and Dagger on June 3. He is married to **Jessica (Funk) '97**. They have two daughters, Emma and Sophie.

Rounding up the latest professional news, **Rebecca Darien** Yodzio lives in Pembroke Pines, FL, with husband Wayne and children Tyler, 3, and Dylan, 1. She describes her present job as full-time mom and part-time home-based consultant for her own company, Darien Consulting. When she

sent her news, Rebecca was preparing to spend the summer at her summer home in Michigan near family. **Michelle May** Koellermeier is a physician specializing in ob/gyn. She lives with husband Jacob in Neenah, WI.

Reinforcing my belief that 39 is the new 29, our classmates continue to share baby news. On August 15, 2007, **Karen Schmeidler** Sagor and her husband David welcomed son Yoni to their family. Yoni loves to laugh at big sister Ariela, 3, and she laughs right back. Karen's roles as wife and mother, and her full-time work as a psychiatric social worker, keep her quite busy, explaining the long delay between Yoni's birth and Karen's sharing of the news. In January 2008, **Rachel Przybyla** welcomed son Lance Cassidy Hayahsi. Rachel's daughter Sloane is now 7 years old. As of last spring, Rachel was enjoying an extended maternity leave by working from home. **Scott Benson** and his wife welcomed twin boys Samuel and Julian on March 17, 2008. Scott writes that the boys are doing well and growing quickly, and he is anxiously awaiting word on their admission to the Class of 2030. Scott and his family live in Santa Clara, CA. When not taking care of babies, Scott works as a software engineer at Google.

On June 8, 2007, **Stephen Shimony**, his wife Stacy, and their daughter Rebecca welcomed second daughter Amanda to the world. "Needless to say, we don't sleep much," writes Stephen. **Dan Harrison** and his wife have also added a second daughter to their family. Hannah Gili Harrison was born on April 30, 2008. Big sister Stephanie is 2 years old. Among Hannah's proud grandparents are Helen and **Harlan Harrison '59**. Dan lives in Los Angeles and works for NBC Universal in their cable division.

Just before my deadline for this column, I had the great honor of attending the wedding of **Kim Epstein** and Peg Martin on June 14, 2008, at the spectacular Union Ballrooms at Union Theological Seminary on the Upper West Side of Manhattan. Thunderstorms mercifully held off long enough to allow for an outdoor ceremony in a peaceful courtyard. The skies opened up after we moved inside the magnificent gothic building (which resembles many of the older buildings at Cornell) for dinner and dancing. Among the many Cornellians in attendance were classmates **Liza Jones Hards**, **Susan Lipetz Brown**, **Rebecca Leibowitz**, and **Julie Nelson**, as well as **Marcela Hahn '90**, **Eileen McPeake '90**, and **David Manson '92**. (My apologies if I missed anyone—I had no time to check with Kim before my deadline.)

When you receive this issue, summer will be nearly over, and most of us will be staring down our 40th birthdays. Take the opportunity to reflect and share with us your thoughts about your life at this milestone. Drop us a line at any of the addresses listed below, and we will add your musings to an upcoming column. ✉ **Ariane Schreiber** Horn, [ams14@cornell.edu](mailto:ams14@cornell.edu); **Kathryn Kraus** Bolks, [klk22@cornell.edu](mailto:klk22@cornell.edu); **Sharlyn Carter** Heslam, [sheslam@berkshirepartners.com](mailto:sheslam@berkshirepartners.com).

**92** Happy fall, and thank you for sending in your Class of 1992 News Forms. It makes my job much easier! I'd like to start with a sweet story from **Julie Weston** Bettencourt. She writes, "I took my 7-year-old son to a Cornell football game last November. We sat behind the band and I think he had more fun playing the trombone than watching the game! He wanted to meet a football player, so

after the game we waited until they came out and several players were kind enough to take a moment and talk with him. And his dream of getting a 'real' football came true: a player ran inside and presented Tyler with one of the footballs from the game. While my memories of Cornell began at the age of 18, Tyler's are beginning at age 7. It doesn't get much better than that!" Julie is the Cornell Book Award chair for the Cornell Club of New Hampshire and is also a CAAAN volunteer.

Another Cornell volunteer is **Meg Valentine Tallman**. She was recently selected for a one-year term as a director-from-the-region on the Cornell Alumni Federation board. She and husband **Brian** live in Bear, DE, where Brian is a product manager for a specialty cable business at W.L. Gore and Assoc. He travels regularly around the US and to Germany and the Far East. Brian and Meg have two sporty children, Madeline, 8, and James, 7. Speaking of sports, my sorority sister **Susan Miller-Curley** is still playing soccer in her free time when she's not busy as the assistant director for English as a Second Language (ESL) programs for the Jefferson County Schools in Colorado. She got married in Denver in March 2008 to **Richard Curley, MBA '93**. In attendance were **Jeanne Neeson, DVM '96**, **Katy Carroll '93**, **Karen Maroli, MBA '97**, and **Max Chang** and **Corinne McKamey-Chang**.

We have many classmates in the medical profession. **Thomas Lanchoney** is a physician with the Center for Urologic Care in Bryn Mawr, PA. **Jonathan Wecker** was named chief executive officer of the American Inst. of Gastric Banding in March 2008. Prior to this position, Jonathan spent seven years managing healthcare investments for Sankaty Advisors. **Neil Zwiebel** is a podiatrist in New York City. He is married to Alissa Fox and has "two future Cornellians," daughters Alexandra, 3, and Gabriella, 5 months. He'd like to hear from **Jonathan Kay**.

**Rod Rezaee** ([rod.rezaee@uhhospitals.org](mailto:rod.rezaee@uhhospitals.org)) is the director of head and neck reconstructive surgery at University Hospitals in Cleveland, OH. He practices ENT/head and neck surgical oncology and microvascular reconstructive surgery at University Hospitals/Case Medical Center. Rod was planning to take a fishing trip to Alaska this summer with **Doug Tabish '91**, **Jim Schliep**, and **Doug Rosich '91**. He would like to hear from **Kevin Lyons**, **Sue Paradis**, and **Amy Sugarman**. The last medical professional with news this time is veterinarian **Karen Usselman**. She co-owns an animal hospital in Delaware and is married to Jeff Booth. She enjoys being the mom of two "lovely young ladies," gardening, and teaching at a local college. She remembers Ithaca's gorges and taking late night walks in the rain on campus. She'd like to hear from **Bill Herrick** and **Juliet Kosarzycki**.

In other career fields, **Bill Haveron** ([haveronb@marsusa.com](mailto:haveronb@marsusa.com)) is a retail channel marketing manager at Mars Advertising in Wilmette, IL. He and wife Megan have a 4-year-old daughter Amelia. Bill runs marathons, is renovating their house, and is trying to adopt a child. Best of luck, Bill! He would like to hear from **Steve Chang**. **Laura Wild-Berthier** is living in France and is a certified translator for Wild Document Services. She completed a master's in specialized translation (legal, technical, business) and had a son in May 2007. Her daughter is 5 years old, and Laura writes that she'd rather be working days instead of nights. No wonder she listed sleeping as one of her extracurricular activities!

**Dylan Willoughby**, MFA '95, will begin teaching at UCLA School of Law this fall. One of his poems was selected as the poem of the day on the

Verse Daily website ([www.versedaily.org](http://www.versedaily.org)) on May 24, and three of his poems appeared in the recent special Auden issue of *Agenda* magazine. He was recently the recipient of a residency fellowship at the Yaddo artists colony in Saratoga Springs, NY. Congratulations, Dylan! **Myfanwy Mattes** is living well in Ithaca and reports that she is not a conservationist as listed elsewhere.

Writing this column has given me the opportunity (or excuse) to contact classmates in the search for news to share. My fellow Communication major **Meghan DeGolyer** Hauser is a dairy farmer on her family's farm in Perry, NY. Her husband Rick is an architect at his own firm. Together they are raising three sons and working to revitalize their town, including a downtown farmer's market, a concert series, trail development, and a community LLC that has rehabilitated an old building—"(space now available!)."

My former U-Hall floor-mate **Eileen Guse** Metcalfe teaches human relations and hospitality law at the College of Southern Nevada and homeschooled her son. She helps lead her home-school group, teaches Sunday school, and recently planned the 50th anniversary celebration for her church. Her husband is the director of culinary arts at the College of Southern Nevada. She writes, "Almost all of my immediate family now lives in Las Vegas, which is really a blessing! We just went camping at the Grand Canyon and it was awesome! We love to hike, and preparing menus for camping was tons of fun!" Please keep sending in your news! ■ **Jean Kintisch**, [jmk226@cornell.edu](mailto:jmk226@cornell.edu); **Wilma Ann Anderson**, [info@WilPowerEnterprises.com](mailto:info@WilPowerEnterprises.com); **Megan Fee** Torrance, [megan@torranceinc.com](mailto:megan@torranceinc.com); **Lois Duffy** Castellano, [lkd2@cornell.edu](mailto:lkd2@cornell.edu).

**93** The class column for this issue can be found with the Reports of Reunion Classes, which begin on page 66.

**94** That rare being, a native New Yorker, was born when **Doreen Lee** and Richard Young's daughter Audrey Elizabeth came into the world January 7. Doreen's former coworker **Amy Shane** Silver, BS HE '93, MPS '94, who lives on Long Island with her husband Matthew, has a toddler, Zachary Ethan, and recently made partner at her law firm DLA Piper.

My former U-Hall 4 neighbor **Oba Franco** lives in North Carolina with wife **Valene Sibley-Franco** '95. When he isn't working as a manager of business development at Hanes, he spends time playing with his kids Sierra, 5, and Ian, 2. Another U-Hall 4 alum, **Jessica O'Toole**, takes us back in time as a writer on the ABC Family television show "Greek." Check out the season premiere this September to play "spot the Cornell reference." Wrote Jessica, "We do incorporate stories from Cornell into the show whenever possible." Jessica's husband **Jess Mullen-Carey**, BArch '95, has his own architecture firm, Make Architecture, one recent project being a hospital in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. The two live in Los Angeles with their son Carter.

More news from Kidville: **Nicole Vantuno** Wagner and husband Stephen welcomed son Kyle Joseph into the world on April 29. Wrote

Nicole, "He's 6 pounds, 5 ounces of pure joy." Nicole is also mother to twins Leo and Calvin. In Rochester, NY, **Betsy McAfee** Wilson wrote, "We just added our fourth child to the mix on June 6. Morgan is our third daughter (Piper will be 4, and Skylar will be 2) and she has one older brother, Garrett, who is our oldest at 5-1/2! We are moving to a larger house to accommodate the growing brood! I am still a stay-at-home mom, but I sit on the local Cornell Club chapter board as the treasurer, serve on a committee at the Seneca Park Zoo, and serve as a trustee on the board at WXXI, Rochester's public radio and television station." **Joanne Galinsky** Fontana checked in from Connecticut, where she is a mom to two children, ages 5 and 3. She also works part-time as an actuary for a consulting firm. "Really the best of both worlds!" she wrote.

After many years in Seattle, **Larisa Alonso** relocated to a less caffeinated and far sunnier climate. Now in Fort Lauderdale, she works in an integrative health and wellness clinic as a nutritional counselor and lifestyle educator, and is expanding her own herbal business, Equatorial Herbs ([www.equatorialherbs.com](http://www.equatorialherbs.com)). The first product in her veterinary line is an herbal remedy for horses. In Oakland, CA, **George Bullis** is a high school assistant principal who moved from L.A. five years ago to earn a master's degree at UC Berkeley.

Speaking of leaving L.A., I had the pleasure of visiting former Angeleno **Jason Saculles**, who traded in his car and the beach for the El and Lake

Michigan in his new home base of Chicago. Jason is working in marketing and was a great source of additional news: **Jenna Saidel Lebowich** and husband **Michael** are busy raising their daughter Marina. Jenna continues to work in HR consulting with several clients including Le Parker Meridien in New York. **Will Rideout**, his wife Catherine, and their two daughters, 2 and 4, are in Raleigh, NC. Will works in healthcare and has been with Misys for the past six years. **Seth Stuhl** completed an extensive apartment renovation over the summer and was promoted to senior counsel at Disney Theatrical Productions in NYC. **Tai Kuo** bought a new duplex in San Francisco and started a new job as a project manager at an interactive advertising agency in Sausalito. Also in the Bay Area is **Eric Ortman**, who is earning his MBA from the Haas School of Business at UC Berkeley. He lives with wife **Sarah (Ong)** and children Katrina and Nicholas.

Courtesy of **Karlene Rogers-Aberman**, a lawyer who lives in L.A. with husband Adam and daughter Phoenix, are a few more updates: **Carmen Vasquez-Boothe** and her husband Andre are proud parents to Kennady Alejandra, born in May. They recently purchased a home in upstate New York. Carmen practices law in NYC. **Marisol Matos** Nicoll and husband Eddie of Montclair, NJ, celebrated their daughter Olivia's first birthday in April. **Kaila Colbin** can be found Down Under in New Zealand. **Eric Lewis** lives in San Francisco. Also in California,

## Pigskin Pilgrimage

Jordan Wallens '94

**F**or Jordan Wallens, football is more than just a game—it's a way to connect with the memory of the brother he lost on September 11, 2001. Over the course of a year, Wallens traveled around the U.S., visiting a dozen temples of college football—Texas A&M to Penn State, UCLA to Northwestern—and soaking up what he calls a quintessential element of American culture. And just when he thought his journey was complete, he decided to take another one on paper.



In spring 2007, Wallens self-published a chronicle of his trip entitled *Gridchronic*, which he describes as "a satirical odyssey across America, post-9/11 and post-Katrina, through the prism of the country's shared love for college football." The book is dedicated to his brother, Blake Wallens '92, a vice president at Cantor Fitzgerald—and passionate football fan—who died in the World Trade Center. "What I find to be most gratifying about my book is that it keeps the legacy of my brother alive," says Wallens. "*Gridchronic* celebrates his everlasting spirit, which coincides with the spirit of the game, and the spirit of the people who follow it."

On the trip, Jordan saw himself as a cultural anthropologist, observing the different schools and reveling in their rivalries. He also witnessed some top-notch football, particularly a Notre Dame/USC game in which the Fighting Irish appeared to have defeated the Trojans, only to have a ref change his call and put time back on the clock, leading to a USC victory. "What's fascinating to me is that a lot of college football is a culture war," Wallens says. "Every place was unique—but at the same time, people aren't nearly as different as they imagine."

— Rebecca Brunner '09

**Hutton John** is proud dad to Jameel, 1. He enjoys traveling the globe as a biologist for one of the world's leading seed research companies. **Jun Lee** still lives in NYC and recently joined the newly formed Cornell Korean Alumni Association.

As for me, I taped my first radio interview (for Open Books Radio, [www.openbooksradio.org](http://www.openbooksradio.org)) in the spring as a contributor to the short fiction anthology *A Stranger Among Us: Stories of Cross-Cultural Collision and Connection*. It's out from OV Books/U. of Illinois Press. ☐ **Dika Lam**, [dikaweb@yahoo.com](mailto:dikaweb@yahoo.com); **Jennifer Rabin** Marchant, [Jennifer.marchant@kraft.com](mailto:Jennifer.marchant@kraft.com); **Dineen Pashoukos** Wasylik, [dmp5@cornell.edu](mailto:dmp5@cornell.edu).

