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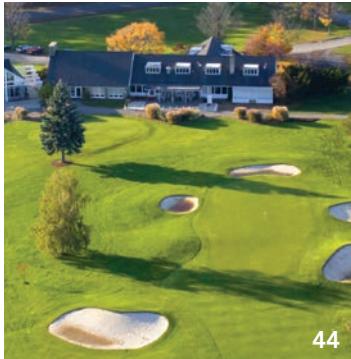
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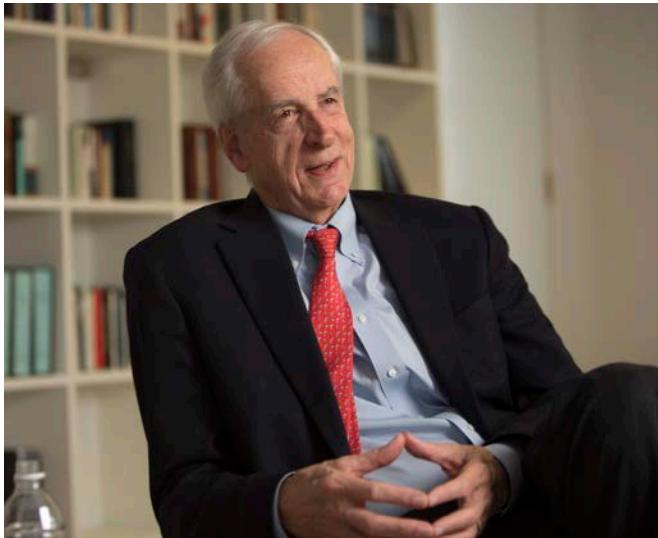
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# Strengthening the Fabric of Cornell



**M**y first thought on coming back to Cornell is that I regret the circumstances: Beth Garrett's death was a sad occasion for all of us. In her too-brief time here, Beth won many friends and supporters, and she has left a large hole in the fabric of our university.

It is our job now, collectively and collaboratively, to help repair the fabric Cornell has woven so successfully for more than a century and a half. For that task, we need good will and good work from everyone in our community, across all our campuses.

As I return after five years in Washington, D.C., Cornell appears more remarkable than ever: we have a faculty that is immensely strong, a superb student body, a committed and extremely capable staff, and, simply put, the most loyal and effective alumni enjoyed by any university in the world.

It is worth emphasizing that Cornell is one of America's premier research universities, and that this country has, in quality and in number, the finest such universities in the world. I remark on those facts because today these very institutions confront a great deal of public scrutiny and criticism. In my position at the Association of American Universities I saw much of this fault-finding up close: complaints by governors, legislators, and members of the press about student debt, high tuition, political correctness, campus protests, bloated staffs, and a litany of other charges.

While there is some truth about some universities in each of these accusations, they exaggerate the faults and miss the main point: American research universities today lead the world by a wide margin, and have a greater impact on American culture and our economy than ever before. It is no exaggeration to say that our research universities remain among the most prized and envied institutions in the world. Other countries send their

students to us for higher education, export their best faculty to our labs and libraries for research and scholarship, and seek us out as partners and mentors in building new campuses and programs. Cornell is a leading model of this global role: it is a magnet for talent from around the world.

Here are a few recent data points illustrating Cornell's global role and reputation:

- Drawing from 44,966 applications, the largest pool in our history, the University offered admission this spring to a diverse and superbly talented group of prospective first-year students. They come from all fifty states, several U.S. territories, and eighty-five other countries; based on citizenship, they represent 104 countries from outside the U.S.

- Over the past three years we have hired an annual average of eighty-two new tenured or tenure-track faculty for the Ithaca campus and Cornell Tech, and an average of eighty-two such faculty (and fifty-three non-tenured/non-tenure-track faculty) a year for Weill Cornell Medicine. These new faculty include outstanding researchers, scholars, clinicians, teachers, and mentors drawn here from around the world—and they, in turn, are making Cornell an even greater magnet for talent on a global scale.

- Mindful that the cost of education is an issue for all research universities, Cornell has maintained its commitment to access for deserving students, regardless of their ability to pay. At the same time it has made deliberate efforts to reduce expenditures that do not contribute to the quality and value of a Cornell education. Our extraordinary staff have played a major

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role in the effort to contain costs. Last fall, for example, members of the staff suggested 545 ways to improve processes and procedures. We have already implemented 120 of their proposals, with another 220 items in process.

As we move forward, as we must, to strengthen the fabric of our university, the good will and good work of Cornellians everywhere will be ever more valuable—and ever more valued. It is a pleasure to be back, and to join you in the task of sustaining and advancing Cornell's leadership as one of world's greatest research universities. ■

— Hunter R. Rawlings III, Interim President  
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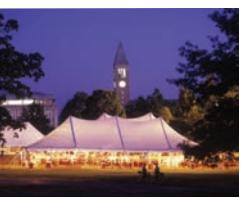
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### The Joy of Artist: Shelly Buonaiuto A Little Company

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## AT THE 148TH COMMENCEMENT, GRADS ARE SOGGY BUT HAPPY



Members of the Class of 2016 received their degrees in Schoellkopf Stadium over Memorial Day Weekend—but first, they got drenched. Nearly a quarter-inch of rain pounded the grads as they processed, making for one of the wettest Commencements in memory. The traditional address was given by Provost Michael Kotlikoff, standing in for Interim President Hunter Rawlings III (who had a previous commitment). “I hope you have learned to listen as well as to lecture, to respectfully disagree, and to look for common ground,” Kotlikoff said. “I hope that as graduates of Cornell—the most unpretentious, democratic, and rigorous Ivy—you’ve also gained a fuller sense of who you are, and how you can contribute to our great American experiment.”

The previous day, a popular Hollywood personality gave the Senior Convocation address in Schoellkopf, amid unseasonably warm temperatures. As Kotlikoff quipped in his intro: “It’s just another regular day in Ithaca: 90 degrees and hanging with James Franco.” In his talk, the actor noted that he’d been accepted to Cornell as an undergrad—but opted for UCLA, ultimately dropping out to follow his muse. “Because I’ve pursued what interests me and what excites me, my life is mine to control. And that’s my little bit of wisdom to you,” Franco said. “Don’t be afraid to be beginners. Don’t think that this marks the end of your learning—this should be the start.”



**Rain, rain, go away:** Grads in Schoellkopf (top). Above: James Franco (left) and Provost Kotlikoff at Convocation.

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# PATRIOTIC DUTY

Stephanie Czech Rader '37, who died this year at age 100, was posthumously honored for her World War II service as...



- A) A fighter pilot
- B) A spy for the OSS
- C) A close adviser to FDR
- D) An Enigma codebreaker

ANSWER: B

**'We want to get the public to have a loving relationship with science. Science is beautiful; science is music; science is poetry.'**

— Actor and educator Alan Alda, speaking in Bailey Hall in May



## IMF Director Tapped as Investment Chief

The former director of the International Monetary Fund's investment office is Cornell's new chief investment officer. Kenneth Miranda will lead the Office of University Investments and manage a \$6 billion portfolio.

## New Johnson & Vet Deans

Accounting professor Mark Nelson has been named dean of the Johnson School. On the faculty since 1990, he succeeds Soumitra Dutta, now dean of the new College of Business. The Vet college also named a new dean: Lorin Warnick, PhD '94, a past director of the Cornell University Hospital for Animals who has taught on the Hill since 1996.

## DID YOU KNOW...



That Cornell Dairy has been certified as kosher? The designation came after an April inspection by an Orthodox Union rabbi.

## Psi Upsilon House Ordered Vacated

The University has revoked its recognition of Psi Upsilon fraternity for at least three years. The move came, in part, in response to a Slope Day party held at the house, "in blatant violation of the terms of interim suspension and of the order of a University official delivered to acting chapter leaders."

## Sun Trims Print Editions

The Daily Sun will cut its print publication schedule from five days a week to three starting this fall. In stating that the paper will publish a print edition only on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays, its lead editors cited both financial challenges—it has operated at a loss for the past seven years—and a desire to focus on its online presence, calling this a "pivotal moment" in the Sun's history. The move made headlines locally and nationally, including a story in the New York Times.

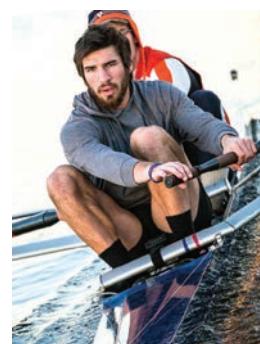


**Shop 'til you drop:** A new outpost of the Cornell Store opened downtown on the Ithaca Commons in June. In addition to the main store on Ho Plaza, other branches are located at the Statler Hotel, the Shops at Ithaca Mall, and the Medical College in New York City.

## GIVE MY REGARDS TO...

### THESE CORNELLIANS IN THE NEWS

Former Big Red heavyweight rower **Alex Karwoski '12** (right), who'll represent the U.S. at the Rio Olympics in the men's eight.



**Laurent Ferri**, a curator in the Division of Rare and Manuscript Collections and co-director of the French studies program, named a Chevalier of the *Ordre des Arts et Lettres* by the French government.



**Camille Sims '15**, crowned Miss New York. She'll compete for the Miss America title in Atlantic City in September.

**Thomas Campanella, MLA '91**, associate professor of city and regional planning, named historian-in-residence at New York City's Department of Parks and Recreation.

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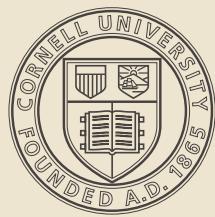
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# FIGHTING WORDS

In a dramatic video, ESPN reporter Sarah Spain '02 highlights the online abuse faced by women in sports journalism

**C**hicago-based sports journalist Sarah Spain '02 sits on a stool in a spare, brick-walled room, listening as men read aloud some of the "mean tweets" she has received in response to her work on ESPN radio and TV. One by one, the men—volunteers, not the actual writers of the messages—stammer and squirm as they force the words out.

"Sarah Spain sounds like a nagging wife on TV today," says one tweet, the least offensive by far.

"I hope your boyfriend beats you," says another.

And this: "I hope your dog gets hit by a car, you bitch."

Spain listens stoically—she's heard it all before, and worse—but the men are visibly distraught. Says one, a heavyset guy in a backward baseball cap: "I'm having trouble looking at you when I'm saying these things."

That's precisely the point. Spain and a female colleague were appearing in a public service announcement aimed at highlighting the online abuse—often vicious, foul-mouthed, and explicitly threatening—that women in their industry suffer on

a daily basis. "At this point, I don't really process the words anymore," Spain says. "Yesterday somebody told me to drink bleach, and I laughed; it was like the fifth time someone had said that. I don't think about it anymore, because it's been going on for years. Whereas the men reading them—who didn't know what was coming—had a natural reaction to it."

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Entitled "#MoreThanMean," the four-minute video made a media splash when it came out in April, with Spain getting a barrage of interview requests. She also got an outpouring of support—and a certain amount of backlash. "The main responses that were not positive were, 'Suck it up or get out of the industry,'" she says, "which is silly, because it's pretty clear by now that I have a thick skin."

Another thing she thinks is silly—no, make that infuriating—is that, as a woman, she's constantly called upon to prove that she actually cares about sports. As she tweeted in mid-May (along with emojis of laughter and tears): "Uber driver had ESPN radio on. Asked him to turn it up. He was shocked . . . and then proceeded to explain sports to me." ▶



**GOOD SPORT:** Spain (clockwise from far left) at the mic; throwing the javelin for the Big Red; sharing the screen with Keith Olbermann '79; and reporting on baseball and football for ESPN

Spain, who boasts more than 100,000 Twitter followers, isn't just a veteran sports journalist; she's an accomplished athlete. An English major on the Hill, she was a heptathlete on the track and field team, serving as co-captain her senior year—when the Big Red won both indoor and outdoor Ivy Heps—and setting a school record in javelin. She originally envisioned a career in comedy, studying at Second City's L.A. conservatory, before moving into journalism. She relocated to Chicago in 2008 and has since held a series of on- and off-camera jobs in radio, TV, and online media; she's currently a writer for espnW.com; one of the three female hosts of "The Trifecta" on ESPN radio; a contributor to TV's "SportsCenter" and "The Sports Reporters"; and the host of her own podcast, "That's What She Said." She notes that after her first appearance on "The Sports Reporters," trolls snidely suggested—in unprintable terms—that she had been hired due to her physique, or because she had done time on the proverbial casting couch. "It was not even anything I had said or done," she marvels. "It was, 'Why is she allowed on this show?'"

Pondering why the "#MoreThanMean" video struck such a nerve, she theorizes—more than a bit ruefully—that part of its power stemmed from the fact that it highlighted the men's discomfort. The volunteers, who weren't allowed to see the tweets before reading them to Spain and her colleague, sometimes wound up apologizing on behalf of the entire male gender. "It's so easy to discount when women say they're experiencing something, but for whatever reason when a man does it, we listen," she observes. "Which is troubling—but in this case, also effective."

So how did it feel to hear the invective read aloud? While Spain long ago resolved not to let online trolls rile her, she admits that the exercise revived some of the words' power to wound. "Oddly enough, the one about wanting my dog to get

hit by a car made me upset every time they said it, and the ones about me really didn't," she says. "I think it's because I'm protective of my dog and I love him so much, but I have a hard enough shell that I don't really worry about myself."

For Spain, as for many of her female colleagues, online abuse spikes when she reports stories that touch on gender-related topics—for example, when she has lamented the lack of respect afforded to WNBA players—or hot-button issues like domestic violence. When Spain called Yankees fans to task for giving baseball pitcher Aroldis Chapman a standing ovation after he returned from a thirty-game suspension for spousal abuse, she says, "for the next three hours my Twitter mentions were all 'You're a fat whore, get the Yankees' name out of your mouth, you're a dumbass.'"

Most of the time, Spain ignores the trolls—but occasionally, she retweets them. "I refuse to let them have all the power," she says. "And secondly, I do like messing with people—so if you sound like a total idiot, I'd like to show everybody how idiotic you are."

Sometimes, she mounts a more active defense—like when she was covering the domestic assault case against football player Ray Rice, and one young man tweeted to her, "I hope someone Ray Rices you, except this time you die." Spain found out that the man's father was a state representative, so she retweeted his threat along with a note observing how easy it is to find someone online—and he immediately deleted his Twitter account. Then there was the time when one of her co-hosts, a lesbian, was receiving a steady stream of homophobic tweets from one particular man. Some googling revealed that he worked for a certain car rental company—so Spain forwarded the tweets to his boss. "This is real life," she says. "There are people who like to say that it isn't. But you are one person, in life and online." ■

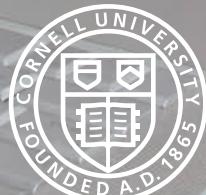
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# RESISTANCE MOVEMENT

**The Medical college's Carl Nathan battles the overuse of antibiotics—and champions the development of new ones**

Last fall, New York Giants tight end Daniel Fells suffered an ankle injury during practice. He later spiked a temperature of 104 and was rushed to the hospital, where doctors found that the wound was infected with methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA). As worried fans followed Fells's struggles in the media, he underwent multiple surgeries to excise the potentially deadly strain of bacteria, which doesn't respond to most antibiotics. While doctors were able to save his foot—and his life—his future in football remains uncertain.

For Weill Cornell Medicine microbiology professor Carl Nathan, stories like Fells's underscore a threat that he has devoted a great deal of energy to publicizing and combatting. For more than a decade, he has been advocating the development of new antibiotics, and measures to curb the overuse that drives evolution of drug-resistant strains.

One of the world's leading authorities on tuberculosis, Nathan has written numerous academic articles on antibiotic resistance—including pieces in *Nature* and the *New England Journal of Medicine*—and been a global thought leader on the subject in the research community and beyond. But he notes that cases like Fells's are far more effective at making both average Americans and government officials understand the issue's urgency. "It makes no impact to talk about the threat numerically and statistically, with epidemiologic arguments," says Nathan, who marked his thirtieth anniversary at Weill Cornell last spring. "What gets people is the individuals: the face, the name, the personal story."



**MAN ON A MISSION:** Weill Cornell microbiologist Carl Nathan in his lab

#### **Why are you so interested in drug-resistant bacteria?**

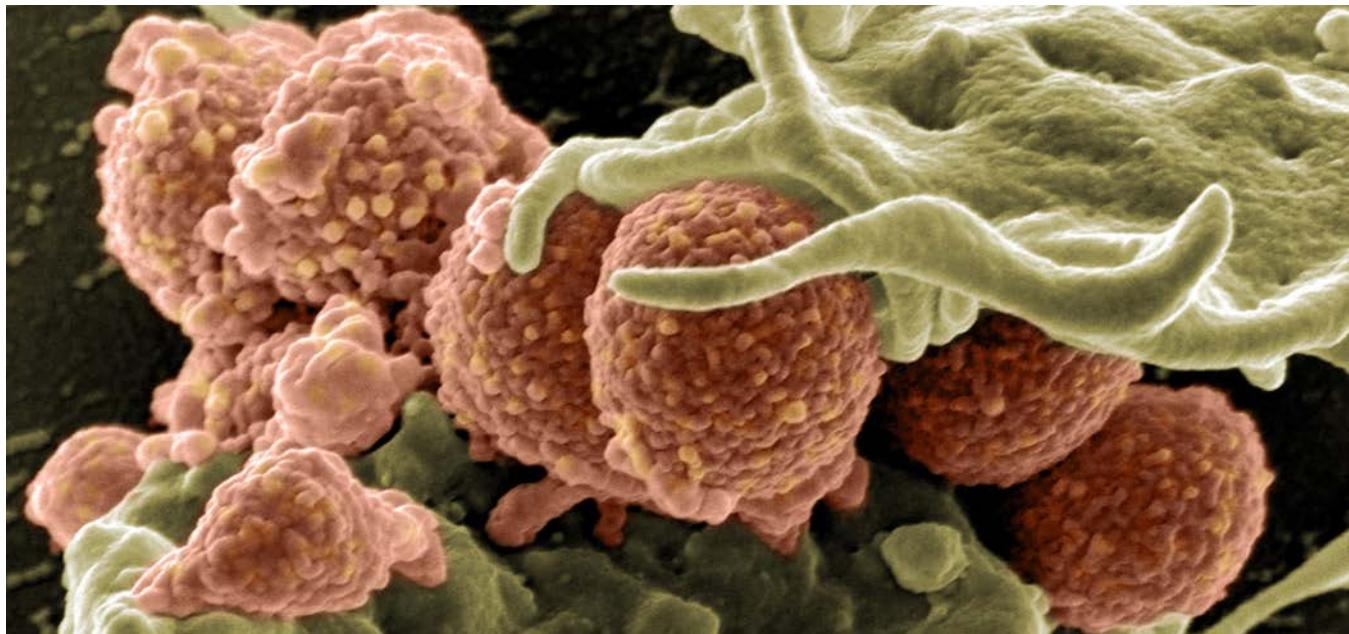
I don't think it's hard to be interested; I think it's hard to justify ignoring it. We're not making new antibiotics, and each one that we have is becoming progressively less useful as resistance rises. People with bacterial infections are moving around more without adequate public health control measures. It's hard not to be alarmed. What will become of modern medicine without antibiotics? Just think about it: Not only will people get pneumonia and die often rather than rarely, but consider elective surgery. Are you going to want to have your hip replaced if you can't protect against operative-associated infections? What's going to happen to trauma surgery? Or soldiers who live close together in barracks, and meningococcal disease spreads and you can't treat it? What about premature babies? What about cancer chemotherapy? It goes on and on.

#### **How big a problem is this in the U.S.?**

In this country, an estimated 23,000 people a year die from bacterial infections that used to be treatable and now are not. Gonorrhea, for example, was originally the easiest bacterial infectious disease to treat; it took a single injection of penicillin to cure it. There are now cases of gonorrhea in this country—somewhere between 1 and 5 percent—that you can't treat with anything, leading to pain, infertility, arthritis, and even death. Globally the problem is much bigger. There are about a dozen species of bacterial pathogens where you now have samples grown from some patients that are resistant to every antibiotic available.

#### **Would you give an example of a global threat?**

Probably the dominant form of antimicrobial resistance is expressed by *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*. This is the single leading cause of death from a bacterial infection in the world, even though it is curable—and to put those two things in the same sentence constitutes a societal indictment. In this country, we have very few cases of multi-drug-resistant tuberculosis [MDR-TB], but I just came back from Haiti—four hours away by plane—where they diagnosed about 16,000 new TB cases in 2014 alone, and hundreds of them are multi-drug-resistant. The fatality rate of MDR-TB in many places is about 70 percent. Treatment takes about two years and the drugs are toxic. The average patient is taking twelve to seventeen pills a day, plus a painful injection.



**A BUG'S LIFE:** A scanning electron micrograph shows the interaction of MRSA bacteria (in red) with a human white blood cell.

### **Is it hard to rally activism around this issue?**

It is. This isn't a disease like HIV/AIDS, where there was a community of people who were afflicted and formed lobbying groups, protested, and demanded more funding. Here you have isolated people with no particular demographic to tie them together. They're not hemophiliacs, they don't have cystic fibrosis; they could be anybody or everybody. These are scattered, tragic events. And when they involve celebrities, are particularly gruesome, or the person who's affected is particularly photogenic or heart-rending, they come into the news. If I were allowing myself to be cynical, I would say that when members of Congress or their loved ones are affected, this will move very quickly.

### **So what are you calling for?**

Two things. One is an oversight structure, and another is cooperative research between the private, academic, and government sectors to overcome some of the obstacles for developing new antibacterials.

### **How would such an oversight agency be structured?**

It isn't entirely clear, but the first issue is that these problems are global. Resistance moves in waves from one place to another, and it's futile to try to control it by only looking within a given nation. So there needs to be a global surveillance network where data are collected in a scientifically meaningful way and shared. Drug companies are almost exclusively multinational, so there needs to be a coordinated effort on how to solve the economic problem that's facing antibiotic development. It basically means making a reward structure that is not dependent on the traditional one, because the opportunities for return on investment are so much smaller than for other classes of drugs that there are almost no companies left that have chosen to continue antibiotic discovery.

### **Why is it so hard for a company to make a profit on an antibiotic?**

There are several reasons. There's a high rate of failure during the drug discovery process—and once the drugs are released, they're lost to resistance relatively quickly. Also, they're often curative in a relatively short time. A typical antibiotic course can be one to ten days, as opposed to lifelong for many other kinds of drugs, so the opportunity for making money is very limited.

**'In this country, an estimated 23,000 people a year die from bacterial infections that used to be treatable and now are not.'**

### **With overprescription of antibiotics helping to drive resistance, could you describe the most common ways in which the drugs are misused?**

In this country well over half the antibiotics produced are used in the food industry; they're administered to healthy animals, fish, and plants to increase production.

Another problem in this and many other countries is overprescription of antibiotics to humans without diagnosis; most prescriptions are dispensed for viral infections where they have no benefit. A terrible problem overseas, especially in China and India, is profitmaking by doctors for writing prescriptions. Here at home, the doctor is paid for providing care, and the pharmacist and drug company make money from the prescription. In those countries, the doctor is selling the antibiotic and has an incentive to prescribe frequently and abundantly, and that's exactly what's happening.

### **If you're advocating for major cuts in antibiotic use in livestock, mightn't that face serious opposition from agriculture?**

The argument is that it will raise costs and lower production—but in parts of Europe that have banned using antibiotics relevant to human medicine in healthy animals for food production, those fears were not realized. Congress and the FDA have moved toward regulation, but for political reasons they've been unable to go the distance. ›

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**DEADLY STRAIN:** A 3-D rendering of drug-resistant *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*

**What words of wisdom do you have for the American pediatrician on the front lines, facing parents who demand she prescribe antibiotics for their sick child, even though she's quite sure it won't help?**

I have great sympathy for her, and I'm not trying to tell her what to do, because her responsibility is to the patient and to weigh all the factors involved. Such as, if she offends the parents, they may not come back when it's really necessary, and there could be adverse effects on the child's health or even life. I don't think the onus is on her.

**Then what's the solution?**

Quick, accurate diagnostics that can be used at the point of care. Then, that pediatrician can say to the parents, "Your child has reovirus, and unfortunately we don't have anything for it. An antibiotic is most likely to disrupt the healthy bacteria that help your child's immune system develop, so actually that might be harmful." I think that conversation would go very differently than, "I don't know what your child has, but I'm not willing to guess that it might be a bacterial infection, so I won't give you an antibiotic." If you have a diagnostic test that informs you about your patient's sample, that changes the equation.

**Besides diagnostic testing and reducing antibiotics in food production, what else can be done in the U.S.?**

We can make efforts at conservation, which includes correct prescription. We can reduce the need for antibiotics by following

**'For several years now, the World Economic Forum has prioritized antimicrobial resistance as a major threat to global security and economic advancement.'**

appropriate procedures of hygiene and sanitation, for example handwashing by medical personnel. We can encourage research and promote alternative methods—like vaccination, use of antibodies against bacteria, or novel strategies to block their resistance mechanisms. There are a lot of moving parts, and it requires oversight by an agency that can identify the points of control and undertake the appropriate combination of education, exhortation, regulation, surveillance, and funding.

**Are global leaders starting to get it?**

They are. For several years now, the World Economic Forum has prioritized antimicrobial resistance as a major threat to global security and economic advancement. The WHO has listed it as a top concern. The government of the United Kingdom has prioritized it as a chief concern in the sphere of medicine. President Obama has called for and received a national action plan for combatting antimicrobial resistance.

**So would you say you're optimistic that despite all the challenges, a solution can be found?**

There is every reason to remain pessimistic, but I don't think it helps. It's like any big change in how society's structured. You hammer away, and nothing changes—then suddenly it starts to change, and it changes very quickly. There have been lots of things—women's right to vote; abolition; apartheid—where change seemed impossible and lots of people put their shoulder to the wheel and no one could tell if their effort was going to be wasted, but eventually these intractable problems gave way. So I'm hoping we're reaching the point in terms of the level of urgency, the growing knowledge in the business and government sectors, and the fact that this has reached collective attention at the level of the WHO. I think it's different now. We can't go back. We can only go forward. ■

— Beth Saulnier



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# WEEKEND WARRIORS

**Alums head the two major organizers of extreme obstacle course events—not that odd a coincidence, since Cornellians tend to be a fit bunch after four years of trudging up Libe Slope**



**FIRE & WATER:** An athlete braves a Spartan Race.

## Joe De Sena '90: Spartan Race Cultivates Primal Skills

There's the Atlas Carry, in which competitors have to tote a boulder the size of a beach ball. And the Tyrolean Traverse, in which they haul themselves across a horizontal rope before dropping into the water and swimming to shore. And the Fire Jump, the Tire Drag, the Spear Throw, and the Barbed Wire Crawl—all pretty much what they sound like. If a competitor fails to complete any of them, he or she has to do thirty of the pulse-pounding squat-thrusts known as "burpees."

These challenges and more await participants in Spartan Races, extreme athletic events that combine distance running with a series of grueling obstacles. Founded in 2010 by Joe De Sena '90, the races are meant to evoke the ordeals that humans faced in earlier times—with participants aiming to be as tough as the legendary warriors for which the events are named. "We looked at, What should a human being be proficient at?" says De Sena. "For a very long time, humans used

to throw a spear, and we lost that skill. You should be able to climb a wall, crawl, climb a rope."

De Sena is speaking via Skype from Singapore, where he and his family live. He and his wife relocated from Vermont in part because they want their kids to speak fluent Mandarin

and be proficient in martial arts—and also because he sees Asia as the biggest growth market for Spartan's expanding business. This year, he says, some 150 Spartan Races will be held in thirty countries worldwide. They range from the entry-level Sprint (about three miles and twenty obstacles) to the Super

(eight miles, twenty-four obstacles) to the Beast (twelve miles, thirty obstacles) and even the Ultra Beast (twenty-six miles, sixty obstacles). As the Spartan website notes about the latter: "There is no map or details for the course. Don't bother asking because we will not tell you. As always, if you're not sure if you're ready, or you spend more than one hour per year at Bed

**'Sitting on the couch watching TV doesn't feel good. You have to get people outside, get them reconnected with the earth.'**



**TRUE GRIT:** Scenes from Spartan Races, extreme athletic events founded by Joe De Sena '90 (below left). De Sena (seen climbing a rope, below right) remains an avid participant.



Bath & Beyond, please only register for the Beast. The Ultra Beast will be too much for you."

Spartan also offers races for kids aged four to fourteen, and for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Through a program called Spartan Edge, it trains educators and works with kids to promote what De Sena calls "resilience and grit" among youngsters. De Sena has authored two self-improvement books, 2014's *Spartan Up!*—which applies the races' axioms to overcoming life's obstacles—and *Spartan Fit*, a training guide coming out in August. "We are animals, and somehow along the way we forgot that," De Sena observes. "When we were starving and emaciated and coming out of the Dark Ages, it made sense that it was cool for people to get fat, because it meant they were wealthy and doing well—but now it's completely out of hand. Sitting on the couch watching TV doesn't feel good. If you think of the things that feel really good in life, they're all primal. You have to get people outside, get them reconnected with the earth."

