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Robert Lustig, MD '80, is a man on a mission. An expert on childhood obesity at the University of California, San Francisco, Lustig believes that overconsumption of sugar—specifically, fructose—has a toxic effect on the human body. His essential message: that the American diet is dangerously overloaded with it—not only in desserts, but in myriad foods that we don't necessarily think of as sweet, like ketchup, yogurt, and peanut butter. "Fructose is a poison," Lustig said in a seminal speech on the subject that has tallied more than 6.1 million views on YouTube. "We've had our food supply adulterated, contaminated, poisoned, tainted, on purpose. And we've allowed it."

### 46 For Love of the Game

Rob Manfred '80 has one of the most iconic jobs in all of sports: commissioner of Major League Baseball. Since taking the post in January 2015, Manfred has coped with issues ranging from fan safety to Pete Rose's lifetime ban. An attorney and longtime MLB executive, the ILR grad (and former Little Leaguer) attributes his success, in part, to his extensive training in negotiation, both in the classroom and on the job. Among his priorities as commissioner: to promote the sport among youth, particularly those from underserved communities.

### 52 Oh, the Places You'll Go!

Undergrads have long been venturing far from the Hill to study—and these days, that business is booming. More students, from a wider array of majors, are going abroad, and they're having a kaleidoscopic variety of experiences. As CALS student Joanna Barrett '16 puts it: "I'm so much more confident and poised than when I came to Cornell, and I credit my time abroad for a lot of that." CAM asked students to share their travel experiences for a photographic tour—from Italy to India, Ghana to Gabon.

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# CU in the City



**WEILL WELCOME:** The Medical College hosted a reception for President Elizabeth Garrett shortly after her inauguration. Attendees included Dan Huttenlocher (left), dean of Cornell Tech.

Last semester I spent a day in New York City that included the steel topping-out ceremony for the Bloomberg Center—Cornell Tech’s first academic building on Roosevelt Island—and a visit to the College of Architecture, Art, and Planning’s new academic studio space in Lower Manhattan. Designed by Gensler—the firm founded by M. Arthur Gensler ’57, BArch ’58, who with his wife, Drue, has been a longtime supporter of AAP’s program in New York—the new downtown space allows students to spend a semester on complex urban issues while taking advantage of the city for site visits, internships, and seminars with design professionals and government agencies. Those two events—one heralding a new era for Cornell in tech research and entrepreneurship, and the other augmenting our strong, well-established academic programs in planning and design with a vital urban dimension—highlight how the University is maximizing the benefits of our dual footprints in Ithaca and a great international urban center.

Cornell’s New York City programs have been serving our students and the wider public for more than 100 years. The metropolitan area is home to some 50,000 alumni. More than 3,500 of our Ithaca-based students hail from the city and its environs, and many more will move there after earning their degrees.

At Weill Cornell Medicine, Dean Laurie Glimcher and her colleagues are populating the new Belfer Research Building with outstanding physician-scientists, including Nobel Laureate Harold Varmus, and creating cross-disciplinary scientific neighborhoods in our York Avenue buildings. Weill Cornell Medicine and the Ithaca campus already engage in collaborative research on topics such as biomedical engineering, pain in later life, nanobiotechnology approaches to cancer, and reproductive genomics. Weill Cornell Medicine is also collaborating with Cornell Tech in health tech, an area led by Professor Deborah Estrin, who has faculty appointments in both units.

Cornell University Cooperative Extension-NYC (CUCE-NYC) reaches all five boroughs with programs ranging from food

and nutrition workshops for low-income adults to 4-H programs that teach middle schoolers about technology to a program at Food and Finance High School where students learn to use hydroponics and aquaponics to produce clean, fresh food.

The College of Human Ecology’s Urban Semester program already offers a wide variety of internship, service, and research opportunities. The college, in partnership with CUCE-NYC, runs the New York City extension offices, which also will accommodate staff for the Engaged Cornell initiative. We anticipate that the arrangement will enable undergraduates to take advantage of established connections in the city.

Leveraging co-location of staff and faculty in both Ithaca and New York City, the ILR school offers professional development and training programs in its Midtown facilities. In-person, peer-to-peer classes combine with technology-assisted distance learning to provide a tangible expression of the school’s outreach mission of “advancing the world of work.” Each year 2,000 professionals are served in New York City alone, through programs in conflict resolution, compensation studies, labor and employment law studies, employment and disability, human capital development, and other programs focused on workers.

Cornell Financial Engineering Manhattan, in the financial district, provides master’s students in the School of Operations Research and Information Engineering’s financial engineering program with practical understanding of financial markets through a carefully designed curriculum. A recent addition is a fully-integrated immersion semester in financial data science, which

allows master’s students to deepen their knowledge in predictive modeling and big data technologies and to solve large-scale problems supplied by practitioners.

The College of Veterinary Medicine has a presence in the metro New York area through Cornell Ruffian Equine Specialists, near Belmont Racetrack, which serves as a critical emergency facility for horse owners on Long Island and hosts veterinary students for clinical rotations, as well as through its Cornell University Veterinary Specialists practice, an emergency and specialist hospital for companion animals in Stamford, Connecticut.

To enhance Cornell’s presence in the city, we are awarding feasibility and planning grants, funded through philanthropy, to create new academic programs that span Cornell Tech and Ithaca, are unlike anything currently offered, and can be sustained in the long run through revenue they generate.

Alumni already help keep our academic programs relevant to the real world and offer internships, networking, and other professional development opportunities that give graduates a competitive edge. With the growing ties between our campuses and the innovative cross-campus programs that are likely to be developed, I hope you will help us realize the potential of our dual footprints to benefit our students long after they earn their degrees. ■

— President Elizabeth Garrett  
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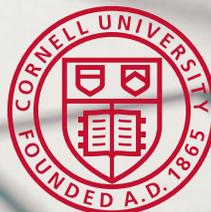
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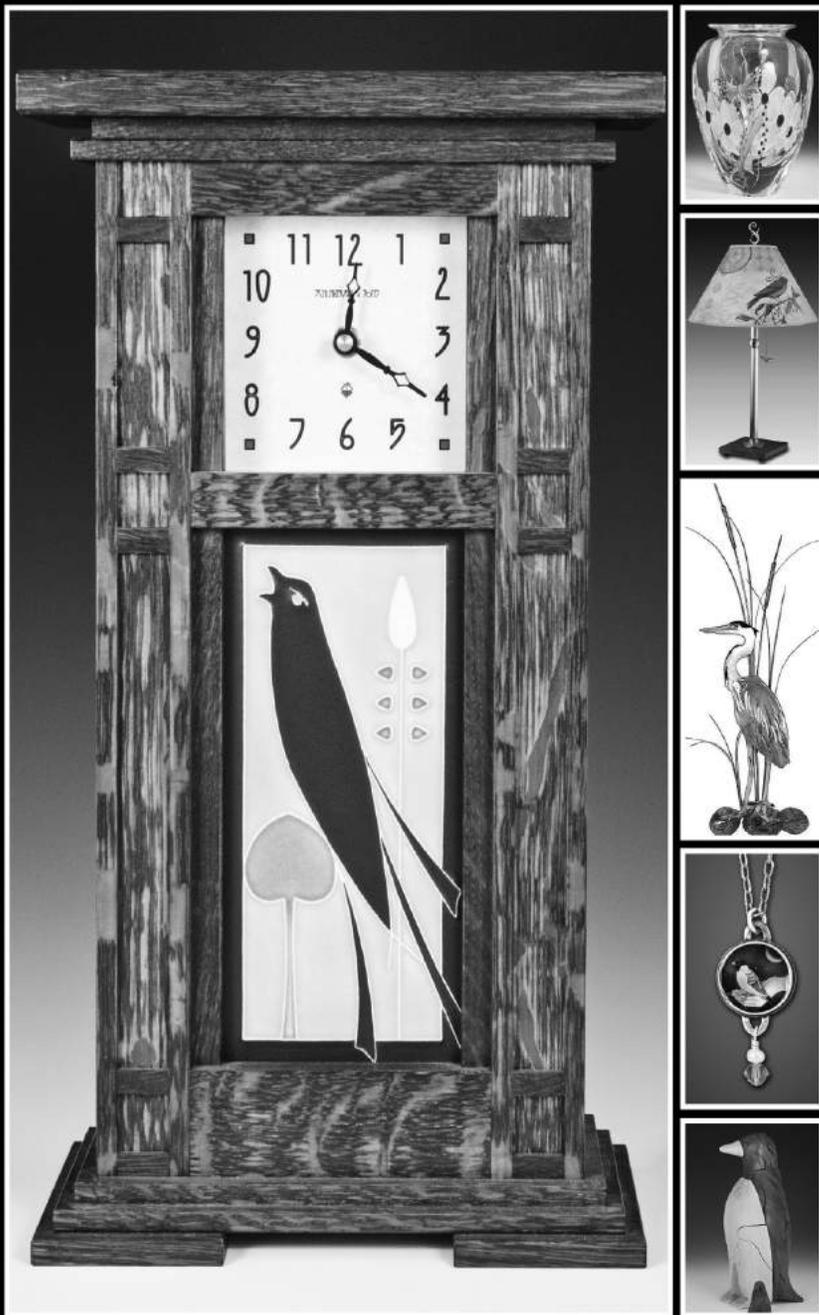
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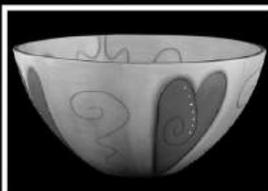
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## Let's Talk About The Weather!



In "Cold Comforts" in our January/February 2016 issue, we invited readers to share their Cornell-in-winter memories.

During senior year, I decided to stay on campus between semesters. A blizzard engulfed Ithaca over February 4-5, leaving behind twenty-six inches of snow. My fiancée, Barbara Ballweg '61, and I toured campus on the 6th, stopping for a 1961 "selfie" in front of Goldwin Smith Hall. A very memorable day.



Bob Everson '61  
Lafayette, IN

Start of winter term 1978, and the Eastern Seaboard is paralyzed by twenty-seven inches of snow. I had returned early as house manager of Phi Sigma Kappa, planning a mandatory work session before classes; so much for that. As my housemates straggled back to campus over the following week, I shoveled snow off the big white house's roof for fear of its collapse. Somehow, it's still standing!

Rob Sanders '81  
Wilton, CT

I remember standing at the top of an ice-drenched, near-vertical Buffalo Street and trying to plot my descent. I had no other option as my apartment was halfway down. I could not work out how to do it; the street looked like an up-ended skating rink. Finally, I sat down and inched it all the way. Coming from Canada I had been laboring under the impression that I knew something about winter. So naïve!

Selina Stewart, PhD '97  
Edmonton, AB

Normally, the northern lights are not visible in New York. One year, one night, however, sometime between 1966 and 1970, they *were* visible! Everyone ran out of their dorms and lay flat on the snow to get the best view. Forget the cold. It was magical!

Janet L. Wiebold '70  
Pullman, WA

I went to Goodwill and bought an ancient raccoon-skin coat. Finally able to survive three more winters. Now of course I am in Arizona.

Joanne Trifilo '71  
Phoenix, AZ

It was our freshman year, the first winter at Cornell. January or February 1958. I am not sure if this is pure memory or memory enhanced by all the years (and snow) since then. We had a horrible snowstorm, leaving an absolutely beautiful white campus. Snow up to the "patio-balcony" (or whatever it was called) of Balch, meaning snow up to our hips! The Cornell powers that be in all their beneficence did not cancel classes (as did all the schools and colleges in the area) but allowed the co-eds to wear "pants" to class. Those were the days!

Marlene "Alfie" Alpert Tein '61  
Boca Raton, FL

It's true: no matter what direction you walk, the wind blows against you in the winter in Ithaca. My husband, Doug Miller, PhD '77, lived five minutes from Baker Institute on Snyder Hill. One morning he walked there and realized when he arrived that his ears were frostbitten.

Jane Saler Miller, MS '77  
Bryan, TX

I am pretty sure January 1966 finals were postponed by a day due to a blizzard that also closed the campus to outside access. And I am certain that there was an incredible cold snap during finals week in January 1969. I had an 8 a.m. exam on the Engineering Quad and it was -30°F. I lived in an apartment on lower Thurston Ave. Tried to hitch a ride to campus. Nobody would stop—I guess for fear their car wouldn't start again. I usually crossed the pedestrian suspension bridge to get to campus, but this day I went all the way up Thurston, desperately hoping for a ride that didn't happen. As I crossed campus, I went into each building in turn, thus maintaining some semblance of body heat as I made my way to that awful final exam. This experience solidified my goal of graduate school in California.

Forest Preston III '69  
Redwood City, CA

In the mid-Sixties we had winter weather with snow and cold winds to the extent that students with cars could not get up into the lower parking lot, and few, if any, ventured out into the cold and snowy environment outside of the Law School campus. It was like being marooned. Luckily we had a dining hall within the campus and also a bottle club whose contents we all enjoyed.

Ed Bergmann, JD '66  
Hinsdale, IL

You had asked for more winter memories. Here's one from 1925 on Beebe Lake.



Cliff Essman '71  
Owings Mills, MD

As a student from India, Cornell winter was quite an experience. On one especially cold night, I made a bet with my American friend and walked from Carpenter Hall to 304 College Avenue without any winter clothing—just in a plain shirt and trousers. It took some time before I got my shivering and numb limbs back to normal.

Yogesh Vani, MS '64  
Ahmedabad, India

Thanksgiving 1958: while it dropped twenty-four inches of snow we played with a red Frisbee in front of the University Halls. It would disappear into the snow, and ten seconds later reappear as it was thrown back. In 1968-69 I parked above Schoellkopf and the car had to be dug out frequently. Driving icy roads to my apartment was challenging, pointing the front wheels forward while the back ones were sliding toward the gutter.

Andrew Hospador '62,  
BEE '63, MEng '69  
Shelton, WA

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## TRUSTEES APPROVE BUSINESS COLLEGE MOVE SPARKS CONCERN—ESPECIALLY AMONG HOTELIES

The decision to create a new college that unites the University's business-oriented schools has sparked controversy on campus and beyond. Trustees approved the Cornell College of Business—which will bring together the Johnson School, the School of Hotel Administration, and CALS' Dyson School of Applied Economics and Management—in late January, following Provost Michael Kotlikoff's announcement of the plan in mid-December. "A unified College of Business will allow Cornell to achieve the full potential of its excellent and varied business programs by integrating business faculty and students at all levels and coordinating programmatic collaborations that span our campuses," President Elizabeth Garrett said after the vote. Soumitra Dutta, currently dean of the Johnson School, will serve as the college's inaugural dean.

**The new college will have 145 research faculty and nearly 2,900 students.**

The trustees' unanimous decision came despite some marked displeasure about the plan, including a student march to Day Hall and the passage of measures in the Faculty Senate, University Assembly, and Student Assembly requesting that they delay action until March. Hotelies, whose school has long had a unified identity and strong alumni network, have voiced particularly strenuous objections; as of mid-February, a Facebook group called "Keep Cornell Hotel School Independent" had more than 1,400 members. The controversy has drawn coverage in the mainstream media, including an extensive piece in the *New York Times* that ran under the headline, "Cornell's Plan to Merge Hotel School Gets an Icy Reception."

The University has worked to allay concerns by noting that each school will maintain its unique identity and mission—and have its own dean—and that the process to develop the college's particulars will be open and inclusive, with input from alumni, students, faculty, and staff. The new college, University leaders say, will constitute one of the most comprehensive business schools in the nation, with 145 research faculty and nearly 2,900 students. "The College of Business will bring together the excellence and breadth of Cornell's leading undergraduate, graduate, and specialized professional programs to address society's most pressing issues," Kotlikoff said, adding that the merger will combine "unique strengths in three of the world's largest industries: food, hospitality, and technology."

### Chem E Alum Donates \$50 Million

The School of Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering will be renamed in recognition of a \$50 million gift from Robert Smith '85, the Texas-based founder, chairman, and CEO of Vista Equity Partners. The endowment will support the school, create a fellowship program in collaboration with Cornell Tech, and provide scholarships to students from groups traditionally underrepresented in the STEM fields, particularly African Americans and women.



## CREEPY CRAWLIES

**Researchers at the Medical College recently helped sequence the genome of which loathsome pest?**



- A) Bedbug
- B) Cockroach
- C) Blackfly
- D) Malarial mosquito



ANSWER: A

### Grad Housing Complex to be Redeveloped

Maplewood Park, a grad student housing complex built in 1989, will be demolished at the end of the academic year. A planned \$80 million housing and retail facility is set to open on the site in time for fall semester 2018. In January, the Board of Trustees approved a deal with a private developer of educational housing to construct the new complex; the University will retain ownership of the land. According to a proposal submitted to the Ithaca Town Board, the facility would house more than 850 people in 500 to 600 units.



**Hot topic: The new Liberty Hyde Bailey Conservatory Greenhouse has opened, six years after the original—an eight-decade-old wooden structure—was demolished. The 4,000-square-foot facility, located on Tower Road, houses more than 500 tropical, subtropical, and other plant species.**

PHOTOS: GREENHOUSE: LINDSAY FRANCE/UP; ALARMAN, ROBERT BARNET/UP; ALL OTHERS PROVIDED



### Klarman Opens on Arts Quad

Klarman Hall, the first new humanities building built on central campus since 1905, opened in January after two and a half years of construction. The \$61 million facility, attached to the east side of Goldwin Smith, features a 7,700-square-foot glass atrium as well as offices, classrooms, a 350-seat auditorium, and the newly relocated Temple of Zeus café. Klarman’s academic tenants include the departments of Romance studies and comparative literature. It will also be home to numerous classical statues from Cornell’s former Museum of Casts, including the *Flying Nike* (left).

## GIVE MY REGARDS TO... THESE CORNELLIANS IN THE NEWS



**Tsai Ing-wen, LLM '80** (left), elected the first female president of Taiwan.  
**Lee Teng-hui, PhD '68**, served in the post from 1988 to 2000.

**Andrea Berloff '95**, nominated for an Oscar for best original screenplay for *Straight Outta Compton*.

Natural resources professor **Marianne Krasny '74**, elected a foreign fellow of the Royal Swedish Academy of Agriculture and Forestry.

Hotelie **Leland Pillsbury '69**, founder and chairman of Thayer Lodging Group, named Cornell’s 2016 Entrepreneur of the Year.

### Garrett Reveals Cancer Diagnosis

In February President Elizabeth Garrett announced that she has been diagnosed with colon cancer. “I am receiving the best possible care from a team of doctors at Weill Cornell Medicine and am beginning an aggressive treatment program,” Garrett said in an e-mail to the University community. She noted that she will be reducing her travel schedule and lightening her commitments over the next months, and that some of her duties will be taken over by senior leadership in the interim.

### Tuition Rises 3.75 Percent

Undergraduate tuition will increase 3.75 percent for 2016–17, the University has announced. Students in the endowed colleges, as well as out-of-staters in the statutory schools, will pay \$50,712; New York State residents in the contract colleges will pay \$33,968.

# R + D

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**Exploring ways for policymakers** to combat underage use of e-cigarettes, a health economist at the Medical College found that limiting flavor variety makes “vaping” less appealing to teens.

**In the journal *Nature***, investigators at the Vet college report that they’ve completed the largest genetic study of dogs to date, comprising analysis of more than 180,000 markers from 4,200 animals.

**Researchers at the Hotel school** find that moderate minimum wage hikes don’t hurt a restaurant’s bottom line—and that they can have benefits, like increasing employee satisfaction and lowering turnover.

**With a \$2 million state grant**, the University will establish the Institute for Food Safety at Cornell, dedicated to research and training for New York growers and producers.



## Chapter House Design Approved

Plans are moving ahead to rebuild Stewart Avenue’s beloved Chapter House pub, which was destroyed in a fire in April 2015. The new building’s design, which closely echoes the original structure, was approved by the city’s Landmarks Preservation Commission in January; the Chappie is aimed to reopen later this year.

## Campus Mourns Two Emeritus Professors

The University has lost two professors emeriti who made significant contributions to artistic life on campus and beyond. In December, sculptor Jack Squier, MFA '52 (right), passed away at the age of eighty-eight. Squier’s lasting influence on his alma mater included guiding students in creating the large, abstract pieces that comprise the sculpture garden in Newman Arboretum.



And in February, composer Steven Stucky, MFA '73, DMA '78 (left), died of brain cancer at age sixty-six. Stucky won the Pulitzer Prize in 2005 for his *Second Concerto for Orchestra*.



**Fantastic fibers:** A commissioned work by architecture professor Jenny Sabin is currently on display at the Smithsonian’s Cooper Hewitt museum in New York City. The piece, made of photo-luminescent and solar-active threads, will be shown through mid-August as part of “Beauty,” the museum’s triennial design show.

## DID YOU KNOW...

**That a list of the world’s fifteen most amazing waterfalls compiled by the travel website Thrillist included Tompkins County’s own Taughannock Falls?**



## Goodbye to Another C-Town Bar

Dunbar’s, a popular dive bar on Eddy Street, has shut down after thirty-six years in business. It joins a cadre of Collegetown watering holes that have recently gone the way of Johnny’s Big Red Grill—a list of lamented establishments that includes the Palms, Pixel, and Stella’s.

**‘Where else do you find horses and cows, orchards, and engineering and math and chemistry—the whole nine yards—in one institution?’**

— Ruth Anderson Singer '78, during Cornell Day at the New York State capital

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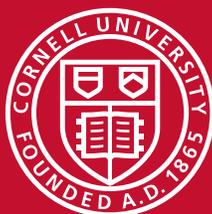


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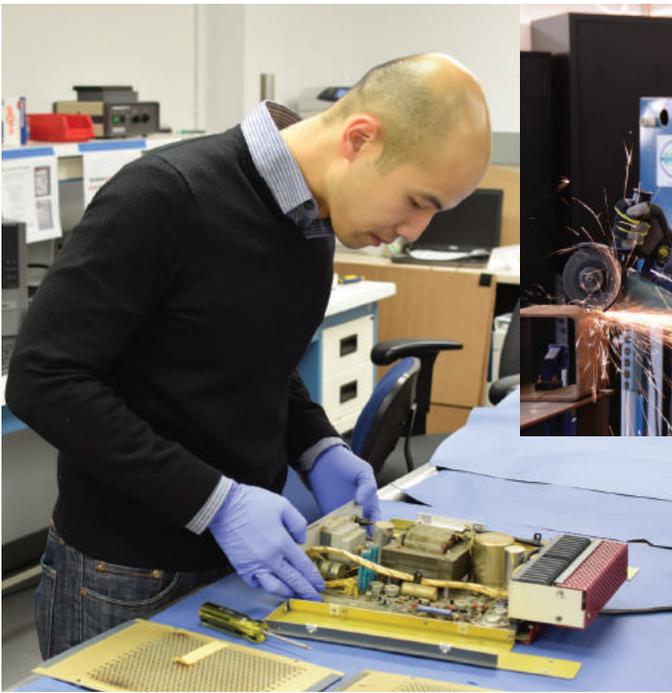
A Cornellian-founded firm analyzes all manner of mishaps



**HOLIDAY HAZARDS:** Each year, Exponent staffers team up with local firefighters to demonstrate the dangers of a dried-out Christmas tree. (They also educate the public on the explosive potential of a deep-fried turkey.)

**W**hen a construction accident near San Francisco International airport jammed the 101 freeway late last summer, it caused a massive back-up on one of the Bay Area's main thoroughfares. An excavator had struck an electrical tower, which collapsed and sent live power lines onto the road, snarling traffic in both directions. The incident frustrated many motorists—but for a select few, it sparked a certain professional curiosity. “When something like that happens, the first thing you think is, Uh-oh, my commute is going to be a nightmare,” says engineering consultant Meredith Kratzer Sellers '05, chatting over lunch a couple of weeks later. “And then it's like, Hmm . . . I wonder if that tower is going to show up in back of our building on Monday, with the company asking us to figure out why it crumpled.”

A chemical engineer by training, Sellers is among some two dozen Cornellians—the majority of them PhDs in engineering fields—who work for a California-based firm devoted to failure analysis. Co-founded in 1967 by Bernard Ross '56, BME '57 (now retired with the title of chairman emeritus), the company originally went by the name Failure Analysis Associates. Indeed, for its >



**'YOU CAN GET YOUR HANDS DIRTY':** Engineering consultants Ray Huang '05 (left) and Meredith Sellers '05 (right) at work in the Exponent testing labs. Below right: Damage to a viaduct in Oakland, California, following the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake.

fortieth anniversary, it put out a commemorative book that makes the world seem fraught with peril; the handsome hardcover offers a survey of some of the firm's projects, from a Turkish Airlines flight that crashed with no survivors to a fuel pipeline breach that sparked a massive fire to a structurally faulty hotel walkway whose collapse cost 114 lives.

While failure analysis—studying why a mishap occurred in the hope of preventing future ones—still comprises much of the company's work, in the late Nineties it changed its name (to "Exponent"), in part to reflect a growing segment of its business: conducting analyses that are forward-looking rather than retrospective, with the aim of forestalling failures in the first place. "In recent years, we've put a lot of effort into proactive work," says Ray Huang '05, an electronics specialist with a PhD from Caltech. "We use our expertise to say, 'Consider these things when you're designing your products, so they can be more robust.'"

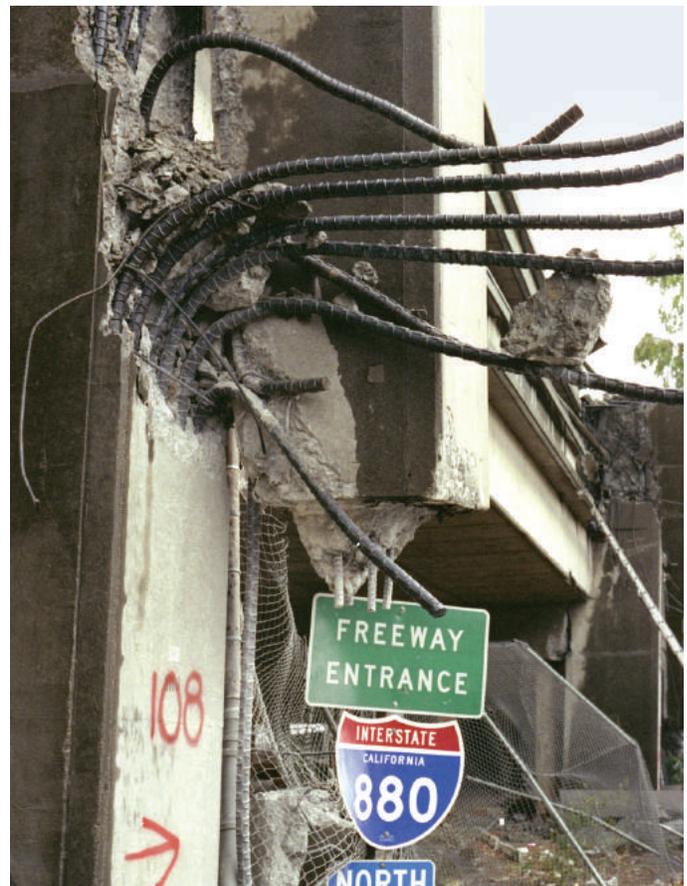
Based in Menlo Park, Exponent has more than 700 consultants—Huang notes it has "one of the highest densities of PhDs of any organization that we know of"—and offices around the globe. Outside its sleek headquarters, visitors are greeted by what appears to be an abstract sculpture made of blue metal—but in fact, it's the remains of a construction crane that was dramatically twisted and bent in an accident. On the ground floor, a series of labs and workshops house equipment devoted to such fields as fluid mechanics, combustion, electronics, chemical analysis, and microscopy.

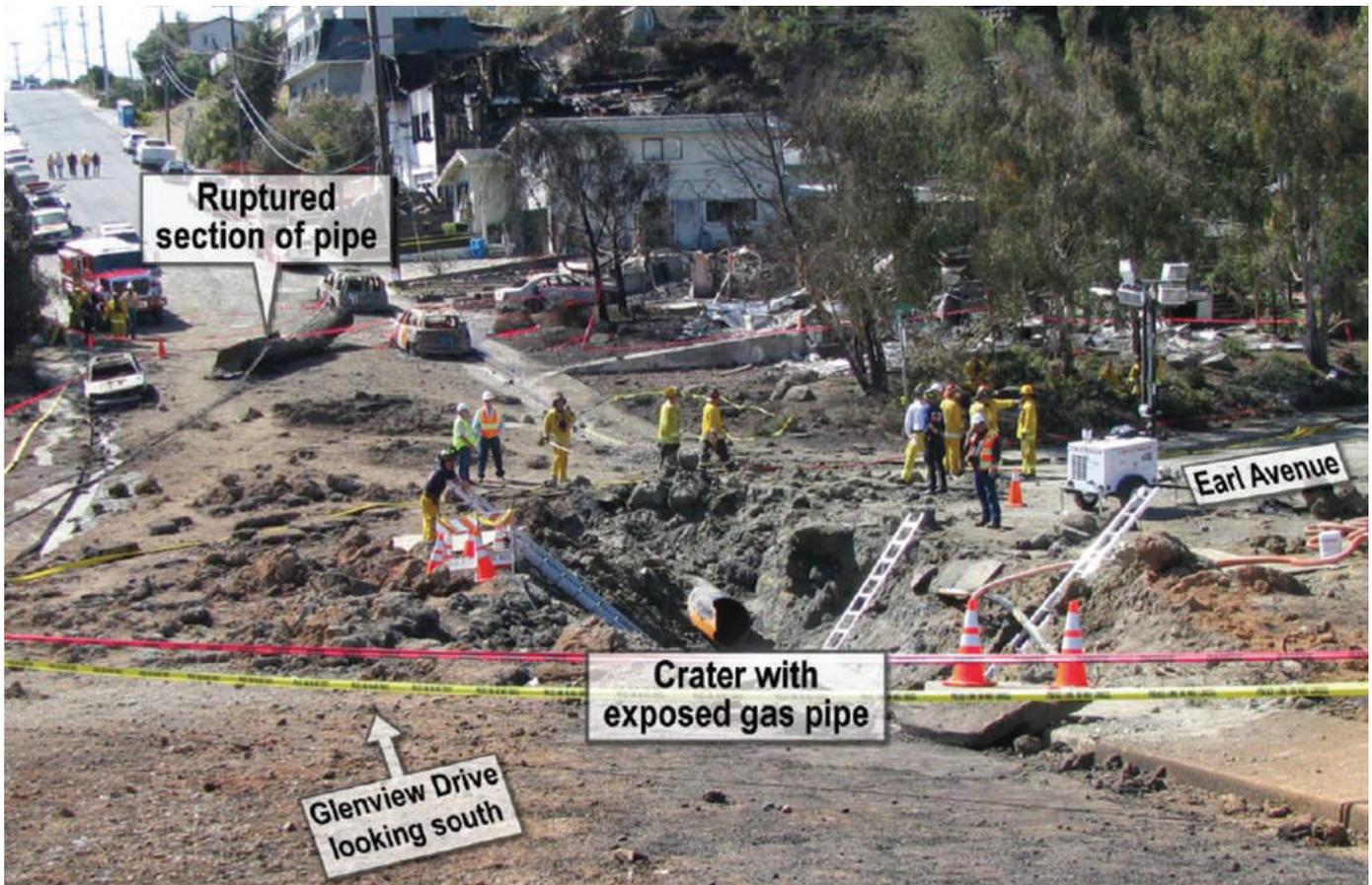
There are gizmos that can pull things apart—or crush them—under tons of pressure, used to test anything from concrete blocks to watch straps. An X-ray machine can show the internal workings of a device—say, a cardiac stent threaded into a porcine heart to study how it might get stuck in a human's. On one Friday morning in mid-September, Huang and Sellers greet a colleague who's carving up a car seat; the padding and upholstery will be tested for combustibility as part of his investigation into an automotive fire. "To my knowledge, there isn't another company that allows

people to be exposed to this variety of things," Huang observes. "We work on projects that are large or small, that are proactive or reactive, that involve litigation or don't. There's even some cool 'C.S.I.' or 'Mythbusters'-type stuff. That's what makes the job so enjoyable: there are a lot of things to get your hands on, and you can get your hands dirty."

In these halls, a casual tour can involve the phrase, "Speaking of blowing stuff up, this room was made exactly for that purpose." (This from Huang, as he and Sellers escort a visitor into a lab that includes a chamber built to withstand explosions; among its other noticeable features is a cart laden with a dizzying array of fire extinguishers.) Exponent has been known to install an entire kitchen—replicating the original down to its cabinets, countertop, and appliances—to study how a particular fire spread. To analyze a certain model of clothes washer, testers needed to run the machines day and night for weeks—so the company invited the staff to bring in their dirty laundry and have it cleaned for free.

Exponent employees routinely get e-mails asking if they have a particular item—say, a coffee pot that was on the market five years ago—that a team needs. Sometimes it's the staffers themselves who are pressed into service, as when Sellers test-drove a pair of four-inch heels for a personal injury case. "They'll ask for someone of a certain weight, height, and shoe size, so they can study the biomechanics and understand whether a person could have slipped, fallen, or tripped in the way they described," explains Sellers, who





**BIG BANG:** Exponent's projects have included analyzing a 2010 gas pipeline explosion in the San Francisco suburb of San Bruno.

has a PhD in chemical engineering from the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. "So I was videotaped while walking in these specific shoes, and they used that information to model what the individual in question would have experienced."

While the consultants aren't at liberty to identify clients by name, they note that when doing proactive projects, they often get enviable sneak peeks at emerging technologies, as much as a year ahead of the general public. As civil engineer Brett Davis, PhD '14, puts it:

**'We walk a fine line, because what we do is different than what attorneys do. Sometimes we have to tell clients news they don't want to hear.'**

"We get to work at the forefront of some of the big companies that are changing the world as we know it." Edgar Peralta '07, a recent hire who works under Huang in electrical engineering, says he's gotten hands-on lessons in such issues as why certain brands cost more: they actually do have better-quality, longer-lasting components. "Before I worked here I thought, I'll just buy the cheapest cable or adapter," says Peralta, who has an applied physics PhD from Stanford. "Now I know there's a reason why one is more expensive than the other."

For work involving litigation, the consultants sometimes conduct their experiments under the watchful eye of lawyers, who supervise the proceedings—say, dictating precisely how a rice cooker should be tipped over to simulate the conditions that allegedly caused a fire. "We walk a fine line, because what we do is different than what attorneys do," Sellers says. "Sometimes we have to tell clients news they don't want to hear. We have to be certain that the technical opinions we're providing are robust, that they've been verified and we can defend them." She and her colleagues also

give expert testimony on the witness stand—and occasionally, like something out of "Law & Order," they get grilled by opposing counsel. Once, Huang recalls, he was queried on his understanding of a particular computer chip—and, to show that he ought to be familiar with it, the lawyer even called up a website proving that Huang had used that model during a project his senior year at Cornell. "You never know what issue from your past experience is going to be brought up," Huang observes. "In this line of work, even some obsolete technology could come up in a different context."

The consultants sometimes have to travel on short notice, so they keep their go-bags packed and their passports current. (Each year, Exponent hosts a staff photo contest; categories include "bleakest inspection locale.") For a job that involved the petroleum industry, Sellers went to Hawaii, Canada, and Africa; one of Huang's most memorable projects required visiting Alaska—happily, during the summer season of midnight sun—to inspect a power plant whose machinery had shorted out.

Other work puts the consultants face to face with grim realities, such as an assignment for which Sellers researched how many people are crushed by falling furniture each year—and learned, among other things, that most victims of those accidents are children. In a sense, failure analysts are like cops and firemen, whose livelihoods depend on the fact that unfortunate events inevitably occur. "We don't hope for bad things to happen," Sellers says. "But if they do, we want to be involved." ■

— Beth Saulnier

# In a book and exhibit, actor-magician Ricky Jay '71 explores the life and work of a 'micrography' master



**R**ichard Jay Potash '71—better known by his stage name, Ricky Jay—has had an eclectic career, to say the least. He's an actor who has appeared on TV ("Deadwood") and in movies (*Boogie Nights*). He's a historian of magic and carnival acts, penning a book on the subject entitled *Learned Pigs & Fireproof Women*. He's a designer of special effects whose firm, Deceptive Practices, devised the wheelchair in *Forrest Gump* that concealed actor Gary Sinise's legs, making him appear to be a double amputee. He's one of the world's leading sleight-of-hand artists; in the mid-Nineties, his Off-Broadway show of magic and card tricks, *Ricky Jay and His 52 Assistants*, played to packed houses. It featured, among other marvels, Jay impaling a watermelon with a playing card from ten paces.



Jay's latest endeavor is devoted to another highly colorful character: Matthias Buchinger, a German who lived from 1674 to 1739. As the *New York Times* put it in a recent story on Jay, Buchinger was "a magician and musician, a dancer, champion bowler, and trick-shot artist, and, most famously, a calligrapher specializing in micrography—handwriting so small it's barely legible to the naked eye." Jay has been collecting Buchinger's work for decades, and his holdings are the subject of a show—"Wordplay: Matthias Buchinger's Drawings from the Collection of Ricky Jay"—running at New York's Metropolitan Museum of Art through April 11.

To accompany the Met exhibit, the art publisher Siglio has come out with a sumptuously produced (and eccentrically titled) hard-bound volume: *Matthias Buchinger: "The Greatest German Living" by Ricky Jay, Whose Peregrinations in Search of the "Little Man of Nuremberg" are Herein Revealed*. The book chronicles Jay's adventures in researching Buchinger—who was born without hands or feet, yet somehow produced lettering so small it could scarcely be read without a magnifying glass. "He was by turns lauded and denigrated, celebrated and denied the right to perform," Jay writes, "and declared dead long before his actual demise at sixty-five." The book also reproduces numerous works by the calligrapher, whose personal life was apparently as eventful as his professional: though he stood just twenty-nine inches tall, Buchinger married four times and fathered fourteen children. As Jay notes: "Buchinger is unique, but it is both possible and essential to contextualize him." ■

— L. P. Drew

**MAN OF MANY TALENTS:** (From top) Detail of a self-portrait by Matthias Buchinger, in which his wig comprises lines of miniscule lettering spelling out Psalms and the Lord's Prayer; Ricky Jay '71 with Burt Reynolds and Julianne Moore in the film *Boogie Nights*; a family tree Buchinger drew in 1729.

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# News to You

Lars Backstrom '04, PhD '09,  
keeps your Facebook feed humming

If you're on Facebook—and given that it has a billion users worldwide, you probably are—you've sampled Lars Backstrom's handiwork. Backstrom '04, PhD '09, is in charge of the social networking site's most visible product: the News Feed. It's his job to ensure that the items that appear in the feed are as compelling as possible—be they snapshots of your foodie cousin's kale salad; the latest political screed from your brother-in-law; or that viral video of a baby panda that your college roommate just shared.



Lars Backstrom '04, PhD '09

**'You have lots of friends; they post lots of different things. We want to figure out who are the people you really care about.'**

"Our core mission is trying to figure out, of all the things that we could show you in your News Feed, which ones are most relevant to you," says Backstrom, an Engineering alum who oversees a team of about sixty. "A lot of personalization goes into that. You have lots of friends; they post lots of different things. We want to figure out who are the people you really care about. So of all of the things that your friends have done, of everything that the pages you're connected to have posted, which of those would be the most interesting?"

To answer that question, Backstrom's team is constantly refining the algorithms that assess a post's relevance to a particular user. It's an exquisitely complex—and, of course, proprietary—system, but Backstrom notes that one of the basic ways that it judges success is simply whether a user demonstrates interest by sharing, commenting, or hitting "like." "If we showed you a story and you didn't interact with it at all, just kept scrolling down, that was a miss on our part," says Backstrom, chatting last fall at Facebook's cavernous Menlo Park headquarters (in a conference room, labeled *The Wicker Man*, that's one of several named after Nicolas Cage movies). "So we're using these statistical techniques, this large-scale machine learning, to try to do better." While the typical user likely can't tell if the system isn't operating optimally, Backstrom says, he often just has to glance through his own feed to know that something's amiss. "If you're the average person, you come to Facebook and some of the stories just seem a little bit better than others," says Backstrom. "Whereas I can tell, 'Oh, something's broken here. This is not the order that they should have been in. Here's a story I >

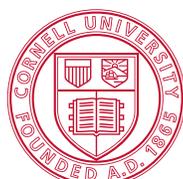


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saw before; that shouldn't have happened.' "

Backstrom's work at the interface of computer science and social networks goes back to his graduate days on the Hill—which, as his collaborator and former thesis adviser Jon Kleinberg '93 notes, coincided with the emergence of sites like Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube. "Lars, with his combination of talents—the problem-solving ability, the ability to think deeply and conceptually about things—was just what the field needed to help set its direction," says Kleinberg, who holds an endowed professorship in computer science. "My collaborations with him have had a huge impact on my own research."

A paper that Backstrom co-authored as a grad student remains a seminal work that's regularly cited, Kleinberg says. "It was the first to ask a bunch of basic sociological questions from a computational perspective," he says. "For example, if I look at someone's online presence, can I predict which groups they're going to join? Can I predict whether an online group is going to continue growing, or plateau? Can I predict how information will move from one group to another?" In another project from Backstrom's grad days, he and Kleinberg proved that even anonymized social network data could be analyzed to reveal real-world identities. A more recent collaboration showed that by assessing the strength of links between Facebook friends, it was possible to identify someone's sibling, romantic partner, or other close relation—which, Kleinberg notes, is important for the kind of News Feed optimization that Backstrom's team aims for. "Some people, you want to know what they had for dinner and what walk they took," Kleinberg observes. "Other people, you want to hear from them

**In addition to curating the News Feed, Backstrom's team is responsible for maintaining a robust technical infrastructure, so Facebook works seamlessly worldwide.**

every couple of years, when they get a new job or have a baby."

Backstrom grew up in a small town in Iowa, majored in computer science as an undergrad, and did an internship at Yahoo Research while a doctoral candidate. He joined Facebook in fall 2009—and, Kleinberg says, "quite quickly had a huge impact," by developing its friend-recommendation system. In addition to curating the News Feed, Backstrom's team is responsible for maintaining a robust technical infrastructure, so Facebook works seamlessly worldwide. "A big part of my job is just keeping the site running—so when you post something here in California, it's available to all your friends in Europe in well under a second, which means we have to propagate it from here to all our other data centers," he says. "You're dealing with the scaling problems that come with having a billion people loading this website every day."

Kleinberg, for his part, says he is "incredibly proud" of Backstrom and the influence his former advisee has had on their field. "Creating the engineering infrastructure for the News Feed has had a huge impact on how people experience the Internet," he says. "From a computer science point of view, he's created a system at Facebook that has amazing scale and power. And from the prospective of everyday life, there aren't many people whose work is being experienced by a billion people a day." ■

— Beth Saulnier

## Logged out

### Why do some people swear off Facebook—and then go back?

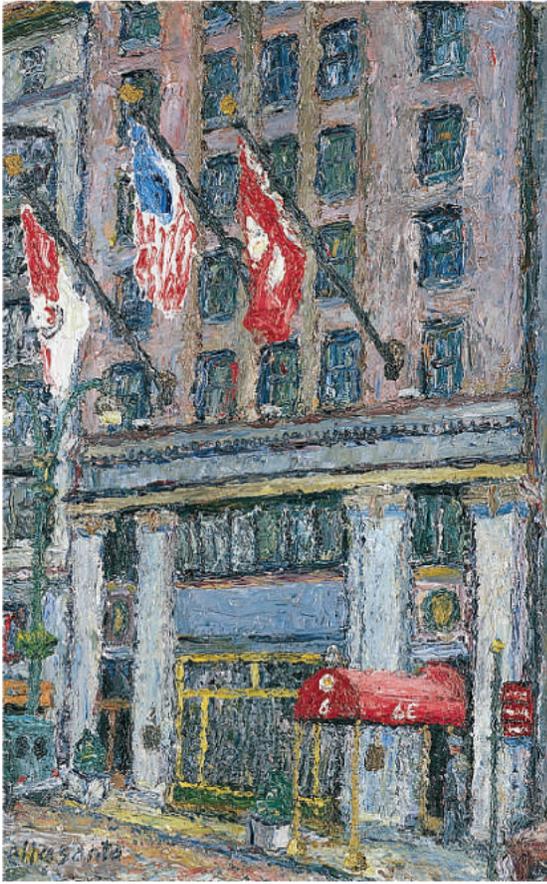


**When a Dutch advertising agency launched a project in mid-2014** to encourage people to go cold turkey from Facebook, Eric Baumer saw an opportunity. A research associate in communication and information science,

Baumer studies topics relating to the non-use of technology, and one of his interests is the phenomenon of "social media reversion": when people foreswear a networking platform but fall off the wagon. The Dutch effort, dubbed "99 Days of Freedom," offered a plum chance for Baumer and his collaborators to ask participants why they joined the project, how avoiding Facebook made them feel—and, if they logged back on, why they couldn't stay away.

**Of the more than 40,000 Facebook users** who signed up, about 5,000 consented to answer a research questionnaire at set intervals: one-third, two-thirds, and all the way through the project. In the end, Baumer and his colleagues found that roughly 20 percent of those in the study sample returned to Facebook. In analyzing why users did or did not go back, they identified a few general motives. Some people perceived themselves as addicted; Baumer cites one respondent who stated, "Every time I open my Internet browser, my finger just goes to the 'F' key, and I start typing 'Facebook' without thinking about it." Those who used the site largely to manage other people's opinions of them were more likely to revert; those who believed that their activity was being monitored were more likely to stay away. Another group that was more able to resist Facebook's lure: those who reported themselves as being in a good mood.