**95** Last weekend, I heard from numerous Cornell '93 friends about how excited they were for their 15th Reunion. (It would probably help to clarify that "last weekend" was June 7-8.) Fifteen years. Wow. And we are not far behind. Does anyone else think that is absolutely insane? I, for one, am ready to stop the clock for a while. But, alas, time ticks on, and, with it, life changes for our '95 classmates.

Jamie Sarah Levitan was the almost-Tax Day deduction for **Russ Levitan** and wife Sherri. Jamie arrived April 14 at 11:56 p.m. to the proud parents, who reside in New Jersey. In May, I was up at Yale for some corporate training (no, I did not

**Christopher Kramer**, MEE '98, who works as a program manager for Northrop Grumman in Clarence, NY, is keeping active in alumni activities, currently serving as VP and treasurer of the Cornell Club of Greater Buffalo. He looks back fondly at his time singing with the Sage Chapel Choir. Christopher was married June 30, 2007 to Julie Killian, who, though not a Cornellian, attends many alumni activities with him. Cornell alumni in attendance were **Jonathan '94** and **Christina Dougan Blocksom '94** and **Stephanie Wolf '96**, DVM '01. On both sides of the pulpit was **Joseph Capuano**, who was married this summer to Carlene Costello, and who also officiated at the marriage of classmate **Marc Prud'hommeaux** to Emily Tucker last August. Joseph writes that he would very much like to hear from **Derek Warner**.

Our class president **Shawn Hecht** sent in the report that **Brenda Janowitz** married Douglas Luxenberg over Memorial Day weekend. Besides Shawn, attendees included **Greer Gilson Schneider**, **Jen Avitabile Moss '94**, **Tandy O'Donoghue '94**, and **Danielle Schmelkin '94**. This is a busy summer for Brenda, as her second book, *Jack with a Twist*, hit bookstores on June 24. And if Brenda's book does well, that can only mean good news for Andy Bernard, who makes his living as a paper salesman at Dunder Mifflin in Scranton, PA (and is also trying to set up an a cappella singing group in the area).

**96** Greetings, '96ers! Hopefully you have recovered from the endless hours of Olympics coverage and are gearing up for the baseball post-season. Please keep on sending your career and personal life updates . . . new jobs, recent trips, babies, weddings, and anything else you have for us!

**David, MS '97**, and **Olga Itskhoki Harvey** are living in Port Chester, NY. Olga is a VP at Daymon Worldwide, located in Stamford, CT, and oversees the business development team. Dave and Olga recently had a baby boy, Maxim Anthony ("Max") on April 26, 2008, and of her maternity leave, Olga writes: "There is nothing else I'd rather be doing than caring for my new baby." **Douglas DeGross** is living in Exeter, CA, with wife Alison. Douglas is the owner of Diversified Dairy Solutions LLC, providing nutritional consulting for 20 dairies in the Central Valley of California. In his spare time, he works with the local Cornell alumni group, on the California Ag Leadership Alumni Board, on Fresno State U.'s South Valley Boosters program, and as chairman of his local church youth committee. Douglas's first son, Drew Douglas, was born October 25, 2005, and second son Luke Warren was born February 28, 2008. **Alyson Lewis** Huber is running for California State Assembly! So those of you in the 10th Assembly District in California, check out her website at [www.alynshuber.com](http://www.alynshuber.com).

**David Rickell** and wife Katie welcomed son David Elijah ("Eli") on December 27, 2007. He joins big brother Charlie. The Rickells live in Spartanburg, SC, where Dave is an SVP with Waffle House Inc. Katie is currently "working as a short-order chef for all three males in her house while doing some volunteer work on the side." Katie informed us that **Terry Koza** and wife Krissy welcomed daughter Alexa Riley ("Lexie") on March 14, 2008. She joins big brother Brady. The Kozas recently moved to Birmingham, AL, where Terry is in real estate with AIG. **Marc Tilton** has been busy. He was recently married, and son Konnor William was born on April 29. He is living in Winter Garden, FL, and enjoys playing tennis and volleyball in his spare time (which, as those of us with kids know, he will soon have none of!). He has fond memories of Stella's Café, and would love to hear from his old friend **Daniel Jutt**.

**Dan Dovidavany** is starting a new job. He writes, "After eight years of big law firm life, I accepted an in-house position in the legal department at Sanofi-Aventis in Bridgewater, NJ." He is the senior corporate counsel, US litigation and investigations, and lives with wife Ruth on the Upper West Side of Manhattan. **Christopher DiMaio** is also in NYC, working as a gastroenterologist at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center. He recently completed a fellowship in advanced endoscopy at Harvard. (Author's note: Maybe Red Sox mania drove him back to NYC.) **Matt Stanton** writes us from Cleveland, where he is a business development manager at the Cleveland Clinic. He reports that his current extracurricular activities include "trying to get three kids to sleep all night long" (seems like a full-time job to me!), though he still misses drinking a pint at the Chapter House. He completed an MBA at Case Western Reserve U., Weatherhead School of Business, and he and his wife welcomed their third child, a daughter, Maeve Elizabeth, on September 10, 2007.

Please check out our class website, <http://classof96.alumni.cornell.edu>, and write in with your news. ☐ **Carin Lustig-Silverman**, [CDL2@cornell.edu](mailto:CDL2@cornell.edu); **Ron Johnstone**, [raj6@cornell.edu](mailto:raj6@cornell.edu); and **Courtney Rubin**, [cbr1@cornell.edu](mailto:cbr1@cornell.edu).

## ‘Check out the season premiere of “Greek” to play “spot the Cornell reference.”’

Dika Lam '94

steal the bulldog) and caught up with **Alanna Coughlin** Manning, MD '99, who, coincidentally, had recently sent in some news. Last year, Alanna and her husband moved from New Haven—where she practices pediatrics—to Guilford, CT, and their son Patrick Blaise was born March 18, 2008.

One year ago, **Adriano Sabatelli** moved his family from Washington, DC, to Acton, MA (near Boston), and shortly thereafter added a daughter to his clan. Adriano still works for Thomson, but out of the Cambridge office. Also in the Boston area, **Lecia VanDam Sequist** and husband **Tom** also expanded their family to two children—for them, another boy. And **Eric Sherman**, wife Nancy, and sons Jared, 4, and Corey, 2, welcomed the addition of Sarah Hope to their home on the Upper West Side of Manhattan on May 2.

Eric, Tom, Adriano, and Russ might be interested in checking out **Kevin Beirne's** website, Dictionary for Dads ([www.DictionaryForDads.com](http://www.DictionaryForDads.com)). This site, which Kevin developed, helps dads balance their own busy lives while becoming an active part of their kids' lives. Thinking back to Cornell, Kevin recalls the stress of meeting deadlines and working in class group projects, doing an internship at the Cornell Day Care Center, the cozy atmosphere of the Big Red Barn, "and, of course, the falls and suspended bridges," and says he would love to reconnect with **Michael Harssema '96**. But when asked what he would rather be doing now, this entrepreneur Daddy replied, "Nothing different . . . I am perfectly content."

Earlier this spring, husband and wife team **Drew Filus** and **Andrea Berloff** contacted me to promote a movie that Drew wrote and directed and Andrea executive produced. The movie was a dysfunctional family comedy called *Raw Footage*. Andrea was also a writer for the movie *World Trade Center*, which Oliver Stone directed. In other media, the wonderful world of online social networking has reconnected me with a number of Cornell friends as well. Through LinkedIn, I received word from **Jim Whitaker**, who was married two years ago and moved from Florida to Toronto . . . and who promised if I printed this would "be a good Cornellian and resubscribe to the magazine." OK, Jim, your news has been published! Your turn!

And of course there is our Class of '95 page on Facebook (<http://www.facebook.com/inbox/#/group.php?gid=6386671699>), which—yes—I finally joined and encourage all of you to do the same. It is really incredible the number of classmates who have found me, and vice versa. Can any of you imagine what our lives would have been like 15 years ago if we had had Facebook? As if we weren't distracted enough when we were undergrads! Oh, and just in case you missed it, there's a reference in this column to our most famous (currently, anyway) fictional Class of '95 member, courtesy of NBC's "The Office." I just couldn't resist! ☐ **Alison Torrillo** French, [amt7@cornell.edu](mailto:amt7@cornell.edu); **Abra Benson**, [amb8@cornell.edu](mailto:amb8@cornell.edu). Class website, <http://classof95.alumni.cornell.edu>.

**97** Fall is back, which means back to school for many. Even though we are more than ten years out of school, a number of our classmates are still hitting the books. **Tonya Noldon-Randall** (t\_noldon@yahoo.com) is an attorney in Harrisburg, PA, and studying for the Pennsylvania and New Jersey Bar exams. Good luck! Also familiar with back-to-school time are **Jeffrey** and **Lori Giovina Haubrich** (lghaubrich@yahoo.com), who both work in schools. Jeffrey was recently made principal at Pulaski Road Elementary School in East Northport, NY. Lori is a school guidance counselor when she is not busy taking care of the couple's two children or volunteering for CAAAN. She may not be in school, but I'm sure that **Blakely Lord** (bal6@cornell.edu) is familiar with all the middle school drama, since she has been teaching an eighth grade class at her temple. Blakely is also in the process of getting certified as a mediator and learning to perform stand-up comedy. She recently moved to a new condo in Seattle and loves being in the city (so long, suburbs!) while she continues to work as a claims manager for Alaska Airlines. **Chris Braceland** can understand eighth grade drama, too. He is a volunteer coach for an eighth grade lacrosse team when he's not busy spending time with his daughters Jackie and Vivian. Chris (braceland@hotmail.com) and his wife Christine recently moved from Dallas back to the Northeast, where Chris is an equity trader (telecom and media sector) for Jeffries & Co. Inc.

Career changes are always uncertain. Will I enjoy my new job? Did I make the right move? What was I thinking?! Classmate **Michael Hwang**, DMD (michaelhwang99@hotmail.com) must have asked all those questions and more, as he set out to open his own dental practice. Michael K. Hwang DMD LLC is located in East Hartford, CT (<http://michaelhwangdmd.com>) and provides preventive care, restorative services, and cosmetic services. Michael writes that he "is very excited and nervous about owning his own business." Congratulations, Michael. We wish you the best with your practice. Also writing a new title next to her name (and perhaps asking some of the same questions) is **Michelle McKee Cubbon** (mcubbon@hotmail.com), who is currently senior counsel at Pernod Ricard USA. In this position she is responsible for counseling regarding labor and employment matters in the US. Michelle and husband **James** reside in Tarrytown, NY.

We all know that the class column would not be complete without news of our newest little Cornellians or the latest classmates to tie the knot (and manage to convince someone new to cheer for the Big Red). First up, the newest additions to the Class of 2030—Day Hall, take note when these applications roll in 18 years from now! **Alex Alday** welcomed baby Tyler James on December 9, 2007. Alex is a senior account executive living in Malvern, PA. Future classmate Alexa Brooke Turinsky, daughter of **Samara Friedman** and **Daniel Turinsky** and little sister to Zachary, entered the world on June 10, 2008. Samara states that Zachary (Class of 2027) is a very proud big brother.

Jim and **Cherilyn Nadal** Bayne tied the knot on February 17, 2008 in New Jersey. The couple met after eight years of working for the same company, BD, a major medical device company, where Cherilyn is a business development manager. The couple were engaged at the Plantations during Homecoming '07 (how romantic!) and continued the Cornell theme by having a number of classmates in attendance at the nuptials. Guests included

**Mira Sullivan** Leiwant, **Kristen Forkeutis**, **Vera Kim**, **I-Sah Hsieh**, **John Handy**, **Reid** and **Beverly Freihaut Covey '96**, **Kate Yannitte** Monagle '98, and **Mark Greaves '98**. Cherilyn received her MBA from NYU's Stern School of Business in 2004 and the couple currently live in New Jersey.

Class of '97 treasurer/secretary **Jay Wolman** (j\_wolman@yahoo.com) sent news of his May 25, 2008 wedding to **Rebecca Riba '00**, MD '05, in Roslyn Heights, NY. Jay is a senior associate at the Boston law firm of D'Angelo & Hashem; Rebecca completed her residency in pediatrics at Children's Hospital in Boston and is currently a fellow in pediatric endocrinology. Jay and Rebecca were introduced by **Randi Rotjan '99** in 2005. **Stacy Nicks** Fitzgerald '00 was the matron of honor, and bridesmaids included **Randi**, **Hua-yin Yu, MD '04**, and **Sara Tuttle-Lane, MD '04**. Many other Cornellians were in attendance. The couple honeymooned in Thailand and live outside of Boston.

That does it for this edition of the notes. Make sure to check out our class website at <http://classof97.alumni.cornell.edu>, and keep sending us updates. We love to hear all sorts of news. What kind of vacation did you take this summer? How did you combat the increase in gas prices? Do you think Chicago will be the host city for the 2016 Olympics? All this and more! **Sarah Deardorff** Carter, sjd5@cornell.edu; **Erica Broennle** Nelson, ejb4@cornell.edu.

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**99** We've got to play a little catch up this time. We've missed a few updates along the way. **Rob** (Hum Ec) and **Caroline Spector Dicks** (Hum Ec) were married all the way back in 2002. Last April they celebrated the first birthday of twins Matthew and Emily, and about ten other Cornellians and their young families came out to celebrate the milestone with them. Caroline and Rob live in Martinsville, NJ.

**Kristin Keske** became Kristin Oswick in 2004 when she married husband Henry. As of last Valentine's Day, they have a daughter named Hannah. The family lives in Akron, OH. Kristin is a member of a whole crew of '99ers that meet in Ithaca each Labor Day weekend to camp out at Buttermilk Falls. It's a great tradition, Kristin. Would you guys mind if the rest of the class joined you?

Former varsity lacrosse team member **Marissa Perman** has had a busy couple of years. She's been finishing up a pediatric residency at Cincinnati Children's Hospital and getting ready to start a dermatology residency at the U. of Cincinnati. Amidst all that, she married Benjamin Laskin, a fellow pediatrician and Duke grad. Marissa still plays lacrosse on the weekends. **Brady Russell**, bradydale@thistoowillpass.com; **Melanie Grayce West**, mga6@cornell.edu; and **Jennifer Sheldon**, jls33@cornell.edu.

**00** Anyone watch "Planet Earth" lately? I have to admit, I have a newfound fascination with the animal kingdom! But some of our classmates get to live it and be up close and personal with our furry friends every day—at work! **Kerry**

**Crowningshield** landed the position of practice manager of Plattsburgh Animal Hospital. Now living in Port Kent, NY, she then spends her "after hours" kayaking, hiking, and serving as a board member of the Adirondack Humane Society. And **Alicia Groesbeck Sibley** is also working in the field as a veterinarian in Madison, WI.

Choosing to stick with human medicine, **Julie Nemecek** is practicing as a postdoctoral fellow at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda. Julie reports that she got married on October 27 last year in Great Falls, VA, but now lives in Rockville, MD.

**Linda Nicoll** and **Jian Qun "Kathy" Huang** made a huge move across the country after they both graduated residency in ob/gyn at New York Presbyterian Hospital/Weill Cornell Medical Center this past June. So as not to break up a great pair, both moved out to Palo Alto, CA, to begin a fellowship in advanced gynecologic laparoscopy at Stanford U. Medical Center this July. Both plan to make it back to the East Coast for frequent visits with family and friends, who they miss and hope to see soon! **Becky Avrin** Zifchock is also working as a postdoctoral fellow, but at the Hospital for Special Surgery in New York City. She graduated with a PhD in biomechanics last May and had moved to NYC over the summer. When she's not working, she loves running and playing with her son, her two dogs—and her husband! All in all, she's pretty happy with life.