A diehard BMX biker as a kid, De Sena spent part of his childhood in Ithaca; he recalls talking some friends into cycling all the way to Greene—forty-plus miles east—to attend a race when they couldn't cadge a ride there. His major in the College of Human Ecology—textiles and apparel—may raise some eyebrows given his current gig, but he notes that not only did it have a strong business component, but nowadays it comes in handy for Spartan's thriving business in athletic gear, from T-shirts and hoodies to a line of branded Reebok sneakers. Plus, he says with a laugh: "I know all about women's hemlines. I could watch a movie and tell you exactly the era when it takes place based on the clothes."

De Sena had the entrepreneurial itch early on, supporting himself in college by running his own construction firm back home in Queens, where he returned most weekends. (As he notes, while pointing out that fitness doesn't require fancy equipment: "I was in the best shape of my life laying bricks and mixing cement.") Working on Wall Street for more than a decade starting in the Nineties, he sought stress relief in adventure races—multi-sport treks stretching hundreds of miles across all manner of terrain. Says De Sena: "My personal ethos



is that if I can go the easy way or the hard way, I'm always going the hard way." A sideline in organizing adventure races eventually morphed into Spartan—which, he says, he conceived with the ambition that obstacle racing would someday be an Olympic event, a goal he has been pursuing for years. After all, he says, the sport embodies the Games' essential spirit of athleticism and perseverance. "We have to get out of our comfort zones—that's when life is best," he says. "Suffering is good. You want to feel alive, take a cold shower."

And how does De Sena jibe Spartan's growing popularity with the fact that humans in general are only becoming heavier and more sedentary? As he sees it, the former is a reaction to the latter. "Seven billion people in the world are going in the wrong direction, but a few are waking up saying, 'I don't want to feel like this,' just like I did," says De Sena. "I was on Wall Street, sitting at a desk typing every day, getting out of shape, and it didn't feel good." And though a Spartan Race may seem out of reach to the average person, De Sena holds that just about anyone can work up to it; on its website, the company posts training plans aimed at preparing participants for a Sprint in just three months. "If, God forbid, we were in a car accident and had to hike twenty-six miles through the woods, over walls, and under barbed wire to get to safety, we would do it, because we want to survive," he says. "Seventy-five-year-olds do these races. It's all a mindset of what you can and can't do. And by the way: life's a lot shorter if you're not out doing this stuff. You need to move blood around, to eat healthy—otherwise, you're not going to be here very long." ▶

## Adam Slutsky '85: In a Tough Mudder, It's All About Teamwork

**I**f you're a senior manager running a company," says Adam Slutsky '85, "I think you should experience its product." For Slutsky, that hands-on ethos put him on the side of a mountain 7,000 feet above sea level, filthy dirty and drenched in sweat as he ran a Tough Mudder—a ten-to twelve-mile event involving more than twenty obstacles, some 500,000 gallons of mud, and forty tons of ice. A veteran entrepreneur who made his mark nearly three decades ago by co-founding Moviefone, Slutsky became president and COO of Tough Mudder in 2013. One of his first acts was to participate



in a Mudder in Lake Tahoe alongside the company's founder and CEO, a former British counterterrorism officer. "I definitely am a sports enthusiast, and very much an outdoors person," says Slutsky. "I've always taken care of myself, eaten well, and paid attention to physical fitness."

Mudders require strength and stamina, but mental toughness as well: in addition to climbing walls and slithering through tunnels, participants face such ordeals as Shock Therapy—they run through a tangle of wires delivering 10,000 painful volts of electricity—and Arctic Enema, a dunk in a dumpster filled with ice water. "It's denoted as probably the toughest event on the planet," says Slutsky. "That sounds like an extreme thing. But when you actually get into it, you learn that while it's an extraordinarily difficult thing to accomplish, most people use it as a kind of rite of passage. It's their motivation to get off the couch."

Slutsky stresses that Tough Mudder events aren't races but "challenges"; they aren't timed or ranked, and nearly all participants enter in teams of around six people. Mudders are designed to be social events; entrants not only get a T-shirt, a headband, and bragging rights, but a cold beer afterward. "It's not about going against the clock, it's about doing the best you can," he says, noting that entrants who can't handle an obstacle can simply bypass it. "The goal is to get through the course. Yes, there are military-style obstacles and a lot of mud. But the vast majority of obstacles—in addition to being big and

**'It's not about going against the clock, it's about doing the best you can.'**



**DIRTY JOB:** Adam Slutsky '85 (left) is COO of Tough Mudder, which hosts extreme obstacle events (above and far left) known for physical challenges like ice water, electric shocks, and plenty of muck.

badass—are ones that can't be accomplished unless you work as a team. It fosters a spirit of camaraderie, where people at different levels help each other."

An ILR grad who holds an MBA from Columbia, Slutsky co-founded Moviefone in 1989; it was sold to AOL a decade later for \$550 million. He was CEO of the online printing and document delivery company Mimeo for eight years and also served on the advisory board of Canyon Ranch, a chain of high-end health resorts. At Tough Mudder, he's in charge of day-to-day operations; recent accomplishments include the licensing of the brand to IMG, which is launching Mudder events in foreign cities like Dubai and Shanghai. During his tenure, the company struck a deal with Merrill to create a specially designed shoe that repels mud and is washable. It also debuted the Half Mudder, a more accessible event over a five- to six-mile course that omits the

most intimidating obstacles like Shock Therapy and Arctic Enema. "Those things are iconic for the brand," Slutsky says. "But a lot of people say, 'Yeah, I'll watch my stupid friend do that. I'm not doing it!'" Speaking of which: Why does Slutsky think anyone would want to endure ice water and electric shocks, anyway? "It's overcoming a fear," he says. "It's pushing yourself to a place that's uncomfortable. And people think, I'll be there with my friends, it'll be over in a second—and damn it, I want to say I did it."

—L. P. Drew

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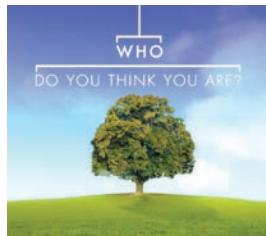
## Professor Mary Beth Norton's TV tales of the Salem trials leave celebrities spellbound

**O**n ABC's political soap opera "Scandal," actor Scott Foley foments all manner of melodrama in his role as the mysterious and violent spy Jake Ballard. But on a recent episode of a celebrity genealogy show, Foley coped with some real-world tragedy, as he learned the fate of an ancestor—one of just five men hanged in the notorious Salem witch trials. After Cornell historian Mary Beth Norton showed Foley documents revealing that his eighth great-grandfather confessed to witchcraft—then recanted and was convicted—the actor's eyes widened in shock, and he was momentarily at a loss for words as he contemplated his ancestor's unjust end. "He says, 'I lied because I thought it was going to save my life, but it doesn't matter now, so I take it all back,'" Foley observed. "This is just amazing."

Norton's appearance on an episode of TLC's Emmy-nominated "Who Do You Think You Are?" that aired in April was the latest foray into TV for the historian, a well-respected scholar of Colonial-era America who has made a minor sideline of explaining the period to a general audience. Thanks to her expertise on the witch trials, Norton has also been tapped as a "talking head" for programs on the History Channel, the Discovery Channel, and PBS; the Foley show was her second stint on "Who Do You Think You Are?," following a 2010 episode featuring "Sex and the City" star Sarah Jessica Parker.

Norton had started out in academia focused on the American Revolution, later gravitating toward the witch trials as she became increasingly intrigued by the role of Colonial-era women in the public sphere. Says Norton: "The women who were active accusers in the Salem witchcraft episode take the

# WITCHING HOUR



**HISTORY LESSONS:** Norton (far left), an expert on the American Colonial era; actors Scott Foley and Sarah Jessica Parker on TLC's genealogy show (center); and an image from Cornell's collection of documents on witchcraft.

most prominent public role of any women in American history right up to the Suffrage movement." In 2002 she published *In the Devil's Snare*, an analysis of the trials that sprang out of her study of more than 6,000 seventeenth-century court records. (The book includes an unorthodox thesis: that the paranoia that sparked the trials can be connected to the Indian wars in New England, with European settlers believing that their enemies were in league with the devil.) Norton's other books include a 1997 Pulitzer Prize finalist, *Founding Mothers & Fathers: Gendered Power and the Forming of American Society*.

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she recognized Parker, she says working with her was "comfortable and fun." Like Foley, Parker learned via the show that an ancestor had been accused of witchcraft—though in her case, the trials ended before the defendant was prosecuted. Norton notes that in shooting both episodes, the details were shrouded in secrecy; she was not only forbidden from discussing her brushes with fame until after the shows aired, she didn't even know in advance which actors were being featured. "They didn't tell me until very late in the day who the celebrity was," Norton says. "I had to sign a statement that if I revealed who the person was, they would basically take my life away—they'd sue me for everything I have." ■

— Christiana Nguyen '17

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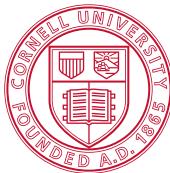
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# GENDER GAP

**Legal scholar Kimberlé Williams Crenshaw '81 aims to ensure that women aren't left out of social movements like Black Lives Matter**

**A**t first glance, it looks like a nonsensical jumble—a word search puzzle emblazoned on a T-shirt. But on closer inspection, those letters form names: Tanisha Anderson, Miriam Carey, Kendra James, and many others. All of them, the shirt declares, are black women who were killed by police.

The design is meant to underscore the fact that—even in the midst of the national conversation around the Black Lives Matter movement—the deaths of African American women at the hands of law enforcement often go unheralded. That inequity is at the heart of an awareness campaign, #SayHerName, spearheaded by legal scholar, university professor, and civil rights activist Kimberlé Williams Crenshaw '81. “Time and time again, we were noticing these deaths were getting very little attention; few people were lifting up their names,” says Crenshaw, a Harvard Law graduate and co-founder of the nonprofit African American Policy Forum (AAPF) who holds a joint appointment at Columbia and UCLA. “So as we participated in marches and public advocacy, we would always say the names of women along with the men. People were often shocked to find out that, yes, women too are killed by the police.”

For more than three decades, Crenshaw has been exploring

the ways in which racism and sexism collide to derail the lives of black women, even coining a term—“intersectionality”—to describe the phenomenon. Last year, she was the lead author on a report, released by the AAPF and Columbia Law School’s Center for Intersectionality and Social Policy Studies (of which she is director), chronicling the many challenges that young women of color face. Entitled “Black Girls Matter: Pushed Out, Overpoliced, and Underprotected,” the document notes, among other unsettling facts, that African American girls are far more likely than whites to face harsh punishment for relatively minor school infractions, in numbers even more disproportionate than their male counterparts.

**Crenshaw has worked with civil rights activists in Brazil and India, authored a background paper on racism for the U.N., and helped shape part of the South African Constitution.**

Crenshaw and her colleagues published the report—and launched the related #BlackGirlsMatter movement, which is ongoing—partly in response to the Obama Administration’s My Brother’s Keeper initiative, aimed at improving the lives of young men and boys of color. “We applauded the president’s attention to racial inequality among youth, but we were deeply concerned that girls were being left out,” says Crenshaw, who also holds a master of law degree from the University of Wisconsin. “From our research, it was clear that socially marginalized populations,

particularly of black and Latino girls, were growing up in some of the same conditions, facing some of the same obstacles, and being disregarded in some of the same ways."

Crenshaw is speaking via Skype from the U.K., where the former double major in government and Africana studies has a three-year appointment as a visiting professor at the London School of Economics. Her work has long been international in scope: she has worked with civil rights activists in Brazil and India, authored a background paper for the U.N.'s World Conference on Racism, and helped shape the equality clause in the South African Constitution. Domestically, her high-profile work has included aiding the legal team representing Anita Hill, the law professor and former clerk who accused Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas of sexual harassment at his 1991 confirmation hearings.

In addition to publishing numerous articles in academic journals, Crenshaw has weighed in on racial disparity issues through the mainstream media, including NPR, the *New York Times*, and *Ms. Magazine*, which named her its "most inspiring feminist" of 2015. In November, New Press is publishing *On Intersectionality*, a collection of her writings over the past thirty-plus years. "You'd be surprised how much courage it took for Kimberlé to step out into the breach and help create the architecture of a new narrative and a more complex analysis," says James Turner, a Cornell professor emeritus of Africana studies and one of Crenshaw's longtime mentors, who ranks her among his top students during his more than four decades on the Hill. "You would think it wouldn't require much debate when you say, 'Girls, too, matter,' but it certainly has. Many people have said, 'We understand, but first you have to deal with the condition of boys and men, because it is severe—and only by improving it will you have a trickle-down effect improving the lives of women.' Kimberlé has been absolutely forceful in criticizing the logic of that argument."



**'You would think it wouldn't require much debate when you say, "Girls, too, matter,"' says James Turner, Crenshaw's Cornell mentor. 'But it certainly has.'**

In her current talks for the #SayHerName movement, Crenshaw often starts by asking audience members to stand, then sit when they hear an unfamiliar name. Nearly everyone remains standing through Michael Brown, Eric Garner, Tamir Rice, et al.—but most sit at Michelle Cusseaux, who was shot after allegedly threatening Phoenix police with a hammer, or Natasha McKenna, who died in a Virginia jail after being tased four times while shackled. Crenshaw notes that both died during mental health crises—a fairly common situation among females who perish at the hands of law enforcement. Others have died during domestic violence calls, drug arrests, evictions, or simply because they were in the wrong place at the wrong time. "There isn't a frame for understanding police killings of women; they seem to be outside the traditional ways

in which police killings of black people have either been contested or defended," Crenshaw observes. "A fixture in the understanding of racism is the idea that black men have long been vulnerable to white men. Many times that was built around a notion of hypermasculinity or hypersexuality; that's where lynching came from. But where do women fit in? Part of what we've been trying to do is broaden the frame of what makes people vulnerable—and what needs to be done to make them safe." ■

— L. P. Drew



**IDENTITY CRISIS:** Crenshaw leading a #SayHerName rally (above), where activists (left) raise awareness about women of color who've died during encounters with police. Opposite page: Speaking during a visit to East Hill.



# FIGHT CLUB

**Student group trains theatrical combatants, from swashbucklers to Jedi knights**

**SWORD PLAY:** Members of Ring of Steel train in Risley's Great Hall.



**H**ah!" shouts Michael Burke '16 as he extends his dagger a few inches from his opponent's neck. Eyeing the weapon beneath his chin, Cobi Rabinowitz '16 retreats, then suddenly slashes his own dagger against Burke's, producing a menacing sound.

Don't worry; no Cornellians were harmed during this fight. The battle—carefully designed to look realistic by playing with depth perception—was "fought" by members of Cornell's theatrical combat troupe, Ring of Steel.

Three evenings a week, the group transforms Risley's Great Hall into a battlefield. In this elegant dining space—with tables and chairs pushed against the walls—students hone footwork, choreograph fight scenes, and practice using weaponry, from the classic (broadswords and axes) to the fantastical (faux *Star Wars*-style light sabers). "I initially joined because of, 'Oh, shiny swords,'" says biological engineering major Andy Wu '18, Ring of Steel's treasurer. "But over time, I gained an appreciation for the finer points—how to place your feet, what angle to come in from, where your energy goes when you strike. It's not just about the martial value, but the cultural and artistic details."

The group's dozen active members choreograph fight scenes for theatrical productions on campus, and show off their skills at events like the Risley Renaissance Faire and CornellCon, a pop culture expo at Robert Purcell Community Center. Instead of simply demonstrating moves, they perform action-packed mini-dramas, such as a tussle between Victor Frankenstein and his monster—the doctor has a syringe in one hand and a sword in the other—and a conflict in which a student asks his professor for a deadline extension and is challenged to a duel. "If it were just fighting, no one would care," Rabinowitz says. "Two people punching each other is illegal, but it's not interesting. If there are motivations and reactions behind the characters, it becomes a story that people want to watch—and we want to tell."

To make the scenes as realistic as possible, Ring of Steel practices not just fighting techniques, but facial expressions and vocal reactions. They also perfect accents, like sword master Inigo Montoya's Spanish-inflected speech in *The Princess Bride*. "Our members share a sense of humor and a sense of humility," says group founder Jacob Lehman '06, an associate director at the Johnson School who still trains with the group.

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Lehman started Cornell's branch of Ring of Steel as a freshman, having been active as a high school student with the chapter in his hometown of Ann Arbor, Michigan, where the group started. Each spring break, the Cornellian members visit the original University of Michigan club, where they participate in workshops and use its elaborate equipment, like a wirework system that allows fighters to mimic fantastical scenes as in the martial arts movie *Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon*. Lehman notes that in addition to learning stage fighting, Ring of Steel members pick up valuable lessons in public speaking, among other handy skills. "We learn how to roll and fall safely," Lehman says. "This gives you overall physical fitness, balance, and bodily awareness that helps you for life." ■

—Eugenia Xiao '18



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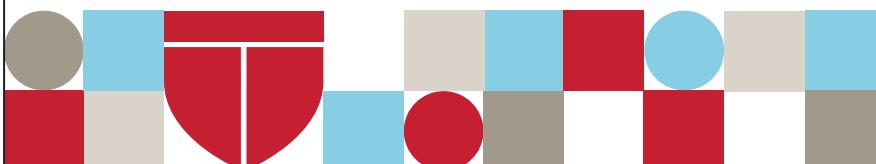
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# ON A ROLL

Hotelie Abe Ng '95 is Miami's sushi maven



**SEA CHANGE:** (Clockwise from top right) Sushi Maki founder Abe Ng '95; the bar at one of his restaurants; and the chain's signature "chicken n' waffles" roll

In addition to founder, president, and CEO, Abe Ng '95 holds a fishier title: "chief sushi officer." The Hotelie oversees a Miami-area empire that boasts some 200 employees, six restaurants, and sales in ten Whole Foods stores. Dubbed Sushi Maki, the company also sells pre-made boxes at local hospitals and universities, feeds hungry Miami Heat fans at AmericanAirlines Arena, operates a kiosk at the Ft. Lauderdale airport, and runs a catering operation that supplies high-end hotels like the Ritz-Carlton and Four Seasons. "We wanted to make sushi affordable and accessible," says Ng, who was recently named to the *Miami Herald's* list of the top fifty people in the South Florida food scene. "The model that we looked at was pizza; two generations ago, it was considered Italian food. We think that within another generation, sushi is not going to be considered Japanese food; it's just going to be food."

In addition to familiar sushi-bar fare—tuna rolls, seaweed salad, salmon sashimi—Ng's restaurants offer such novelties as a "chicken n' waffles" roll (it also includes bacon, pickled veggies, and maple mayo) and sushi tacos, in which the fish is served in a shell made of gyoza (Japanese dumpling) dough. To supply its catering and box-sushi operations, Sushi Maki runs a nearly 10,000-square-foot commissary complete with robots that partly automate the assembly process: they spread rice onto the seaweed and, after humans layer on the fillings, roll the sushi and cut it into pieces. "A half-dozen people can create thousands of rolls, which would otherwise be impossible

to do," says Ng, chatting with CAM in the Statler lobby during a May visit to his alma mater to speak to an entrepreneurship class. Plus, he notes, the robots bolster sanitation, always a concern when working with raw fish: "The fewer human hands that touch the food, the fewer things that can go wrong."

A Miami native, Ng grew up in the hospitality business; he's the son of immigrants from Hong Kong who ran a trio of Cantonese restaurants. As a youth, he packed take-out orders, ran the cash register, and bused tables. "I learned about the relentless focus that you need to have with guests," says Ng, whose wife, attorney Christina Tsai Ng '96, does

marketing for Sushi Maki and serves as its in-house counsel. "At the end of the day, that's who you need to make happy."

After a post-Cornell stint as an analyst with Ernst & Young in Miami, he opened a pair of burrito restaurants; when their lunch traffic wasn't enough to sustain the business, he decided sushi was an underserved market. So he converted the locations into the first Sushi Maki restaurants, aiming to "democratize and demystify" the genre. "We all remember the first time we walked into a Starbucks and the person ahead of you ordered a triple nonfat light-foam latte—and by the time you got to the front of the line it was so intimidating you said, 'I'll just have a small coffee,'" Ng says with a laugh. "We wanted to create a sushi bar where you didn't feel like you had to be in on the lingo to be accepted. We train our servers that if somebody pronounces something slightly wrong—don't correct them." ■

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# Big Red Highlights

**WOMEN'S GYMNASTICS** Cornell won its second ECAC title, posting a score of 193.925, just a tenth of a point shy of the school record it set earlier in the season. The Big Red dominated the league's yearly awards as well. **Lyanda Dudley '19** shared the ECAC title on the beam and was named Rookie of the Year, while **Kaitlin Green '19**, the ECAC Specialist of the Year, was a co-winner in the vault. Cornell's Paul Beckwith was named ECAC Head Coach of the Year, and Melanie Dilliplane was named Assistant Coach of the Year.

**WOMEN'S POLO** Cornell won its second straight US Polo Association National Championship, and 15th overall, by beating Texas A&M 13-11 in the title match April 9, in Storrs, Connecticut. The Big Red trailed 10-8 going into the last chukker, but reeled off five straight goals to take a 13-10 lead with 90 seconds to play. **Anna Winslow '16** and **Elena Wicker '16** each scored six times for the Big Red, with **Emma Eldredge '17** scoring the other goal. Cornell finished the season 17-2 and both losses were by one goal.

**EQUESTRIAN** The Big Red finished seventh out of 16 teams in its first trip to the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association Nationals in May. **Amanda Symons '16** was third in the Individual Walk Trot and **Claira Seely '17** was fourth in the Novice Flat. Former Big Red rider **Emily Kowalchik '13** (below) was champion of the alumni fences event.



**WRESTLING** Cornell added two more national championships in 2016. **Gabe Dean '17** won his second straight title at 184 pounds, finishing the season at 37-1. **Nahshon Garrett '16** won the 133 pound title to finish 37-0. He leaves East Hill second on the Big Red's career wins list with 149 and has the school record for NCAA tournament victories (20). Cornell now has 13 wrestlers who have won a total of 19 national championships.

**MEN'S GOLF** **Luke Graboyes '17** became the third Cornell golfer to earn medalist honors at the Ivy League Championship, carding a three-day score of 211, which was five shots over par at the Metedeconk National Golf Club in Jackson, New Jersey. He's the first Big Red player to win the event since **Jim Bird '86** in 1986. **Mike Graboyes '18** finished eighth to earn All-Ivy honors and lift the Big Red to a fourth place team finish, its best since a second place run in 2005.

**CHEERLEADING** Cornell won the Ivy Classic title, edging Harvard by one-tenth of a point, 167.1 to 167.0. The event marked the first cheerleading championship for Ivy League squads.



**WOMEN'S LACROSSE** After opening the season with a team-record eight straight wins, Cornell finished as Ivy League champions for only the second time in program history and notched its first NCAA tournament win since 2002. The Big Red beat Penn 11-10 in the Ivy League tournament final after downing Princeton 10-9 in overtime in the semifinal. Cornell then beat Canisius 15-11 in the opening round of the NCAA tournament before losing to the University of Massachusetts 7-6 in the second round. **Catie Smith '17** and **Joey Coffy '18** (above) were both named first-team regional All-Americans. Smith led the league in turnovers while Coffy collected 26 goals in 19 games.



## MEN'S TRACK AND FIELD

The Big Red turned in a historic performance to take its 16th outdoor Heps title last spring, winning half of the 22 events to post a meet record 211 points.

**Rudy Winkler '17** was named the meet's field MVP after winning the hammer throw with a league-record toss of 75.10 meters (246 feet, 5 inches), which was the best in the NCAA to that point and good enough to earn National Athlete of the Week honors from the US Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association.

**Ben Rainero '16** (above) was named the track MVP after winning both the 5,000 meters (14:17.26) and 10,000 meters (29:41.73).

## Alumni News

**MEN'S BASKETBALL** **Bryan Colangelo '87** is back in charge of an NBA team. The former Cornell player was named president of basketball operations for the Philadelphia 76ers on April 10. He has previously served as general manager of the Phoenix Suns and the Toronto Raptors, earning NBA Executive of the Year honors after the Raptors won their first division title in 2007. Colangelo had served as a consultant to several NBA teams and player agents since leaving the Raptors in 2013.

**MEN'S HOCKEY** **Joe Devin '11** lived a dream of every professional hockey player, scoring an overtime goal in game seven of his league's playoffs. Devin's goal for the South Carolina Stingrays in the ECHL (formerly known as the East Coast Hockey League) came deep in the second overtime of the game, during the Eastern Conference semifinals against the Adirondack Thunder. It was his ninth goal of the playoff season and fourth game-seven goal of his pro career. During the regular season, Devin had 18 goals and 23 assists in 55 games with the Stingrays in addition to five goals and two assists for the Lake Erie Monsters in the American Hockey League.

**WOMEN'S SOCCER** **Tori Christ '14** is in her second professional season in Europe, playing for Rovaniemen Palloseura in the Finnish Premier League. She spent last season with Västerås BK30 in Sweden, where she was spotted by the coach of Rovaniemen Palloseura. Christ started 20 games in net for the Big Red and collected two shutouts.

## Coaching Changes

**MEN'S BASKETBALL** Cornell looked to a league rival for its new head coach, tapping veteran Princeton assistant Brian Earl for the job. Earl, 39, played for the Tigers in the late Nineties and was the Ivy Player of the Year in 1999, playing professionally after graduation.

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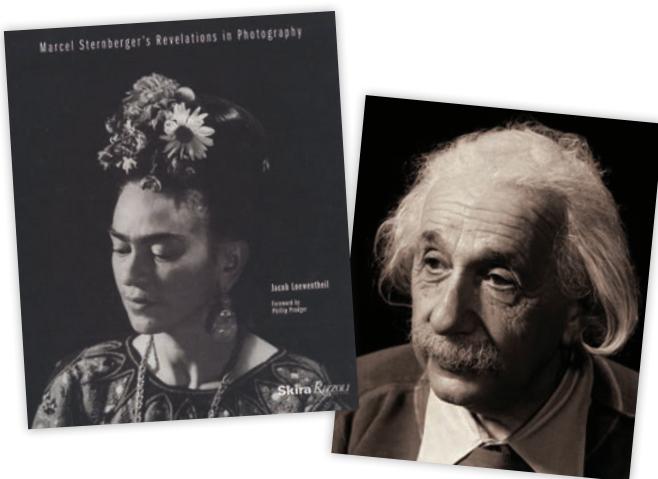
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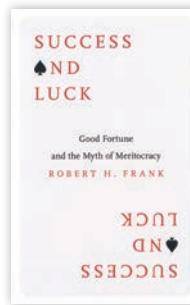
JACOB LOEWENTHEIL '09

This collection is the first book to celebrate the work of renowned photographer Marcel Sternberger. Known for his emotive portraits, he shot some of the most prominent people of the twentieth century including Franklin Delano Roosevelt, George Bernard Shaw, Indira Gandhi, and Sigmund Freud. “The portraits you have made of me are true masterpieces of the photographic art,” Albert Einstein wrote in a letter to Sternberger. “It seems quite amazing to me that you could represent an unattractive object so appetizingly.” In addition to the dozens of black-and-white photos, Loewenthal offers anecdotes, sketches, notes, and other memorabilia to put the subjects into social and historical context. He describes Roosevelt’s aversion to being portrayed in his wheelchair, for example, and Freud’s insecurity about being photographed as his health was deteriorating. “The images are iconic and political,” writes Loewenthal, a photography historian, “while at the same time, their psychological aspects and intimacy pierce the shell of public relations, revealing not an idealized figure but a real human being.”

## Why Can't I Stop?

JON GRANT, JD '92

Grant is a psychiatry professor at the University of Chicago whose previous books include a guide to curbing impulsive behavior entitled *Stop Me Because I Can't Stop Myself*. In this self-help book, he and two co-authors use patient stories and research reports to help readers understand and overcome their behavioral addictions. Each chapter addresses a different compulsion such as shopping, overeating, sex, and gambling—offering such examples as a woman who risked her law career and marriage by shoplifting to a college student whose Internet addiction cost him good grades and a job. The book includes a discussion of treatment methods, plus guidance for the family members of addicts. “Our goal,” the authors write, “is to allow people with these behaviors to recognize that what they struggle with is not uncommon and that there is hope.”

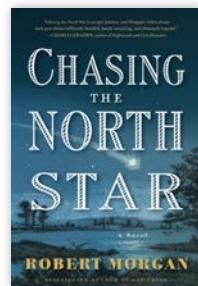


## Success and Luck

ROBERT FRANK

A professor of management and economics at the Johnson School explores the role luck plays in economic success. In a general-audience book subtitled *Good Fortune and the Myth of Meritocracy*, Frank argues that while the most successful people are talented and hardworking, the inverse doesn’t apply; there are also many people who have both qualities but never flourish financially. The wealthy and

powerful, he says, underestimate the importance of good fortune since it detracts from their accomplishments. He describes our current “winner-take-all” society, in which most of the rewards go to a small number of people, widening wealth disparities. This trend, he argues, is partly due to the undervalued role luck plays in financial success—and hurts everyone from the working class to the one-percenters.