**While it may seem counterintuitive,** the researchers found that the fear of missing out on posts from friends and family wasn't a major motivator for returning; people who reported that concern were actually less likely to go back. "We think if the worst thing that happens is that you miss a couple of photos, then you think, Eh, no biggie," says Baumer, whose findings were published in the journal *Social Media + Society* last December. "On the other hand, people who talked about a habitual draw—feeling like they have this compulsive urge—were far more likely to return. So we think what makes Facebook and similar technologies really attractive isn't necessarily the social interaction and the connections with people. That's an important piece, but what makes them so alluring, and so difficult to stop, is the habitual use: the idea that, 'Every time I'm at the bus stop I pull out my phone and check Facebook.' "



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# Dark Matter



According to economist Nicholas Sanders, earlier sunsets mean more robberies

*To the negatives of standard time—not the least of which is getting out of work in the pitch dark—add one more: a higher risk of getting mugged on your way home. Last fall, the Review of Economics and Statistics published a paper in which Nicholas Sanders, an assistant professor of policy analysis and management in Human Ecology, and a colleague at the University of Virginia analyzed national crime figures. They tallied a sharp drop in robberies when the U.S. shifts to daylight saving time, which this year begins on March 13.*

## Why study the relationship between daylight saving time and crime?

During the Great Recession, a lot of poorer areas considered decreasing public lighting to save money. But it's difficult to determine what happens to crime rates in those areas when the light goes down, because a bunch of other things were changing at the same time. So we needed a way to randomize the amount of light present at any given time and see if there were changes in crime associated with that. Daylight saving time allowed us to get at this larger question of, "How are criminals adjusting behavior in the face of a higher or lower probability of being spotted, or being recognized after capture?"

## What did you find?

During the transition into daylight saving time, we see a decrease in criminal activity—specifically robberies, which is somebody coming face to face with someone else and demanding they give them something, like a mugging. Those decrease by about 7 percent after daylight saving time kicks in, which is driven almost entirely by a 27 percent drop during the evening—those big commuting hours of 5 to 7 p.m., when the number of available people

upon whom one could commit a crime is greatest. So when there's more daylight during high-crime times, we see an overall decrease.

## Doesn't crime just shift to the darker mornings?

One potential economic theory says that criminals would reallocate their behavior across time. But if you look at the general crime trends, very little robbery happens early in the morning. We can't really speak to why without getting more into criminal sociology, about which we're not experts.

## Could it be because criminals don't tend to be early birds?

This is a common joke that pops up because of this paper. I don't like to do anything in the early morning either, so I can completely understand how that might be the case.

## So is one argument in favor of making daylight saving time year-round that it would lead to a decrease in crime?

There are some caveats. One is that there would be other costs; for example, driving when it's darker in the morning is more dangerous, so it would probably increase traffic accidents. Another caveat is that the result we found could well be due to the transition itself—which is to say that if daylight saving time were made permanent, in the long run individuals who engage in criminal behavior could change their patterns, so the effect gets negated.

## In short: are muggers the only people who like to see daylight saving time end in the fall?

[He laughs.] I wouldn't go that far. But your point is well made. ■

— Kitty Kemp

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**VINE TO WINE:** John Wilkinson '79 (top) with some of Bin to Bottle's 170 tanks. Above: Grapes, fresh from harvest and ready for processing.

**I**n the early Nineties, after developing luxury hotels in San Francisco and elsewhere, John Wilkinson '79 moved to California's Napa Valley—and, as he recalls with a chuckle, in that setting it would have seemed downright bizarre not to get involved in the wine world one way or another. "It'd be like living in Silicon Valley and not being in high tech, or living in Hollywood and not being in entertainment," says the Hotelier. "It just feels wrong."

Wilkinson planted a vineyard on his land—three acres of Syrah and Merlot—and started making wine at home. Eventually, he says, "I realized I was outgrowing my garage"—and around the same time, he spied a business opportunity. His friends in the winemaking industry weren't thrilled with the service at local custom crush facilities—places that offer the equipment and expertise to turn harvested grapes into Dionysian delights. "No [winery] really wants to be in the custom crush business; they want to be making their own wine," Wilkinson says, explaining that custom crush is often a sideline business to generate income while wineries build their brand. "There's an inherent conflict of interest," he says, "because their fruit is more important to them than the client's is."

So, in 2005, Wilkinson and his partners launched a dedicated custom crush operation, dubbing it Bin to Bottle. Today, its sixty-five or so clients range from modest producers to wine-industry darlings; they include Dave Phinney, founder of the highly regarded label The Prisoner, and Steve Matthiasson, whom the *San Francisco Chronicle* named its 2014 winemaker of the year (and who, in a testimonial, calls Bin to Bottle "a godsend"). "All we do is make wine for others; that's what sets us apart, because everyone is as important as everybody else," says Wilkinson, who regularly hosts interns from CALS' enology and viticulture program (where his son, Max, is a junior). "It's very democratic. We process the fruit in the order it comes in, so everyone feels they're getting a fair shake."

The business has grown steadily, Wilkinson says, from processing 700 tons of fruit its first year to some 3,000 now; he notes that in 2015, Bin to Bottle had to turn away 1,500 >

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**BOTTLE BOUND:** Grapes being destemmed (top). Right: A “pump over,” in which wine is moved from the bottom of a tank to the top.



tons more. So the company is expanding: it recently acquired a winery fifteen miles away, where it aims to process an additional 500 tons annually, and another production facility is in the works next to its Napa headquarters. “We’re amazingly customer service driven; our goal is not to say no to anything,” says Trevor Chlanda ’03, assistant director of winemaking, who has been at Bin to Bottle since 2013. “We’re here to make sure a client’s wines are taken care of exactly as though this were their winery and we were their wine-maker. To do a good job, you have to have that sense of ownership.”

Bin to Bottle’s name is literal: grapes arrive in giant crates before

**'As you gain experience, you start realizing where the wine is going to go—what the oak's going to do to it.'**

being dumped into a machine that de-stems the bunches and separates out unripe fruit. Then a thick hose shoots the grapes into large plastic boxes—in the case of some Merlot that came in one morning last fall, they’ll spend five days wallowing in dry ice to coax maximum color from the skins—before the juice makes its way to one of the facility’s 170 stainless steel tanks, where the fermentation process is carefully monitored and tweaked.

An elevated pH? Add tartaric acid to bring it down. Yeast not active enough? Gently turn up the heat to give it a boost. Too much sugar? Add some water to lower the percentage. “As you gain experience, you start realizing where the wine is going to go—what the oak’s going to do to it,” says Wilkinson, offering a thick, bready, slightly effervescent sample from a tank of Zinfandel that’s only been fermenting a day or so. Before reaching its final destination—the bottle—the wine will reside in the aging facility next door, where barrels are stacked high in imposing rows and the temperature is controlled by a solar-powered cooling system. “There are about 9,000 barrels in here,” Wilkinson observes. “It’s a little like the end of *Raiders of the Lost Ark*.” ■

— Kitty Kemp



**drink up** In addition to Bin to Bottle, Wilkinson is a partner in several other libation-related ventures:

**Team Building** Total Adventures hosts corporate events centered around blending wine. Participants get a primer on the process; then, in small groups, they create a blend from four red varietals. A panel judges the results, and everyone goes home with a bottle of the winner.

**High Spirits** Wilkinson got into the liquor business with a blended whiskey called Slaughter House, which won gold at the 2015 Whiskies of the World competition. Splinter Group Spirits also makes Straight Edge Bourbon; a rye is in the works, with plans for tequila, rum, and gin.

**'Blush' Wines** Slo Down Wines challenges enology’s highbrow image by cultivating a cheeky air. Its flagship product, the Syrah blend Sexual Chocolate, raised its profile with risqué videos suggesting it be enjoyed in circumstances best described as “not safe for work.”



Wilkinson with samples used to blend Straight Edge’s whiskey.

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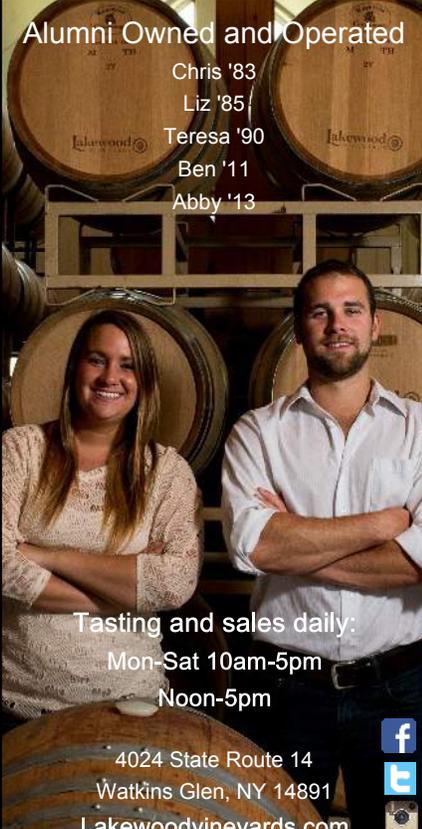
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# Big Red Highlights



**MEN'S BASKETBALL** **Matt Morgan '19** (above) is quickly establishing himself in the Cornell record books, averaging 30 points per game in his first four Ivy contests. Morgan scored a school freshman record 33 points in a 77-65 win at Harvard before pouring in 32 points during a 77-73 win over Dartmouth that saw the Big Red rally from an eight-point deficit with less than four minutes to play. He's the first Cornell player to score 32 or more points in consecutive games and the first freshman to have multiple 30-point outings.

**FOOTBALL** After becoming just the sixth Cornell football player to be named first-team All-Ivy three times, **Chris Fraser '17** (right) was a third-team pick on the sports data company STATS's All-America roster for 2015. Fraser led the Ivy League in punting and ranked fourth in the NCAA Football Championship Subdivision with an average of 45.1 yards per kick. He joins **Erik Bernstein '87** as the only Cornell punters to earn All-American honors.



**SAILING** While the Rose Bowl typically brings up visions of football games and parades, for the Cornell sailing team it presented a welcome chance to compete in January. The Big Red took full advantage of the opportunity, placing fifth among the 29 teams at the annual Rose Bowl Regatta. The team finished two points in front of host USC. The B-division entry of **Alex Woloshyn '17** and **Claire Riedman '16** posted top 10 finishes in five of their eight races including a heat victory to finish sixth, while **Shawn Kelter '18** and **Kimberly Wong '19** (right) finished eighth in the A-division.

**WOMEN'S GYMNASTICS** The Big Red greeted 2016 in historic style, posting a program-best score of 194.025 to take second place at George Washington University's Lindsey Ferris Invitational in January. The previous record of 193.675 was established at the 2008 USAG Collegiate Nationals. A pair of newcomers led the way with **Malia Mackey '19** winning the vault with a score of 9.875 and **Lyanda Dudley '19** posting the school's second highest ever all-around score of 38.850.

## Alumni News

**MEN'S HOCKEY** **Jacob MacDonald '15** was named the ECHL (formerly the East Coast Hockey League) Plus Performer of the Month in December. Midway through the season, he ranked fourth among ECHL defensemen with nine goals in 41 games for the Elmira Jackals.

**WOMEN'S HOCKEY** **Hayleigh Cudmore '14** was known as a defensive stalwart during her time on the Hill, but she displayed her offensive talents in December with a six-point weekend for the Calgary Inferno of the Canadian Women's Hockey League. Cudmore collected two goals and an assist in a 9-5 win over the Toronto Furries and followed that up with a goal and two assists in a 6-5 loss to the Furries the next day. The Inferno's offense has a Big Red feel to it, featuring **Brianne Jenner '13**, **BA '15** (8 goals, 15 assists, 23 points), **Jessica Campbell '14** (10-10-20), and **Jillian Saulnier '15** (11-7-18).

**MEN'S TRACK AND FIELD** **Stephen Mozia '15** has already punched his ticket for the 2016 Summer Olympics in Brazil, where he'll represent Nigeria. In January, Mozia threw the shot 21.03 meters (69 feet), which was the world's longest of the season and set both the Nigerian national record and the building record at Vanderbilt University's indoor track facility.



**WRESTLING** **Kyle Dake '13** earned his first national championship since leaving East Hill when he won the 86 kilogram (190 pound) class at the U.S. National Senior Freestyle Championships in Las Vegas. Moving up from his previous weight of 74 kilograms, Dake was unseeded going into the tournament, but reeled off four straight victories, including an 11-4 win over David Taylor in the finals. Dake is no stranger to changing weights, becoming the first wrestler in NCAA history to win national titles in four different classes during his time at Cornell. In other news, **Troy Nickerson '10** will be inducted into the Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Association Hall of Fame in March. Nickerson was a three-time EIWA champion along with one runner-up finish. He also earned one NCAA championship and four All-American honors. Nickerson is now head wrestling coach at the University of Northern Colorado.

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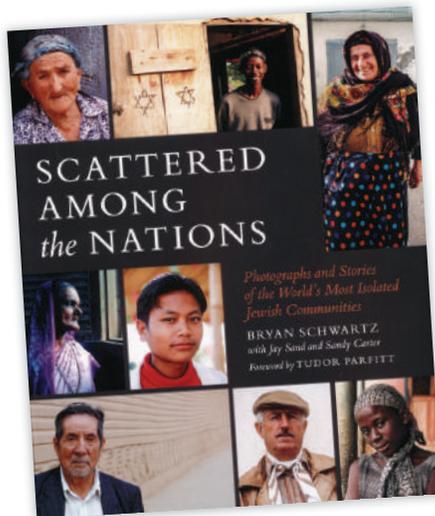
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# New Releases



## Scattered Among the Nations

**BRYAN SCHWARTZ '94**

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in the mountains of Azerbaijan, that is the last remaining *shtetl*—the Yiddish word for villages with large Jewish populations found throughout pre-Holocaust Europe. Thousands of miles away, a community in India can trace its roots to seven Jewish couples who survived a shipwreck more than 2,000 years ago; stranded, they built a home where they came ashore, south of what is now Mumbai. In Argentina, Jewish *gauchos* (cowboys) still tend the land that a European philanthropist purchased in the nineteenth century to house refugees. Each of the book's sixteen chapters focuses on a different community that upholds its unique traditions, separate from the mainstream Jewish population. "Our hope is that through these pages you will realize that no racial, ethnic, or socioeconomic stereotype defines all Jewish people," Schwartz writes, "but that many values and traditions do."

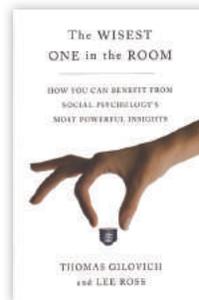


## What Was Mine

**HELEN KLEIN ROSS '76**

Ross's latest novel centers around a seemingly normal woman who is left in a vulnerable state after her marriage collapses, due in no small part to her infertility. "I was reminded countless times in the course of each day of my inability to accomplish what came easily to others," says the protagonist. "Things I'd barely

noticed before now seemed fraught with accusation. Childproof caps. Family-sized cereal. Car windows boasting *Baby on Board!*" When she encounters an infant girl left alone in an Ikea store, she makes a snap decision to take the child home and raise her as her own. She manages to keep the secret for more than two decades—until the truth comes out and her life is thrown into chaos. Said *Publishers Weekly*: "Ross deftly creates genuinely sympathetic characters and emotionally resonant prose around what could have felt sensationalistic."



## The Wisest One in the Room

**THOMAS GILOVICH**

"Being wise is not the same thing as being smart," Gilovich, a Cornell psychology professor, and his coauthor write in the introduction. "By 'wisest one in the room' we do not mean the person with the highest IQ or the greatest command of facts and figures. Wisdom requires understanding the most common and

most powerful influences on people's behavior." In a volume that *Kirkus* describes as "social psychology as self-help," Gilovich uses the field's latest research to discuss optimal approaches to interpersonal relationships and broader societal issues. The book touches on a wide variety of topics, from employee incentives to family vacations, climate change to organ donation.

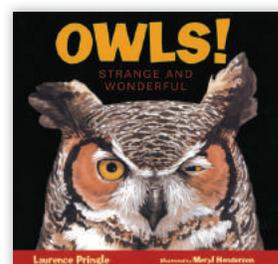


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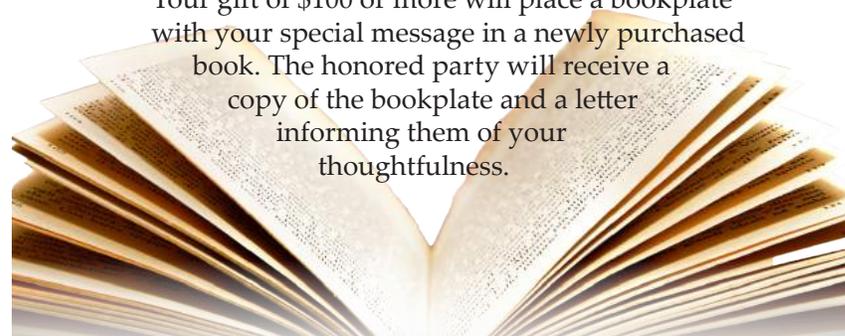


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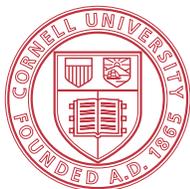
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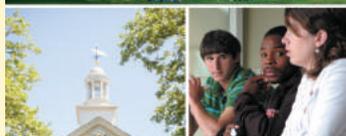
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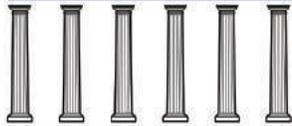
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# Sweet Sour

Robert Lustig, MD '80, is sounding the alarm about what he sees as dangerous levels of sugar in the American diet

**BY BETH SAULNIER**

**I**n April 2011, the *New York Times Magazine* ran a cover story that asked a pithy, pointed question: Is sugar toxic? Its author, Gary Taubes, opened the piece by noting that a lecture on the subject given by a pediatric endocrinologist prominent in the anti-sugar movement had gotten more than 800,000 hits on YouTube since it had been uploaded in July 2009. And the video was adding some 50,000 views each month—"fairly remarkable numbers for a ninety-minute discussion of the nuances of fructose biochemistry and human physiology."

Nearly five years after that story was published, the YouTube tally for "Sugar: The Bitter Truth" stands at more than 6.1 million. And the physician-scientist who gave the talk—Robert Lustig, MD '80, an expert on childhood obesity at the University of California, San Francisco—is continuing to lead the charge against what he sees as the Western world's leading dietary demon. He doesn't mince words. "Fructose is a poison," Lustig says in his much-viewed lecture—an allegation he has repeated in books, articles, media

interviews, documentaries, and countless other talks. "We've had our food supply adulterated, contaminated, poisoned, tainted, on purpose. And we've allowed it."

Lustig isn't just worried about sugary beverages like soda and juice—though he is plenty concerned about them—or dessert items like ice cream, candy, and cupcakes. It may come as a surprise that he enjoys a slice of Junior's cheesecake whenever he visits New York, or a bowl of bread pudding with whiskey sauce when he goes to New Orleans. His wife is an avid baker—"she's Norwegian, I can't stop her; it's therapy"—who makes cookies for their kids on a weekly basis, though she generally cuts the sugar in any recipe by a third. "I eat her cookies, because they're worth it; if you're going to eat dessert, make it a damn good one," says Lustig, chatting with CAM over (unsweetened) coffee at an outdoor café near his UCSF office last fall. "I'm not a hard-ass, and I'm not a sugar teetotaler in the classic sense. I eat dessert, but it's got to be a really good one for me to spend my sugar allotment on it." ▶



‘Fifty percent of the sugar that we consume is in sodas and things we identify as dessert—and that means 50 percent is not.’

One of Lustig’s central concerns is the sugar that’s hidden in the American diet—what’s lurking in products that we don’t think of as particularly sweet. “Fifty percent of the sugar that we consume is in sodas and things we identify as dessert—and that means 50 percent is not,” he says. “Half of the sugar we consume is in foods we didn’t know had it.” That includes such things as pasta sauce, yogurt, salad dressing, breakfast cereal, ketchup, bread, barbecue sauce, and nutrition bars. The food industry, Lustig says, adds all that sugar to make its products more palatable, shelf-stable, and appealing to humans—who, after all, evolved to crave the taste of sweet things at a time of scarcity, when ingesting as many calories as possible held a Darwinian advantage. And by “sugar,” Lustig doesn’t just mean the granular white stuff, but also the more than fifty sweeteners commonly used in processed foods—from wholesome-seeming products like maple syrup, honey, and agave nectar to the now-reviled high-fructose corn syrup and more obscurely named ingredients like evaporated cane juice.

According to figures from the USDA (last updated in mid-2015), the average American consumes about seventy-seven pounds of added sugars a year, about twenty-three teaspoons per day—a figure that includes granulated sugar, high-fructose corn syrup, and other caloric sweeteners (but, Lustig notes, does not include fruit juice). The most recent nutritional guidelines, released in January, call for added sugars to comprise no more than 10 percent of daily calories, totaling around ten to twelve teaspoons per day, roughly equal to what’s in a single can of soda. The FDA is currently reviewing proposed changes to nutritional labeling that, for the first time, would break out added sugars—so, for example, it would be clear how many of the grams listed on a container of fruit-flavored yogurt were due to added sweeteners rather than to lactose,

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# ‘Sugar Scares Me’



## Lewis Cantley, PhD '75, warns of fructose's link to cancer

Among the scientists who are firmly in Lustig's camp on the sugar toxicity issue is one of the most prominent members of the Medical College faculty: cell biologist and biochemist Lewis Cantley, PhD '75. The director of Weill Cornell's Meyer Cancer Center and a doctoral alumnus of the Ithaca campus, Cantley has some hefty scientific bona fides. When he was at Harvard in the Eighties, his lab discovered a signaling pathway, known as PI3-kinase, that's key to cell growth and to the proliferation of many cancers. That work, and his subsequent research in the field, has brought him numerous accolades including the \$3 million Breakthrough Prize in Life Sciences; in January he won the Wolf Prize, considered Israel's answer to the Nobel.

When it comes to the sweet stuff, Cantley—who, like Lustig, was interviewed by Dr. Sanjay Gupta for a “60 Minutes” story on sugar toxicity in 2012—puts it baldly: “Sugar scares me.” For years, he has scrupulously avoided it in his own diet, and confesses to being “incredibly frustrated” at how hard it is to find cereal or yogurt that doesn't have sugar added. Regarding the dozens of arcane terms for sweeteners on food labels, he says: “The way the packaging ingredients are being obscured, it would be hilarious if it weren't so sad.”

For Cantley, the perils of sugar go beyond the diseases of metabolic syndrome. He says that its connection to cancer is becoming increasingly clear, based on analyses showing that people with type 2 diabetes—a state of extreme insulin resistance—have much higher rates of a variety of cancers, including those of the endometrium, breast, pancreas, colon, and brain. “Insulin is the best of all activators of PI3-kinase—and PI3-kinase is arguably the most mutated pathway in all of cancer,” he explains. “So if you follow the logic that anything that drives activation of PI3-kinase ultimately results in cancer, and that insulin is the best way to do it, then that suggests that having high levels of insulin is likely to drive your cancer. And what drives insulin levels is sugar.”

As Gupta explained on “60 Minutes,” about a third of cancers have insulin receptors—meaning that if you consume more sugar than your body can process without causing insulin levels to spike, it essentially feeds tumor growth. “To me, that's what's really scary,” Cantley says. “Almost 50 percent of Americans now have some level of insulin resistance; in other words, they're eating so much sugar that their insulin levels are high all the time, and that's bound to be driving their cancers—and it correlates. That's what we're seeing in retrospective studies. In my mind, the mechanism is very clear.”



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In Lustig's 2012 book *Fat Chance: Beating the Odds Against Sugar, Processed Food, Obesity, and Disease*, he notes that a tally of the McDonald's menu found only seven sugar-free items: French fries, hash browns, sausage, Chicken McNuggets (sans the dipping sauce), Diet Coke, black coffee, and unsweetened iced tea. In casual

conversation, he can reel off—from memory,

and with no small measure of horror—the amount of sugar in a single serving of Trader Joe's frozen Spicy Beef and Broccoli: fifty-two grams, equal to thirteen teaspoons. (The company has since reformulated it to reduce the sugar to twenty-seven grams.) “A little sugar's OK; a lot is not,” he says. “The point is, if you have a cupcake, you know what you're eating. But if you have a yogurt, a hot dog, or chicken teriyaki, you don't know what you're eating.”

## ‘Is Sugar a Food?’

When Lustig discusses the issue, he tends to favor the Socratic method, posing questions that prompt the listener to radically reconsider the conventional wisdom. One of his standards is this: “Is sugar a food?”

Lustig argues that it is not. He deems it a “food additive,” one whose closest analog is alcohol: a substance that may provide energy but is harmful and addictive when consumed in excessive quantities, and is not chemically essential to life. (In 2013, he published an article in the journal *Advances in Nutrition* entitled “Fructose: It's ‘Alcohol Without the Buzz.’”) “We add sugar to food to make it sweeter; I'm not arguing that,” he says. “But is it required? No, not by any organ. Fructose has no use in the human body; there is not one biochemical reaction that requires it. And when you purify it, it's a drug. It does the same things that alcohol does: it lights up the brain's reward system, and it's addictive. So the same criteria that we judge alcohol by, we should be judging sugar by.” His ultimate aim: to have sugar removed from the so-called GRAS list of substances that are “generally recognized as safe,” and therefore exempt from regulation and limitation under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act of 1938.

The crux of Lustig's argument about sugar's harmful effect on the body—and the subject of some hard-core biochemistry in his YouTube lecture—is the way in which the body processes fructose, which he calls “the Voldemort of the dietary hit list.”

The *CliffsNotes* version starts with the fact that sugar—a.k.a. sucrose—is made up of one molecule each of glucose and fructose. The glucose by itself isn't the problem; glucose is commonly known as the “energy of life,” and every cell in the body can metabolize it. What concerns Lustig is how the massive doses of fructose >

# Mindful Munching



Professor Brian Wansink, director of Cornell's Food and Brand Lab, studies how subtle alterations in environment and behavior can change dietary habits for the better—the subject of his popular books *Mindless Eating* and *Slim by Design*. CAM asked him for some practical tips for reducing sugar consumption.

**Distraction leads to satisfaction:** Wansink has found that you can cut your chocolate consumption by 75 percent, but feel as content, if you follow a simple formula.

After eating a quarter of what you think will satisfy you—say, two squares of a Hershey bar instead of eight—put it away and distract yourself with a task. “Fifteen minutes later, people rate themselves as equally full, equally satisfied, and less guilty” than if they’d eaten the whole portion, Wansink says.



**Opt for “fun sizes”:** “We’ve found in our research that [to feel satisfied], the average amount of calories that somebody eats of a sweet snack is about 192, but the average candy bar is about 260,” Wansink says. “If we had our way, we’d eat two-thirds of a candy bar and feel happy. Effectively, smaller sizes help with that.”

**Location, location:** Wansink has found that moving a candy jar just six feet farther away can reduce consumption by a whopping 50 percent. “For instance, it cuts down the amount of calories of chocolate a person eats in a day from an average of about 225 to closer to 100. Over the course of a year, that adds up to about eleven pounds he or she would have gained in weight.” Also, if the jar is opaque rather than see-through, it reduces consumption by about a third.



**Don't eat out of the package:** If you crave a treat, transfer a portion to a plate or bowl. If you dig into the bag or box, “you wind up on average eating 22 percent more.”

**Stretch the sweetness:** A standard snack in the Wansink household—a habit he picked up in college—is a large bowl of buttered popcorn mixed with a small bag of M&Ms. Wansink notes that it has the advantage of “splitting one bag of M&Ms across five people, instead of having five bags.”

**Mood matters:** In a collaboration with Weight Watchers, Wansink found that contentment makes people opt for healthy snacks over chocolate. To induce a positive mindset before choosing a snack, subjects were asked to name something for which they were grateful. “It’s only a difference in calories of around 11 percent,” he observes, “but it’s a difference in healthfulness of about 80 percent.”

delivered by a Western diet heavy on sweet beverages and processed foods affects the liver—the only organ that can metabolize it—and how this impaired liver function in turn damages human health. (Fructose consumed in whole fruit doesn't have the same negative effects, he stresses, since fruit is packed with fiber that slows the rate, and reduces the overall amount, of fructose absorption in the digestive system. He also points out that sugar is consumed far more readily in juice form—since, for example, an eight-ounce glass of o.j. is squeezed from four oranges, far more than most people would eat in one sitting.)

Lustig still remembers the day in 1993 when he saw his first pediatric patient whose liver was mottled with fat—a condition normally seen in adults suffering from conditions like alcoholism, obesity, or diabetes. For the physician, it was something of a shot across the bow. Coupled with the rising numbers of obese kids and those with type 2 diabetes—once known as the “adult-onset” form of the disease due to its connection to lifestyle factors—he started to worry that something was going seriously awry.

Through his own research and that of colleagues, he homed in on the fact that when fructose is ingested quickly and in large

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quantities, it leads to a vicious cycle of what's known as “insulin resistance”—when cells stop responding to the hormone, and the pancreas tries to compensate by overproducing it—and the build-up of liver fat, which leads to even more insulin resistance. That puts the body on the path toward metabolic syndrome, most commonly defined as having at least three of the following conditions: obesity, diabetes, hypertension, heart disease, and elevated levels of so-called “bad” cholesterol. A major risk factor for premature death, metabolic syndrome is now at epidemic levels throughout the Western world: a study published in the *Journal of the American Medical Association* in May 2015, based on 1999–2006 statistics from the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey, found that more than a third of U.S. adults suffer from it. Among those over sixty, the rate was nearly half.

Although Lustig has his share of detractors—those who say that the science is inconclusive, and that he is over-reaching—for him and his fellow anti-sugar activists, there's a direct line from overconsumption of fructose to the perils of metabolic syndrome. But on the bright side, he says, that means that cutting fructose can have dramatic health benefits. In October 2015, the journal *Obesity* published an NIH-funded study that supports that position. The article, with Lustig as lead author, reported the effects

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of cutting added sugar from the diets of forty-three obese children and teens, who also had at least one other disease of metabolic syndrome. “We basically replaced sugar with starch,” he says. “We took the chicken teriyaki out and put the turkey hotdogs in. We took the sweet-

ened yogurt out and put the baked potato chips in. We took the pastries out and put the bagels in.” Since the kids were given the same number of calories as before, their amount of subcutaneous fat—the kind right under the skin, such as a “spare tire”—didn’t change. But their visceral fat—the metabolically dangerous type that bathes the internal organs—dropped 7 percent, and their insulin sensitivity improved. And most remarkably: their liver fat went down a striking 22 percent.

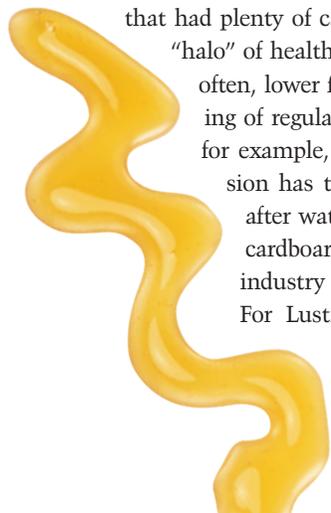
## The Calorie Conundrum

The *Obesity* study underscores one of Lustig’s central messages: not all calories are created equal. For decades, the received wisdom has been that it didn’t matter whether a calorie came from kale or candy: it would fuel the body in the same way. “At MIT, I majored in nutritional biochemistry; I knew back in 1975 that different calories did different things in the body,” Lustig observes. “And then I went into medicine, and they kind of beat it out of you. Any problem was related to total calories, and it’s been that way ever since; a calorie’s a calorie. If you eat more than you burn, you gain weight; if you eat less than you burn, you lose weight. That’s how I used to practice. Anytime I saw an obese patient, it wasn’t an endocrine problem, it was a behavioral problem. The only answer was ‘eat less and exercise more.’ I believed that, just like everybody else did—and virtually everyone still does.”

But if—as Lustig believes, and as some studies now seem to be bearing out—the body processes large doses of fructose in a way that is uniquely deleterious to human health, it could go a long way toward explaining why so many Americans have become increasingly fatter, sicker, and less active over the past several decades. Lustig and others trace the rise in fructose consumption to a proverbial perfect storm of factors in the Seventies: changes in federal agricultural policy that promoted investment in commodity crops like corn and sugar beets; the introduction of high-fructose corn syrup; and the prescription of a high-carb, low-fat diet in the belief—now widely considered to have been based on faulty science—that it was the key to preventing heart disease. That ushered in the era of the SnackWells cookie: a plethora of products that had plenty of calories, sugar, and refined carbs, but a

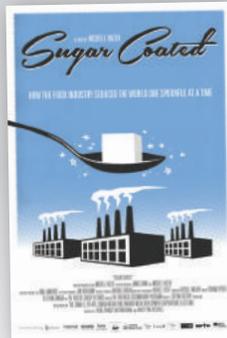
“halo” of health due to their low-fat designation. And often, lower fat translates into higher sugar; a serving of regular Hidden Valley Ranch salad dressing, for example, has one gram, while the fat-free version has triple that (and the second ingredient, after water, is corn syrup). “Non-fat tastes like cardboard,” Lustig says. “So what did the food industry do? They put sugar in.”

For Lustig and other detractors of processed foods, there are clear analogies to Big Tobacco: an industry that peddles an addictive, harmful product; that >



# SCREEN SHOTS

Sugar toxicity is the subject of three recent documentaries, two of them featuring Lustig on camera:

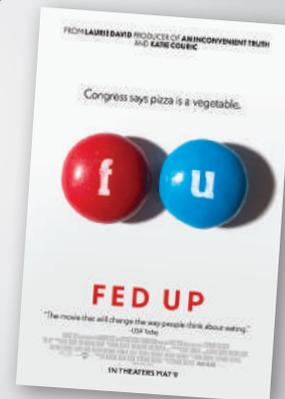


### Sugar Coated

Lustig has a starring role in this Canadian-made film—which, among other topics, contemplates the parallels between the food industry and Big Tobacco. Among its evidence: reams of discarded internal documents from Colorado’s Great Western Sugar Company, discovered by a dentist turned anti-sugar researcher. The film is currently playing at festivals and at special screenings, but is not yet available on video in the U.S.

### Fed Up

Narrated and executive-produced by Katie Couric, this advocacy film explores the causes behind rising rates of obesity in the U.S., particularly in children. Said the *New York Times* review: “It’s a call to action that pinpoints the problems, identifies the players, and stresses that obese people aren’t to blame . . . even as, somewhat contradictorily, it encourages greater self-control.” Available for streaming and DVD rental on Netflix.



### That Sugar Film

It’s fructose’s answer to Morgan Spurlock’s fast-food screed *Super Size Me*. After learning that the average person in his native Australia eats forty teaspoons of sugar per day, director Damon Gameau matches that intake for two months, with severely deleterious effects to his health.

(While Lustig doesn’t appear on screen, he served as a scientific adviser to Gameau, who also cites his research on the film’s associated website.) Available for streaming on Amazon Video and DVD rental on Netflix.

# SWEET RELIEF

Eve Ogden Schaub '92, BA '93, BFA '93, on her sugar-free year



**FAMILY AFFAIR:** Schaub's husband and two daughters joined her in eschewing added fructose for twelve months.

*Of the millions of people who've viewed Lustig's video on YouTube, it's safe to say that few have taken his message as much to heart as Eve Ogden Schaub '92, BA '93, BFA '93, did. "I watched it all the way through, then I clicked 'start' and watched it again," recalls Schaub, a writer based in rural Vermont who earned dual degrees in photography and English literature on the Hill. "All of a sudden, a lot of things made sense to me in a way that they never had before. It was like a flash of lightning. It was as if he had lifted a veil from my eyes."*

*Schaub—a self-confessed sugar lover with a passionate attachment to Reese's Peanut Butter Cups—was so moved that her family embarked on a year-long experiment. Throughout 2011, she, her husband, and their two young daughters all but eliminated added fructose from their diets; they also eschewed artificial sweeteners and fruit juices. Schaub chronicled their experiences in *Year of No Sugar*, a memoir published by Sourcebooks in April 2014.*

**What was it about Dr. Lustig's talk that you found so convincing?** Americans are getting fatter and more diabetic; we're having more health problems, not fewer. I'd been thinking for a long time that there had to be something basic that we were missing. He put that puzzle piece into place. After that, my brain was on fire. I had to do something.

**When you broke the news to your daughters, how did they react?** When kids hear "no sugar for a year," they hear "no fun forever." They immediately burst into tears, which was a really tough moment for me as a parent.

**What rules did you set?** No added sugar in our food; we were extremely strict about that. The exception—and this was specifically instituted to keep morale up, and to keep my kids on board—was that once a month, we'd have a sugar-containing treat of some sort. Also, each of us could pick one thing that we thought, "I could get through the year if I just had *that*." For my husband it was diet soda. I decided to have wine. I persuaded the kids to pick jam, because I thought they'd get a lot of mileage from it.

**As you scrutinized the products you'd been eating, what things were you most surprised to find had added sugar?** There were so many, from salad dressing to gravy. Pretty much every condiment you can think of, but also things like cold cuts. At this point most people know there's sugar in ketchup and barbecue sauce. But did you know it's in mayonnaise and chicken broth, and baby food and formula? Those were the things that kept blowing me away, over and over.

**What kind of reaction did you get from friends and family?** People were apprehensive. To a lot of them, we were the fun squashers. There was a little anger too, because people are very sensitive when they perceive that they're being told that they aren't eating in the best way—even though that was absolutely not what we were trying to do.

**Overall, how hard was it to avoid sugar for a year?** The short answer: It was very hard! The long answer: It was hard, but often not in the ways we expected. And at other times it was unexpectedly easy. For instance, once I figured out all the different things we couldn't buy,

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which was most of the things in the supermarket—Dr. Lustig notes that over three-quarters of items have added sugar in them—I completed my shopping for the week in half the time that I used to. Most everything I could buy lay on the perimeter of the store—fruits, vegetables, meat, and dairy—and there were only a few items I could buy on the interior aisles. One of the key things I learned during our year was that if it comes in a package, it's extremely likely there's sugar in it.

**What would you say was the toughest thing?** I expected it would be feeling deprived, but it turned out that the social isolation was what blindsided us. People felt that saying, “No, I can't have that piece of cake” was a rejection of them, of their love and affection. That was tough, because in our society we use sugar to celebrate, to make ourselves feel better when we're sad. It was like we had taken away that tool; people didn't know what to replace it with.

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**How did not having sugar affect your palate?** We became very sensitive to tiny amounts of sweetness. We'd have a treat that once upon a time we would have greatly enjoyed, and we didn't like it anymore; it was actually kind of disgusting. I was astonished that we could reverse that process so completely.

**Did not eating sugar make you feel physically different?** I had an impressive change in my energy level. When I was eating sugar, I'd have crashes in the middle of the afternoon on a regular basis. It was terrible—it interfered with my life—but I thought it was just part of me. I didn't realize it was solvable.

**At midnight when 2011 ended, you had a Reese's Peanut Butter Cup. How was it?** It was so anticlimactic! I didn't enjoy it all that much. I still do love them; if I'm going to have a treat, that's what I'll choose. But you get two in the package, and I'd never eat both. I'd feel yucky, get a headache, feel edgy. It's your body telling you, “That was too much.”

**More than four years after your experiment, does your family still avoid sugar?** We're at a slightly more moderate—but really quite stubborn—position on it. We have it sometimes, but in much smaller amounts. If we go to a restaurant, we might order one dessert for the four of us, and everybody leaves feeling satisfied. The first two or three bites of a dessert are always the best ones anyway.

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funds studies to vindicate itself; that fights government regulation (such as the New York City soda limits that Mayor Michael Bloomberg tried and failed to enact); and that dismisses negative scientific findings as inconclusive. A couple of years ago, Lustig even went back to school to earn a master of law degree from the University of California, Hastings—in part, he admits, to “learn the tobacco playbook.” Says Lustig: “Just as the tobacco industry fought any form of regulation or legislation, the big food companies are doing the same thing today, for the same reasons. So it's my job to bring the science to the fore, to debate it in public wherever I can. I'm not a zealot. The science brought me here.”

In Lustig's view, all the extra sugar in the Western diet amounts to an environmental toxin—one that explains the current health crisis far better than the oft-repeated axiom that we all just eat too much and exercise too little. One of his central arguments to that effect centers on the ubiquity of metabolic diseases even among people who aren't obese—those who don't have much subcutaneous fat but lots of unhealthy visceral fat. There's even a name for them: TOFI, for “thin outside, fat inside.” Conversely, some 20 percent of obese people don't suffer the associated metabolic diseases and live normal life spans. (There's a name for them, too: MHO, for “metabolically healthy obese.”) “Obesity definitely increases your risk—but if normal weight people also get it, how can it be about behavior?” Lustig muses. “There are actually more non-obese people who have metabolic diseases than there are obese people who have them—67 million as opposed to 57 million. When you put them together, that's more than half the U.S. adult population. And if more than half the population is affected, that makes it a public health crisis.” ■

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**FIELD NOTES:** Manfred speaks to the press during batting practice before Game 2 of the 2014 World Series between the Kansas City Royals and the San Francisco Giants.

# For Love of

# THE GAME

Rob Manfred '80—once a wide-eyed Little Leaguer who worshipped Mickey Mantle—is commissioner of Major League Baseball

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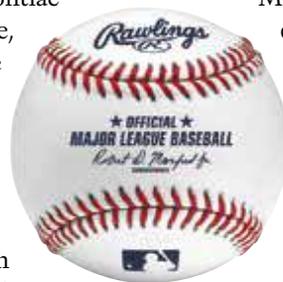
**O**n Rob Manfred's first trip to a Major League Baseball stadium, he didn't just walk in; he *sprinted*. It was early August 1968. He was ten years old, and the Manfred family—mom, dad, three kids—piled into the Pontiac and drove 250 miles from their home in Rome, New York, to Yankee Stadium in the Bronx. The moment when Manfred entered that baseball palace is etched into his memory: he pushed through the turnstile, ran ahead of his family, emerged from a tunnel, and caught his first glimpse of the diamond. "The green, the manicured field, the signage," Manfred recalled in a recent chat with CAM. "It was like somebody opened a picture book."

The fairy tale continued when Mickey Mantle—Manfred's favorite player, limping through his final season—came to bat in the fourth inning. Mesmerized, the boy stared as Number 7 in pinstripes hobbled to the plate. Moments later Manfred heard the crack of the bat and watched a ball arc into the right-field bleachers—the 530th home run of Mantle's career. For a wide-eyed kid, it was a movie moment—and it turned out to

be a double feature. Five innings later, Mantle again dug his cleats into the batter's box. This time, he hammered a pitch into the left-field grandstand for homer 531.

Manfred claims he feels much the same sense of wonder every time he sets foot in a big league ballpark. But nowadays, his visits often include a press conference. When the local media is done inquiring about the future of the game, a team representative will escort him to the Commissioner's Box—usually front row seats next to the home dugout. And four dozen years after Manfred's eyes followed the arc of his hero's home runs, every official ball used in every game in every big league stadium is stamped with his signature: "Robert D. Manfred Jr."

When Manfred took over as commissioner of baseball in January 2015, he joined an exclusive club. Only ten men have served as the game's overseer since Judge Kenesaw Mountain Landis accepted the newly created position in 1920, following the "Black Sox" scandal in which eight members of the Chicago White Sox were bribed to throw the World Series. >



Under the Major League Agreement that created Landis's job, he was broadly empowered to "investigate, either upon complaint or upon his own initiative, an act, transaction, or practice, charged, alleged, or suspected to be detrimental to the best interest of the national game of baseball" and to take "any remedial, preventive, or punitive action" he deemed appropriate. His decisions would be final and could not be challenged by the teams in court.

With the public having lost trust in baseball, the notion of a near-autocratic commissioner—tasked with cleaning up the game and providing sure-handed control—was largely celebrated in the media. The *Kansas City Star* called Landis, who would go on to serve twenty-four years, the "new dictator of baseball." *Baseball Magazine* described him as having "the extraordinary prerogatives of a Czar, a Kaiser, and a Chinese Mandarin rolled into one."

In the decades since, a commissioner's legacy often has been tied to the most prominent decisions or events during his tenure. Happy Chandler opened the door, at long last, to racial integration. Bowie Kuhn presided over the arrival of free agency and subsequent skyrocketing salaries. Bart Giamatti banned all-time hit leader Pete Rose for violating the cardinal rule against betting on baseball. And Manfred's predecessor and mentor, Bud Selig, will always be associated with the emergence of the steroid era.

Although the press and public often focus on dramatic long-term developments, the commissioner's job actually consists of daily challenges. Chosen by a vote of the owners of Major League Baseball teams, the commissioner is chief executive of both MLB and Minor League Baseball. The Office of the Commissioner oversees everything from labor contract negotiation to the hiring of umpires. The role can require a delicate balancing act. As both judge and jury, the commissioner must recognize precedent while using contemporary context to determine punishment. As both guardian and guide, he keeps one eye on baseball's much-touted tradition and the other on its much-needed transformation. Like a field manager, he must keep the peace (between multimillionaire players and billionaire owners), formulate a leadership philosophy and a strategy to implement it, tweak when necessary, and react when the situation calls for it.

Consider, for instance, various events that unfolded during the months after Manfred signed a five-year commitment to serve as commissioner:

When Baltimore became mired in riots and racial conflict, the commissioner decided to shift a series between the Orioles and the Tampa Bay Rays from Maryland to Florida. In a Major League first, to minimize safety concerns, he also allowed the Orioles to host a game against the White Sox in Baltimore's Camden Yards—sans spectators. When two National League teams filled managerial positions with white men who lacked experience—without conducting formal interviews—Manfred

stressed that MLB was committed to increasing minority hiring, particularly through a more comprehensive interviewing process. When a woman was struck in the head by a broken bat at Fenway Park, Manfred addressed issues of fan protection, including raising the possibility of installing additional netting in big league stadiums.

In 2013, as an MLB executive vice president, Manfred had played the lead role in determining that Yankees slugger Alex Rodriguez should be suspended for using performance-enhancing drugs. As commissioner in spring 2015, he allowed Rodriguez's return after a 162-game penalty, saying that everyone deserves a second chance. But redemption is a subjective notion, and Manfred has meted out punishments based on how much he believes the transgressor continues to represent a threat to the purity of the game. Most famously, when Pete Rose formally requested reinstatement, Manfred met with him and ultimately rejected his plea, saying he "has not presented credible evidence of a reconfigured life."