Also here in New York, **Yon Pulkrabek** makes his way around the City reporting for Bloomberg News. **Orlando Benitez**, on the other hand, is working as a corporate sponsorship manager at a not-for-profit. In his spare time he mentors, does volunteer work, weightlifts, and shows his skills on the basketball court. Somehow he also finds time to pursue his MBA as a part-time grad student at New York U.! Amazing! **Zev Norotsky** is also living in NYC and is the principal of Get There PR. His fave hot spots? Pop Burger for dinner and Honey for drinks. His company's signature event, the Hamptons Golf Classic, occupies much of his time these days, but at least the time on the green can let him reminisce about walking around the Cornell campus in the springtime.

You don't have to be in Manhattan to have fun, and apparently you don't have to be in NYC to be a star. Our very own actress **Jenelle Berrien** Piscitelli appeared in *Moonlight & Magnolias* with the Williamsburg Players at the James-York Playhouse in Virginia at the end of last year. The show ended in December, but I'm sure we will be hearing of more appearances from our Cornell celeb in the future. Over in Cedar Rapids, IA, **Andrew Hayward '99**, BA '00, is working as a secondary language arts teacher. And although he dedicates much time to his job, he has not given up his love of music. It's definitely Andrew's main extracurricular activity. **Eduardo Bortoni** is a senior staff software engineer down in Georgia, but he is also facilitating personal finance workshops as well.

**Blair '99** and **Kim Melson Lee** welcomed their second daughter, Madison Ji-Hae, to the family on February 18, 2008. Older sis Emmy is slowly getting used to life with baby Maddie, and Mom's getting used to life with two! Kim is taking a leave of absence from her position at Accenture to spend more time with the girls, while Blair is getting ready to start his third year at Georgetown Medical School. The rambunctious girls are keeping the couple pretty busy! **Cheryl Bauer** McKeever also celebrated a new life this past year. Sean Patrick McKeever entered the world on September 22,

2007. Cheryl hopes that Sean will grow up to be in Cornell's Class of '30. Yes, a new legacy is born! (Wow, that makes me feel old!)

That's it for this edition's column. If it seems a little shorter than usual, then you must have an automatic "word count" in your brain (and should give up your day job for a position as an assistant copy editor, my friend). But seriously, don't let your class correspondents suffer from tri-annual writer's block—inspire us! Remember, we love hearing from you and we love writing for you. But first, we need your news! ✉ **Andrea Chan**, amc32@cornell.edu; **Christine Jensen Weld**, CKJ1@cornell.edu.

**01** We hope this update finds you well. And to think that it was 11 years ago that we were just getting settled into our first semester of college. Time has passed quickly. Congratulations to **Seth Bender**, who is now the chief resident at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in NYC. **Diana Tyler** finished her first year of business school at Duke U. and loved it! Prior to starting her summer internship, she took a trip with her classmates to China, where they visited Hong Kong, Beijing, Lijiang, and Shanghai. She spent her summer working in New York on a sports philanthropy project for a non-profit called Living Cities. Although she enjoyed working and receiving a paycheck again, she was happy to return to school for her second year.

**Erin Bordley** moved from Park City, UT, in May 2007 to Rochester, NY, and is working at the U. of Rochester. Starting in September, she'll begin the physician assistant program at RIT as a full-time undergraduate student (again!). Her estimated graduation date is May 2012 with a BS. Congratulations to **David '89**, DVM '93, and **Sarah Whittleton Santisi** on the birth of their son Logan in February.

**Geoffrey Zhao** is working as an associate, global capital markets at Deutsche Bank. In his spare time he has been reading paperbacks, spending time with his wife, and watching films. Recently he joined the Debt Capital Markets group at Deutsche Bank's Global Markets Division in London. **Seema Prasannakumar** has proudly finished her first year of business school at Wharton. Although she enjoys Penn, her loyalty still lies with the Big Red. **Kristy Grant** just finished her MAT (Master of Arts in Teaching Secondary English) at Johns Hopkins U. Congrats!

Please keep forwarding the good news! E-mail us at classof2001@cornell.edu. Happy fall! ✉ **Lauren Wallach** Hammer, LEW15@cornell.edu; **Trina Lee**, TKL6@cornell.edu.

**02** By the time this goes to print the Beijing Olympics will be over, and we will know if 41-year-old Dara Torres will have broken yet another record. We'll also have a much clearer picture of the Yankees' chances at making the post-season. I am not sure which is less likely at this point.

Thanks to those of you who sent in the class news form to share your updates with us! **Eduardo Porto Carreiro** is still living his dream with the release of the first vintage from his wine label, Angelica Cellars. You may remember Eduardo from the a cappella group. Since he was 6 years old he has had a love affair with wine and it has followed him around the world and back. Former 218 Delaware Avenue roommate and fellow Theta sister **Kate Bennett** recently bought a house in

Portland, OR. She fondly remembers how easy it was to make friends at Cornell. Kate misses **Julia Ramey** and wishes she could be traveling to Mongolia right now. Julia, give Kate a holler.

**Becky Sendrow** is a talent agent at William Morris Agency in New York, where she enjoys "tennis, concerts, plays, and spending time with my niece and nephew." **Nicole Kordziel** married **Thomas Downs '03** and is now a 5th grade teacher at South Amboy Elementary. **Amy Snyder**, DVM '04, is an equine veterinarian who enjoys horseback riding, hiking, skiing (downhill and cross-country), photography, and reading. **Thomas McNulty** graduated from the U. of Michigan Law School and now works for Baker Hostetler in Cleveland. The firm's primary practice groups are business, employment, litigation, and tax.

As one might expect, it appears many of us are back in school. **Benjamin To** is starting his third year as a full-time law student in Iowa this fall. He wrote, "Now that I'm back in school again somewhere else, I realize I took for granted a lot of the great facilities Cornell offers, particularly the excellent libraries and dining halls." Benjamin would like to hear from his freshman-year roommate **Federico "Pico" Martinez**. Speaking of Iowa, **Rachel Dragos** is just down the road in veterinary school at Iowa State. **Nathan Pettit**, MPS '03, finished his second year in the Johnson School's Management and Organizations PhD program. His father, ex-Cornell wrestler and football player **Charles Pettit '74** recently came for a visit. **Robert Favelukes** is in his second year of a residency program in emergency medicine at St. Luke's/Roosevelt Hospital in New York City. He was married last September to Courtney Sherwood.

Congratulations to all our newlyweds and newly parents! Sometimes I forget that we are 28. **Joanna Radin**, MS '04, is a PhD student in the history-sociology of science department at U. of Pennsylvania. She married **Matthew Grant** this summer, with classmates **Kim Mislowack**, **Ariel Schwartz**, MPA '03, **Gwen Fay**, **Gillian Klempner**, **Dan Webb**, BFA '03, **Levi Blankenship**, **Brendan Quigley**, **Alex Harris**, **Jill Tauber**, and **Brock Tuczynski** in attendance. **Elizabeth Richards** was married to Ethan Barclay Bing (Princeton '98) on April 19, 2008 in Tucker's Town, Bermuda. Classmates in attendance included **Aida Mollenkamp**, **Melissa Riggs**, **Kristie McNamara**, JD '06, **Jacqueline DeAngelis**, **Meredith Orban**, and **Jason Pauley**. The couple lives in San Francisco where Elizabeth is an attorney at Kirkland & Ellis LLP.

**Lindsey Friedman** wrote in from across the pond as a buyer of men's branded casualwear for John Lewis department store in the UK. "In September I married my boyfriend of nine years, fellow Cornell grad **Christopher Grunfeld '99**. We have been living and working in London for over three years and plan to move back to NYC in 2008." **Stephen Porter** wrote from Lorraine, NY, where he enjoys golf and fishing when he's not busy in his job as an insurance and financial planning agent. He fondly remembers spending time at AGR and would like to hear from **Tom Flick '03**. Stephen has two children and is enjoying raising his family. Keep the updates coming! Send news to: ✉ **Carolyn Deckinger**, cmd35@cornell.edu; or **Jeffrey Barker**, jrb41@cornell.edu.

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**04** Hi, everyone! We have some interesting updates this issue.

Why not send me yours for a future issue? After graduating a semester early, **Shaun McCready** spent the spring of 2004 in Ithaca teaching and refereeing intramural ice hockey for the university before attending St. John's School of Law. There he interned for New York's Appellate Division, First Department, and the Suffolk County District Attorney's Office, also working part-time at Martha Clara Vineyards on the north fork of Long Island. "I never imagined that I would be able to justify taking a wine-tasting class to my parents, let alone use it to get a job," said the ILR major. During school, Shaun traveled to New Orleans to volunteer for Project Gideon and assisted in providing free legal assistance to indigent citizens imprisoned at Orleans Parish Prison. More recently, he visited the Mayan ruins in the jungles of Cozumel, Mexico, and Belize. Shaun currently works as an assistant district attorney for Suffolk County, NY, assigned to the office's East End Bureau, where he covers both the Southampton and East Hampton town courts.

**Lisa Boikess** graduated from New York U. School of Law in May 2007. After taking the Bar exam and studying hard with yours truly, she traveled to India with fellow Cornellians for **Manjula Venkataramani's** wedding to **Binoy Dharja**. She is now in the corporate department at Ropes and Gray LLP in New York and works primarily with the healthcare group on behalf of hospitals, academic medical centers, multi-provider networks, provider and medical service organizations, and pharmaceutical companies. **Alex Koch** still lives in Las Vegas and has recently accepted a job as the director of financial planning & analysis for US operations of Las Vegas Sands, specifically the Venetian and Palazzo in Las Vegas and the Sands Bethworks development in Pennsylvania. Alex's primary role is to help in budgeting, forecasting, and ad hoc analysis. He writes that he is excited for the opportunity and to have an ampersand in his title. He's having a great time living in Las Vegas and encourages everyone to visit.

**Kiva Iscol** is now a marketing account executive at Steiner Sports. Kiva sank her teeth into sports marketing at Cornell, where, while working in our Sports Marketing department, she began a program pairing Cornell athletes with Ithaca children. Since leaving Cornell, Kiva has traveled the world undertaking philanthropic initiatives in South Africa, England, and Vietnam. She also worked at Madison Square Garden managing advertising accounts for the Knicks, Rangers, NY Liberty, Mets, Islanders, Devils, and others.

As always, let me know how you are spending your time. Also, if you would like to be involved in planning next year's reunion, June 4-7, 2009, please e-mail me with "Reunion" in the subject line. ✉ **Vanessa Matsis**, vgm3@cornell.edu.

**05** During the first weekend of May, 18 Cornell alumni from the Cornell Club of Washington teamed up to race in Washington, DC's annual Dragon Boat Festival. Among the Class of '05 paddlers were **Xi Wang**, BA '06, myself, and 16 other alumni ranging from the classes of '56 to '08. Xi works in McLean, VA, at the global consulting firm Booz Allen Hamilton in the IT services department. At the Dragon Boat Festival she raced for both the Cornell Club and Booz Allen Hamilton teams. Xi loves living and working in the D.C. area. She says

she will definitely be back for another year of dragon boat racing, as will I! Meanwhile, up in New York, Hotelie **Randy Allen** has gained diverse experience in the hospitality and food service industries, in addition to politics. He spent one year as an environmental coordinator for a hotel company in Boston, and the following year worked for an upscale farm-to-table restaurant. Randy is currently a member of the New York City Urban Fellows Class of 2007-08. In his free time, he enjoys going to the gym, cooking, reading about political philosophy and the environment, and traveling to Latin America. Randy has paved a solid foundation for successful careers in both politics and business.

**Daisy Torres** is pursuing a master's degree in social work at Fordham U. in Bronx, NY. She is also working full-time on a mentoring project being conducted by the Marymount Inst. for the Education of Women and Girls, called Club Amigas, at Marymount College. Daisy coordinates Marymount College student mentors and 40 middle school girls from the White Plains and Tarrytown school districts. Faculty from the institute evaluate the Club Amigas program and guide the mentors along the way. Prior to returning to school Daisy trained and prepared mentally disabled adults and children for the Special Olympics at the YWCA. She has continued to lead community events with her sorority, Sigma Lambda Upsilon Señoritas Latinas Unidas Inc., throughout the Northeast region.

A textiles and apparel major, **Esosa Edosomwan** has been modeling and acting since graduation. She has appeared in numerous films, commercials, magazines, and theatre productions. Esosa has just written and produced her own feature film, *One Night in Brooklyn*, funded in part with a grant from Brooklyn Council for the Arts. Last year she wrote her own short film, which led to her winning a mentorship with Hollywood director Joel Schumacher. *One Night in Brooklyn* is a romantic dramedy about eight recent college graduates growing out of their college phase and into adulthood. She describes her film as *St. Elmo's Fire* meets *House Party*; recent grads can surely relate to the context and characters. Check out more about Esosa's film at <http://www.onenightinbrooklyn.blogspot.com>.

ILR graduate and Sabor Latino dancer **Jimmy Ruiz** is pursuing a career in human resources. He is a project coordinator for Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center's Talent Management and Diversity department within the hospital's HR division. He is also a professional dancer, performing with the Abaku Afro-Latin Dance Company. Dancing has taken Jimmy across the world sharing his talents with others in Spain, Italy, and Brazil. He recently danced in the Abaku Company's one and only NYC showcase at the Manhattan. **Rob Markt** has been working for Toyota Engineering and Manufacturing North America as a production engineer for two years. The job has kept him moving around the Rust Belt from Cincinnati, OH, to Lexington, KY, Ann Arbor, MI, San Antonio, TX (to help open a new car plant), and even Japan. Despite the constant moving, Rob has managed to keep in touch with all of his Cornell friends and teammates from

Cornell's rowing team. He has traveled to see friends in California, Connecticut, Kentucky, Canada, and China in the past year. Rob writes, "The thing I've missed most about Cornell is rowing on Cayuga Lake, but it's been a blast to see the lightweight men's rowing team rattle off three national championships since I left." Sounds like Rob left a lasting impression on the team!

**Raul Bermeo** works in Mexico City doing brand management at the Foods Division for the biggest Unilever brand, Knorr. He fondly remembers his days at Cornell as "the best and most fun stage of my life." Surely being a brother of the fraternity Psi Upsilon had a large impact on his Cornell experience; he has visited Ithaca several times as an alum to see old friends and party like he did as an undergraduate. Immediately following Cornell, Raul worked in NYC, and after a year he got a promotion and an offer to move to Mexico City. Mexico challenges Raul both on a personal and professional level, but he writes that he is always looking for new opportunities to continue learning and highly recommends the international experience. In his free time, Raul plays squash, goes out with friends, and returns to visit family in his home country of Ecuador. He plans to continue working for a few more years in a multinational company before going back to Ecuador to the family business in search of new entrepreneurial ventures between Ecuador, Mexico, and the US. ■ **Jennifer Miel**, [miel.jennifer@gmail.com](mailto:miel.jennifer@gmail.com); and **Michelle Wong**, [michelle.r.wong@gmail.com](mailto:michelle.r.wong@gmail.com).