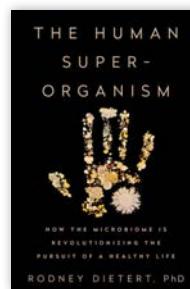


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ROBERT MORGAN

In his latest historical novel, the Cornell English professor tells the story of an eighteen-year-old slave who flees a South Carolina plantation after being falsely accused of stealing. With only a handful of coins—and without shoes—he braves the mountainous wilderness hoping to find freedom up North. While exploring the protagonist’s complex emotions—

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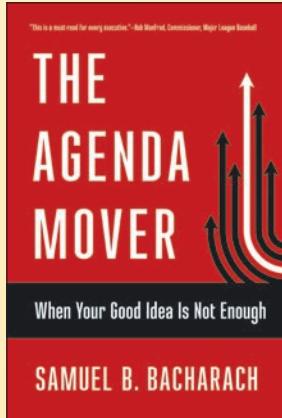
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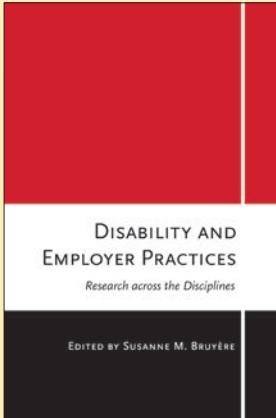
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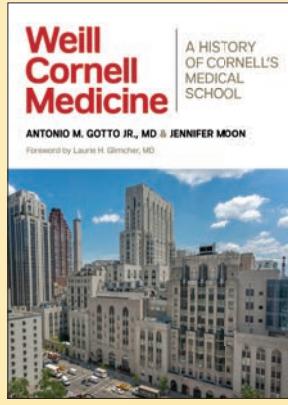
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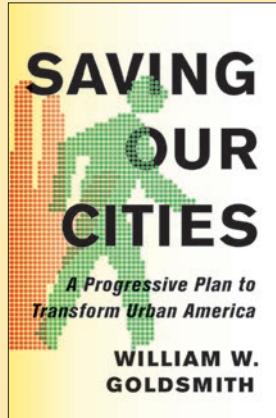
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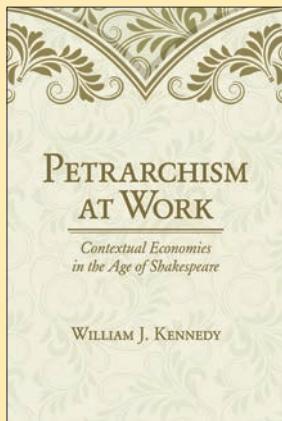
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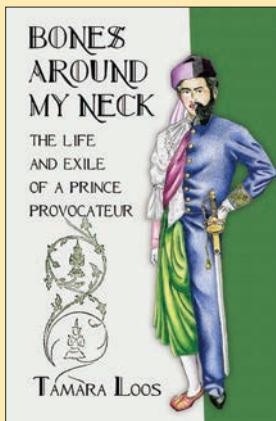
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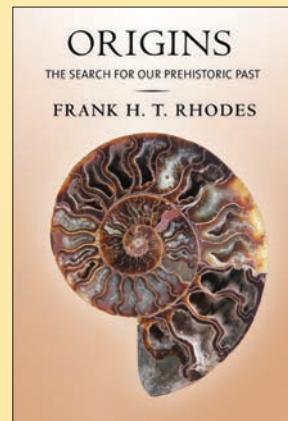
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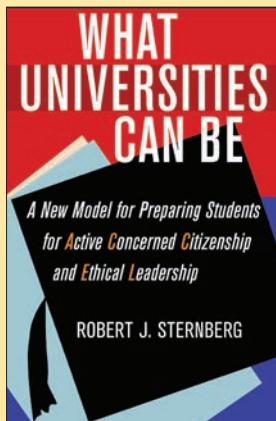
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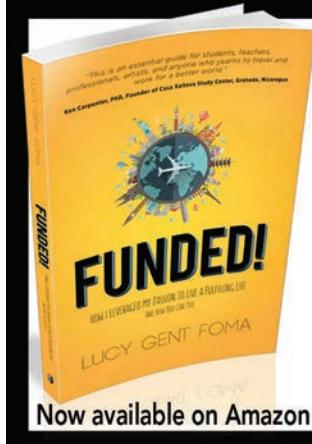
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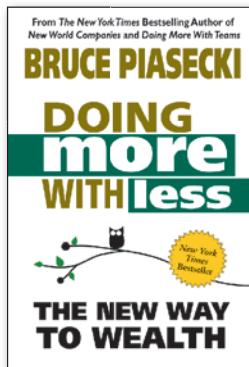
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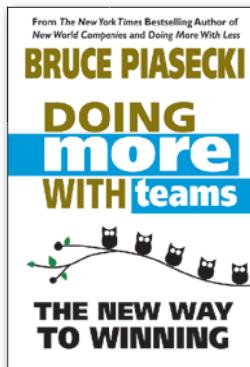
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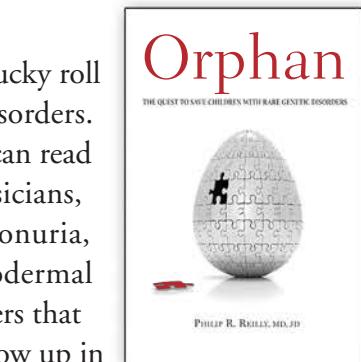
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# If Rooms Could Talk

**Alumni revisit their campus homes—and meet the students living there**

BY ALEXANDRA BOND '12

Last summer, one of CAM's interns—Ruthie Weissmann '17—mentioned a wild coincidence: she was living in the same Collegetown apartment that her mother, Catherine Coyne Weissmann '90, had occupied as an undergrad. Ruthie hadn't realized it until she was about to sign the lease—and she was blown away by the fact that her bedroom was the very same one her mom had slept in a generation earlier.

That bit of happenstance dovetailed with something the CAM staff was already mulling: the vital role that housing plays in the college experience. Every fall, Cornellians move into their rooms—be they in dorms, fraternities, sororities, program houses, co-ops, or apartments. There, their student lives unfold. They cram for prelims, write papers, hang out with friends, down ramen noodles, sleep until noon. Relationships begin and end, and indelible memories are made. When the school year ends, students pack up and vacate—and the cycle begins anew. Except in rare cases like Ruthie's, students never know who occupied their rooms before them, or who came after.

But what if Cornellians across the generations got the chance to meet up in that temporally shared space? CAM reached out to alumni with an invitation: come back to campus at some point during the 2015–16 academic year and meet the student (or students) living in your former abode.

Many were eager, but often the logistics didn't work out. Alumni couldn't make the trip in the right time frame, the current student wasn't available, or—as with the late, unlamented U-Halls—the dorms in question no longer existed. But in nine cases, the stars aligned. Some alumni had occupied their rooms just a few years earlier, while others hadn't been inside those four walls in decades. In the presence of our reporter and photographers, the alums reminisced, the undergrads taught them about current student life—and both sides made connections with fellow Cornellians whose college experience had been defined, in part, by that common patch of square footage.

*To read Ruthie's essay about her and her mom's apartment, "Déjà Room," or to share your dorm story, go to this story at [cornellalumnimagazine.com](http://cornellalumnimagazine.com).*



## 5603 CLARA DICKSON HALL

As Jay and Yousuf approach the door, the freshman hands the key to the alum and asks, 'Would you like to do the honors?'

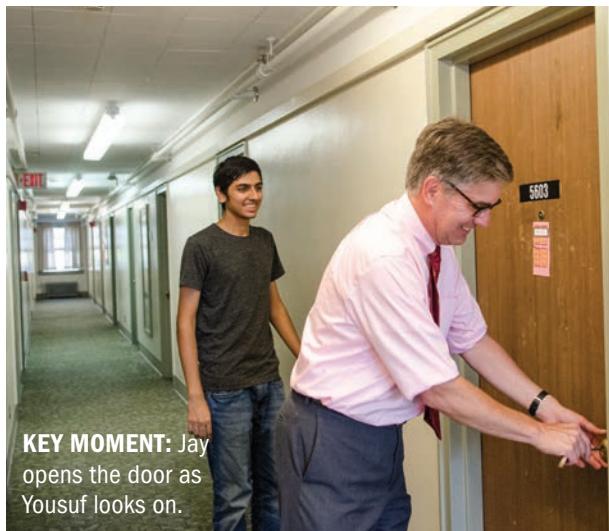


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**KEY MOMENT:** Jay opens the door as Yousuf looks on.

### Jay Taylor '80 & Yousuf Anwer '19

**YOUSUF:** "Cornell was my dream school. When I was in grade nine, we came to America from Pakistan and my dad said, 'You have to see Cornell.' It was love at first sight. I was fifteen and I knew then that this is where I had to go."

**JAY:** "It was forty years and three days ago today when I first saw campus. I just came across the parking permit when I came for my visit. I remember that it was a beautiful day, just like today."

*The two learn that they have something in common: both had asked to be housed in single rooms as freshmen.*

**JAY:** "I'm an only child, and I came from a small school. I knew Cornell was going to be a big, scary place, and I figured it would be one less thing to worry about. Am I going to get along with a roommate? What if he's loud, messy, smelly? If I could cross that off the list, it would be one less complexity for me."

**YOUSUF:** "Yeah, you need your own space."

*Jay tells Yousuf that the room was his only undergraduate home: he lived there all four years. In that time, he became adept at jury-rigging ways to make it more comfortable.*

**JAY:** "In the winter, when it got really cold, this room would get incredibly dry. I built a table that went over the radiator and put trays of ice cubes on it, so the water would evaporate. You could probably just get a humidifier."



**GOOD CALL:** Erin watches Fiona help Bart navigate his phone.

## 304 VON CRAMM CO-OP

### Bart Mills '64, Fiona Daley '18 & Erin Yandel '18

Soon after meeting the two sophomores, Bart's cell phone rings.

**BART:** "I don't know how to work this thing. Does anybody know how to receive a call?"

**FIONA:** "Try pressing this green button."

**BART:** "I'm color blind." [They answer the call for him, and he speaks to his wife.] "I stare at the phone for an hour and can't do it—and they look at it for ten seconds and figure it out."

*The three bond over co-op house chores, like cooking communal meals and—in Bart's day—waxing the floors with a special machine. Bart recalls how co-ops used to find their future residents through the fraternity rush system, and the students explain that houses now use a more laid-back process dubbed "mosey." Inevitably, the conversation turns to Ithaca winters.*

**ERIN:** "I'm from Florida. Last year was the first time I'd been in snow for more than a week. Fiona is from Minnesota, so we had very different experiences. It was mostly her being like, 'This isn't that bad' and me being like, 'I really hate this.'"

*Later, Bart notes that one of the room's third-floor windows "was perfect for launching plastic bagsful of water on unsuspecting sunbathers below"—though less useful for winter fun.*

**BART:** "When it snows a lot, you can pile it all up below—but I would advise you not to jump. It was fine from the second-story windows, but with the third story we got right up to the edge and didn't do it."

*'I was here another year, because five guys pooled their rights to the most favorable rooms,' Bart tells the current residents. 'This was the homework room; we put all the desks in here. The room next door was the bedroom. The room across the hall was the date room.'*



## 302 WARI CO-OP



### Chimene Liburd '92 & Ruby Rhoden '17

Chimene and Ruby tour Wari, look through vintage photo albums, and discuss the history of the house, which was founded during a time of racial unrest on campus in the late Sixties.

**RUBY:** "Wari was developed as a safe place for black women on campus, where they could find a place of refuge because of events that happened in other dorms. There was a great need for a place like this."

*Chimene notes how spacious the rooms are, and fondly remembers a visit by two high school friends who slept on the floor. She also recalls some bushy-tailed interlopers:*

**CHIMENE:** "We used to have raccoons. Do you guys have raccoons?"

**RUBY:** "No!"

**CHIMENE:** "One of my housemates couldn't get in one night because a raccoon was blocking the door. They'd come in and get the garbage out of the cans."

**RUBY:** "Oh, now we have a shed for our garbage cans."

**CHIMENE:** "Well that solves that!"

*Chimene, a physician, spots an organic chemistry textbook on the floor, and it sparks a mentorship moment.*

**RUBY:** "I was pre-med until like two days ago. I dropped orgo on Friday."

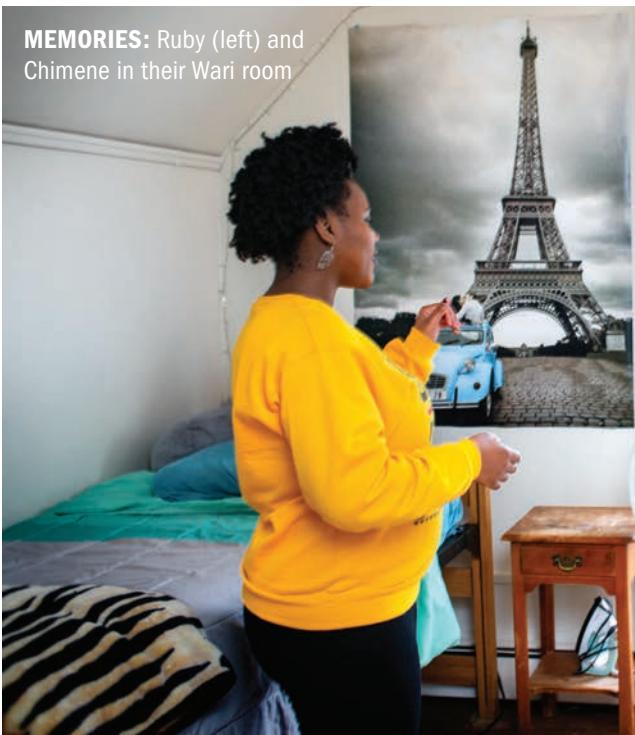
**CHIMENE:** "You can always go to medical school. You can be a psychology major and go to medical school. You can always change your mind. But if it doesn't feel right, you have to do what's in your gut."

*While touring the kitchen, Chimene asks if the house has any slow cookers—and when she learns that it doesn't, she whips out her phone and orders two crockpots to be delivered to the house the following week.*

**CHIMENE:** "You just throw some chicken in there and go to class, and when you come home it'll be ready."

*'When I would come back here after class,' Chimene recalls, 'I was coming home.'*

**MEMORIES:** Ruby (left) and Chimene in their Wari room





## 108 LINDEN AVE.

### David Travin '98 & David Sverdlov, JD Class of '18

Travin, an in-house counsel at UBS Investment Bank, shows Sverdlov some photos from his days in the apartment—including one that shows a housemate vomiting into a sink.

**TRAVIN (LAUGHING):** "It's amazing. These are very successful doctors, architects, hedge fund guys. Having lived through college with them, I would not trust them with anything in the world."

Sverdlov tells Travin he's from San Francisco, and the alum recalls some students from California who lived in his dorm freshman year—and came to Ithaca with no winter gear.

**TRAVIN:** "This was before the Internet—I hate to date myself like that—so they'd call their parents, and then a package from L.L. Bean would show up. I mean, they came here without gloves or a hat or anything."

**SVERDLOV:** "I don't have gloves or a hat."

**TRAVIN:** "You should order those next."

When Sverdlov mentions that he's only been on the Hill for a few months, Travin offers some advice.

**TRAVIN:** "Explore Ithaca as a whole, not just the campus. There are so many awesome things to do. The farmer's market is great. My family and I went to Sapsucker Woods and took a birding tour the other day. It was amazing."

The alum introduces the law student to his family, whom he has brought along with him: 'This is my wife, these are my kids'—he points to himself—'and this is you in twenty years.'



**COLLEGETOWN CONFIDENTIAL:**  
Travin (right) and Sverdlov on the front porch

PHOTOS: ROBIN WISNA

## 635 RISLEY HALL



'My class was at the cusp of a lot of changes,' Maddy tells the students. 'The year we were freshmen, they went from elegantly served meals to cafeteria style. They changed the rule so we could go to campus wearing pants—but we still couldn't go to dinner in them, so we'd just wear a skirt over our pants to dinner.'

### Maddy Gell Handler '65, Deja Cantz '19 & Emma Eaton '18

Getting to the room—which boasts a balcony overlooking Thurston Avenue—requires ascending four floors in an elevator, then walking up two flights of stairs. Maddy recalls that during part of her tenure in the room, she had a twisted ankle and walked with crutches.

**MADDY:** "I had forgotten that the closet was out in the hall."

**DEJA:** "I didn't know it was out there until a month after I moved in."

**EMMA:** "Yeah, I forgot to tell her."

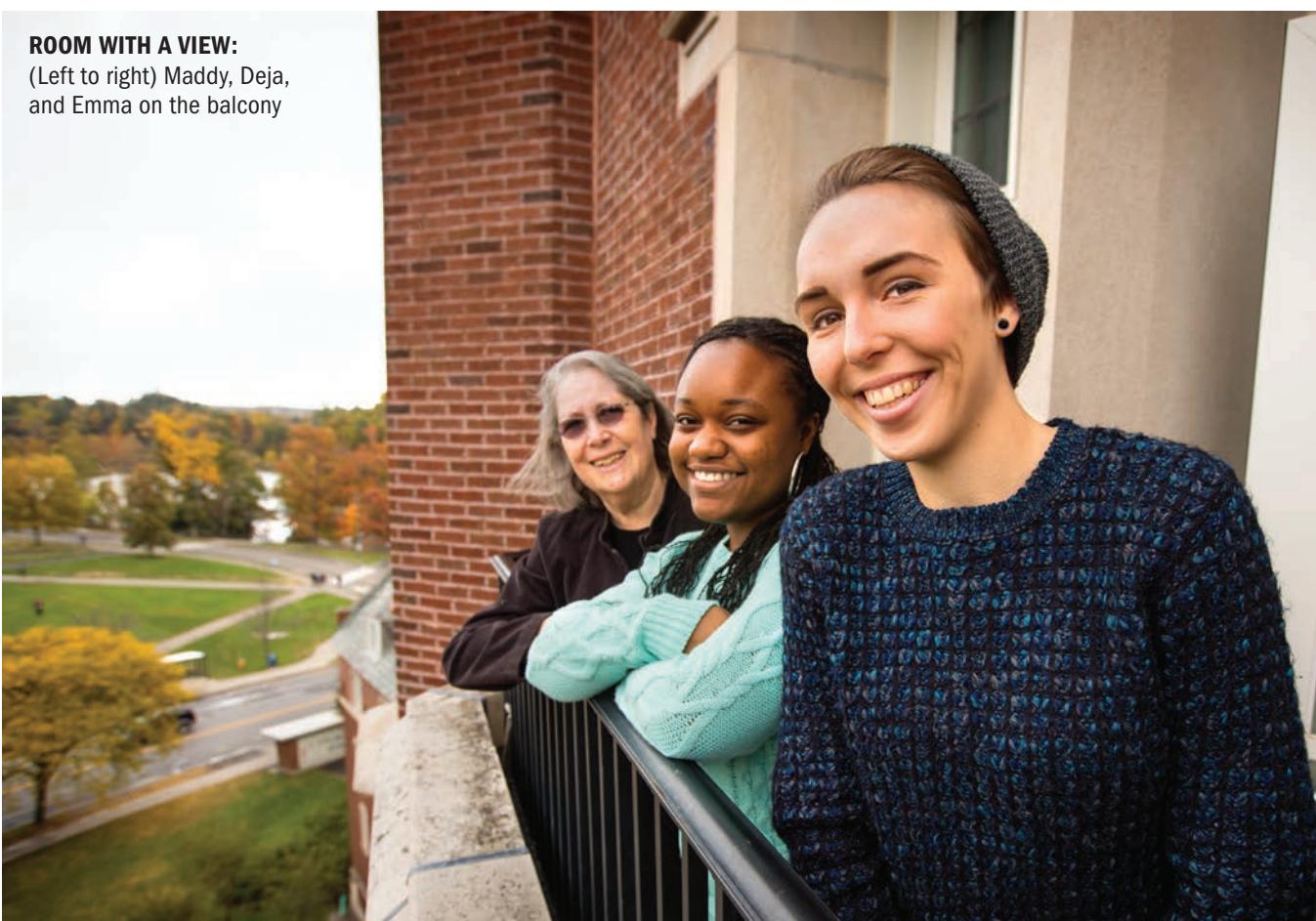
Maddy reminisces about having fun on the Risley terrace, including tossing water balloons and throwing green paint on Dragon Day.

**MADDY:** "In the springtime you'd go out here with speakers and blast music at the fraternity house across the street. It was 1964 and I remember playing the Beatles' 'I Want to Hold Your Hand.' "

*It turns out that she and Deja share the same taste in music: above the student's bed is a framed photo of the Abbey Road cover.*

#### ROOM WITH A VIEW:

(Left to right) Maddy, Deja, and Emma on the balcony





## 4253 BALCH HALL

### Maxine Rooper Cohen '72 & Cindy Zou '19

*The two women meet under the Balch Arch and turn to enter the dorm.*

**MAXINE:** "You really can come home again."

*Inside the room, Maxine tells Cindy about the dramatic male-to-female ratio during her days on the Hill.*

**MAXINE:** "At the time, there were three and a half men to one woman, so women were at a premium. However, the saying went, 'One fella has a hometown honey, one studies all the time, one you wouldn't want to go out with—and what are you going to do with half a man?'" She notes that men weren't allowed in Balch's rooms. "If you went to a men's dorm, you had to have the door open and 'four on the floor'—that is, four feet on the floor. It was a very different time."

*Maxine recalls that in her day, Balch was considered "by far the nicest dorm, with the largest rooms."*

**MAXINE:** "We had a dining hall and were expected to dress for Sunday dinner. And we had maid service once a week. They'd come and change the sheets."

**CINDY:** "We definitely don't have that."

*Maxine reports that she recently found the bill for her freshman year room and board—a grand total of \$1,100.*

**CINDY:** "It's . . . quite a bit more now."

*Maxine, a parent educator for a branch of Cornell Cooperative Extension, reflects on the opportunities that the University has given her.*

**MAXINE:** "It's true: coming to Cornell, you really can do anything."

'My daughter [Dana Cohen] was Class of 2001, and she was assigned this room freshman year,' Maxine marvels. 'It was unbelievable. Of all the rooms on this campus, she was assigned this one.'



**LOOKING BACK:** Maxine (bottom left) with Cindy on the wall outside Balch. Upper right: Maxine in the same spot in her student days. Top: Sharing memorabilia, including a vintage telegram.

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*'I looked at some fraternities and decided they weren't for me; I thought a co-op was more my lifestyle,' Coy recalls. 'I liked the idea of men and women living together in a natural and sociable way that wasn't all about trying to line up a date for Friday night.'*

### Peter Coy '79 & Peter Ciampa '16

The two quickly realize that they have some things in common. On top of both being named "Peter C.," they share a love of marathon running. Ciampa is an economics major, while Coy covers the field for Bloomberg BusinessWeek.

**COY** [pointing out that the room's window looks out onto a lower roof]: "I remember one time a couple of people climbed up there and saw me sleeping and said, 'You're so annoying when you're awake—but you're so adorable when you're asleep.' "

*Ciampa asks Coy about the house's hue when he was a student.*

**CIAMPA:** "Was it this blue when you lived here?"

**COY:** "No, it was more gray."

**CIAMPA:** "We joke that this house is 'fifty shades of blue.' We painted the kitchen bright yellow last year, and it was the first time we had a non-blue room."

*Coy jokingly recalls his room's erstwhile décor.*

**COY:** "I remember having one of those Victorian-era posters with nymphs sitting by the water, bending into a pool. Man, it was lame. Back then, I hadn't yet developed my refined tastes."



**PETER PRINCIPLE:** Coy (left) and Ciampa in their room



## 9114 JUST ABOUT MUSIC (JAM)

### **Enongo Lumumba-Kasongo '08, Sage Magee '18 & Montana Stone '19**

Enongo still lives in the house, serving as assistant residence hall director while pursuing both a career in hip-hop and a Cornell PhD in science and technology studies.

**ENONGO:** "The number one question we get asked is, 'Do you have to play an instrument to live in JAM?' The answer is no; you just have to like music."

**MONTANA:** "I don't play an instrument, but I love walking down the hallway and hearing people play."

**ENONGO:** "I think having a space on campus where music can take place outside of an academic context is really important. If you have an interest in music but you don't perform, you can still engage with it."

*Asked to pose for a group photo, Sage organizes a shot modeled after a certain female action trio.*

**SAGE:** "You've got to take every 'Charlie's Angels' opportunity that you're given. That's a good lesson in life."



*'A big part of my musical inspiration happened while I was in JAM,' Enongo says. 'I had my first laptop and I'd be in this room making music. This room had such a significance for me. I don't think I fully understood that when I was here.'*



**GIRL POWER:** (Left to right) Montana, Enongo, and Sage strike a 'Charlie's Angels' pose.



**BROTHERHOOD:**  
Tom (left) and  
Tony at DU

## THIRD-FLOOR TOWER ROOM, DELTA UPSILON FRATERNITY

### Tony Cashen '57 & Tom Eisenbrown '17

Tony, who now lives in the nearby Kendal at Ithaca retirement community, is a past president of DU; Tom was president in 2015–16. Tony remains a frequent visitor to the house, and he's clearly at home there—fist-bumping one brother as he walks by and casually joking with another.

**TOM:** "What makes DU special is that it's the most diverse place with the closest brotherhood. Everyone's unique in their own way, but everyone comes together."

*Tony recalls that when he lived there sixty years ago, the drinking age was eighteen, and parties were more centered in the house than in Collegetown.*

**TONY:** "The whole social life is a lot different now. It used to be you couldn't have ladies in the house unless there was a chaperone. The whole social context of this age group has changed tremendously."

**TOM:** "If anything, I'm the chaperone in this house."

*Tony asks Tom if the brothers still use the third-floor sleeping porch, which was a coveted spot in his day; Tom says no.*

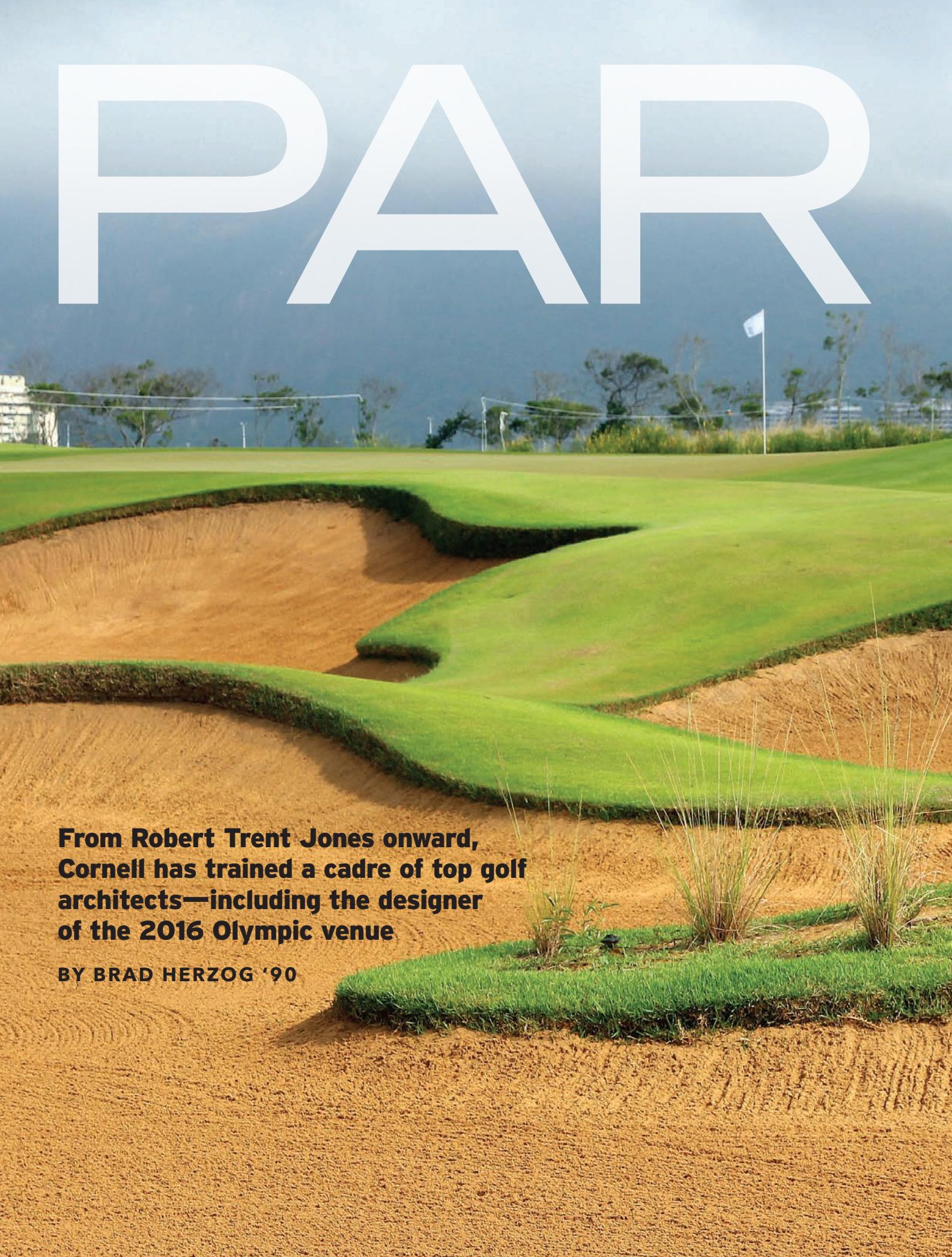
**TONY:** "You used to have to be invited to sleep on the porch. There was a club, with membership."