Manfred is called upon to deal with a host of other issues as well. There are turf wars between franchises; the Oakland A's need a new stadium and would like to move to San Jose, but the San Francisco Giants claim territorial rights. There are rumblings that MLB might expand beyond thirty franchises for the first time since 1998, with Manfred indicating the possibility of adding teams in Canada or Mexico. And there is the question of Cuba. Might normalized political relations lead to spring

**'The mission before us is clear,' Manfred wrote. 'To honor the game's history while welcoming new people to our great sport.'**

training games on the island nation?

The commissioner must also address issues pertaining to the game on the field. The average number of runs scored per game is down dramatically in the majors, leading Manfred to consider boosting offense, perhaps by eliminating defensive shifts—in which a manager sets the infielders in non-traditional positions according to where a specific batter tends to hit the ball—or by lowering the pitcher's mound, which generally reduces a pitcher's effectiveness. Meanwhile, games are longer than ever; in 2014, for the first time, they averaged more than three hours. New rules, including one mandating that hitters must keep one foot in the batter's box between pitches, reduced game length slightly in 2015. But Manfred has talked of further speeding up the pace of play, possibly through the use of a pitch clock that's already standard in some minor leagues.

At the top of Manfred's to-do list, however, is the goal of growing the game through youth initiatives. As the first commissioner to have been a Little Leaguer himself, one of his first official acts was throwing out the opening pitch at its World Series. He created a new position—senior vice president for youth programs—and announced that MLB would dedicate \$30 million to the development of youth baseball and softball in the U.S. He talked of making the game more accessible in underserved urban areas and of attracting young viewers



**OPENING DAY:** Manfred (center) with Washington Nationals shortstop Ian Desmond at the team's ballpark in April 2015

by better integrating technology into the ballpark experience. “The mission before us is clear,” Manfred wrote in an open letter to fans upon assuming the top job. “To honor the game’s history while welcoming new people to our great sport—people who will one day pass their love of baseball down through the generations.”

**W**hen the new commissioner got his very first prototype MLB Rawlings baseball with “Robert D. Manfred Jr.” stamped on it, he presented it to his father on the occasion of his eighty-fifth birthday. Growing up, sports had been the fulcrum of the family, and Robert Senior—who had been a three-sport athlete in high school and had a passion for everything from playing cribbage to coaching basketball—set the tone. “We grew up in a house where it was always about competing in something,” says Manfred, who has been married to his wife, Colleen, for thirty-four years and has four grown kids of his own.

An executive for a copper and brass company that had been founded in 1801 by Paul Revere, Bob Manfred served as management negotiator during some particularly contentious labor strikes. The fathers of many of young Robbie Manfred’s

classmates were among the millworkers on strike. “It was a tough union—and my mom was a unionized schoolteacher. So it was kind of a split house,” Manfred says with a laugh. It was also an early education about the balancing act—the push and pull of emotions and practicalities, relationships and priorities—that constitutes good-faith negotiation.

Duly inspired, Manfred enrolled in the ILR school as a junior after transferring from Le Moyne College in Syracuse. On the Hill, he was an immediate hit with Samuel Bacharach, a professor of labor management who still keeps in touch with him on a regular basis. In Manfred, Bacharach saw a sort of leadership version of what, in baseball, is known as a “five-tool player”—the rare person who can run, field, throw, maintain a high batting average, and hit home runs. “I train leaders all around the world, and he’s typical of some of the best I’ve seen,” says Bacharach. “He’s pragmatic; he’s politically savvy; he has people skills. And it’s all wrapped up with a good sense of values. I knew that he was going to succeed at something. Did I think he was going to be the commissioner of baseball? No. But I can see how he got there.”

Manfred earned a law degree at Harvard and joined a Manhattan firm that, in 1987, was hired to represent MLB ▶

during collective bargaining with the players' union. For the league, it was a period of tremendous turmoil. In 1990, the owners agreed to compensate players \$280 million after arbitrators concluded that they'd colluded to underpay stars and derail free agency. That same year, the players were locked out just before spring training—and Manfred was recruited to represent MLB in the negotiations that followed. Most dramatically, an August 1994 players' strike led to the cancellation of the remainder of the season and the World Series. During the strike, Manfred served as outside counsel for the owners. In 1998, Manfred joined MLB full time as executive vice president of economics and league affairs. Over the next decade and a half, as Major League Baseball grew into a \$9 billion industry, he played a role in negotiating deals on nearly every issue that shaped the game, from franchise sales and TV rights to revenue sharing and drug testing.

His law background has proved to be useful training. And indeed, of the four current major team sports commissioners, three—including the NHL's Gary Bettman '74—are lawyers. However, Manfred cites his ILR experience as a key to his

success, particularly while serving as the league's point man for a series of collective bargaining agreements. "I was well trained in how to get ready to bargain—not only collectively bargain, but negotiate generally, and I am very rigorous to this day about that kind of preparation," Manfred explained in a 2013 interview with the ILR school. "Previously, the clubs viewed each contract negotiation as an opportunity to solve all their problems. My goal was to impart to the clubs that collective bargaining is an incremental process." MLB hasn't had a labor disruption in two decades—which many attribute, in large part, to Manfred's acumen. As Pittsburgh Pirates president Frank Coonelly has said: "I told

anyone who asked me—and even people who didn't—that Rob was the creative mind behind changing the labor relations history of Major League Baseball. We went from having the poorest labor relations of any sport to a sport that has a very productive, professional relationship with its players' association. And much of the credit for that goes to Rob."

Still, when it came time to choose a new commissioner, there was disagreement within baseball's inner circle—the thirty franchise owners who voted on the successor to Selig,

**'I think each and every game of ours is a story of its own. It's one of the reasons why baseball is so captivating.'**

**PLAY BALL!:** Shortly after being elected commissioner, Manfred threw out the first pitch at the Little League Baseball World Series.



who'd held the job since 1992. In August 2014, Manfred had to sweat out the first contested commissioner election since the Sixties. After two ballots, Boston Red Sox chairman Tom Werner withdrew his candidacy. On the third, Manfred was a unanimous choice.

Now, one of his principal jobs is to keep those owners happy. Just hours after Manfred's election, Jesse Spector of the *Sporting News* reminded readers that the role of commissioner has evolved from its original concept. "The fact is, commissioners aren't what they used to be. Judge Landis ain't walking through that door," he wrote. "The commissioner still has plenty of power, but only so long as he acts in accordance with the desires of his bosses, the owners." And if the ownership groups aren't satisfied with the person whom they've elected as their representative—as they weren't with commissioner Fay Vincent in 1992—they can replace him. After a no-confidence vote from the owners, Vincent was forced to resign.

Early on, Manfred made some decisions to shake things up a bit, on issues of varying gravity—from reorganizing baseball's various ownership committees to switching the Manhattan restaurant where ownership meetings were held. And while the latter may sound picayune, even the most minor change can be fraught: Tim Brown of Yahoo Sports has compared overseeing thirty egocentric owners to "tethering grade-schoolers on a field trip to the planetarium." The now-defunct ESPN sports blog "Grantland," by contrast, offered a considerably less whimsical vision of Manfred's role: it observed that he "specializes in the Machiavellian aspects of running an organization that relies on uneasy alliances between powerful bosses." So one might be tempted to describe the job as part consigliere and part *Kindergarten Cop*—but Manfred shrugs off both characterizations. "I'm not saying [the owners] agree with each other or with me on every topic," he says, "but the overall dynamic in this group has been cooperative and supportive."

Manfred has been described—by team owners, law colleagues, and sportswriters—as creative and brilliant, patient when the situation calls for it and tenacious when he has to be. He prides himself on cultivating relationships that move his agenda forward. And that agenda is largely focused on maintaining what Manfred believes is a special connection between American culture and baseball—the narrative of the national pastime, told in nine-inning increments. "I think each and every game of ours is a story of its own," he says. "It's one of the reasons why baseball is so captivating."

One of those tales is illustrated by a photo hanging on the

wall in Manfred's midtown Manhattan office, showing a group of grinning kids in Little League uniforms. It's Manfred's favorite story, and he usually begins it with a bit of foreshadowing: "Did you ever notice I don't have the greatest teeth in the world?"

On the fateful day in question nearly a half-century ago, Manfred was riding his bike toward his hometown's Little League field. Suddenly, one of his cleats, which were draped over the bike's handlebars, lodged in the spokes of the front wheel. The wheel jammed, the bike pitched forward, and Manfred went flying. The accident knocked out his two front



**FIELD OF DREAMS:** Manfred with his childhood Little League team in Upstate New York; he's seated in the front row at the right edge of the bench, with a 'T' on his cap.

teeth. He raced home, and his mother rushed him to the dentist for some emergency repair. She was concerned about his mangled mouth; he was worried about making it to the game on time—and somehow, he did.

From his position at shortstop, Manfred watched his team's pitcher confound batter after batter. By the time the final opposing player stepped up to the plate, not a single runner had been allowed on base; no hits, no walks, no errors. History—at least in the annals of Rome Little League—was on the line. When the batter lofted a fly ball above the infield, Manfred peered skyward, revealing a fresh gash on his chin, and waited for the ball to land in his glove. When it did, and the umpire called the final out, a scrum of twelve-year-olds piled atop each other in jubilation. It was the moment when Manfred experienced, first-hand, baseball's potential to be—quite literally—a perfect game.

Next to the photo in Manfred's office is a framed piece of paper—the team roster from that game all those years ago. The commissioner of baseball notes that even now, he can rattle off the names by heart. ■

# Oh, the Places You'll Go!

**For more and more Cornellians,  
travel abroad is an essential  
college experience**

**BY ALEXANDRA BOND '12**

In New Zealand, at the boundary between two of Earth's great tectonic plates, an engineering student explored the effects of earthquakes on the surrounding area. Just months before the British elections, a government major watched Prime Minister David Cameron field questions from Parliament—and insult the opposition—during a rowdy convention in Oxford. A communication major spent the summer in Tanzania, volunteering at a health clinic and developing recommendations for policies to reduce teen pregnancy rates.

Ever since the University's founding, Cornellians have been venturing far from the Hill to study—and these days, that business is booming. More students, from a wider array of majors, are going abroad than in past years, and they're having a kaleidoscopic variety of experiences. "There are now programs and opportunities for pretty much any major to do something abroad," says Cornell Abroad director Marina Markot, who notes that more academic departments—such as engineering disciplines—have become receptive to the idea that exposure to another culture adds value to their students' education.

The number of countries where Cornellians study has increased dramatically, Abroad officials say, from roughly twenty in the mid-Eighties to about ninety now. A significant portion of the Class of 2014—38 percent—had international experiences by the time they graduated, and the University is aiming to increase that: two years ago, a task force within the Global Cornell initiative set a goal of 50 percent. "A growing trend is toward more programs with practical, hands-on experience," Markot says, "like fieldwork, experiential learning, service, or internships—not just classroom learning."

Decades ago, when travel was more logistically difficult, students often stayed away for an entire academic year. Now, most choose semester-long programs, and even shorter stints over summer or winter breaks are gaining popularity. Gender demographics have also shifted: while males were once more likely to study abroad, now about 70 percent of those who go are women. (There's

much speculation as to why, Markot says, with one theory being that male students prefer to travel on their own.) "I was looking for adventure, and I definitely found it," says Joanna Barrett '16, who spent the summer before junior year volunteering with a non-profit in Kenya. "There were so many situations where I had no

clue what I was doing and just had to figure it out—and I'm so glad I had to. I'm so much more confident and poised than when I came to Cornell, and I credit my time abroad for a lot of that."

For all the University's abroad programs, Markot says, safety is paramount. Standard practice includes keeping abreast of State Department recommendations and contracting with a private firm for security briefings

and emergency medical care. In addition to offering pre-trip guidance, from tips on safe drinking water to information about the political climate, the Abroad office keeps track of every Cornellian studying internationally. When crises occur—be they an earthquake in Nepal or a terrorist bombing in Paris—staffers can quickly make contact and, if necessary, arrange for the students' return, as was the case during the 2011 Arab Spring uprising in Egypt. Markot points out that such situations are rare, however, and students almost always opt to stay if the situation allows. (After the Nepal earthquake, she notes ruefully, students wanted to stay longer and offer assistance, "but we had to tell them that relief efforts were going on, and untrained individuals are not necessarily helpful.")

The ideal abroad experience, Markot says, combines robust academics with opportunities for personal growth—giving students the chance to get into their new community and out of their comfort zones. "I cannot overstate how well my time and efforts were rewarded," says Hanna Reichel '17, whose aims for her semester in India included improving her research practices and experiencing new cuisine. "Is it too trite to say it was everything I hoped and dreamed for—and more?"

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A woman with dark hair, wearing a dark jacket and pants, is sitting cross-legged on a stone ledge. She is smiling and holding a small metal cup. The background features a vast, rugged mountain range with significant snow cover under a clear blue sky. The word "NEPAL" is written in large, white, stylized letters across the middle of the image.

# NEPAL

## LAURA LIN '16

**Hometown:** Taipei, Taiwan

**Major:** Human biology, health, and society

*Studied language, culture, and contemporary issues and conducted ethnographic field research.*

**Enduring lesson:** "The importance of having a good sense of humor, especially in the face of unprecedented circumstances. Whether we were touring different districts, taking a day trip to Kathmandu city, or conducting field research, we constantly faced changes in our plans—traffic, getting sick, etc. I learned to face these twists and turns with a good-humored, self-deprecating chuckle."

**Biggest surprise:** "How easy it was for me to stay connected with my social life back in the U.S. and Taiwan, given the accessibility of the Internet in the cities, towns, and a few villages I stayed in. Sometimes I had to pull myself away from all the social media and remind myself to pay attention to where I was."

**Scariest experience:** "The earthquake in April and the countless, unexpected aftershocks for the subsequent days before we all safely traveled back from our research field sites to our program house in Kirtipur—which was, thankfully, unaffected and intact."



**JACLYN BELL '16**

**Hometown:** Chicago, Illinois

**Major:** Industrial and labor relations

*Studied history, language, and international economics.*

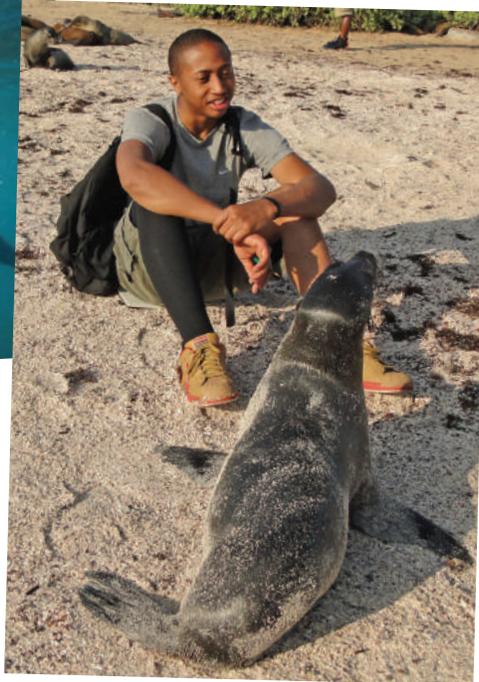
**Enduring lesson:** "Words are just layers over ideas. I love describing some things in Spanish and some in English. Certain words just fit better. I want to understand as many layers as I can, so I look forward to studying more languages."

**Biggest surprise:** "Seeing the Moorish influence in the architecture, traditions, food, and language."

**Favorite food:** "Pan tostado con aceite y tomate [toast with olive oil and tomato], and everything my host mom cooked."

**SEVILLE, SPAIN**

# GALÁPAGOS ISLANDS



## AMIRI BANKS '17

**Hometown:** Atlanta, Georgia

**Major:** Biology

*Studied evolutionary biology, and some history and writing.*

**Goal for trip:** "I hoped to get knowledge. I got this, but also perspective, realism, and a cinematic experience."

**Scariest experience:** "Our boat got caught in a tempest. Nothing serious, but we had to circumvent the storm and alert family back home."

**Funniest experience:** "Is throwing up funny? Especially after you've assured everyone that you have a 'stomach of steel' and won't get seasick?"

**Treasured memento:** "My comprehensive journal/sketchbook."

**Biggest surprise:** "How quickly my memories seemed to fade, almost like a dream."

## HANNA REICHEL '17

**Hometown:**  
Brattleboro, Vermont

**Major:**  
Urban and regional studies

*Did coursework on the region's ecology, communities, and contemporary dynamics, and field research on dietary diversity among indigenous communities.*

**Enduring lesson:** "I learned to learn again. I came to see learning as my daily aspiration: observation for breakfast, critical inquiry for lunch, lively reflection for dinner."

**Brought back:** "An Indian pantry. There's a box beneath my dresser full of the goods harvested from the lands around the villages in which I worked: millet, cinnamon bark, peppercorns, honey, nutmeg, tree tomato marmalade . . ."



# TAMIL NADU, INDIA



# NEPAL

## GRACE ROBBINS '16

**Hometown:** Cleveland, Ohio

**Major:** Feminist, gender, and sexuality studies

*Studied language; researched women's experiences with menstruation and its associated cultural taboos.*

**Goal for trip:** "Because I aspire to do health and education work in developing countries, I hoped my time abroad would demonstrate whether I was ready to throw myself wholeheartedly into such an unfamiliar environment—and it did just that. Although there were frustrating moments of adjustment, the overwhelming growth and joy that came from forming meaningful friendships and living in new places far outweighed any fleeting discomfort."

**Enduring lesson:** "A renewed sense of mindfulness. I hadn't realized how much my American culture had shaped me until I lived in a very different one."



## HANNAH CASHEN '16

# CAMBODIA

**Hometown:** Claverack, New York

**Major:** Industrial and labor relations

*Took a course, "Chinese Empire and the Cambodian Experience."*

**Enduring lesson:** "I learned how to open up my peripheral vision and absorb everything happening around me, and how to be comfortable and accepting in any environment."

**Biggest surprise:** "How friendly the people we met—or even walked by—were; everyone smiled at us. That was a pretty big culture shock."

**Scariest experience:** "It was utterly terrifying to go to Tuol Sleng [a museum on the site of an infamous prison] and the Killing Fields and begin to absorb the atrocities of genocide firsthand."

**Favorite food:** "Frog legs were delicious, and so was iced coffee with condensed milk served in a bag."



# SABANA GRANDE, NICARAGUA

## AMELIA ELVERSON '16

**Hometown:** Minneapolis, Minnesota

**Major:** Operations research and information engineering

*Did a cultural and technological exchange as part of an engineering team that does sustainable projects using solar power; worked on a water distiller and composting latrine.*

**Favorite food:** "The most amazing juices—papaya, orange, watermelon, mango, passion fruit—all fresh fruit, pressed by hand. So delicious!"

**Brought back:** "A bunch of coffee. It's super rich and I know the people who picked it, which is pretty cool."

## JOCELYN VEGA '17

# GHANA

**Hometown:** Chicago, Illinois

**Majors:** Government and sociology

*Volunteered at a U.N. organization that empowers mothers and youth through education and outreach.*

**Enduring lesson:** "I was amazed by how these young students are building their own academic culture and supportive community from constrained resources."

**Scariest experience:** "I was walking toward my class, when out of nowhere, I noticed the students laughing and running away. An escaped monkey was jumping along the school's fence! We were luckily able to scare it away, but the students couldn't stop talking about it."

**Favorite food:** "I continue to crave Indomie [ramen]. In a tiny storefront near our school, [a woman named] Comfort would carefully prepare the instant noodles with tons of fresh vegetables and eggs, and add a kick of spice."





## JOANNA BARRETT '16 **KENYA**

**Hometown:** Ithaca, New York

**Majors:** International agriculture and rural development; biology and society  
*Volunteered at a rural orphanage, taught at a school, and worked with urban street children.*

**Enduring lesson:** "Patience. 'Kenyan time' has a slightly looser interpretation of efficiency and punctuality than I usually operate on in Ithaca."

**Biggest surprise:** "How quickly and easily I adapted to my new surroundings."

**Funniest experience:** "I got a bad sunburn and the kids I lived with thought I was dying. The dramatic change from blindingly white to lobster red terrified them, and when my skin started peeling they wanted me to go to the hospital."

**Strangest experience:** "People would hand me their kids or livestock. Not sure if people were more trusting or if I just look non-threatening, but strangers would ask me to hold their babies or chickens regularly."

## LIBREVILLE, GABON

**SHANTI KUMAR '17**

**Hometown:** Bronx, New York

**Major:** International agriculture and rural development.  
*Did research on a pan-African agricultural development program and the finances of banana cooperatives in the rainforest.*

**Enduring lesson:** "One of the greatest issues in tropical agriculture is the tension between environmental conservation and food security. People need to hunt and farm, yet governmental protection of forests and animals often leaves forest-dwelling people caught in a legal entanglement in which their food security is at odds with environmental interests."

**Scariest experience:** "I had a very difficult time getting home. My ticket was scanned, but I was not allowed to board the plane; someone had bribed a guard to be let on under my name, and I was told I'd have to buy another ticket. The people I had met during my internship took me into their homes and helped me convince the airport staff that I had been the victim of illegal activity, and made what could have been a terrifying experience into a memory of kindness and generosity."



**DANIELA CARDENAS '16**

**Hometown:** Medellín, Colombia

**Major:** Urban and regional studies

*Studied urban planning, drawing, and Italian language and politics.*

**Goal for trip:** "I wanted to make local Italian friends, and I did! They even ended up inviting us to their home and cooking pasta for us."

**Treasured memento:** "A small medallion from the Vatican with an image of Pope Francis."



# LYON, FRANCE

## CONNIE POTTER '16

**Hometown:** Fabius, New York

**Major:** International agriculture and rural development

*Studied agroecology; interned on a sheep farm.*

**Brought back:** "I almost surpassed the luggage weight limit with all of the bottles of wine I stuffed into my suitcase."

**Favorite food:** "By far the cheese—Comté, specifically—but the most unusual goes to the delicious sheep intestines I ate at a local festival."

**Enduring lesson:** "The worse the cheese smells, the better it tastes."

# IMBABURA, ECUADOR

## AMY SAZ '16

**Hometown:** San Francisco, California

**Major:** Industrial and labor relations

*Studied community partnerships, including a women's fair-trade organization that makes and sells natural personal-care products.*

**Enduring lesson:** "I learned first-hand the strengths and weaknesses of a business model that uses a fair-trade and collectivist approach for all decisions."



## WESLEY SCHNAPP '16

**Hometown:** Portland, Oregon

**Major:** Neurobiology and behavior

*Studied Spanish language and Cuban culture and history; did research on bat communication.*

**Biggest surprise:** "The inconveniences in daily life were more difficult to adjust to than I expected."

**Scariest experience:** "The cat-calling in the streets. Almost every male would call at the females, especially if the woman was foreign. Eventually one just had to learn to ignore it."

**Brought back:** "Cuban three-peso bills and coins that have Che Guevara's face on them; Cuban rum because it's delicious, super cheap, and can't be found anywhere else."



# CUBA



## NEW ZEALAND



## TANVI CHHEDA '16

**Hometown:** Mumbai, India

**Major:** Science of earth systems

*Studied active tectonics.*

**Enduring lesson:** "There is a vast array of environmental, cultural, and socio-economic backdrops that people grow up in. Their views and behavior are not just intrinsic; they are shaped by extrinsic factors."

**Scariest experience:** "Getting lost in a snowy forest in the dark while hiking alone along the Great Glen Way."

**Favorite food:** "Pears that we plucked from the tree in the backyard every morning."

## MOSHI, TANZANIA

## SISI PENG '16

**Hometown:** Brooklyn, New York

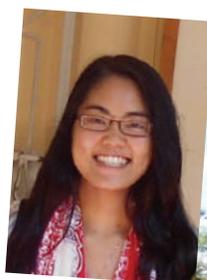
**Major:** Communication

*Took a course on global health; researched teen pregnancy in the Kilimanjaro region; did a literature review on breastfeeding practices; shadowed health professionals.*

**Favorite food:** "Chapati, an East African flatbread, with lentil stew."

**Treasured mementos:** "A kanga, which is a colorful garment that has a Kiswahili phrase on it, and a custom-tailored dress made out of kitenge, another type of vibrant cloth."

**Goal for trip:** "To make meaningful, lasting relationships with the people I met during my time abroad, and I was definitely able to do so. I met so many amazing people and developed so many great friendships."





## OXFORD, ENGLAND

### ZACH PRAISS '16

**Hometown:** St. Louis, Missouri

**Major:** Government

*Studied philosophy, politics, and economics.*

**Goal for trip:** "While I know it's a cliché, I went abroad to broaden my perspective, and I'm grateful and proud today to really see the world as my oyster."

**Favorite food:** "Nothing beats the tea, scones, and clotted cream of the United Kingdom."

**Treasured memento:** "I probably should not say this, but I brought a dislodged rock home from one of Oxford's cobblestone streets. It now sits on my desk and reminds me of my time there."



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This special section, a bonus issue of the university's Ezra magazine, highlights ways Cornell initiatives intersect with philanthropy and engagement of Cornell alumni, parents and friends.



## FOCUSING ON CORNELLIANs, AS INDIVIDUALS AND AS A COMMUNITY

*Ryan Lombardi, who became Cornell's vice president for student and campus life last August, discusses his impressions, experiences and thoughts for the future after his first six months. The full conversation is available at [www.news.cornell.edu/scl-vp-QA](http://www.news.cornell.edu/scl-vp-QA).*

### **What have you found remarkable about Cornell students?**

Cornell students' passion for what they are doing and their love for this place, as well as their sheer intellectual aptitude and their desire to make the world better, is very compelling for me. They're engaged, thoughtful and want to be a part of solutions.

They have a high level of social consciousness, and I find it incredibly refreshing that they believe we can solve the world's ills. The racism that still exists in the United States is an injustice and an outrage, and our students want to fix this issue. Our challenge is to integrate, learn around our differences, define our commonalities

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## “OUR CHALLENGE IS TO INTEGRATE, LEARN AROUND OUR DIFFERENCES, DEFINE OUR COMMONALITIES AND BECOME A COHESIVE COMMUNITY.”

and become a cohesive community. That’s very high on our students’ minds, and I applaud them. I think we can be a national model for inclusive communities in higher education.

### **Tell us about the housing master plan.**

As the student population at Cornell grows, Student and Campus Life has a responsibility as the providers of on-campus housing to develop a plan that meets current and future housing needs and evolving program priorities. Our local community is undergoing its own analysis of housing conditions and shares our keen interest in providing affordable housing.

We should ask ourselves, are we facilitating students’ academic success and personal development? How do our on-campus housing offerings influence the local market? Are there unintended consequences to our decisions? Does our housing foster an engaged community and promote a sense of personal connection to the university?

We’ve launched a housing master planning process, concluding in the fall of 2016, that will look broadly at all of these issues. Students need to be heavily involved in this discussion. We need to create a roadmap for housing for the next 10-15 years.

### **How is Cornell fostering strong mental health, and what is the university doing to address sexual assault?**

The pressure of being a student in higher education is very high. We must provide excellent services – therapy, psychology and psychiatry – but we also need to focus on the culture that permeates this campus. I’ve challenged some members of this community to promote a “caring community” and not perpetuate a competitive atmosphere.

Addressing sexual violence on campus remains a top priority, and this need was underscored by the recent Association of American Universities’ survey, both nationally and on Cornell’s campus. We also see some groups – gender nonconforming students, transgender students and LGBTQ students – being disproportionately affected.

We’ve enlisted the help of three public health fellows, recent Cornell graduates, to make sure our interventions will really work with today’s students.

### **Are you and President Elizabeth Garrett committed to continuing the Greek system? Where do we stand on the eradication of hazing?**

President Garrett and I are both very supportive of a strong, robust Greek system; we think it can have a very meaningful place on a college campus.

My challenge to our Greek system is: Let’s be a model for what the system can be nationally. I’d like to see our organizations enhance their own standards and continue to engage heavily in leadership, philanthropy and service.

The Greek system today is and has to be different than it was in the past. Alumni support and engagement is absolutely critical and is welcomed, and students today also need to create the experience for themselves.

Greek organizations at Cornell have made a strong effort to combat hazing. I hope that our students care enough about each other not to subject their peers to any of this behavior.

### **What opportunities do you see for alumni to be engaged in student life?**

I’m grateful to the many alumni who have welcomed me into the community. I want to recognize the contributions of those who engage with students, offer mentoring and career opportunities, and give donations to support our work.

Alumni – through their resources, their passion and their volunteerism – can help our students connect to the world after they graduate.

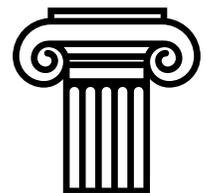
### **What drew you to student services?**

I believe in the value of cultivating human relationships. I’m focused on each student having a meaningful and transformative experience at this university. I try never to lose sight of the reason we exist, which is to support our students.

That student-centeredness, wanting to meet them where they are and to understand them, is what I bring to the table. ■



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## 9,500

The square footage of Professor Emerita Kay WalkingStick's new exhibition at the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of the American Indian in Washington, D.C. It is the first major career retrospective chronicling her artistic journey. The exhibit includes more than 65 paintings, drawings, small sculptures, notebooks and diptychs from the celebrated Cherokee artist's collection, the museum and private lenders.

She taught at Cornell from 1988-90, returned in 1992 as a full professor, teaching painting and drawing in the Department of Art and retiring to paint full-time in 2005.

"Kay WalkingStick: An American Artist" is on display through Sept. 18.

## 102,000

The number of times other scholars have cited the research of Robert Sternberg, professor of human development – an exceptionally rare milestone that he passed in 2015, based on data from Google Scholar.

According to Sternberg's colleague Stephen Ceci – no slouch in this arena with more than 30,800 citations – in some cases this is more than entire academic departments achieve.

The analysis placed Sternberg, who came to Cornell in winter 2014 following a distinguished academic career, as the 56th-most cited researcher of anyone listed publicly on Google Scholar. (Some guy named Freud tops the list.) Other Cornell professors to make the cut are Deborah Estrin (94,735 citations), John Laragh (65,998 citations) and Scott Emr (41,786 citations).

## Alumni input shaping new College of Business



President Elizabeth Garrett and Provost Michael Kotlikoff have outlined a process of engagement aimed to garner input from faculty, students, staff and alumni in shaping an ambitious and innovative integrated College of Business. A host of committees that anchor the broad engagement effort, including the Alumni Engagement Committee, have already begun to define the governance structure and other details of the new college. Stay involved at [business.cornell.edu](http://business.cornell.edu).

## The Chai Notes light up D.C.



Cornell's Jewish, co-ed a cappella group, The Chai Notes, sang at the White House Hanukkah party and for President Barack Obama and first lady Michelle Obama Dec. 9.

The 17-member group sang for guests arriving for the evening party for more than an hour, and then got to meet the Obamas privately and perform a solo for them.

"As if watching the president and first lady groove to our song wasn't enough, Supreme Court Justices [Ruth Bader] Ginsburg ['15], Elena Kagan and Stephen Breyer were there as well," said Aaron Troy '16. "The thrill of sharing your passion and being thanked by five of the most influential people in America was unforgettable."

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– Aaron Troy '16

## Entrepreneurial students pitch to alumni at NYC event



Students who are part of eLab pitched their startup business ideas to a group of 54 alumni and other prospective advisers at a New York City event in December.

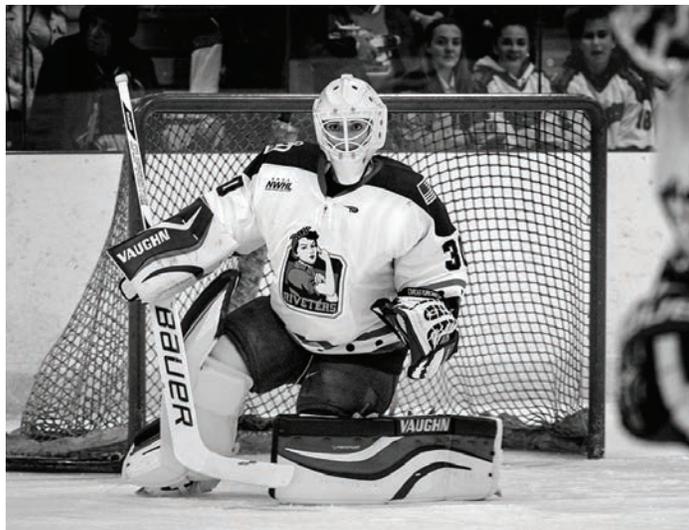
Twelve teams – with ideas ranging from a system to monitor equine water intake to a platform to connect college students to charities they care about – shared their midyear progress. The pitching event was new this year for eLab students, whose ideas span animal care, hardware, financial technology, biotech, food production, food science, philanthropy, Web platforms, data mining and distribution, said Jeremiah Cotman, eLab coordinator. Students presented on four main topics related to their business: their problem, customers, market and specific challenges moving forward. eLab, begun in 2008, is a collaboration between Student Agencies Foundation and Entrepreneurship at Cornell dedicated to accelerating Cornell's top student startups.

## NYC theater venture

Alex Gruhin '11 and Ariel Reid '09, MMH '10, hired their favorite theater professor, Bruce Levitt, to direct the first show in their new entertainment venture, "Nightcap Riot," staged at Magick City in Brooklyn.

## In the next issue of Ezra

In addition to covering the recently completed campaign, the spring issue of Ezra magazine (which will be published in April) will explore how the university's newly opened Klarman Hall showcases Cornell's thriving humanities for a new century.



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**Number of Cornellians who now play for the National Women's Hockey League, the first professional women's league in the United States.**

**"It's a general process, kind of like making cheese, only with bugs."**

- Lee Cadesky, M.S. '15, lecturer in the Department of Food Science, who co-founded C-fu Foods, a company that turns bug-based proteins into foods.

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# EZRA

## Reflecting on a 'Pivotal Time'

Bill McAleer '73, MBA '75



**T**he past three and a half years has been a pivotal time to serve as an alumni-elected trustee, a period characterized by significant change and opportunity. Trustee meetings have always been interesting and engaging, covering a variety of issues—from the implications of online education and student life concerns to a proposal to divest fossil fuel securities from the University's investment portfolio.

Early in my tenure on the Board of Trustees' Finance Committee, we explored new revenue opportunities to optimize Cornell's business model, which is increasingly challenged as we try to balance strategic priorities for recruiting outstanding faculty and maintaining world-class research facilities while keeping tuition affordable and accessible. We also examined the University's budget model and the new reallocation model of central costs to the operating units.

With the resignation of David Skorton, the board was tasked with finding the right person to lead Cornell through its next set of challenges and opportunities. We were pleased that the recruitment committee identified Elizabeth Garrett as Cornell's thirteenth president. She brings an amazing energy and focus to her new role, and I'm looking forward to working with her in the final year of my current term.

Finally, as a Johnson and Hotel school grad, I expect to be involved in the discussions over the coming months surrounding the recently announced College of Business. There are many questions and challenges related to the implementation of this plan, and I look forward to helping build the best business program in the Ivies.

It has been a great honor to serve as a trustee and to work with such a talented group of people. Cornell is in an excellent position as we start the next 150-year chapter of the Big Red story.

## 'A Sheer Joy to Serve'

Meredith Rosen Berg '92



**I**n 2012, you honored me by electing me to the Board of Trustees. These past four years have flown by, as my colleagues assured me they would. It has been a sheer joy to serve the University in this capacity.

During my tenure, Cornell has expanded and grown stronger in so many ways. First, the Tech campus is a reality and will transform Cornell's global role in technology and entrepreneurship. Second, we have expanded our offers in interactive learning, identifying new and better ways to deliver education and engage our students. We know that we can better leverage technology to deliver exceptional results, and we are actively engaged in bringing this to fruition. Third, the entrepreneurial culture now permeates all areas of the University. In addition, the board has grappled with, and made progress on, difficult topics such as how to ensure that Cornell remains affordable and attainable to a diverse population, while simultaneously investing in crucial areas and identifying new revenue streams to support these efforts.

I am very pleased that I have had a voice in and impact on these critical conversations. As a member of several committees including Buildings and Properties, Student Life, and Alumni Affairs, as a board member of eCornell, and as a member of several special task forces (Revenues; Arts at Cornell; Mentoring), I have collaborated with staff, faculty, senior leadership, and alumni to move these efforts forward.

As trustees, we are stewards of the University and its brand for a short period of time. All board members are united in their commitment to, and love for, Cornell. We all strive to ensure its relevance in an evolving world. Thank you for this spectacular opportunity to have had such an important and impactful role.

# CLASS NOTES

NEWS OF FELLOW CORNELLIANS

**41** **Lawrence Kalik** sent a letter from his law office in New York City. He writes, "In 1955 an enlightened jurist in New York City recognized the fact that people with limited claims could not afford to lose a day's pay to pursue them. He created a Small Claims Night Court for persons who worked during the day, and established an initial arbitration panel to hear cases with claims up to \$5,000. The initial panel consisted of 12 attorneys, of which I was one. I am the only surviving member. On October 1, 2015, the City Court of the City of New York arranged a tribute to me with the presentation of a plaque mounted in the courthouse, celebrating my 50 years of service that still continues. If you find that arithmetic to be incorrect, it is because we thought 50 years sounded better than the actual 60."

Please send news to: **Class of 1941**, c/o *Cornell Alumni Magazine*, 401 East State St., Suite 301, Ithaca, NY 14850. Class Notes Editor e-mail, [abb83@cornell.edu](mailto:abb83@cornell.edu).

**46** HELP! HELP! HELP! Calling all '46 women to volunteer for the 70th Reunion committee. It is not too late and we need your input. There are four men and only one woman (me) on the committee. As you can see, this is important! Give me a call at the number below and I will bring you up to date. Thank you . . . whoever you are.

Reunion is quickly approaching (June 9-12), and I do hope to see you there. My daughter, Janice Prey Wolfe, wants to accompany me. It will be such a pleasure showing her Cornell! She was a UC Berkeley graduate in 1974. Cornell could not offer her the art classes she wanted. Today, perhaps they would have those studios.

**Dorothy Van Vleet** Hicks, BS HE '45, wrote that she has sold her property on Seneca Lake. She had spent 37 summers there, but it was time to give up and stay in Pennsylvania permanently. She also said that she would miss her New York friends, sunsets, and good times. In November 2015 she moved to a Quaker retirement village in State College, PA. She said it was hard to downsize twice in two months, but she made it. Dottie learned at Cornell that some friendships last forever!

Correction: In the Nov/Dec issue I made an error. I stated that **Priscilla Alden** Clement had just added the 170,000th name to her family tree. Oops! It should have been her 17,000th! My apologies to Priscilla. This column is short without your news. I am hoping to hear from more of you. Will you be attending our reunion? Please make that extra effort. If you have any photos—current or from the past 70 years—submit to: [www.cornellalumnimagazine.com/photogallery](http://www.cornellalumnimagazine.com/photogallery). **Dorothy Taylor** Prey, 1 Baldwin Ave., #501, San Mateo, CA 94401; e-mail, [dmprey@aol.com](mailto:dmprey@aol.com); tel., (650) 342-1196.

Twenty years ago, I became '46's co-correspondent. I've since learned much from fellow officers, and I thank them for their mentorship and for enhancing my love of Cornell. Eight of my

colleagues have passed on while still in office. I'm taking this opportunity to remember them constructively by donating in their names to our class scholarship fund. Those dedicated giants were **William Farrell**, **Elinor Baier** Kennedy, **Samuel Miller**, **Patricia Kinne** Paoletta, **William Papsco**, **Mavis Gillette** Sand, **Orrie Stevens**, and **Richard Turner**.

If any readers wish to honor them or anyone else, send a check made out to Class of '46 Scholarship Fund (#161221) to Cornell University, PO Box 25842, Lehigh Valley, PA 18003-9692. Such fully deductible gifts, if made before June 30, 2016, count toward our class Reunion goals.

Our Reunion committee is available to happily answer any of your questions: **Lloyd Slaughter**, (304) 599-4431; [lslaughter594@aol.com](mailto:lslaughter594@aol.com); **Bob Nist**, (727) 834-8903; [bobnist@hotmail.com](mailto:bobnist@hotmail.com); **Dorothy Taylor** Prey, (650) 342-1196; [dmprey@aol.com](mailto:dmprey@aol.com); **Paul Levine**, (925) 201-7575; [pblevine@juno.com](mailto:pblevine@juno.com); **Gabe Pesce**, BCE '49, MCE '51, (805) 201-2431; [gvpltbl@aol.com](mailto:gvpltbl@aol.com). Check out our class website for more information, including names of those who plan to attend: <http://classof46.alumni.cornell.edu>.

Lloyd writes, "Our Reunion committee is working beautifully with the alumni office to make our June 9-12, 2016 Reunion a memorable event. Its work could only be improved by having more women on the committee. (To volunteer, call or e-mail Dorothy Taylor Prey.) Per the January mailing, most of the class activities will be in the Statler Hotel. We encourage you to make reservations as soon as possible. For those staying at the Statler three or more nights, the class will pay for one night. Other subsidies are being discussed.

"Bob Nist has not only identified a large group of '46ers as Cornell V-12 veterans, but nearly as many identified with the Class of '47. They entered Cornell during WWII in this US Navy program. With the Class of '47's concurrence, we have invited their V-12 members to join us at Reunion to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the Navy V-12 program's completion in July 1946. Those lucky enough to have been on the Cornell campus in that unique program will always be grateful. Although many have died, we few survivors will convene to renew old friendships and make new ones. Bob Nist will make this celebration a special and exciting time on the Hill. Hopefully many '46ers will also join the '47ers in 2017. The 2016 V-12 activities will be open to all, although there will be plenty of fascinating, competing programs."

Lodging: We recommend making Statler reservations promptly at (800) 541-2501. Moderate price rooms (\$260) are first come, first served; and if you need to cancel, there will be no charge if you notify the Statler before 3:00 p.m. the day prior to your scheduled arrival. Best Western is also available at (607) 272-6100. Transportation: To get to Ithaca from NYC, there are two bus services. The Campus-to Campus bus (<http://transportation.fs.cornell.edu/coach/schedule/default.cfm>); (607) 254-8747 makes three trips daily, two on Saturday. They drop off and pick up on campus and in midtown Manhattan. Big Red Bullet (<http://bigredbullet.com>); (866) 228-3990 makes two trips

daily, none on Saturday. They operate between downtown Ithaca and midtown Manhattan. A university-run bus is being contemplated as well.

To list your e-mail address in your submissions, e-mail me at the address below: **Paul Levine**, 3273 Streamside Cir. #202, Pleasanton, CA 94588; tel., (925) 201-7575; e-mail, [pblevine@juno.com](mailto:pblevine@juno.com).

**47** Happy almost spring, everyone! *Cornell Alumni Magazine* recently created an Alumni Photo Gallery for sharing the photos that we couldn't fit in the class column. To view and post pictures of family, mini-reunions, events, travels, tributes, and more, go to: <http://cornellalumnimagazine.com/photogallery>.

I didn't have enough news to write a full column this round. We want to keep this column going, but we need your input to do so. Please write, e-mail, or call me! **Sylvia Kianoff** Shain, 653 Primrose Lane, River Vale, NJ 07675; tel., (201) 391-1263; e-mail, [irashain1@verizon.net](mailto:irashain1@verizon.net).

**48** **Doris Ann Wolfe** Schultz (Shelter Island, NY): "Bridge, golf, swimming, kayaking, traveling, garden club, book club, church club, progress club, Red Hats club, plus visiting children and grandchildren. Too many doctor visits to count. I read the *Shelter Island Reporter*. It contains all the local news. Granddaughter Katie graduated from dental school and is doing a three-year residency at Long Island Jewish Hospital. I took a Caribbean cruise and also visited Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. When granddaughter in Austin graduated, I took her on a European cruise. When grandson graduates from Washington and Lee U., I'll take him on a cruise (to somewhere, his choice)."

**Ben-Ami Lipetz**, PhD '59 (Nassau, NY): "My many doctors all assure me I am in remarkably good health 'for my age.' Despite their doubletalk, I do seem to be in pretty good shape, so without any kids and now without a spouse, I decided to create a foundation. It will keep me out of mischief while I am functioning, and then carry on with good works afterward as my heir. The mission is to encourage and reward useful R&D in areas of information service that appear neglected. This is just getting started, so wish me luck! I'm on a company-sponsored health plan; cane, walker, or scooter."

**James Howell**, BS Ag '50 (Post Falls, ID): "My large lawn (one-plus acre), gardening, church, symphony, opera, travel, and visiting keep me busy. I make regular visits to my primary care doctor, and yearly visits to cardiologist, urologist, and ophthalmologist (who just removed both cataracts). I'm on Medicare, plus supplemental from the Presbyterian Church. I read *Spokesman-Review* of Spokane, WA. It has better coverage of national news. *TIME* is my favorite magazine, and NBC for TV. My wife, **Sally (Bame) '51**, died in 2006. My young Japanese wife (by 14 years) keeps me hopping. Recently visited Virgin Islands and Maui. Went to Hawaii

again in April and maybe a European river cruise soon. No need to own a second home, but I have a 28-foot cruiser on Lake Pend Oreille, which is large (1,200 feet deep) and not much developed."

**Lea Shampanier Gould**, MA '50 (Woodland Hills, CA): "Go to gym appointments with a trainer and am in a clay class. My hutch is overloaded with clay objects. I'm on Medicare and, thanks to my late husband, **Harold, PhD '53**, SAG Producers Health Plan. No cane, walker, or scooter yet, but getting there as my legs seem to be aging faster than most of the rest of me. I read the *L.A. Times* (because it's there). My favorite magazine is *this one*, CAM! Favorite TV is PBS, and for radio, KNX (for traffic, weather, and 'News on the Fives'). Harold died in 2010. I'm single. What's with this 'Rice Pudding' business? How about tapioca pudding like mother used to make? A grandchild started Carnegie Mellon U. last fall and is on the Dean's List. Our not-so-news issue here is, 'How do we save water in our California drought?' Recently visited a Sriracha Chili Sauce factory—fortunately when no peppers were being ground. Our second home near Palm Springs is on the market. I hope the 'East-West' situation won't always be true, but I certainly don't see near future improvement with the way extremist groups are strengthening the divide. I just take things day by day. Traveling getting too difficult."