**06** It's our second fall out and we're not getting any younger! We hope everyone has been enjoying the alumni events that have taken place in different cities around the country. Now on to our class updates.

**Kyle Miller**, a former Big Red lacrosse goalie, carried the Olympic Torch on its way to Beijing for the 2008 Summer Games. His stint covered a half-mile near Shanghai. He was selected after his brother wrote an essay nominating him for the honor as part of a contest in Canada. Miller was diagnosed with cancer in 2003. His recovery exceeded the expectations of doctors who said he'd never play lacrosse again. He went on to play for two years at Cornell and was a member of the Canadian team that won the World Championship in 2006. For more information check out <http://www.teammannatech.com/TheTeam.html#Miller>. **Dan Carmeli** can't believe that it has already been two years since he graduated from Cornell. He's now on the other side of the world, launching his own sustainable business in India, Namaste of Mind. Join Dan in his effort by visiting the Namaste of Mind website at [www.namasteofmind.com](http://www.namasteofmind.com) or the company's blog, the Sustainable Connection, at [www.thesustainableconnection.wordpress.com](http://www.thesustainableconnection.wordpress.com). Dan says, "Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or comments at [info@namasteofmind.com](mailto:info@namasteofmind.com)."

**Kristin Joseph** is now in Woodland Hills, CA, working at Wildlife Vet Tech and exploring Los

Angeles! In Burkina Faso, West Africa, **Christina Sobilloff** is serving in the Peace Corps along with **Peter Crysdale** and **Elizabeth Jordan '07**. They arrived in June 2007 (never having met at Cornell!), and their service ends in August 2009. Christina's project is girls' education and empowerment. Pete and Liz are both secondary education teachers. They are all doing very well and mostly love it.

**Lindsay Ulrey** is still at Ketchum Entertainment Marketing focusing on branded TV and film integrations. She traveled to Australia to visit fellow '06 grad **Kendy Gable** before beginning business school this fall back in the US. **Mika Pryce** worked on two Sundance qualifiers, *Morgan Spurlock's Where in the World is Osama Bin Laden* and *Frozen River*, on which he was production coordinator. *Frozen River* won the 2008 Sundance Grand Jury Prize. **Sam Port** is living the dream out in Las Vegas, on stage singing six nights a week in *Jubilee!*, a \$50 million production at Bally's casino. The show is celebrating its 26th year, casting more than 90 performers and 70 stagehands. It's truly the last of its kind: an over-the-top Vegas production with women wearing thousands of rhinestones covering practically nothing. Sam is one of six male singers in the show, and he's honored to be a part of this dazzling production.

In April 2006, the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences funded **Jennifer Munhofen** to attend the Int'l Sea Turtle Symposium in Crete, Greece. This amazing experience provided by Cornell also landed Jennifer her first research opportunity post-college in Antigua, West Indies, to work with the critically endangered hawksbill sea turtle. Since graduation, Jennifer has worked in Antigua with the Jumby Bay Hawksbill Project as a field director for two nesting seasons and has published two reports. Jen says, "Thank you so much, Cornell, for believing in me and helping me to achieve my dreams!" Reporting from Sydney, Australia, **Olga Belomestnykh** has been working at Google in New York since September as a software engineering on the document list for Google Docs. (A couple of months ago Olga launched hierarchical folders for Google Docs and wrote about it on the official Google Doc blog.) Outside of work Olga spent three weeks in beautiful—and perhaps more importantly, warm—Sydney, working out of the Google office there.

**Brittany Hassett** is a writer in Philadelphia at Digitas Health, an interactive advertising agency for healthcare. She works on a wide range of oncology projects, including a breast cancer awareness campaign featuring Felicity Huffman and a site about chemotherapy for women with breast cancer. Although Brittany misses college and everyone at Cornell (especially the girls of 304 Bryant and Pi Phi), she absolutely loves her job and couldn't have asked for a better place to work after graduation. Brittany made the move to the Big Apple to work in the New York office in May. **Noah Negrin** is a senior business analyst at Citco Fund Services. **Catherine Savage** is in Salt Lake City, working as an inpatient clinical dietitian. **Lance Hall**, living and working in Chicago, is a theater director. He has assisted with Provision Theater Co.'s production of *The Time of Your Life* and helped launch a new performance group, Per Diem, in Chicago this past spring.

**Brett Barlass** moved to California in October 2006 to manage Yosemite Jersey Dairy, a large cheese company. Between Yosemite's three farms they have more than 5,000 milk cows. Brett manages the whole Hispanic and Portuguese work force, and has experienced bullfights (they are HUGE

Monday night daily events in the summer) and had the opportunity to meet with and tour people from all over the world. **Melanie Castro** is working in NYC for L'Oréal USA, Research and Development doing market research. She has also begun courses at UC Davis's Applied Sensory Science and Consumer Testing Certificate Program for Distance Learners for fall 2008. Aside from work and school, Melanie is on the National Board for CLAA, the Cornell Latino/a Alumni Association, and Latinas Promoviendo Comunidad/Lambda Pi Chi Sorority Inc. Life after Cornell has been busy! She moved to Philadelphia last August, where she completed her thesis and degree and has been working as a research coordinator at the Regional Autism Center of the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. They currently have many large, in-depth studies occurring that will hopefully provide more information about autism. **Matthew Gosner** will be working toward obtaining his Master of Landscape Architecture degree at Cornell beginning this fall.

**Milena Pappa** earned an MSc in shipping, trade, and finance from Cass U. (City University, London, UK). She now works in the chartering department at Oceanbulk Maritime SA, a dry-bulk shipping company that owns ships of all sizes, from 40,000 dwts to 170,000. **Garrett Wasson** graduated from the Edinburgh College of Art with an MS in golf course architecture last November. **Casara Jean Ferretti** pursued an MS in neuroscience and education at the Teachers College of Columbia U. in NYC. **Christie McClinnis** is still working toward her PhD in organic chemistry at the U. of Wisconsin, Madison and continues to work in Helen Blackwell's lab synthesizing and studying small molecules that can be used in bacterial communication. She's received a National Defense Science and Engineering Graduate Fellowship to support her work. **Jessica Schnell** is a second-year PhD candidate in ecology and evolutionary biology at Rutgers in Newark, NJ.

**Marielys Garcia** is in her second year of teaching at Thurgood Marshall Academy, a public charter high school in Washington, DC. She was set to complete her master's in secondary teaching in August and will continue teaching Spanish at Thurgood Marshall next year. **Katherine Desbaillets** is in Thailand working for a company called earthcare.co.th as a business development director. They own several companies in Thailand such as the Body Shop, Starbucks, etc. Katherine has almost mastered the Thai language after being there for a year. **Justin Teo** writes, "Hi, everyone! I recently moved to Tokyo to join a hedge fund covering Asian equities. It was fantastic catching up with some of you in NYC and New Orleans. Do let me know if you are planning a trip to Japan. It would be great to meet up. You can reach me at [justin.z.teo@gmail.com](mailto:justin.z.teo@gmail.com)." ■ **Nicole DeGrace**, [ngd4@cornell.edu](mailto:ngd4@cornell.edu); **Katie DiCicco**, [kad46@cornell.edu](mailto:kad46@cornell.edu).

**07** With the fall leaves about to change colors in picturesque Ithaca, NY, members of our class have been floating along different paths and are turning over new leaves of their own. **Melinda Jean-Louis** (HE) is a project coordinator for a small non-profit organization in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, called Haitian Partners for Christian Development. The organization has been working on a micro-business project for the European Union, in which they provide entrepreneurs training and services such as transportation and electricity, accounting support, and marketing assistance to help small Haitian

businesses grow. **Janna Koretz** (A&S) is in Boston, MA, and working on her Doctor of Psychology at the Massachusetts School of Professional Psychology. She is enjoying New England weather and sports and has taken up distance running. Also in Boston, **Jenn Sela** (HE) is conducting AIDS research for Harvard Medical School. She feels fortunate to work at a lab that is at the forefront of research in its field.

After graduation, **Barrie Kreinik** (A&S) made her professional acting debut at the Virginia Shakespeare Festival in *Romeo and Juliet* and *Love's Labours Lost*. She then moved to New York and appeared in three off-Broadway productions. This past season she returned to Shakespearean theatre to play Desdemona in *Othello*. **Ben Phelps-Rohrs** (A&S) has also kept himself busy since graduation. Last summer he worked as an apprentice on John Marmor's vineyard and learned leatherwork. He then traveled to Thailand and Japan with **Sabrina Kay** (CALS) for three months. When his money ran out he came home to Pittsburgh, PA, where he woke up every morning at 3 a.m. to drive a bread truck for Mike and Dave's Italian Bread Place. This past June he drove across the US with **Elliot Singer '08**. Currently, Ben is an intern for National Public Radio in Los Angeles on the show "Day to Day."

After returning to Southern California last year, **Kevin Martineau**, BS Ag '06 (AEM) began his role as lead actor in *Day 21*, an independent film directed by **Trevor White** (A&S). The film, which began its run on the festival circuit this past summer, insightfully explores through narrative the dark nature of food addiction. Since graduation, **Jacqueline Kelly** (A&S) has been a paralegal in the New York office of Covington & Burling LLP. She is very excited to have just begun her first semester at Columbia Law School this fall. Last summer, **Anastasia Ennis** (CALS) trained middle school children on animal handling as a part of the Nature Trail Program at the San Francisco Zoo, where she is currently working as an Animal Resource Center intern.

**Mike Huang** (OR&IE) is an associate at Carington Capital Management, a hedge fund in Greenwich, CT. **Jessa Reed** (A&S) is a research assistant in the Developmental Disabilities Clinic at Yale Child Study Center in New Haven, CT. Last fall, **Ashwin Phadnis** (ILR & HA) spent time traveling in Germany and Austria. He is currently living in Philadelphia, PA, working as an executive compensation consultant at Towers Perrin. He enjoys hanging out with other Cornellians who have settled down in Philadelphia and going to Phillies and '76ers games. After working briefly for B.R. Guest Restaurants operations in New York, **Morgan Paige Tucker** (HA) decided to follow in the footsteps of past generations. Last Spring she joined M. Tucker Co. Inc. as an account representative in New York City. The restaurant equipment and supply distributor was founded in Patterson, NJ, in 1955 by Morgan's late grandfather, Marvin Tucker.

As time passes and college life seems further away, it's important to find ways to stay connected to Cornell and your class. Visit the Class of 2007 website, <http://classof2007.cornell.edu/> with links to events and activities, alumni services, and more. Click on "Stay Connected" to update your address and sign up for e-mail forwarding. You can also find Cornell events in your area and locate your regional office and local Cornell Club at [www.alumni.cornell.edu](http://www.alumni.cornell.edu). And of course, thank you for sending in your updates for our column and please keep 'em coming. Just shoot over an e-mail to your class correspondents. ■ **Marianna Gomez**, [MariannaAGomez@gmail.com](mailto:MariannaAGomez@gmail.com); and **Dana Scolnick**, [dana.scolnick@gmail.com](mailto:dana.scolnick@gmail.com).

**08** As I write this column in early June, I'm riding on the euphoria that takes over Ithaca from Memorial Day weekend through the next two weeks—Commencement and Reunion weekends both call for nostalgia and celebration! The entire Class of 2008 has reason to celebrate—not only our newly minted degrees, but our record-breaking class participation in the Senior Class Campaign! As many of you may remember from Convocation, featuring a flawless May morning and an awe-inspiring Maya Angelou, the Class of 2008 exceeded our goals with close to 53 percent participation and a total of \$66,402 raised! I'm confident that the Class of 2008 Scholarship we have endowed, with the generous support of **David '73** and **Abby Joseph Cohen '73**, is only the first of many legacies our class will leave to the Hill.

Many members of the Class of 2008 got a sneak preview of our futures as Cornell alumni during Reunion Weekend, June 5-8. My Collegetown housemates **Emily Gordon**, **Shayna Muhlbauer**, **Stephanie Posen**, **Abbe Yler**, and I (along with many other '08ers) all clerked for the classes of 1973, 1978, 1983, and 1998, and we made connections we look forward to following up on at our 5th Reunion in 2013! Another '08er, **Natalia Avalos**, BS ILR '07, clerked for the Class of 1958's 50th Reunion. Before Reunion and after graduating last December, Natalia traveled to Nicaragua for about ten days, "hiking volcanoes and horseback-riding in the cloudforest." She then returned to Ithaca for the semester and worked "with the internal consultants at Organizational Development Services," extended her ILR internship from the previous semester, was a server at Miyake Japanese Restaurant, and also managed to find time to serve as sales director for Scrimple.com, a coupon company that "is really taking off in the Ithaca area." Natalia moved to San Francisco in June to work as a human resources representative for the Pepsi Bottling Group. **Brian Chu** completed his undergrad degree and spent spring semester in Ithaca finishing a graduate degree; he also began work in San Francisco this summer.

Quite a few other December grads found ways to stick around Ithaca for the spring 2008 semester. **Rachelle Rubinow** worked full-time at Planned Parenthood in Ithaca as a medical associate, where she performed "various tasks such as STD screening, HIV testing, birth control counseling, etc." Rachelle also managed to find time to work part-time at many Cornellians' favorite local indie movie houses, Cinemapolis and Fall Creek Pictures. After graduating with a government major, **Devon Rupley** traveled to Ghana with ten fellow Cornell students, where they "collected data on malaria prevalence and knowledge" in addition to "conducting educational programs about malaria and distributing bed nets." Following her return from Ghana, Devon returned to Ithaca and worked full-time for Campus Information and Visitor Relations as a campus tour guide and senior information specialist. In late May, Devon moved to California in order to begin a post-undergraduate program in medicine. **Roman Goldburt** also stuck around Ithaca after graduation in December and is returning to school in the fall, specifically Columbia Law School in New York City. **Simma Reingold** and **Jessica Intravia** both graduated in December and will remain in Ithaca until May 2009 completing their master's degrees in health administration through the College of Human Ecology's Sloan Program.

Other December grads left the comfort of Ithaca for exciting adventures both abroad and in the

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US. **Dawn-Marie Saepia** traveled to Australia on a work and holiday visa, returning to Queensland, where she studied abroad as an undergrad. Dawn writes, "I've just gained employment with the Queensland Government in the Dept. of Main Roads doing engineering geology. I basically assist with the construction of bridges, roads, tunnels, road signs, slope stability, and culverts by doing geological assessments. I'll be working with Main Roads for the next five months as a contract temporary employee. Afterwards, either I'll continue on to a permanent job with Main Roads or I'll go back to the US to pursue a graduate degree in civil engineering. I've been traveling around Queensland a bit. I've gone camping on the beach, woken up to the sounds of birds (cockatoos, lorikeets, kookaburras, etc.), and walked 50 meters to the beach to go for an early (attempted) surf." Dawn's Australian lifestyle sounds much warmer than most of the Class of 2008's Ithaca spring semesters, complete with cold temperatures on Slope Day and during Senior Week! **Gerald Souders** also went across the world following December graduation to teach English in Pusan, South Korea.