**TOM:** "Recently we had an alum come back for Homecoming. The alumni suite was occupied, so he asked if he could sleep out on the porch. We were like, 'Sure, why not?'"

'Running a house is a difficult challenge,' Tony observes. 'I would say that if you can get a crowd of young men to follow you if you're not writing a paycheck, you'll be a great leader when you are writing one.'



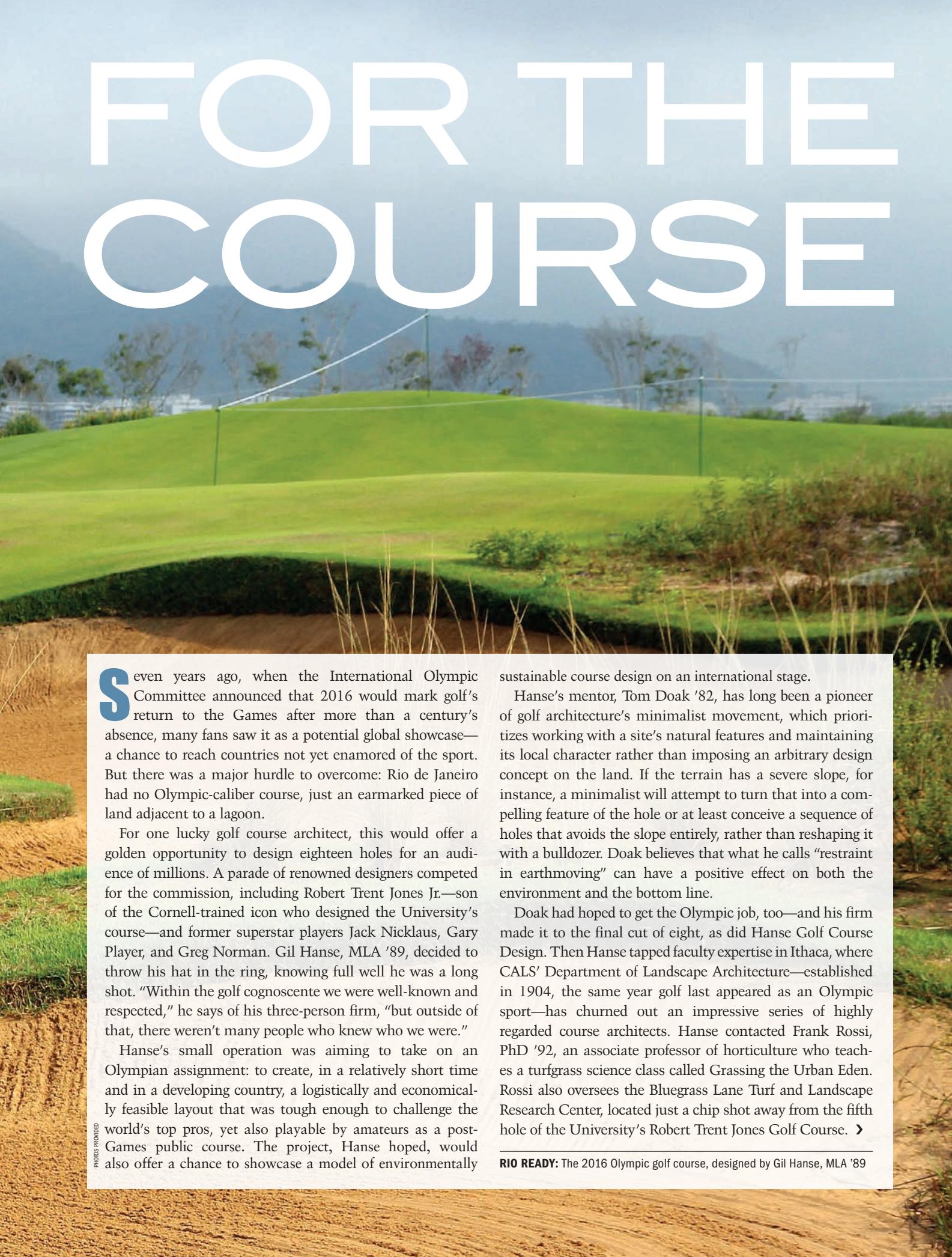
# PAR



**From Robert Trent Jones onward,  
Cornell has trained a cadre of top golf  
architects—including the designer  
of the 2016 Olympic venue**

BY BRAD HERZOG '90

# FOR THE COURSE



**S**even years ago, when the International Olympic Committee announced that 2016 would mark golf's return to the Games after more than a century's absence, many fans saw it as a potential global showcase—a chance to reach countries not yet enamored of the sport. But there was a major hurdle to overcome: Rio de Janeiro had no Olympic-caliber course, just an earmarked piece of land adjacent to a lagoon.

For one lucky golf course architect, this would offer a golden opportunity to design eighteen holes for an audience of millions. A parade of renowned designers competed for the commission, including Robert Trent Jones Jr.—son of the Cornell-trained icon who designed the University's course—and former superstar players Jack Nicklaus, Gary Player, and Greg Norman. Gil Hanse, MLA '89, decided to throw his hat in the ring, knowing full well he was a long shot. "Within the golf cognoscente we were well-known and respected," he says of his three-person firm, "but outside of that, there weren't many people who knew who we were."

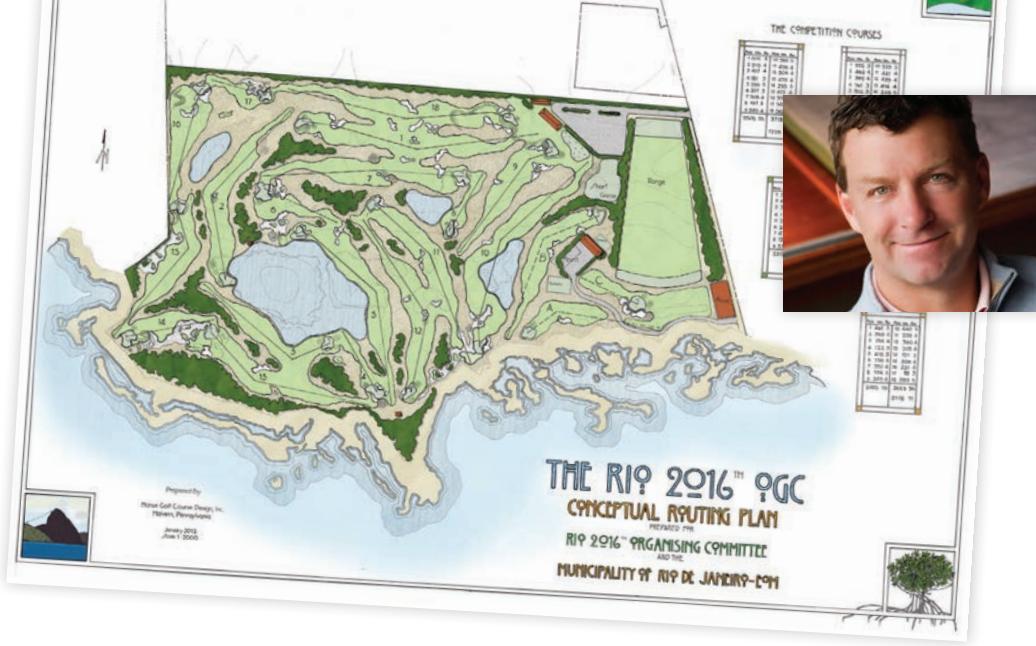
Hanse's small operation was aiming to take on an Olympian assignment: to create, in a relatively short time and in a developing country, a logically and economically feasible layout that was tough enough to challenge the world's top pros, yet also playable by amateurs as a post-Games public course. The project, Hanse hoped, would also offer a chance to showcase a model of environmentally

sustainable course design on an international stage.

Hanse's mentor, Tom Doak '82, has long been a pioneer of golf architecture's minimalist movement, which prioritizes working with a site's natural features and maintaining its local character rather than imposing an arbitrary design concept on the land. If the terrain has a severe slope, for instance, a minimalist will attempt to turn that into a compelling feature of the hole or at least conceive a sequence of holes that avoids the slope entirely, rather than reshaping it with a bulldozer. Doak believes that what he calls "restraint in earthmoving" can have a positive effect on both the environment and the bottom line.

Doak had hoped to get the Olympic job, too—and his firm made it to the final cut of eight, as did Hanse Golf Course Design. Then Hanse tapped faculty expertise in Ithaca, where CALS' Department of Landscape Architecture—established in 1904, the same year golf last appeared as an Olympic sport—has churned out an impressive series of highly regarded course architects. Hanse contacted Frank Rossi, PhD '92, an associate professor of horticulture who teaches a turfgrass science class called *Grassing the Urban Eden*. Rossi also oversees the Bluegrass Lane Turf and Landscape Research Center, located just a chip shot away from the fifth hole of the University's Robert Trent Jones Golf Course. ➤

**RIO READY:** The 2016 Olympic golf course, designed by Gil Hanse, MLA '89



**'When you tell people what you do, you get these blank stares,' says Gil Hanse, MLA '89. 'They say, "I guess I never really thought about anyone designing golf courses." They think they just pop up out of nowhere!'**

The high-energy Rossi is a bit of a mad scientist of golf course maintenance. He experiments with innovations like robotic mowers, irrigation sensors, and environmentally sustainable grasses, and studies such topics as the effect that shoe spikes have on greens and the potential of maintaining a course without pesticides. Increasing concerns about courses' water and energy consumption, labor and maintenance costs, and long-term environmental impact, he says, have made it necessary to "reimagine how we view golf." Recently, his efforts have caught the eye of course designers like Hanse, who recruited him to his Olympic team.

In sum: Hanse's proposal featured an aesthetic honed by a broad education in landscape architecture; it offered the economic and environmental advantages of his minimalist approach; and it drew on Rossi's horticultural acumen. What's more, Hanse underscored his commitment to the project by pledging to relocate his family to Brazil so he could personally oversee construction. In March 2012, with a camera crew watching, Hanse took a phone call informing him that he had the job.

A year later, he broke ground in Rio. And this August, when his course tests the talents of five dozen of the finest golfers on the planet, the world will be watching. "Sometimes it's amazing;

when you tell people what you do, you get these blank stares," Hanse says with a laugh. "They say, 'I guess I never really thought about anyone designing golf courses.' They think they just pop up out of nowhere. But there are layers of complexity."

Consider the many issues that must be addressed—the first of which is whether the land can be fashioned into a course at all. Then an architect must consider the clientele: Is the course public? Private? Part of a resort? A pro tournament host? And the climate: What are the prevailing winds? What's the elevation? What kind of foliage and grass should be planted? And each hole: How should the fairway be shaped? Where should hazards be located? Should the green be elevated? Terraced? Tilted?

And, of course, the routing of the eighteen holes has to be logical. Each green must lead to the next tee, the first and final holes must be somewhere near the clubhouse, and there should be the right mix of par-threes, -fours, and -fives. World Golf Hall of Fame architect Robert Trent Jones, Sp Ag '28–30, once described the process as "putting together the pieces of a jigsaw puzzle."

To equip himself to solve such puzzles, Jones had formulated his own Cornell education. Although he didn't even possess a high school diploma, he matriculated in 1928 as a twenty-two-year-old special student given the freedom to design his





**BY THE SEA:** New Zealand's Tara Iti Golf Club (left), designed by Tom Doak '82 (below). Opposite page, top: Hanse, and his plan for the Rio course. Bottom: Shelter Harbor Golf Club, designed by Jason Straka '94, MPS '95.



own curriculum. He studied landscape architecture (then in the College of Architecture, Art & Planning), hydraulics and engineering in the College of Engineering, and horticulture and agronomy in CALS, as well as courses in public speaking, journalism, economics, and business law. As James Hansen wrote in his book *A Difficult Par: Robert Trent Jones Sr. and the Making of Modern Golf*: "Jones may not have received a degree from Cornell, but he got what he went for—the advanced education and fundamental knowledge needed to design and build golf courses."

By the time of his death in 2000 at age ninety-three, Jones had built or renovated more than 400 courses in nearly every state and dozens of countries. He always insisted that imagination—seeing a wild stretch of land and envisioning a blissful, eighteen-hole stroll—was key to turning technical expertise into something exquisite. "Making golf holes," he said, "is more art than science." His impact was so global that it has been said that the sun never sets on a Robert Trent Jones course.

On the Hill, Jones's talents can be appreciated first-hand in the eighteen-hole course he designed and that bears his name, as well as in the massive Robert Trent Jones Collection donated to Kroch Library in 2009. But it is also evident in the legacy he established in CALS as an incubator of course design talent. "I don't think there's another landscape architecture department that has had such an impact on our business," says Chris Monti '96, a senior associate with Florida-based Bobby Weed Golf Design. The department, Monti notes, has become a magnet for aspiring course designers, thanks not only to Jones's fame, but its mission to produce socially responsible and creative alumni, emphasize conservation, and allow students to tailor the program to their individual interests. "That philosophy resonates immediately with any high schooler interested in golf course design, because you can't find a golf course design major," says Monti. "So the next best thing is a prestigious school that allows you to study laterally, as it were. And you're following in the footsteps of some of the great practitioners of the profession."

Of the many prominent Cornellian golf architects who have come after Jones, the most renowned of the current generation is Doak, who has designed several courses ranked among

the world's 100 finest (Oregon's Pacific Dunes

is widely considered his masterwork). Doak has written four books, including *The Confidential Guide to Golf Courses*, which underscored his reputation as an iconoclast with an encyclopedic knowledge of the sport's venues. Indeed, he claims to have seen every great course in the world, a process that began when he received the Frederick Dreer Award from CALS' School of Integrative Plant Science in 1982. The award allows a student to spend up to a full academic year studying a horticulture-related topic abroad—be it ancient irrigation in Morocco or tulip breeding in the Netherlands. Doak was the first to use the scholarship to study golf course architecture in the British Isles, a stint that included playing classic courses all over the UK and even caddying at the famed St. Andrews. Doak returned to land a stateside job with acclaimed course architect Pete Dye before founding his own firm, Michigan-based Renaissance Golf Design. Doak, who has been described as a game-changer due to his minimalist perspective influenced by studying classic courses, has hired several Cornellians as interns over the years; Hanse was the first.

Hanse had arrived on the Hill with a BA in political science from the University of Denver. Though he doodled golf hole designs on occasion, he was planning a career in public policy and initially focused his graduate studies on city and regional planning. But he ultimately turned down a summer job in a congressman's office in favor of a gig at the Country Club of Ithaca. The next summer he worked for Doak, who was constructing his first course in Michigan. With his own ➤

**Tom Doak '82 was the first to use CALS' Dreer Award to study golf course architecture in the British Isles, a stint that included playing classic courses all over the UK and even caddying at the famed St. Andrews.**

## THE SWING OF THINGS As more courses close and few open, designers retool the profession

Cornell's course designers may come from varied backgrounds and practice disparate specialties, but they have something in common: their once-thriving profession has been struggling of late. A dozen years ago, the National Golf Foundation predicted an influx of retiring Baby Boomers and Tiger Woods-inspired youngsters to the game—and estimated that one new American course per day would be needed to accommodate them. But the boom never materialized, replaced



**'BEST NEW COURSE':** King Carter Golf Club (above), designed by Joel Weiman '97. Right: Trump National Doral's famed "Blue Monster," which Hanse renovated.

instead by a real estate bubble and a recession. As a result, far more courses have been closing in the U.S.—well over 100 per year—than opening. A 2014 golf.com headline put it bluntly: “The Gilded Age of Golf Course Design is Dead.” So there has been a paradigm shift in golf course architecture, revolving around buzzwords like sustainability and efficiency. “I always said it was going to take a severe recession to make minimalism fashionable in the U.S. market,” says Tom Doak '82. “Not that I was wishing for one.”

Building sustainable courses was once a niche. Both Jason Straka '94, MPS '95 (now a partner with Fry Straka Global Golf Course Design, which has offices in Ohio, Brazil, and China), and David Ferris '93, MLA

'96 (lead associate with Sanford Golf Design in Florida), focused their graduate studies on the development of Widow's Walk Golf Course in Scituate, Massachusetts; built in 1997 on a former sand quarry, the experimental course was used to evaluate various methods of design and construction, improved biodiversity, and maintaining greens with the least possible environmental impact. In the intervening decades, sustainability has evolved from a cutting-edge philosophy to a necessity amid rising concerns about costs, both financial and environmental. Largely gone are the days of lavish budgets and communities master-planned around a new course. Joel Weiman '97, who has worked for Maryland's McDonald Design Group for two decades, insists that for golf to grow it must be stripped down to its essence. “Golf needs more feeder courses, more beginning golf, more affordable opportunities to learn and get hooked on the game,” says Weiman, who designed the course at Virginia's King Carter Golf Club, which *Golf Digest* called the best new public course that could be played for under \$75 when it debuted a decade ago.

With a dearth of opportunities to create courses from scratch, architects have largely turned to remodeling existing venues. Hanse made a splash by renovating Trump National Doral's Blue Course—the famed “Blue Monster”—in 2014. Weiman's firm now does almost exclusively what he calls “surgical renovations” of country club courses within the framework of a long-term master plan. Although he says building a new course is always a thrill, renovating a private club “might be even more difficult because you have several hundred bosses—the members.”

Beyond renovation, many architects have embraced the concept of repurposing a course, which Monti describes as “building a new one on top of the old.” His firm has made a specialty of taking an existing property that's in financial distress and reorienting it to create a new course while utilizing the value of the real estate to fund the improvements. For instance, a project at Greenacres Country Club in New Jersey will renovate the look and infrastructure of the aging course while repurposing a portion of the acreage for residential use. “It's a bit like tearing down a house that sits on a really nice lot and building a new house on that lot,” says Chris Monti '96, a 1996 Deere Award winner. “The only thing that remains the same is the address.”





Dreer scholarship, Hanse spent ten months touring the UK and interning at the world's oldest continuously practicing golf architecture firm.

Hanse's late epiphany about golf course design isn't all that unusual among his Cornellian colleagues. Dave Zinkand '97, for instance, originally enrolled in the College of Architecture, Art & Planning, but found himself drawn to landscape architecture and switched to CALS. He, too, studied overseas via the Dreer Award; he now runs Arizona-based Zinkand Golf Design, echoing the minimalist mantra that

inspiration should come from what he calls "the genius of the landscape itself." Gary Kaye '89, BS '90, graduated as a landscape architecture major who'd never played golf in his life. But for the past quarter-century, as the founder of Golf Engineering Associates, he has specialized in course irrigation systems, particularly in Mexico. Paul Albanese '90, on the other hand, was captain of the Big Red golf team, majoring in environmental and agricultural engineering. He earned an MLA from Harvard and



HOME TURF: Cornell's own Robert Trent Jones Golf Course (top). Left: Michigan's Sweetgrass Golf Club, designed by Paul Albanese '90.

## COURSE COLLECTION

### Kroch is home to Robert Trent Jones's papers

The Robert Trent Jones Trail is a collection of 324 golf holes designed by Jones in seven locations throughout Alabama. But the true trail of Jones's long career can be found in Kroch Library's Robert Trent Jones Collection, some 350 boxes of business and personal papers and 2,000 cardboard tubes filled with architectural drawings, archived and available to the public. The collection offers insight into Jones's architectural philosophy—layouts built to challenge the pros while remaining playable by the weekend duffer—and his signature designs, featuring undulating greens, cavernous bunkers, and strategic water hazards. Essentially a seven-decade-long chronicle of the business of landscape architecture, it features photographs, golf magazines, and even Jones's passport and tax returns. It also includes correspondence between the architect and champions such as Ben Hogan, Jack Nicklaus, and Arnold Palmer—not to mention former First Golfer Dwight Eisenhower, for whom Jones built a putting green on the White House's South Lawn.

### 'Making golf holes,' said Robert Trent Jones, Sp Ag '28-30, 'is more art than science.'

is now a principal with Michigan-based Albanese & Lutzke. In 2009, he and Rossi led a Cornell's Adult University trip to Scotland entitled "The Lay of the Land: Playing the Courses Where Golf Began," which included visits to six fabled links. "Golf course design has always been a ridiculously small profession where there's no clear path in terms of training and entering the business," says Monti. "It's a very Darwinian exercise—and it needs to be, because there's not a huge demand for what we do, especially now. I had a lot of friends go to Wall Street, while I found myself standing in ditches in Ohio. So you really have to want it." ■

# *Wed* **RED**

For many Cornellians,  
married life starts with  
getting hitched on the Hill



Jennifer Fang '03 and James Lamb '03 met in August 1999, at a ballroom dancing class held on the second day of freshman orientation. That first encounter, she says, is a long story involving "Legos, Collegetown, and the world's worst pick-up line." Their first official date came a day or two later, in Willard Straight. "We went to an orientation event at the Memorial Room, but ended up spending the entire night sitting on the Ivy Terrace talking, and watching the sun set and then rise again over West Campus," says Fang, now a postdoc at a Yale cardiology research center. "From that night onward, we were inseparable throughout our years as undergraduates."

When the two decided to marry, the venue was obvious. In mid-August 2015, less than a week shy of their sixteenth anniversary as a couple, they exchanged vows on the Ivy Terrace, "on the very spot where we had first shared a night looking over Cayuga Lake and fallen in love."

They held their rehearsal dinner at the Statler, the site of their first Valentine's Day dinner; the reception was in the Memorial Room, where Lamb had spent countless hours in the Student Assembly. Fang chalked a celebratory message on Ho Plaza, and the couple posed for portraits overlooking Libe Slope. The wedding's official accent color, naturally, was carnelian red. "We never even considered getting married anywhere else," Fang admits. "We were so fortunate that not only was our Cornell wedding hugely symbolic for us, but it was also an incredible wedding venue in its own right." Her non-Cornellian

**'Not only was our Cornell wedding hugely symbolic for us, but it was also an incredible wedding venue in its own right.'**

guests were particularly awed by the Straight, marveling: "It's like you're getting married at Hogwarts!"

Each year, dozens of couples return to the Hill to tie the knot—launching their married lives from a place that's deeply meaningful to at least one (and often both) of the parties. Their celebrations feature Cornellian touches large and small—from Chimes serenades to Cornell Dairy ice cream, Pep Band concerts to photos with the Big Red Bear. While most on-campus weddings take place in one of the two chapels—the stately Sage or the more intimate and informal Anabel Taylor—couples can exchange vows in a variety of venues: the Johnson Museum, A.D. White House, Big Red Barn, Cornell Plantations, and more. "I tell people, if you can connect with the right people and get permission, you can be married anywhere on campus," says Janelle Hanson, the office, events, and building manager for Cornell United Religious Work, and the point person for many Cornellian nuptials.

More than anyone else on campus, Hanson is the Big Red wedding guru. If you call to reserve the Anabel Taylor chapel—Sage bookings were shifted to an online system a few years ago—she's the one who answers the phone. She's a font of information on all things wedding-related, from local florists and photographers to officiants and cake-bakers. On the day itself, she's likely the person running the show in either chapel—wrangling the bridal party for photos, corralling a wayward flower girl, cuing the musicians, and much more. On >



**BIG DAY:** Jennifer Fang '03 and James Lamb '03 (opposite page). Clockwise from top left: Leslie Papenfus Reed '54 and Thomas Reed '55, BME '56; Cathy Kullman Paddock '78 and Ken Paddock '77; Barbara Burg Gilman '55, Michael Gilman, DVM '56, and attendants; Shirley Dusinberre Durham '48 and George Durham '44, BME '43; Lorna Burg Shaw '58, Gordon Shaw, PhD '59, and attendants; Carolyn Chauncey Neuman '64 and John Neuman '62, BEE '63; Dorothy Dye Spencer '48, BS HE '49, MEd '64, and Jim Spencer '48, BCE '49, MCE '51; Catherine Hren Whalen '70 and Michael Whalen '69



a busy summer Saturday, she notes, Sage can host as many as four ceremonies, scheduled back to back. "It's sometimes like a wedding factory," says Hanson, whose own nuptials are planned for Anabel Taylor in August. "We keep the timing of everything—keep it moving so the next wedding can come in. We help wherever we can, whether it's pinning boutonnieres on the men or helping the ladies." And when it comes to veils and trains, she says, "I'm the final fluffer down the aisle."

For many Cornellians, getting married on campus means a short commute from Sage—the premier spot for vow-swapping—to a reception at the Statler. That's what Niyati Shah, MEng '09, did when she and her now-husband, Shane Feely, tied the knot in October 2014. "I grew up a lot at Cornell and learned a lot about myself," says Shah, a former biomedical engineering student now living in Oregon. "To me it was natural to get married on campus, because Cornell shaped me into the person that Shane fell in love with." During the ceremony in Sage, the couple sealed letters from their parents, and notes to each other, inside a Cornell coffee can that they'd bought on their first trip to campus together. The Chimes played a custom concert as they left the chapel, and they posed for photos at her favorite campus spots including the A.D. White Library, McGraw Tower, and the West Campus arches. Says Shah: "I was showing off the campus that I fell in love with to my guests."

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This spring, with wedding season about to shift into high gear, CAM checked in with some of the staffers who organize and execute campus nuptials. We also reached out to alumni who'd gotten married on the Hill over the years, asking them to share

memories and photos of their big day. Some were wed as twenty-somethings just starting out, while others had been together for many years when they tied the knot. But for all, a Cornell wedding held special significance.

"To start your adult life at the University

and then have this major milestone also take place there had a lot more meaning than if we just rented a hall downtown," says Ithaca resident Randy Heffernan '94, MBA '10. In June 2015, Heffernan exchanged vows in Sage with Robert Redman, his partner of eighteen years, as their two children looked on; they then strolled to the Johnson Museum for the reception. "My experiences at Cornell—both degrees—were major growth periods in my life, and I came out of it a bit of a different person each time," he says. "Getting married is a major transition, too. I'd walked across the Arts Quad twice to graduate—and I crossed it again, as part of a married couple for the first time."



**HAPPY COUPLES:** Niyati Shah, MEng '09, and Shane Feely took portraits in many of her favorite campus spots, including the A.D. White Library. Left: Randy Heffernan '94, MBA '10, and Robert Redman after exchanging vows in Sage Chapel.

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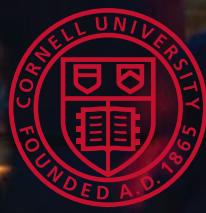
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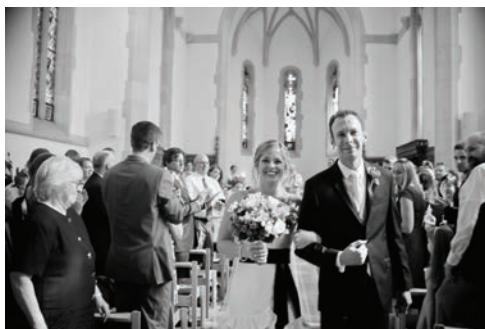
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When the stained glass window in the Sage apse was removed for refurbishment in 2014, the University commissioned a temporary photographic replacement that was so realistic, many guests couldn't tell the difference.



Reservations for Sage and Anabel Taylor chapels are accepted a year in advance, starting at 8 a.m. on the first business day of the month in question.



**SAYING 'I DO':** Kara Tappen Barry '07 and Jordan Barry '06, BS '07 (center photo), in Sage. Clockwise from top left: The bouquet of Kristi Snyder '97, BA '98 (who married John Baust '97), which featured Cornell colors and ivy; Jennifer D'Amato-Anderson '07 and Andrew Anderson; Deirdre Courtney-Batson '72, MA '75, and Philip Batson '70, PhD '76; Scott Richardson '88, BA '89 (right), and Robert Miller; Patti Miller Ross '72 and David Ross '73; Alison Brunger '01 and Jeff Hardgrove '01; Sandy Schorr '70 and Charles Breckheimer, MAT/MS '69.

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**WHAT A RIDE:** Gretchen Goldman ’06 and Tom Di Liberto ’06 (center photo). Clockwise from top: Morgan Dickens ’08 (left) and Michelle Moyal, DVM ’07, with the Pep Band; Pam Lein ’81 and Rick Meigs ’80; Snyder and Baust topped their cake with figures of their dogs, named for Big Red hockey stars; the Memorial Room decorated for a reception; Erin McGonegle Crespi ’06 and Brian Crespi ’06; Jaime Wasserstrom Novikoff ’03 after marrying Joshua Novikoff ’03; Karen Jewett-Bennett ’79 on her way to her nuptials; Jolanda Pandin, a lecturer in Asian studies, and Matt Connolly ’99, MEng ’00.