**Winfield Shiras** (Palm Desert, CA, and Evanston, IL): "Golf, hiking, travel. No hospital visits in 2014 or 2015 so far. I'm on Medicare/AARP; no cane. Read the *Chicago Tribune*, *Desert Sun*, and *WSJ* (now and then). My favorite magazine is also this one, CAM. Wife Shery died in 2010 and I married Connielou on December 31, 2013. That makes eight children, 16 grandchildren. Neither of us do much cooking, especially rice pudding or apple pie. We went to Costa Rica last March, but Connielou became ill and had to be flown to Chicago for emergency surgery. She's better now, and so back to Palm Desert. Planning a trip to the UK. We're both still golfing and playing bridge. Hope to be in Ithaca in 2018."

**Barbara Cole Feiden** (White Plains, NY): "Too busy seeing doctors to count. I'm a Medicare patient with a cane. I like the *New York Times*. It's thorough, well written, and liberal. I watch CNN TV. I have three children: a journalist, a freelance writer, and a planner. Spouses of above are: a journalist, retired from AT&T, and a psychologist. One granddaughter is a student—finished Smith College this year and has a college internship. Her major was engineering (grade of 101 in calculus) and she minored in dance. We recently had a family get-together in Manhattan for husband **Barry '49's** 90th birthday and our 60th wedding anniversary. I've been in 46 states; probably won't make the last four." **Bob Persons**, 102 Reid Ave., Port Washington, NY 11050; phone and fax, (516) 767-1776; e-mail, bobpersons48@gmail.com.

**49** Classmates, do you all have any photos of your days on the Hill? If you do, we'd love to see them! *Cornell Alumni Magazine* has created an Alumni Photo Gallery for all the pictures we've never been able to fit into the Class Notes. If you have any photos of you or your family, old or recent, as well as any interesting photos you've taken, we'd enjoy seeing them. Submit them at: [cornellalumni.com/magazine.com/photogallery](http://cornellalumni.com/magazine.com/photogallery).

**Howard Lemelson** (Wyckoff, NJ; [howarl1@aol.com](mailto:howarl1@aol.com)) is married to Arlene, and they now have

a second great-grandson. Howard says he'd like to be golfing, visiting his "great-cutiepie-grandsons," reading a good book, and seeing a Broadway show. He writes, "I hear from **Sid Laibson '51**. We will get together this summer at Tanglewood." **Edgar Galson** (Syracuse, NY; [egals315@gmail.com](mailto:egals315@gmail.com)) writes, "My brother and I own an island in the St. Lawrence River, on the Canadian side, where I'll move to if the Republicans win the election next year. We own a foreign island!" They both sail and canoe. Edgar—who adds that his children ensure that he stays active—skis, hikes, reads, and is very active in the community. He turned 90 in November and "very reluctantly gave up tennis" but is "still practicing piano with very limited success." Last year, Edgar sailed on a trip out of Cuba, and this year, he and his wife, Eva, are going on a "very fancy cruise" on *Sea Cloud II*, a three-masted schooner, in the Caribbean out of Barbados. He notes that his children are leading very interesting lives. Son Steven was Acting Surgeon General of the US from Oct. 2007 to Oct. 2009. Edgar would enjoy hearing from **Jerry Grey '47**, MS AEP '49.

**John Upp** (Cecilton, MD), married to Jacqueline, sends us the following report: "On the Saturday after Easter this year, the Cecilton Lions Club, of which I am a longtime member, held its annual 'Operation Daffodil'. On our farmland is a small valley where wild daffodils grow, and over 50 years ago we decided to share their beauty with others. So we picked them, arranged them in containers, and donated them to the local hospital to put in their patients' rooms. For the first few years, as the number of daffodil plants increased, we were able to handle the operation by ourselves (about ten to 30 arrangements). At that time, we turned it over to the local Lions Club. They, in turn, continued for over 20 years before they invited the Kent County Lions, across the Sassafras River south of us, to join our club. Everything is done by volunteers, upwards of a hundred. The youthful ones, for the most part, do the picking. The daffodils are then sent up to our barn where four-foot by eight-foot tables are set up for the arranging, which, for the most part, is done by the less youthful volunteers (sometimes the pickers join them)."

John continues, "The arrangements are then sent outside to the delivery volunteers with their pick-up trucks or car trunks full of daffodil arrangements. The volunteers come from our two Lions Clubs, from the local communities, and from our neighboring states of Delaware, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey. The scheduling of Operation Daffodil depends entirely on the daffodils, and, in turn, the daffodils depend upon the weather. When they are ready, we become ready, and we seldom know more than a week or two before the daffodils are ready. We have now continued this tradition for a total of over 50 years, and this year we sent out almost a thousand arrangements—each one containing over a dozen daffodils with greens donated by a local Christmas tree farm—to a veterans' hospital, two county hospitals, numerous nursing homes, and as many 'shut-ins' as we knew about. That's well over ten thousand daffodils, with some still left over. We serve cocoa, coffee, cookies, doughnuts, and hot dogs, free to all who join us. This is our way of saying 'Goodbye winter, welcome spring!'"

**Sylvia Alessandrini Williams** (Ithaca, NY) writes, "We have downsized to another home." **Arlyne Taub Shockman** (Philadelphia, PA; [dratmanats@yahoo.com](mailto:dratmanats@yahoo.com)) says she would welcome all visitors to Philadelphia. She writes, "I play a lot of bridge. I read on my iPad as I am losing vision

and can no longer drive. Bridge cruises are my vacations from my vacation." Your class correspondent is part of a performance group called "Acting Up!" here in Wellsboro, PA, that does poetry readings and short sketches at schools, libraries, and wherever else invited. The town, which has gaslit streets, has a very active regional theatre and hosts a "Dickens Weekend" each year, celebrating 19th-century life and styles. Participants dress in period costume, the main street is closed to traffic, and there is an annual production of *A Christmas Carol*. This year, my grandson Blake played Tiny Tim for the second time. Please send us all your news—and pictures! **Dorothy Mulhoffer Solow**, 50 Grant St., Wellsboro, PA 16901; e-mail, [winspeck@yahoo.com](mailto:winspeck@yahoo.com).

**50** I gave you a bit about my earlier life in my last column. Now I will give you the rest. Then no more about me! In New York City, both my husband and I tended to work long hours, but always found time for the Metropolitan Opera, the New York Philharmonic, the city's wonderful museums, golf, and sporting events—particularly baseball games. We were Mets fans.

We had a wraparound terrace on our apartment. On one side we grew lettuce, tomatoes, green beans, raspberries, strawberries, and a myriad of herbs. On another side we had a garden and sitting area and a tree outside our bedroom from which birds chirped to us in the morning—in the middle of the city. My husband, **Chuck Stewart '40**, was active in the YMCA, the Legal Aid Society, and Yale Law School alumni activities, in addition to the organizations I listed in my last column. I was on the board of City U. of New York (nothing like the Cornell board) and the Investment Responsibility Research Fund and was involved in women's organizations such as the Women's Forum and the NOW Legal Defense and Education Fund. I was also on the Harvard Business School Advisory Committee—again one of only two women.

After we retired in 1992 we divided our time between our little stone house in Scotland and our apartment in Florida, where I still live. Our Scotland house was 20 miles east of Edinburgh in a three-house community surrounded by wheat fields and a half-mile from the ruins of a 14th-century castle right on the North Sea—next stop, Copenhagen. We did play golf there and also became part of the local community. We sold that house shortly before my husband died in 2008. Our Florida apartment is in a small quiet community halfway between Palm Beach and Boca Raton, but with a culture quite different from either of them. In Florida, I have been involved on the board of the community foundation and on the investment committee of our church as well as in a number of other organizations, and I still manage to play golf—if you can call it that.

In March 2016, **Sonia Pressman Fuentes** (Washington, DC) will be one of 16 women (living or deceased) who worked in government or public service to be honored by the National Women's History Project in commemoration of Women's History Month. She will be recognized for her many contributions to women's rights including being one of the founders of NOW and the first woman attorney in the General Counsel's Office, where she drew up a number of significant guidelines pertaining to women's issues. **Harold Mason** (Walnut Creek, CA) has retired as a research chemist and division manager at Chevron. He is now senior warden at

his local church and is spending much time on photography, astronomy, and zoology.

**Barbara Britton Sedwick** (Knightdale, NC) is busy running a horse farm, handling rental properties, raising Siamese cats, buying and selling antiques, and remodeling an old log cabin. **Jim Tregurtha** (San Diego, CA) was a US Navy officer for 34 years, then spent 15 years at California State U's Long Beach campus in operating maintenance of large hospitals and university buildings there. He is still active in naval and military organizations including the Naval Submarine League/Military Assn. of America and the Naval ROTC at high schools and college. **Henry Erle**, MD '54 (NYC) is a retired internist and gastroenterologist who is now conducting lectures and conferences at Weill Cornell Medicine, Rockefeller U., and Memorial Sloan Kettering. His wife, our classmate **Joan (Greenblatt)**, died several years ago. **Shirley Kabakoff Block** (Chapel Hill, NC) has been a learning-disability specialist, helping children and parents with these problems. She has also been doing volunteer work at Cedars Chapel Hill, helping employees and their children with funds for scholarships and school supplies. She has also been a coordinator of drives raising funds for food for low-wage workers.

**Edward "The Hoss" Williams** (Exeter, NH) is a general practice lawyer. He served in the Navy in WWII and the Korean War. In WWII he was in the Navy Bureau of Personnel and in 1951-53 he was at the Naval Air Station in Norfolk, VA. I am sad to report the passing of **Stan Rodwin** (Scottsville, NY). Stan was our class VP and Reunion chair as well as organizer of all our events. When I was class president, his advice and input were invaluable. Last year the university awarded him the Vanneman Award, acknowledging not only what he did for

the class but all he did for the university as well. He will be missed so very much by so very many.

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**51** Last October, a panel discussion of **Brad Edmondson '81's** book *Postwar Cornell: The Birth of a Global University* took place at the History Center in Tompkins County, "remembering a crucial era that transformed both Cornell and Ithaca." Those in attendance included longtime Ithaca journalist **Jane Haskins Marcham**, **Robert "Rip" Haley**, a linebacker on the Ivy League champion football squad, and **Bill Kay**, who attended the ILR school in its early years and belonged to the groundbreaking anti-fraternity Watermargin.

Rip Haley (Ithaca, NY) writes, "I attended the NCAA wrestling championship in St. Louis with **Pete Bolanis**. At a Cornell reception, Coach Rob Cole mentioned Pete's 'outstanding' wrestling career." That's the first news about Pete in this column for 20 years, so thanks, Rip. **Harold Gould** (Pavilion, NY) checked in with no news. **Samuel Hochberger** (Savannah, GA) writes, "Our three grandkids are all engaged in academics—one graduating college, another in college, and the youngest going to college. Wife Phyllis and I are actively engaged at our Savannah residential community, The Landings, at tennis, pickleball, bridge, and various clubs including the Ivy League Club, which has many Cornellians (of which I am the oldest)." His fondest Cornell memory: "Going to class at Lincoln Hall with 'old-time' profs—never again to repeat."

**David Rice**, MEd '61 (Wysox, PA) writes, "I'm enjoying retirement on the family farm in Pennsylvania, making and selling maple syrup, hay, and corn." His CALS Outstanding Alumni Award in 2000, his award from the Pennsylvania Dept. of Labor for Workforce Development in northeastern Pennsylvania, and a granddaughter in the Class of '17 and on the equestrian team are what he's proud of. "I worked my way through Cornell in the Balch Hall office, unlocked doors at 6 a.m., and locked them at 8 p.m. Students went through the unit office until 10:30. I was the only male living in Balch. Times have changed." **Robert Clark**, BArch '51 (Walworth, NY) records a new address. **Corinne Watkins Stork** (Penn Yan, NY) checked in with no news. **Charles Bales** lives in Erie, PA. His fondest memory of Cornell: "Prof. **Stanley Warren '27**, PhD '31." Warren won the first Professor of Merit award presented by the seniors in the Ag college in 1948.

**Paul and Anne Baren** (Cornwall Bridge, CT) write, "We continue working in our family business—Katonah Architectural Hardware—with two sons, Ian and Andrew. All of us are involved with our three showrooms as well as with our local Congregational church and other local civic groups. We don't travel anymore, but have seen most of what we wanted to in the past. See only **Ray Matz '50**, BArch '51." Paul's fondest memory of Cornell: "Just being there." **Alfred Ginty** (Orange, CA) writes, "Vivian died in August 2012 after 54 wonderful years of marriage. Our three children, Bob, Bill, and Mike, all have terrific wives and are doing real well. Seven grandkids to watch grow up and make me proud. Love to spot them whenever. I've had a nice retirement, but not so much fun and joy without Vivian."

**Betty Goldsmith Stacey** writes, "March was the first time I have returned to campus since our 60th. Walking down Tower Rd., it seemed more crowded than it used to be. I miss the open space. Because I give tours of the wrought iron in National Cathedral, I was there to see the work of local blacksmith Durand Van Doren. I saw fun stuff on campus, including the gates around Minns Garden that show botanically correct versions of the plants within the garden. We parked behind the Straight to check the wrought iron there. I discovered that while I was a student, at least four times a week I had walked past gates made by one of the most famous blacksmiths, Samuel Yellin, without seeing them. Cornell is the first time I have met a parking meter that won't take money. Guess I'm way behind the curve."

**Jim Ballew** (Jackson, NJ) writes, "I attended a Delta Phi dinner in NYC. We are enjoying tennis, golf, skiing, and travel. Three children are fine: John in Naples, FL; Sally in Vail, CO; and **Richard '88** in Ladera Ranch, CA." Jim says he'd like the ability to avoid the inevitable stock market crash, and to not turn up with lung cancer. He adds, "While I was quite active after graduation volunteering at the YMCA, in community government, and at CentraState Medical Center, I fear that I was not involved in any Cornell activities." **Sabra "Piper" Baker Staley** (Arlington, VA) writes, "Really no news . . . and at the moment, that's the way I like it." Her fondest Cornell memories: "The cold of winter and the challenges of being a student." **Joan "Hank" Stern Kiok** (NYC) writes, "Instead of family news, etc., I am asking all class members to contact the trustees and ask them to disinvest from fossil fuels companies. This is urgent for our grandchildren!"

**Bob Ackerly** (La Mesa, CA) writes, "I play lots of tennis, three to five days a week, plus several local tournaments and the national 85s events. Lots of travel—many countries and all seven continents. My wife and I are socially active with parties, theatre, movies, and San Diego State football and basketball. Since our freshman (1947-48) class president **Dick Darley** retired from the faculty at San Diego State (as did I), we get together at various parties and social events to discuss current events and reminisce about our past days at Cornell. We met at Frosh Camp prior to our freshman year." Please send your news to: **Brad Bond**, 101 Hillside Way, Marietta, OH 45750; tel., (740) 374-6715; e-mail, [bbond101@suddenlink.net](mailto:bbond101@suddenlink.net).

**52** **Richard Peel** (Northville, MI; [rpeel85@comcast.net](mailto:rpeel85@comcast.net)) wrote that he and Barbara were enjoying retirement at Oakmont Senior Residence. "No cookin', no cleanin', no lawn care . . . just relaxing and enjoying life at 87." After two stents, Dick had been exercising at cardio rehab for eight years. He was on the board of his condo from the 1990s to 2013, the last five years as treasurer, and has done his family's (including his kids') income tax for 30 years. His hope: "Stay healthy; live to 100." Concerns: "Barbara's health, ISIS and the spread of terrorism in our world, and our children's future." Dick adds, "We are sure lucky to live in the good ole US of A! I'm thankful for my Cornell education and for my good health."

**Gordon Gowen** (Alstead, NH) writes, "I'm 88—in good health—and still putter around the farm, boiling sap, etc." Gordon has been honored by Cornell as an outstanding alum of the Ag college; past president of the North American maple



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syrup council; past president of the New Hampshire Farm Bureau; and past member of the national Farm Bureau executive committee. His concerns: "When will our huge deficits of national, state, and towns catch up to us? Print more money!" **John Geurtze** (Selkirk, NY) is also still farming—"hay and straw for sale to local horse owners." His daughter took over his BBQ business, Chicken, Pork and Beef Plus. He writes, "I have ten great-grandchildren with another one on the way."

**Evelyn "Kris" Hoffmann** Huffman (Kansas City, MO) writes, "I'm very happy to be able to walk through airports again, and am planning several trips in the US and Europe. This is thanks to a hip operation that took me away from a world of pain and back to a life of exercise." Kris had been recovering for a year and hoped to continue the upward momentum. She writes, "I hope not to see the orthopedist for a long time." Her concerns: "Health and more health." **William Hodges** (Lynchburg, VA; wlhodges2@verizon.net) writes, "I'm in charge of a group of residents at Summit Independent Living who are able to garden. We take care of 15 gardens on our campus." Bill's concerns: "Health problems that curtail my activities."

**Patricia Dexter** Clark (Concord, MA; sipclowes@gmail.com) wrote earlier that she was busy at Abundant Life home and that her husband, Clifford, was suffering from Parkinson's. She e-mailed in October that it had been a bad year. Clifford died in May from that "miserable disease." Pat is okay, but with a bad ankle she uses a walker and/or cane to get around. She regularly sees two dear Cornell friends, **Mary Baxter Barger '50** and **Hazel Lowe** von Rosenvinge. Pat wrote of her grandchildren: the oldest, **Matthew Davis '08**, married **Kristen Fortnam '08** in August; one granddaughter is an ER nurse; another returned from Kenya, where she had been helping out at a village for HIV orphans; the third was teaching ESL in Worcester, MA, schools; her second grandson is a sportscaster in Lafayette, LA. Pat hopes to attend the 65th Reunion (she attended her dad's 65th in 1989). Her concern is to stay healthy enough to do that.

**Edward Greenstein**, DVM '52 (Jamestown, RI; etgreenst@gmail.com) wrote that he is retired and living with his daughter and son-in-law in their house in Rhode Island. Ed's wife, Betty, who taught in the Ithaca public schools, notes, "We call it the Comfort Inn with Reva and Bruce." Ed has been a veterinarian in mixed practice and research as well as a consultant, and he hopes to continue to be active in his profession. His concerns are financial and keeping active. He adds, "I'm lucky to be alive." Betty notes that they have been married 69 years and have carried on the tradition of reading aloud to each other. They have recently read and strongly recommend *The Builder* by Philip Dorf, a biography of Ezra Cornell that they think all accepted freshmen should be asked to read.

**Richard and Suressa Holtzman Forbes** (Rochester, NY; shforbes10@gmail.com) were vacationing in Tempe, AZ, at their daughter and her family's home. "A very wise move," Sue wrote, "as the winter in Rochester was terrible. Dick plays tennis every day, and I lounge around at the pool." They had been hosting friends and relations including **Stu** and **Kat Woodbury Haskins** and their son John. Sue was hoping to find spring when they returned to Rochester. Her concerns: "My health, which isn't so great. More importantly, the world scene, particularly in the Middle East." She thinks: "Cornell was a wonderful experience." **Henry Lyon** (Kailua-Kona, HI) writes that he is aging, has been aging, and hopes to age

more. His concerns: "Few—been very fortunate. I had four heart attacks, bypasses, colon cancer, an aorta concern, and many injuries causing the usual pains, of course. Have enjoyed a full life and have many friends and relations that have passed through my life. I'm happily continuing."

When he wrote, **Irwin Sitkin** (isitkin0402@gmail.com) was "a snowbird planning migration north from Aventura, FL, to Chatham, MA (Cape Cod), as usual taking a leisurely drive with several stops along the way to visit with friends and family." He had been "boots on the ground" supporting wife Helen's battle with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, which they successfully completed at the end of April 2015. Irwin's concern: "Too many young people in the US get little or no exposure to civics or history classes in the public school system (through college). Classes at Lafayette High School, reinforced by **Milton Konvitz, PhD '33's** American Ideals course in the ILR school in 1951, further enhanced by the Aspen Inst.'s Basic Course that Helen and I attended in 1978, were seminal experiences for us." He thinks: "This country's electorate needs a much better understanding of our responsibilities as citizens." **Joan Boffa** Gaul, joangaul@mac.com.

**53** The Cornell Football Association (CFA), which seeks, among other matters, to restore the quality of results to which we were accustomed in the golden years of our youth, saluted the memory of our **Bill Whelan** and the lifetime achievements of backfield luminaries **Frank Bradley '50** and **Mark** (not Moose) **Miller '84** one Ithacating weekend early last November. Our **Vince Giarrusso**, an end of note, answered the call to speak for his "best friend for 66 years" at the memorial. Vince said he "first ran into Bill" on the field when he (Vince) was playing for Revere (MA) High School against Bill and his Lynn, MA, high school teammates. They were reunited on Coach Pat Filley's unbeaten 1949 freshman team.

Bill had a "great Irish wit," said Vince. He roomed with his predecessor as captain of the Big Red, **Vic Pujo '52**. One day, Vince walked into their room and found them dancing together to the sound of Glenn Miller. It turned out that Vic, a shy guy, was anticipating a date with a super lovely young lady. He asked Bill for coaching and admitted he wasn't a dancer. "I can teach you," Bill offered. And that's what Vince walked in on. In the spirit of the occasion, he tapped Bill's shoulder and politely asked, "Can I cut in?" The response? "Get your own date."

Bill's widow, Jean, recalled her husband asking, "Did you see me play?" "Of course." "What was my number?" Jean came up with 46. Correct. But she thought maybe he thought she had been socializing in the stands, not watching the game. Anyway, she passed the test.

**Mary Royce** Severns (Great Falls, MT), who joined us from Ithaca, notes that granddaughter Charlotte has been in Sweden on an exchange program. Grandson Nicholas was planning, not so long ago, to travel to Asia on a finding tour for his restaurant dishes. He's been "cheffing" since he was 14. What keeps **Dutch Van Leer**, MBA '57 (Lincoln, MA) busy? "Gardening. Eight grandchildren. Ten acres of fields we have taken care of for 60 years." Family? The author Jodi Picoult published her 21st novel, and her daughter Samantha (Dutch's granddaughter) published her first while at Vassar. Jake Van Leer (grandson) has been singing with Yale's

Whiffenpoofs. "The most interesting people I have met? All my grandchildren. They will make the world a better place. They already have."

Speaking of interesting people, **David Harris** (Cold Spring Harbor, NY) says, "They're mostly in my dreams. I meet a better class of people in my dreams than I do awake." Busy? When **Sheila Olsen** Chidester, MEd '54, wrote last May she said she was trying to maintain a house. "Apartment living seems very attractive now."

**Helen Teschner** Greene (Great Neck, NY, and Rancho Mirage, CA) splits her year east and west and divides her diversions among nine holes on the golf course, bridge, canasta, and Pilates, besides yoga twice a week and workouts with a trainer—also twice a week. She reports an oldest grandson, 29, with Merrill Lynch in New York City. Youngest granddaughter, a little over 1 year old, lives about ten blocks away from Teschie in Rancho Mirage. "She's the light of my life." At last count, she was one of Helen's seven grandlings. The youngest son of **Joe Huth** (Colonie, NY, and Venice, FL) has 2-year-old twins, a boy and a girl. **Bob Milici** (Charlottesville, VA) says that, while retired, he kept on for the US Geological Survey as a scientist emeritus, studying US oil, gas, and coal resources. **Berton Shayevitz's** (Manlius, NY) senior grandson is a physician in New York. His youngest is 4.

**Julian Aroesty** (Lexington, MA) keeps his mind sharp by reading history and rereading classics ("as Nabokov suggested"), teaching at the hospital, and interviewing cardiology candidates ("I'm amazed at the accomplishments of the current crop of applicants"), besides cycling some 1,500 miles last year. He's been writing ("nothing but rejections so far, but I am told this is usual"). He submits that the best decisions he has made were 1) to go to MD rather than PhD, and 2) "returning to Boston, where I was trained." **Joseph Alfredo** (Southbury, CT), "less mobile these days," cites his best decision as "attending Cornell—and two years in the service (ROTC). And being married 56 years with the greatest woman in the world." **Stu Warshauer**, MBA '54 (Naples, FL) finds that music keeps him busy. "I'm leader of a band that plays in clubs and for associations. I fiddle. I visit folks in nursing homes and play them a tune of their choice. I subscribe to three theater groups, and I go to doctors. I recently had a new addition—a new hip." **Jim Hanchett**, 300 First Ave., #8B, New York, NY 10009; e-mail, jch46@cornell.edu.

**54** I am writing this on a chilly December morning, having just witnessed Venus, Mars, and Jupiter all lined up in the pre-dawn sky. As I focused my binoculars on those bright celestial bodies, I wondered how many others had watched the parade and used them as a guide. Were they on land, at sea, in the air? When and why might they have had their sextants or compasses in hand using those markers? We have used the skies as guides for many reasons during all seasons over a millennium. The Native Americans used the moon in March, otherwise known as the Full Crow Moon or the Full Worm Moon, as a guide to commence planting. March was when the ground would begin to soften and the earthworms would reappear. There are so many worlds to explore and we have more time to do it today. What worlds are you discovering that you did not have the time to before? What's your interest today; what are you reading; what gets you up each day; do you retire having learned something completely new? I am reading

*Mayflower* by Nathaniel Philbrick, which explores the myth of Thanksgiving, discouraging the view of large hats, long tables, and peaceful beginnings. What will I do with all those cute Thanksgiving pilgrim candles now that I know the real story?

**Jack Vail** was reading the necrology section of CAM when he came across the name of **George Fitzgibbon**, a classmate who had lived in Johnson City, NY, which is right next to Vestal, where Jack has lived all his life. He was puzzled that, given the proximity and all the Cornell activities that Jack has been involved with over the years, he had never met our classmate. Obviously a quest was in order, and so it began by searching the Cornell database—nothing. Then to the local paper to search obits. And there he was. George was 93 when he died in May 2015, ten years older than most of us. He was a fighter pilot during WWII and got shot down, captured, and sent to a prison camp in Poland. He was released at the end of the war. We assume he entered Cornell in fall 1950 with all of us. He then was called to the Korean War, flew tankers, and got his degree in business management from the U. of Omaha. He moved to the Vestal area soon thereafter and became the chief pilot for the New York State Electric and Gas corporate plane. Amazing that he lived nearly 60 years on Jack's doorstep and he had never heard of him until he died. If any of you can fill in more details, please write to either Jack or me.

I regularly hear from **Michael Stone**, MD '58, and knew of the group he was friends with for four years at Cornell—two of which, **Steve Weinberg** and **Shelley Glashow**, were Physics majors and were jointly awarded the Nobel Prize in 1979. The entire lunch bunch made Dean's List and Phi Beta Kappa. I mistakenly thought Michael was a Physics major also, but I could not have been more off-base. Instead, he majored in Latin and Greek (and took Sanskrit, Hebrew, and Anglo-Saxon to run out the roster of "dead languages")—one of only two in his class, the other being **Inez Schapiro** Horwitz. Inez and Michael, as the totality of "classics majors," had five professors at their disposal, and a whole special library. Can you see that happening today? Michael says he has never subsequently been surrounded by so many people whose IQs were greater than their height in centimeters. I am still awaiting info on his TV special on the criminal mind.

For years, **Jane Gregory Wilson** would regale me re: the cruises she and **Lynn** took all over the world. When Lynn died in 2014 I thought Jane might reduce her travels, but again I was mistaken. She has been driving all over the Eastern Seaboard, visiting friends and relatives, and has continued her love of the sea by taking a 35-day cruise around the British Isles, Norway, the Polar Icecap, and Iceland. She found it fantastic. I have learned a good deal about various cultures via Jane's notes. **Gil Henoch**, LLB '58, and Sheila drove from Huntington, NY, to Key West with their Cockapoo, Lucy, sightseeing and visiting friends along the way. Gil said it was a great, leisurely trip. When last heard from, they were headed back to London to do a food survey, comparing London's cuisine to that of NYC. (Guess who wins.) Gil is semi-retired, going to his law office once a week. A bit of a weaning process.

**Betty Wagler** Striso is usually building or planting something. Last winter, it was repairing the metal roof on their Vermont home, which did not do well with a heavy coating of ice and snow. In March it melted enough to allow the entire roof to avalanche off, doing a good deal of damage to all in its path. Second homes can be a joy at times,

and at others . . . Been there, done that, in snow country. ☐ **Les Papenfus** Reed, lesiejreed@me.com. Class website, classof54.alumni.cornell.edu.

**55** This travel update came in from **Martin Korn**, MD '58: "**Phyllis (Shames)** '57 and I summited Mt. Kilimanjaro in 2009, transited southeast China's Tiger Leaping Gorge (gorgeous!) in 2012, and spent six weeks in winter 2015 meandering south by car, visiting family and friends (and had a wonderful day with **Mike Sena** and his wife, Ilona). We left Rochester at the end of January and explored Key West and the Everglades. It was a perfect winter not to be in the north. I am developing a new internal fixation system with biomedical engineers at the U. of Rochester, for a different technique for high tibial osteotomy, and I also do some orthopedic independent medical exams. Our summer home in the Adirondacks town of Schroon Lake and its Seagle Music Colony occupy much of our attention. Phyllis is working on getting her personal archives into the U. of Rochester library collections, having spent 20 years as the pioneering director of Rochester's Battered Women's Agency. And then there's tennis, sailing, music, theatre, family, and friends: a full life for which we are grateful." Great news, Marty.

**Jean Crighton** Eckert reported, "Reunion coincided with graduation at MIT, so you know where Granny needed to be!" Jean was planning a trip to the Baltic with **Charlene Vickery** Campisi in late summer. Same conflict in dates for **Jim Van Buren**, MD '59: he and **Mary (Martin)** '56 were in Salt Lake City, UT, for their grandson Jason's high school graduation. **Lynn Cohen** remembered having dinner at the Cornell kosher co-op in the Hillel house on Stewart Ave. with her future husband, **Bob** '51, PhD '56. They were married in June 1954—and she got called to the dean's office because her address was now in Collegetown and not in the dorm. A highlight for Lynn was shaking Eleanor Roosevelt's hand at Telluride. Last summer, the Cohens took their 10-year-old granddaughter to Cornell for a week of CAU for the adults, and camp for her.

**Bev MacNamara** Wait hadn't been back to Cornell since her daughter graduated from the Law School. Now, she wrote, "I'm excited to know I'll be attending Parents Weekend in October." Bev's granddaughter is now a third-generation Cornellian, currently enrolled in the College of Human Ecology. Let us know how the weekend went, and what changes you saw from your long-ago years in Martha Van! **Louis Altman** reports, "I'm still doing my ten-volume treatise on unfair competition and antitrust law, but now with a co-author." Asked about the best decision he ever made, Lou says it was "marrying Ellie." And as for the best concert he ever attended at Cornell: "Either Claudio Arrau or Maurizio Pollini."

**Barbara Brott** Myers and her husband, Jerry, no longer spend winters in Florida but, happily, she writes, "We survived Buffalo's brutal winter last year!" Barbara is active in local orchestra and choral groups and also enjoys traveling, birding, and genealogy research. Barb fondly remembers Balch, her favorite place to eat, study, and meet friends. What would the Myerses like to add to their lives right now? Barbara replied, "A few more years of good health and an increased energy level." They're also hoping for better world events, as we all are. **Bion McClellan**, BME '57's wife, Marilyn, brought us up to date on her husband's life:

"He had a very successful career, first as a mechanical engineer at Eastman Kodak, and at Xerox, where he earned an MBA from the U. of Rochester. Retirement was good at first, with many special international trips." Sadly, however, Bion developed dementia, and Marilyn says he is now a resident at Wesley Gardens and will remain there. "He does not read, so sending alumni news is of no value." I'm sure we all can sympathize, as so many of our friends are traveling that same path.

**Ann Wiggins** Riordan's favorite class was Comparative Anatomy of Vertebrates. Her post-graduation plans were to take typing and business classes and to live in New York with her roommates from Cornell. Now Ann's living in Pasadena, CA, so when she was asked whether she planned on coming to Reunion, she responded, "I'm so disappointed—but I couldn't find a combination of flights that would get me to Ithaca in one day!" **Stephen Adelson**'s post-graduation plans were to begin med school at Hahnemann, now Drexel. He finished his pediatric residency at the U. of Minnesota in 1962, and after 50 years of practice in Tulsa, he retired in 2012. Steve was yet another '55er on the train to Michigan in 1952.

**Ann "Toni" Eaton**'s favorite class was Prof. **Frederick Marcham**, PhD '26's English History—"even though lectures were at 8 a.m.!" She set the scene for an experience that she's never forgotten: "An overcrowded Olin lecture hall. **Milton Konvitz**, PhD '33, almost in tears, plainly disappointed in us. Why? I was completely clueless. Years later, when Columbia students staged a sit-in, I understood; he had expected a demonstration against the treatment that Zoology professor **Marcus Singer**, PhD '52, was enduring at the hands of the House Un-American Activities Committee. We really were the Silent Generation."

By the way, **Marcia Willemen** Sutter had two particularly exciting Cornell experiences: getting married on graduation day and working on a geodesic dome with Buckminster Fuller! ☐ **Nancy Savage** Petrie, nancypetrie@optonline.net. Class website, classof55.alumni.cornell.edu.

**56** REMEMBER THE FUN. REMEMBER THE FRIENDSHIPS. SHARE THEM AGAIN. Remember the dates, June 9-12, 2016, for our 60th Reunion in Ithaca. As of mid-December, more than 20 classmates had registered, and by the time you read this many more will have! We would love you to join us.

Cornell's Adult University started as an idea created by **Ernie Stern** and **Curt Reis**—now it's being imitated all over the academic world. Class members who participated in a 2015 program were **Percy Edwards** Browning, **Carlyn Wagner** Johnson, **Keith Johnson**, **Tom Merryweather**, and **Robert Meyer**. **Doug Parker**, LLB '58, writes, "Angela and I celebrated our 50th anniversary with a trip that included a stop in NYC (at the Cornell Club), crossing on the *QM2*, brief stays in London and Paris, and a barge trip in Burgundy with extended family. We were a party of 12, ranging in age from 19 to 86." Doug writes a political blog, which you can read at: RINOcracy.com. We heard from **Martin Offenberger** (La Habra, CA), who wanted us to know that he is still working as a physician. His two sons and five grandchildren are all doing well.

I am saddened to report the passing of **Fern Wurman Mackour**. Her husband, **Oscar**, also our classmate, predeceased her. **Carmela Suckow** Ackman is retired and keeps busy as her building's president. When she wrote, she had recently gone

on a Viking River Cruise to Provence. **Robert Seidenberg** writes, "**Arlene (Sacks) '61**, BS Nurs '61, and I were delighted to welcome granddaughter Natalia Julianne, born in 2014 to son Roy and his wife in Boston. They moved from a Cambridge apartment to a house in nearby Melrose just in time to experience the area's record snowfall in its entirety and the joys of clearing their own sidewalk, path, steps, and driveway." **Nancy Van Valkenburg** Seroff writes, "We now have a great-grandson, Jasper, in California, born in March 2014." **Carole Rapp** Thompson and I love playing bridge at the Cornell Club in New York City with fellow Cornellians, and sometimes I play in Carole's Friday game that includes **Judy Frankel** Woodfin. It does remind me of those days playing bridge in the dorm living rooms. There was always a game when we returned from classes. Remember?

Ernie Stern hosted our core group meeting in November at the Cornell Club in New York to continue planning our 60th Reunion. In attendance were **Joe Henninger**, MBA '58, **Carole Rapp** Thompson, and **Cid Brandon** Spillman (our Reunion chairs), **Dick Bulman**, MBA '57, **Bob Rothenberg**, **Judy Cohen** Lowry, **Sam Basch**, **Howard Schneider**, JD '59, **Arthur Penn**, **Bob Morrison**, **Barbara Starr**, **Burt Siegel**, and me. Planned activities at this time include a talk with Prof. Ross Brann on the 2016 election, naming **Jon Lindseth's** shell donated to our women's crew team, a Cayuga's Waiters of the '50s performance, and, of course, our lobster dinner on Friday night. University events will include our favorites: the Savage Club at the Statler on Thursday night, the Olin Lecture and Glee Club at Bailey Hall on Friday, and on Saturday, *Cornelliana* Night. We will have an opportunity to hear our president, Elizabeth Garrett, who will address us on Saturday afternoon. Contact Carole (carolerapp@earthlink.net) and Cid (cbspillman@hotmail.com) with any questions about Reunion. Send news to: **Phyllis Bosworth**, 8 East 83rd St., New York, NY 10028; e-mail, phylboz@aol.com. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

**57** Last November you could have seen an exciting hockey game at Madison Square Garden with Cornell and Boston U. winding up in a shootout, which BU won. **Judy Richter** Levy, LLB '59, organizes a class dinner and game tickets every year (the game is always the Saturday night after Thanksgiving). She writes, "Madison Square Garden is sold out. The crowd is rocking. Both teams bring their bands. A good game for us old-timers." Judy and **Chris Zeller** Lippman wore their '57 vests. Have you still got yours? Reunion is a little over a year away. And think about joining Judy and other '57ers this coming November. Details in a fall column.

Something else to think about—a summer course at CAU on campus. **Tom '56** and **Marilyn Way Merryweather** are regulars each summer, and last July they participated in Taking Flight, which was an introduction to the world of birds. **Nancy Krauthamer** Goldberg's choice was When American Culture Popped, taught by popular professor **Glenn Altschuler**, PhD '76, the Thomas and **Dorothy Eiseman** Litwin Professor of American Studies. Dorothy, along with other alumni, enjoyed a CAU Spring Theater weekend in New York City last April with Dr. Altschuler.

I always enjoy having lunch with classmates who live in or are visiting the area near Hilton Head, SC. In October, **Shirley Wagoner** Johnson

and **Sue DeRosay** Henninger were in town, and we enjoyed a meal reminiscing about our Cornell years along with **Betty Ann Rice** Keane, **Marcia Wishengrad** Metzger, JD '60, and **Joan Jeremiah** Reusswig. Were they that long ago? **Judy Reusswig**, JCRauss@aol.com.

No news from the men this round. Please send updates to: **John Seiler**, suitcase2@aol.com.

## ‘What will I do with all those cute Thanksgiving pilgrim candles now that I know the real story?’

Les Papenfus Reed '54

**58** We have a few newsnotes and e-mails to pass on to classmates. **Patricia Bradfield** Tillis (patillis@yahoo.com) writes, "We're downsizing from our 89-acre farmhouse in Albany, OH, to our snowbird 2/2 condo in Florida, which will become our year-round home once the farm is sold. Still have a lot to throw out, sell, give away, clean out, etc., before I can head south for the winter." She says that one of the best decisions she ever made was to go cruising in the Eastern Caribbean for ten years when she was in her 60s—"a wonderful life, part of which I am trying to recreate with my water-and-palm-tree view and tropical climate, landscaping, fruits, and veggies in Cape Coral."

**John Brinsley**, JD '60 (johnbrinsley@hotmail.com) sits as a temporary judge in the Pasadena, CA, area, while also serving as a city commissioner for a firefighter and police retirement fund, acting as a mediator, and keeping up with his three grandchildren. He says the best decision he ever made was marrying his wife, Louise, as the Brinsleys celebrated their 50th anniversary last November. John thanks **Don Marshall** for helping him keep in touch with his class and Cornell. **Ron Demer** '59, ever alert for news from classes near his, spotted a note in the September *Harvard Business School Alumni Bulletin* that **John** and **Judy Eyles Male** '60 were spending their usual five months on the road this last year in British Columbia and the Yukon. The Males downsized from a 39-foot RV to a 32-foot last year, so Judy now drives it too, and John gets to see more of the things he missed when he was driving. The Males are retired and still reside in Lunenburg, MA, when they're not on the road.

**Ted Wright** writes, "All is well down here in the Golden Isles of Georgia." **Barbara Buehrig** Orlando (bborlando@earthlink.net) sends a bit of news from Manhattan, NY, where she and her husband, Joe (Northwestern), love to live, especially with their son and daughter residing there also. Barbara remains active as a Cornell alum, serves on two nonprofit boards, and enjoys writing and editing projects from home. She recently ran into some Class of '57 alums at a Carnegie Hall concert featuring the Cornell Chorus and Glee Club. **Gladys Lunge** Stifel sends an always-informative e-mail of her Cornell and other Washington, DC, activities including her visit to campus for President Garrett's inauguration and on the latter's visit to D.C. on her "worldwide" visitation trip. Gladys attended **Austin Kiplinger** '39's memorial service in December, along with numerous others, including

the man whom Gladys says was "found for Cornell by Austin," Frank H.T. Rhodes.

By the time you get to read this column, several of our classmates will have met at the annual Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC) meeting in January (this year in Philadelphia) as they continue plans and ideas for our 60th in 2018. President **Chuck Hunt**, Reunion co-chairs **Dick**, PhD '65, and **Connie Case Haggard**, and

perhaps **Bill Standen** and Gladys, will join the fun and planning and will report to all later. Your thoughts and ideas for that future celebration continue to be welcome—as are, always, your news inputs for this column, which we need. Cheers for now. **Dick Haggard**, richardhaggard11@gmail.com; **Jan Arps** Jarvie, janjarvie@gmail.com. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

**59** **Hugh Zimmers**, BArch '61, has been living in Philadelphia ever since he finished a stint in the Peace Corps after Cornell. He got his master's in architecture at Penn and by the 1970s had established his own firm of architects. Today, he writes, "I wear semi-retired status, doing jobs for clients I like on a part-time basis." Hugh and his wife have two children, long on their own—one in Vermont, one in Philadelphia. "We are wrestling with the confrontations of age and downsizing, and trying to find a satisfying path through the incredible morass of political and corporate lies that pour out of the media, being the long-lost liberal individualists that we are. I guess we are thankful to be able to pay for our needed generic medicines before they are bought up by Wall Street speculators. In any case, I suppose we have a lot of company in the Class of '59."

"Arizona high country is a wonderful place to live," writes **Stephen Kahne**, professor emeritus of electrical engineering and former chancellor at Embry-Riddle U. in Prescott, AZ (he retired in 2009). For more than 20 years, Stephen has been active in local healthcare and mental healthcare organizations; he has volunteered as a court-appointed special advocate and a mentor/coach in the Yavapai Juvenile Justice Center. **Margaret Benoit Nagle** of Saranac Lake retired in 2006 from her position as a social worker and family systems therapist. She teaches icon writing and enjoys mixed media art, wishing she had more time for it. Her husband, Rev. **George Nagle** '57, celebrated the 50th anniversary of his ordination as an Episcopal priest in 2011. **Helen Pratt** Newton (Kennebunk, ME) is on her church's mission committee and on the local board of community outreach services, which serves three towns with a food pantry, emergency fuel assistance, and other needs. She also is regent (president) of her local Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) chapter and chair of two Maine DAR committees.

Classmates who participated in university study tours in 2015 were **David Hurd** (Chile and Argentina: An Ode to Poetry, Politics, Landscapes, and Wine) and **Morton, JD '60**, and **Maxine Holander Bittker** (NYC: Spring Theater Weekend). Participants in on-campus CAU courses included **Ellie Applewhaite** (Islamic Civilization), **Harriet Benjamin** (George Eliot's *Middlemarch*), and **Bourke Larkin Kennedy** (The Personal Essay: A Writing Workshop). **Ira Brous** continues as president of Collegetown Bagels/Ithaca Bakery, with three locations in Collegetown on College Ave., downtown on Aurora St., and in East Hill Plaza, not far from the Cornell Orchards. In 2015, in a poll to choose the most iconic collegetown food joints across North America, Cornell students gave the nod to Collegetown Bagels.

On weekdays this past November, **Linda Rogers** Cohen could often be found in Federal District Court in Manhattan, at the trial of former NYS Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver, paying close attention to the chief prosecutor, her daughter **Carrie Cohen '89**. And a breezy Saturday afternoon that month found Linda and your class correspondent peering through a fence on Roosevelt Island, checking out construction progress at the future site of Cornell Tech. Did you know that Cornell Tech has a Facebook page? So, too, do the university and individual colleges. "Like" the pages that interest you; it's a great way to receive Cornell news. The university also uses other social media platforms. It, as well as many individual faculty members and administrators, can be followed on Twitter. The university is also active on LinkedIn, Instagram, Google+, and Tumblr. See those Instagram photos of crocuses peeping through the snow and remember how happy you were to welcome spring's arrival on the Hill! **Jenny Tesar**, jet24@cornell.edu.

**60 Alan**, BCE '61, and **Ellie Ross Garfinkel** are going through a fairly complicated downsizing process that they described in November. "After 48 years, we sold our home in Nanuet, NY, and moved temporarily to our Salisbury, VT, home on Lake Dunmore. We will flee to New Smyrna Beach, FL, for at least two winter months, after which we will seek a suitable apartment in Nanuet, where our friends and social activities remain. We will be delighted to hear from our Cornell friends." Probably the best way to track down the currently peripatetic Garfinkels is via Alan's e-mail, amengr@aol.com.

Another classmate completed what she calls a "major downsizing": **Gerrie Jordan Congdon**, who moved with husband Steve from a "too big house" to a condo in downtown Portland, OR. "We have just one car and do a lot of walking. Both of our daughters and their spouses live here. Our son and family live in the San Francisco Bay Area, where my daughter-in-law just started her residency at Stanford Children's Hospital." Gerrie works part time for the Surface Design Assn. doing online membership database work, and continues her textile artwork—"Creating," she writes, "art quilts that travel more than I do." She adds, "So far we have not had to have any body parts replaced, but my knees are on the waiting list. Life is much better in my late 70s than I ever expected it to be."