Post-graduation found Hotelier **Jonathan Kracer** embarking on "an exciting and memorable five-week trip to South America including Chile, Argentina, Brazil, and Uruguay." Upon returning to the US, Jonathan relocated to Miami and has a new job as an analyst for Jones Lang LaSalle Hotels, "completing hospitality advisory and transaction services projects in the Southeastern US, Caribbean, and Latin American regions." Jonathan writes, "The experience thus far has been great. I work with and for many Hoteliers, which I enjoy." Jonathan also looks forward to connecting with other Cornell alumni during upcoming trips planned this year to Mexico, Belgium, Germany, Luxembourg, Panama, and Colombia." **Ugo Ihekweazu** returned home to Houston, TX, where he taught high school and even coached an award-winning sports team. Ugo is nourishing his Big Red pride in the fall and enrolling in Weill Cornell Medical College in the Class of 2012.

I'm writing this column from London, on one leg of a four-week European journey that involves many of our classmates, including **Steve Attanasio**, **Rohan Thakkar**, **Stephanie Posen**, **Adam Gay**, **Maddie Sterling**, and **Emily Gordon**. I find it remarkable how close our Cornell bonds have proven to be, even after leaving the Hill, and I look forward to getting closer with more members of the class as we assume the privileges and responsibilities of being Cornell alumni! Also, as this is the Sep/Oct issue, I hope to see many of you on campus for Homecoming on September 26-28! We all know Ithaca is at its very best in the fall—how can anyone pass up a chance to enjoy the leaves and Cornell apple cider?

As the Class of 2008 fans out all over the country and the world, we hope you all will use this column as a way to stay connected to each other and to the university. Visit the class, <http://classof2008.cornell.edu/>, with links to events and activities, alumni services, and more. Click on "Stay Connected" to update your address and sign up for e-mail forwarding. You can also find Cornell events in your area and locate your regional office and local Cornell Club at [www.alumni.cornell.edu](http://www.alumni.cornell.edu). And thank you for sending in your updates for our column. We love to hear from you! Just shoot an e-mail to your class correspondents: **Elana Beale**, [erb26@cornell.edu](mailto:erb26@cornell.edu); and **Libby Boymel**, [lkb24@cornell.edu](mailto:lkb24@cornell.edu).

'25 BA—**Arthur E. Kern** of Caledonia, MI, January 8, 1998.

'26 BA—**Catherine Whitehill** Fischer of Cupertino, CA, March 28, 2008; active in alumni affairs. Kappa Alpha Theta.

'30—**Ruth Burnside** Schmelzer of Coral Gables, FL, February 3, 2002.

'31 BCE—**Albert J. Green** of Dayton, OH, March 17, 2008.

'31, BA '32, LLB '34—**Robert C. Groben** of Ponte Vedra Beach, FL, December 30, 2007; retired attorney; active in alumni affairs.

'31 BS HE—**Doris Brown** Hodge of Acton, MA, December 23, 2007; active in alumni affairs. Chi Omega.

'32 BA—**Florence Apfel** Goodstein of Newtown, CT, August 12, 2004.

'32 BA—**Jane Knapp** Honhorst of Jamestown, KS, November 27, 2007. Kappa Delta.

'33—**Sylvia Aronson** Cole of White Plains, NY, and Palm Beach, FL, March 17, 2008. Alpha Epsilon Phi.

'33-35 SP Ag—**Lyle A. Robinson** of Canajoharie, NY, July 3, 2006; active in alumni affairs.

'33 BA—**Alice Freedman** Rosenstock of Palm Beach, FL, and Loudonville, NY, April 7, 2008; active in civic, community, and religious affairs.

'33 BA—**Philip M. Winslow** of Henrietta, NY, November 12, 2007; orthopedist; chief of orthopedics, Genesee Hospital and County Hospital; assoc. professor, U. of Rochester School of Medicine; active in community, professional, and alumni affairs.

'34 BS HE—**Mary Terry** Goff of Aliso Viejo, CA, March 12, 2008.

'34 BS Ag, MEd '46—**Everett C. Lattimer** of Glenmont, NY, January 14, 2008; director, NYS Division of Occupational Education Supervision; taught at the Agricultural Inst. (Farmingdale, NY); school principal; active in professional and alumni affairs. Alpha Gamma Rho.

'34 BA—**Peter A. Miceli** of Westbury, NY, January 15, 2008; retired physician; active in alumni affairs.

'34 BS HE—**Margaret A. Van Wagenen** of Cobleskill, NY, February 13, 2008; social worker; active in community affairs.

'35 BS Ag, MS '36—**George R. Goetchius** of Mount Vernon, NY, May 30, 2006; retired executive, Ayerst Laboratories.

'35 BS HE—**Janet Weiermiller** Taylor of Silverthorne, CO, March 8, 2008. Kappa Delta.

'35 BME—**John W. Todd Jr.** of Sewickley, PA, March 24, 2008; retired VP, US Steel; active in community and religious affairs. Phi Kappa Psi.

'35 BS Ag—**Theodore C. Woodruff** of Mexico, NY, February 25, 2008; VP, First Trust and Deposit Bank; agriculture teacher; active in civic, community, professional, religious, and alumni affairs.

'36 BME, MME '37—**David C. Amsler** of Sarasota, FL, April 26, 2008; mechanical engineer; active in alumni affairs. Phi Sigma Kappa.

'36 BA—**Harold R. Berger** of Elizabeth, NJ, February 17, 2008; pediatrician; active in professional affairs.

'36 BS Ag, MS '59—**Ernest J. Cole** of Palm Harbor, FL, April 10, 2008; retired agricultural extension agent; veteran; active in community, professional, and religious affairs. Alpha Gamma Rho.

'36 BS Hotel—**Wallace W. Lee Jr.** of Columbus, NC, June 19, 2007.

'36 BA, JD '38—**Stanley D. Metzger** of San Diego, CA, March 3, 2008; retired professor emeritus, Georgetown U. Law Center; active in professional and alumni affairs.

'36 MCE—**Arthur V. Peterson** of Seattle, WA, March 24, 2008; oversaw the building of the Manhattan Project's atomic reactor; chief, fissionable materials, Atomic Energy Commission; general mgr., Atomic Energy Division, American Machine and Foundry Co.; nuclear power planner; veteran; active in professional affairs. Chi Epsilon.

'37 BA—**Beatrice Hirschfeld** Blumenson of New York City, March 11, 2008. Sigma Delta Tau.

'37 BArch—**William A. Buckhout** of Ft. Myers, FL, February 18, 2008; president and owner, Fairchester Builders; active in civic, community, professional, religious, and alumni affairs. Sigma Nu.

'37 BA—**Augusta DeBare** Greyson (Mrs. William L. '37) of Charlottesville, VA, formerly of Wayne, NJ, March 11, 2008; substitute teacher.

'37 BA—**Robert C. Hayman** of Boca Raton, FL, November 15, 2007; retired executive. Beta Sigma Rho.

'37 BS HE, MS HE '54—**Bertha J. Kotwica** of Rome, NY, March 17, 2008; retired food service director of schools in New Jersey, Wisconsin, and Hawaii; teaching dietician, St. Elizabeth Hospital, Utica; director of food service at military bases and at the Pentagon in WWII; active in alumni affairs.

'37 BS HE—**Helen Fellows** Naylor of Warrenton, VA, October 22, 2007; active in community affairs.

'37 BS HE—**Jane Salisbury** Parker of Presque Isle, MI, November 30, 2007. Delta Delta Delta.

- '38 BEE—David J. Bechtold** of Johnstown, PA, June 28, 2007; retired VP, operations; veteran; active in civic, religious, and alumni affairs.
- '38 BA—Natalie Perry McKee** (Mrs. James E. '37) of Rancho Bernardo, CA, March 1, 2008; active in alumni affairs. Kappa Kappa Gamma.
- '38 BME, MME '39—Lloyd P. Merrill** of Rochester, NY, December 21, 2007; retired mechanical engineer. Alpha Tau Omega.
- '38 BEE—Harry L. Smith** of Sun City Center, FL, August 18, 2007; retired real estate developer; active in alumni affairs. Sigma Chi.
- '39 MD—William G. Budington** of Seal Beach, CA, March 14, 2008; physician.
- '39 BS Ag, MS '42—Robert G. Latimer** of Mount Dora, FL, formerly of Kendall Park, NJ, March 26, 2008; professor of agricultural economics, Rutgers U.; active in community, religious, and alumni affairs. Alpha Zeta. Wife, Ruth (Phelps) '45, MS '46.
- '39 BS Ag—Peter Lazoration** of Horseheads, NY, April 10, 2008.
- '39 BS Ag, PhD '47—Mary Hickox Mandels** of Natick, MA, February 17, 2008; retired head of bioengineering group, US Army Pioneering Research Laboratory; developed process for converting waste cellulosic biomass into ethanol.
- '39 BA—Laura Vandermeulen** Mergler of Bolivar, NY, December 13, 2006; retired from Friendship Central School.
- '39 BS Ag—Col. Mark T. Muller** of Amarillo, TX, August 19, 2007; retired US Army colonel; pioneer in use of computer as teaching tool; assoc. professor of military science, MIT; research scientist/engineer and asst. director of the Engineering Inst., U. of Texas, Austin; camera collector; author; active in community and professional affairs. Tau Epsilon Phi.
- '39 BA, MA '42—Randall W. Reyer** of Morgantown, WV, February 6, 2008; professor emeritus of anatomy, West Virginia U.; expert on the amphibian eye; also taught at U. of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, Yale U., and Wesleyan; active in civic, community, professional, religious, and alumni affairs. Pi Kappa Alpha.
- '39 BA—Patricia O'Rourke** Smith (Mrs. Harry L. '38) of Sun City Center, FL, July 28, 2007; active in alumni affairs. Delta Delta Delta.
- '39 BS HE—Ruth Goodman** Waskey of Boulder, CO, October 21, 2007; nutritionist; overseer, pre-school lunch program, State of Florida; worked for Procter & Gamble; active in community affairs.
- '39—Richard M. Wheeler** of Corning, NY, October 31, 2007; retired accountant. Delta Upsilon.
- '40 BA, JD '42—Louis M. Greenblott** of Rancho Mirage, CA, August 29, 2007; judge, Appellate Division; NYS Supreme Court Justice; district attorney, Broome County; attorney; active in civic and professional affairs.
- '40 MA, PhD '48—Francis R. Hodge** of Austin, TX, April 6, 2008; emeritus professor of theatre, U. of Texas, Austin; also taught at Carroll College and U. of Iowa; director; author; veteran; active in community and professional affairs. Wife, Beulah (Wiley), MA '42.
- '40 PhD—Ching-Chun Li** of Pittsburgh, PA, October 20, 2003; professor emeritus of human genetics and biostatistics, U. of Pittsburgh Graduate School of Public Health; author; active in professional affairs.
- '40—Gladys Cohen** Pearlstine of Haverford, PA, July 9, 2007.
- '40—Joan Mintz** Rahe of Darien, CT, March 6, 2008; theatre critic; editor, *Theatre Information Bulletin*; owner, *Theatre Critics' Review*; also wrote for *Newsweek*; author; actress; active in professional affairs.
- '40 BME—S. Samuel Trifilo** of Scottsdale, AZ, March 30, 2008; professor of Spanish language and literature, Marquette U.; veteran.
- '40 BME—Kenneth B. Turner** of Des Plaines, IL, February 20, 2008; mechanical engineer, Liquid Carbonic Corp.; active in professional affairs.
- '40, BS HE '41—Anna Fusek** Warren (Mrs. George F. '35, PhD '45) of West Lafayette, IN, February 15, 2008; active in community, religious, and alumni affairs.
- '41 BS Ag—Rev. Hugh L. Cosline Jr.** of Philadelphia, PA, November 25, 2007; clergyman.
- '41—Ruth Conde** Farrell of Trumansburg, NY, March 14, 2008; homemaker; active in community affairs.
- '41 BA—Nadina Benke** Howe of Pleasantville, NY, March 4, 2008.
- '41 BA—Muriel Bernstein** Liberman of Teaneck, NJ, February 16, 2008; active in civic and community affairs. Sigma Delta Tau.
- '41 BS HE—Grace Noble** Nettles (Mrs. Victor F., PhD '49) of Gainesville, FL, October 18, 2007; English instructor, Santa Fe Community College; poet; pianist; active in community and religious affairs.
- '41 BME—Robert P. Northrup** of Quakertown, PA, September 22, 2007; mechanical engineer, General Electric; veteran.
- '41 BS Ag—Rowland E. Ramsey** of Portland, ME, November 17, 2007.
- '41 BA—Charlotte Kovitz** Schaffner of Denver, CO, March 17, 2008; bacteriologist, National Jewish Hospital; helped to develop the vaccine for tuberculosis; partner, Peerless Tyre Co.; active in community affairs.
- '41—Hilda Babcock** Sine of Ithaca, NY, April 2, 2008; caterer; active in community and religious affairs.
- '41 BCE—James R. Symons** of Mt. Lebanon, PA, March 12, 2008; chief engineer, US Steel; veteran.
- '41—Herman A. Uihlein Jr.** of Naples, FL, February 27, 2008; partner, Thomson & McKinnon brokerage firm; president, Ben-Hur Mfg.; VP, QuicFreeze; board member, Schlitz Brewing Co.; active in community and alumni affairs. Chi Psi.
- '42 BS Ag—Herbert C. Fordham** of Holyoke, MA, March 6, 2008; extension horticulturist, U. of Massachusetts; landscape designer; veteran; active in civic, community, professional, and religious affairs.
- '42 LLB—J. Pierre Kolisch** of Portland, OR, March 1, 2008; attorney; veteran; active in civic, community, and professional affairs.
- '42 BME—Abbott A. Putnam** of Columbus, OH, March 5, 2008; worked for Battelle Memorial Institute; veteran; active in community, professional, and religious affairs. Triangle.
- '43—Theodore G. Brown Jr.** of Middlebury, VT, August 31, 2007; pharmacologist; veteran; active in community, professional, and religious affairs. Phi Gamma Delta.
- '43 PhD—John Chalmers** of Manhattan, KS, March 14, 2008; former VP of academic affairs and dean of arts and sciences, Kansas State U.; professor of economics; veteran; active in civic, community, professional, and alumni affairs.
- '43-44 SP Arch—Norman D. Daly** of Ithaca, NY, April 2, 2008; painter and sculptor; professor emeritus, Dept. of Art, Cornell U.; invented an entire ancient civilization called Llhuro; active in professional affairs.
- '43, BA '47—Myron B. Gilbert** of Hastings-on-Hudson, NY, January 16, 2008; physician, Montefiore Hospital Medical Group. Tau Delta Phi.
- '43 BME—Robinson B. Gourley** of Sarasota, FL, formerly of Skaneateles, NY, March 13, 2008; retired engineer, General Electric; veteran; cellist; active in community affairs.
- '43 BME—Philip V. Johnson** of West End, NC, November 2, 2007; specialist in naval nuclear propulsion systems; veteran; active in civic, community, and professional affairs. Kappa Sigma. Wife, Jeanne (Copeland) '44.
- '43 BA, MD '46—Jerold S. Lieberman** of New York City, April 3, 2008; physician; cardiovascular researcher; assoc. professor of clinical medicine, Weill Cornell Medical College; veteran; author; active in community and professional affairs. Beta Sigma Rho.
- '43—Col. Alfred W. Miles** of Tampa, FL, March 29, 2008; retired US Air Force colonel; retired Air Force historian; veteran; active in community, professional, and religious affairs.
- '43 PhD—Harry B. Naylor** of Ithaca, NY, February 20, 2008; professor emeritus of microbiology, Cornell U.; veteran; active in community and professional affairs.
- '43, BA '46, MBA '48—Donald P. Skove** of Charlottesville, VA, April 11, 2006; director of financial planning, Harris Corp.; veteran; active in community affairs. Theta Delta Chi.
- '43 BME—Peter J. Sundheim** of West End, NC, February 3, 2008. Phi Kappa Sigma.