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been staffing weddings in Sage and  
Anabel Taylor for more than twenty years.



**ALL DRESSED IN WHITE:**

(From top) Nicole Manning Hart '03 in the Sage crypt before her wedding to Phillip Hart '03; Nicole Neroulias Gupte '01 getting ready for her wedding to Salil Gupte '01; Melanie Acostavalle West '99 and Douglas West '98; Alissa Bovee Terry '02 and Stephen Terry '02; Snyder (right) awaits her nuptials in Anabel Taylor's Founder's Room.



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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.

## LAURA SPITZ ON CORNELL'S MISSION OF GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT

*Laura Spitz, J.S.D. '05, vice provost for international affairs, oversees Global Cornell, a university initiative aimed at strengthening Cornell's international dimension. Also included in her responsibilities are Cornell Abroad, the Mario Einaudi Center for International Studies and Cornell University Press.*

**Your field of study is law. How has your experience shaped your approach as vice provost for international affairs?**

Both my experience as a lawyer and a law professor have made me client-service focused; both legal services and teaching are service professions. I take that orientation with me to the provost's office. I understand myself to be in the service of the university, the colleges, the faculty, the students.

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In addition, I was an international student at Cornell – I’m from Canada, and while I was here getting my degree, I also spent a semester studying in Florence, Italy, at the European University Institute. When I was growing up, my father lived in the Philippines, so we spent a lot of time in Asia. As an adult, I’ve lived in many diverse places where I’ve had to learn to adapt culturally. This has also shaped how I approach problems and initiatives from the center.

**Cornell University Press is a new addition to your responsibilities. What opportunities exist in this new structure?**

My office helps people across units make connections. Cornell University Press, under its fantastic director, Dean Smith, is looking at ways to renew the relevance and viability of the press at a 21st-century global research university amid rapidly changing modern technologies.

Dean has been connecting with different area studies programs to explore possible collaborations; for example, he is working with the Southeast Asia Program to take over publishing their materials. In addition, Hiro Miyazaki, the new director of the Mario Einaudi Center for International Studies, is bringing a lot of energy to that role. He has been developing a digital platform, and he is working with the Press in the development of this platform in an effort to get Cornell faculty’s work out into the world. So it’s really exciting.

**You lead the Global Cornell initiative, now in its third year. What partnerships are involved, and what has been accomplished so far?**

Although I took over the role partway through the initiative, I was involved from the outset as a member of the Internationalization Council. This has made the VPIA leadership transition easier.

Where are we so far? There was concern that

there was not enough support for faculty doing globally engaged research, so we launched the International Faculty Fellows Program, now in its third year, to help fund research projects.

To support faculty who want to develop and internationalize their curriculum, we created Internationalizing the Cornell Curriculum grants, now in their second year. We’ve given dozens of awards, working hard to institutionalize faculty efforts.

We also have increased the funding for student travel grants, and for the first time we are making travel grant awards to undergraduate students, and that’s been super successful. Thanks to the hard work of folks like Marina Markot, director of Cornell Abroad, we have a “one-stop shop” common application for undergraduates, the Off-Campus Opportunity Fund, bringing together in one application multiple funding sources. That’s been a real step forward.

We are working on increasing the number of off-semester study abroad experiences, so that students can go in the summer or during winter break, and they can have shorter, different kinds of off-campus experiences that align with curriculums on campus.

Many of the challenges students and faculty face trying to arrange global programs or experiences are due to a failure of information or support, not a failure of opportunity. To address this, we are in the process of launching a global services website to support staff and faculty who want to take students or conduct research off campus – providing information on everything from human resource questions and tax compliance, to risk management and visa support. That’s been a project this year in partnership with Joanne DeStefano, executive vice president and chief financial officer, and Vice Provost Judy Appleton and their offices.



**More than 20% of Cornell’s overall student body is international; 49% of graduate and professional students are international.**

**1,670**

**the number of students who studied abroad in 2014-15, to more than 87 destinations**

We are also working in partnership with Engaged Cornell to develop an equivalent one-stop shop for students: a virtual platform that has all the information they need about off-campus opportunities, off-campus funding and financial aid.

#### **What about the partnership between Global Cornell and Engaged Cornell?**

The Engaged Cornell initiative, focused on community engagement, can take place anywhere; it can mean community engagement in Buffalo, or Honduras. There are many opportunities for synergies between the initiatives, both in respect to the issues facing students and faculty who want to leave Ithaca to study or work and academic overlap abroad. So I like to think of this partnership as a Venn diagram – there are things in Global Cornell that aren't community engagement and things in Engaged Cornell that are community engagement but are not global, but the overlap is significant and worth mapping and leveraging. For example, both the business services website and the one-stop shop for students will include global and domestic opportunities, anything not on the Ithaca campus. Judy Appleton and I co-chair the Provost's Working Group on Public and Global Activities; that group has the opportunity to think strategically about the opportunities presented by the partnership.

We just hired a new director of global initiatives, Christine Potter, who started in her new position in June. One-third of her portfolio is explicitly working with Engaged Cornell.

#### **How are we doing in ensuring that students at Cornell have a meaningful international experience as part of their education?**

I believe 100 percent of Cornell students should have access to a meaningful international experience. That means there should be enough opportunities and enough financial and other support in place. And there should be enough curricular flexibility that any student at Cornell who wants a meaningful international experience in their education can find one or build one. I like to focus on universal accessibility: that we make it easy for them to find opportunities, possible for them to pay for their choices, and enough opportunities that all students could find one that fits their interests.

We should be thinking about what are the barriers that might not be obvious to us. Statistically, more women study abroad than men. Why is that, and what would it take to encourage more men to study abroad? And first-generation college students are less likely



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to seek international experiences, and some students come from families for whom study abroad is a financial strain. These are the kinds of challenges we should address and act on.

#### **What is happening with the planned Cornell center in Shanghai?**

I'm excited. We've convened our faculty steering committee on campus with very active China scholars from all of the schools and colleges. We also have our China advisory board of alumni and friends of Cornell in China, which had its inaugural meeting in April. We're now in a position to add members. It's going to be a tremendous resource for us.

I am also very happy to tell you that we are in the process of hiring an executive director for the Cornell China Center Initiative, and will be opening office space in Shanghai this summer. We'll begin to coordinate with colleges and units about how to expand to a "center." Our presence in China will evolve to meet the needs of the colleges and units.

**Top:** Laura Spitz with Hirokazu Miyazaki, director of the Mario Einaudi Center for International Studies, September 2015.

**Above:** Spitz speaks at the Alumni Affairs and Development Asia-Pacific Leadership Conference in Beijing, April 2, 2016.

**Opposite page:** Spitz presents a keynote address on the Global Cornell initiative at a dinner during the Trustee-Council Annual Meeting Weekend in October 2015.

## Highlights from Ezra magazine and Ezra Update:

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In the spring issue of Ezra, read about how the newly opened Klarman Hall is a physical manifestation of the College of Arts and Sciences' commitment to the humanities – from scholarship to addressing the world's most pressing challenges.



### **Gifts to translational research support the greater good**

Rebecca Q. Morgan '60, along with Evalyn Edwards Milman '60 and Stephen Milman '58, MBA '59, recently made gifts totaling nearly \$3 million to Cornell's Bronfenbrenner Center for Translational Research, based in the College of Human Ecology.

The gifts will boost a new initiative, the Program for Research on Youth Development and Engagement, fostering groundbreaking research in partnership with New York State 4-H; the gifts also will support faculty through named fellowships that will embed professors in the Bronfenbrenner Center and link their research directly to community needs.

**"One lesson for me that is perennial in terms of social struggle is that social struggle is protracted; it's long; it doesn't travel a predictable path.**

**But one has to stay at it."**

– Rev. Kenneth Clarke, director of Cornell United Religious Work, on the legacy of Rev. Daniel Berrigan, lifelong peace activist and former CURW assistant director, who died May 1 at age 94.

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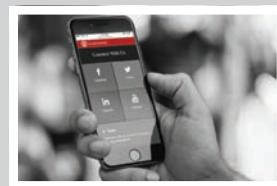
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**Dolores Dirlam** Daudt (Midland, MI) writes, "I am still living in the house to which we moved on Friday, September 13, 1957. We have grown old together. It served well when we were raising our five children, and continues when it's filled with family and guests. Cornell memories of long ago are still clear and dear. A large number of Cornellians live here in Midland, and that reinforces the bonds. I am, of course, the oldest."

**Gretchen Fonda** Gagnon (Cohoes, NY) writes, "I am still enjoying fairly good health. I do now use a cane when I go out. My family (they live very close to me) are doing all sorts of wonderful things that keep me busy watching them. My great-grandson Jonathan is a ski instructor at Gore Mountain, Josh loves lacrosse, and Lauren is quite a softball player. I still drive myself to church almost every morning if the weather is not too miserable and go to the shopping center often. May I say that people are so nice to you when you carry a cane!" **Herbert Cogan** (New York, NY) writes, "At 95-plus, I had a bad fall and broke three ribs. I hope to get back to swimming soon. I continue to see several patients in supervision and enjoy my son's success."

**Shirley Richards** Sargent (Delmar, NY) writes, "My partner, Ken Darmer, with whom I lived for almost 20 years, died in May 2015. He was with me at my 70th Reunion in 2011 and thoroughly enjoyed it. We were both looking forward to the 75th. I have continued to live in our small apartment and have learned to enjoy life with assisted living. I need a walker to move around, but can still see and hear reasonably well, for which I am thankful." Shirley adds, "There are tears in my eyes as I learn of the death of President Elizabeth Garrett, whom I'm sure we all looked forward to meeting this June. Her description of 'CU in the City' in the Mar/Apr *Cornell Alumni Magazine* was proof of her great knowledge and enthusiasm for Cornell's programs there and desire to lead their continuing progress. We have lost a great president."

We received this note from **Priscilla Okie Alexander** '45, BA '44, MA '48: "Please thank **Lawrence Kalik** '41 for his info on NYC Small Claims Court! I made use of same in the 1980s. (Awarded \$150—token? Never collected.)" **Walter Scudder**, PhD '51 (Sanford, FL) writes, "I'm hanging in there! I am looking forward to our Reunion in June. I have enjoyed 30 years of retirement from a faculty position at the U. of Florida."

**Bob Mueller**, BArch '42, shared this sad news: "We have lost another class officer. The latest to die is **Julian Smith**, our treasurer, who continued to serve our class and the university right until the end. Our thanks to Julian." **Eleanor Slack Randles**, MS '78, writes, "On June 15, 2014 I moved from Argyle, NY, to the Oaks, a 62-apartment independent living facility for seniors in Fort Edward, NY. I am finding the Oaks to be the right place for me and love my one bedroom apartment. The other people who live in the complex are so welcoming that the adjustment has been easy. At present, I go to exercise class three times a week,

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday; attend Bible study Tuesday morning; and play pinochle Wednesday evening. I appreciate support from a variety of people. As I write this I am looking forward to our 75th Reunion." ☐ **Class of 1941**, c/o *Cornell Alumni Magazine*, 401 East State St., Suite 301, Ithaca, NY 14850; e-mail, abb83@cornell.edu.

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**Gladys McKeever** Seebald writes, "I'm not doing much. I enjoy working on crossword puzzles and playing solitaire on the computer—FreeCell and Spider. I have five great-grandchildren."

**Evelyn Kassman** Greenspan writes, "I'm just staying mobile—alive and well. I'm part of the cane brigade now. Mostly working out three times a week, enjoying the talks in my building, and hearing from my boys." **Jane Williams** Harvey (Westborough, MA) writes, "I am well. I live in the same place I have lived for many years. I do all my own work inside and out. I have a vegetable garden and many flower gardens. I still drive, but I don't go very far—church on Sunday and the senior center for Zumba, line dancing, and special programs. I have three children (all married), six grandchildren (also all married), and ten great-grandchildren living in Massachusetts, Connecticut, Philadelphia, Denver, and Seattle. We keep in touch by e-mail and have a reunion every summer at the beach in Rhode Island."

**Herman Jones** (Leesburg, FL; HLJones@embarqmail.com) is still in the retirement home that he's been at since 2004. He writes, "Hearing has lessened, eyesight is poorer, and movement is done with a walker or electric chair. I like growing orchids on a tree outside my bedroom window." Herm included a great photo of himself in front of it. He also calls on other retirees in his current home. **Kathryn Fiske** Weikel is still in Pottstown, PA, at the same address she's been at for more than 63 years. She writes, "My daughter, **Jane Weikel Manthorne** '66, is returning for her 50th Reunion this year! My hair cannot get any whiter! I am in my 26th year of doing volunteer work at our local hospital. I work at the information desk in the main lobby and it is fun to see friends I haven't seen for ages."

**Richard Allen Shotwell**, MS '54 (rashotwell@aol.com) writes, "I enjoy attending the Masonic HI 12 Club and the Shriners Club. I have been declared legally blind and that is a big challenge. This past winter the Veterans Administration has been a big help. I have spent the last 34 winters in Florida and plan to return in the fall. My daughter and son-in-law Beth and David Bowman are retired and are enjoying themselves. I hope they enjoy it as much as I have. My grandson, Matthew, is a physical therapist at Upstate Medical Center. This winter he received a national award for work he did in cardiopulmonary fitness. He has two small daughters. My granddaughter, Amanda, is an athletic trainer in the Marcellus Central School District." ☐ **Class of 1942**, c/o *Cornell Alumni Magazine*, 401 East State St., Suite 301, Ithaca, NY 14850; e-mail, abb83@cornell.edu.

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**C. Lawrence Swezey** (clswezey@gmail.com) writes, "I have completely retired from all income-producing work. I go to college football and basketball and professional baseball games. My 21 grandchildren are all growing up. Several have graduated from college." When asked who had the greatest impact on him at Cornell, he said, "The first-year English professor who wrote on my first theme, 'Do you talk in this stilted manner?' The improvement led to a successful avocation in legal writing."

**Barbara Styles** Hagan (Oro Valley, AZ) writes, "I'm still making quilts, but not for sale anymore—making them for family. I moved to Tucson six months ago. My daughter and one of my sons are here, and I enjoy them and the area. I have six great-grands and two more are due this summer." Barbara wishes she could still be driving. She would like to hear from **Jean Quick** Bryant. Who had the greatest impact on Barbara on the Hill? "A professor whose course on American Foreign Policy developed in me a long history in the subject. I wish I could remember his name. He was great." **Jean Lewinson** Guttmann (Waban, MA) does volunteer work in the public library and the school library. Her family—including her seven great-grandchildren—also keeps her busy.

**William Chambers**, MS '48 (Los Alamos, NM; whchmbrs@gmail.com) writes, "I'm long retired and in assisted living. It now takes three to five hours to do what I could have done in one hour years ago—so there's no problem keeping busy. My first wife, **Marjorie (Bell)**, MA '48, died in 2006. Some might remember her because we chaperoned Phi Gamma Delta parties when I returned for grad school as a combat veteran of WWII. Now I have found the love of my later life, Peggy, and we eloped to the courthouse to marry last June 14 (2015)." William adds, "The old friends are inevitably disappearing rapidly these days, but it would be great to hear from any classmates." Prof. Gibbs, head of the Physics department, had the greatest impact on him. "He let me return to grad school late in the fall semester opening in 1945—which ended with a PhD at Ohio State and a career in nuclear weapons affairs at Los Alamos National Lab."

**Robert Turner** (Weston, CT) writes, "When I hit 90 I retired from a steady job. Now I chauffeur elderly mostly and tend to my home and property and wife—pretty much a full-time job." He wishes that he could restore his seaplane rating and fly the world in a Cessna or Beaver. "FAA says, 'You're 95? No way!' So I dream old-age dreams." Robert fondly remembers hearing the bells each afternoon. "I was just down the hill from Willard Straight." He adds, "My compliments to those four names on the class letter. They have given us loyal service for ages, mostly thankless service at that."

**Clyde Loughridge** (higbee29@gmail.com) reports that he and **Al Spafford**, BCh '47, have been in touch with Peter and Maureen Beh, who confirm that Peter's dad, classmate **Bruce Beh**, BCh '47, died in 2014. Clyde writes, "Golf, church activities, family (four children and their families

living here in Cleveland), and attending the many cultural opportunities and entertainment venues keep me busy. I'm finally getting around to reading *Slaughterhouse-Five* by Kurt Vonnegut '44." Clyde says that his Beta Theta Pi fraternity brothers had the greatest impact on him at Cornell. ☐ **Class of 1943**, c/o Cornell Alumni Magazine, 401 East State St., Suite 301, Ithaca, NY 14850; e-mail, abb83@cornell.edu.

**44** **Ralph Bigelow** (Camp Hill PA; rrbig@belltelephone.net) says that family and doctor appointments keep him busy. Of his time on the Hill, he writes, "College life and the Navy at the same time—college life did not exist."

Prof. Emeritus **Howard Evans**, PhD '50 (hee1@cornell.edu) left Cornell with the Quartermaster ROTC group when they were called to active duty at Camp Lee, VA. He was graduated in absentia and returned to Cornell after his ship, the SS *Sacajawea*, was turned around in mid-Pacific

week. I have been leading an ecumenical Bible class weekly here for five years. I still go to my summer home in the Adirondacks for June, July, and August. Usually my son from Orlando stays with me for the summer. Last year he gave me a ten-day birthday present—50 people came! He is planning on an 11-day one this year! Also, I have a handicapped son who stays with me at Old Forge. Another son has a camp nearby, so I get to see him too."

Betty continues, "The Holy Thursday is a seven-year anniversary of my beloved John's death. As many of you know, life is never the same without our partners. But I do thank God daily for the exciting life we had together—started two businesses, began a Catholic foundation, and belonged to two formal dance clubs. John actually wore out one tuxedo and we had to buy another! I've included my e-mail. It would be terrific to hear from you. How about a visit? My health is top notch."

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**46** A full report on Reunion will be coming in the next issue. As I write this column in the early spring, I hoped to see **Hazel Brill** Brampton, **Barbara Schaefer** Colbert, **Carolyn Usher** Franklin, **Mary Marzolf** Langendorfer, BS '45, **Phyllis Read**, JD '47, and **Dottie Van Vleet** Hicks in June on the Hill. These were some of the classmates I called in April, since they live within a 100-mile radius of Cornell.

**Marion Hanna** Earle was all set to attend until she found out the date. Her grandson was getting married in Florida on that weekend. **Helene Lingel** Bly, BS HE '45, also had this intention, but sent her regrets as she had a family reunion in North Carolina. **Nancy Mynott** Davis wrote on the news form that she and her husband, Richard (Princeton '44), are slowly acclimating to their new town (Princeton), state, people, and government. At Cornell, meeting **Margaret Monteith** Edelman had the greatest impact on her. They are still in constant communication.

Hopefully, **Kathleen Smith** Mancini was able to attend our 70th. She has been writing me all year in anticipation. Bob Grashof, husband of our classmate **Mary Geiling** Grashof, shared this sad news: "With broken heart, I am sad to inform you that my beloved 'Meg' passed away on January 17, 2016." I and many friends will miss Meg's happy spirit. Thank you for writing, Bob. **Priscilla Axtell** Van Valkenburg is still in her own home in Sidney, NY. She is in reasonably good health enjoying golf and gardening in season, and is looking forward to her fourth great-grandchild. The mother is **Ann Van Valkenburg Hammer** '75. **Mary Jane Vanderwater** D'Arrigo wrote that she is still keeping up her home and yard of 63 years. She is enjoying 17 grands and three greats and still does Thanksgiving for her large family. She had a wonderful 90th birthday and would like to hear from **Priscilla Alden Clement**.

Reunion news will be in the Sept/Oct issue. Meanwhile, please send your latest news to: ☐ **Dorothy Taylor** Prey, 1 Baldwin Ave., #501, San Mateo, CA 94401; tel., (650) 342-1196; e-mail, dmprey@aol.com.

Sometimes volunteering has unexpected benefits. I volunteered to phone male classmates living near Cornell who would find it relatively easy to attend our 70th Reunion. My call to **Arthur Tobias** was answered by Kristin, his daughter. She advised that, although her father had died in November 2012, she was readying his V-12 everyday and dress blue uniforms and lots of memorabilia and photos with fellow Cornellians/V-12ers for viewing. One choice memory of her mother, Emma Wolfe Tobias, also deceased, was her '46 prom gown, in which she was featured in *LIFE* magazine. Those photos, plus others from the *LIFE* article, tell reams about those times. We think Kristin, who lives near campus, will agree to do a "show and tell" on the material during Reunion. After the showing, she will probably donate those historically important items to Cornell for its archives.

On April 17, **Robert Nist** (Trinity, FL; bobnist@hotmail.com) received two awards. The first was his 12th annual Service Certificate for volunteer income tax preparation for the United Way and AARP programs. The second award was the much more exclusive Internal Revenue Service Community Service Leadership Certificate. It stated, "In recognition and appreciation of outstanding effort, dedication, and personal contributions in building stronger communities throughout this

## 'I skied down mountains for hot chocolate.'

Virginia MacArthur Clagett '44

when the war ended because it was not more than halfway to Japan. He spent six months in the Panama Canal Zone before returning as a graduate teaching assistant. In 1950 he graduated with a PhD and was hired by the Vet college as an assistant professor of Anatomy. He retired as professor and past chairman of Anatomy in 1986. Howard writes, "I revised a book, *Miller's Anatomy of the Dog*, for Elsevier Co. with the help of **Alexander de Lahunta**, DVM '58, PhD '63." Howard wishes he could be bathing in tropical waters and would like to hear from any classmates. Prof. **Perry Gilbert**, PhD '40, and Prof. **Ed Raney**, PhD '38, had the greatest impact on him at Cornell. **Durland Weale**, MS '53, is still proud of his century-old original Model T Ford with lots of brass. He's also proud of his dahlias, which he says are the most colorful in town. Durland wishes he could be producing fewer weeds in his three gardens. He still vacations in Florida during the winter.

**Virginia MacArthur** Clagett enjoys her garden in the summer. Grandson Andrew is at Lehigh and spent his junior year in Singapore; grandson Thomas is at Lafayette and spent his sophomore year in Germany. Virginia fondly recalls being a child in a Swiss boarding school. "I skied down mountains for hot chocolate." **Sigmund Hoffman**, MFS '48, is retired and living in Ridgefield, CT, with his wife, **Serena (Ginsberg)** '47, MA '48. **Lucy Upson** Oakes-Canterbury, BA '43, sent word that she is living in Littleton, NH.

**Betty Scheidelman** Droz (elizabethdroz@gmail.com) sent this letter to all classmates: "It was great to get to our 70th Reunion. Actually there were 19 of us! It was good to see **Art** and **Dotty Kay Kesten** and **Lew**, BS Ag '46, and **Connie Avery Mix** '48. Unfortunately, the two men have since died. I am living in a lovely retirement place in my hometown, Utica, NY. It has a huge pool, which I swim in at least four times per

**45** **George Karp** (Palm Beach Gardens, FL) has just spent a wonderful weekend with **Fred Bondi** '44 and his wife, Suzie, whom he describes as sensational, in Naples, FL. **Louise Borntrager** Weigel (Columbia, MO) is still enjoying activities at her great retirement community and trying to keep in touch with ten grandchildren and seven greats, who live in nine states. She's thankful to be quite healthy at 91 and has good memories of her years at Cornell, from 1941-45.

**William Berley**'s wife, **Isabel (Mayer)** '47, died in 1999. He is retired and moved from New York City to a senior residence in Seattle, WA, to be with family, son **Richard** '75 and grandson **Marcus** '07. Richard is a lawyer specializing in Indian tribal matters, and Marcus is a psychologist specializing in the problems of children and teens. Daughter **Jan Berley** Sublett '78 is an artist living in Bend, OR. He has been in contact with classmates **Ted Adler** and **Barney Mayrsohn**, as well as **Roland Reisley** '46.

**Mary Meter** Carter (Dowling Park, FL) plays the cello in church that she played in the Cornell orchestra. She also plays an English hand bell in the village hand bell choir. She is chairman of the Sunshine Committee, delivering birthday cards to nursing home patients—the only cards they receive, and they are very grateful. She activates a bear who sings "Happy Birthday" and then gives them a nine-inch bear to keep. Your scribe Julie has just become an honored great-grandmother with the arrival of Abigail Julie. Pictures must suffice until a cherished transcontinental meeting takes place.

Bob and I—as well as our other readers—enjoy hearing from our classmates, so do let us hear from you. ☐ **Julie Kamerer** Snell, 3154 Gracefield Rd., Apt. 111, Silver Spring, MD 20904-0806; e-mail, julie.k.snell@gmail.com; **Bob Frankenfeld**, 6291 E. Bixby Hill Rd., Long Beach, CA 90815; e-mail, betbobf@aol.com.

great nation." The second award was a complete surprise. Bob dismissed it, saying, "All I did was what I like to do!" As valuable as he is to his community, those plaudits shrink next to the MVP qualities he's shown leading classmates, plus '46 and '47 V-12ers, to record attendance for a 70th Reunion class. The old Cornell friend he'd like to hear from is **Mac Adams**, PhD '53.

**Gabriel Pesce**, BCE '49, MCE '51 (Port Hueneme, FL; pennilope@reagan.com) is busy with doctors, his physical therapist, home chores, writing, and painting. Gabe travels to visit family and friends all over the US, Europe, and Asia. As a sop to his kids' pleas, he'll fly from California to Albany, NY, before picking up a car and visiting children in Massachusetts and Toronto; then to Providence and his Brown reunion before our ultimate 70th at Cornell. With all those activities, he's still found time to be a constructive force on the Reunion committee. Gabe would love to hear from fellow Cornellians **Jim Spencer '48**, MCE '51, and **David Day. John Drew** (Chatham, NJ; jackdrew23@gmail.com) keeps busy volunteering at the Algonquin Arts Theatre, which he and wife Fran founded in 1993. Jack would like to hear from **Ken Canfield '49**. At Cornell, Prof. **Fred H. "Dusty" Rhodes**, PhD 1914, had the greatest impact on him and his career.

Reunion will have passed by the time you read this. News of the weekend will appear in the Sept/Oct issue. Send news, via e-mail or snail mail, to: ☐ **Paul Levine**, 3273 Streamside Cir., #S-202, Pleasanton, CA 94588; tel., (925) 201-7575; e-mail, pblevine@juno.com. Class website, <http://www.classof46.alumni.cornell.edu>.

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We are back with another column after a lull in class activity, and let's hope we can keep it going. As you know, this is your way to let all of us know what is going on in your life and to keep in touch with those of us who meant so much to you during your days at Cornell.

We start with a note from **Carol Betty Shapiro Siegler**, who lives in Sarasota, FL. She writes glowingly of the local theatre, ballet, and music venues available in Sarasota. She also praises the local community for meeting the needs of children of families in unfortunate circumstances. All of this generosity really creates a wonderful experience. Here's a "moving" story from a close friend, **Jacob "Jack" Samkoff**. Jack and his wife, **Naomi (Strumer)**, recently moved from our area of New Jersey and now reside in Harrisburg, PA. He writes that the move was made to be close to their two daughters. They are still gradually making order out of chaos, and are providing an inexhaustible supply of recyclable paper from the move.

We heard again from **William Pendarvis**, who is still busy with his Pinot Noir vineyard and winery in Eugene, OR. He also has wine bars in Portland and Eugene. To relax and recharge their batteries, he and his wife spend time at the beach. An interesting story came from **Lois Stamey Spear**, who tells us that she and hubby **Monty Moncrieff '46** moved to a retirement home five years ago in Indianapolis to be near their daughter. When they arrived, they were greeted by a group of six Cornellians who also lived there. Lois comments that life there is good, but quite different from the time when Monty was in the State Dept. Foreign Service.

**Lillian Gorton Spiece** (Tucson, AZ) is still in assisted living and enjoys hearing about old friends. She says that she was an Army wife with

lots of travels. Until she was 80, she played lots of tennis, but then had several back operations. Another good friend, **Israel "Jay" Milner** (Dresher, PA), writes that Edith and he are in love with South and Central America. Trips have taken them as far as Cape Horn and the locks of the Panama Canal, with all the exciting volcanoes and beautiful wildlife in between. As our class treasurer, he hopes everyone will agree that the expenditures from our class treasury that were used for copies of books from the New Student Reading Project were a great investment.

**Shirley Buck Rabeler** (Cortland, NY) turned 90 in July 2015 and her children planned a party and family reunion at the Fouts Farm, which is run by her oldest daughter. The next day there was a picnic at her favorite picnic place, Upper Buttermilk State Park in Ithaca. All six children and most of their families were present, in addition to other family and friends. She counts about 28 family members with Cornell degrees. That really is a Big Red family. No news from **Edward Simpson**, who advises us that he and Barbara live in Old Westbury, NY, and that they spend the winter months in Boca Raton, FL.

**Barbara Bateholts** Smith lives in an independent facility in Moorestown, NJ. Her two daughters live nearby and she is the treasurer for the residents association. She still owns a summer home on Babcock Lake in New York, and last year she met up with her Cornell roomie **Jan Ruggles Pinel** and her daughter and granddaughter in Keene, NH, for a nice lunch. Last December, her three children surprised her with a celebration for her 90th birthday, and many friends and family traveled long distances to attend. Barbara has nine grandchildren, with two that have married.