**Caryl Koerper McAllister** (Delafield, WI) writes that she and **Stratton '55**, PhD '61, have been retired for 22 years and are now frequently offering their homes for musical gatherings. "We recently hosted a concert/buffet/garden tour to benefit the

Cornell scholarship fund." They also held a string trio concert in November. By the time this column appears, the McAllisters will be in the midst of a trip to the Antarctic that began in February. At home, Caryl edits sheet music for eventual posting online, and the couple stays busy with reading, work in the garden, and local political activities, along with trips to Milwaukee and Chicago for symphony, ballet, and theatre performances. **Paul Anbinder** (Dobbs Ferry, NY) memorably celebrated his birthday last year with a trip to Italy, accompanied by his wife, **Helen (Rabinowitz) '62**, sons **Mark '89** and **Jeffrey '94**, and Jeffrey's wife, **Daina Schatz '03**. The Anbinders' time there, says Paul, included a fabulous visit to the Castello Banfi winery in Montalcino on Cornell's Charter Weekend.

**Dick Penny** (Los Altos, CA) reports, "I've gone back to consulting approximately half time, focusing on Microsoft's Sharepoint for large enterprises. It's fun. Also I've rediscovered my interest in guitar and folk music, and have now taken lessons once a week for three years. It makes a big difference." **Janice Petro Billings** (Corona Del Mar, CA) continues her work as executive director of the Assn. of California School Administrators, but claims that she is "cutting back." She reports significant activity on the part of her 13 grandchildren, six of whom are now in college, and one in law school. Jan notes that she also has a daughter teaching high school English, who completed her master's in instructional technology, and a son working in the Southern California Office of Intelligence Collaboration. "I'm enjoying this chapter of my life."

**Robert Grieves** (Seminole, FL) reports that he is busy with sales of real estate and commercial insurance and would like to hear from classmate **Allen Klein**, BArch '64. **Robert Wulf**, BArch '61 (Santa Rosa, CA) writes, "I spend time bike riding, doing spiritual practice and meditation, and enjoying all of life." He would like to hear from **Nancy Lee Rose Forsberg**. **Rita "Ricky" Schwartz** Brody retired as a realtor in 2015 and is now in East Falmouth, MA. She writes, "I'm enjoying life on Cape Cod and living closer to son Mitch, his wife, Julie, and granddaughter Hannah." She would like to hear from **Karen Gear Aliyuddin**, MS HE '65.

Classmates who recently honed their mental abilities at Cornell's Adult University include **Arthur "Kirk" Field**, MS Ag '61, who studied the Intriguing Lives of Galaxies; **Bob McAfoos**, MS Ag '66, who participated in the Personal Essay Writing Workshop; and **Sandra Nasar Gross**, who enrolled in classes on George Eliot's *Middlemarch* and Homer's *Odyssey*. Sandi notes that she and **Barry**, MA '62, spend more than half the year in Delray Beach, FL, "seeing a few foreign films a week, attending a Great Books group in Coral Gables, and swimming daily." The Grosses are regularly visited by friends from the East Coast and Michigan and their sons, who live in Manhattan and Westport, CT. Sandi says, "We are thinking of moving back East in a year or so to be closer to kids and grandkids."

**Raoul Drapeau** (Vienna, VA) writes, "I'm doing a lot of lecturing (mostly on World War II), volunteering (mostly for the police department), writing, and inventing." The Drapeaus are also now downsizing in preparation for a move to Ashby Ponds, a lifecare center in Virginia. **William Duff** (Fort Collins, CO) reports, "I retired in June

after 44 years at Colorado State U."—where he had taught and managed a graduate program in industrial engineering. **Bob Samuels** is working in convention sales three days a week at the PGA National Resort and Spa in Palm Beach Gardens, FL. He would like to hear from classmate **David Williams**, BCE '61. Send your news to: **Judy Bryant** Wittenberg, jw275@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

**61** Many of our classmates sent in news! **Thomas Rohr** (commish808@gmail.com) writes from Honolulu, where he is involved in resort real estate investment. **Peter** and **Judith Friedman Brandeis** (mommabran@aol.com) have relocated to a new home, still in Scottsdale, AZ.

**Edward Robbins** (e.robbins@frontier.com) is a retired partner of KPMG in Hebron, IL. He writes, "I consult with various clients and I recently co-authored a textbook on life insurance company taxation." **William Magee** (Cazenovia, NY) says he is still a member of the NYS Assembly and he likes what he's doing. **Larry Abrams** (liabrams@verizon.net)

lives in Potomac, MD, but works out of Bethesda full time as an attorney in estate planning. **Mary Guyer Berg** (mary.g.berg@gmail.com) writes, "I'm still at Brandeis Women's Studies Research Center and teaching at Harvard Extension. We're just about to visit our daughter, **Elena '95**, in Paris, where she teaches biology at the American U. of Paris." **Winslow Davidson**, MS Ag '62, is still living in Guyana and gardening. He writes, "I'm due to arrive in early May to attend the convocation ceremony of my first grandson at Amherst College." Winslow is the author of *150 Years of Agricultural Education in Guyana*. He fondly remembers his mentor, the late Prof. Emer. J. Paul Leagans.

**Charles Hecht**, LLB '63 (cjhecht@aol.com) is creating sculpture in studios in Brooklyn and Beijing. He says that hours and days are not long enough for him to enjoy his life with his significant other, Leslie Töpfer, doing lots of travel and family visiting. **May Lee** Ling writes, "I traveled to South Africa and China and had two family reunions with four sons, three daughters-in-law, and eight grandchildren. I keep busy with more volunteer work: counseling, translating from English to Chinese, instructing CPR and First Aid, working in a food pantry, etc." She'd like to hear from **Ruth Hsu** Chen. **William Collins** (Hiawassee, GA) writes, "I enjoy living on Lake Chatuge in the beautiful Georgia mountains, one day at a time." He says he'd like to go back to Lake More often in the winter.

**J. Peter Dygert** (jpydygert13@verizon.net) spends six months in Venice, FL, every year, away from his home in Springville, NY. He writes, "Grandson Riley Conparly will be applying to Cornell in fall 2015. I recently had total left knee replacement surgery." Peter says he'll be playing golf as soon as the knee heals. **Pat McElroy Carlson**, PhD '74 (readermail@pmcarlson.net) writes, "I'm very happy that my Maggie Ryan murder mysteries are being reissued—print and Kindle, etc. They're set in the 1960s and 1970s, mostly at an Upstate New York university with gorges. The first, *Audition For Murder*, is loosely based on Cornell's 1972 Hamlet Festival. I'm still writing mysteries.

“My knees are on the waiting list.”

Gerrie Jordan Congdon '60

Husband **Marvin, PhD '61**, is still teaching theatre at the CUNY Graduate Center in NYC. There's nothing I'd rather be doing." **Preston Shimer** (pwsheimer@gmail.com) and wife **Annette (Gates) '62** live in Upper St. Clair, PA. Preston writes, "I retired from ARMA Int'l Educational Foundation in 2014 and am currently serving on a number of Pittsburgh organizations involved in governance and environmental programs."

**Jay Treadwell** (jaytread1@gmail.com) writes, "I'm still the general partner of the Optimum Group, a restaurant and foodservice consulting group. I'm now starting a bakery called Grateful Bread D.C. to help the underserved population find work. I have four wonderful and growing grandchildren: Lily, 12, Nola, 10, John, 10, and Katya, 6. I just took ownership of a larger house in Lewes, DE, a second home—can put all the grandchildren in it now." He says Cornell taught him how to reach out and stay connected—"Very important." From **Ernie Feleppa** (feleppa@optonline.net): "In September, Mary Jane, my wife of 50 years, and I got together with **John '62**, MD '66, and **Edith Milhorat Boothby** and **Frank Cuzzi**, MBA '64, at a mini-reunion of our 1957 class at Pelham Memorial High School. All are well and had a great time with 25 other high school classmates at the lovely waterfront home of our Pelham classmate Neil Austrian and his wife, Nancy, in old Greenwich, CT. Many of our class are retired, but I am still working, leading a group doing biomedical-ultrasound research with funding from the NIH. Edith is in real estate and Frank is teaching sports business."

**Gail Kweller Ripans** and husband **Allan '55** live in Atlanta, GA. Gail writes, "I'm teaching at Mercer—international relations with emphasis on the Middle East." Their six grandchildren are a joy, as are their three adult children (two of whom were Cornellians). Gail loves to travel, learn, and entertain, and she's happy with family and friends. She would like to hear from **Ruth Schimel**. In October, **Barbara Horowitz** discussed her new book, *Fit and Fabulous From Fifty Forward*, on Hay House Radio. Her "It's Just a Number" show at the Metropolitan Room honors Broadway World columnist Stephen Hanks and celebrates his 60th birthday. "If you remember, my last show honored '61 Cornellians **Ken Blanchard**, PhD '67, and **Phil Hodges**." She enclosed in her e-mail a terrific picture of herself and a description of the series she leads.

Please fill out the class news form or e-mail us. We want to hear from you! **Susan Williams** Stevens, sastevens61@gmail.com; **Doug Fuss**, dougout@attglobal.net.

**62** How did it get so late so soon? / It's night before it's afternoon. / December is here before it's June. / My goodness how the time has flown. / How did it get so late so soon?—Dr. Seuss

Impossible to believe it, but our 55th Reunion is next year, June 8-11, 2017. To get involved in the planning, contact **Neil Schilke**, MME '64 (neroschilke@aol.com).

I enjoyed a lovely lunch with **Bill** and **Leslie Troutman** and **Bob** and **Joni Adamowski** when the Troutmans were visiting Bob and Joni in Bellevue, WA. Bill and Leslie live in Osprey, FL, near Sarasota. I also lunched with **Tom '59** and **Beth Luthy**. Their daughter, **Teal '91**, their son, and their families are all in the Seattle area. Beth and Tom have taken many cycling trips and were looking forward to their annual month in Hawaii.

Classmates have been traveling with Cornell's Adult University. **Ruth Zimmerman** Bleyler went to Italy, and **Thomas Koehler**, MS Ag '65, cruised the Mediterranean from Athens to Nice. On campus last summer, **Robert '60**, MS '66, and **Helen Tintle McAfoos** studied Islamic Civilization. **Michael** and **Linda Miller** learned about American Culture. American Architecture was the topic for **Samuel '61**, MD '66, and **Judith Shapiro Greenblatt**.

I used some good ideas to pop into the class column in case of a dearth of news to report. Please send along a line or two so I don't have to become a fiction writer! **Jan McClayton** Crites, jmc50@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

**63** In a recent issue I wrote about the involvement of **Christian '65** and **Helen Downs Haller**, PhD '67, in the installation of a ring of ten bells to be hung in a Rochester, NY, church. I mistakenly said that they were installed at Christ Church, but they are in fact at the Church of the Ascension. Helen wrote, "We had a perfectly glorious and grand ceremony of dedication and consecration on November 21, 2015 and invite all ringers or potential ringers to visit!"

From **Michael** and **Marilyn Ratner** and **Phil** and **Nancy Guttman Newfield '65**: "We are so sad to report the death in August of our dear friend **Joe Mello**. Our friendship began freshman year and was always a very important part of our lives. Joe was an integral part of our family events, Cornell reunions, wonderful home-cooked dinners, and terrific trips to Europe and Vietnam. To honor his memory, we and his family have established the H. Joseph Mello '63 Prelaw Scholarship, which will award stipends to students participating in Cornell's annual prelaw summer program in New York City, administered by the School of Continuing Education and Summer Programs. This program seemed an ideal way to honor Joe's commitment to both Cornell and his long and successful career as an intellectual property, copyright, and commercial litigation attorney in New York. We will miss him so much."

**Mario Concha** retired several years ago as president of Georgia Pacific's chemical division. He lives in Atlanta, but has been working as a ski instructor in Vail, CO, for several years. **Sandra Kebbe** Hansen and husband **John** live in Dexter, MI. Sandra writes, "I do a lot of gardening and also work in the community doing site design for civic facilities and service on the Zoning Board of Appeals tree board. I still have a small number of private clients." She and **Chris Householder** Schneider have stayed connected since Cornell days and took a trip to Prague this past fall. **Thomas Newman** and wife **Caren** live in Tucson, AZ. Thomas has been retired for seven years from his urology work, is the local chair of AIPAC, and is on the National Council. He writes, "Just accepted the chair of the dean's board for the College of Fine Arts at the U. of Arizona. We have four grandkids—three in L.A. and one in Chicago—and spend time traveling back and forth from Tucson. We visited **Stan Pollack** at his home in Naples, FL, last spring." Thomas would like to hear from **Rick Albin** and **Michael Simon**.

**Martin**, DVM '66, and **Debra Kirshner Wolf '66** now live in West Palm Beach, FL, after 43 years in Harrison, NY. Martin writes, "Our grandson Adam is applying to colleges. I will attend my 50th Reunion with my Vet college class next June. The best decision I ever made was marrying my

wife." His best concert at Cornell? "I fell asleep during the Bob Dylan concert, and went up on stage and did the twist with Chubby Checker at his concert." **Larry Le Vine** (Poughkeepsie, NY) likes to hike, garden, and travel. He writes, "My wife, Nancy, and I plan to explore storytelling and puppet theater. We have five grandchildren: four in Connecticut (including son **Chris '93**) and one in California (daughter **Caren '96**)." Larry would like to hear from **Peter Vogelson**.

**Herbert Friedman** and his wife, **Wendy**, live in Belmont, MA. Herbert is continuing his legal practice in the area of adoption law. He writes, "Biggest events have been an increased number of grandchildren. I continue to do tutoring and singing in a local chorus. We traveled in March 2015 to Cuba with a temple group—amazing, especially the cars from the '50s! I still enjoy what I am doing, although I want to slowly decrease work and increase both travel and community-related activities." Herbert would like to hear from **David Lopez**. **Thomas Frumkes** and wife **Vera** live in Prescott, AZ, where Thomas likes to hike and play chamber and orchestral music. They have five grandchildren from their two children. Thomas would like to hear from **Joe Oppenheimer**.

**Jennifer Patai** Schneider is active in her post-retirement career as an educator. She teaches a remedial prescribing course primarily to physicians and other health professionals. Jennifer and **Robert Weiss** have recently published another book on the negative outcomes of Internet-cybersex addiction. The book is titled *Always Turned On: Sex Addiction in the Digital Age*. Son **Ben** is about to complete his PhD in computer science at the U. of Texas, Austin. In fall 2014, he gave a presentation on his dissertation at a linguistics conference in Qatar. **Joann Bond Brown** (Amherst, MA) is a master guide at Historic Deerfield and travel coordinator for Cross-Culture Journeys. She writes, "One of the best decisions I ever made was to purchase a house on the Cape. I am enjoying my second home in Falmouth, MA."

Class president **Joe Stregack**, PhD '70, e-mailed that the class survey had a positive response rate of nearly 25 percent. Sixty-eight percent of respondents would like to get together with other classmates in their region. Participation in cultural activities and events featuring Cornell faculty also rated highly. More results in future issues. **Nancy Bierds** Icke, 12350 E. Roger Rd., Tucson, AZ 85749; e-mail, ick63@gmail.com.

**64** Congrats to **Stephen Berzon**, a founding partner in the San Francisco, CA, law firm Altshuler Berzon LLP, on his selection to deliver the Preiskel-Silverman Endowed Lecture last March at Yale Law School. His lecture was entitled "Fixing Wealth Inequality: How Lawyers Can Be Part of the Solution." Stephen still lives across the bay in Berkeley.

**Edward Schulman**, BEE '66, who lives in Ithaca with wife **Renee**, keeps busy designing custom paper pop-up cards and modeling kits, mostly of trains. One creation of his, *Build Your Own Train*, is sold at Barnes & Noble bookstores. Ed admits that if he weren't working, he'd rather be riding trains in mountainous Switzerland with his family (which includes the Dobranski clan: daughter **Jacqueline '92**, DVM '97, her husband, and their young son). **Phil Green** and wife **Nahldene** "Sam" have moved from their free-standing home in Punta Gorda, FL, to a condo. Phil otherwise continues

to enjoy boating, golf, and travel. Phil and Sam have eight children and 18 grandchildren between them—"All healthy and doing well." Phil would love to have old friends drop in. Physician **Lois Copeland**, MD '68 (Upper Saddle River, NJ) writes that she's still practicing internal medicine and has been for more than 40 years. She enjoys keeping up with her four children and five grandchildren and would enjoy having the time for more frequent visits to her country home.

**Sandy Vogelgesang** is still writing and is into civic activism in the Washington, DC, area. She and husband Jeff Wolfe live in suburban Maryland and also keep active traveling, lately to southern Africa and Cuba (!). By contrast, **Michael Graves** and wife Suzanne are content to remain at home in Fairport, NY, with their new poodle. Michael otherwise keeps busy with photography and gatherings with fellow veterans. Then there's **Chuck Zambito** (West Deptford, NJ), who writes, "I'm slowly going into further retirement." If so, Chuck's doing it actively, as he's also spending more time with New Jersey Farmers Against Hunger and the state's agricultural society—plus spending more leisure time with his family at a second home in Florida.

**Charles Oliver** is semi-retired in the calendar sense. He writes that he spends six months in Canaseraga, NY, with his Massey-Ferguson dealership, which is being bought by his two sons, and the winter half of the year in a new home in Florida—as of October 2014, with new wife Cynthia! (Charlie's first wife, the boys' mother, died in 1993.) **John Randall**, PhD '72, who lives in Columbia, MD, with wife Catherine, is another active retiree, in his case practicing and teaching Aikido. John writes that he also keeps up with climate change science. **Joan Greenspan**, who lives on the Upper East Side of NYC, is a career coach with the Bottomless Closet, where she works to bring disadvantaged women into the work force. Joan recently took a week-long barge cruise through the Burgundy region of France, of which she writes, "Now I know what the three stars mean!"

Since news from classmates didn't fill the column, here's some news from me. Husband Jim and I did our usual traveling last year, beginning with a two-week escorted tour of Portugal and northern Spain. Earlier we had to cancel our annual two-week ski holiday in Aspen because Jim fell shoveling ice in January, blowing out his right shoulder rotator cuff. We were home all summer (vegetable garden was great yet again), then acted as our own tour operators for a ten-day boat-cum-railway sojourn of the Rhine and Mosel River valleys in Germany, plus Cologne and Hamburg. Near non-stop cultivating, harvesting, canning, and freezing of our produce curtailed much other travel.

This month's column is a first for me. Namely, it's the first time in the nearly 37 years I've been doing this column that I didn't have enough input from classmates to fill out our allotted space. I encourage you to e-mail me directly or to fill out the online news form, especially the top two questions: <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>. ☐ **Bev Johns** Lamont, 720 Chestnut St., Deerfield, IL 60015; e-mail, [blamont64@comcast.net](mailto:blamont64@comcast.net). Class website, [www.cornell1964.org](http://www.cornell1964.org).

**65** "Work hard, play hard" is the clarification call for **John Gerich**, who is semi-retired but still lecturing and consulting for the pharmaceutical industry. He

enjoys traveling and is delighted with his two grandsons, Oscar and Charlie.

**Clinton Rappole**, PhD '71 (Houston, TX; Leroy 248@aol.com) and wife **Leigh (Anderson), MD '65**, are playing tennis and golf and now have five grandchildren. Clinton shares an office with **Tom Lattin '66**, MS Hotel '68, at the Hilton College of Hotel and Restaurant Management in Houston. "Nothing could be better than our freedom and flexibility, and we hope that continues for some time to come," he writes. Clinton treasures the valuable lesson he learned at Cornell: helping other people. During last summer, **Dianne Zimet** Newman (Providence, RI; dznewman@hotmail.com) studied at the conservative Yeshiva in Jerusalem and experienced another positive educational experience with the instructors and students. Dianne and her husband, Martin, particularly enjoyed the Saturday dinner at Reunion and the presentation of our class gift.

"The ability to communicate" is one of the most valuable things **Thom Seaman** (Southport, NC; artshakspt@gmail.com) learned at Cornell. Tom and spouse Linda are able to travel eight weeks each year and delight in great-grandchildren, ages 7 and 9. Thom is making a living as a metal sculptor, and he and Linda run an art gallery and sculpture garden. He would like to hear from **Peter Kendall '68**. **Richard Rosen** (Jericho, NY; RLR@rosenlawpllc.com) continues to practice franchise law. He is currently chairman of the Franchise Law Section of the New York State Bar Assn. Track is an important part of his life as well as training and coaching children in the sport. He would like to have more time for playing the guitar.

"I spend my time looking for things!" exclaims **Henra Solomon** Briskin (Pittsford, NY; henpen20@aol.com). "Seriously, best of all I enjoy my four grandchildren and am an active learner." Building friendships and doing some travel also occupy her days. **Henry Nave**, ME '67 (hjnave@gmail.com) and wife Michele live in Golden, CO. They are content with life and recently drove from Denver to San Francisco down the Big Sur coast to L.A. to visit their daughter's family and two grandchildren. On their return trip to Colorado, they charted a course through Phoenix, AZ, and Santa Fe, NM. Henry is president of the condo HOA, and consults on the feasibility of building the highest wind farm in North America. Cycling and skiing are his recreational pursuits.

"Volunteering keeps me young!" writes **Dave Tetor** (dtetor@gmail.com). Dave and wife Louise live in Clinton Corners, NY. He spends his time with the New York Farm Bureau, Dutchess County Fair, and two radio stations' farm reports from Monday to Friday. "I'd like to go to Cornell more often, and I miss not being on the CALS Alumni Assn. Board, where I served as president." Dave and **John Dyson** both recently received the Distinguished Service Award from the New York Farm Bureau. **Kathy Engert Patterson** (Los Angeles, CA; pattkep@gmail.com) is now retired and has been running the race committee at the yacht club for two years. Husband **Bob**, MBA '67, is working part time doing consulting and litigation support in the hotel/restaurant industry. "Bob and I are into organic farming on our yard year-round. You can't beat the Southern California weather! We are both avid sailboat racers, and we race on separate 35-ft. J-109s. For the past ten years we've enjoyed hosting a scholarship fundraiser for CCLA." Last summer, they took a CAU course in ornithology that rated A-plus! We want to know what you are doing in all your life pursuits! Please keep the news coming

to: ☐ **Joan Hens** Johnson, [joanipat@gmail.com](mailto:joanipat@gmail.com); and **Steve Appell**, [BigRed1965@aol.com](mailto:BigRed1965@aol.com). Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

**66** We're only a couple of months away from our 50th Reunion and we hope that you will join us, June 9-12, 2016. Remember how cold and snowy Ithaca is in the winter? Well, we're going to be there in warm weather, when Ithaca is beautiful: the campus, seeing buildings old and new, the gorges, Sapsucker Woods, wandering through the "new" Collegetown, seeing friends, and meeting new classmates—it is a once-in-a-lifetime experience for all of us! Do join us!

A note from **Alice Katz** Berglas, **Jeanne Brown** Sander, **Mary Jansen** Everett, and **Rolf Frantz**, ME '67: Somewhere in your mailbox already/soon is the registration packet with all you need to register for our 50th Reunion Weekend this June! The four of us will answer any Qs—from events to housing to registration. But first, and most of all, we want to thank you: for all the wonderful conversations, with classmates we knew and those we never knew, and with all whom we now count as new 50th Reunion friends. The efforts of so many classmates have spanned this year. While the packet will tell you all the events, it is the great '66 spirit along this whole Reunion year that has been extraordinary, filled with excitement and anticipation. Classmates will come back for their FIRST Reunion, along with those who have returned over the decades. It's our 50th. It's big. And it's ours. We can't wait to see you—and we can't imagine it without you. We hope you can't imagine it without you either! (Come!) Contact Alice or Jeanne with questions ([cornellclassof66@gmail.com](mailto:cornellclassof66@gmail.com)), or call Alice at: (917) 968-8280.

Again, we have more news than can fit in one issue, so if your news update isn't included here, know that it will be in a future column. **Mary Loosbrock** Miers ([marylmiers@comcast.net](mailto:marylmiers@comcast.net)) has retired three times now—from the National Institutes of Health, Columbia U. Medical Center, and then from her job as a consultant to NIH. Mary joined 20 other Cornell alums in a visit/safari in Zambia and Botswana in 2015. All three of her daughters live nearby (Bethesda, MD) and are doing well with their work and families. **Terry Vitez** (Scottsdale, AZ; [tVitez@aol.com](mailto:tVitez@aol.com)) is retired, as is his wife, Sandy, and is swimming, biking, skiing, reading, and hiking with friends and their Old English sheepdog, "Sunday." Terry received an MD from UPenn, then a master's in pharmacology from UC San Francisco. He was an anesthesiologist, his major interest being cardiac anesthesiology. After practicing in Las Vegas and at the Texas Heart Inst. in Houston, he taught at Emory and Stanford. Their son, **Cody '14**, graduated from ASU and was on the swim team. He works in Palo Alto.

**Marian Wood** Meyer ([fredonia15@gmail.com](mailto:fredonia15@gmail.com)) is helping plan our 50th Reunion. She wrote, "I'm hoping many of the people I knew during that time in my life will also be there. I'm no longer working for money. Now I volunteer. The hours are better, but not the pay. In reading the e-mail version of the *Alumni News*, I was somewhat startled to see a heading that said 'Complete July/August Alumni Deaths.' I just hope that I'm not going to check back later and see myself listed." **Howard Lester** ([helpph@rit.edu](mailto:helpph@rit.edu)) wrote, "The Whitney Museum of American Art built and moved into a new building last year. Their highly publicized inaugural

show at the new location, called 'America Is Hard To See (1900-2015),' included my film, *One Weed In Vietnam*. Considering the breadth of the show and the status of the 400 artists presented, I am especially thrilled to see it specifically mentioned as 'featured' in their press release, and noticed and positively mentioned in reviews in the *New York Times*, the *Washington Post*, and several arts publications." Howie retired from RIT last year, where he was a professor and head of the School of Film and Animation for many years.

Did you see the fascinating article written by **Linda Redlick** Hirshman that appeared in the Nov/Dec 2015 *Cornell Alumni Magazine*? The article is about her new book, *Sisters in Law*, about the US Supreme Court's first two female justices, Sandra Day O'Connor and **Ruth Bader Ginsburg '54**. Do go back and read it! **Elmer "EJ" Phillippi** wrote from Crofton, MD: "In the *Washington Post* there was an article about a supposedly revolutionary way to reduce the stress of higher education—allowing dogs in the classroom. We had that 50 years ago at Cornell. I remember several of the dogs, especially a big brown dog who slept in my Chemistry class!"

**Robert Johnstone** (JohnstoneR@wvuhealthcare.com) has partly retired after 41 years, but is still working half time in an anesthesiology practice. He writes, "I'm still running—completed a couple of marathons this year, and finished third in the 10k at the senior nationals in 2015." He'd like to see some Cornell cross-country teammates at our 50th Reunion. **Tom Willis**, ME '67 (willis431@verizon.net) responded to the question regarding one of the best decisions he'd ever made: "In September 1962, I joined the Cornell University Glee Club (CUGC). In the spring of 1966, 41 lucky CUGC members were sent on a round-the-world goodwill tour by the US State Dept. During the fall 2015 Homecoming Weekend, 22 out of the original 41 Glee Clubbers from that group had a reunion at Cornell. It was an unbelievably great time—seeing guys I hadn't seen in 49 years. The Class of '66's June 2016 Reunion hopefully will have many of the same great experiences—hope to see many old acquaintances there!" ■ **Pete Salinger**, pete.sal@verizon.net; **Susan Rockford** Bittker, ladyscienc@aol.com; **Deanne Gebell** Gitner, Deanne.Gitner@gmail.com.

**67 Samuel "Sandy" Berger** (Washington, DC) died on December 2, 2015, after a distinguished career in public service. President Obama's statement began, "Sandy Berger was one of our nation's foremost national security leaders. From his service in President Carter's State Dept. to President Clinton's National Security Advisor, Sandy devoted himself to strengthening American leadership in an uncertain world. Today, his legacy can be seen in a peaceful Balkans, our strong alliance with Japan, our deeper relationships with India and China."

Former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, who co-led their consulting firm, Albright Stonebridge, spoke at Sandy's funeral, observing, "Sandy was many things to many people—a wise counselor to the president, a cherished comrade-in-arms to those who served with him in government, and a willing mentor to generations of policymakers who will carry his legacy forward. He had so many accomplishments to his name, but it was his growing family that made him proudest of all." Others who spoke at the funeral included former President Bill Clinton, Vice President Joseph Biden, and two

of Sandy and wife **Susan (Harrison) '68's** children, Alexander and **Sarah Berger** Sandelius '99, accompanied by his older daughter, Deborah Berger Fox. It was good to run into our former class president **David Kantorczyk**, MBA '69, Sandy's fraternity brother, accompanied by his son, **Todd '92**, at the funeral.

We in '67 remember Sandy at Cornell, where he first made a difference as president of the Interfraternity Council. Sandy expanded the long-time purely social IFC weekend into IFC week and presented Soul of Blackness as the theme, bringing Stokely Carmichael to speak as well as other African American leaders and students from Brooklyn who'd never been to a college campus. Sandy's career, chronicled in media accounts, moved between his practice of law, specializing in international trade at what is now the Hogan Lovells law firm in D.C., and political activity that led to public service. Before he linked up with a promising candidate he had met years earlier (Bill Clinton), Sandy worked in campaigns and on Capitol Hill for former Rep. Joseph Resnick (D-NY) and Sen. Harold Hughes (D-Iowa), and in Sen. George McGovern's 1972 presidential campaign.

One notable moment came during the McGovern campaign, when he was driving gonzo journalist Hunter S. Thompson to the airport. From *Fear and Loathing: On the Campaign Trail '72*: "He [Sandy] was one of the speechwriters . . . a first-class speechwriter, one of the two or three who were with McGovern all the way through from Miami on. It was rush hour in Washington and we had to go down one side of a freeway. There was a big grass island about 18 inches high and 12 feet wide separating the two freeways, six lanes, three in each direction. Sandy thought he was giving Tim

Crouse and me a ride into town but we said we were going over to the main terminal to catch another plane, and he said, 'Oh, back there, eh?' And right smack in the middle of rush-hour traffic in Washington, right straight across the island . . . up over this huge bump, in a driving rain, he made a highspeed U-turn right over the island and back into the other lane, and cars were skidding at us, coming sideways and fishtailing, trying to avoid us. That was the kind of mood the McGovern people were in. I don't think he cared whether anybody hit us or not. It scared the hell out of me. But we made it to the terminal and I bought a ticket for Denver, and just got the hell out of Washington."

Yes, Sandy had a side of him capable of freaking out the most notorious stoner journalist of the time. Over the years, Sandy found time to be involved in class activities, managing to attend our 25th Reunion during the first Clinton campaign. Some classmates will recall that, earlier, he immediately filled in when our first alumni class president was unable to complete his term. We had our first Reunion coming up—the 5th—and, never one to stick with routine, Sandy proposed that we schedule it during the school year so that returning classmates might get the chance to see the university in full action and converse with the students. By defying tradition, we received scant logistical support, but those who attended enjoyed a different experience that no other reuniting class has likely known. Despite the demands Sandy faced during what turned out to be a successful 1992 campaign, he also put his formidable organizational talents to work for the class in lining up classmates to write for our 25th Reunion yearbook.

Much of this, of course, may seem of less moment when compared, to cite one instance, with

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**"Who's Coming?" "EVERYONE."**

Sandy's role as National Security Advisor in averting nuclear war between India and Pakistan—as described by Bruce Riedel of the Brookings Institution in “Remembering Sandy Berger and the day he saved the world” (<http://www.brookings.edu/blogs/order-from-chaos/posts/2015/12/02-sandy-berger-averted-nuclear-war-riedel>). But it suggests that Sandy brought imagination, persistence, and immense capacity to get things done to everything he took on. A last testament to Sandy's perseverance was related by another attendee at the funeral who had worked with Sandy, and who reported that he had responded to her e-mail less than two days before his death. **Richard Hoffman**, 2925 28th St. NW, Washington, DC 20008; e-mail, [derhoff@yahoo.com](mailto:derhoff@yahoo.com).

**68** Over the years, one of our most frequent Class Notes topics is about sharing life's joyous milestones with classmates, fraternity brothers, and sorority sisters. **John Seligman** ([JSeligman@dg.law.com](mailto:JSeligman@dg.law.com)) reports on a “wedding to remember” that drew classmates to Chanhassen and Winona, MN, in early September for the marriage of the daughter of **Pete Woodworth**, MBA '69, and wife Joie. John's wife, Susan, **Al Fidellow** and wife Marge, **John Wallace '67**, ME '68, and wife Laurene, and **Bill Austin** and wife Sally joined the many guests at the Chanhassen Arboretum and then extended

their stay with the Woodworths at their house and cabin on the Mississippi River, enjoying summer's last days, and each other's company.

**Gary Deems** ([garydeems@gmail.com](mailto:garydeems@gmail.com)) has been on several golf trips with classmates **Bob Smith**, **Bob Spencer**, MBA '70, **Frank Tamulonis**, and **Roger Ham**, MBA '74. Gary proudly reports that last year he played golf at Augusta National Golf Club, which completed his goal of playing all of *Golf Magazine's* 1995 world's top 100, a feat that took 20 years and spanned 15 countries and 22 states. Gary will have to come up with a new item for his bucket list, as he retired in June after 40 years in the banking industry in Oregon and California.

**John** and **Elizabeth Drake Lowe** ([lowe.elizabeth@gmail.com](mailto:lowe.elizabeth@gmail.com)) live in Demarest, NJ. Last year Elizabeth retired from Queens College and now enjoys many volunteering opportunities, especially building houses with Habitat for Humanity. Elizabeth and John's first grandchild, Isabelle, just celebrated her first birthday.

**Marc Silverman**, JD '72 ([whitewater1@optonline.net](mailto:whitewater1@optonline.net)) has scaled back after 43 years, though he is still practicing labor and employment law, now at the Law Offices of George Birnbaum in NYC. Marc reports that his somewhat lighter work schedule gives him more time to spend with daughter **Kira Silverman Geller '95** and her husband, **Ian '97**, and Marc's two grandchildren. It also enables him to spend more time on his partnership with wife Lori in their high-end women's shoe business.

Lori's designs are made in Italy and you can see them online at [lorisilvermanshoes.com](http://lorisilvermanshoes.com).

Sometimes classmates just getting together is a special occasion, as was the case one beautiful day last September when Delta Chi brothers **Frank Wayno**, **Richard Schuler**, **Richard Maizel**, and **David Weber** ([dweber200@gmail.com](mailto:dweber200@gmail.com)) met to sail Cayuga Lake in Frank's boat. Frank, now a retired Cornell professor, docks his boat at the Ithaca Yacht Club. The get-together was part of a celebration of Cornell's Sesquicentennial, as well as 125 years of Delta Chi (founded at Cornell), and 100 years of the Cornell chapter house on campus.

**Joel** ([joel@jnegrin.com](mailto:joel@jnegrin.com)) and **Linda Schwartz Negrin '69**, BFA '69, joined **Jerry Fox** and his wife, Ronni, **Jack Eisenberg** and his wife, Sue, and **Lenny Rappe** and his wife, Rona, to create their special occasion last summer in Chicago. Jerry has long since retired from IBM, but is still working for AT&T Park in San Francisco. Jack lives in Rochester and is retired from his labor law practice. Lenny is now practicing financial planning after retiring from a career in internal auditing. Joel is still practicing law in Larchmont, NY, and has also visited with **Jeff Gorwit** and his wife, Linda, in San Diego, where Jeff is still a practicing cardiologist.

As we've passed the midway point between reunions, the **Zippins**, our Reunion chairs, are already busy planning an event reflective of the importance of Cornell in our lives. Keep your news items flowing via the news forms or by e-mail: **Chuck Levitan**, [clevitan22@comcast.net](mailto:clevitan22@comcast.net). Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

## Home Is Where the Hull Is

Debbie Cheney Lazar '70 & Rick Lazar '70

**W**hat do you call 175 tons of steel floating in Florida's Fort Myers Yacht Basin? Rick and Debbie Lazar call it *Kalliope*—but more affectionately, they call it home. Since September 2013, they've pursued a mutual passion: refurbishing a decommissioned Mississippi tugboat into a permanent living space for them and their cat, Sweetie.

At eighty-five feet long and twenty-six feet wide, their buoyant pad boasts about 2,500 square feet of living space. Although it's seaworthy, it mostly stays put: much of the dockage in the area can't accommodate *Kalliope*, the Lazars say, and moving the craft requires a crew of four. “It's a lot of boat,” says Debbie, a retired arts administrator and Human Ecology alum, “so mostly it's just our house.”

While the tug may be an unconventional choice for a houseboat, the Lazars have long been fans of such craft, having watched them muscle through East River traffic during the thirty years they lived in Manhattan. “A tugboat is particularly appealing,” says Rick, a former government major who grew up around boats on Long Island and currently works in the construction industry, “because it has a lot of substance to it—a good hull and plenty of space.”

The Lazars sold their Seattle home in fall 2013, moved aboard *Kalliope*, and started fixing her up. As they soon discovered, a tug requires constant upkeep: regular line checks and adjustments, a bilge in need of monitoring, a sewage tank to purge, fuel lines to inspect, and two massive, below-deck engines to maintain. “Your house won't spring a leak,” Debbie notes, “but with boats, you're constantly checking the hull, making sure holes aren't working their way in and sinking you.” For those curious about life aboard *Kalliope*, Debbie maintains a blog, tellingly titled “Be Careful What You Wish For.” “It's mostly just for friends,” she says, “and for all the people who ask me what in the hell I'm doing.”

— Matt Schultz



**69** **Jerry Jensen**, ME '71 ([JerryKJensen@msn.com](mailto:JerryKJensen@msn.com)) is semi-retired in Hallandale, FL (between Ft. Lauderdale and Miami) with his partner of 18 years, Gene. After a long, diversified career in business around the US (including VP of a Fortune 1,000 company), Jerry is now consulting with small businesses and working in professional theatre as an actor, director, and stage manager. He writes, “So glad to see many friends at the 45th Reunion, and looking forward to the 50th. Also proudly serving on the Cornell Mosaic Board and as regional coordinator in South Florida for CUGALA. Join me in our efforts by e-mailing me.”

**Janine Wesselmann** is in Naples, FL, having just moved from Connecticut, and she loves it. She has found lots of Cornellians there and enjoys painting, writing, traveling, and tango dancing. Not much news this time—please keep sending your updates! Enjoy the spring! **Tina Economaki** Riedl, [tried048@gmail.com](mailto:tried048@gmail.com). Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

**70** **Arthur Litowitz** ([arthur.litowitz@gmail.com](mailto:arthur.litowitz@gmail.com)) has retired from the Central Florida Orthodontic group practice. He is now a private investor and a director for a nonprofit family foundation. In addition, he is a registered

yoga teacher (RYT 200). He also enjoys travel, photo safaris, special events, and life with his partner, June. Another special activity is being a grandfather to his daughter's baby boy.

Arthur had a number of places on campus that were his favorites, including the Music Room in the Straight, Uris and Olin libraries, the gorges during spring and fall, Beebe Lake, and the suspension bridge. He would like to do more watercolor painting, photography, travel, walking and hiking, kayaking, and playing piano and guitar. Additionally, he would pursue a greater understanding of the consequences of climate change for future generations. Since our graduation in June 1970, Arthur has attended class reunions, visited his fraternity brothers, and been connected with the Lab of Ornithology. He has created the Cornell University Poetry Prize through an endowment donation by way of the American Academy of Poets (poets.org). Thank you, Arthur.

While **Phil Schwartz** (Santa Monica, CA; phil.schwartz@hotmail.com) has retired from film production, he continues to teach cinematography at USC and Cal State, Long Beach. In summer 2014, Phil and his wife, Andrea, spent a remarkable 12 days sailing down the Danube River visiting Hungary, Serbia, Croatia, Bulgaria, and Romania. On October 10, 2015 their younger daughter, Mikelle, was married. The newlyweds are both in the music business. Mikelle is an executive at Sony Music, while her husband, Austin, owns an "alternative rock" marketing firm. In honor of the groom's Birmingham, AL, roots, the couple served outstanding BBQ to the wedding guests!

Phil still enjoys his hobbies: photography, art museums, and cooking. He says that hanging out at the Straight was definitely his favorite Cornell thing to do and place to be. He says he would like to have four or five more hours added to each day. Phil has completed his 25th admissions cycle as a CAAAN volunteer and is working on number 26! He is also very active with the Cornell Club of L.A. Last summer, he and fellow alum **Nancy Dunhoff Mills '64** produced and directed the eighth Cornell-in-Hollywood Short Film Festival, held last June at Paramount Studios. Phil has reconnected with **David Halpert '69**, a Santa Monica neighbor and former Phi Sigma Delta fraternity brother, and he is always in touch with Cornell friends **Mark Tabakman '71**, **Doug Wyler**, **Allan Ropper**, MD '74, and **Lynn Axel Butterly '71**.

**Nicholas Cooper** (nick.cooper@aecom.com) is VP of AECOM, an environmental engineering consulting firm. He leads design teams for large treatment plant projects in the US and the Middle East. After 25 years in Atlanta, GA, he and his wife relocated to Albuquerque, NM. Nick tells us that he always enjoyed the Anabel Taylor coffee shop between classes. He also says, "Life is sweet." He and his wife have been married for almost 39 years. **Terry Leventhal** Parker, MS '71 (terry@lomaprietapottery.com) retired from her engineering career and moved to Tucson, AZ, about six years ago. She now pursues her serious pottery hobby of over 35 years as a full-time business. When not in her studio, Terry is showing and selling her work at art fairs or marketing and selling it online.

**John MacEachern** (johnmaceachern2@gmail.com) reports that **Jeff Weaver '66** and his wife, Kay, along with four friends, came to Nova Scotia via a cruise ship. While they were in the Port of Halifax, John and his wife, Barbara, spent a wonderful day with them at Peggy's Cove. Since he retired from the hospitality industry, John's been "bitten by the writing bug," he says. His latest

novel is *The Blood of Art*. You can read more about it at: [readersfavorite.com/book-review/the-blood-of-art](http://readersfavorite.com/book-review/the-blood-of-art). It weaves together the world of fine art, government corruption, and New York organized crime, while painting a gruesome picture of greed and murder! Look on Amazon for both the in-print version and e-book format for Kindle, Nook, Copia, etc. Retirement life for John and Barbara is good, with three of their children raising their families across Canada and one daughter living with her four children in Arnold, MD. **Connie Ferris** Meyer, cfm7@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

**71** Exciting plans are under way for our 45th Reunion, June 9-12, 2016! Class officers are working on a new feature: they plan to compile and display photos from our undergraduate years. All you have to do is scan some of your favorites and e-mail them to **David Beale** (dab38@cornell.edu). Please do this right away!

Several classmates have retired . . . and then started second careers. **Robert Berger** (bolter1@verizon.net) writes, "I retired from the US Navy in November 1991 after flying fighters for 20 years, and was fortunate to land a job flying for American Airlines. After flying Boeing 727s and 777s, I retired from American in September 2013." Now he has more time to spend on his musical interests. "I'm very active in a local barbershop chorus and quartet, and plan to return to Reunion for the 30th consecutive year with the Sherwoods."

**Jeffrey Gutman** (jeffreysgutman@gmail.com), who lives with wife Ilene in Bethesda, MD, retired from the World Bank in 2010. He now

works as a senior fellow in the global economy and development group of Brookings. Jeff has a 3-year-old granddaughter, Molly, who was born to his daughter, **Katie '04**, and husband Jordan. **Peter Benjamin** (pbenjaminlaw@gmail.com) lives with his wife, Liz Bramson, in Springfield, MA. He writes, "I returned to legal services last year as litigation director of Community Legal Aid. It is a 60 percent position, so I am 40 percent retired." He is spending his "free" time as a museum docent and studying Spanish. His daughter, **Natalie '02**, was married last year and lives in Davis, CA; son Max lives in Guatemala. Peter would love to hear from **Tom Perry**.

**Greg Crown** has a 2-year-old granddaughter. He retired in 2012 and has used his spare time to teach ESL to adults. He also traveled in Europe, the Middle East, and the US. **Michael Scheibel** (mscheibel49@gmail.com) continues to work as a biologist for the Nature Conservancy on Long Island. He believes an appreciation for ornithology and scientific discipline were the most valuable things he learned at Cornell. Michael is also enjoying his two granddaughters, Julia and Marin. He hopes to hear from his old Cornell friend **Joseph Walker '70**.

**David Benton** (dbenton@10rittenhouse.com) is now the general manager of 10 Rittenhouse Square in Philadelphia. He celebrated his twin 4-year-old grandchildren's birthdays in Los Angeles. After a hiatus in Providence, RI, he recently returned to Philadelphia and was fortunate to be there during the momentous Papal Visit. **Phyllis Zuckerwise Sterne** (psterne71@gmail.com) retired in December 2014 after many years in the education field. She writes, "I welcomed my first grandchild to the world, Ardan Wyatt, last May." She is

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spending her time on Long Island and in Virginia and is enjoying some consulting work. **Ira Kas-trinsky** (ikastrinsky@deloitteired.com) retired from Deloitte Consulting in January 2015. He lives in Fair Lawn, NJ, with his wife, Joan. Also retired (in 2011) is **William Topper Jr.** (wmtopperjr@gmail.com), who lives in Hilton Head, SC, with his wife, Debbie.

Architecture is a theme that runs through many of our classmates' lives. **Karen Stone** (Karen.stone101@gmail.com) writes, "I'm working to complete a book project about Westchester County, NY, residential architecture from 1880-1940." Karen's son, Greg, was slated to enter UC Berkeley as a freshman, while his twin sister, Amanda, is taking a gap year. Her older daughter, Elise, is the scheduling director for the Massachusetts Attorney General. Karen is really looking forward to Reunion 2016. **Louise Wolfe** (ljwolfe@verizon.net) lives in Massachusetts and is learning modern Greek at Harvard for the fun of it! Her daughter is getting a master's in architecture and teaching architecture at the U. of Texas. She would love to hear from classmates **Debbie Tenenbaum** Vine and **Malka Margolies** Weinstein. **Carol Karasek**, BA '74, is starting another chapter of her successful architectural career. She has been appointed principal, science and technology, at the international architecture firm Francis Cauffman. Her specialty is the design of academic medical centers.