'44 **BS HE—Olga Senuk** Diamond of New York City, February 29, 2008; retired social worker; photographer; active in community affairs.

'44 **BME—Richard F. Jacobson** of Arlington, TX, December 16, 2007; retired from Vinson Supply Co.; designed power plants for EBASCO Services.

'44, **BA '46—James A. McTague** of Naples, FL, February 26, 2008; active in alumni affairs.

'44 **BS Ag—Henry A. Parker** of Lake Barrington, IL, February 18, 2008; owner, data processing business; worked for Oliver Corp.; veteran; active in community affairs. Delta Upsilon.

'44, **BS HE '48—Virginia Oakes** Tyler of Pittsford, NY, December 20, 2007; active in community, civic, religious, and alumni affairs.

'44 **DVM—Roland G. Whitehead** of Springville, NY, March 4, 2008; veterinarian; veteran; director, Cornell Mastitis Laboratory; author; active in community and alumni affairs.

'44, **BA '47—Edward J. Whiting** of Malvern, PA, June 22, 2006; insurance underwriter; veteran; active in community and religious affairs. Wife, Ernestine (Rowland) '45.

'45—**John B. Babcock** of Ithaca, NY, April 12, 2008; chief operating officer, Park Broadcasting; television station manager, ABC; radio broadcaster; author; veteran; active in community, professional, and alumni affairs.

'45, **BS HE—Nancy Luther Baird** of Arlington, VA, June 1, 2004. Delta Delta Delta.

'45, **BS Hotel '44—Barbara Schminck** Bayer of Ithaca, NY, March 28, 2008; active in alumni affairs.

'45, **BME '47—T. Edward Byerly** of Port Republic, MD, July 30, 2007. Seal & Serpent. Wife, Bettie (Neumann) '49.

'45, **BME '49—William B. Coulter** of Southport, CT, April 3, 2008; worked for Coulter Packaging Co., Bridgeport Hydraulic Co., and Penton Media; accountant; veteran; active in community, professional, religious, and alumni affairs. Delta Tau Delta.

'45, **BA '44—Caroline A. Dinagar** of New Haven, CT, December 12, 2007; professor and chair of political science, director of the Inst. of Law and Public Affairs, associate provost, U. of New Haven; former director, Peace Corps; former professor of strategy and politics, US Naval War College; also taught at U. of Virginia, Cal State Northridge, and U. of Connecticut; foreign affairs officer, US State Dept.; liaison to US Mission, United Nations; expert on terrorism; active in civic, community, and professional affairs.

'45—**William A. Franklin** of Syracuse, NY, and Bradenton, FL, March 29, 2008; founder and CEO, United Chemicon; president and owner, Franklin Sales Corp.; veteran; active in community affairs. Pi Kappa Alpha.

'45 **DVM—Russell F. Greer** of San Diego, CA, March 24, 2008; veterinarian; retired consultant, Petco Corp.; veteran. Alpha Psi.

'45, **BS Ag '46, DVM '46—Julius J. Haberman** of Bethel, ME, formerly of Weston, CT, and Hereford, AZ, March 12, 2008; medical licensing and marketing consultant; expert in technology transfer for universities; copywriter and account executive; veterinarian; game pathologist; author; co-founder, Westport Community Theatre; veteran; active in community, professional, and alumni affairs. Alpha Epsilon Pi. Wife, Mary (Holcomb) '50.

'45 **BS Ag—Ruth Adamy** Huntley of St. Petersburg, FL, February 26, 2008; retired from Lip-ton's; active in community affairs.

'45 **BA—Eve Mink** Ingraham Mitchell of Manheim, PA, January 28, 2008; worked in radio advertising; active in community and religious affairs. Kappa Alpha Theta.

'45 **BS Ag—Joseph F. Pellegrino** of Largo, FL, March 12, 2008; chemistry professor, Alfred U.; high school science teacher; active in community affairs.

'45 **MEd—Ada R. Stovall** of Wetumpka, AL, formerly of Montgomery, AL, March 11, 2008; asst. state director of vocational education, Alabama; state supervisor of vocational home economics, Alabama; author; editor; active in civic, community, professional, and religious affairs.

'46 **BA—Elaine Carlin** Block of New York City, March 7, 2008; retired professor of elementary education, Hunter College; founder, Misericordia Int'l; author; active in community and professional affairs.

'46 **BS Ag, MS '47—William W. Hassler** of Raleigh, NC, February 16, 2008; retired owner, AB Ltd. Cape Fear Fish Farm.

'46 **BA—Betty Riker** Howell of Haddonfield, NJ, February 14, 2007; retired physical therapist; active in community affairs. Chi Omega.

'46 **BA—June Cronig** Kapell of Teaneck, NJ, March 2, 2008; taught chemistry at NYU Dental School; active in civic and community affairs.

'46-48 **GR—Margaret Bryner** Parks (Mrs. Harold F., PhD '50) of Lexington, KY, September 18, 2005.

'46 **BA—Florence Kagan** Rubin of Newton, MA, February 26, 2008; president, Nat'l Center for Citizen Participation; high school chemistry teacher; active in civic and community affairs.

'46, **B Chem E '45, BCH '47—William C. Ruch** of Sun City Center, FL, January 2, 2008. Phi Kappa Psi. Wife, Patricia (Hoke) '48.

'46-47 **SP Ag—Martin P. Vince** of Savoy, IL, March 6, 2008; warehouse manager; veteran; active in community and religious affairs. Wife, Marilyn (Miller) '47.

'47 **MD—Charles F. Dyer** of Waterford, CT, March 28, 2008; retired surgeon; clinical instructor of surgery, Yale-Grace New Haven Hospital; director of health, Town of Waterford; senior aviation medical examiner, FAA; veteran; active in civic, community, and professional affairs.

'47—**Catherine Decker** Friend of Athens, PA,

February 27, 2008; operated Friend Realty and the Gristmill Restaurant; active in community affairs.

'47 **BME—M. Michael Lobsitz** of West Paterson, NJ, March 7, 2008; retired executive. Phi Sigma Kappa.

'47 **BS Ag—Donald S. Manning** of Sanibel, FL, and Auburn Township, OH, March 26, 2008; retired vice chairman, Parker Hannifin Corp.; veteran; active in civic, community, professional, religious, and alumni affairs. Lambda Chi Alpha. Wife, Betty (Nosek) '45.

'47 **MD—Harold E. Marden Jr.** of Delmar, NY, November 28, 2007; retired urologist; assoc. professor of surgery, Albany Medical College; veteran; active in community and professional affairs.

'48 **BS HE—Mary Stenbuck** Brown of Roseville, CA, March 4, 2008.

'48 **BS Nurs—Katherine Williams** Bryant of Gillsville, GA, October 2, 2007; retired registered nurse; active in religious affairs.

'48—**Henriette Herman** Eny (Mrs. Desire M., PhD '49) of Joppa, MD, February 3, 2008; president, Ecotech; active of alumni affairs.

'48 **BS Hotel—Betty Forbes** Finn (Mrs. James W. '48) of Loudonville, NY, March 21, 2008; active in community affairs. Kappa Delta.

'48—**Frederick E. Jenks** of St. George, UT, December 7, 2007; carpentry teacher, BOCES; veteran; active in civic, community, and religious affairs. Wife, Marilla (Oaks) '45.

'48 **BS Hotel—Robert E. Ledder** of Edina, MN, April 2, 2008; director of food services, U. of Minnesota; active in community, professional, and religious affairs. Chi Phi.

'48 **BS ORIE—Robert M. Levy** of Boca Raton, FL, March 18, 2008. Phi Sigma Delta.

'48 **BS HE—Ruth Lane** Loeb of Tucson, AZ, November 29, 2007.

'48 **BME—Norman O. Mason** of Westport, CT, May 15, 2007; VP, security sales, Smith Barney; executive, Bridgeport Brass Co.; active in community affairs. Beta Theta Pi.

'48 **BME—Edward G. Milne** of McLean, VA, February 9, 2008; mechanical engineer; retired sales representative, Apex Plumbing Supply. Tau Kappa Epsilon.

'48 **BS ORIE—Morris Mirzoeff** of Aventura, FL, June 6, 2007.

'48 **BEE—Frederick A. Moore** of Delmar, NY, February 29, 2008; electrical engineer; veteran.

'48 **BME—Robert L. Nugent** of Grosse Pointe Farms, MI, March 16, 2008. Phi Delta Theta.

'48 **BS Ag—William J. O'Brien** of East Aurora, NY, November 14, 2007; public health specialist; expert in radiation safety; veteran; active in civic, community, and professional affairs. Kappa Delta Rho. Wife, Patricia (Hayes) '48.

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'48 BA—**Paul M. Pinkham** of Spofford, NH, January 18, 2008; executive. Chi Phi.

'48 BCE—**Lewis F. Roth** of Potomac, MD, March 15, 2008; real estate developer; FAA manager; veteran; active in alumni affairs. Pi Kappa Alpha.

'49—**Arthur L. Arnold** of Orlando, FL, January 16, 2006; industrial engineer; veteran.

'49 BS Hotel—**Charles A. Bell** of Scarsdale, NY, December 2, 2007; president, Charles Anderson Bell Ltd.; active in alumni affairs. Alpha Sigma Phi. Wife, Claire (Naughton), MS '49.

'49 BME—**Leland N. Burke Jr.** of Northfield, OH, April 3, 2005.

'49 BS ORIE—**Charles T. Eberts Jr.** of Broomfield, CO, January 4, 2008; retired director, licensing and teaching.

'49—**Elmer P. Heil Jr.** of Aurora, CO, January 16, 2007; contracts manager, Martin Marietta Corp.; veteran.

'49, BA '50—**Finley C. Hunt Jr.** of Stony Brook, NY, January 26, 2008; screenwriter; director; producer; senior VP, Henry J. Kaufman Assocs.; wrote, directed, and produced the Louis Armstrong documentary *A Boy From New Orleans*; produced campaign commercials, Reagan/Bush Committee; supervised the filming of President Clinton's first inaugural; veteran; active in civic and professional affairs. Delta Kappa Epsilon.

'49 MS, PhD '54—**H. McClure Johnson** of Fort Wayne, IN, November 13, 2007; research meteorologist, Nat'l Environmental Satellite Service; taught at Cornell U. and U. of Hawaii; veteran; active in community, professional, and religious affairs. Wife, Suzanne (Briggs) '51.

'49 PhD—**William L. Kraushaar** of Gorham, ME, March 21, 2008; pioneer of high-energy astronomy; professor, MIT and U. of Wisconsin, Madison; author; active in professional affairs.

'49 BA—**George R. Lindemer** of Syracuse, NY, March 5, 2008; president and COO, Lincoln First Bank; veteran; active in civic, community, and professional affairs. Theta Delta Chi.

'49 MD—**William P. McCann** of Birmingham, AL, November 15, 2007; professor emeritus of pharmacology, U. of Alabama School of Medicine; also taught at U. of Colorado Medical Center; veteran; author; active in professional affairs.

'49 BS ILR—**Alexander B. McKenzie** of Greenbrae, CA, February 14, 2008; chief management negotiator and arbitrator, California construction industry; manager, San Francisco Sheet Metal Contractors' Assn.; referee, California State Bar Trial Court; veteran; active in community and professional affairs.

'49 PhD—**Victor F. Nettles** of Gainesville, FL, February 7, 2002; professor of horticulture, U. of Florida.

'49 BS ILR—**John R. Owens** of Houston, TX, December 5, 2007; owner, construction company; real estate broker; also worked for Nat'l Gypsum Co., Wage Stabilization Board, and American

Federation of Labor; veteran; active in religious affairs. Alpha Chi Rho.

'49 MD—**John G. Rogers** of Fernandina Beach, FL, November 14, 2006.

'49 BS HE—**Joan Dahlberg Schmidt** of Bradenton, FL, January 18, 2008; retired home economics teacher; active in community, professional, and religious affairs.

'49 MS HE—**Norma Newman Schunk** of Buffalo, NY, July 5, 2006.

'49 BCE—**Murray J. Smith** of White Plains, NY, March 17, 2008; civil engineer; VP, Starett Housing; veteran; active in alumni affairs. Sigma Alpha Mu.

'49 BEE—**George W. Supplee** of Wilmington, NC, March 11, 2008; chief electrical engineer, Public Service Electric and Gas; veteran.

'49 BS ORIE—**Richard L. Wanner** of Naples, FL, formerly of Woodbridge and Southbury, CT, March 20, 2008; VP and superintendent of manufacturing, Sargent and Co.; veteran; active in community affairs. Sigma Phi.

'49 BME—**Robert I. Widder** of Chevy Chase, MD, February 21, 2008; senior research engineer, Battelle Memorial Inst.; expert on ballistic missiles; consultant on arms control and technology transfer; veteran; active in civic and professional affairs.

'50 BS Ag—**Alan L. Caspar** of Boyce, VA, June 3, 2003; geneticist; worked for Brookhaven Lab, Blandy Experimental Farm, Ranson Fruit, and Clarke County Water Works. Wife, Emily J. (Landfear) '49.

'50 BA—**Richard A. Damon** of Walnut Creek, CA, January 24, 2008; veterinarian.

'50—**Robert W. Lanman** of Schererville, IN, February 26, 2008; president, Hadady Machining Co.; chief engineer, Parker-Hannifin Corp. and Carter Controls; designer, New York Central & New England railroads; active in professional affairs. Chi Phi.

'50 BS Ag—**James D. MacNair** of Pound Ridge, NY, January 25, 2008; trade magazine publisher; veteran; active in community affairs.

'50 MA—**Barbara Mardfin Miller** (Mrs. Wilson L., DVM '50) of Minneapolis, MN, December 8, 2007; assisted in husband's veterinary practice.

'50 PhD—**William C. Paddock** of Antigua, Guatemala, February 28, 2008; expert on world food issues; director, Iowa State College Tropical Research Center, Antigua, Guatemala; developed Tiquisate Golden Yellow corn; director, El Zamorano, the Pan American School of Agriculture; director, Latin American Affairs, Nat'l Academy of Sciences; veteran; author; active in civic and professional affairs.

'50 PhD—**Harold F. Parks** of Lexington, KY, April 15, 2008; retired professor and chair of anatomy, U. of Kentucky College of Medicine; former zoology professor, Cornell U.; also taught at U. of Rochester School of Medicine and U. of North

Carolina, Chapel Hill; musician; active in community and professional affairs.

'50 BS ILR—**Martin J. Reitkopp** of Chevy Chase, MD, February 26, 2008; Tau Delta Phi.

'51 BS Ag—**George W. Cumming** of Beamsville, Ontario, Canada, November 1, 2007; retired assistant director, Royal Botanical Gardens; veteran.

'51 BS ILR—**Teresa M. Feller** of Rochester, NY, February 19, 2008; retired personnel manager.

'51 LLB—**Saul Kwartin** of Stamford, CT, March 23, 2008; attorney; veteran; active in civic, community, professional, and religious affairs.

'51 BS Hotel—**William H. McKinnon** of Michigan City, IN, February 10, 2008; hotel executive.