What a great way to end this column. I encourage everyone to take time to write me, and make my job an easy one. ☐ **Sylvia Kianoff** Shain, 653 Primrose Lane, River Vale, NJ 07675; tel., (201) 391-1263; e-mail, irashain1@verizon.net.

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**Tom Baker** (Clinton, TN): "Gardening! I'm amazed at the progress in studies since 1948 as reported in the *Cornell Engineering* magazine. Only two doctor visits last year. My wife was not so lucky (five). I like the *Wall Street Journal* for its world news, accurate political news, and market data. I also like *Forbes* magazine and *Fox News*. Seven kids, fifteen grandkids, and 11 great-grandkids (and counting)."

**Anne Colm Repaske** (Star Tannery, VA): "I still have Cashmere goats. I don't take them to fiber festivals or shows anymore, but do enter their fleece in fiber competitions. I'm a VP on the board of the Cashmere Goat Assn. I also play soprano and tenor recorders in an ensemble at Shenandoah Conservatory in Winchester, VA. We have a weekly class, then lunch with the instructor. We perform at senior assisted living facilities. My new recorder has a crooked neck, made especially for old people—it aids the cramped wrist position. I'm president of the Star Tannery Volunteer Fire Dept. Auxiliary. We have oyster and ham or turkey dinners, have craft shows, and help with firehall events. Blossom, my golden retriever, and I walk our 42-acre farm in the mornings. We explore the old logging roads. Cell phones don't work in these mountains. I carry a satellite GPS to inform friends where I am if help is needed. I read the local paper for North Shenandoah news and the *Wall Street Journal*, which is the only paper delivered here on the same day that it's printed. My son Bill and

family came from Louisiana for vacations, prompting his siblings and families to show up also for an impromptu family reunion. I miss my husband, but think of him every time I look out the window and see this lovely place he envisioned when we acquired this overgrown, ramshackle old farm 40 years ago."

**Geraldine Miller** Franklin (La Jolla, CA): "I'm swimming and reading. *San Diego Union-Tribune* and Channel 10 San Diego for local news, plus *Newsweek* magazine. No kids. Traveled to 30 states; going nowhere soon." **Joyce Van Denburgh Doty**, MFA '50 (Orlando, FL): "Eating and sleeping keep me going. You must be kidding about trips to the doctor and hospital. The *New York Times* edifies my mind. I like MSNBC TV and NPR radio. Number of offspring totals nine: me plus three generations. My favorite chef is Mrs. Stouffer. There's not enough space here for all my questions. I'm waiting here in 'God's waiting room' and not interested in local politics. I recently hosted a group of women at the Bay Hill Golf Club. I live there on a small lake and get to watch a lot of golfers and birds. The ladies were all interesting. Rudyard Kipling had a lot of good commentary. I've been in 50 states and loved them all. Going to Atlanta for a baseball game and NYC for some plays, the Met Museum, and maybe the Statue of Liberty. Seeing polar bears in the wild is probably not going to happen." **Charles Hallagan** (Newark, NY): "Watch Fox News. Thirteen offspring, including two greats. Ever since I mumbled something to Kay about how great was Mother's oatmeal, I've been making my own oatmeal. I plan to try to keep moving."

**Eleanor Boettke** Hotte (Palm City, FL): "I started Cornell as Class of 1947, but have supported '48 through the years and now, at age 91, it is my time to belong wholeheartedly to '48. In a recent publication from Human Ecology, I was delighted to read an article about one of my former students at UConn who is a faculty member at Cornell and teaching in the same area where I had majored. I'm an active 91, tutor at an elementary school where most of the students are from Guatemalan or Mexican families. I volunteer at my church on four or five major committees, usher on Sundays and at funerals, and have other office duties. Life is full. Great-granddaughter tells her friends, 'She is 91 and doesn't use a cane or a walker.'" **Tom Rogers** (Boulder, CO): "Walking, fitness trainer, and lifting elbow at 6:00 p.m. Read local news and the *Wall Street Journal*. My magazine is the *Weekly Standard* and I listen to Fox News. Three kids, six grands, five greats. Question: 'Why are there so many liberals?' We own a second house in Palm Desert, CA. I don't like apple pie OR rice pudding. I think the 'East vs. West' situation can improve if we get a conservative government with integrity."

**Phyllis Flyer** Kavett (Union, NJ): "I'm writing my memoir for my family, which includes six adult grandchildren. Here are some excerpts. 'Before STEM Existed': In most of my classes in mathematics, physics, and engineering, I was the only woman. While this afforded great visibility, it made for a rather uncomfortable situation for me as well as for the men in the class. Once, all eyes turned on me when a math instructor compared a particular geometric curve to an inverted bra! 'Time Moves On': I sometimes waitressed at Balch during the semester. Reunion Weekend 1948 occurred near the time of my own graduation ceremony, so I agreed to work then. The alumni/ae assigned to my Balch dining room were the classes of '00 (1900, that is!) to '05. Fine china and

elegant silver service appeared from some subterranean storage room. Tables were set to impress and treat alumni with utmost luxury in order to solicit those big donations! As a 20-year-old, I was greatly amused (laughed out loud!) when one person asked another, 'Have you seen Betty? Is she still living?' I'd not be so amused now!" ☐  
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**49** Our 70th Reunion is on the horizon! **Carl Schwarzer** (Fayetteville, NY; cschwarzer@twcny.rr.com) writes, "Class president **Jack Gilbert** told me I was Reunion chairman for our 70th! That's just two years away from flooding your mailbox with news of what's going to happen to keep you happy while you are attending the weekend party. Yes, we will see all of you '49ers in June 2019!"

Congratulations, **Paul Case!** Another '49er of whom our class is especially proud! Paul has developed a new computer architecture, covered by US Patent 8,938,796 B2, that utilizes hardwired support for security monitoring, management, and analysis to provide a significant new advantage to those creating and maintaining systems under advanced threats. Paul (Pleasant Valley, NY; paul.casesr@yahoo.com) is a 90-year-old electrical engineer whose initial exposure to computer architectures came when he was assigned to test IBM's first stored program computer in 1951. His subsequent career included the development of IBM's computer design systems for several generations of architectures. His current patent is the result of his disappointment with the vulnerability of today's architectures, together with a conviction that a solution lay in a hardware design that provided programmers with a robust and secure environment. His son, Paul Case Jr., is managing efforts to develop this design. **Constance Hoffmann Elsaesser** (Cincinnati, OH), married to **Alphonse**, writes, "I'm rusticating in a retirement home!" She tells us that her granddaughter **Catherine Elsaesser '17**, is in the Hotel school. Prof. Donald Grout of the Music department had the greatest impact on her when she was on the Hill.

Col. **Dallas Tuthill**, DVM '50 (Sun City, FL; dbtut@aol.com), married to Norma, writes, "I'm 88 now and thus do little. Spent 22 years active in the US Army, plus five years Reserve time. Retired from everything and moved to Sun City Center (a retirement town in Florida) in June 1990. Much volunteer work in '90s and several years of this 21st century. Now my only volunteer work is as a member of the board of a new Sun City Center charitable foundation, started by Walt Cawein, Sun City resident and former graduate of the Naval Academy and CIA (ret.). Norma and I still do a little traveling (we like river trips the best). My best friend at Cornell was my four-year roommate, **Henry Szlachta**, DVM '50 (second in our 1950 Vet class)—but he and his spouse are dead now." Who had the greatest impact on you at Cornell? "I would have to say Henry." **Leonard Abraham**, ME '52, PhD '53 (Belchertown, MA; lgakms@verizon.com) writes, "I'm in a retirement home called Loomis Village. I just celebrated my 90th birthday. I've given up my car and use Loomis-furnished buses. My brother, Bill, and sisters Barbara and Betty are also retired in the Midwest. I gave up the 'Jr.' when my dad died. I wish I could still be driving a car." Leonard adds that it was the EE professors who had the greatest impact on him when he was on the Hill.

**Marcie Shlansky** Livingston (Lido Beach, NY; marcieliving1@gmail.com), widowed from Bob, writes that she is kept busy in retirement with lots of old movies, reading, knitting for charity, and two Hebrew classes and a creative writing group each week. She writes, "I see six matinees each year with a local group and get lots of e-mails from

**Dolores Hoffman**, who gets a lot from **Arlyne Taub Shockman** and **Dorothea "Dot" Dashefsky** Fast." Marcie tells us that classmate **Ron Hailpary** and Steve Cohen, husband of **Marian (Rubin)**, both turned 90. She adds, "My fourth grandchild is in college. Not a Cornellian among them." Marcie belongs to an online "virtual senior center" computer program. "One recent topic was 'The American Presidency.' The name of **Clinton Rossiter '39**, my favorite Government professor, figured prominently in the discussion." **Jerry Farber** (Boca Raton, FL) celebrated his 94th birthday on a Caribbean cruise—"followed by my usual two days of golf and two days of bridge." He adds, "I'm staying in touch with kids and family! I should like to hear from **Horace Chandler '48**, BCH '50."

**Chuck Reynolds** (Vero Beach, FL; chreyndols@yahoo.com) writes, "My good friend said his 65th Reunion at Lehigh in 2015 was formed by eight classmates. We had 43 at our 65th in 2014. I am going to my 65th at Harvard Business School, where I hope there will be more than ten. So bad for my friends at Psi U, who have worked so hard to restore the fraternity to prominence to have a setback by the fraternity being involved in a sexual assault allegation. In the '40s, if you were found with a girl on the second floor of the house, it was immediate expulsion. We did our own policing. Sis and I are still in Vero Beach for seven months and Mantoloking, NJ, for five months. Best to all." **Howard Loomis**, MBA '50 (Pratt, KS) writes, "Going to the office daily keeps the 'honey do' list at home to a minimum, not that my office responsibilities are very onerous. I do get the *Wall Street Journal* read each day. Big deal. We spend four months in a cottage on Lake Michigan near Ludington, MI, in summers and the remaining eight in Pratt. I am very content to live quietly and well."

**Charles Hunt**, MS '63 (Freeville, NY) says that he keeps busy housekeeping, gardening, and visiting doctors. He's also visiting and corresponding with his niece whom he had never met. He wishes to be traveling and adds, "My niece and I hope to visit sites of interest around New York, New England, and the Maritime provinces of Canada." Asked who is an old Cornell friend he'd like to hear from, Charles inquires, "Do you know a good medium?" Asked who at Cornell had the greatest impact, Charles replied, "Not who, what?" **Helen Osborne Jenkins** (Copley, OH; hojenkins@gmail.com) lost her husband, **Jerry '51**, in April. She wrote, "At Concordia at Sumner (a CCRC) I held the fort at our villa while Jerry lived across the road in skilled nursing (Parkinson's, dementia). I visited and walked with him every afternoon." She adds, "We welcomed our seventh great-grandchild—a beautiful little girl." Helen says that she wishes she could "find three hours back-to-back, maybe twice a week, to study watercolor painting again."

Thank you, all, for sending in your news. We hope to hear soon from everyone in the class. Please write, e-mail, phone, or send by passenger pigeon (if you can find one!). ☐ **Dorothy Mulhoffer Solow**, 50 Grant Street, Wellsboro, PA 16901; tel., (570) 948-9107; e-mail, winspeck@yahoo.com.

**50** We have a long lead time for our class columns—it is April 14 as I write this one! I am telling you this so you will not worry why news you sent us in the last little bit does not appear until now or even later. We just thank you so much for sending in your news.

This lead time will also explain why you will get the details of our April 29 class meeting and dinner in **Paul Joslin's** column in the Sept/Oct issue. We were expecting 16 or more, including associate professor of marketing Doug Stayman. He is now the associate dean of Cornell Tech, which has been operating in the City for just a few years and will ultimately have its own campus on Roosevelt Island. He will update us on its mission and its progress. The dinner was to be followed by entertainment from several of our musically talented classmates, so it promised to be a most enjoyable evening. More to come in Paul's next column.

On another matter, **Dick Pogue, Jack Rose**, MD '54, and I were appointed as the nominating committee to recommend someone to succeed **Stan Rodwin**, who unfortunately died in November, as a VP of the class (**Marion Steinmann** is the other VP). We will have recommended **Manley Thaler**, LLB '53, to the position and hope that those who are at the New York meeting will have accepted our recommendation. Manley lives in Florida, but spends a good deal of the summer in Ithaca. He has been a loyal participant in our class activities over many years.

Now to your news. **Hazel Hallock Herr** (Lafayette, CA; hollyphil13@aol.com) was office manager of a large San Francisco law firm for 14 years and then financial officer of a nonprofit music school there for another 14. After she retired she served as treasurer of the local American Assn. of University Women and set up a charitable organization for them to receive contributions to support their scholarship and other programs. **Larry Greenapple**, JD '52 (Pittsfield, MA; pommevert@aol.com) was a lawyer in NYC, advising on organization, financing, and operations of business enterprises, which included litigation and representation before the SEC. He has the highest Martindale Hubbell ratings for legal ability and ethical conduct. In Massachusetts, Larry has been a lecturer at the Osher Lifeline Learning Inst.

**Bob Post** (Mantoloking, NJ; chiefpost@comcast.net) was not able to attend our NYC dinner because it conflicted with a granddaughter's graduation from the U. of Michigan. He is living a quiet life on the Jersey Shore, where they are still trying to get the town up and running after the devastation of Superstorm Sandy. He and his old sailing buddies took a fabulous cruise in the Caribbean—this time on a small cruise ship. They had previously sailed by themselves in the Caribbean, but decided they were too old to do that anymore. **Roger Wolcott** (Sandy Spring, MD) taught sociology at Westminster College in Pennsylvania. He and his partner now live in a retirement community, where he is busy on their committees. They recently held a commitment ceremony at their local Quaker meeting. They have taken many trips out West to visit their children.

After two years of science at Rockefeller U. in NYC, **Ralph "Cooly" Williams**, MD '54 (Santa Fe, NM) went on to be a faculty member at the U. of Minnesota Medical College for five years before going to the U. of New Mexico Medical College for 20 years, where he was chairman of internal medicine. He then spent ten years as a professor at the U. of Florida, where he received the Gold Medal

from the American College of Rheumatology. Cooly next went back to medical practice at the U. of New Mexico in Albuquerque before going into private practice there. During that time he traveled extensively to Europe, Asia, and South America. Cooly retired from medicine two years ago and is spending a great deal of time studying art and painting. I have seen some of his paintings and they are marvelous. He was married for 61 years to our classmate, **Mary "Patch" (Adams)**, who sadly died in Ithaca at the time of our 60th Reunion. **Bill Brownlee** (Chevy Chase, MD; whbrownlee@aol.com) was in marketing and systems engineering at IBM. He has chaired the Chevy Chase Municipality Council and has been a trustee of St. Andrews School in Maryland. Last year he qualified for the World Indoor Rowing Championship on machines, and he and his partner, **Steve Rounds '51**, came in first. His grandson is now rowing on the Cornell lightweight crew.

This is all we have room for in this issue. Paul will get more of the news you sent us into the next column. ☐ **Pat Carry** Stewart, 2613 N. Ocean Blvd., Gulf Stream, FL 33483; tel., (561) 278-5387; e-mail, stewartpc@aol.com; **Paul Jostin**, 13731 Hickman Rd., #4207, Urbandale, IA 50323; tel., (515) 278-0960; e-mail, phjostin@aol.com.

**51** News from our Reunion will appear in the Sept/Oct column. **Phyllis Fein** Bobrow (Oviedo, FL) writes: "Granddaughter **Rebecca '15** graduated last year. This year, **Kelsey '19** and **Tucker '19** (twins) began their Cornell careers, Kelsey in HumEc and Tuck in CALS. Only Dyl, the oldest, decided to go to Lehigh. The others are now fourth generation. Having reached what's called a grand old age, many activities have been curtailed. Sorry not to be able to join everyone at Reunion. I do talk to **Fran Goldberg** Myers and **Shelley Epstein** Akabas." Fondest memory of Cornell: "Walking to class in all types of weather—loving the spring when it comes and taking a few classes to learn more about art and music, not part of my major."

**Margaret Crawford** Fay (Berkeley, CA) writes: "All four sons showed up, with wives, at Christmas. Great to see them all together talking and sharing stories; one in New York, one in Montana, and two in the California Central Valley. I mostly stay in California. Not much news from my Cornell roommates." Her fondest memory of Cornell: "Walking on the campus." **Barbara Orman** Nosstrant (Brantingham, NY) writes: "At the age of 86, activities are limited for health reasons. I enjoy my two grandsons, James and Paul, and learning of their adventures. James recently returned from England, where he was involved in a computer/electronic product affiliated with Bank of England. Now off to California for his next assignment. Paul just turned 20 and is involved in mechanics/automotive construction and repair. Oh, to be young again! As years pass by, fewer and fewer contacts, but old photos, etc., help in recalling fun times on the Hill—especially working with the 'Tammany' group composed of students working as waitresses and kitchen help in Balch Hall." Fond memory: "Sliding on Libe Slope, skating on Beebe Lake, attending weekend house parties and activities, and learning to square dance at the Straight."

**Vincent Hughes** (Gainesville, TX) writes: "All of my five children and their spouses surprised me with a birthday reunion and celebration. They traveled from four different states. Wonderful!" Honors: "Legion of Merit medal awarded during

my 26 years of service for the US Air Force." **Mary Osborn** Gallwey, PhD '58 (Seattle, WA) writes: "I seem not to be able to cut volunteer work down to zero; there are so many things that need to be done. These last few years it has been mostly my working to preserve and improve public transit in Seattle and the surrounding King County. Also, I bought enough copies of *Just Mercy* to give to nearby public and private school libraries. If you somehow missed this inspiring and humane memoir of a career bringing justice to poor people in the American South, get it and give it where it

in the fall and writes, "Think of what it was like when I went in 1948. Quite different!"

**Rik Clark** (Osterville, ME; capeclarks@aol.com) wrote that he and Sandy had again spent three winter months in Palm Springs, CA. They planned on being there in 2017 before the 65th Reunion. "We enjoy the Southern California desert with its almost guaranteed fine weather for outside fun. Performing arts events including local concerts have been more than enjoyable. We return home to Cape Cod in April. After 20 years of biking, I discontinued cycling in the

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can do the most good! I'm also trying to get my local community council to have some non-white members." Fondest memories: "The custom of singing the 'Evening Song' at Clara Dickson at meal time on weekends; learning about jazz as part of the Rhythm Club and getting to know musicians who came on tour; the glorious fall foliage."

**William Grevelding** (Paw Paw, MI): "Jeanne and I celebrated 63 years together in 2015. Both of us are doing fairly well, but we have had some health issues not related to age. Together it has been a wonderful life." **Leonard Steiner**'s (Harrison, NY) fond Cornell memory: "Being there with my late wife, Arlyne, for half of my senior year." **Julie Schaenzer Whelan** and husband **Tom '52** (Hilton Head, SC) claim six children, eight grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren scattered around the country and as far away as Manila. She writes, "We still travel. Last year, a French Polynesia cruise, a Panama Canal cruise (Los Angeles to New York), Romania and Puglia, Italy (Land), and truffle hunting in Piedmont, Italy. We live in a fine retirement community. I'm chair of the library committee here." Fondest Cornell memory: "Meeting my husband roller skating in the cold Armory at a Newman Club social." **Alfred Da Brescia** (Hancock, NY), retired, fondly remembers "graduation from a great school."

**Elliott Oldman** participated in a CAU Study Tour. He went to Baja to take Whales and Wilderness in the Sea of Cortez, taught by Gregory Budney. **Mary Wagner Diegert** and **Charles Mund** took the Intriguing Lives of Galaxies, taught by Martha Haynes. **William Philipbar** and **Robert Lev** took George Eliot's *Middlemarch*, taught by David Faulkner. Please send your news to: ☐ **Brad Bond**, 101 Hillside Way, Marietta, OH 45750; tel., (740) 374-6715; e-mail, bbond101@suddenlink.net.

**52** News from classmates not heard from recently. **Diane Sargent** (Gloucester, MA; dianesargent@me.com) reports that she is "still here," and has been living on Cape Ann since 2002. She says, "I hope to continue to live here and enjoy the many pleasant things I do—gardening, reading, painting, taking photos, and being with my family." Her concerns are to stay well and to continue living on her own. Diane has a grandson going to Cornell

Pan-Massachusetts Challenge in 2012. I continue to participate as a virtual rider and support Dana-Farber Cancer Inst. in other ways. Sandy and I are blessed with good health, and that sure helps our quality of life. Look forward to our 65th Reunion, which is eagerly anticipated and I encourage classmates to return."

**Dave Stearns**, JD '58 (Sarasota, FL; lakeside10@comcast.net) writes, "**Phyllis (Perl) '54** and I are now settled down and enjoying life in an independent senior retirement community, Lakehouse West, where we continue to participate in and enjoy swimming, bocce, pitch-and-putt, art and art classes, frequent lectures, and special programs—in short, a delightful place." In an earlier news form, Dave reported that he was expecting hip surgery in February, hoped to see the stock market recover from its 2016 start, and despaired that so many Americans fell for what he described as the "demagogic buffoon/narcissist" who then led in a primary race. Apparently, the hip surgery went well. The market may now be a little better. On the third item, we'll see. **Edith Geiger Nichols** (Sanibel, FL; ncniichols1@gmail.com) e-mailed that she is trying to grow old gracefully. They had just sold the house in New York, where they had lived for 50 years, leaving the neighborhood after 60 years. "Not easy! From now on we will be spending half the years in Sanibel and half in Walnut Creek, CA, where we have just bought a place in a senior community, Rossmoor, not far from our older daughter and family." Edith would like to hear from any Cornell classmates in Sanibel or Rossmoor.

**David Murray** (Syracuse, NY; dgmurray6@gmail.com) is now owner of Boundary Breaks Vineyard on the east side of Seneca Lake. He had been an orthopedic surgeon in the orthopedic surgery department at Upstate Medical U., Syracuse, NY, where he was chairman for 30 years. He is now retired and plans to stay retired. A thought: "I dropped out of Cornell in 1951 to go to medical school in St. Louis, so my inclusion in the Class of '52 is generous. I have no college degree. I do have a Doctor of Science degree from the State U. of New York as well as an MD." **John Ash** (Chebeague Island, ME) is OK, has been OK, and hopes to be OK. He says he thinks of all of us. He also says he misses roommates **Doc Rufe** and **George Tall**, plus **Jack Dorrance** and several oarsmen.

**Barbara Schlang** Sonnenfeldt (Port Washington, NY; Barsonn@aol.com) is teaching English as a Second Language at her local library as a volunteer. Her youngest grandchild is graduating Phi Beta Kappa from Cornell on the weekend of May 22, so she will be on campus "for this proud moment." In May she will also celebrate the marriage of her first grandson in St. Louis and the graduation of another grandson from SMU in Dallas. "What a thrilling spring!" Barbara hopes to continue playing duplicate bridge and maintain her "rusty brain" attending classes at C.W. Post's adult education program. At this stage, her concerns are, she says, "the chaos and tragedy around the world that we are leaving for the next generation. As Earth Day approaches—what of our Earth's future?"

## ‘Gail Gifford Rudin celebrated her 80th with dinner at the top of the Eiffel Tower!’

**Gertrude Serby** Gildea (Columbus, MS; gables12@cableone.net) is still very involved with violins. She plays with the Starkville Mississippi State U. orchestra, teaches privately, and supports the Suzuki string program that she started in the 1970s. Trudy exercises three times a week in a class of 80- to 93-year-olds to keep up mobility. "We support each other in many ways and notice each person's efforts and success." She hopes to "keep on living!" Her concerns are staying healthy and active as well as enjoying whatever she can contribute to her family and community. "I think about the people in my life who are no longer here, and I want to use all of my energy and talents to make our community a great place to live for my family and for those who remember me."

**Richard C. Smith** (Gibsonia, PA) is living at St. Barnabas, a retirement village, where he has had to get used to snow after living in South Carolina for many years. He tries to keep active in spite of mobility problems, and he hopes to "stay alive and kicking." His concerns are finances lasting as long as he does and maintaining his physical and mental health, but he does think, "I am in better physical shape than most 87-year-olds. I exercise five to six hours a week on machines." **Richard Bosshardt** (Nevada City, CA; 2maxboss@gmail.com) e-mailed that he is still a US tax consultant for expatriates. He visits "26 in Switzerland" every summer and works with others on a worldwide website. His granddaughter **Blair Bosshardt '17** is a sophomore at Cornell, getting top marks. The best decision he ever made was to combine his Engineering degree and an MBA. He would like to hear from classmates and Sig Eps from 1950-54.

More on and for classmates: Class council will meet on July 11 in Ithaca, and they will talk about REUNION. Co-chairs **Sue Youker Schlaepfer** and **Dick Dye**, MPA '56, want to remind you of the dates—June 8-11, 2017—and to give you the exciting news that our class has a new website, under **Paul Blanchard's** leadership: <http://classof52.alumni.cornell.edu>. They ask you to visit regularly during the buildup to Reunion. The website will play an important role both as an information source and as a vehicle for posting and sharing

written contributions from all of you as part of two special projects—"Reminiscences" and "Class History"—that will be carried out before we all gather in Ithaca again. ☐ **Joan Boffa Gaul**, joangaul@mac.com.

**53** Many will recall applauding **Joan Pennell** Grant live on the Willard Straight stage. We haven't heard much from her in the last few decades, but she reached out from Down Under to update us. She's been volunteering to teach English at Monash U. in Melbourne, alma mater to 47,000 undergraduates and 20,000 grads. She has also given classes on contemporary Asia. She learned much about that

## Phyllis Bosworth '56

firsthand. She has two great-grandchildren, six grandlings, and four living children—a cinematographer, a lawyer, an actor, and a retired nurse. The best decision Joan says she ever made: "Following my heart to Australia via Asia." As for the best concert attended at Cornell, she writes, "I can only remember football matches" (guess she means American football, as done so well by our contemporaries) "and theater productions"—like those she made so memorable.

Speaking of autumnal madness, coach **Dave Archer** '05's ever-improving Big Red begins a new season at the home of its nearly oldest opponent, Bucknell, on September 17, and greets Old Eli Yale for an early Homecoming the following week. Plans are under way for the traditional Homecoming dinner of classes of the Fifties after the game. Will that Bulldog be curbed? Stay tuned.

**Mel Atwater** (Olympia, WA) follows CU sporting activities as closely as he can from the Left Coast. The Seattle Mariners and Seahawks, U. of Washington, and Montana State are rather more accessible. (He earned an MS degree from Montana State in '58.) Mel retired as a colonel from the Army Reserve and has enjoyed the three decades since with spouse Nancy and their six children, seven grandchildren, and one great-grandson. Besides the Seahawks, he's partial to watching feathered birds. On the other coast, **Dutch Van Leer**, MBA '57 (Lincoln, MA) closely follows "three super high school athletes (lacrosse, football, and basketball)" and tries to keep up with spouse Rachel in the garden and chopping wood. "Our library is very important to me," he says, and adds that he'll read whatever's on the bestseller list, from history to novels. Summing up: "We have lived in the good times. I hope and trust our country is headed in the Right Direction. It sure looks different to me. But such is life."

We inquired near and far what's new with our farflung Fifty-threes. **Klaus Brinkmann** has not been flung as far as Joan Pennell Grant, but he did make it pretty well up Fifth Avenue. He reported last spring that he hadn't had a lung cancer treatment in over a year and considered himself a survivor. As for what he reads, he replied, "All history

books, my favorite subject. Also current politics and world affairs; e.g., *Dark Money* by Jane Meyer, as I'm trying to make sense of the Donald Trump phenomenon." We'll know more before this reaches your hands. **Erwin Geiger**, MBA '54 (Palm Harbor, FL), who had a Cornell economic scholarship after transferring in from the U. of Munich, is pleased to pay back with a similar scholarship for a 21st-century Cornellian. "The world needs more good economists," says he, leading into somewhat encouraging words for the *Wall Street Journal*. He favors it as a source of financial news—"while gritting my teeth on their opinionated editorial articles. For balance I love the *Economist*." **Paul Makosky** (St. Michaels, MD) is drawn to the *WSJ* for "balanced views and investment research and tracking."

**Sheila Olsen** Chidester, MEd '54 (Madison, NJ) writes, "It's rewarding and interesting to see the next wave of women coming into jobs some of us have been doing, now that their child-rearing is less time consuming than it was earlier." Her recommended reading: *"Nella Last's War and Nella Last's Peace*—interesting, moving diaries from an English wife and mother. War was horrible, first few years of peace extremely hard, with shortages of everything." (When your correspondent arrived in the UK with the USAF in 1954, meat had just gone off rationing and there was bomb damage all over the Queen's green.)