On the other side of the globe, classmate **Donald Woo** (dw40@cornell.edu) is still working as CEO of Trans Global Logistics, a company he founded in 1994. Donald lives in Hong Kong with his wife, Matsuko; he has two daughters in the US (San Francisco and Miami) and a son in Hong Kong. Classmate **Charles Leung** also lives in Hong Kong. **Jeffrey Punim** (jap49@cornell.edu) lives with wife Donna in Long Beach, CA. He is the medical director of the Orange County Regional Diabetes Center and writes, "I'm still playing singles tennis two or three times a week." Also in California (San Ramon) is **Dan De Angelus**, MBA '74 (dan.deangelus@msn.com). Dan is a CPA, though he notes he'd rather be playing golf! He would love to hear from **Leslie Roth** Silverstein '73.

Lastly, we have news from two classmates who are Army civilian employees. **Lynn Gilfus** (gilfusL@soc.mil) recently received a Superior Civilian Service Award from the Commanding General of the US Army John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center and School at Fort Bragg, NC. (The USAJFKSWCS is one of the Army's premier education institutions, managing professional growth for soldiers in three special operations branches: Special Forces, Civil Affairs, and Psychological Operations.) He was also selected as an honorary member of the Psychological Operations Regiment Assn. for his contributions in the field of education and training. **Gary Gilbert** (gilbertgary@verizon.net), who lives in Potomac, MD, with wife Trinkia Coster, is a program manager at the Army Medical Research and Materiel Command (MRMC). A quick Google search turned up several articles about his projects including battlefield medical robotics and better ways to communicate between the field and medical facilities about an injured soldier's status/treatment. Gary would love to hear from Prof. **L. D. Van Vleck**, PhD '60, and classmates **Steve Metoyer**, JD '74, and **John Trubisz**. Please keep your news coming! ☑ **Gayle Yeomans**, gay2@cornell.edu; **Linda Germaine** Miller, lg95@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

**72** Every summer, the Cornell Football Assn. holds a fundraising golf tournament and auction to benefit the Big Red football program. In 2015, the B Flight winning team was composed of **Tom Guba**, **Tom Rakowski**, **Randy Shayler**, MBA '73, **Charlie Joyce**, **Jerry Miknis**, and **Michael Murphy**.

Writing from Teaneck, NJ, **Lorna Rosenkrantz** Pascal (LornaRD@aol.com) reports that she was appointed head dietitian for the renal transplant program at the Hackensack U. Medical Center. Lorna still runs the Dave Winfield Nutrition Center at HUMC and says she has great times with her five grandchildren (ages 3 to 7). **Bob Tausek** and wife Marjorie are moving from suburban Philly to Charleston, SC. I guess Bob wants to enjoy his retirement by becoming a Southern gentleman. **Duncan Maxwell** is living in Switzerland, where he spends his time flying planes, parachuting, looking after his ten snakes, teaching biology, and traveling. He recently completed a 3,000-plus-mile flying trip around Southeast Australia. Duncan remembers arriving at Cornell freshman year with one suitcase full of old clothes and a record player.

**Rob Blye** (Pottstown, PA; rwblye@comcast.net) sends news that he and wife Carol spent the month of August in Hawaii with daughter **Amy Blye Cohen '97** and future Cornellians Sara, Naomi, Isaac, and Mikayla, while son-in-law **Jason Cohen '97** was deployed as a reservist at Tripler Army Medical Center. The family took side trips to the Big Island and Kauai to search for endemic Hawaiian birds. Much fun was had by all. Rob served on the board of directors of the Pottstown Cluster of Religious Communities, a multi-faith food bank, clothing and personal item distributor, and housing resource center for the western suburbs of Philadelphia. He and his wife also volunteer one day a week in the food pantry. When asked about the best decisions he ever made, Rob replied, "Retirement was the best decision of my working life." Rob would like to hear from **Don Livingood**. **Anthony Provenzano**, MD '76 (New Rochelle, NY; drpro@drpro.com) is director of oncology at NewYork-Presbyterian. While he enjoys living in Westchester County with wife Elizabeth, Tony says he would rather be living on the shore in Maine. He says he formed many lifetime friendships at Cornell and would like to hear from old friend **Tom Beadleston**, BA '71.

Every summer, several class members participate in Cornell's Adult University. In 2015, **James '68**, DVM '72, and **Deborah Deiner Krepp** attended A Naturalist Outing at the Shoals Marine Laboratory on the coast of Maine. **Lydia Kernitsky** Tedeschi, BA '71, MD '76, participated in The Mediterranean: The Sea of Destiny from Athens to Nice. Attending the course on Gorgeous Gorges of the Finger Lakes were **Stanley Griffith** and **Lisa Ripperton**, BA '71. Send news to: ☑ **Alex Barna**, ab478@cornell.edu; or **Gary Rubin**, glr34@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

**73** Greetings from the Pacific Northwest, where by the time you read this we will have endured our annual run of rain, mudslides, and floods—which is our penance for the postcard summers that render us shamelessly cheerful about global warming.

The Ross family has a wedding coming up. Our daughter Emilie will be married in June. This follows an online search in which the requirements were set so high I was unsure whether she was

looking to build a relationship or a moat. She wanted someone solid and practical, a world traveler, and with a sense of humor, Italian heritage if possible, and a special love for Africa (where she served in the Peace Corps). After many dead ends, along came Mark, who leapt every hurdle (to the point of having been born in Ethiopia!), and also works in aerospace, which made Dad happy. Our younger daughter, Caitlin, now has her master's in speech therapy, and she and her husband are relocating to the other Washington (D.C.; temporarily, we hope), where she'll be doing her internship at a private school.

That's all my news—now to yours. **Frank Scruggs** reports from Delray Beach, FL, that son **Shea**, MBA '15, was awarded his Cornell MBA last year, navigating the academic course set by his sister and his father and becoming the family's third Cornell graduate. Frank has a pretty impressive résumé himself, having served as secretary of labor and employment security for the State of Florida and as a member of the Florida Board of Regents. He's also a trustee emeritus of the U. of Miami.

**Daniel Scheraga** (Tully, NY) is still making a living at polo! After coaching the sport for 11 years at Cornell, he is now celebrating 20 years as executive director of the Polo Training Foundation. It's his job to help establish basic polo skills for kids in 4-H and pony clubs, and to find polo opportunities for every age group—including seniors. Here's how deep the family tradition runs: Dan's son not only teaches polo on the West Coast, but came home to be married on the family polo field in New York (the wedding invitation advised no high heels). I have to comment that staying in shape, riding horses, and playing the Sport of Kings sounds like a pretty good lifestyle. Danny says the most valuable parts of his Cornell education were his pre- and post-grad business courses, but polo was always his first love, and he's eager to hear from alums on the polo team. "I always tell people I majored in polo and staying out of Vietnam," he says.

And lastly, **Paula Singer** (Reisterstown, MD) is still running her human resources and organizational development firm, the Singer Group, and recently started Act III Ignited (act3ignited.com), which is designed to help executives and senior managers thrive after they retire. She noticed that career-driven boomer women who reach retirement age have no intention of spending it in the Barcalounger—in fact, they see retirement as a second crack at "middle age." So she helps them figure out how to fill the next 20 years with something meaningful. Paula's answer to that challenge—in addition to Act III—is traveling to Turkey and Bhutan with her husband, Mike Pearlman, who has managed to retire into his own second middle age (no surprise, considering who's coaching him!), which includes becoming a superstar at bridge and an accomplished yogi. Paula has recently reconnected with good friend **Roberta Axelrod Meyerson** and her husband, **Bill '72**, and would love to hear from **Laura Aronson** Ostroff. The most valuable thing she learned at Cornell? "Confidence," she says.

Thanks for the news, and remember you can always submit photos at [cornellalumnimagazine.com/photogallery](http://cornellalumnimagazine.com/photogallery) so that your old friends can see how well you're taking care of yourself. Send news to: ☑ **David Ross**, dave@daveross.com; **Pamela Meyers**, psmeyers@fuse.net; **Phyllis Haight** Grummon, phg3@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

**74** Congratulations to classmate and current Cornell professor **Nina Bassuk**. We learned from the Int'l Society of Arboriculture that she was recently honored with their Alex L. Shigo Award for Excellence in Arboriculture Education. Nina was a Horticulture graduate from Cornell and completed her PhD at the U. of London. In 1980 she became program leader for Cornell's Urban Horticulture Inst. Over the course of her career she has co-authored a book and written over 100 papers. She was commended for her research and presentations on the importance of tree diversity in the urban forest and for being an inspiration to her students to commit to the field of arboriculture.

**Florence Higgins**, DVM '81, is still working part time as a small animal veterinarian in Rush, NY. She has two sons: Greg graduated from SUNY Brockport, where he is now pursuing a master's in public administration; and Zack graduated from SUNY Binghamton, where he is currently pursuing a physics PhD. Her husband, after working for Kodak, started a company, Lumisyn, that synthesizes quantum dots. (She writes that she's not sure what that means, but says "it's physics or chemistry"). **Pamela Lea**, DVM '78 (Richfield, NY) is also a veterinarian. Her practice was a mixed practice for ten years, but has been a small animal practice since then. Her son is a flat-bed tractor-trailer driver and her daughter is a restaurant manager and substitute teacher. When not working, Pamela enjoys doing "anything by the water—fishing, sailing, kayaking, swimming," and says she is also a "frustrated traveler." The most valuable thing she learned at Cornell: "How to be an independent, self-sufficient, productive member of society." A Cornell friend she would like to hear from is **Karl Minster**, DVM '77.

**Ron Pies** recently authored a chapbook of poems and essays titled *The Myeloma Year*. It is an account of a difficult medical odyssey in his family and is available on Amazon.com. **Ken Brown** (Hollywood, FL) retired from One Equity Partners (JP Morgan) in June 2014. He continues to advise and help govern several nonprofits, such as AguaClara. Also, he and his wife, Elizabeth, have opened a nonprofit art gallery and a charitable foundation in Hollywood. He writes, "I'm living the dream—traveling, painting, helping to bring clean water to villages using the power of Cornell undergrads." The most valuable thing he learned at Cornell: "The value of interdisciplinary thinking."

Multiple classmates and their offspring have recently been featured in other Cornell publications. From the *Human Ecology* magazine we learn that after Cornell and medical school, **Cynthia Cuffie** did specialty training in internal medicine and endocrinology. She went on to join the pharmaceutical industry and eventually become VP of clinical development and cardiovascular disease at Merck. She retired and currently presides over Aspire Educational Assocs. Corp., which she founded in 2004 to offer career and leadership development. She is also an active Cornell volunteer and has created an endowment fund for Human Ecology minority students to support undergraduate research.

**Robert Dremeluk's** twin sons, **Michael '11** and **Evan '11**, are profiled in the Fall 2015 issue of *Ezra* magazine. The article tells of a company they co-founded with some friends from Michigan State that manufactures and sells iPhone and Samsung phone cases made from repurposed hockey sticks. The cover story of the Summer 2015 issue of *Ezra* was an article titled "West Coast Cornellians: Snapshots of a dynamic relationship between Cornell

and its West Coast community." Among others, the article featured our classmates **John Williams**, vintner and Frog's Leap Winery owner, in Napa Valley, CA; **Mort Bishop**, president of Pendleton Woolen Mills, in Portland, OR; and **Colleen McGinn McAleer** and husband **Bill '73**, MBA '75, co-founder and managing director of Voyager Capital's venture fund, in Seattle, WA.

Thanks to all who wrote this time. Please keep sending news at: <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>. Also, don't forget about the new Alumni Photo Gallery, recently created by *Cornell Alumni Magazine* for sharing the

**Jeffrey Weinberger** (jhwmd53@mac.com) has completed his 33rd year of solo practice in internal medicine in Greenwich, CT, and writes, "As the politics of healthcare has gotten more complicated, a simple doctor-patient relationship has never seemed so rewarding!" Life after Cornell has been good for Jeffrey, who says he is privileged to be on the medical staff of Mohonk Mountain House, a unique Hudson Valley resort with an award-winning spa set in a Victorian castle. **Steven Sauter** (stevensauter@verizon.net) has served as director of the Acute Hospital Program at MassHealth since 2008. While he loves his job, his heart is also

## ‘A simple doctor-patient relationship has never seemed so rewarding!’

Jeffrey Weinberger '75

photos of classmates and friends that we've never been able to fit in the class column. To access this and post pictures of weddings, mini-reunions, successes, events, travels, tributes, and more, go to: <http://cornellalumnimagazine.com/photogallery>.

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**75** With so many special Cornell events having taken place since last June, it's difficult to believe that our 40th Reunion was less than a year ago. For me, Reunion 2015 continued long after June, as gatherings with great friends from Cornell have taken place both at home in the Washington, DC, area and away.

In August I traveled to St. Louis, MO, with **Scott Keenum '76** to visit **Karen Leung** Moore and husband Jim. Karen has purchased a medical supply company, which has kept her busy traveling across the country to meet with distributors and purchasers. George and **Laurie Clemente** Milnor ([laurie.milnor@gmail.com](mailto:laurie.milnor@gmail.com)) journeyed across the Mississippi River from Alton, IL, to join us for a night of baseball, compliments of **Jack Corrigan '74**, radio voice of the Colorado Rockies, who joined us for dinner afterwards. The St. Louis Cardinals took on the Rockies under the shadow of the Arch ("Gateway to the West"). Laurie continues to consult in the hospitality field, balancing family activities with frequent travel. We rounded out our Midwest visit with lunch with **Shelley Cosgrove** DeFord '74. After working with Chase for 25 years in Indonesia, Shelley and husband Phil are now enjoying the St. Louis area and the frequent visits from Cornell friends.

Word from other classmates who have pursued a career in healthcare has been plentiful. Congratulations to **Jeanne Allen** ([jeanne.allen@hheinc.org](mailto:jeanne.allen@hheinc.org)), who was recognized by the American Assn. of Nurse Practitioners as the 2014 Massachusetts Nurse Practitioner of the Year. Currently living in Easthampton, MA, she has been a family nurse practitioner for the past 27 years. **Jerald Pinto** is putting long hours into developing curriculum for CFA Inst. in Charlottesville, VA, while his wife, Rosemarie, is a full-time CNA at an assisted care facility. Jerald co-edited *Fixed Income Analysis*, published by John Wiley in 2015.

held by his first granddaughter, 2-year-old Alina. Steve writes, "Grampy loves helping take care of her each week." Perhaps his enjoyment of traveling across the US and Europe grew out of fond memories of learning history from Cornell professor Richard Polenberg, as he says that he'd love to see him do another lecture.

Congratulations also go out to **Paul Watkins**, MD '79, on receiving the Agilent Thought Leader Award in 2014 and the Rawls-Palmer Innovation in Medicine Award in 2015. Continuing as a professor of medicine at the Hamner-UNC Inst. for Drug Safety Sciences in Chapel Hill, NC, Paul reports that he is happy to be a workaholic. If **Ray Grabo** and other Cornell friends are reading this column, contact Paul at [pbwatkins@med.unc.edu](mailto:pbwatkins@med.unc.edu). When asked what has proved to be the most valuable thing he learned at Cornell, **Richard O'Bey** ([obey@ec.r.com](mailto:obey@ec.r.com)) responded, "You have to work hard if you want to succeed," a tenet he has put into practice for many years as the owner of a Sunbelt Business Brokers office, a business brokerage franchise, in Morehead City, NC. He and wife Angie are pleased to report that their daughter recently married, allowing Richard more time to focus on "growing younger," a worthy cause indeed! Also an entrepreneur, **Clifford Davis** ([cmd47@cornell.edu](mailto:cmd47@cornell.edu)) works in his package development, sourcing, and supply business in Woodstock, CT, where he employs seven people. He and wife Linda enjoy spending time with their young granddaughter, Alex, born in May 2013.

We've also heard from **Randy** and **Ellen Perry Dole** ([dolesrus@comcast.net](mailto:dolesrus@comcast.net)), who live in Boulder, CO. Ellen serves as regional counsel for HUD in Denver, while Randy is a senior scientist for NOAA in Boulder. They are both excited about being able to share family memories with their son, Chris, who is working in Hollywood, CA, and, across the mountains in Glenwood Springs, with daughter/pediatrician Becca and her husband, Matt, who have a 2-year-old baby, Emily Rose.

Retirement is a reoccurring theme. **Frederick Johnson Jr.**, MBA '77 ([fsj.consult@gmail.com](mailto:fsj.consult@gmail.com)) moved to Western New York to "retire" to the family winery, Johnson Estate Winery, in Westfield. He and wife **Jennifer (Schroeder)**, MBA '79, are officially empty-nesters. Son **Spencer '10** married in December 2014 and now lives in Virginia, and daughter Blaine is attending graduate school in Shanghai. "Life is good," Frederick reports, "but winning the lottery might be nice!" He would

love to hear from Cornell friend **Cliff Taubes**. After 34 years of working as a bank lawyer, **Lucy Weingartner** (Lweingartner20@gmail.com) retired in April 2015, and is looking forward to more travel, exercise, reading, and exploring (both at home and elsewhere).

Please take a few minutes to send us highlights of your life after Cornell, college friends you

**Ian Friedland** (friedlandian@verizon.net) just retired after 37 years as a bridge and structural engineer. During the last ten of those years, Ian was director of bridge research for the Federal Highway Administration. Early last year, he built a new home in Lewes, DE, on Rehoboth Bay, where he can look across the bay to the Atlantic Ocean. During retirement, Ian and his wife, Jan

restaurants in Singapore and meeting new friends, including those he met at a Cornell mixer. He is also enjoying year-round golf and visiting nearby spots such as Bali, Phuket, and Borneo.

Among those “thinking” about retiring is **Brenda Kline** (brendapkline@gmail.com)—although she says she has no date in mind. Brenda still likes her work as a clinical nutrition specialist for INOVA Health Systems. She recently downsized to a smaller house and lot, but it has been a lot of work, including a kitchen remodel. She writes, “Both of my kids make more money than we do—which is good.” She adds that she has four grandsons and three granddaughters and sees them all frequently. While Brenda is still playing tennis and golf and exercising, she reports that she had to buy prescription reading glasses this year, which she thinks might be a sign of getting older! She celebrated her 60th birthday with **Deb Demske** in NYC in 2015. **Alison Dick** (onelinalison@gmail.com) is still at Lahey Hospital & Medical Center as a senior staff gynecologist, but says she’d like to be retiring right now! She would like to hear from **Debbie Elkins**. Not a whisper about retirement from **Gregory Rosenblatt** (grosenblatt@wiggin.com). He tells us he has been a patent attorney in New Haven, CT, for 28 years, and the job has been rewarding. He has traveled to fascinating places and had an opportunity to meet scientists and engineers worldwide. In May 2015, Gregory’s daughter **Karen ‘13** married fellow Cornellian **Aldo Garcia ‘14**, BS ‘13.

How about you? Have you retired? Do you plan to do so in the near future? Or are you still having fun with your current job? Write and let us know. Please keep all of your news and views coming in via the online news form at: <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>. Or e-mail your correspondents at: **Annette Mulee**, [annette@mulee.com](mailto:annette@mulee.com); or **Howie Eisen**, [heisen@drexelmed.edu](mailto:heisen@drexelmed.edu).

## ‘Dennis Conway shot and edited a mini-documentary about NYC subway musicians.’

Kathy Zappia Gould ’79

have seen, and memorable moments on campus, and we’ll share the news in our upcoming columns. **Joan Pease**, [japease1032@aol.com](mailto:japease1032@aol.com); **Deb Gellman**, [dsgellman@hotmail.com](mailto:dsgellman@hotmail.com); **Karen DeMarco Boroff**, [boroffka@shu.edu](mailto:boroffka@shu.edu); **Mitch Frank**, [mjfgator@gmail.com](mailto:mjfgator@gmail.com). Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

**76** Greetings! I write this column as the holidays and New Year approach. I have limited news submissions, so I will take this opportunity to encourage all of us to return to campus this June 9-12 for our 40th Reunion. Friends and classmates are busily working on making this return to Cornell a memorable one for all of us. So mark it on your calendar and try to be there if possible.

We heard from **Greacian Goeke ‘75**, BA ‘76, who has published an artist book called *Walking Through Grief*. Uniting photography and text with a walking score, this field guide offers an invitation for griever to walk as part of the healing process. Greacian developed this work through a California Arts Council residency with Center for Elderly Suicide Prevention (Inst. on Aging), San Francisco, inspired by the trails she walked as artist-in-residence at Headlands Center for the Arts. A smaller excerpt of the book will be distributed to counseling centers, bereavement departments, and suicide prevention agencies across the country. Begun while Greacian was a graduate student at California College of Arts and Crafts, this long-term project has finally found its right form.

Greacian was also recently selected for the Dance Educators Leadership Inst. at Luna Dance Inst. in Berkeley. She will participate in this year-long incubator project with five other prominent Bay Area dance educators, culminating in a conference in August 2016. She is using this opportunity to expand her dance company, Impromptu No Tutu (for ages 50-90), and further develop its curriculum and intergenerational programming.

As always, I send you warm wishes and all the best! Send news to: **Karen Krinsky Sussman**, [Krinsk54@gmail.com](mailto:Krinsk54@gmail.com); **Pat Relf** Hanavan, [patrelf1@gmail.com](mailto:patrelf1@gmail.com); **Lisa Diamant**, [Ljdiamant@verizon.net](mailto:Ljdiamant@verizon.net). Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

**77** Retirement, retirement, retirement! Based on news received recently, a number of our classmates have already taken the leap, and some are anticipating doing so soon.

Fisher (Ithaca College ‘75), are spending time volunteering with the Marine Mammal Education, Research and Rehabilitation (MERR) Inst., which helps stranded marine mammals and sea turtles and conducts community outreach and education. Ian also writes that he is rehabbing an original 1950s Lionel train set and spending time hiking and biking in various places. He would most like to hear from his old Cornell friend **Carl Landerl**. Among the best concerts he attended while at Cornell, Ian cited Billy Joel and Phoebe Snow, YES, and Jefferson Starship with Grace Slick. His most valuable lesson learned at Cornell? “How to enjoy life—especially the outdoors (parks, waterfalls, critters, and plants).” Now, he says, he and his wife are “learning how to slow down.”

**Steven Kurth** ([kurthsj@aol.com](mailto:kurthsj@aol.com)) also recently retired after 36 years in government service as a senior executive with the Naval Nuclear Propulsion Program, an organization known as Naval Reactors. But while Steve retired from that longtime position, he is still working as an executive consulting engineer with MPR Assocs. in Alexandria, VA, where he advises the commercial nuclear power industry. **Steve Hensler** ([stevehensler6@gmail.com](mailto:stevehensler6@gmail.com)), still living in eastern Pennsylvania, writes that after 32 years in the chemical industry, he is now teaching in the business school at Kutztown U. He says he’d rather be “hitting a wedge to the center of the green.” Since Steve said the most valuable thing he learned at Cornell was time management, it’s likely he manages to get out to swing his golf clubs regularly.

How about retiring abroad? **Tom Windmuller** ([tom.windmuller@gmail.com](mailto:tom.windmuller@gmail.com)) writes that after a 25-year career with the Int’l Air Transport Association (IATA) in Geneva, Switzerland, he has also retired. Last fall, Tom was back on the Hill enrolling his son in the Class of 2019, where he enjoyed meeting our new president. Tom and his wife plan to remain in Switzerland for the foreseeable future, and—make a note here!—he says they have plenty of bedrooms in their chalet in the Swiss Alps and invites his old friends from Cornell to let him know when they are in the area. Also living abroad is **Bob Edwards**. Bob writes that after more than five years as Chevron Country Chairman in Korea, he has moved to Singapore to take on the new role of GM Singapore manufacturing and Asia refining (strategy) development. Bob reports that he and his family really enjoyed the culture of Korea and says that the four seasons they have there are much like Ithaca’s. Singapore, on the other hand, is 85 degrees Fahrenheit, plus or minus ten degrees, pretty much all year (sounds like a tough posting, right?). Bob has enjoyed the

**78** While many of us have our sights on retirement and travel, at least one of our classmates has recently made a big career move: **Gerard Badorrek** is the new chief financial officer of the General Services Administration, managing the GSA’s \$24 billion budget and a team of more than 800 employees! He is responsible for all financial programs and activities of the agency, including strategic planning, budgeting, accounting, analytics and reporting, financial policies, financial operations, and audits. The majority of his career has been spent helping large multi-national organizations become more efficient and effective, but he has also helped guide smaller companies and startup enterprises. In addition to his Cornell credentials (BS ORIE), Gerard has an MBA from Stanford and a master’s in economics from Case Western Reserve.

**Daniel Kershaw** was featured in a recent issue of the *Human Ecology* magazine. A Design and Environmental Analysis major, Daniel is a senior exhibition designer for the Metropolitan Museum of Art, where he plans environments for up to a dozen shows each year. “My primary mission is to make you appreciate the spectacular beauty of these artworks,” he said in the article. “The design must be appropriate and not distract from the mission.” Daniel credits former DEA chair Joe Carreiro with fueling his passion for design. “A tremendous amount of your future is determined by a charismatic individual or two, somebody who helps solidify your focus,” he noted. **Diana Lorenz** Weggler’s love of Cornell hockey led to a recent interview with

former *Cornell Alumni Magazine* editor **Jim Roberts '71** for a book he is writing on the subject. "We had a great phone conversation about the early days of Cornell women's hockey, which brought back a flood of memories of great times spent at Lynah Rink and elsewhere with my Big Red teammates and Coach **Bill Duthie '71.**"

**Theodore Feitshans** recently published a textbook on agricultural law titled *Agriculture and Agribusiness Law*, which helps students of land-based industries with little or no legal background to appreciate and identify issues that may require referral or consultation with legal counsel. Theodore is a professor in the Dept. of Agricultural and Resource Economics at NC State. **Daniel Forsyth** has been named the Best Lawyers' 2016 Buffalo Litigation-Labor and Employment "Lawyer of the Year." This honor is awarded to only one lawyer in any practice area in a city. Daniel is the managing member of Bond, Schoeneck & King's Buffalo office, and represents employers in National Labor Relations Board proceedings including unfair labor practice charges and more than 25 union organizing campaigns.

**Walter Milani** is preparing to manage and play a role in the US national tour of *Saturday Night Fever* after managing the Andrew Lloyd Webber-produced international tour of *The Sound of Music*.

**Jonathan Honig** and his wife celebrated their 30th anniversary with a trip through Sumatra, Borobudur, and Bali. They enjoyed seeing orangutans in their native forest, the 9th-century architectural magnificence, and the beaches and crafts of Bali. Jonathan writes, "Singapore is a wonderful place to visit old friends, use as a launch pad for exploring Asia, and celebrate the New Year with people from more different backgrounds than one could find almost anywhere in the world. It was, in short, exhausting and exhilarating." **Cathleen Giannetta** studied coral reef ecology and the conservation of marine systems along the Great Barrier Reef in Australia last summer while participating in Miami U.'s Earth Expeditions global field course in Australia. A complex litigation attorney at the Law Offices of Tobias & Kuhn in Scarsdale, NY, Cathleen took the graduate course in pursuit of her master's degree from Miami U.'s Advanced Inquiry Program.

A few of our other classmates immersed themselves in a CAU class on campus last summer or joined a study tour to destinations around the world in 2015. **Ellen McCollister** enjoyed A Spring Theater Weekend course in New York, while **Leslee Moore** explored Whales and Wildness in the Sea of Cortez. On campus, **Gail Rosselot** took Focus on Aesthetics: A Photography Workshop, while **David Levine** delved into Great Mathematical Ideas: Their Context and Impact as well as Bike the Finger Lakes. These non-credit courses, designed and led by some of Cornell's most gifted faculty, allow alums to enjoy the educational life of our exceptional university in the company of other engaged adult learners. To learn more about upcoming offerings, visit [www.cau.cornell.edu](http://www.cau.cornell.edu).

In this age of social media and sharing, don't forget you can submit photos at [cornellalumnimagazine.com/photogallery](http://cornellalumnimagazine.com/photogallery). Until next time, keep the news coming to: [Ilene Shub Lefland, ilefland@snet.net](mailto:ilene@cornellalumnimagazine.com); or **Cindy Fuller**, [cindy@cindyjfuller.com](mailto:cindy@cindyjfuller.com).

**79** Our classmates have been busy with their careers and family, but the focus is shifting toward our grown children, grandchildren, and what we would like to do with our free time.

**Richard Friedman** (Westport, CT; [rfriedman@richardfriedmanlaw.com](mailto:rfriedman@richardfriedmanlaw.com)) has recently formed his own employment and business litigation boutique law firm in NYC after 30 years working in Big Law. He has also started appearing on Fox News and Fox Business as a legal commentator. He is happy to report that his grown children are all gainfully employed and that life is good. Now his life goal is to do more and more travel. **Dennis Conway** ([bansheewail2001@aol.com](mailto:bansheewail2001@aol.com)) is an assistant professor of mass media and was promoted to Mass Media area head at Valdosta State U. in Georgia. Dennis recently also shot and edited a mini-documentary about NYC subway musicians. He has co-published an article in the Broadcast Education Association's *Journal of Media Education*, April 2015 edition, entitled "Which is More Vital to Production Classes: Teaching Content or Technology?" He would love to hear from **Mark Renaud**. Dennis is thankful that Cornell allowed him to develop a vigorous work ethic to enable him to finish projects that he starts.

**Bolivar Arbolde-Osorio** ([barboledamd@gmail.com](mailto:barboledamd@gmail.com)) praises Cornell for teaching him to think! He is now the director of breast surgery at Hospital HIMA-San Pablo in the Breast Inst. there. He and his wife, Diana Otero, live in Caguas, PR, where they welcomed their first grandson in November 2014. Bolivar would like to be on an African safari and would love to hear from **Eda Melendez '77**. **Peter** and **Kathryn Spitzer Kim** ([Kimbrynmawr@gmail.com](mailto:Kimbrynmawr@gmail.com)) have relocated from Pennsylvania to Menlo Park, CA, where Peter is a professor of biochemistry at Stanford School of Medicine. Kathryn is an adjunct professor in genetic counseling at Stanford.

**Carol Carberry**, DVM '82, is a veterinary surgeon specializing in soft tissue and oncologic surgery, orthopedics, and neurosurgery at the Oradell Animal Hospital in Paramus, NJ. **Rebecca Bower Vallely**, MBA '80, and husband Edward are happily retired snowbirds, living on Cayuga Lake in the summer and on the Gulf Coast of Florida the rest of the year. Rebecca's father, former Cornell faculty member Lewis Bower, passed away last April at age 89. **Dana Ellsworth** and wife Lorraine live in Brushton, NY, where they are retired and own and operate an organic "hobby" farm. Dana writes that the most valuable thing he learned at Cornell was to tolerate or accept others for who they are. **Judy Krell** Freedman (Marlton, NJ) is studying to become a yoga teacher. She is enjoying her semi-retired life while continuing to blog at [boomerslifeafter50.com](http://boomerslifeafter50.com) and other sites including the Huffington Post and HealthyWomen.org.

**Diane Bonnert** Holcomb ([diholcomb@sbcglobal.net](mailto:diholcomb@sbcglobal.net)) lives in Davis, CA, where she enjoys traveling, bicoastal living, and gardening. Unfortunately, she has had some health issues this year, but this hasn't stopped her from enjoying the new grandbabies in the family. Diane would love to hear from **Mary McGrady** and **Loreen Forester** De Geus. She would like to thank Cornell for her decision making, critical thinking, and project management skills. **Tim** and **Laura Hitt McCann** have Cornell to thank for allowing them to tolerate bad weather and embrace a wide variety of types of people. They are still living in Landenberg, PA, where Tim works for DuPont. They have become world travelers since they have children living in Hawaii, California, and Ethiopia. Their first grandchild lives in Ethiopia, making the trip to Grandma and Grandpa's house longer than most. Besides traveling to see family, they enjoy sailing and their horses. They haven't abandoned their original

passions at Cornell, where Tim was the captain of the sailing team and Laura was an Ag and Life Sciences person. They would love to see classmate **Jamie Lewis Keith**.

**Barry Ziring** (Media, PA; [ziring@verizon.net](mailto:ziring@verizon.net)) and his wife, Deborah, have been busy with three young-adult sons and their college careers. Jeremy recently graduated from the U. of Chicago and is working in India, Dan is a sophomore at Brown, and Corey will be attending the U. of Rochester in 2016. Sadly, classmate **John Harriott** died March 5, 2015 of pancreatic cancer in Winston-Salem, NC. John studied Chemical Engineering at Cornell and went on to study medicine at Einstein College and Syracuse U. He was an ophthalmologist and an expert craftsman who enjoyed rebuilding sports cars and woodworking. He and wife Angela had three children, and son **Bryan '17** is currently an Engineering student and fourth-generation Cornellian. We received notification of John's passing from his father, **Peter Harriott '48**.

**Bob Gould** and I had the pleasure of spending an August weekend in Ithaca to attend the wedding of Maura Grainger, the middle daughter of our dear friends **Brad** and **Mary Maxon Grainger**. We had a great time in and around Ithaca at all of the wedding events. It was great to walk in Cascadilla Gorge and Treman Park and enjoy craft beer at Ithaca Beer Co. It was a beautiful weekend in the Finger Lakes, which is so much nicer in August than in February!

Please continue to keep in touch with us so that we can inform classmates about your news. You can also keep up with class events at our own website (<http://classof79.alumni.cornell.edu>), our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/Cornell1979/>), and the Cornell Class of '79 LinkedIn group. As always, you can submit news to us throughout the year at [classof79@cornell.edu](mailto:classof79@cornell.edu), or directly at: [Kathy Zappia Gould](mailto:KathyZappiaGould@gmail.com), [kathy.gould57@gmail.com](mailto:kathy.gould57@gmail.com); [Cynthia Ahlgren Shea](mailto:CynthiaAhlgrenShea@sothebyshomes.com), [cynthiashea@sothebyshomes.com](mailto:cynthiashea@sothebyshomes.com); or [Linda Moses](mailto:LindaMosesmosesgurevitch@aol.com), [mosesgurevitch@aol.com](mailto:mosesgurevitch@aol.com).

**80** Our classmates have shared news of their family celebrations and accomplishments, their career milestones and changes, and the next stages in their lives as we embark on our 36th year after graduation. Please continue to provide your news—this column is a terrific way to reconnect and keep in touch with your Cornell friends and memories.

The Class of 1980 enjoyed the annual Cornell ice hockey game at Madison Square Garden during Thanksgiving weekend. There was an enthusiastic turnout, and we cheered Cornell's lead over Boston U. 2-0—until the game ended in overtime with a 3-3 tie. Some classmates at the game included **Beth Anderson**, **Leona Barsky**, MS ILR '81, **Mark Bergeron**, Lily Chu, MBA '82, JD '09, **Gary Gertzog**, **Jeffrey Klein**, MBA '82, **Ronald McGrath**, **Jill Miller**, BFA '80, **Esther Elkin Mildner**, **Steve Polotsky**, **Clifford Strat**, **Dewey Shay**, **Matthew Sola**, **Scott Thompson**, **Candy Crocker Warren**, and **Lisa Privett-Wood**. Gary is currently executive VP, business affairs for Fanatics, and Scott is general counsel, marketing properties for Mars.

Daniel Rubin, son of **Janet Goldin** Rubin '79, married Tracey Skaler in a breathtaking ceremony on November 21, 2015 at the Westin Hotel in Philadelphia. Many Cornellians toasted the new couple at a wonderful party with nonstop dancing including classmates Beth Anderson, Leona Barsky,

Esther Elkin Mildner, **Margie Salshutz** Brauner, and **Linda Ripps** Feder. **Elyse Tepper Nathanson** established the Andrew J. Nathanson Professorship at the ILR school in honor of her husband, **Andy '79**, who passed away in a surfing accident in 2009. The inaugural recipient is Prof. Jefferson Cowie, chair of the Dept. of Labor Relations, Law and History. Elyse has three children who are Cornellians: **Brian '12** graduated from ILR and established the Virginia Freeman Memorial Prize for an ILR student demonstrating selflessness, responsibility, and integrity; **Alison '14** graduated from the Dyson School; and **Kevin** will be graduating from ILR in 2017.

**Paul Ney**, an intellectual property and registered patent lawyer with Patterson Intellectual Property Law in Nashville has been appointed to the LaunchTN board of directors, a public-private partnership focused on supporting the development of high-growth companies in Tennessee, by Speaker Beth Harwell from the Tennessee House of Representatives. Paul has served in the public sector as the director of the Nashville Davidson County Mayor's Office of Economic and Community Development, the deputy general counsel for the Dept. of Defense, and the acting general counsel for the Dept. of the Navy. **Mark Reinharz**, a labor and employment law partner with Bond, Schoeneck & King in the Garden City, NY, office, has been recognized in the 2015 New York Metro Super Lawyers. Mark represents private and public sector employers and has practiced in all aspects of labor and employment law.

**Neil Weinstein** and wife Annette have spent most of the past ten years living and working in Southeast Asia, with most of their time spent in Cambodia. They started Education First Cambodia, a nonprofit organization supporting the university education of impoverished Cambodian women ([www.educationfirstcambodia.org](http://www.educationfirstcambodia.org)). Neil is currently working for the USAID-funded Rule of Law project in Myanmar. When they return to the US, they are based in Sausalito, CA. **Geoffrey Jarvis** is a director in a Delaware law firm, where he has worked for the past 16 years. Geoffrey writes that his older daughter is a senior at Cornell in the Arts college, his younger daughter is a freshman at Lafayette College, and his wife is an artist with a flourishing career in southeastern Pennsylvania. The American Chemical Society named **Michael Sofia** as a recipient of the 2015 Heroes of Chemistry award along with seven other scientists from the Gilead team for the development of Harvoni tablets—the first once-daily tablet for chronic hepatitis C genotype 1, which has demonstrated cure rates of 94-99 percent in clinical trials.

Michael was honored at the national meeting on August 16, 2015.

**Nayla Rizk** retired from Spencer Stuart, a leading executive recruiting firm, in 2013 after 18 years working in the Silicon Valley office. Nayla has been spending more time at her second home in Princeton, where her husband, Bob, works as a professor of computer science at Princeton U. and has been partnering with another Cornellian on a startup based in the New York area. Nayla has served as a member of the President's Council of Cornell Women and returned to the Engineering college to give talks about career paths. Her son Peter has completed his first year as an MBA candidate at MIT Sloan School of Management, and her younger son, Andrew, is working at Morgan Stanley as an analyst and living in the West Village.

Elyse Nathanson participated in the CAU New York theatre weekend in 2015. Other classmates participated in the on-campus summer classes including **Debra Giorgi** Anderson in the Photo Workshop and the Rowing Clinic and **Denise Rempe** in the Biking class. Please continue to send your news and stay in touch. ☐ **Leona Barsky**, lb39@cornell.edu; **Dana Jerrard**, dej24@cornell.edu; **Dik Saalfeld**, rfs25@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

**81** Greetings, Class of 1981! We just returned from a great trip to New York, where we were able to go to the Red Hot Hockey match at Madison Square Garden! It was fun cheering on the Big Red and hearing all the songs and chants again. At the same time, our son, Tyler (a BU sophomore), was stationed in the BU cheering section next to the band. We are a "house divided"! We sat with **Pat Yeh** and **Larry Lue**, along with **Rhonda Eisner** Batt and her husband, Jay. Also attending the game were **Nan Simon**, **Lisa Kremer** Ullman, **Mike Howell**, **Lynn Ciolino** Boyajian, **Laura Fratt**, **Brad Siff '83**, ME '84, MBA '85, **Susan Glenn** Joseph, **Ed Baum**, **Daniel Weisz**, **Lisa Stern**, **Marilyn Trautfield** Sugarman, **Heidi Fleischman**, **Rhonda Brauer**, **Dan Scully**, and **Renee Miller-Mizia**.

Renee reports, "My husband, John, and I attended the hockey game with both of our Cornellians, **Alyse Mizia '09** and **J. Colin Mizia '12**, and my mom, Colette Miller (also mother of **Dennis Miller '91**), and all had a wonderful time. Also, I have just accepted a new position as CMO at Dechert, a Philadelphia-headquartered global law firm. In recent weeks, "Where's home?" has become an interesting question as we regularly spend time

in Boston and Lenox, MA, NYC, and now Philadelphia, PA." **Jessica Pearlstein** Zachs let us know that she is currently serving as president of the board of trustees of the local Conservative Jewish Day School and was inducted into the National Jewish Women's Philanthropy Board. Her oldest son was married this past fall. **Russ Bernard '80** and Jessica's sister **Caren Pearlstein** Hosansky '79 were in attendance. Jessica would love to be biking somewhere exotic again, as last year she was able to bike from Jerusalem to Eilat—400 miles and 23,563 feet of climbing! She would love to hear from classmate **Joe Ruocco**.

We heard from **Pete Gehlich** (West Palm Beach, FL), who now operates a landscape and gardening business. He met his wife, **Nadia**, in Chile in 2001, and they have a 9-year-old daughter, **Rachel**. He would love to hear from classmate **Bradley Marple**, BArch '81. Pete says he loves to spend time relaxing at a cabin deep in the woods with his wife and daughter. This past fall I met up with **Sally Furness** Dawson and her son, **Nahoa**, who came down to our coffeehouse in Seal Beach. Nahoa is studying forestry in a school near their home in Lancaster, CA. Sally is having fun teaching English to eighth graders.

We stay busy in California with the coffeehouse, along with our daughter, **Caroline**, who is a junior in high school, singing and dancing in show choir, and deciding where she would like to go to college. Who knows . . . maybe Cornell? Don't forget our 35th Reunion is this June, so save the dates, June 9-12, 2016! We would love to hear from you, so please write! ☐ **JoAnn Minsker** Adams, joann@budadams.net; **Barb Amoscato** Sabaitis, beachba@hotmail.com; **Betsy Silverfine**, bsilverfine@comcast.net.

**82** Spring is here, and soon we will begin to hear plans for our upcoming Reunion in 2017. I hope to see many of you back on the Hill. It will be a great one.

**Nir Margalit** (nirmargalit@cox.net) wrote from Emeryville, CA, where he is CEO of Avenir Culinary Systems Inc., as well as of counsel with the law firm of Foley & Lardner LLP. He and his wife, **Jennifer**, were married last year and are expecting their first child. **Paul** and **Patty Danehy Catsos '83** (pcatsos@thomsonbowie.com) were elated to attend the 2015 graduation ceremonies for their son **Mike**, MRP '15.

Several classmates have enrolled their children in Cornell's Summer College Program over the years (and some even attended the program themselves many years ago). In 2015, we were advised that at least five of our classmates had children participate in this program including: **Eric Alterman's** daughter, **Eve**; **Mary Nolan** Daytz, MBA '87's daughter **Olivia**; **Carol Horowitz**, MD '89's daughter **Devon Feuer**; **David '85** and **Carlene Chin Huang's** daughter **Samantha**; and **Lori Penner** Hurwitz's son, **Scott**.

From the West Coast, we received news from **Timothy Muck** (Shoreline, WA; timothymuck78@gmail.com). He has been diagnosed with MS and is seeking out fellow Cornellians who have been similarly diagnosed. One of many attorneys in our class, **Caroline Black Sikorske** wrote in from Tampa, FL. Caroline is the managing partner at the law firm of Mason Black & Caballero PA and was recently elected to membership in the American College of Family Trial Lawyers.

Thanks to all who have been sending us your news. Please continue to send updates about your



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**83** I am writing this column in early December 2015. The weather has been unusually warm in New York. After last year, that is an absolute blessing! Strangely, the amount of news coming in has been somewhat meager. Hopefully that changes with the end of the holidays and the start of the new spring semester at Cornell.

Once again, Big Red men's hockey played Boston U. over Thanksgiving weekend 2015 at Madison Square Garden ("Scr\*# BU! Harvard too!"). Cornellians flooded into NYC and basically took over the entire Herald Square area. Most of the local bars were full of Cornell hockey jerseys. The Class of '83 started with a pre-game party organized by **Abbie Bookbinder** Meyer at the Long Hall, a local Irish pub. More than 50 classmates and families chowed down and tipped up and got in the proper spirit before heading over to the Garden. **Lynn Leopold** organized our 100-person class block (thank you!) and we had a great view of the game as Cornell battled number-two-ranked BU. Classmate sightings at the game (in addition to Abbie and Lynn) included **Nancy Gilroy** (just back from an African safari), **Joel Davidson**, ME '84 (from Texas with new wife Gloria—congrats!), **Jon Felice** (with his mountain-man beard), **Sue Wasserman** Guerin (sporting a new engagement ring!), **Mark** and **Kim Rhodes**, **Matt Palumbo**, BS ILR '86, **Stewart Glickman**, **Russ Widom**, **Elizabeth Meller** Alderman, **Michael Buthe**, **Lisa Richman** Naimi, **Robert Smith**, **Sherrie Tafuri**, **Ellen Trompeter** Sherry, **Laurence Goodman**, **Brian Miles**, **Paul Pomilla**, and **Simon** and **Jeri Roche Turner**.

As the teams were introduced, I noticed many newspapers being pulled out and used to effectively ignore the BU team. When Cornell was introduced, the place went nuts! The first period was scoreless. The teams seemed quite even in talent. In the second period, Cornell was on fire. We managed to put away two goals, which led to the Garden-wide chant of "It's all your fault, it's all your fault." Everyone pointed their fingers at the BU goalie—and we all enjoyed the Cornell tradition. The third period was quite interesting. BU scored two goals and tied the game. Of course, that led to a chant of "BC rejects, BC rejects." In between I heard a few "Safety school, safety school" chants. The Big Red Band put on quite a show, playing many of our favorites. The cowbell was also played numerous times to rally support for Cornell.