'51 BArch, MRP '54—**Robert C. Morris** of Pennellville, NY, March 20, 2008; regional planner; veteran; active in community affairs.

'51 BA—**Janet Raleigh O'Connor** of Ithaca, NY, March 30, 2008; artist; worked in the medical art dept., U. of Virginia Hospital; worked for US Geological Survey. Alpha Phi. Husband, Stanley J. O'Connor Jr. '51, PhD '65.

'51 BS Ag—**Wilbur Pope** of Smithville, NY, February 18, 2008; retired farmer; active in community, professional, religious, and alumni affairs. Alpha Zeta. Wife, Dolores (Hartnett) '51.

'51 MEE—**Bernard H. Rudwick** of Springfield, VA, August 5, 2007; management consultant; author.

'51 MEE—**Robert D. Wilson** of Shelburne, VT, March 21, 2008; electrical engineer, Raytheon Corp.; technical editor; taught at Cornell U., MIT Radar School, and US Naval Postgraduate School; owner, RadioKit; amateur radio enthusiast; active in community and professional affairs.

'52, BCE '53—**Robert D. Anderson** of Southold, NY, April 7, 2008; president and founder, Robert D. Anderson Co.; veteran; active in community, professional, religious, and alumni affairs. Theta Xi.

'52 BA—**Nancy Taylor Brown** of Clayville, RI, March 18, 2008; social worker; active in alumni affairs. Alpha Phi.

'52 BS Ag—**Robert L. Bull** of Temple, ME, February 26, 2008; consultant; professor of marketing, U. of Delaware; author; active in civic, community, and professional affairs.

'52—**Peter W. Drake** of Mendham, NJ, April 1, 2008; architect; principal, Kuhn+Drake Architects; veteran. Phi Kappa Sigma.

'52 DVM—**Daniel Durniak** of Phoenix, AZ, March 17, 2008; veterinarian; track veterinarian, Tucson Greyhound Park and Rillito Horse Track; veteran. Alpha Psi.

'52 MA—**Paul V. Hale** of Voorhees, NJ, formerly of Buffalo, NY, April 7, 2008; professor and chair of English, Buffalo State U.; also taught at Niagara U.; playwright; poet; linguist; veteran; active in professional affairs.

'52 PhD—**Robert J. C. Krueger** of Richmond, VA,

October 31, 2007; founder, Agrimetrics Associates.

'52—**Henry S. Livingston** of Lake Havasu City, AZ, October 6, 2007; logistics engineer, Rockwell Int'l; veteran. Sigma Phi.

'52 BA—**Roderick L. Turner** of Sands Point, NY, January 9, 2008; senior executive VP, Colgate-Palmolive; veteran; active in alumni affairs. Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

'52 BS Ag, MAT '67—**Paul J. West** of Labelle, FL, April 3, 2008; retired guidance counselor.

'53—**Robert S. Arner** of Loves Park, IL, February 11, 2008; optometrist; founder, Rockford Vision and Learning Foundation and Rockford Family Eye Care Center; started Arlon Contact Lens Laboratories; author; veteran; active in community and professional affairs. Sigma Alpha Mu.

'53—**Joan Palermo Beyea** of Valentine, NE, January 7, 2008; active in religious and alumni affairs. Husband, Orville S. Beyea '51.

'53—**Martin Blair** of Santa Fe, NM, February 28, 2007. Delta Kappa Epsilon.

'53, BS Ag '58, PhD '69—**Thomas A. Brewer** of State College, PA, April 11, 2008; professor of agricultural economy, Penn State U.; also taught at Washington State U.; veteran.

'53 BS HE—**Joyce White Cima** of Lansing, NY, February 29, 2008; secretary, Cornell University Council and Board of Trustees; active in community, professional, religious, and alumni affairs. Alpha Xi Delta.

'53 DVM—**Charles F. Clause** of Henrietta, NY, May 14, 2005; veterinarian. Alpha Psi.

'53, BME '54—**Samuel N. Donaldson** of Roswell, GA, March 18, 2006; manager; active in alumni affairs. Chi Phi.

'53 BS Ag—**Stephanie Terni Erickson** of Schenectady, NY, February 29, 2008; retired bacteriologist; active in community and professional affairs.

'53, BS ILR '56—**Robert A. Fay** of Burna, KY, March 19, 2008; attorney; asst. Livingston County attorney; veteran; active in civic, community, professional, and religious affairs. Kappa Alpha.

'53—**Lawrence H. Himmelback** of Ransomville, NY, December 17, 2007; retired farmer.

'53 BS HE—**Marilyn Craig Hoge** of Hendersonville, TN, January 1, 2008; active in religious affairs. Kappa Kappa Gamma.

'53 MS—**Pierce D. Milliman** of Seattle, WA, February 25, 2008; engineer and manager at Boeing Aircraft; musician; author; active in community affairs. Wife, Constance (Stanton) '53.

'53 BS Ag—**Ronald W. Space** of Dryden, NY, March 28, 2008; manager, Dept. of Animal Science Teaching and Research Center, Cornell U.; farmer; active in community affairs. Alpha Gamma Rho.

'53—Lt. Cmdr. **Charles R. Thompson** of West End, NC, January 15, 2008; administrator, Temple U. Hospital; retired Naval officer.

'53 JD—**Robert C. Woodbury** of Dunkirk, NY, October 27, 2007; attorney; electrical engineer.

'54, BS Ag '58—**Robert W. Budd** of Baldwinsville, NY, February 13, 2008; retired teacher and asst. principal, N. Syracuse School District; veteran. Alpha Gamma Rho.

'54 BArch—**Kirk R. Craig** of Greenville, SC, March 29, 2007; architect; partner, Craig Gaudin Davis; veteran; active in civic, community, professional, and religious affairs.

'54 BA—**Patrick De La Sota** of Bilbao, Spain, February 13, 2008; worked in metallurgy and insurance; founder and president, Maritime Museum; consul of the Republic of Ireland; Chevalier de la Legion d'Honneur; active in civic, community, and professional affairs.

'54 BS HE—**Amanda Goldsmith Farrell** (Mrs. Robert D. '48, DVM '51) of Mount Upton, NY, January 3, 2007; vocalist; choir director; entrepreneur; active in community, religious, and alumni affairs. Pi Beta Phi.

'54—**Floyd A. Guernsey** of Schoharie, NY, January 11, 2008; owner, Guernsey's Schoharie Nurseries; active in civic, community, professional, and alumni affairs.

'54 LLB—**Thomas Hogan** of Fayetteville, NY, April 8, 2008; attorney; partner, Hiscock & Barclay law firm; former Dept. of Justice attorney; veteran; active in civic, community, professional, and religious affairs. Delta Kappa Epsilon.

'54-55 SP Ag—**Lester N. Hunt** of Sacramento, CA, March 2, 2008; Baptist minister; missionary in Thailand; veteran; active in religious affairs. Wife, Jean (Cackler), '54-55 SP Ag.

'54 BA—**Seely F. Pratt Jr.** of Le Roy, NY, March 11, 2008; worked for Union Steel Chest; active in community and religious affairs. Phi Delta Theta.

'54, BA '77—**Alan R. Sheppard** of Beaufort, SC, November 23, 2007; investment counselor; veteran; active in community and religious affairs. Delta Phi.

'54 BS Ag, MBA '58—**Russell O. L. Smith** of Pittsford, NY, February 10, 2008; operated Pittsford Liquor Store; veteran; active in community and alumni affairs.

'54 BA, MBA '59—**Donald F. Walls** of Austin, TX, June 28, 2003.

'54 BS Ag—**Mildred Myers Weiner** of Spencerport, NY, February 27, 2008; retired horse farmer; active in community and religious affairs.

'54 BS Ag, MBA '55—**Franklin R. Winnert** of Gainesville, TX, December 25, 2006; active in alumni affairs. Beta Theta Pi. Wife, Carol (Cochran) '57.

'55 BS HE—**Marilyn Levy Black** of Boynton Beach, FL, April 2, 2008; retired employment counselor, Monroe County, NY; active in alumni affairs. Sigma Delta Tau.

'55 BS Ag—**Frederick Cummings** of Andover, MA, June 11, 2007; asst. VP and secretary of

- commercial lines, Andover Companies; active in community and religious affairs. Phi Sigma Kappa. Wife, Mary (Spinney) '56.
- '55—**Phyllis Clause** Dewan of East Falmouth, MA, April 22, 1996.
- '55 LLB—**Robert B. Dickson** of Chocorua, NH, January 30, 2007; superior court justice, State of New Hampshire; attorney; veteran; active in civic, community, and professional affairs.
- '55 PhD—**Kenall L. Dolge** of Manlius, NY, February 20, 2008; animal nutritionist; manager of nutrition and quality assurance, Agway; formulated the feed for Seattle Slew; veteran; active in community and professional affairs.
- '55 BS ILR—**Michael H. Greenberg** of New York City, March 10, 2008; attorney; arbitrator; active in civic, community, and professional affairs.
- '55 MEd—**James G. Henry** of Warsaw, NC, July 1, 2002.
- '55—**Bradford C. Laube** of Tenafly, NJ, August 24, 2007. Delta Phi.
- '55—**Joseph H. Lowy** of Newark, NJ, February 19, 2008; systems engineer, Smith Industries; veteran.
- '55 BS Ag—**Rev. Richard E. Mastin** of Jordan, NY, March 24, 2008; retired minister; owner, Rich's Construction; substitute teacher; active in civic, community, and religious affairs. Kappa Delta Rho.
- '55 BS ILR—**Renee Miller** Mayer of Port Washington, NY, March 7, 2008; attorney; active in civic, professional, and alumni affairs.
- '55 BArch—**Edith Lyons** Mendel of Great Neck, NY, April 8, 2008; architect.
- '55—**Richard L. Vigurs** of Southbury, CT, April 10, 2008; owner, Connecticut Auto Test.
- '56—**Donald L. Blotner** of West Hartford, CT, May 14, 2007; Beta Sigma Rho.
- '56 BA—**Sally D. Decker** of Kennett Square, PA, formerly of Ardentown, DE, October 18, 2007; social worker; active in community affairs. Chi Omega.
- '56—**Rosina Farwell** French of Chattanooga, TN, April 13, 2005.
- '56 JD—**Donald J. Goodell** of Chappaqua, NY, February 16, 2008; international trademark attorney; veteran; active in alumni affairs.
- '56 BS Hotel—**Arthur S. Kerbel** of Petaluma, CA, January 27, 2008; director, Old Adobe Developmental Services; hotel executive; tax accountant; active in civic and community affairs.
- '56 MS HE—**Sister Marie L. Mayer** of Rochester, NY, January 29, 2008; Catholic nun, Sisters of St. Joseph; convent treasurer; taught high school business and home economics; active in religious affairs.
- '56 MD—**Robert R. Morgan** of Montclair, NJ, March 15, 2008; physician.
- '57—**Jack C. Mettauer** of Brookline, MA, February 1, 1983.
- '57—**Edward S. Reich** of New York City, March 31, 2008; attorney; active in community, professional, religious, and alumni affairs.
- '57 PhD—**John R. Waters** of Tampa, FL, March 14, 2008; neutron physicist; research associate, Rensselaer Polytechnic U.; developed BACTEC, an automated blood culture system; author; active in community affairs.
- '57 BA—**Stephen H. Weiss** of Greenwich, CT, April 16, 2008; managing director and senior portfolio manager, Neuberger Berman LLC; co-founder, Weiss, Peck & Greer investment firm; former director, A. G. Becker and Co.; chairman, Cornell U. Board of Trustees; first chair, Weill Cornell Medical College Board of Overseers; Presidential Councilor; active in civic, community, professional, and alumni affairs. Beta Sigma Rho.
- '58 MD—**Armand Cortese** of Clinton Corners, NY, February 17, 2006; thoracic surgeon; clinical associate professor emeritus of surgery, Weill Cornell Medical College; active in professional affairs.
- '58 PhD—**Lloyd J. Kusak** of Burr Ridge, IL, March 8, 2008.
- '58, BME '62—**Donald E. Nurenberg** of Bloomfield Hills, MI, November 3, 2007; mechanical engineer; active in alumni affairs. Sigma Chi.
- '58 BS Ag—**Thomas H. Osbourn** of North East, PA, August 31, 2007.
- '58 MA—**Rev. Addison S. Truxton** of Colville, WA, December 28, 2007; Baptist minister and missionary to India and Thailand; program planner and coordinator, Fresno Refugee Resettlement; Baptist chaplain, UCLA; poet; active in religious affairs.
- '58, BME '59—**Peter B. Weber** of Newtonville, NY, January 4, 1995; former president, Rushmore and Weber; executive, Baltimore & Ohio and Chesapeake & Ohio railroads; also worked in advertising; active in community affairs. Sigma Chi.
- '58 MS HE—**Barbara Smith** Whaley of San Antonio, TX, January 19, 2008; retired dietitian.
- '58 MS—**Charles R. Wilson** of Cortland, NY, February 14, 2006; biology professor, SUNY Cortland; veteran. Pi Kappa Phi.
- '59 BS Hotel—**William F. Hahne** of Bertram, TX, formerly of New Orleans, LA, February 15, 2008; corporate executive chef. Theta Xi.
- '59 BA—**Douglas W. Lewis** of Christchurch, New Zealand, February 14, 2008; Lambda Chi Alpha.
- '59 BS Ag, DVM '63—**Ronald W. Miller** of Staatsburg, NY, November 27, 2007; veterinarian; active in professional affairs. Alpha Psi.
- '59, BS Hotel '62—**Herbert W. Stover III** of White Stone, VA, December 5, 2007; real estate broker; veteran; active in religious affairs. Theta Delta Chi.
- '59 BA—**Jane E. Werly** of Delray Beach, FL, February 22, 2008; consultant; active in alumni affairs. Kappa Kappa Gamma.
- '60 MS—**Ragnar Baerug** of Vear, Norway, September 21, 2007; professor.
- '60 MFS—**Lt. Col. Ronald N. Bowman** of Memphis, TN, March 20, 2008; retired commander, Memphis Defense Depot; deputy administrator, Shelby County Correction Center; veteran; active in community and professional affairs.
- '60 BA—**John M. Galloway** of St. Petersburg, FL, March 19, 2008; president, TropWorld; hotelier; veteran; active in community, professional, and alumni affairs. Delta Phi.
- '61 JD—**John D. Bryant** of Hendersonville, NC, October 31, 2007; co-founder, construction law firm Bryant, O'Dell and Basso; town attorney, Skaneateles, NY; veteran; active in civic, community, professional, and alumni affairs.
- '61 BS Ag—**James P. Ford** of Montrose, NY, October 24, 2007; computer analyst, Federal Reserve Bank; active in community and religious affairs.
- '61 LLB—**Philip J. Kramer** of Vestal, NY, March 4, 2008; attorney; NYS Supreme Court Justice; active in civic, community, professional, and religious affairs.
- '61 BS Ag, DVM '65—**Hugo P. Veit** of Christiansburg, VA, September 17, 2006; professor emeritus of biomedical sciences and pathology, Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine at Virginia Tech; veterinarian; author; active in professional affairs. Alpha Zeta.
- '63 BA—**Ethel Hoffman** Decter of Montclair, NJ, March 10, 2008; clinical social worker; Sigma Delta Tau. Husband, Julian A. Decter '62.
- '63 BA—**Cynthia Kovacs** Dorney of Short Hills, NJ, May 14, 2007; hospital administrator, Summit Dog & Cat Hospital. Husband, James M. Dorney, DVM '64.
- '63 BS HE—**Patricia Parker** Fox of Cincinnatus, NY, March 29, 2008; home economics teacher, Cincinnatus Central School; town supervisor, councilperson, and tax collector, Town of Free-town; active in civic, community, and religious affairs. Chi Omega.
- '63, BA '64, MILR '66—**Charles E. Leonard** of Kenmore, NY, April 2, 2008; labor mediator; supervising mediator, Public Employment Relations Board; active in community, professional, and religious affairs.
- '63, B Chem E '64, M Chem E '66—**Robert F. Rakowski** of Athens, OH, February 19, 2008; chair, biological science, Ohio U. Alpha Delta Phi. Wife, Linda (Eakin) '64.
- '63-64 GR—**Charlotte Fein** Sack of Venice, FL, February 28, 2008; German and French teacher; jewelry designer.
- '64—**Peter K. Cline** of Indianapolis, IN, March 29, 2008; history professor and associate academic dean, Earlham College; also taught at U. of California, Davis.