**Ruth Burns** Cowan (NYC) continues the production of "Tribal Justice," a documentary on Native American tribal courts' efforts toward advancing wellness rather than punishing miscreants. A MacArthur Foundation grant helps. Interested? Reach her at: ruthcowan@aol.com. "Nonfiction is my reading preference," she writes and mentions a few favorites: *Survival in Auschwitz* (Primo Levi); *On the Move* (Oliver Sachs); *Sisters in Law* (Linda Hershman); *Witness to Change: From Jim Crow to Political Empowerment* (Sibyl Haydel Morial); *When Breath Becomes Air* (Paul Kalanithi); and *One More Time: A Journey of Love and Loss* (Gloria Foy). And, she adds, "in my spare time, studying jazz at Lincoln Center."

**Jack Brophy** (New Canaan, CT) was the only Cornellian to cross the Navy goal line in the '52 game. He did it in his tiny Hillman Minx car at halftime, transporting a cardboard Navy goat from the midfield stripe to the last white line to be launched into the Ithaca sky and borne far above by helium balloons. His fellow cheerleaders provided muscle for the ground portion of the goat's Schoellkopf show after the clown car's battery gave out. Jack, then as now leader of the triple quartet Cayuga's Waiters, became a Naval person himself and served at sea. His ship made a port call at San Francisco, where the Four Freshmen were appearing at the Hungry Eye. One time after their show, Jack hung around listening to a post-performance session where some of the Freshmen were working out an arrangement, and quietly sang along. The Freshmen heard him, invited him to join in, and gave him a part to sing, which he did. So, says Jack, "Yes, I sang with the Four Freshmen." ☐ **Jim Hanchett**, 300 First Ave., #8B, New York, NY 10009; e-mail, jch46@cornell.edu.

**54** While waiting for sacks of mail to appear, I have entertained myself with learning more about our 50th state—its history, size, spelling, products, and geology. I traveled to the Big Island in March with son **Andrew Reed '90** and daughter Carolyn. We literally just relaxed, read, drew, planned,

and enjoyed the magnificence of our surroundings. In quietude one tends to ponder. Having several questions pop up about Hawai'ian history, I purchased a marvelous book to fill in some of the blanks. One discovery was an idea I thought I could share with those who have gathered eight decades of living about them. Reading that the rest of the Hawai'ian chain can be tucked into the Big Island reminded me of all the roles we have played that fit into our lives. And, like the Big Island, our knowledge and experiences are still growing, perhaps not by lava flows, but by engaging in everyday life. We have stopped neither learning or giving. Like the Big Island we also have our "wet" side and our "dry" side. We have our ups and downs, but continue to adjust to our changing environments.

This month, for the first time in 20-plus years of being your correspondent, I have noticed, to quote the Bard, a definite sea change in our lives. Many of us have made adjustments in our activities, living arrangements, and locations. More classmates are changing location either to senior communities, to warmer climes, or to be closer to family. **Max Warden** and Thea are moving from Florida to Seattle to be closer to family. Max sent me a great picture taken a few months back of **Bill and Marilyn Ebel** (who spend much of the year in Lancaster, PA), **Jim and Lolly Clayton** (who do the slippery slide from Maine to Venice, FL), and Max and Thea, all of whom plan on being at our 65th. The picture was sent along to **Clay Miller**, another Fiji, who left Old Town for Kansas City and Dallas, TX, in hopes that he will also return.

**David Bernanke** has been teaching STEM classes in the elementary grades in Alexandria, VA, but has taken a sabbatical leave to care for family. Travel to London and Italy are still in play, with a cruise to Japan for a change of pace. Since I last mentioned **Virginia Glade Poole** in July 2015, her husband, **Lee '57**, has died of Alzheimer's and Ginny has moved to a cottage in a senior care facility, not wishing to live alone. Before his passing she and Lee had lived in the first house they had ever owned. Lee being a minister, they had always lived in rectories. Moving to Bellows Falls, VT, gave Ginny the opportunity to plant her own garden for the very first time. All her challenges have not slowed her down, just changed her direction. A bucket list item for her is to go on an archeological dig.

**Bob and Wendy Witherell Hill '55** are still skiing, as it truly is a way of life in Vermont. The couple met while skiing at Cornell, and Wendy taught at Killington for over 35 years. Bob claims Alfred Kahn as his favorite professor. On the bucket list for the Hills: one more trip to Red Rock Country to bike in the Moab, UT, area. By the time you read this, **Mason Colby** will have made one more round trip from Naples to Ithaca to sing with the '50s Cayuga's Waiters at Reunion 2016. Hang in there, Mason and Pat, and come back for our 65th in three years. **Willard Wheeler** beat the rush and moved to the Sunshine State 35 years ago, but is still traveling to his summer home at Lake Winnipesaukee to boat and golf.

A few of us are in familiar flight paths and choose not to alter our life patterns. **Ernest, MA '55**, and **Elaine Harrison Cohen** met at the Bronx School of Science, entered Cornell together, married while at Cornell, have lived in the same house in Upper Darby since 1960 (forgoing a company transfer to Los Angeles), and together have been active in their community their entire married life. Ernest says he has limited his outside activities while he has had a ten-year battle with pancreatic cancer

topped off with a few other health issues, but he and Elaine are still up for concerts, movies, and their synagogue activities. Like the Big Island, they're still expanding, still contributing, and still gathering knowledge to pass on to their grands, one of whom is in the Class of 2017. ☐ **Les Papenfus** Reed, lesliereed@me.com. Class website, classof54.alumni.cornell.edu.

Fuchs, former provost at Cornell, has assumed the presidency of that university.

**Mary Lu DePuy** Whitlock writes that she sold her home of 30 years and states, "Carefree retirement living is awesome!" All hands were on deck to help Mary Lu move, and so, she writes, "we enjoyed a reunion as well." **Myron Miller, MS '55**, who lives in the North Carolina Triangle, has a lot going on. Since retiring from the faculty of Michigan State, he's led an overseas church ministry in Brazil and Nicaragua and has taken a leadership role in Duke's lifelong learning programs, while making time for hiking trips in Europe, international business projects, and publishing several history books. He has been chosen to participate in the 100th anniversary of the arrival of American soldiers in Redon, France, in June 1918. His father was there that summer in preparation for his artillery regiment's involvement in the Battle of the Argonne Forest. Myron's new book, *Walking in My Father's Footsteps*, recounts his father's WWI experiences, including the "remarkable hospitality" of the citizens of Redon.

When asked why she chose Cornell, **Tara Prince** Goldman recalled a somewhat rebellious youthful attitude: "My father was a graduate of the U. of P. and I wanted to root against him in the annual football game!" **Elizabeth Burroughs Miley** was convinced by the beauty of the campus and her interest in the food field. "The range of course electives really broadened my interests . . . Friends, dorm rooms, outdoor surroundings, Cornell songs and concerts, all great." Liz uses e-mail and a smartphone, but beyond that, she's at the "primitive" stage.

Thanks so much for keeping in touch! Please note my new address below (just minutes from my daughter **Sue Morris Wilkey '84**) and new e-mail address. You can always write or e-mail me directly if you've misplaced the news form. ☐ **Nancy Savage Petrie**, 312 Astilbe Dr., Kennett Square, PA 19348; e-mail, nancysavagepetrie@yahoo.com. Class website, classof55.alumni.cornell.edu.

**55** Even though some of the news in this column reached us in 2015, good news is timeless when it comes to the '55 column! So here we go. **Sigrid Olafson** Farwell lived north of campus during our undergrad years. Her father, Peter Olafson, taught at Cornell. At last report, Sigrid had been planning to attend our 60th Reunion and so was **Irv "Bin" Pettit**, her co-star in the musical *Bloomer Girl* in 1953. Both were widowed after long and happy marriages, and were hoping to refresh their friendship from years ago.

**Beth Barstow** Calhoon's memories included "sailing on Cayuga at night and being becalmed after the dorm closed" (a transgression that probably involved quite a few "minutes"!). Beth lives in Lakeville, MN, with her "diva dog, Chloe," and she wants to continue participating in the volunteer opportunities available through her faith community, local schools, and politics. The temps in Minnesota are "wicked cold," she adds. Hotelie **Dick Triebel** weighed in recently with his response to our query, "What gives you the most satisfaction in your life these days?" He says, "A double martini with three olives lessens my joint pain for a couple of hours!" Like Dick, **Rich Perry** cites the Hotel school as the reason he chose Cornell. Rich is familiar with Apple products, but he writes, "My grandchildren are definitely ahead of me as far as technology goes, although slightly behind me in current events." Some of Rich's children are close to 60. "The 60-year period went so fast, it's very hard to put it all into perspective."

**Bob Leader** says he's entered the new age of technology information—"slowly, dragging my feet"—but acknowledges it's good for law work. Speaking of IT, **Art Murakami** admits that his daughter and grandchildren have, he says, left him in the dust. In terms of travel, Art and his wife had many enjoyable trips back to Ithaca for reunions. "Trips back to Hawaii were usually cross-country jaunts via automobile, and we saw most of the great USA." **Paul Hyman** says, "I'm at home with iPad, iPhone, and desktop PC. Connected to Wi-Fi 24 hours a day." **Allan Ripans** says he chose the Hotel school because of its excellent reputation throughout the world, and says, "I'm distressed that there is a plan that will erase that image—by merging the Hotel school into a new entity that does not use the word 'hotel' in its name. It's like taking gold and classifying it as metal."

**Bill Boyle**, MBA '56, came to Cornell with "a naive desire to be a veterinarian." When he shifted his focus to Agricultural Economics, followed by an MBA, he found himself "well prepared for a career in food processing and life in general." **Mike Mage** says he's rewarded by "seeing young people trying to change things for the better; e.g., Black Lives Matter, the Sanders campaign, pushing Cornell to disinvest in fossil fuels." **Joan Groskin** Promin retired as senior clinical medical research associate for Tequesta Research, giving her more time to draw and paint. She serves on the U. of Florida's Advisory Board for the Performing Arts and shared the news that Kent

**56** Just a reminder that when you read this our 60th Reunion will have passed, but do know that my notes gathered at the event will be in the NEXT issue of this column, which you should receive in September.

**Stephen** and Gail **Kittenplan** were tourists to Antarctica, which they describe as "an amazing experience." They saw penguins, seals, birds, and whales, and visited Santiago, Chile, and Buenos Aires, Argentina. Gail and Steve want us to know they learned a lot and "met wonderful people" and recommend the trip to all '56ers and their friends. **Janice Tiger** Van Etten (Altamont, NY) runs her family Christmas tree farm as well as her Kiwanis activities and her community's Memorial Day parade. **Vera Johnson** Lee (San Francisco, CA; WoolLee2@att.net) will be on a concert tour with her church choir in Italy this summer. Vera says the best decision she made was going to law school ten years after graduation and practicing law for 25 years. Anyone reading this who took modern dance class with Vera while at Cornell, she would love to hear from you. **Donald Woolfenden** (Monmouth Beach, NJ) retired from the Northern Territory of Australia government. Donald was mining titles manager for the Northern Territory as a permanent resident for over 25 years. He and his wife, Doris, traveled all over the world bird-watching. The best decision he made was migrating to

Australia from Hawaii in 1963 and marrying Doris, an American citizen, in Darwin, Australia.

**Gene Sanders**, MD '60, now permanently living in Englewood, FL, is writing for magazines and journals (especially philatelic and historic publications). Gene and his wife, Christine, both have become charter members of the Francis Scott Key Memorial Foundation. **Jim Larrimore** (Del Mar, CA) has ended his consulting work for the Int'l Atomic Energy Agency (he had retired from the agency in 1999). He maintains his interest in the Iran nuclear field, giving talks, visiting Iran, and serving as president of the San Diego World Affairs Council. Jim and his wife maintain their interest in the Torrey Pines State Natural Reserve, where they guide nature walks. **Gideon Panter**, MD '60 (Palisades, NY) is a gynecologist in Manhattan, operating out of Weill Cornell Medicine. Of his seven children, three have attended Cornell. Good to see you are keeping up the tradition.

**Gail Gifford** Rudin (Manhasset, NY) celebrated her 80th in Paris with dinner at the top of the Eiffel Tower! **Peg Jones** Halberstadt (Cincinnati, OH) reported a mini-reunion with **Marlene "Pete" Jensen Eldridge** (Darien, CT) and Reunion co-chair **Cid Brandon** Spillman at the home of **Bette Wendt** Jore in Asheville, NC. **Alayne "Lucky" Czurles** Werner (Buffalo, NY) retired from the Kenmore public schools as a home economics teacher in 1996 and is enjoying her retirement activities: travel in their trailer, photography, bonsai, crafts, and lots of family time.

**Bonnie Smith** Whyte (Reston, VA) is very active in her community. As her friend **Diane Chippendale** Holz (Wayne, PA) says, "Here's a suggestion for a motto for the 'over 80' club, thanks to Bonnie: 'I can do anything I've always done, it just takes longer.'" **Nancy Kohler** Dean (Spencerport, NY) enjoys church volunteering and time with the family. **Ronnie Hartman** (Lakewood, CA) is an active ophthalmologist, with time to ski, fish, and chair the Lakewood Regional Medical Center's governing board. **Robert Wilson** has lived in Southern California for 65 years and is now living in Stevenson Ranch, CA. He is a nuclear physics research scientist with the Atomic Energy Commission and the Hughes Research Labs, has authored over 500 technical papers, and has 30 international technical conferences to his credit.

**Susanne "Sannie" Kalter** DeWitt (Berkeley, CA) retired from Xoma Biotech Co. as a microbiologist. She is involved with a pro-Israeli newsletter three times per week, and finds time for hiking with her Bernese mountain dog. **Stanley Komaroff**, JD '58 (NYC) writes, "After retiring as a partner from Proskauer Rose LLP (former chairman of the firm), which I joined in 1958 right out of law school, in 2003 I started what I thought would be a part-time job for a couple of years: senior advisor to Henry Schein Inc., a Fortune 500 NASDAQ healthcare company, HSIC. Twelve years later I am evolving to part-time to have more time for the elusive search for an effective backhand." In conclusion, says Stan, "Life has been good to me and mine."

**Judy Cimildoro** Jones moved from Toledo, OH, to East Hampton, on Long Island, to be nearer to children and grandchildren. Judy will have been at our 60th, having attended her father's 60th (our 30th) in 1986! **Bob Seraphin** (Annandale, VA) tried retirement three times, but "couldn't get the hang of it." So he is still working part time as a consultant to a trade association that he says needs help in dealing with his former employer, the US Congress. **Robert Bradford Jr.** (Fort Myers, FL) moved to Cypress Cove Retirement Community.

**Kathleen Rooney** Irish (Pittsboro, NC) is involved with local charities including Chapel Hill Golden Club and the American Assn. of University Women.

**Harvey Hammer** (Morristown, NJ) is teaching medical students from Jefferson Medical School. He is a consulting psychiatrist for a local college clinic, and I am sure at Reunion he will have told you about his recent trip to Cuba. **Syrell Rogovin** Leahy (Tucson, AZ) just moderated a panel of mystery writers at the Tucson Book Festival. **Rudolf J. Miller**, PhD '61 (Stillwater, OK) taught in the zoology department at Oklahoma State U. He also wrote and illustrated, and his paintings were shown at the Oklahoma Art Museum, with many sold in the art market and shown in museums across the country. **Betty Davison** Gray (Middleton, WI) is proud of her grandson, a third generation now at Cornell!

I am sorry to hear of the passing of **Herb Moelis** '54, JD '56, last year. Herb was the husband of **Rita Rausch Moelis** (Hewlett, NY), who wrote this column for many years. **Michael Fellner** (NYC) sadly tells us of the passing of his wife, **Fredda (Ginsberg)** '57, last year. **Lucia Long** Schwarz (Bethel, ME) reported the passing of her husband, Eric, earlier this year. They all will be missed. Send news to: ☐ **Phyllis Bosworth**, 8 E. 83rd St., New York, NY 10028; e-mail, phylboz@aol.com.

**57** Only a few more months and you'll be receiving information about our 60th Reunion. Those knee replacements, new hips, shoulder surgeries, etc., should get a workout as we tread the Hill again. I plan to be on campus this summer for CAU, from July 24-30. I signed up for the Wines course and hope to see some fellow classmates who may be taking any of the courses offered that week.

**Edna Carroll** Skoog divides her time between her homes in Illinois and Florida. Throughout this past winter she had 38 houseguests visiting her in Florida. She enjoys making silver jewelry and being with grandchildren; the two youngest are at the U. of Illinois. **Jane Taber** Gillett also spends her winters in Florida, St. Petersburg to be exact. She has started writing her second book, but her first, *Kids Aren't Baby Goats*, is still available on Amazon. As well as writing, Jane is also creating and selling pottery; L'Atelier Pottery is the name of the business. She looks forward to her first great-grandchild, expected this summer.

**Emita Brady** Hill has seven grandchildren and lives in New Rochelle, NY. She lists Karel Husa as having an impact on her while at Cornell, where she was a member of the Sage Chapel Choir and the A Cappella Chorus. In 2014 Emita had a book published, *Bronx Faces and Voices*, and presently she's working on two new oral projects. **Judy Weinberg** Weidenthal, BFA '57, would like to still be working at her old job of large format photography, but unfortunately she's having to deal full time with advanced Parkinson's disease. "My husband, Dr. Dan, tries to make me laugh." Judy sent along a copy of a photo from when she was aboard the HMS *Mauretania* on her way to her junior year in France, something which had a great impact on her and she would love to do again.

When **JoAnne Eastburn Cyprus** is not helping **Bob** with farm maintenance at their place in Pleasant View, TN, she's volunteering at the United Way Thrift Store. She is also tutoring fifth graders, and her latest addiction is quilting. Jo has been able to make at least one for everyone in the family. **Connie Kelly Fletcher** has not retired. She teaches piano three days a week—22 students, adults

and children. "Joyous work," writes Connie. She and **Charlie '56** love living close to NYC for seasonal opera and Roundabout Theatre. As for her years at Cornell, Connie recalls being impacted by all of her professors in English Honors, plus Dexter Perkins, **Clinton Rossiter** '39, and Vladimir Nabokov. "We studied in a Golden Age." **Patti Farrell** Marinelli wrote that it was so warm in the Albany area last winter that she rowed with her granddaughter on the Mohawk River on Christmas Day and played golf in early March. Patti has volunteered with an arbitration panel that works on custody mediation in family court.

A news form was mailed out to you all in the spring, so if you still have it, please send some news. Or use your tablet, smartphone, or PC to update your recent travels, moves, or other activities. Send news to: ☐ **Judy Reusswig**, JCReuss@aol.com.

**Bill Schmidt** has totally revised his art website ([www.billschmidt.net](http://www.billschmidt.net)). It has both originals and reproductions, making for an interesting and colorful visit.

**Ted Parazynski**, MBA '59, is enjoying retirement in Seattle after several years of living internationally. His son has been inducted into the Astronaut Hall of Fame in Cocoa Beach, FL. Ted continues to relax on ocean cruises and spends quality time at villas in the tropics. **Chuck LaForge** still plays a lot of golf and enjoys swimming. In his spare time, he devours at least six books a month. He has two grandsons in college, and his son-in-law is involved in management at the Yale medical school.

**Bill** and Anne **Galvin** have sold their home in Vero Beach and a cabin in Upstate New York and purchased a townhouse in Queensbury, NY, near Lake George. The move takes them closer to their eight grandchildren on a year-round basis. **Alan Pekelner** has retired from a boutique NYC firm after practicing law (real estate, contracts, and civil litigation) for 55 years. He also served as a director for 19 years (nine as president) of his Upper West Side 90-unit apartment building.

**Lee Cornaire** (Bath, NY) is also active in apartment house management, serving on the planning board and shade tree committee of his five-unit building. Lee retired from the Army as a Colonel. The combination of my fading eyesight and our class-wide marginal handwriting skills make news sent by e-mail look mighty appealing. ☐ **John Seiler**, suitcase2@aol.com.

**58** Our classmates continue to be on the move. One of our longer distance travelers is **Phil Dattilo Jr.** (pbdattilojr@yahoo.com), who covered Thailand to Bali last year, and more recently went to Botswana and other countries in southern Africa. Phil still works as a judicial hearing officer in the Supreme Court of New York. **Glenn and Maddi McAdams Dallas** took the CAU Mediterranean cruise from Athens to Nice, accompanied by Prof. **Barry Strauss** '74 in May 2015, and their travels continue.

Two 'mates we've not heard from in a long while, **Ted Engman**, MS '61 (ljrete@msn.com) and his wife, Leila, and **Tom Morrow** and his wife, Dot-tie, got together for a Calgary to Vancouver trip on the Rocky Mountaineer train last June. (Others, including your class co-correspondent and his wife, have made a similar trip on that marvelous glass-topped train into the Canadian Rockies and

can recommend it to all.) In his work, Ted serves on the standing review board of the NASA SMAP (Soil Moisture Active Passive—remote sensing by satellite) mission, which launched in January 2015 from Vandenberg AFB, CA. **Nach Waxman** (nach waxman.op@gmail.com) travels widely, buying food-related books and judging food (as at the Iowa State Fair), while maintaining his culinary bookstore in NYC, Kitchen Arts and Letters, which he started in 1983. Nach traveled to England and Wales for books and will see some desert travel in Morocco this year, along with continuing trips to campus working on a project with the Rare Book Collection. He also consults for collectors and university libraries on out-of-print food-related books.

**Alan Goldman** says he happily missed the winter's two-foot snowstorm at his Glen Ridge, NJ, home area by traveling to Vero Beach, FL, for lots of tennis and visits with other Cornellians, including dinner with Suzie and **Chuck Hunt**. Alan tells us that we lost another classmate, **Denny Tyler**, who graduated after us and may not have been known by many. Alan got to know him in recent years and says, "Denny was a great storyteller who had lived a very interesting, if somewhat peripatetic, life. He was a member of Phi Kappa Sigma and a devoted Cornellian. As the son of a Cornell professor in the Ag school, Denny grew up in Ithaca, went to IHS, and graduated from the Ag school." On a happier note, Alan hopes one or more of his remaining four grandchildren make it to Cornell; their predecessors did not, but are happy alums of elsewhere.

The Rev. **Bob Beringer** says, "Peggy (Chamberlain) '59 and I had a great trip with a granddaughter last spring to El Salvador, Honduras, and Guatemala. We're looking forward to a river trip on the Elbe from Berlin to Prague." Bob wrote a warmly received, inspirational book, *Anchors for Life*, and enjoys teaching ecumenical Bible classes in their retirement center in Topsham, ME. **Larry Kaufman** (lkauf81509@aol.com) still resides with his wife, Donna, in Golden, CO, and some months ago was due to have a kidney removed with a transplant possibility. He stopped writing and consulting recently, but is, he says, "quite content at 78" and still appreciates the most valuable thing he learned at Cornell: "The value of critical thinking to reach conclusions." We wish him well in his medical needs and look forward to a good update soon.

**Joan Bleckwell McHugh** (jm3629@ozanam.org) continues clinical social work in a Kansas City, MO, treatment center with boys 12-18. Her husband, **Mick**, is a retired dentist who spends time bird watching and volunteering locally. They both enjoy their grandchildren of their three grown children, and Joan says her most valued learning at Cornell was "the value of diversity in all areas of life." Janice and **Laurence Hirschhorn** have moved to a gated community in Monroe Township, NJ, although their children are spread out all over, from Switzerland to Colorado. Laurence says that what he'd like to be doing is "being 22 and graduating from Cornell. Also living in Maui."

**Marcia Fogel Yeager** and husband **Bob '55** (marbob@verizon.net) are taking lifelong learning classes at Washington College (taught by volunteers covering music, movies, literature, current events, etc.—"fantastic," Marcia says) and recently, playing bocce. Their son, **Jordan '89**, is an environmental attorney in Pennsylvania, representing anti-fracking groups. **Laurence Pringle** (octopushug@aol.com) sent in some great photos of his travels to Maui with family, and to

France and Omaha Beach, along with a neat blurb on what one might call driven persistence. He writes, "I looked back at my diary entry from 1966 because it refers to my first attempt to write a book, and it says: 'At long last, ready to send

bad human beings are, and I guess they thought our Jeep was an inedible animal. Elephants, zebras, giraffes, and even lions walked right beside us. It was a very beautiful and moving experience, and it is sad to realize that these creatures may

## 'We studied in a Golden Age.'

Connie Kelly Fletcher '57

off—what a relief!' I also loudly proclaimed to people, 'If it is published, great, but I'm never going through the ordeal of writing another one!' Changed my mind! Book number 115, *Owls! Strange and Wonderful*, soon will be published, and three more are written." Quite a record, Laurence, justifying your tongue-in-cheek speech to fellow writers entitled "115 Books Published: A Slacker's Tale." Congratulations on your perseverance!

Class blogger **Irene Lazarus** Soskin reminds us to send our blogs to the following address: 58at55th.wordpress.com. She says that if you'd rather send her a note for entry, send it to: sosk irene@gmail.com. For now, cheers to all for a good and productive summer. Send news to: ☐ **Dick Haggard**, richardhaggard11@gmail.com; **Jan Arps Jarvie**, janjarvie@gmail.com.

become extinct. Our planet is so wonderful, and we should be taking much better care of it."

"My Home Ec background has re-kicked in, in the 'golden years,'" writes **Carolyn Hill Rogers** of Hebron, CT. A quilt maker and bread baker who leads a busy volunteer life, Carolyn returned to Cornell twice last year to attend the two graduations of her grandson **Christopher Rogers '15**, ME '16. "The ceremonies were very different, and each one was lovely. In December, it was very nice to see President Garrett deliver her first Commencement address—and so tragic to lose her so soon after." Carolyn, mother of three sons, had another family thrill in December: the arrival of a new granddaughter, Hazel Ann. "This is the best gift a person could hope for at 78!" **Dick Horwich** of East Hampton, NY, is fully retired from teaching. "Life on the whole is good," he notes. "Our daughter and two grandchildren have temporarily moved in with us, so filling up the day is not a problem."

Last year, **Alan Schechter** received a 50-year certificate from the NIH. "I have been doing essentially the same thing for 50-plus years," he writes, "but some of my still-active friends have gotten 60- and 70-year certificates from NIH, so I am not ready to give it all up." Alan heads the molecular medicine branch of the National Inst. of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases in Bethesda, MD. Since the mid-1970s, his main scientific interest has been research related to developing treatments for genetic diseases of hemoglobin, and he has made particularly important contributions to our understanding of sickle cell disease. He serves or has served on multiple scientific review committees, taught at Johns Hopkins and other universities, been on multiple national and international committees and editorial boards, and, for more than 30 years, been an officer of the Foundation for Advanced Education in the Sciences at NIH. His wife, Geraldine, is semi-retired as head of hematology at the Washington V.A. Medical Center and professor of medicine at George Washington U. School of Medicine. They have two children and four grandchildren. "Every August for more than 40 years, our family gets together in Maine for several weeks."

Need to update Cornell about your move, change of e-mail address, etc.? Go to: [alumni-updates@cornell.edu](mailto:alumni-updates@cornell.edu). And remember to send me news to share with our classmates! ☐ **Jenny Tesar**, [jett24@cornell.edu](mailto:jett24@cornell.edu).

**59** If you're going to do something, do it big! On April 23, **Steve Bosses** of White Plains, NY, hosted a Seder for his extended family. "There were more than 50 of us, from all over the country," says Steve, noting that this was the first such Seder for the group in some 35 years. Following his retirement from the practice of law in 2006—after 42 years as a patent and trademark litigator—Steve began a mediation and arbitration practice. He also joined SCORE, a national volunteer organization that is devoted to helping people with ideas convert those ideas into new businesses. Steve is working with a group of friends to develop a new way of using fiber optics; patent applications are on file, others are in the process, and if the method proves feasible it could be revolutionary. With another group, called AnyHealth, Steve is helping to bring preventive health services to people in China. "We are working with major corporations who are very interested in seeing to it that their workforces are as healthy as possible. One of our clients is an insurance company that has over 260 million subscribers. Another is the country's major mobile phone company, which has put our app on their phones, enabling subscriber access without having to go through a website."

"I love teaching at the Fashion Inst. of Technology," writes **Marian Fay** Levitt of NYC. "I've been working at this second career for almost 15 years, and have taught jewelry design to close to 1,000 students. It keeps me young, and I get great enjoyment from helping people be creative." Marian recently traveled to South Africa on safari, and then went to Victoria Falls in Zimbabwe, the 51st and 52nd countries visited on her life list. "We lived in beautiful lodges at the national parks and went out in open Jeeps starting at 5:30 a.m. to wander with the animals before their midday siestas. Because they have lived their entire life in protected environments, they do not know how

**60** To commemorate Cornell's late president, Elizabeth Garrett, whose untimely death earlier this year shocked and saddened the entire university community, your class officers honored her with a contribution from our treasury—half to the

Student Scholarship Fund, the remainder to support colon cancer research at the Medical college. She will be warmly remembered as Cornell's first woman president and for the great promise she brought to the office she assumed just one short year ago.