This tie ended when Cornell scored with five minutes left in the game. At that point, victory seemed close. However, BU's persistence paid off, and they tied the game up with little time left. Following regulation play and a short overtime, the official score was a 3-3 tie. In order to have a winner for the special trophy that the two teams historically play for, the referees met with each bench and a shoot-out was agreed upon. Even the shoot-out resulted in a tie. That then led to a second "sudden death" shoot-out. Unfortunately, we didn't score and they did. BU emptied the bench and the game was over.

**Layne Lieberman** (layne@worldRD.com) lives in Boulder, CO, and was a Nutrition Science major at Cornell. She published an award-winning book, *Beyond The Mediterranean Diet: European Secrets of the Super-Healthy*. Layne has been spending

much time blogging for the Huffington Post and WorldRD.com. Mark Rhodes (Westfield, NJ; mk.rhodes@comcast.net) continues his quest to hit all the state high-points in his free time. This past year, he summited in Hawaii, Maine, Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Nebraska, and New Mexico, but got turned back from the high point of Colorado due to snow fields and bad weather. He is at 28 states so far, with more road trips planned for the near future.

Hopefully everyone sends in news—we count on you! Enjoy the end of winter! [Jon Felice](mailto:jbfelice@jbfelice.com), jbfelice@jbfelice.com; [Barb Deane](mailto:bldeane@gmail.com), bldeane@gmail.com. Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-note.cfm>.

**84** **Esther Margulies** is part of an all-Cornell, all-female-led architect team for a competition in Los Angeles, CA, held by Pershing Square Renew. This nonprofit is collaborating with businesses, the government, and the community to revitalize Pershing Square in L.A. "Our team is led by **Barbara Wilks '73**, BArch '74, **Alice Kimm '86**, and myself. We have successfully made the short list of ten teams culled from an international group of 52 applicants," Esther writes. You can learn more at: <http://pershingquarenew.com/tenteams/> ("We are the 'W JFAK OotDL' team").

**Glenn Kerner** has been named a partner in overseeing Goodwin Procter's national litigation practice. He is the head of litigation in the firm's New York office, concentrating his practice on complex mass torts and multidistrict litigation, with a focus on pharmaceutical, medical device, and food litigation. Glenn joined Goodwin in 2001. He has held senior leadership positions with the Defense Research Inst. including his current service on DRI's product liability steering committee.

*Cornell Alumni Magazine* recently created an Alumni Photo Gallery for sharing the photos we've never been able to fit in the class column. To view and post pictures of weddings, mini-reunions, successes, events, travels, tributes, and more, go to: <http://cornellalumnimagazine.com/photogallery>. Our news supply is low, so please send us an update: [Janet M. Insardi](mailto:insardij@hotmail.com), insardij@hotmail.com; **Catherine "Kitty" Cantwell**, catherinejcantwell@gmail.com. Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

**85** Happy spring! I have survived the corporate merger of Hospira and Pfizer. The merger took place in September and our salesforces were combined in late November. I spent the entire month of December training on the new products as a new member of the Pfizer surgical injectables team. I continue calling on anesthesiologists and surgeons with greater focus on the OR as the Pfizer product portfolio includes surgical products for hemostasis and wound closure. Welcome to my world. I am also still sporting my midwinter tan, which I picked up from a much-needed break over the holiday with my family down in Delray Beach, FL.

While there, I had the chance to catch up with **Dale Bornstein** and her family, who were vacationing in Highland Beach, FL. I am excited to share Dale's news: she has been nominated for PR Professional of the Year. She will find out in March if she has clinched the title! Dale has also added a new member to her family—an adorable puppy. From the Hill, **Risa Mish**, JD '88, writes that she

has just been promoted to Professor of the Practice of Management at the Johnson School, effective July 2015. For Risa, this is the job of a lifetime. She will get to teach students in the two-year residential MBA program and the one-year residential MBA program, the Cornell Tech program in NYC, the Executive MBA program, and the Tsinghua/Cornell MBA/MFS program. Congratulations, Risa!

**Jonathan Miller**, the "Rattlesnake Lawyer," is coming out with a new book, *A Million Dead Lawyers*. It looks like a fun read and is his eighth book in the Rattlesnake Lawyer series. He may be the most prolific writer in the class. Congratulations, Jonathan! I have also been reading on Facebook that **Jim Joseph** is getting wonderful accolades for his new book, *Out and About Dad*. For those of you who don't know, it is an enlightening book on the personal journey for Jim as a divorced gay father making the transition to living openly in the world and with his family.

As we all know, we are getting to that time of the year when high school seniors find their destiny. **Ron Prague** is a proud father—his daughter Jesse has been admitted to Cornell's Class of 2020. She will be a third-generation Cornellian, joining Ron's wife's dad and mom, **Sig, JD '62**, and **Bonnie Liman Semon '63**, BS HE '62. Ron's older daughter is a freshman at Tulane and his youngest is starting middle school. **Linda Yetter** Brothers also posted on Facebook that her son just got into Cornell Engineering and is interested in talking with other kids who are going the Engineering route or interested in the Big Red Band.

This fall I made two trips to Michigan, one to see Michigan State play football and the other to see my daughter skate for the Michigan State synchronized skating team at the Porter Competition in Ann Arbor. Thanks to those of you who took the time to send an update! Additional news welcome at: [Roberta Zwiebel Farhi](mailto:Roberta.Zwiebel.Farhi@cornett0667@aol.com), rfahiesq@aol.com; [Joyce Zelkowitz Cornett](mailto:Joyce.Zelkowitz.Cornett@comcast.net), cornett0667@comcast.net. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

**86** While it is wonderful to read news about our classmates, it is infinitely better to see them in person. We hope you will all take advantage of the opportunity next summer in Ithaca. Mark your calendars, invite your friends, and make plans for our 30th Reunion, June 9-12, 2016. In the meantime, here is some news from our classmates.

**Marcia Zorrilla** writes, "I'm a health educator at a teen clinic and work with high schoolers who are part of the clinic's Youth Advisory Board (YAB). The YAB use theatre and videos (created by them) to educate youth and families on mental health issues." **Julie Bick Weed** lives in Seattle, WA, and is in her 11th year of freelance writing for the *New York Times* business section, now on travel trends. Her articles for the *Times*, *Forbes* online, and others are up on [www.julieweed.net](http://www.julieweed.net). She dropped off her oldest son (and 10th family member!) at Cornell this fall and reports the campus is as beautiful as ever and that the amount of activities the kids can get involved with is incredible. **Peter Quinter** has been appointed to the Int'l Trade-mark Assn.'s Enforcement Committee for the 2016-17 term. Congratulations!

**Irene Hendricks** (New Canaan, CT) has a new role working on the HR aspects of mergers and acquisitions for MasterCard. In addition, she comes back to Cornell to recruit. She writes, "My oldest, Caroline, is now a sophomore in high school, and

naturally she is checking out Cornell first!" Last summer, **Matthew Krane** was promoted to professor of materials engineering at Purdue. He writes, "My research group (part of the Purdue Center of Metal Casting Research) works on the heat transfer and process metallurgy in casting of metal alloys, with an emphasis on industrially based projects. Next year I will have all four of my sons at different stages of their undergraduate educations at Purdue, in the College of Engineering and the Purdue Polytechnic Inst. My wife and 11-year-old daughter are looking forward to the travel opportunities when we go on sabbatical next year."

**Evan Schwartz** writes, "After freelancing as a copywriter, editor, and proofreader for various agencies for several years, I recently joined the staff at Thomas J. Paul Inc., a creative marketing services agency in the suburbs of Philadelphia. In addition, my wife and I opened a small independent bookstore in our community this year called Open Book Bookstore." **Lynne McFarland** McKinnon moved to Colorado earlier last year. Her husband is an engineer, and two of their children are following in his footsteps: her son is at Rutgers and her daughter is at Northwestern. Their younger son is a junior in high school and is finishing his Eagle Scout project. Lynne is keeping busy making new friends, skiing, and practicing yoga. She also attended **Dina Lewisohn** Shaw's daughter's bat mitzvah in Princeton, NJ. **Ellen Nordberg** is also in Colorado. She is keeping busy writing and performing funny original works and taking care of her twin sons. Summer visitors include **Leesa Storfer** and **Scott Sidman '84**, BS Hotel '02, and **Steve Wemple**, ME '87, and his family. **Mason Wenger**, ME '90 (San Francisco, CA) has renounced his roots by becoming a Golden

State Warriors fan, in spite of the fact that he and LeBron are both Akron, OH, natives. A 24-and-0 start to the Warriors' season will do that to ya.

**Duanne Moeser** has been living in Germany for the past 29 years, and says the beer is much better over there. He has two daughters, age 16 and 20. Classmates, please reach out to him to convince him to exchange his Euros for US dollars this spring and come back for our Reunion. **Jen Braman** Rigg is happily married, working, competitively racing outrigger canoes in ocean regattas, and raising two boys in her hometown of Honolulu, HI. She also needs some encouragement from our classmates to fly all that way to come to Reunion.

That's it for now. See you all in June. **Mike Wagner**, michaelwagner@wowway.com; **Nancy Keates**, nancy.keates@wsj.com. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

**87** I hope spring is on its way by the time you read this! **Annette Lee** joined Abington Reproductive Medicine on January 1, 2016 as both a partner and as medical director of the *in vitro* fertilization program at Abington Jefferson Health's Toll Center for Reproductive Sciences. A board-certified reproductive endocrinologist, Annette has run her own practice for several years and will continue to see patients at her pre-existing location. Among her many accomplishments is the fact that Annette attended Hahnemann U. (now Drexel) med school on a full academic scholarship, and can boast of some of the highest pregnancy success rates in the country. Congratulations, Annette!

By now, everyone in the metro-NYC area should have tuned in to WNBC-4 to watch weather forecaster **Dave Price**, appearing daily at noon and 5:30 p.m. Dave, it is good to see you back on the air! **Leslie Kalick** Wolfe writes from Atlanta, GA, that daughter Sydney will join the Class of 2020 this fall. "I told her to enjoy her last southern winter and to get ready for real winter!" **Philip** and **Amy Capell's** son, Ian, was accepted early decision to ILR.

Among the classmates spotted at Madison Square Garden over Thanksgiving weekend: **Jeff Cohen** and **Shari Brasner**, **Gabe Boyar**, **Dave Price**, **Eleanor Dillon** Petigrow, **Jill Israeloff** Gross, **Stacey Neuhoefer** Silberzweig, **Scott Pesner**, **Claudia Regen**, **Rana Glasgal**, ME '92, **Kim Leinwand** Erle, **Caroline Wellens** Silver, **Cheryl Boyer**, **Leora Rosen** Greene, **Bill Passarelli**, **David Fagan**, **Michelle Turk** Schneider, **Rhonda Taylor** Regan, and **Paul Roche**. Apologies to anyone I missed.

It's never too early! Save the date for our 30th (!) Reunion, June 8-11, 2017. At the Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC) held in Philadelphia this past January, our class officers began to make Reunion plans. We also reviewed results from the survey that many of our classmates completed, and our Reunion co-chairs, **Melissa Hodes** Friedenber, **Scott Pesner**, **Mary Bowman**, and **Claudia Regen**, will be up in Ithaca this June for Reunion 2016, visiting locations and coming up with ideas to make it our best Reunion ever.

That's it for now. Please send us your news! **Heidi Heasley** Ford, hhf6@cornell.edu; **Liz Brown**, etb29@cornell.edu; **Whitney Weinstein** Goodman, wwg5@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

**88** Spring is almost here and it's time to start planning some fun in the sun. Hopefully that will include a trip back to Ithaca. Here's what's new with the Class of '88.

**Michael Sochaczewski** is helping bring the new Marriott to the Commons as part an investment group. He writes of his children, "**Danielle '15** graduated from Cornell and is headed to Georgetown Law; **Chantal** is a junior at Brandeis, spent the summer interning in Israel, and is doing a semester there; and **Nicole** is considering Georgetown, Johns Hopkins, and ILR for next year." Michael would like to hear from **Dan de Silva**, BS '90, **Frank Dimase**, **Lenny Feldman '89**, **Vicky Fischel** Cantor '86, **Ed Biltagi**, and many others. "Being involved in Sigma Alpha Mu was one of the best decisions of my life, as is spending time coaching my kids," he writes. "Life is about friends, moments, and memories." Well said, Michael. **Rob Rosenberg** and **Pat Cook '89**, the uber-Cornellian couple, have great news to share. Their son, Reed, was accepted to Cornell early decision and will be joining the Class of 2020. Congratulations, Reed, Pat, and Rob!

Speaking of Pat and Rob, a funny thing happened on their way back to visit Cornell recently. They stopped at the Roscoe Diner, and who did they see? Old friend and Class of '88 president **Howard Greenstein**. Howard, Pat, and Rob posted it to Facebook, which prompted these updates from our classmates. From **Diane Little** Sassano: "I just got back from dropping my freshman off. We had a lovely gathering at the Statler on Friday evening organized by **Nancy Law '84** for KDs with incoming freshmen." From **Laura Magid** Lapidus: "We were up there a few weeks ago doing the same thing!"

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junior, or senior year the opportunity to undertake college-level work (if they have the academic ability and intellectual curiosity to do so). Many of our classmates' children attended the program in 2015 including: **Lee and Debra Klugherz Goldberg '87's** daughter, **Arielle**; **Keith Camhi's** son, **Alec**; **David '87**, **MBA '88**, and **Danielle Geller Lesser's** daughter **Eliza**; **Jose De Leon's** daughter **Andrea**; and **Caryn Abner Zweig's** son, **Harris**. Details about Cornell Summer College can be found at: <http://www.summercollege.cornell.edu>.

If we don't see you in person, we hope to see you online. The Class of 1988 has hundreds of members on our Facebook page. It's a great way to reconnect with old friends, see photos, find upcoming events, promote an event, and more. Join the conversation: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/8476144284/>. Please send us your news and we will publish it in an upcoming column. Let's be in touch! [✉ Brad Mehl, bradmehl@gmail.com](mailto:BradMehl@gmail.com); [Andréa Meadow Danziger, alm46@cornell.edu](mailto:AndreaMeadowDanziger@cornell.edu). Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

**89** As I'm sitting here writing this column in mid-December it feels like spring, with 60-degree weather on Long Island, NY. I know everywhere is unseasonably warm—even Ithaca! I'm hoping temperatures stay above average and we have a mild winter. As you read this (three months later) you will know if I was happy or not based on how the weather was from January to March.

An e-mail came in from **Lynn Weidberg** Morgan, who said she was "humbled but pleased" to be honored by Jewish Women Int'l at their Annual National Gala, the "2015 Women to Watch" Luncheon, on December 7, 2015 in Washington, DC. She was one of ten women awarded the Sondra D. Bender Community Leadership Award for her leadership in many Jewish organizations in greater D.C. Cornellians who joined Lynn at the celebration included her sister, **Suzanne Weidberg Klein '96**, her cousin **Michael Golden '62**, and her friends **Robyn Wesler Landow**, **Allison Freedman Sacher**, **Eliana Saragovia Byck**, **Bonnie Glick '88**, and **Yvonne Schlafstein Distenfeld '78**. Sigma Delta Tau, her sorority at Cornell, is quite involved on a national level with JWI. National board members were in attendance and presented Lynn with SDT flowers—yellow tea roses. Congratulations, Lynn!

**Rob Ceske** and his wife, **Karen (Diulio) '92**, share the news that daughter Marie was accepted to Cornell. Rob writes, "She is very excited to be going to Cornell and we are very proud of her!" **Karen Louis Sochaczewski** and husband **Mike '88** are also very proud of their youngest daughter, who will be attending Cornell in the fall as well. A couple of our classmates participated in Cornell's Adult University (CAU) in summer 2015. **Gayle Shomer Brezicki** took the Gorgeous Gorges class, and **Kenneth Dearden** did the Rowing Clinic. For information about upcoming programs, visit [www.sce.cornell.edu/cau/](http://www.sce.cornell.edu/cau/).

**Suzanne Black-Spanek** is living in Massachusetts with her husband, two daughters, and two dogs. She owns and operates the Content Pet, a dog-walking and pet-sitting service. She also took up karate and is a first degree black belt. **Jodi Riffkin** Klass wrote, "For as long as I can remember I have had an interest in fitness and nutrition. I am a certified personal trainer and registered dietitian. I recently brought these passions together when I launched [mpowr.me](http://mpowr.me), a new business that empowers

women to take control of their lives by shifting clients' focus to small, daily successes that, over time, lead to a more balanced, fit, and healthy lifestyle. I also teach group strength-training classes and train private clients at Long Island Fitness and Wellness in Commack, NY. For more information, read my blog at [medium.com/@mpowrmeNY](http://medium.com/@mpowrmeNY)."

Over the past few months, I (**Stephanie Bloom Avidon**) have run into many fellow classmates. During the Trustee-Council Annual Meeting (TCAM) in October I saw **Sue Guarnaschelli Collins**, **Rob Chodock**, **Stephanie Keene Fox**, **Lorette Simon Gross**, **MBA '90**, and **Jeff Frey** (who represented the Beta Theta Pi fraternity so well). I also saw **Jane Cantor** Tucker, who was recently promoted to VP and chief human resources officer at Family & Children's Assn. on Long Island. At a CAAAN (Cornell Alumni Admissions Ambassador Network) training I ran into **Robin Strauss** Rashbaum, whose oldest son is enjoying his time at Cornell now. I also met **John** and **Laura Pearlman Kaufman** in Westchester, halfway for both of us, for a quick get-together. John is president of an exciting tech startup, and Laura is still busy with her organizing company.

**Lisa Waldman** was one of the many Cornell fans who went to the Big Red Hockey game at Madison Square Garden over Thanksgiving. She went with **Doug '86** and **Gayle Reichler Mazlish '86** and their families. Lisa wrote, "Disappointing that Cornell lost in the shootout against BU, but great to see such Cornell spirit at Madison Square Garden. I even got a hug from the Cornell bear." **Dave Scher** reported that he got married in Italy last July to Joanne Bagshaw, a professor of women's studies at Montgomery College and a therapist.

**Jamie Platt** Lyons shared that **Amy Susman-Stillman** and her daughter, **Ruby**, flew from Minneapolis to Atlanta, where they met up with Jamie and her daughter, **Tali**. They all took a five-hour road trip to Savannah for the weekend to attend the bar mitzvah of **Dina Weiss-Linfoot's** son, **Noah**. It was a great opportunity to explore Savannah and celebrate with the Linfoot family. Jamie's son spent the summer on a USY Pilgrimage program in Israel and recently won a photography contest for a picture of himself wrapped in an Israeli flag walking on the train tracks leading into the Auschwitz death camp. Jamie was also recently recognized, as she won the prestigious Rita Kennedy Award from the Georgia Chapter of Community Associations Inst. in honor of her service, commitment, and dedication to the organization and the industry. Congrats, Jamie!

In order to make this column great, it's important that you send in information about yourself! Take a couple of minutes and send us your news. It's easy! Go to [www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm](http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm) and quickly complete the form. Bookmark the page and continue to send us updates about you as well as classmates you keep in touch with. You can also e-mail any of the correspondents listed below, or send in the news form you get in the mail. Happy spring! [✉ Stephanie Bloom Avidon, savidon1@hotmail.com](mailto:StephanieBloomAvidon@gmail.com); [Kris Borovicka Gerig, kgerig@columbus.rr.com](mailto:KrisBorovickaGerig@gmail.com); [Lauren Kidder McGarry, laurenkiddermcgarry@gmail.com](mailto:LaurenKidderMcGarry@gmail.com); and [Anne Czaplinski Treadwell, ac98@cornell.edu](mailto:AnneCzaplinskiTreadwell@gmail.com).

**90** **Cecile Bouchardeau** Weiland (Garrison, NY) is currently the executive producer and showrunner for the television series "A Haunting,"

which airs on Destination America. Cecile is married and has a 5-year-old son. "I attended the 25th Reunion, and it was a blast," she wrote.

**Amy Geller**—who did not make it to Reunion because of work, alas—reports that she has just recently earned Society for Human Resources Management (SHRM) certification. To become a SHRM certified professional, she writes, "I survived and passed the single most difficult exam of my life (it made my Cornell exams look like a picnic)." Preparing for the exam required months of hermit-like studying and turning down invitations and opportunities to reconnect. "I forgot how hard that is! I have been in touch with **Debby Bushell Gans '94** and, of course, my sister **Bonnie Geller '88**, **MILR '99**." While this certification will hopefully lead to advances in her career, we hope that it will also allow her time to join us at future gatherings!

**Donna Ng** recalls that one of the best decisions she ever made was going to a Cornell career/networking event, where she met a key book-publishing contact who put her in touch with the woman who became her first boss. "Before that, I had not seriously considered the publishing field, and I am forever grateful," Donna writes. "I've been copy chief at *Field & Stream* magazine for a long time now, but only recently got a byline, writing the brief stories for our 'First Shot' photo spread that appears after the letters section. I enjoy interviewing the photographers and subjects, and then condensing that into an entertaining write-up." When asked about her favorite concert during her Cornell days, Donna mentioned being among the first in line at the Straight to get tickets for Elvis Costello.

Congratulations to **Gary Kravitz**, recently named senior attorney at Maddin, Hauser, Roth & Heller PC in Southfield, MI. Gary also serves as VP of the Six Rivers Land Conservancy, "an organization focused on conserving, sustaining, and connecting natural areas, lands, and waters." Likewise, here's to **Renu Thomas**, ME '91, the recently appointed executive VP of media operations, engineering, and IT at Disney ABC Television Group. Her focus will include responsibility for how people interact with ABC using current and "forward-looking" digital technologies. Congratulations, Renu!

What's happening with you? Please feel free to drop us a line with your news for the class column. [✉ Allan Rousselle, agr2@cornell.edu](mailto:AllanRousselle@cornell.edu); [Rose Tanasugarn, nt28@cornell.edu](mailto:RoseTanasugarn@cornell.edu). Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

**91** Greetings from the Hill. REUNION, REUNION, REUNION! Can you tell we're a little excited? Led by our Reunion chair, **Jeff Weintraub**, MD '95, preparations have been under way for months to make our 25th Reunion (Yes, 25! I can't believe it either) the best one yet. This Reunion is sure to be another record-breaker, with so many activities, lectures, concerts, and events for every member of the family. The Fun in the Sun Carnival on the Arts Quad will be back, plus wine tasting, live music at the tent parties, campus tours, the Hot Truck, and so much more.

Although some classmates will choose to attend Reunion Weekend without their children, we know that others will want to share this special weekend with their entire family. Reunion offers a great opportunity for alumni to introduce their children to campus and the surrounding area,

and all Class of '91 events are casual and child-friendly. Children are sure to enjoy the concerts, tours, meals, outdoor education activities (e.g., zip-line across Beebe gorge, climbing wall, and more), and a multitude of other campus activities and events. Family-specific events are also being developed for our class.

Planning is also under way for a Reunion Row on Cayuga Lake that will test the fitness of our classmates who were members of the Cornell rowing team including, among others, **Todd Kennett** (Spirit of '57 director of rowing and head coach of the Cornell men's heavyweight rowing team), **Greg Darrah**, **Jason Dies**, **Eric Holbrook**, **Tom Murray**, **Gene Ruoff**, ME '92, and **Dave Schieleit**. Bragging rights and Pabst Blue Ribbon beers are on the line!

If you haven't already "Liked" our Cornell Class of '91 Facebook page (<http://www.facebook.com/Cornell91>), now is the time. As soon as the Reunion registration Web page goes live, expected in March, we will post it to the Facebook page so you'll be sure to know. And check out our class website (<http://cornellclassof1991.com>), loaded with many other details about what is sure to be a phenomenal "don't miss" weekend!

On another topic, we are pleased to hear from our classmates with sons and daughters who followed in their parents' footsteps and enjoyed the Cornell experience last summer. Among the many talented high school students who attended the 2015 Cornell University Summer College program were **Kong Lam's** son Edward and **Thomas Lee's** son Ryan. Summer College is offered to high school students who have completed their sophomore, junior, or senior year and have the academic ability, maturity, and intellectual curiosity necessary to undertake college-level work. For more details about the summer program, visit: <http://www.summercollege.cornell.edu>.

As a reminder, you can always submit updates by visiting: <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>. We look forward to hearing from you. ☒ **Tom Greenberg**, [twg22@cornell.edu](mailto:twg22@cornell.edu); **Wendy Coburn**, [wmilkscoburn@me.com](mailto:wmilkscoburn@me.com); and **Charles Wu**, [ccwu@mac.com](mailto:ccwu@mac.com).

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**93** **Kristin Iglesias** Scott writes, "I recently passed the specialty board exam for veterinary dentistry. There are only about 250 veterinary dentists in the world." Kristin adds, "After five years, we finally had a great family vacation with the kids—Disney is magical!" She would like to hear from **Lisa Westlake '94**.

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**94** We are inching toward the 22nd anniversary of our graduation from Cornell, and with age comes lots of responsibility. Congratulations to our many classmates moving forward to leadership positions in their workplaces.

**Bryan Schwartz's** collection of essays and photos chronicling isolated Jewish communities worldwide, *Scattered Among the Nations*, was published last December to great acclaim. Bryan writes, "My commitment to multiculturalism and ability to write—honed during our college years—propelled me 16-1/2 years through the work on this project, capturing Jewish diversity around the world." When not doing all of the research and travel that went into writing the book, Bryan is an Oakland, CA-based civil rights attorney. The book supports his charity, Scattered Among the Nations Inc. ([www.scatteredamongthenations.org](http://www.scatteredamongthenations.org)), which is a nonprofit organization designed to educate the world about Jewish diversity and assist isolated Jewish communities in gaining the recognition and resources to meet their needs. His images, articles, and discourse regarding these communities have been published and displayed worldwide, in Jewish and mainstream media and at galleries, universities, synagogues, Jewish community centers, and Jewish museums around the US.

**Henry Smokler** has been named general counsel for the PGA of America. He's worked in various roles in the golf industry for over a decade, including serving as managing director, broadcast and digital media for the US Golf Assn., and associate general counsel of the USGA. Henry will be responsible for all legal affairs for one of the world's largest working sports organizations, including all corporate, strategic, and tactical legal initiatives. Good thing he loves golf! **Lisa Westlake** Chen took over as general manager of BedandBreakfast.com after serving as head of global marketing there for 18 months. Before joining BedandBreakfast.com in January 2014, Lisa was head of marketing for Forte Foundation and general manager of its website, which was recognized by *Forbes Magazine* in 2013 as a top website for women and entrepreneurs. Prior to Forte, she spent six years at the Walt Disney Co., where she led brand, marketing, and consumer-strategy projects across Disney, ESPN, and ABC business units. Lisa is an avid traveler and B&B enthusiast. In 2010, she and her husband spent a year traveling throughout Asia and South America. She has visited more than 30 countries and lived on five continents, and has stayed at hundreds of B&Bs along the way.

**Don and Sandy Lean Patterson** moved to the other side of Los Angeles so that Don could start a job teaching computer science at Westmont College. Don writes, "We love the small town vibe—all the avocado trees and the slower pace of life than we had in Orange County!" **Michael Pulizotto** reports that after practicing law as an assistant

district attorney and principal law clerk, he has been appointed chief clerk of the New York State Supreme Court, Richmond County. As of April, **Holly Johnsen Hoehner** is VP, general counsel of Loretto, which is a provider of post-acute, long-term care and rehabilitation in Central New York. She's also their chief compliance officer. She and husband **Tom** and their two sons James, 11, and Andrew, 8, live in Fayetteville, NY.

Now that you are emerging from winter, come on out of hibernation and send us your news! Yes, yes, Facebook is all well and good, but it's nice to see the really important stuff—and even the not so important stuff—in a scrapbook-worthy print publication. And not everyone is online, so share your triumphs, personal and professional! ☒ **Dineen Pashoukos** Wasyluk, [dmp5@cornell.edu](mailto:dmp5@cornell.edu); **Dika Lam**, [dikaweb@yahoo.com](mailto:dikaweb@yahoo.com); **Jennifer Rabin** Marchant, [jar1229@yahoo.com](mailto:jar1229@yahoo.com). Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

**95** By the time you read this, the holiday season will be long gone and spring on its way. I hope you're having a great 2016. Thinking back to my days on the Hill, there was always that moment during the long winter break back home in New Jersey when I'd realize that I had absolutely nothing to do, a stark contrast to the madness of early December finals (and now having a job and a family). On the one hand, I could sleep in as late as I wanted, other than maybe having to get up to shovel the driveway (not an issue in California). On the other hand, I did miss my friends and the hustle and bustle of student life.

Since classmate news is so light this month (hint, hint), I thought I'd share news about one of those friends. I met **Claire Halligan** Corliss '94 sophomore year when we lived on the second floor of Sage Hall back when it was a dorm. Besides Collegetown, Sage Hall was probably one of the best locations to live for an engineer: I could roll out of bed to get to classes and just go downstairs to the basement haunted house that was the awesome (in my opinion) Sage Dining to eat. I became friends with Claire and others on our floor including **Tannia Horodeczny** and **Alexandra Gelber**. After graduating a year early, pursuing law at Fordham Law, and working for CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates), she later went on to get a psychology degree at Rider U. in New Jersey. She now works as a school psychologist. Claire married Doug in 2003 and has two wonderful girls, Quinn, 9, and Fiona, 6. Having a friend in school who wasn't an engineer certainly helped me keep my head above water and vice versa, I think. Though 3,000 miles now separate us, we still keep in touch whenever and however we can. Miss you, Claire and family!

**Erica Chapman** finished her fifth Ironman competition in Madison, WI, in September and was preparing for her sixth in Cozumel, Mexico, in late November! I haven't heard how she did, but just participating and finishing is truly impressive. **Matt Hoffman** is now the VP of people at DigitalOcean, a developer-centric cloud computing solutions company. He moved there from Return Path, another startup in New York. DigitalOcean uses only Solid State Disks (SSDs) to create super-high-performance servers for website and application development.

The post-reunion news drought is upon us! It's not as bad as California's drought, and we

don't need El Niño to end it (not that it will); we just need your news! Send us anything you've got. ■ **Steven Strell**, [strells@mac.com](mailto:strells@mac.com); **Scott Lajoie**, [scottlajoie@hotmail.com](mailto:scottlajoie@hotmail.com). Class website, <http://classof95.alumni.cornell.edu>. Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

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**98** Welcome to the world, baby girls! In this issue we say hello to the bundles of joy who made this past holiday season even happier for two of our classmates.

**Sheezea Bacchus** Deba and her husband, Ravi, announce the birth of their daughter Giselle Maya, who made her debut two days shy of Halloween. Giselle joins big sister Brielle, 4. And in November, **Karen DeAngelis**, DVM '02 ([knd02@hotmail.com](mailto:knd02@hotmail.com)), Ryan Greene, and big brother Matthew, 5, celebrated the arrival of Zeldia Elisabeth. Karen is a small animal vet in Gloucester, VA, and she requests that classmates e-mail any "new mom advice" to her.

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**99** **Meagan Ballard** Hall ([mmb4@cornell.edu](mailto:mmb4@cornell.edu)) writes, "I started a new job one year ago at Harvard's Division of Continuing Education. I currently run professional development programs on business topics." Meagan has two boys, ages 4 and 6.

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**00** **Corinne Keane** Kadlec is the international program manager for Zurich North America, working remotely from the Raleigh, NC, area. She writes, "I visited the Cornell campus for a few hours in early October, as I was at a customer meeting in Corning, NY. It was so much fun to see the

Speaking of athletes, **Erica Chatfield** Roberts completed her first Ironman in September—just about three years after her first triathlon! She was forced to slow down for a few months by a nasty crash eight miles into a 40-mile bike ride last fall. "I kept trying to stop, but there was nowhere to stop; it was a complete drop-off, probably 25 feet," she shared on Facebook. "I eventually ended up in a stream. I was muddy and wet, but never lost consciousness. I realized immediately that my wrist was broken, but was able to climb back up the embankment and retrieve my phone to call 911. I'm so fortunate it wasn't worse. The firefighters said they were shocked I was walking and talking and still had my helmet on. Nothing can keep this IRONMAN down." True grit.

‘Having a friend in school who wasn't an engineer certainly helped me keep my head above water.’

Steven Strell '95

campus in action on a beautiful fall day. So much is changing at Cornell, but it's similar enough to have induced significant nostalgia. I stopped at CTB for a bite and got quite a bit of memorabilia at the campus store."

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**01** Our 15th Reunion is just a few months away! Who else can't wait to replace our frayed and faded Cornell swag, plus buy some new things for the kids? Fingers crossed that our party favors include an umbrella and some hats; six years in the Pacific Northwest haven't yet turned me into one of those locals who smirk at the rain.

I can take some lessons from my neighbors **Chisaki Muraki** and **Schaun Valdovinos**. After spending eight years in Vancouver, they've settled in Seattle and are putting me to shame with their family strolls in all seasons. Chisaki is a transportation planner for the City of Seattle, Schaun is a bridge engineer with COWI, and their toddler is getting ready to toddle around those big Ithaca hills in June. Diagonally from us, **Matthew Hyland** checks in from Montgomery, AL, where he's about to be promoted to lieutenant colonel and has been studying history, strategy, and international relations at the Air Force Strategic Studies School. "It's a far cry from my computer science days at Cornell!" he writes. (That could mean many, many things, Matt . . .) He's also a newlywed and continuing his quest to run a marathon in all 50 states.

In turn, Erica shares my admiration of **Miki Agrawal**, our entrepreneurial classmate whose latest venture has made global news. THINX, an innovative line of panties engineered to replace feminine hygiene products, is both eye-catching and game-changing for women all over the world. After winning the battle to have the brand's clever ads run in the NYC subway, THINX was honored at the annual Most Contagious festival in London. "THINX were chosen for not only creating a product which brought innovation to a category which had seen no new developments for decades, but which also had the potential to positively impact millions of women," the news release states. After accepting the award, Miki said, "We have a lot of work ahead of us. There is a real gender-equality problem on our hands. Tackling that through creating a category-disrupting product is a great start." Follow the brand on Twitter at @sheTHINX.

Perhaps **Kathryn Prybylski** has seen some of those subway ads. She's been working at the NYC Economic Development Corp. in the capital program division, managing different capital projects including the Rockaway Boardwalk Reconstruction. "This year has been a great one for long weekend catch-ups with Cornell friends," she writes. "I'm hopeful to see the rest of Nine-o-Fun in 2016 as well as any rugby reunions that crop up!" In late winter, she watched an international sevens tournament in Las Vegas with rugby friends **Kirsten Myers '04**, **Nicole Tellem**, **Phoebe Lee '03**, **Emilia Deimezis '03**, **Sara Delaney Studer '04**, **Lindsey Ehinger '05**, **Maisie Wright '05**, and **Jess Lee**. (**Amanda Waack Kempf '00**, you were missed!) She has also reunited with **Sarah Brian** Derstadt, **Kelli Terry** Bronski, and other classmates near Seattle and on Prince Edward Island, which she recommends we all visit. Don't suppose there's any way to fly to Ithaca from there?

For those of us who do have to fly in to Reunion, especially on multiple planes, it will be worth the trip to see our old friends—well, we're not old enough to get those Statler Hotel rooms

for Reunion Weekend just yet!—and soak in the gorges-ness of our campus. For those of us who can just hop in the car and drive over . . . well, if it's so easy for you, then no excuses! Ready to reunite, June 9-12? Between columns, we're posting your photos, event invitations, and other news on Twitter (@Cornell2001) and Facebook (/Cornell2001). E-mail your updates to: **Nicole Neroulias** Gupte, NicoleMN6@gmail.com; or **Lauren Wallach** Hammer, LEW15@cornell.edu.

**02** **Rachel Isaacson** Margolis writes, "We moved to the north suburbs of Chicago this summer. And we welcomed another baby girl on November 16, Eliora Sophie. Everyone is doing well and her big sisters Laila and Adaya are thrilled she is here!" **Nathan Kunz** has been elected to shareholder of the law firm Polsinelli, in its Phoenix office. A commercial litigator, Nathan helps his clients defend and advance their business objectives.

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**03** **Rachel Money** recently relocated to Washington State. Rachel writes, "I lead our (P&G) US global export team for Costco. Before relocating, I fostered two young boys (1 and 3) for six months, and I am looking to continue that work now that we are settled." Rachel says she'd like to be living abroad and would like to hear from **Douglas Murray**. She adds that the most valuable thing she learned at Cornell was confidence.

**Josh Roth** writes, "I'm still working as a litigation associate at Fried Frank in NYC. I'm coming up on my ninth anniversary there." Lauren and Josh welcomed a new baby girl, Lily Paige, to their family on April 9, 2015. "Big brother Jake is very proud of his new role," Josh says. "We recently renovated our house in Larchmont, NY, to make room for our growing family." Congratulations, Josh! **Daniel Lachs** is president of DML Hospitality Group, culinary director for the northeast region of Whole Foods Markets, and chef/partner of Torturia Restaurant. Daniel said that he'd rather be sitting at the Nines having beers and eating pizza. We agree!

Our classmate mini-features continue with **Julia Greenman**, who writes, "I moved out to Las Vegas after graduation to participate in Harrah's management training program. After completing the program and assisting with training in several casino openings across the US, I joined the opening team of Wynn Las Vegas in 2005, where I have worked my way up to director of restaurant operations. I am currently in charge of operations, financial success, and training for restaurants at the resort. I love the entrepreneurial spirit of the company and the fact that no two days are alike!" On the influence of Cornell, she says, "Not only did the curriculum prepare me for success in my current role, but I got

hired at Wynn through the help of Cornell alumni. I was actually recruited by Harrah's at a career fair that took place in the Statler, so I wouldn't even have moved out to Vegas if it weren't for my time at Cornell."

To recent graduates, Julia noted, "Don't be afraid to move out of your comfort zone and try something new—you never know where it could lead you! Also, don't be afraid to work your way up. You will learn a lot of lessons in those first few roles that will serve you well later in your career. If I could go back and tell my graduating self one thing, it would be to trust your instincts." About the current state of Cornell, she adds, "I am so jealous of all the entrepreneurial classes I heard they have added since I left—and there is apparently a viticulture program now. I feel like I need to go back!"

In more personal news, Julia writes, "I was married in 2012 to Philippe Angibeau, who I met here in Vegas (where else, at work!). We had our first daughter, Lena Shayne on May 7, 2014." Julia gave us some news about fellow classmates: "I have enjoyed many reunions with the girls from 220 Eddy St. (**Mikiko Kitamura**, **Mari Abe**, **Linda Pan**, and, of course, my twin sister, **Jennifer Greenman**). Jenny married **Ross MacDonald** in 2011, and they had their first son, Ian Clark, in June 2014. They currently live in Manhattan. Other Hotelies who swing by Vegas from time to time include **Valerie LaMastro**, and I hang out with **Alex Koch '04** and his wife, Ellen, all the time. My boss is actually a Cornell alum—**Steve Weitman, MPH '94**." Thank you, Julia, for sharing your adventures and connections with Cornell!

If you or somebody you know would make a good mini-feature, please let me know! I look forward to hearing about the great things our classmates are doing via news and notes submissions. Until then, all the best. **Jon Schoenberg**, jrs55@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

**04** Hello all! We are excited to share news of a recent class event. The Leadership Lunch and Learn on November 19 focused on "Wine & Leadership." **Cheryl Stanley '00** (lecturer for the Wines class at the Hotel school) and **David Pittard** (proprietor, Buttonwood Grove Winery) shared their experiences in the wine industry. **Julia Greenman '03** moderated the webinar. Following the webinar, we continued the conversation and networking with attendees in San Francisco at the Press Club wine bar and lounge, and in NYC at Ardesia.

David Pittard and his wife, Melissa, always planned to return to Upstate New York to fulfill their lifelong passion for wine and agriculture. In May 2014, they turned their dream into reality at a winery on Cayuga Lake. Find additional information on the Buttonwood Grove Winery at: <http://buttonwoodgrove.com>.

If you are interested in hosting a class event in your city or would like to otherwise volunteer with the Class of 2004, please contact our class co-presidents **Rachel Herman** Krug (rachel.a.krug@gmail.com) and **Juanita Parker** McGonagle (juanita.parker@gmail.com). You may also view class information at: [classof04.alumni.cornell.edu/](http://classof04.alumni.cornell.edu/). We love to hear news from our classmates. Please continue to send me your updates by e-mail or through the online form: <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>. **Jessi Petrosino** MacMeekin, jessipetrosino@gmail.com.

**05** Happy spring, Class of 2005! We hope the winter hasn't been too hard wherever you may live, and that the snow is starting to thaw and the buds of spring are popping up. Remember during Cornell Days, the weather was always the best, and the daffodils were in full swing? It was always a sure sign that better weather was there to stay—and a final exam wasn't too far off.

**Benjamin Stuhl** recently moved to Albuquerque, NM, and works as a staff scientist at Space Dynamics Laboratory. He and his wife, Deena, just purchased their first home and are happy to no longer be low-paid graduate students! **Kathryn Conrad Pisco '06**, BS Ag '05, was recently featured alongside her husband, **Mike '06**, in the *Human Ecology* magazine. In February 2013, after resigning from their corporate jobs, they used their savings for a nine-month trip around the world, where they were able to witness firsthand concerns all around the globe. Their trip inspired them to create a solution, and in April 2014, they founded Unearth the World, which pairs travelers with international nonprofit organizations to meet the needs of international communities. Their projects range from building homes for families affected by AIDS to providing educational opportunities to the impoverished. Kathryn develops pre- and post-trip curriculums and provides coaching. Unearth the World hopes to inspire college-aged volunteers, and Cornell is helping them meet their goal by connecting them with interested students as well as Cornell staff and faculty. For more information, visit their website at [www.unearththeworld.com](http://www.unearththeworld.com).

Another classmate who is also giving back to the global community is **Andrew Barber**. Andrew won the 2015 World Series of Poker \$10,000 HORSE championship held in Las Vegas this past July. He is a member of Raising for Effective Giving (REG), a group of poker players who pledge at least 2 percent of their gross earnings each quarter to effective altruist causes. After completing extensive evidenced-based research, he focuses on giving to organizations that can make the largest possible impact. A large portion of his philanthropy goes to the same four or five organizations that are consistently ranked on top by Give Well. When asked about why he has decided to do this, he said, "It feels like a moral imperative, and it's my hope that others will read more about it and do the same." When he's not playing poker, he has found himself back in the classroom after a ten-year hiatus. Andrew began his PhD in economics this past fall at UC Santa Cruz. He is studying applied microeconomics and behavior.

As always, we love to read your updates, so send an e-mail to: **Hilary Johnson** King, haj4@cornell.edu; **Johnny Chen**, jc362@cornell.edu; or **Michelle Wong**, mrw29@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

**06** Happy spring, Class of 2006! In just a few months we will be gathering for our 10th Reunion. Can you believe that it's been a decade since we bade farewell to life on the Hill? We hope to see you at Reunion from June 9-12, 2016!

This issue we have some exciting professional updates. **Mike Pisco** and his wife, **Kathryn Conrad**, BS Ag '05, recently founded an organization called Unearth the World, which pairs travelers with international nonprofits. Unearth the

World vets international volunteer projects and partners to ensure projects are driven by community needs, not by money or outside agendas. Since its founding in 2014, Unearth the World has matched about 70 people with partners around the world, including many college-aged students—at least five Cornell students this academic year. You can learn more at: [unearththe.world.com](http://unearththe.world.com).

**Joe Fassler** recently had his prize-winning essay, “Wait Times,” published in *Creative Nonfiction*, winning the title of “Best Essay” in the publication’s readers’ choice issue. After Cornell, Joe graduated from the Iowa Writers’ Workshop and currently lives in Brooklyn, NY. **Jessica Sharoff** recently received a master’s degree from the American

Museum of Natural History in NYC’s Richard Gilder Graduate School MAT program. Congratulations Mike, Kathryn, Joe, and Jessica!

As for your intrepid class columnist **Tory Lauterbach**, I recently settled into my first home in Washington, DC. I have also taken up rock climbing and am putting my newfound property ownership rights to work by rescuing as many pets as D.C. housing regulations and time will allow. So far, that means my sweet 11-year old Bedlington terrier, Tico, and a founding Siamese cat named Rutherford B. Hayes. Send us your news—we love to hear from you. See you at Reunion! **Tory Lauterbach**, [VML8@cornell.edu](mailto:VML8@cornell.edu); **Katie DiCicco**, [kad46@cornell.edu](mailto:kad46@cornell.edu); and **Nicole DeGrace**, [ngd4@cornell.edu](mailto:ngd4@cornell.edu).

**07** Classmate **Denise Green**, an assistant professor in the Fiber Science and Apparel Design department, was recently featured in the *Human Ecology* magazine. She is working to install a permanent garden near Martha Van Rensselaer Hall that will be filled with plants that produce a range of color dyes, such as gypsywort (which can make a black dye), wild mustard (yellow), Japanese indigo (blue), and marigold (yellows and oranges). Denise hopes to use these plants to continue teaching students in the department about sustainable alternatives to chemical dyes. **Matt McMonagle**, whose favorite Cornell concert ever was Bryan Adams, writes, “I just took a new role within SunEdison that required a move from Philadelphia to San Francisco.”

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**08** It’s hard to believe we’re already several months into 2016. For this edition of our column, we have a lot of updates on new jobs! **Jennifer Miller** recently joined Herbert, Rowland & Grubic Inc.’s water and wastewater service group as a project

manager in their Harrisburg, PA, office. In this role, Jennifer will be responsible for overseeing the budget and quality of various water and wastewater treatment projects throughout central and south-central Pennsylvania.