- '64 **BS ILR**—**Stephen R. Engleman** of Edinburgh, Scotland, UK, February 18, 2008; home economics consultant.
- '64 **BS Hotel, MBA '65**—**Robert S. Iversen** of Fort Lauderdale, FL, January 26, 2008; president, DCL. Wife, Linda (Rasken) '64.
- '64 **BS Ag, PhD '73**—**Eino Kivisalu** of Sauquoit, NY, July 31, 2007; antiques dealer; active in community and religious affairs.
- '64 **MS**—**Dale Koenig** of Louisville, KY, February 28, 2008; food industry executive; veteran; active in religious affairs.
- '64 **BS ILR**—**Nancy Alfred** Persily (Mrs. Andrew A. '65) of New York City, March 12, 2008; associate dean for academic affairs, U. of Albany School of Public Health; clinical professor, Dept. of Health Policy, Management, and Behavior and assistant provost, Health Affairs, U. of Albany; owner, healthcare consulting firm; held management positions at George Washington School of Public Health and Medical Center; active in community, professional, and alumni affairs. Alpha Epsilon Phi.
- '65, **BArch '69, MFA '71**—**Thomas R. Burton** of Columbia, MO, September 8, 2002.
- '65—**Gary W. Felstead** of Great Falls, MT, November 27, 2001. Theta Xi.
- '65 **PhD**—**Michel M. Goutmann** of Fort Washington, PA, January 16, 2008; retired VP of engineering, General Atronics Corp.; taught at U. of Pennsylvania; active in professional affairs.
- '65—**James C. Griefer** of Overland Park, KS, January 15, 1995. Delta Chi.
- '65 **BS MatSci, ME '66**—**Richard S. Humphrey** of Tecumseh, MO, May 24, 2007; engineering group consultant.
- '65 **BS ILR**—**Bennett H. Kaplan** of New York City, March 17, 2007. Beta Sigma Rho.
- '65, **BS Hotel '66**—**Alvin E. Koch** of Audubon, NY, June 6, 2007. Watermargin.
- '65 **BA**—**Carol J. Kronman** of New York City, May 8, 1999.
- '65 **MA, PhD '68**—**Henry C. Moses III** of New York City, April 16, 2008; headmaster, Trinity School; college administrator; dean of freshmen, Harvard U.; lecturer in American literature; author; active in community and professional affairs.
- '65—**Arthur E. Olsen** of Hyattsville, MD, January 15, 1992. Alpha Sigma Phi.
- '65 **BA**—**Yohko Suzuki** Shorb of Hornbrook, CA, January 6, 2002. Husband, Alan M. Shorb, MA '65.
- '65 **BS HE**—**Jane Galardi** Summerford of Davidson, NC, December 12, 2004.
- '65—**James Weiner** of Punta Gorda, FL, August 25, 2007.
- '67, **BA '68**—**Donald A. Weadon Jr.** of Washington, DC, March 23, 2008; principal, Weadon & Assocs.; active in alumni affairs. Delta Kappa Epsilon.
- '68 **BA**—**John W. Pearson** of Altadena, CA, December 29, 2007. Phi Sigma Kappa.
- '68 **BS Ag**—**Gary F. Senyk** of Akron, NY, February 7, 2008; VP, research/quality, Perry's Ice Cream.
- '69 **MS Ag**—**Kenneth A. Apostolico** of North Brunswick, NJ, September 11, 2007; patent engineer, Law Offices of Ezra Sutton; active in community affairs. Tau Delta Phi.
- '69 **BS Ag**—**Newton C. Galusha Jr.** of Colleyville, TX, May 6, 2007; practiced internal medicine; founded Harris Methodist Springwood addiction treatment center; veteran; active in community, professional, and religious affairs. Sigma Phi Epsilon.
- '69—**Joseph F. Katusz** of Dundalk, MD, April 2, 2006.
- '70 **BA**—**Larry S. Eisner** of Boca Raton, FL, March 4, 2008; neurologist; retired medical director, Baumel-Eisner Neuromedical Inst.; active in professional and alumni affairs. Tau Epsilon Phi.
- '70 **BS ILR**—**Stephen R. Goodwin** of New York City, March 7, 2008; founder and CEO, Cartwright Goodwin; active in alumni affairs. Tau Delta Phi.
- '70 **MARCH**—**Leonard E. Mankowski** of Eldersburg, MD, March 2, 2008; architect; active in religious affairs.
- '71 **BS Ag, MPS '73**—**David J. Griffin** of Doral, FL, February 24, 2008; retired sales manager; active in alumni affairs.
- '71 **BS Ag**—**Harvey L. Levy** of Howell, NJ, March 17, 2008; veterinarian.
- '71 **PhD**—**Billy L. Redmond** of Rancho Mirage, CA, formerly of New Paltz, NY, March 2, 2008; professor of electron microscopy, SUNY New Paltz; consultant on electron microscopy; active in community affairs.
- '72 **MAT**—**Mary J. Hynes** of Schenectady, NY, February 19, 2008; director, Wellness Center of Sage Colleges; Jungian psychologist; high school math and science teacher; active in civic, community, professional, and religious affairs.
- '72 **BS Ag**—**Jeffrey C. Walters** of Chicago, IL, March 31, 2008; podiatrist.
- '72 **BS Hotel**—**Rex L. Williams** of Tacoma, WA, March 12, 2008; owner, Williams Properties; active in civic and community affairs. Kappa Alpha.
- '73 **BA**—**David L. Davies** of Mount Laurel, NJ, March 18, 2008; chief technical officer, Channel Logistics; attorney; former Peace Corps volunteer; active in community and professional affairs. Alpha Delta Phi.
- '73 **MPS, MA '76, PhD '85**—**Willie A. Drake** of Trent Woods, NC, March 14, 2008; professor, Virginia Commonwealth U.; active in civic and community affairs. Wife, Doris (Moore) '74.
- '73 **MS Ag, PhD '74**—**Paul E. Powell** of Austin, TX, February 7, 2008; microbiologist and plant pathologist; worked at the Int'l Maize and Wheat Improvement Center, Sonora, Mexico; taught at Cornell U., U. of Puerto Rico at Mayaguez, U. of Hohenheim, and U. of Texas, Austin; active in professional affairs.
- '73 **DVM**—**Nils W. Robertson** of West Boylston, MA, November 7, 2004; veterinarian; active in community and professional affairs.
- '75 **MA, PhD '77**—**Robert Balter** of Wake Forest, NC, September 26, 2007.
- '78 **MA, PhD '80**—**Carolyn Clark** Ahern of Norman, OK, March 14, 2008; high school English teacher; freelance writer; editor; lyricist; taught English at U. of Oklahoma; active in community and religious affairs. Husband, Judson L. Ahern, PhD '80.
- '78 **MD**—**Thomas F. Cheng** of Edina, MN, February 25, 2008; cardiologist, Minnesota Heart Clinic; clinical associate professor, U. of Minnesota Medical School; active in professional affairs.
- '78 **MBA**—**Douglas J. Wood** of Greensburg, PA, March 30, 2008; CEO, GPS Industries; co-owner and president, Carrera Corp.; active in civic and community affairs.
- '79 **MPA**—**William D. Jones** of Peaks Island, ME, April 14, 2008; academic financial director, Naropa U.; organic gardener; treasurer, Boulder Farmers' Market; worked in admissions and treasurer's office, Cornell U.; worked at JP Morgan; active in community affairs.
- '80 **BME**—**George D. Low** of Sterling, VA, March 15, 2008; NASA astronaut; payload commander, Space Shuttle *Endeavor*; carried Ezra Cornell's socks into space; senior VP, Launch Systems Group, Orbital Sciences Corp.; also worked at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory; active in professional affairs.
- '81 **BS Ag**—**Michael L. Piotrowski** of Erie, PA, December 8, 2007; financial advisor, UBS Financial Services; active in civic, community, and religious affairs. Pi Kappa Phi.
- '83 **MEE**—**William E. Wells** of Raleigh, NC, August 5, 2006.
- '86 **MBA**—**Stanley E. Smith** of Littleton, MA, March 11, 2008; freelance business and mystery writer; publisher, Mental Master Publications; active in civic, community, professional, and religious affairs.
- '89 **MILR**—**John D. Tanner** of New York City, February 29, 2008; human resources manager; active in alumni affairs.
- '92 **MA**—**Elspeth Stanfield** Delancy of Syracuse, NY, August 6, 2007; retired banker.
- '92, **BS Ag '93**—**David A. Von Rhedey** of Pulteney, NY, March 25, 2007; VP of sales, VR Food Equipment; active in community affairs.
- '98 **BS Ag**—**Michael J. Lacasse** of Ellicott City, MD, August 9, 2000.

# Poet's Corner

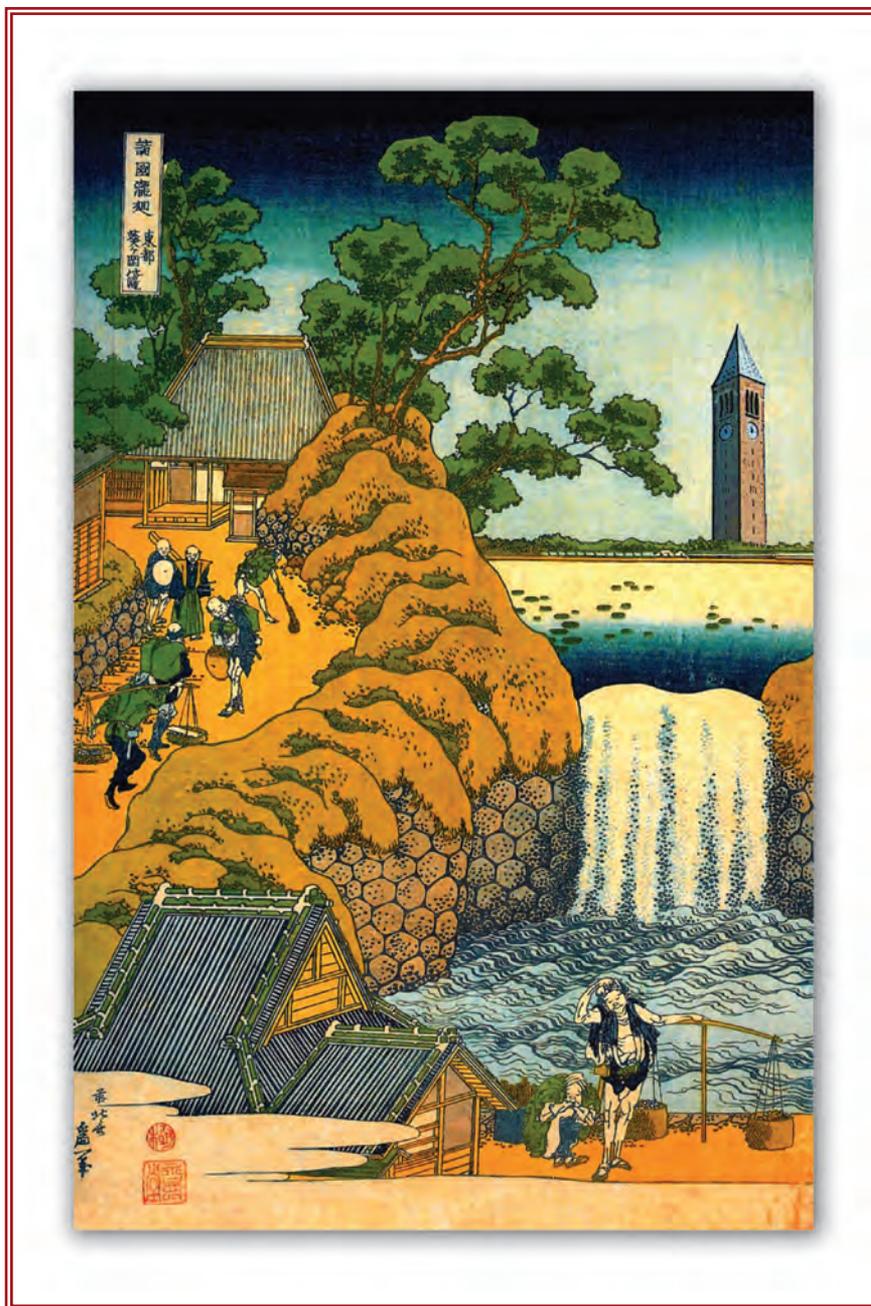
Mann Library's haiku softens the daily grind

*the thief left it behind  
the moon  
at the window*

— Ryokan (1758–1831)

**T**wo decades ago, the Mann Library custodians had a problem. No matter how often they scrubbed, patrons kept scribbling on the elevator walls. One frustrated janitor taped up a blank piece of paper every morning, hoping it would at least corral the graffiti. It did—but didn't change the writings' often negative tone. So circulation desk coordinator Tom Clausen '73, BS '74, began posting a daily haiku poem, occasionally one of his own composition. "I thought that might begin the day on a positive note," he says. "It became a ritual, a little daily practice." Eventually, staffers proposed that the haiku move to a more accessible location—near the dictionary stand at the library entrance, as well as online. Since then, the daily haiku has become part of the library culture, with more than 7,000 poems displayed since 1988.

Written by everyone from schoolchildren to Beat poets to University presidents—including David Skorton—haiku are deceptively simple. Traditional Japanese haiku comprise a pattern of five, seven, and five *on*, or sound units. *On* have no English equivalent, and some people incorrectly assume that lines of haiku inherently require five, seven, and five syllables. But what matters more, Clausen says, is a poem's spirit. He describes haiku as a concrete expression of a single moment, written in three lines or fewer and spoken in one breath. "When you read it, you are in essence stepping into the being of the poet and having a momentary glimpse of what that poet felt."



That experience offers a respite from Cornell's academic intensity, says library director Janet McCue, who knows of several faculty who make the Mann haiku part of their daily routine. "We've even spotted David Skorton showing [his wife] Robin Davisson the dictionary stand," McCue says. In May, Skorton wrote a

haiku to commemorate the groundbreaking for the Johnson Museum's addition. The event, held on a dreary day, was hosted by museum director Frank Robinson (also a haiku aficionado), sporting a brightly hued hardhat. Skorton's poem: *Yellow hat on gray / New building rising today / New era for art.*



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