**Sarah Hansen**, MAT ’09, recently started a new job as the communications associate at the Hussman Inst. for Autism, where she writes articles about their neuroscience research. She’s also broadening her skill set by working on photography, videography, and Web design for the organization. Sarah writes, “I recently had a great adventure in Glacier and Waterton Lakes national parks. Between close (!) encounters with moose, bears, and a great-horned owl, some lingering wildfire smoke, and one 12-mile hike in several inches of snow (which was actually gorgeous!), we tested our mettle, saw great

sights, and made memories we will treasure long into the future.” Sounds like a fun trip! Last spring, **Morgan Beschle**, BA ’07, left her job at RxAnte, a small healthcare analytics company. She has joined a new D.C.-based health IT startup, Aledade Inc., to lead business operations there. She writes, “I’m really enjoying the challenge of this new role!” Morgan and her husband, Griffin, also welcomed their first child in July, Booker. “We are in love with our new little munchkin, and Daphne the dog is adjusting well.” The best decision she ever made? “Marrying a great partner and, of course, joining the women’s chorus at Cornell! Go Big Red!”

**Benjamin Shattuck** ’09, BFA ’08, just moved back to NYC from Iowa, where he was a fiction student at the Iowa Writers’ Workshop. He is currently trying to finish a book and has been spending a lot of his time painting and writing. He has a studio in Brooklyn, where he’s been painting for a few shows in the coming year. **Eric Fish** finished vet school in 2012, did a rotating internship in small animal medicine and surgery at Virginia Tech, and has been at Auburn U. since 2013, completing a clinical pathology residency. He also works periodic relief emergency shifts in the Atlanta, GA, area. Eric says he hopes to get a job back in the Northeast after passing his boards. He recently enjoyed a surprise 30th birthday party with friends and family from New York and Auburn. Eric would love to hear from Acacia friends, the Court Hall crew, or anyone else he met at Cornell who wants to catch up. He also shares that the best decision he ever made was going to Cornell.

**Hannah Kern** Sandal recently started working as a civil rights attorney with the US Dept. of Education, Office for Civil Rights, at the Kansas City field office. Her husband, Neela, finished his medical residency in family medicine and is now in a small private practice in Lawrence, KS. She tells us that one of the best decisions she ever made was going to Cornell—I think most of us would agree with her and Eric on this one! Congrats on the new jobs, everyone, and we look forward to bringing you another edition of our column in May! Send us your updates—we want to hear from you! **Libby Boymel**, [lkb24@cornell.edu](mailto:lkb24@cornell.edu); **Elana Beale**, [erb26@cornell.edu](mailto:erb26@cornell.edu). Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

**09** Hello, 2009! **Amanda Laufer** Camelotto has made strides since leaving the Hill. She graduated from Seton Hall U. School of Law in

Newark, NJ, in 2012 and now holds a position clerking for Madeline Cox Arleo, US District Judge for New Jersey. While in law school, Amanda met her now husband, Andrew, whom she married at the Park Savoy Estate in Florham Park, NJ, this past fall. Congratulations, Amanda!

**Molly Southern** is putting her Hotelier skills to excellent use overseeing the marketing team for GrubHub’s Seamless Corporate Accounts in Manhattan. In her role, Molly oversees about 15 corporate events a year. Last spring, **Laura Temel** graduated from Darden School of Business at the U. of Virginia. She has since moved to Washington, DC, where she is a policy advisor at the US Dept. of Treasury. Congrats on the new post!

Moved to a new city? Changed jobs? Get hitched? Your classmates want to hear about it! Please send an e-mail to: **Rebecca Robbins**, [robbins.reb@gmail.com](mailto:robbins.reb@gmail.com). Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

**10** 2015 was a big year for Cornell and its beloved sons and daughters, and 2016 is hopefully going to be even bigger. For many of us, our ten-year high school reunions are coming up, and weddings and children and long-term plans are coming to fruition.

**Jordan Andino** is opening his new restaurant, 2nd City NYC, this year, where his menu will be a Filipino-Mexican fusion. On his path there, he worked at several restaurants and was featured in both “Iron Chef Canada” and “Recipe for Deception” on Bravo last January. Another New Yorker, **Bryant Toth**, is pursuing his own artistic dreams, organizing exchanges for contemporary Cuban art from Havana. As a curator of these exhibits, including one at the Chelsea Hotel in 2015, he’s been featured on the Forbes website and has his own website: <http://www.bryantscuba.com/>. He plans to continue to pursue more artists and places to feature this year by making more trips to Cuba.

**Marcus Ceroni**, MPA ’13, was recently featured in the *Human Ecology* magazine as a new member of the NYC Office of Management and Budget (OMB), along with **Dan Nolan**, MPA ’13, and **Cathy Wu**, MPA ’13. Marcus is specifically working on accessing FEMA grants and managing the budget for the Dept. of Transportation. Brothers **Matt Nastos** and **Lexi Nastos** ’12 were also featured in *Human Ecology* as founders of Maison MRKT, an e-commerce agency that was launched in 2014. Their company helps with marketing strategies, including social media, for many fashion labels. Both brothers studied fashion at Cornell.

For everyone who missed it, the annual Cornell vs. Boston U. hockey game at Madison Square Garden last November was a nail-biter, ending in a 3-3 tie. **Jeff Bowser** and **Pavel Vodenski** represented Cornell and our class in the intermission shootout. **Bryan Walters** of the Jacksonville Jaguars scored his first NFL touchdown on November 8, 2015, against the New York Jets. Brian has previously been a member of the San Diego Chargers, Minnesota Vikings, and Seattle Seahawks.

The Class of 2010 elected new officers at Reunion including: co-presidents **Tory Hooker** and **Alison Ewing**; Reunion co-chairs **Kathy Houng**, **Eric Zember**, MA ’11, and **Alana Mildner**; membership chair **Yvette Lapompe**; secretary **Elizabeth Peters**; Annual Fund representative **Aimee Krause**, BS ILR ’09; treasurer **Hannah Fehlner-Peach**; social media manager **Adrienne Zak**; historian **Amar Kelkar**; and our at-large members **Jack Cao**, **Adam Escalante**, **Thomas Felix**, **Cyrus Gentry**, **Ryan**

**Holy, Chris House, James Idleburg, Darin Lamar Jones, Ahsiya Kurlansky, Michelle Manket, Troy Nickerson, Nanditha Ramachandran, and Michelle Sun.** Our class correspondents are listed below. Thanks to all the outgoing officers for their service to the class and to our alma mater.

In the coming months I'm sure we'll hear more good news of weddings and children, jobs and travel, and we'd love to hear anything and everything you'd like to share. We now have an Alumni Photo Gallery (<http://cornellalumnimagazine.com/photogallery>) where you can upload photos. The Cornell Twitter feed is also active—in fall 2015, they launched a “Cornell in 5” campaign to share quintessential Cornell experiences in five words under the hashtag “CornellInFive.” If you have news to share, we would love to hear from you. Send news to: [█ Amar Kelkar, ahk24@cornell.edu](mailto:█ Amar Kelkar, ahk24@cornell.edu); [█ Rammy Salem, rms84@cornell.edu](mailto:█ Rammy Salem, rms84@cornell.edu); or [█ Jeff Katz, jak232@cornell.edu](mailto:█ Jeff Katz, jak232@cornell.edu). Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

**11 Matt and Ilea Malaney Dilluvio** ([iem6@cornell.edu](mailto:iem6@cornell.edu)) were married last August in Hector, NY, outside of Ithaca, then honeymooned in Greece! They write, “We had a great time being back in the Finger Lakes and celebrating with family and friends including many Cornell alumni. We currently live in NYC, where Ilea works in finance at Citigroup and Matt is an associate at the law firm of White & Case.” **Elise Newman** ([emn36@cornell.edu](mailto:emn36@cornell.edu)) writes, “I recently became a mammal keeper for the San Diego Zoo Safari Park. I work mainly with lions and tigers. Feeding, cleaning, training, enriching, and giving public presentations are key parts of each day. I love the opportunity to directly contribute to species conservation.”

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**12 Emma Carlsson** married **Eddie Reynolds** on October 3, 2015 in her hometown of Basking Ridge, NJ, at the Olde Mill Inn. Classmates **Emily Bitar, Johanna Katz, and Alyssa Korenstein** were bridesmaids, **Matt Linderman** served as best man, and **Steven Robertson** was a groomsman. All in all, about 20 alums were in attendance. The couple honeymooned in St. Lucia and currently live in Cincinnati, where Emma is a finance analyst for Procter & Gamble and Eddie is a process engineer for Chemours.

**Long Cheung Yu** is an environmental consultant at Ove Arup, and shares that he still believes one of the best decisions he ever made was studying at Cornell. **Lexi Nastos** and his brother, **Matt Nastos '10**, run a successful e-commerce agency they co-founded in 2014. The agency, **Maison MRKT**, formulates marketing strategies for fashion brands, “bridging the gap between fashion and technology,” Lexi says.

Keep your classmates up to date on your life post-Cornell by sending any information you would

like to share to: [█ Peggy Ramin, mar335@cornell.edu](mailto:█ Peggy Ramin, mar335@cornell.edu); or [█ Emily Cusick, egc43@cornell.edu](mailto:█ Emily Cusick, egc43@cornell.edu).

**13** Let's get right to some updates, starting with yours truly and co-correspondent **Dan Kuhr**. I am sitting down to write on the first Monday in many months that I have absolutely nothing on my to-do list (other than this column, of course). I finished my first semester of law school last Thursday and I am remembering just how wonderful a winter break is! But Dan has the more exciting news between the two of us. In early December, he marked a milestone in becoming an obstetrician by delivering his very first baby. I am so happy for Dan because I know he has quite literally just experienced a dream come to life. Congratulations, Dan!

Another classmate reaching a career milestone is **Ian Grosfelt**, who recently completed his Peace Corps service in Senegal. Ian spearheaded multiple projects in his host community with funding from the Peace Corps Partnership Program (PCPP), which supports the development of sustainable initiatives. Ian received two grants for the construction of a local garden and chicken coop, which are now run by the Senegalese women in the village he served. In addition to these projects, Ian worked at a camp for girls offering lessons in careers, environment, health, activism, and human rights. His work demonstrates the real value in sustainable agriculture and the importance of educating women in rural communities. **Daniel Metcalf** and **Kathleen Hodge '14**, BS Hotel '13, are also making inroads in the agriculture business. Danny and Kathleen co-founded Mission Bars, a member business of the food business incubator Union Kitchen, in Washington, DC. The two leveraged Kathleen's studies as a Nutrition major and Danny's experience competing in triathlons to create a nutrition bar with the right ingredients to fuel athletes. Union Kitchen has worked with more than 150 food and beverage businesses, including Mission Bars, and boasts \$35 million in annual revenue.

In late fall, **Jennifer Schenker '02** organized an alumni networking group of professional women who gathered at her home for its inaugural meeting. Discussion focused on the issues the members of the group contemplate in each of their professional lives and how we all could learn from each other to face those challenges more successfully. In attendance from our class were **Anna Fowler** and myself. Anna and I reminisced about class council days (Anna was our president) and caught up. She continues to work at Deutsche Bank in their lending group, though as an Ithaca native, she misses the slower pace of living in Upstate New York.

Last October, Cornell heard wedding bell chimes when **Emily Lopes** and **Michael Commeso** married at Sage Chapel. A rare sunny day with peak fall foliage graced the couple's ceremony in the presence of professors and many classmates including **Christopher Balch, Amanda Clow, Christine Jannuzzi, Samantha Lovering, Lauren Matsutagu, Nicholas Pologruto, Spencer Roane, Juan Saavedra, Kimberly Shao, Jennifer Werbitsky, Christina Woods, Joyce Wu, and Daniel Wyleczuk-Stern**. Emily and Mike met at the Baker flagpole before spring break in March 2011. Mike later proposed to Emily in the very same spot. The couple went to Greece for their honeymoon, where Mike's minor in Classical Civilizations was put to good use. The two attend Upstate Medical U., where Emily is earning a medical degree and Mike

is earning a doctorate in physical therapy. Now that wedding festivities are over, Mike and Emily are looking forward to exploring Central New York.

Many of your classmates were in attendance at the Red Hot Hockey game held at Madison Square Garden over the Thanksgiving weekend. Though the game ended in a tie (with the cup going to Boston U. after a shootout), the Cornell spirit was as palpable as ever. Different sections of the arena brought both old and new cheers to the traditional lineup, and the Cornell band played the favorites. **Andrea Oran** came out to the game after flying home from Napa, CA, where she is attending culinary school for the year. **Emily Foreman, Rachel Leopold, and Julie Sitver** are planning a trip to visit her in January. Andrea has just been accepted to Columbia Business School and will move back East this summer.

We want to hear from you! Please share with the class any news you have to report. [█ Rachael Schuman, RASchuman@gmail.com](mailto:█ Rachael Schuman, RASchuman@gmail.com); [█ Dan Kuhr, dk453@cornell.edu](mailto:█ Dan Kuhr, dk453@cornell.edu). Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

**14** It has been over a year now since we left Cornell (we aren't even the youngest class in this section anymore)! Our class has seen our fair share of moves and job changes since the year mark hit. It is exciting to see what everyone has been up to, as our class has lots of impressive people, if I do say so myself.

Since graduation, **Patrick Choi** has been pursuing his entrepreneurial passions in the NYC food-tech space. He is on the founding team of Phoodieur by Yuniapps Inc., a cloud-based app that allows you to explore local restaurant options visually through organized food photographs. The founding team includes another Hotelie, **Sara Yun '13**, and an engineering professor with various degrees from MIT and Stanford. During his free time, Patrick likes to get lost in the food scene in Brooklyn. His favorite spots include the Meat Hook sandwich shop and Pies 'n' Thighs.

**Chris Villanueva** left his restaurant job this past September to found and run Let's Eat, Grandma, an online résumé business. It's always been a dream of his to run his own business. When people ask what he does, he says that it always excites him to say, “I help other people get jobs.” Thank you for reading—and please keep in touch! We love hearing about our classmates. Write to us anytime: [█ Tejal Thakkar, tdt42@cornell.edu](mailto:█ Tejal Thakkar, tdt42@cornell.edu); [█ Sam Lapahn, SRL76@cornell.edu](mailto:█ Sam Lapahn, SRL76@cornell.edu). Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

**15** Hello, Class of 2015, and welcome to our very first class column! **Haley Velasco** and **I, Ariel Cooper**, are thrilled to be your class correspondents. Over the next few years, it is our job to keep everyone up-to-date on all of the great things happening in our classmates' lives. For example, did you know that **Lea Freni '14**, BS HE '15, started her own clothing line? VOGEL is a contemporary womenswear brand inspired by the intricate folding patterns of origami that stemmed from Lea's thesis project for the Fiber Science and Apparel Design program at Cornell. Since graduation, Lea has taken her project off the ground and was invited to showcase her latest collection at Vancouver Fashion Week. Want to see your name in print? Sends us your updates and we will include them in our next column!

# ALUMNI DEATHS

In the meantime, I'm going to kick things off by introducing the rest of the 2015 Alumni Class Council. The council is led by co-presidents **Syed Ali Khan** and **Morgan Miller**. Syed majored in ILR and is currently in Los Angeles working for market research firm IBISWorld. Morgan studied Communication and is now living in NYC. Our second in command is VP **Zach Leighton '16**, BS Ag '15. Zach graduated from the Dyson School as an AEM major and spent the summer as the program director of an overnight sports camp. Since then, he has been working for Hillary Clinton's presidential campaign and for the White House as an advance associate. Zach will soon begin a full-time position in consulting at Ernst & Young in NYC.

Want to know what our class dues are used for? Just ask our treasurer, **Jessica Gerson**. Jessica also studied AEM and is now working for her family's children's clothing company, Gerson & Gerson, in NYC. Our secretary is **Stephanie Van Overberghe**, a Biology major from South Bend, IN. Stephanie currently works at a local grocery store while volunteering for a children's choir and tutoring high school students, but she hopes to return to Upstate New York in the near future.

Did you miss out on Reunion Zero? Never fear, because our four Reunion chairs are already here to ensure that our 5th Reunion is off the charts. **Mikey Hints** studied Hotel Administration and is now a marketing associate for Expedia Inc. in Boston. ILR graduate **Rachel Smith** is in NYC working for KPMG as an HR transformation consultant. Fellow chair **Casey Phlegar** is also in NYC. She studied Human Development with Business and Spanish minors and is working in operations at Goldman Sachs. And **Courtney Koelbel** still hasn't had enough of life on the Hill. An Environmental Engineering major, Courtney is working at Cornell's Facilities Engineering while also applying to law school.

If you want to know how to get involved with the class council, talk to our nominations and membership chairs **Michael Jalkio** and **Rachel Gerber**. Michael graduated from the Engineering college, where he studied Computer Science and minored in Operations Research and Information Engineering. He now lives in Romania and is working for the national team of AIESEC. Rachel has taken her skills as a Biology and Statistics major to Hofstra U., where she is now in medical school.

Our website and social media pages will be maintained by website community/social media manager **Madeleine Skaller**. Madeleine studied Developmental Sociology with a double minor in Natural Resources and Law and Society. After spending the summer working for a nonprofit in Thailand, she moved to Washington, DC, where she is pursuing a law degree at George Washington U.

Now that our four years on the Hill are up, it's our turn to give back to ensure that others can continue to have the same experiences we did. Annual Fund representative **Disha Sharma** loves Cornell so much that she decided to go back for her Master of Engineering degree! Disha studied Mechanical Engineering as an undergrad and spent six months working for Lockheed Martin in Owego, NY, before returning to the Big Red.

We had a great time with everyone at Homecoming last fall, and when this column was written, we were looking forward to the Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC) in Philadelphia. If you want to share anything in a future column, feel free to e-mail us. Have a happy spring!  **Ariel Cooper**, alc258@cornell.edu; **Haley Velasco**, hav9@cornell.edu.

## 1930s

'34 BA—**Robert S. Sanborn**, Martha's Vineyard, MA, October 5, 2015

'35 BS HE—**Emily Ockenfels** Thomas, Evansville, IN, November 26, 2015

'36 BChem—**Samuel Kahn**, Nashua, NH, November 10, 2010

'37-39 SP Ag—**Charles A. Andola**, Sea Level, NC, October 9, 2015

'37 BS HE—**Ruth Mason Phillips**, Eckert, CO, September 21, 2015

'38 BA—**Ira W. Flamborg**, Hermitage, PA, November 4, 2015

'38 BS Ag—**James C. McKay**, Chevy Chase, MD, November 23, 2015

'38 BS Ag—**Harold G. Smith**, Lyons, NY, September 26, 2015

'39-41 SP Ag—**George Fesko**, Skaneateles, NY, October 13, 2015

'39 BS Ag—**G. Whitney Irish**, Canton, NY, November 28, 2015

'39 BA—**Austin H. Kiplinger**, Poolesville, MD, November 20, 2015

## 1940s

'40-47 SP Ag—**Howard L. Ellis**, Fargo, ND, January 1, 2015

'40-41 GR—**Walter H. Gardner**, Provo, UT, June 11, 2015

'40-41 GR—**Garvin Green**, Bentonville, AR, August 29, 2015

'40 BS HE—**Betty Spink Riggs**, Clearwater, FL, September 18, 2015

'40 BA—**Harold F. Searles**, Los Angeles, CA, November 18, 2015

'41-42 SP Ag—**Clarence W. Cramer**, Sherrill, NY, November 5, 2015

'41 BS Ag—**Isadore Gibber**, North Miami Beach, FL, January 1, 2010

'41 BME—**Robert J. Hoyle Jr.**, Lewiston, ID, October 30, 2015

'41 BA—**David S. Ketchum**, Pittsburgh, PA, October 13, 2015

'41 BA, MD '44—**Edwin P. Stabins**, Pompano Beach, FL, November 7, 2015

'42 BS Ag—**John O. Almqvist**, Sarver, PA, September 6, 2015

'42 BS Hotel—**Reed Andrae**, Port Washington, WI, October 13, 2015

'42—**Betty Yon Hull**, Sandy Springs, GA, December 12, 2014

'42—**Dana K. Seiler**, Manchester, NH, May 11, 2014

'42 BS Ag—**Samuel L. Shapiro**, Leonia, NJ, November 8, 2015

'43 PhD—**Hugh K. Clark**, Aiken, SC, June 20, 2015

'43 BA, JD '47—**Joan File Mangones**, Keene, NH, November 18, 2015

'43—**Helen Katzenberg May**, Chestertown, MD, October 8, 2015

'43—**Nickolas Nickou**, Branford, CT, September 1, 2015

'43 BA, LLB '48—**Daniel R. Ohlbaum**, Washington, DC, June 24, 2013

'44 BME—**James M. Clark**, Woods Hole, MA, October 24, 2015

'44 BA—**Gretchen Eichorn** Facq, Bridgewater, NJ, September 26, 2015

'44 DVM—**David E. Lawrence**, Longmeadow, MA, October 1, 2015

'44 BA, MBA '48—**Peter P. Miller Jr.**, Newtown Square, PA, November 19, 2015

'44—**Helen Finley** Stocking, Avon Lake, OH, December 6, 2014

'44 BS Ag—**Maryann Trask** Whitcomb, Cape Elizabeth, ME, October 29, 2015

'45 BA—**Jeannette Menides** Curuby, Boston, MA, September 6, 2015

'45 BS HE—**Lois Georgia** Humphrey, Trumansburg, NY, November 5, 2015

'45, BEE '44—**Robert C. Mackeown**, Middle Haddam, CT, September 4, 2015

'45, BS HE '44—**Ruth Henne** Meyer, Southern Pines, NC, November 18, 2015

'45—**George E. Van Hagen III**, Barrington, IL, October 31, 2015

'46 JD—**Frank J. Bona**, Miami Beach, FL, July 2, 2013

'46 MCE—**Darwin R. Chang**, Madison, NJ, October 10, 2015

'46 BEE—**Donald M. Demarest**, Chestertown, MD, September 20, 2015

'46, B Chem E '49—**Richard L. Fairchild**, Cincinnati, OH, November 12, 2015

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'46 MS HE—Edith Windels Illick, Kennett Square, PA, June 22, 2015  
'46—William H. Knoell, Pittsburgh, PA, November 16, 2015  
'46, B Chem E '47—Chester L. Knowles Jr., Cushing, ME, Sept. 9, 2015  
'46 BCE—Alfred M. O. Roos, Santa Ana, CA, September 19, 2015  
'46 MA, PhD '50—Charles Sloca, Fort Loudon, PA, November 20, 2015  
'46, BS HE '45—Elizabeth Peters Yann, Columbia City, IN, Dec. 9, 2015

'47 PhD—Marion Burg, Wilmington, DE, September 28, 2015  
'47 BS Hotel—Franklin W. Carney, Brunswick, ME, November 16, 2015  
'47 MEd—Janina Czajkowski Esselen, Amherst, MA, October 2, 2015  
'47 DVM—John H. Graves, Tallahassee, FL, May 24, 2015  
'47 BCE—John W. White, Canandaigua, NY, December 4, 2015

'48, BS ILR '49, JD '50—Stephen Bermas, Port Washington, NY, August 16, 2015  
'48 BME—Henry O. Egli, Sidney, NY, October 13, 2015  
'48 BA, MEd '51—Anne Dowd Gegg, Miami, FL, July 31, 2015  
'48, BME '49—Kenneth W. Graves, Sanibel, FL, June 28, 2015  
'48 BS Ag—Frances Young Harrison, Richlands, VA, September 28, 2015  
'48 BCE—Benjamin R. Huske III, Charlotte, NC, September 26, 2015  
'48 LLB—Robert F. McDermott, Oneida, NY, January 26, 2015  
'48, BS ORIE '50—James R. Meehl, North East, PA, November 26, 2015  
'48 BS ORIE—William C. Merritt, Naples, FL, November 25, 2015  
'48 BA—Richard E. Rodgers, Rutland, VT, November 18, 2015  
'48 BEE—Edward M. Thomas, Homosassa, FL, September 18, 2015  
'48 BA—Matilda Norfleet Young, Williamsburg, VA, October 6, 2015

'49 BA—David A. Bittker, Myakka City, FL, November 22, 2015  
'49 BME—Ralph I. Coryell, Gainesville, FL, December 6, 2015  
'49 DVM—Willard H. Daniels, Storrs Mansfield, CT, November 23, 2015  
'49 BA—William M. Feinberg, Bayonne, NJ, November 2, 2015  
'49 BA—John W. Hosie Jr., Northport, NY, November 30, 2015  
'49 BS HE—Joanne Wells Nixon, Westfield, NY, November 12, 2015  
'49 JD—Jean Ripton Peterson, Buffalo, NY, September 1, 2015  
'49 BS Ag—Willett R. Porter Jr., Mahopac, NY, November 4, 2015  
'49 BME—Anthony E. Sprague, Kimberly, WI, October 26, 2015  
'49 BS Ag—Dorothy Williams Van Nostrand, Aurora, NY, Sept. 17, 2015  
'49 BS Ag, MRP '55—Harold Wade, Charleston, SC, September 1, 2015  
'49 BA—Carl N. Zimet, Denver, CO, November 19, 2015

## 1950s

'50—Herbert L. Black, Remsen, NY, October 11, 2015  
'50 BEE—Stewart K. Cudworth, St. Charles, IL, October 17, 2015  
'50 BA—Rodger W. Gibson, Louisville, KY, September 18, 2015  
'50 BS Ag—Barbara Shear Koschara, Groveland, NY, June 29, 2015  
'50 BS Ag—William H. Mohney, Bethlehem, NC, November 17, 2015  
'50 JD—Gerald F. Phillips, Los Angeles, CA, October 19, 2015  
'50 BS Ag—Stanley Rodwin, Caledonia, NY, November 14, 2015  
'50 BA—William G. Rose, Columbia, SC, October 29, 2015  
'50 BA—Jacqueline Fulton Smith, Houston, TX, September 9, 2015  
'50 BS Ag, MAT '67—Richard L. Strangeway, Cary, NC, May 17, 2015  
'50 BS Ag—Herbert L. Twichell, Gowanda, NY, October 29, 2015

'51 BA—Richard A. Booth, Brooklyn, CT, October 16, 2015  
'51 BS ILR—Gerald C. Burdick, Pittsburgh, PA, September 16, 2015  
'51 BA—Truman W. Eustis III, Greenwich, CT, October 28, 2015  
'51 PhD—Carl N. Hittle, Fort Collins, CO, November 4, 2015  
'51 BA—Suzanne Briggs Johnson, Fort Wayne, IN, September 25, 2015  
'51 BS Ag, MS Ag '55—L. W. Knapp Jr., Iowa City, IA, October 24, 2015  
'51 BA—Vincent S. Larkin, Naples, FL, January 29, 2015  
'51 BA, MEd '53—Patricia Davis McManus, Reading, PA, Nov. 15, 2015  
'51 BA, MA '53—Pierre Oberling, Unionville, CT, March 22, 2014  
'51 BS HE—Elizabeth Baisley Pohl, Sarasota, FL, September 17, 2015  
'51 BA, MBA '52—Nancy Milburn Rael, Amarillo, TX, September 16, 2015  
'51-52 SP Ag—Horace E. Shackelton Jr., Dryden, NY, September 14, 2015  
'51 BS HE—Florence E. White, Fayetteville, NY, October 17, 2015

'52 BS Ag—Frederick H. Daub, Narrowsburg, NY, October 30, 2015  
'52 PhD—Maurice L. Guss, Frederick, MD, September 10, 2015  
'52 BA—Barbara A. Kerr, Alameda, CA, September 19, 2015  
'52 BS Ag—William G. Koschara, Groveland, NY, August 22, 2013  
'52 BA—Kenneth W. Tunnell, West Chester, PA, October 9, 2015  
'52 BA—Harvey S. Turner, Mendham, NJ, June 14, 2015  
'52, B Chem E '53—Paul J. Wisniewski, Mesa, AZ, November 1, 2015

'53—Audrey Bishop Bingham-Daeffler, Waterloo, NY, November 5, 2015  
'53 MS—Cecil F. Dam, Ocala, FL, October 7, 2015  
'53 BA—Nancy W. Gorman, Brevard, NC, July 23, 2015  
'53—Jerome Karst, Prospect, VA, October 5, 2014  
'53—Joyce Dolin Kleinberg, Miami, FL, August 25, 2015  
'53 BS Ag, PhD '59—Jessie I. Price, Madison, WI, November 12, 2015  
'53—James M. Ronk Jr., North Brunswick, NJ, August 18, 2015  
'53 BA—Mary Ley Rosenstein, Atlanta, GA, October 21, 2015  
'53 BS Ag—Dirk Wansink, Fernwood, NY, October 11, 2015

'54 BA, MBA '55—Peter E. Babiy, Wilmington, DE, September 22, 2015  
'54 MS HE—Avola Whitesell Callaway, Rayle, GA, October 25, 2015  
'54 BA—Diane Deci Damerau, Goshen, CT, October 16, 2015  
'54, BCE '55, MS '57—Olin K. Dart Jr., Baton Rouge, LA, Nov. 18, 2015  
'54 BA—John L. Hochmann, New York City, March 13, 2014  
'54 BA—Rhoda Solin Isselbacher, Newton Center, MA, November 6, 2015  
'54 BS HE—Carolyn Wilklow Kuhlmann, Ellenville, NY, November 8, 2015  
'54 BA—Robert E. Levitan, New City, NY, December 4, 2015  
'54—Elizabeth Sachs Noyes, Adamstown, MD, October 28, 2015  
'54, B Chem E '55—John P. Page, Thousand Oaks, CA, September 8, 2015  
'54 BS Hotel—William B. Pattison, Victoria, BC, Canada, Sept. 4, 2015

'55 BS ILR—Philip W. Dunsker, Short Hills, NJ, September 11, 2015  
'55, BS Hotel '66—Harry C. Gibbons Jr., Prairie Village, KS, Dec. 4, 2015  
'55 BS Hotel—Albert J. Halebian, Las Vegas, NV, March 24, 2015  
'55-56 GR—Wayne A. Jones, Binghamton, NY, November 23, 2015  
'55 BS Nurs—Ellen Mansell, Keene, NH, August 28, 2015  
'55, BEP '56—Richard Rosenbaum, Palo Alto, CA, October 11, 2015  
'55, BME '56—Douglas L. Stolz, Austin, TX, November 13, 2015

'56, BME '57—Edward K. Barnard, Dewey Beach, DE, October 21, 2015  
'56—Walter D. Copeland, Skaneateles, NY, October 20, 2015  
'56—Lila Meitus Lang, Chicago, IL, June 5, 2011  
'56 MS, PhD '60—George I. Loeb, Bethesda, MD, September 14, 2015  
'56, BME '57—Robert F. Michel, Virginia Beach, VA, November 30, 2015  
'56 MS—Roger A. Miller, Columbus, OH, October 8, 2015  
'56 BA—Walter R. Stillman, Peabody, MA, October 17, 2015  
'56, BEP '58—Arthur H. Vaughan Jr., Sierra Madre, CA, May 2, 2015

'57—Marlane Glaser Bernstein, Garrison, NY, September 5, 2015  
'57 BS HE—Marilyn Jaffee Jones, Ramsey, NJ, October 12, 2015  
'57 BA—Anthony C. Koones, Rehoboth Beach, DE, August 23, 2015  
'57 BA—Richard G. Moss, Waterford Springs, VT, October 30, 2015  
'57 BArch—Carl M. Polino, Morristown, NJ, October 15, 2015  
'57 BA—Lee H. Poole, Rockingham, VT, September 27, 2015  
'57 BS HE—Mona Reidenberg Sutnick, Philadelphia, PA, October 25, 2015

'58 MS—Arthur H. Clarke Jr., Portland, TX, December 25, 2014  
'58 PhD—Kevin R. Daly, San Francisco, CA, September 25, 2015  
'58 MBA—Robert A. MacAyeal Jr., Vernon Hills, IL, September 10, 2015  
'58-59 GR—Joanne Munro McCalip, Ohio Township, PA, October 21, 2015  
'58 MBA—Paul E. Rochester, Dallas, TX, November 7, 2015  
'58 BS Ag—Thomas G. Streadford, Douglasville, GA, December 4, 2015  
'58 PhD—Jesse S. Tarleton, Nashville, TN, October 8, 2015

'59 BA—Paul Aratow, Studio City, CA, November 15, 2015  
'59 LLB—Garbriel A. Avram, Winston-Salem, NC, August 24, 2015  
'59, BArch '61—Julia Everett Brown, Madisonville, KY, December 3, 2015  
'59 BS Ag—Lyle G. Conrad, Pulteney, NY, September 22, 2015  
'59 BS Hotel—Samuel A. Cooke, Honolulu, HI, December 2, 2015  
'59 DVM—Charles N. Gould, Bridgehampton, NY, October 14, 2015  
'59 MS—John L. Johnson Jr., Cary, NC, September 29, 2015, 2015  
'59, BME '60—Joseph H. Penrose Jr., Norwalk, CT, September 17, 2015  
'59, BArch '61—Philip R. Scaffidi, Williamsville, NY, October 31, 2015  
'59 DVM—Steven I. Shaff, Salt Point, NY, October 23, 2015  
'59 MS HE—Edith Maier Singh, Charlottesville, VA, August 19, 2015

## 1960s

'60-63 GR—Henry G. Bethe, Ithaca, NY, June 7, 2015  
'60, BME '61—Louis A. Bevilacqua, Longboat Key, FL, October 6, 2015  
'60 JD—Lloyd K. Chanin, Huntington, NY, August 20, 2015  
'60 PhD—H. Russell Cort Jr., Washington, DC, September 3, 2015  
'60 BS Hotel—Jean C. Hollant, Miami, FL, October 1, 2015  
'60 BS HE, MA '63—Adele Hartney Nealon, Asheville, NC, Sept. 25, 2015  
'60—Thomas H. Wright, Rocky River, OH, November 16, 2015

- '61 BA—Matteson M. Scott, Arlington, VA, July 26, 2015  
'61 BS Ag—Herbert J. Steffen, Bainbridge Island, WA, March 2, 2013
- '62—Wilson P. Burns Jr., Springfield, MO, November 23, 2015  
'62 BA, MD '66—Richard H. Fine, San Francisco, CA, November 10, 2015  
'62 MS—Lois Patterson Foster, Ithaca, NY, October 15, 2015  
'62, BEE '63, MEE '64—Roger L. Freischlag, Colorado Springs, CO, September 27, 2015  
'62, BA '63—Jason L. Goldstein, San Francisco, CA, October 22, 2012  
'62 MS, PhD '64—D. D. Hardee, Greenville, MS, November 19, 2015  
'62 MS HE—Helen C. McGonigle, Columbia, MO, November 28, 2013  
'62 MS, PhD '66—Richard H. Pletcher, Ames, IA, September 12, 2015
- '63 MNS—Maria M. DiGiacomo, Springfield, PA, October 24, 2015  
'63, BA '65—Joann Thorne Eisenberg, San Diego, CA, July 3, 2010  
'63 BS Ag—Jerry M. Harkness, Marcellus, NY, October 4, 2015  
'63—Frank K. Lorenz, Clinton, NY, September 10, 2015  
'63 PhD—Alfred F. McFee, Loudon, TN, September 15, 2015  
'63 BA—H. Joseph Mello, New York City, August 19, 2015  
'63 MST—Robert A. Olson, Ashland, WI, December 3, 2015  
'63, BA '64—Ben Schlossberg Jr., Asbury Park, NJ, September 10, 2015  
'63-65 GR—William C. Thomas, Woodbury, NJ, August 1, 2015
- '64 BS Hotel—Thomas M. Chapman, West Deptford, NJ, December 1, 2015  
'64, BEE '65—Frederic H. Gaskell Jr., Durango, CO, November 9, 2015  
'64, BS Ag '65—Gary S. Hyman, Eastchester, NY, May 14, 2015  
'64 MCE, PhD '66—Walter J. Maier, Tucson, AZ, November 7, 2015  
'64 BS Ag—Lorraine M. Marold, Corning, NY, October 7, 2015  
'64, BME '65, MBA '67—Jose Ochoa, Ashington, England, October 9, 2015  
'64 BS Ag—Ruth Haber Rifkin, Indianapolis, IN, February 11, 2015  
'64, BME '65, ME '66—Robert A. Schreiber, New City, NY, Aug. 22, 2015  
'64 MS HE—Patricia M. Tengel, Potomac, MD, January 14, 2015
- '65 BA—Kathleen Vallone Friedman, Lake Placid, NY, August 13, 2015  
'65 BS Ag—Joseph J. Lalli, Fort Lauderdale, FL, October 25, 2014  
'65 MEE—Eugene A. Lue, Berkeley Heights, NJ, November 5, 2015
- '66 EdD—Jimmy J. Bezdek, Denton, TX, November 17, 2015  
'66 MA—Joseph H. Coreth, Chevy Chase, MD, April 5, 2014  
'66 MD—John E. Deitrick Jr., Danville, PA, September 25, 2015  
'66 BS Hotel, MBA '71—Phillip Ratner, Laguna Niguel, CA, Oct. 26, 2015  
'66 BS ILR—Randolph S. Sherman, Croton-on-Hudson, NY, Oct. 20, 2015  
'66 BCE, MCE '68—Charles C. Smith Jr., Stuart, FL, October 27, 2015
- '67 BA—Samuel R. Berger, Washington, DC, December 2, 2015  
'67 MEd—Frances Warner Davis, St. Paul, MN, September 9, 2015  
'67 PhD—James V. Davis, Nashville, TN, September 1, 2015  
'67 BS Ag—Theodore L. Hopkins, Fillmore, NY, November 21, 2015  
'67 PhD—James R. Houck, Ithaca, NY, September 18, 2015  
'67 BS Ag—Ronald R. Howe, Burke, NY, October 13, 2015  
'67 BA—James A. Jackson, Dallas, TX, October 18, 2015  
'67 BS ILR, PhD '88—Donald E. Lifton, Ithaca, NY, December 7, 2015  
'67 JD—Melvin Rosenberg, Pittsburgh, PA, October 18, 2015
- '68 BS Ag—Corinne S. Ertel, Waban, MA, August 31, 2015  
'68 BS HE, MS HE '75—Marjory Beth Martin, Ithaca, NY, Oct. 16, 2015  
'68, BME '69, MME '70, MBA '71—Michael R. Mueller, Carson City, NV, August 27, 2015  
'68-69 GR—Kathryn S. Rowley, Los Angeles, CA, October 20, 2011
- '69 BS Nurs—Cynthia Taylor Foley, Rockland, MA, October 14, 2015  
'69 MA—Janet R. Hadda, Los Angeles, CA, June 23, 2015  
'69-72 GR—James L. Kopp, King Ferry, NY, June 24, 2014
- 1970s**  
'70 BS Ag—Edward T. Eggers, Lowman, NY, November 25, 2015  
'70 MS, PhD '80—Peter J. Todd, Oak Ridge, TN, September 25, 2015
- '71 BS Ag—Charles A. Anjard, Lancaster, PA, September 8, 2015  
'71 BS Ag, MS Ag '80—James P. Finkle, Canandaigua, NY, Sept. 4, 2015  
'71 BS Ag—Douglas B. Meyer, San Diego, CA, March 25, 2015
- '72 BA—James L. Brendemuhl, Riverside, IL, September 27, 2015  
'72 BA—Vincent J. Destasio, Cranford, NJ, September 24, 2015  
'72 BS Hotel—Joseph J. Ecker Jr., Baton Rouge, LA, October 20, 2015
- '74 MS—Donna Caroon Bergmark, Ithaca, NY, October 15, 2015  
'74 MA, PhD '75—Patricia A. Daly, Worcester, MA, October 24, 2015  
'74 JD—Frederick C. Emery Jr., Cape Elizabeth, ME, September 4, 2015  
'74 BA—George Kuzmicz, Scarborough, ON, Canada, September 25, 2015
- '75 EdD—Janathin A. Miller, San Diego, CA, November 11, 2015  
'75, BArch '76—Ralph A. Olivier, Landenberg, PA, November 25, 2015  
'75, BArch '76—Peter S. Sobin, Wethersfield, CT, October 1, 2015
- '76 BS Hotel—Michael E. Fishman, Forest Hills, NY, December 17, 2014  
'76, BS Ag '78—Kim R. Richardson, Bridgeport, CT, September 7, 2015
- '77 BS Hotel—Richard F. Jernigan, Granby, CO, September 23, 2015  
'77 MArch—Charles O. King, Chattanooga, TN, October 7, 2015  
'77 BS Ag—Michelle L. Scholz, Berkeley, CA, September 26, 2015
- '78 PhD—Mervyn N. Brockett, Portland, OR, August 26, 2015  
'78 BA—Diane D'Acunto, Stamford, CT, September 21, 2015  
'78 BS Ag—William J. Silvia, Versailles, KY, September 14, 2015
- '79 BS Hotel—Martin J. Lawrence, Bonita Springs, FL, July 11, 2015  
'79 BFA—William L. McLean, Charlestown Township, PA, Oct. 24, 2015
- 1980s**  
'80 PhD—Stephen D. Helmer, Ithaca, NY, December 1, 2015  
'80 PhD—Ronald P. Kershner, Hockessin, DE, September 1, 2015
- '81, BA '84—Maryjane Papastrat, Binghamton, NY, November 18, 2015
- '82, BS Ag '83—Manuel Guajardo III, Niceville, FL, September 29, 2013
- '83 BS Ag, MBA '84—Judy Lautensack Paragamian, Lower Makefield, PA, September 14, 2015  
'83 BA—Robert J. Tigue, East Berne, NY, September 12, 2015
- '85 MPS—Kershaw Burbank Jr., St. Georges, Grenadines, October 14, 2015
- '87 MBA—Steven J. Goldschmidt, Lambertville, NJ, September 13, 2015
- '88 BS Eng—Christopher E. Lee, Charlottesville, VA, December 4, 2015
- '89 PhD—Jork P. Sellschopp, Berlin, Germany, November 1, 2015  
'89 BS Hotel, MPS '93—Mark P. Talbert, Ithaca, NY, October 19, 2015
- 1990s**  
'92 BA—Martin J. Beversdorf, Mundelein, IL, September 30, 2015  
'92 BFA, MPS '96—Elena Dubrovsky, Hillsborough, NC, June 3, 2014
- 2000s**  
'03 MS, PhD '05—Carla Dee Moravitz Martin, Laurel, MD, Oct. 30, 2015
- '04 MBA—My Luu, Briarcliff Manor, NY, September 25, 2015
- '07 BS Ag—Christine Capalongo Wylde, Hazen, ND, October 29, 2015
- 2010s**  
'11 ME—Thomas J. Virgin, Boca Raton, FL, November 10, 2015  
'15—Connor J. McGinnis, Boca Raton, FL, September 27, 2015

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# Joke's on You

Come April, 'tis the season for a *Sun* parody

In 1938, the *Daily Sun* broke the bad news: spring break was cancelled. “A subcommittee . . . discovered that marks were so far below the required standard that they felt some immediate drastic action was necessary,” the paper reported on April 1. “Authorities expressed some doubt that any further holidays would be granted this term.”

Unbeknownst to the gullible students who cancelled their tickets home, the story was part of a long-standing *Sun* tradition: it was the lead item in one of the many joke issues that have been making Cornellians chuckle, panic, and groan for decades. Over the years, the paper has produced fake stories both outlandish and quasi-believable, from a news report that freshmen would undergo mandatory Slope Day breathalyzer tests to coverage of an alleged lawsuit by Kurt Vonnegut Jr. '44—who, the paper said, was suing popular government professor Isaac Kramnick for appropriating his wild-haired coiffure. “The *Sun* is an independent paper,” notes current editor-in-chief Tyler Alicea '16, “and one of the things that comes with that is being able to laugh not only at ourselves, but at our university.”

**‘I still remember the sinking feeling as it slowly dawned on me that I’d been had.’**

So what makes a good joke story? Alicea says that a certain level of plausibility is essential, and that “the best ones are subtle and play on current events.” In 2008, for example, the paper riffed on the fact that a slew of famous architects had had their design proposals for Milstein Hall rejected. The *Sun* wrote that the school had bribed industry luminary Frank Gehry to finish the plans—paying him off with “relics from Frank Lloyd Wright’s grave.”

Occasionally, the *Sun*’s japes have spread beyond campus. In 1959, its staff replicated the *Harvard Crimson*, detailing the arrests of football players for conspiring to throw a game; in 1965, they similarly aped the *Daily Princetonian*. The prank issues were substituted for the actual publication, distributed across their respective campuses—and sold to amused Cornellians. “In today’s social media age, I would guess it’s much harder to trick people,” muses former associate managing editor Mike Ullmann '80, who worked on prank issues during his *Sun* days. “Everyone is so skeptical of what they read online.”

In decades past, in addition to the April Fool’s edition (which now appears on the twentieth, because April 1 falls over spring break), the *Sun* produced a fall prank issue, which usually featured a gag that preyed on unsuspecting freshmen. It often tricked them into action—say, announcing the need for new housing assignments because New York State had outlawed coed dorms—and prompted panicked visits to Day Hall. “The receptionists would be waiting and smiling and telling them they’d been fooled,” says Ullmann. “I recall one year, they gave a lollipop to each student who showed up—a ‘sucker for a sucker.’”

One such article, which alleged that GPAs would drop due to a change in the grading system—and whose bone-chilling subtitle declared “Only 10% Can Get A’s”—thoroughly duped Greg Busby '82, who approached his animal science professor about it. “I still remember the sinking feeling as it slowly dawned on me that I’d been had,” Busby, now an assistant director at Cornell Information Technologies, recalls with a chuckle. “I just *had* to ask the professor. I couldn’t have asked the TA.” ■

— Alexandra Bond '12



## DON'T BELIEVE EVERYTHING YOU READ:

A sampling of joke issues, stretching back to the Thirties

Do you have any favorite *Daily Sun* parody recollections? Did you fall for any pranks? Share your stories in the comments section of this article at [cornellalumnimagazine.com](http://cornellalumnimagazine.com).

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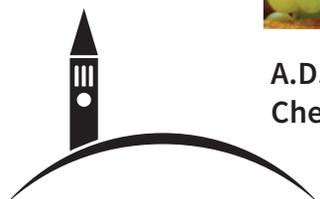


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