**George Gellert**, MBA '62, JD '63 (Oladell, NJ) is actively involved in the family business, Gellert Global Group, a collection of North American food importing companies, and currently serves as chairman of the board. His three children help manage the business: **Andrew '89** is president and **Amy Gellert** Lebovitz '91 and **Thomas '94**, MBA '99, JD '00, are principals. Last year the family

include *The Human Encounter* (1969), *Universal Kabbalah: Dawn of a New Consciousness* (2003), *The Western Book of Crossing Over: Conversations with the Other Side* (2009), and *Conscious Evolution: The Dance of Intuition and Intellect* (2010, with Barbara Smith Stoff). He has two grown sons.

During our 55th Reunion, **Dave and Mary Quick Flinn** recorded the news that they are retired from raising Clydesdale horses and are now into Shetland ponies, raising them for Personal Ponies Ltd., a 501(c)(3). They say, "We are enjoying life on our farm in Lansing, about halfway between Ithaca and King Ferry. As close as we are, we don't get on campus that often, except for

writes, "I'm a real estate appraiser/consultant in the Mid-Hudson Valley region of New York State. Working in my woodshop in my spare time, interacting with grandkids, getting to know the Lord better each day." He wishes he could travel more. Prof. Stan Warren and Doc Pratt (veg crops) had the greatest impact on him. **Robert Hales** (Albion, NY; bobhales@rochester.rr.com) is doing family history and looking after the affairs of his dad, who will be 100 on April 1 and is in a nursing home. Bob is also playing piano in church and investing in real estate. He'd like to hear from **Josh Proschan '63**.

**Charles Hecht**, LLB '63 (cjhecht@aol.com) likes to keep in touch. He writes, "I'm still an active partner in Wolf Haldenstein Adler Freeman & Herz LLP, handling complex litigation and business transactions. I'm an artist with studios in Brooklyn and Beijing, and I see my grandchildren in Vashon Island, WA, and Old Brookville, NY, and travel with my significant other, Leslie Toepfer. Just returned from southern Africa." Charles wishes he could create more time. (Don't we all?) **Deanna Spitzer** Nass (NYC; dnass39@optimum.net) was formerly director of academic and personal counseling at CUNY College of Staten Island. Now, she says, "to avoid becoming jaded about NYC's extensive cultural offerings, I pretend I'm an out-of-towner seeking out the best tourist attractions, especially performances of the NYC Ballet and the ABT. I would like to renew old friendships and develop new ones with people living in the NYC area. Please feel free to use the contact information provided."

From Scottsdale, AZ, **Stan Marks** (sjmarks law@aol.com) writes, "I'm still working full time, often representing victims of crime. Was immediate past president of National Crime Victims Bar Assn. If you saw the movie *Spotlight* you will see what many of our members do." **Catherine Evans Latta** (catherine@catherineevanslatta.com) is a writer and art dealer in Portola Valley, CA. "This year, I finished the first draft of 'Due Diligence,' a thriller based on my years in the hedge fund world. It also drew on my years of sailboat racing. I have also stepped back into an even earlier career mode, art dealer, after years of collecting. This, too, has required due diligence, that of provenance. Writing is my quiet time, and traveling to major art fairs is my time of outreach. Sailing is my Zen time in Maine summers. This year the novel will go through several more drafts. I also hope to start submission of poems, which are a regular part of my writing routine. Along with the art world, keeping each creative time sacrosanct is the key."

From Stanford, CA, comes this word from **Therese Elzas** Baker-Degler (tessabakdeg@gmail.com). She's writes, "I'm on the board of Stanford Campus Residential Leaseholders (the board of those who reside in houses on the campus) and going to the great array of educational and cultural events, both at Stanford and in San Francisco. Just spent two months in the West Village, where my two sons and grandkids live. Saw **Elaine Forman Crane** and **Madeline Riff** Potash, who were both in my freshman corridor in Risley in 1957-58. I would like to spend more time in New York with family, but am also attached to my home and life in the Bay Area and at Stanford." Therese would like to hear from anyone in NYC who remembers her. She adds, "I know a few '61 grads out here as well (**Marco** and **Meredith Wood Einaudi** and **Iris Figarsky** Litt Fischer) and a number of Cornellians from different years."

**Joanne Schapiro** Koch (joannebarbarakoch@gmail.com) is celebrating in Tampa the latest production of her musical, *Sophie, Totie, and Belle*, a

## 'I pretend I'm an out-of-towner seeking out the best tourist attractions.'

Deanna Spitzer Nass '61

generously endowed a professorship of Food Science in CALS. George, a presidential councilor and former trustee, notes that his three brothers and many nieces and nephews are all Cornell graduates. **Paul Curry** (Clifton Park, NY), now retired for several years from his career in labor contract negotiation and teaching at Cornell's ILR Extension in Albany, has also concluded 25 years of volunteering at a hospice, but still works pro bono with prisoners and alcoholics. He has three children, Jennifer, Rebecca, and Daniel, the last of whom works as a standup comedian in California. Paul says he would like to hear from classmates **Al Kaneb**, **Dick Nicoletti**, LLB '63, and **Charles Gerli**, and notes that his wish is "to be able to continue to 'stand vertical' for several years!"

Also busy volunteering after retirement from a career in business is **Jack Klinge** of Westport, CT, a community where he has lived for many years and is deeply involved. He received a community service award from the Commission for Senior Services, which honored him for his long years of support for Westport seniors, and has served on many other town committees, managed Little League baseball teams, and worked as a substitute teacher and coach in the Westport Public Schools. The three Klinge children, John Jr., Courtney, and **Jeff '93**, have produced eight grandchildren, and Jack visits them in San Francisco, Chicago, and New Jersey when he is not "traveling around the world." He keeps in touch with classmates **Carl Volckman**, a fellow Westporter, and **Tom Hunter**.

**Madeline Munstuk Anbinder** reports that she and **Steve '59** continue to divide their time between Manhattan and Palm Beach, FL. "We tutor children in elementary schools and take classes at Florida Atlantic U. in literature, foreign policy, and other subjects. We also volunteer at United Fund of Palm Beach, investigating agencies involved with helping young people." The Anbinders enjoy time with their six grandchildren, and have taken multigenerational trips with them, says Madeline. She adds, "We go to many plays, operas, and concerts, and plan on traveling to Europe and Iceland this summer." She wonders whether any classmates spend time in the Palm Beach area. **Sheldon Stoff**, PhD '65 (Flushing, NY) is professor emeritus of education at Adelphi U., where he taught philosophy for many years and established the Int'l Center for Studies in Dialogue. His books

events such as Reunion, where we enjoyed seeing familiar faces from 'back in the dark ages.'" **Dodi Bermudez Eschenbach** writes that she and Henry volunteer at the Heritage Library on Hilton Head Island, a history and ancestry research center. She says, "We plan to trace our families' ancestry." Dodi would like to hear from classmate **Linda Hasbrouck Hasenstab**.

From Sarasota, FL, **Gail Krantz** Glickman sends word that she is working as HR director at Informa, taking dance, playing tennis, and "loving Florida life." Her husband, Cy, also a tennis player, reportedly takes care of their flower beds—"and prepares delicious dinners for me when I come home from the office." The Glickmans have two sons and five grandchildren, and Gail sees **Phyllis Pugatch** Schechter when she visits Sarasota. **Evalyn Edwards** Milman (Darien, CT) reports, "I have joined the New York Philharmonic Education Policy and Planning Committee and continue to be a member of the Johnson Museum Advisory Board." She recently went to Paris for the Philharmonic's debut performance at the splendid new concert hall that opened there.

In brief: **Anne Woolf** Oney has moved from Las Vegas to Cary, NC, to what she calls a wonderful continuing care retirement community, Sear-Stone. "We love it." **Mary Ludlum** Thompson and her husband, Allen, of Vestal, NY, welcomed their first great-grandchild in May 2015. **Kevin Pickard** says he is "retired and enjoying life in the country" with his wife, Hetsy, in Fredericksburg, TX. Kevin has five grandchildren. Send news to: **Judy Bryant** Wittenberg, jw275@cornell.edu.

**61** I'm writing this column in April for publication in the July/August issue of the alumni magazine, so I'm not able to report on the 55th Reunion of the Class of '61 in any way, shape, or form. ALL THAT will appear in the Sept/Oct issue. What I can do is briefly tell you about Bill's and my plan to get to Ithaca for the big event. We traded for a brand new car with all its bells and whistles and decided to drive across the country, taking in new sites along the way. We may be nuts to do it and arrive exhausted, but nevertheless . . .

We heard from classmate **Leland Bookhout** (Staatsburg, NY; LMBookhout@gmail.com), who

fictional meeting of S. Tucker, T. Fields, and B. Borth that has played off-Broadway and across the East Coast. Also, *Soul Sisters*, a multicultural musical that toured to Cornell and 31 other universities and theaters, received a grant for December performances in Chicago, where she lives with writer husband and co-author Lewis. It is published in the ten-play anthology *Shared Stages*. She continues as a professor of English and director of the graduate writing program at National Louis U. in Chicago. Joanne says the best decision she made at Cornell was to enter the Forbes-Heerman playwriting contest. "Winning in 1961 and seeing the production surrounded by my Cornell classmates and profs has nourished all these years of playwriting, screenwriting, and encouraging and teaching other writers." Please continue to send us your news. You can do it online, too, at: <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>. Send news to: ☐ Susan Williams Stevens, [sastevens61@gmail.com](mailto:sastevens61@gmail.com); Doug Fuss, [dougout@attglobal.net](mailto:dougout@attglobal.net).

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One year from the time you are reading this, our 55th Reunion will be over. Now is the time to organize yourself and your friends to meet on the Hill, June 8-11, 2017, to join the festivities. To help with Reunion planning, contact **Neil Schilke**, MS '64 ([neroschilke@aol.com](mailto:neroschilke@aol.com)). We are excited that there will be a reception and an art show for our class with art from our own class members. Therefore, we are asking each of you to volunteer yourself or classmates who have been involved in watercolor, oil, pastel, acrylic, fabric art, pen, pencil, sculpture, or any other medium that would be interesting to our class. This is a rare opportunity. Please respond by e-mail to **Nancy Williams** Clark, MEd '64 ([nwc8@cornell.edu](mailto:nwc8@cornell.edu)) if you would be interested in participating. Nancy or **Willa Radin** Swiller will then call you and further details will be arranged.

**David Lloyd** ([dlloyd1940@gmail.com](mailto:dlloyd1940@gmail.com)) writes, "I was recently elected to the board of directors for the Encore Chorale, a 1,000-plus member organization in the Washington, DC, area (plus affiliates in six states throughout the country), featuring singing groups (chorales) for 'the elderly'—that is, folks over the age of 55. No auditions. My chance to help pay back for my wonderful years as first trombone for the Cornell Big Red Band!" **Richard '60** and **Lori Kreiger Yellen** ([lkry2@cornell.edu](mailto:lkry2@cornell.edu)) are in Williamsville, NY, where she trades stock, manages large portfolios, and collects and sells antiques and art. "Some travel, of course." Their oldest granddaughter, **Samantha '15**, works for UBS in New York; second granddaughter is spending a semester of her junior year at the U. of Michigan in Barcelona. What would Lori rather be doing? "Don't we all have a bucket list? How about tangoing in Argentina?"

**Peter Austin-Smith** ([pjaustinsmith@hotmail.com](mailto:pjaustinsmith@hotmail.com)) checks in: "Grandson Ian was here in Nova Scotia last June for band camp at Acadia U. Later in the summer our family spent a week in a wilderness camp. Very relaxing with no TV and very restricted Wi-Fi, but lots of swimming, fishing, hiking, birding, etc. Last fall our younger daughter took my wife and me on a spectacular trip around the Gaspé Peninsula in Quebec at the height of the fall colors. Picture perfect small villages and mountains down to the sea so that, in places, the highway has to wind around on elevated pilings above the water. I would highly recommend this tour. By the way, the Appalachian Trail ends here. This winter,

medical problems kept us home from our usual sojourn on the beach in South Carolina, lounging about with other snowbird friends."

Peter adds, "I recently stumbled on the story of Willard Straight Hall. It begins with an Englishman, **Leonard Elmhirst**, a substantial landowner, who studied agriculture at Cornell, graduating in 1921. In 1924 he married Dorothy Whitney, daughter and heiress to the fortune of William Whitney. Previously, Dorothy had been married to Willard Straight in 1911, but he died in 1918. In his will, he requested that something be done for Cornell in the form of a place for students to gather, and from 1921-24, Dorothy oversaw the planning and building of the place that all Cornelians know well. Finally, I must end on a sad note as a close Cornell friend, **Peter Murtha**, PhD '68, Natural Resources, passed away in January of this year." **James Cantor**'s family also sent word that James passed away at home in March.

Continuing his law practice in New York keeps **Bob Miller**, LLB '65 ([katti@me.com](mailto:katti@me.com)) of Colts Neck, NJ, busy. Bob recently returned from the eighth biennial Global Assembly of the World Movement for Democracy in Seoul, Korea. He continues to serve on the budget and audit committee of the National Endowment for Democracy and as vice chair of the Foreign Policy Assn. Morgantown, WV, is home to Sonja and **Bradford Beare** ([bradford.beare@yahoo.com](mailto:bradford.beare@yahoo.com)), where Bradford consults in arboriculture and gardening and volunteers at the local botanic garden. He sang tenor and Sonja sang soprano in the Brahms *Requiem* in March with the West Virginia Community Chorus and West Virginia Symphony Orchestra. They also sang with WVCC last fall in Venice, Florence, and Rome. "Cornell Nursing School" was **Anne Kaczmarczyk**. Evans's response when asked about the best decision she ever made. Anne ([evns25@ptd.net](mailto:evns25@ptd.net)) lives in Ashland, PA, and works "limited hours" as a counselor on Medicare health plans. She traveled to Italy and to Toronto last fall and planned a trip to Cuba in October. Her grandson is a sophomore at Lafayette College. Anne would like to hear from **Dianne Donovan**.

The semi-retirement of **Dick Levine** ([richard.levine@dowjones.com](mailto:richard.levine@dowjones.com)) "continues apace." He writes, "I'm now in my second decade as president of the Dow Jones News Fund, a foundation dedicated to promoting journalism careers in our digital age. And this June will mark my 50th anniversary at the *Wall Street Journal* and Dow Jones. **Neil Ann (Stuckey) '63** is even more productive. Her three-volume history—*Anabaptists at Strasbourg A (ugsburger) to Z (immermann): A Source Book for Napoleonic France*—is at the publishers. It is the byproduct of 20 years of scholarship. At this stage, we try mightily to ensure these endeavors don't interfere with enjoying our five grandchildren, three of whom are in high school." The indomitable **Mike Eisgrau** ([mikepr40@gmail.com](mailto:mikepr40@gmail.com)), in addition to his 53 years on our class council and more than 20 years as class newsletter editor, has been vice president of the Cornell Club of Sarasota, FL, for the past five years.

And what's happening in your life? Please share! ☐ **Jan Clayton** Crites, [jmc50@cornell.edu](mailto:jmc50@cornell.edu).

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The entire Cornell community has been shocked by the March passing of President Elizabeth Garrett. I am sure the Class of 1963 joins me in sending condolences to her family.

On the brighter side, our 55th Reunion is two years away—doesn't time fly? I know that our class

president, **Joe Stregack**, PhD '70, hoped to meet with class leadership at the Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC) in January. Unfortunately, CALC was cancelled due to a blizzard in the Northeast, which included Philadelphia. Be aware that planning for Reunion will be happening behind the scenes. Also, think about responding to Joe's letter and the News and Dues request by paying your dues and submitting something about yourself and your family to me via the e-mail address below.

**Wendy Oldfield** Kahn wrote in January: "My husband, Fred, and I are planning to go to Phuket, Thailand, to slug on the beach, and then to Vietnam for a tour. In April we head to Nice, France, to see the Matisse, Picasso, and other museums plus general sightseeing on the Riviera. Then in August we go on our annual two-week tent camping trip in the Gold Country! The Gold Country is a historic region in California, primarily located on the western slope of the Sierra Nevada. It is famed for the mineral deposits and gold mines that attracted waves of immigrants, known as the '49ers, during the 1849 California Gold Rush." She also mentioned that **Eugenia "Genie" Barton** visited her in Palo Alto during the winter. Genie had come to visit her son Andrew, who is working hard on the development to the Google driverless car. Wendy still teaches ESL part time at Language Pacifica in Menlo Park. "These days the clientele is mainly Chinese, as are our new neighbors here in Palo Alto."

**Orlo Clark**, MD '67, retired from clinical practice at UC San Francisco two years ago. He continues to teach and do research. He and wife Carol Ann recently traveled to Italy and then took their grandson to Washington, DC. Orlo still plays tennis. The Cornell friend he would most like to hear from is **Ed Sockwell**. The most valuable thing he learned at Cornell was, he says, "how to work hard and be successful." **Susan Waldo** Baker and her husband live in New Jersey. Their fourth grandchild was born in December. "We were in NYC having dinner with our son's godfather when the news arrived. There were family/group texts flying back and forth all day. It was almost as if we were in the hospital with them. This is childbirth in 2015, I guess—too funny."

**Harvey Rothschild III** sent his annual Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and Celebrate the Solstice letter. After the 2015 tax season, he and daughter **Wendy '86** traveled to the East Coast. They visited Jennie Kornfeld, widow of classmate and fraternity brother **Marc Kornfeld**, in Mechanicsburg, PA. Harvey and Wendy visited the Gettysburg battlefield and ended up in Ithaca. "That was a blast, with a four-day weekend of concerts and lectures finishing with the celebration that Monday of the 150th anniversary of the signing of Cornell's charter." Last July in Seattle, the Gilbert and Sullivan Society produced *The Pirates of Penzance*—"Wendy and I did our usual pushing of cookies, coffee, chips, and soft drinks." Harvey lost his wife in November 2014. He is still doing some tax work, though he considers himself semi-retired—"it keeps me out of mischief." He adds, "When I'll retire only God knows, and He/She (take your pick) hasn't said." Harvey also saw **Cliff Argue**, MCE '66, and his wife, Theo, at the Seattle reception for Elizabeth Garrett last December. He enjoyed seeing a bunch of his friends from his active days in the Cornell Club of Western Washington.

That's all the news for now. I need more, so please write! ☐ **Nancy Bierds** Icke, 12350 E. Roger Rd., Tucson, AZ 85749; e-mail, [icke63@gmail.com](mailto:icke63@gmail.com).

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Okay, then. After May's non-column, I have enough news to create a new—but shorter than normal—column. I'm still looking forward to hearing from those of you who read the Class Notes but haven't sent any news in some time.

**Bill Lacy**, a professor in the human ecology department of the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences at UC Davis, recently spent a sabbatical year with wife **Laura (Robinson) '65** in Australia, studying the continent's higher education system through the eyes of its leaders. His quest included visits to more than 20 universities—from Perth, on the southwest corner of the country, to Hobart, on Tasmania, the island off Australia's southeast corner. **Marcia Goldschlager Epstein** (Gladwyne, PA) writes, "I recently had the pleasure of hearing a very moving lecture given by classmate **Lenore 'Lennie' Weitzman** on resistance efforts in the Nazi death camps during the Holocaust." Lennie's research included extensive interviews with survivors of the camps. Marcia otherwise reports a tri-generation coincidence: her granddaughter **Madeline Feldman '19** is a freshman living in the very same dorm—Clara Dickson Hall—that Marcia lived in as a freshman, and that the girl's father, **Len Feldman '89** (Marcia's son-in-law), lived in as a freshman. Marcia's daughter, **Amy Epstein Feldman '91**, also lived in one of the dorms on that campus.

**Bart Mills** writes, "I stopped writing for pay about five years ago, and now content myself with book reviewing for Amazon. As befits my old-coot status, I spend a few idle moments occasionally informing the *Los Angeles Times* letters editor about current events, and occasionally he passes on my views to *Times* readers at large." Bart and wife **Nancy (Dunhoff)** became renowned for their in-depth Hollywood celebrity interviews and film industry profiles. Bart otherwise keeps active playing in four 55-plus softball leagues. He also writes under the best-decisions-you-ever-made portion of the news form: "You mean, after marrying Nancy? Agreeing to Dow Jones's offer to transfer me to London, which led to 12 great years in the world's cultural capital. Next best was to move to Manhattan Beach [the California coastal enclave, their home ever since] in 1980 to get a little closer to Hollywood and to ensure having American grandchildren." He also notes that one of their five grandchildren is considering Cornell.

**Sylvia "Juni" Bowes**, MS '79, retired in January 2014 after half a century as an educator, first in Ithaca, from graduation until 1981, then in New Orleans. She moved from New Orleans to her current home in Palm Coast, FL, to be near her brother, who had also retired. She also at one time was a principal at the East Lake Psychiatric Hospital in New Orleans. Juni otherwise has six dogs, five Papillons and a chocolate Lab, who, she says, keep her busy and happy. **John Fatherley** is retired and writes, "I'm not doing much of anything." For years, he wrote books in both English and Spanish. John still lives in Chicopee, MA, with wife Danielle.

**Jason Gettinger**, who lives on the Upper East Side of NYC, seems to be enjoying a busy retirement. He writes that he's engaged in music lessons and study, takes in concerts, follows sports ("principally sports on TV"), plays tennis and squash frequently ("as much as a body can stand at this age"), and reads for pleasure a mix of history, politics, and the arts and sciences. His recent travel included meeting his daughter, who is living in Los Angeles, in San Francisco for opera and art shows.

**Richard Berman** isn't retired yet; he still presides as a US District Court Senior Judge for the Southern District of New York. He and wife Elizabeth live in NYC. Finally, congrats to **Harold Evensky**, MS '67, who was honored last year by prestigious *Investor Advisor Magazine* as one of their "35 for 35"—a list of advisor advocates, investors, politicians, and thought leaders who have stood out over the past 35 years, and will influence financial services for decades to come. Harold otherwise remains involved in his wealth management company, Evensky & Katz, as chairman. He's also a professor of practice and teaches a graduate-level wealth management class at Texas Tech U. Additionally, Harold recently self-published what he calls a "fun book" on investing, *Hello Harold*, which sells on Amazon.com for \$2.99, but otherwise can be read for free for five days every 90 days. Harold concludes, "That, along with a few cruises every year, keeps life interesting." Harold and wife Deena live in Coral Gables, FL.

That's it for now. Please keep the news coming: by e-mail, regular mail, the News Form, or our class website ([www.cornell1964.org](http://www.cornell1964.org)). Plus you can post at our class Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/cornell1964>. ☐ **Bev Johns Lamont**, 720 Chestnut St., Deerfield, IL 60015; e-mail, [blamont64@comcast.net](mailto:blamont64@comcast.net).

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**Phillip Bradt** (Hudsonville, MI; [pmjbradt@comcast.net](mailto:pmjbradt@comcast.net)) has been president of a 161-home condo association and an elder in his church. He and wife Mary Jayne celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary this past October 30.

**Bill Pope**, MME '66 ([wspope1@yahoo.com](mailto:wspope1@yahoo.com)) is still working for Honeywell Aerospace as a program manager. He just moved to a house in the "Old Fourth Ward" in Atlanta, having yearned for a stand-alone home. Older son Steve started his own company, Orange Mountain Energy ("Climate Change Capitalists"), to market and distribute environmentally friendly building products. Younger son Joe is a team leader providing "big data" analyses for entertainment and advertising companies. The Popes were both looking forward to our 50th Reunion, but at the last minute, Bill's wife took ill. Bill would love to hear from frat brothers and others about what he missed. **Harris Shultz** ([hshultz@fullerton.edu](mailto:hshultz@fullerton.edu)) is professor of mathematics emeritus at California State U., Fullerton. He and his wife, Janice, live in Irvine, CA, and together enjoy travel, hiking, and shamelessly spoiling their four grandchildren. While on a recent tour entitled "New York City: Judaism Revised," they had lunch with **Steve Appell** and his wife, Madi. The Shultzes greatly enjoyed the 50th Reunion.

**Dave Tector** (Clinton Corners, NY; [dtector@gmail.com](mailto:dtector@gmail.com)) prepares a morning "Farm and Ag" report every weekday and belongs to the local Farm Bureau and Grange. He is also on the advisory board for a local high school FFA. He enjoys his five grandchildren and recently had a good phone chat with **Richard Talcott**. Dave is gamely battling through some health problems. He fondly remembers his professors, especially **Marlin Cline, PhD '42**, in Agronomy and **Stuart Smith, MS '66**, in Ag Economics. **Bill Urban** (Fernandina Beach, FL; [urbanshome@gmail.com](mailto:urbanshome@gmail.com)) attended Reunion and had a warm rendezvous at the Saturday night dinner with fellow U-Hall 5 floormates Steve Appell, **Bill Brothers**, **Dave Hawk**, and **Joe Ryan**. Each day he checks the "Live View" Web page for a quick visit to the campus, and one night saw a doe exploring outside the Straight entrance.

**Charles Andola** ([charlesandola7@gmail.com](mailto:charlesandola7@gmail.com)) lives in Highland, NY, and engages in consulting work. Charles and his wife, **Maureen (Tosi) '66**, travel for both business and pleasure. Their children, **Chuck '91** and **Amy '96**, have each given the Andolas two precious grandchildren. Charles fondly remembers a Rolling Stones concert at Barton Hall. **Nan Epstein** Strauss (Oakland, CA; [nanandpeter@yahoo.com](mailto:nanandpeter@yahoo.com)) has been retired since 2005. She volunteers at a local women's cancer resource center and is on the board of directors of Pathways Home Health and Hospice. She has traveled to Europe several times, including on a recent Scandinavian/Baltic cruise. Nan enjoys taking classes and spending time with family, which includes two children, two stepchildren, four in-laws, and nine grandchildren. She would love to hear from **Marion "Marti" Szurek Coffin**.

Finally, class president **Frank McCreary** urges everyone to pay their class dues for the coming year if they have not yet done so! Send news to: ☐ **Steve Appell**, [bigrde1965@aol.com](mailto:bigrde1965@aol.com); **Joan Hens Johnson**, [joanipat@gmail.com](mailto:joanipat@gmail.com). Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

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This column is being written before our 50th Reunion; the Sept/Oct column will have a full Reunion Report. We do hope that you're enjoying your summer!

**Gwen Gartland** Scalpello (Vail, CO; [gscalpello@attglobal.net](mailto:gscalpello@attglobal.net)) still volunteers a lot, but is trying a bit more playing, too. She serves on the board of trustees and guides tours at the Betty Ford Alpine Gardens. She had the honor of escorting Rosalynn Carter through the gardens. Gwen also works with the Performing Arts Center and is president of her condo board. She spends time in Denver at museums, concerts, the opera, and the ballet. She bikes in the mountains and in Denver, and is grateful to still be skiing. **John Richert** ([john@richertpartners.com](mailto:john@richertpartners.com)) writes, "I retired from Biogen Inc. in 2015 and am now doing biotech/biomedical consulting, predominantly with small startups. My wife, Nancy, is still with Biogen, doing central nervous system imaging."

**Esther Strauss** Lehmann ([elehmann3654@gmail.com](mailto:elehmann3654@gmail.com)) writes, "Our granddaughter is getting married this summer. That's the first wedding for one of our 14 grandchildren—seven boys and seven girls, ages 22 to 3. I am retired, and we spend late fall, winter, and spring in Florida, where my son and family also live. The summer months are in New Jersey, near my two daughters and my son who lives in NYC. I am on the board of my Florida synagogue as well as co-president and founder of that synagogue's sisterhood. I work on behalf of the Federation's senior food program and have worked with Holocaust survivors. My niche is working with those who have a German, Swiss, or Dutch background, since I am still pretty fluent in German." **Steven Krich**, PhD '72 ([sik23@cornell.edu](mailto:sik23@cornell.edu)) says he's enjoying retirement, travel, and grandchildren. This past year he spent a month in Israel and took a cruise from Athens to Venice. He ended his note by saying, "Life is good!"

**Rich Stuebing** ([rwtstuebing@gmail.com](mailto:rwtstuebing@gmail.com)) was planning to attend his first Reunion as he has worked in Africa most of his life. He was to lead an accreditation team to Sierra Leone in April ("now that Ebola is gone!"). **Susan Joseph Wolff** ([sjwolff7@gmail.com](mailto:sjwolff7@gmail.com)) writes, "As far as I am concerned, this is the best period of my life! I am so

grateful for my good health, adequate resources, and agreeable partner. I travel quite a bit—this year Tahoe, Iceland, and Romania. I dance, play bridge, go to Broadway plays, etc. Hope to do some spring skiing in Tahoe. See you all at the BIG Reunion.” **John Bayersdorfer** (jbayersdorfer@triad.rr.com) is succinct and to the point—he writes that he: has retired as VP of Cone Mills Int’l; has retired as assistant to the president at Greensboro College; and is a partner with his wife in Nanco Travel Services in Greensboro, NC.

**Paul Foster** (PFoster@actslife.org) writes, “I am still working full time as a chaplain at Normandy Farms Estates, an ACTS retirement community in Blue Bell, PA (a suburb of Philadelphia). My wife and I downsized to a condo in East Norriton, PA, this past fall—closer to my work. Our biggest enjoyment these days is the grandchildren: five in Baltimore and one in Upstate New York.” **Russell Embs** (rembs@tds.net) has a new address in Jasper, GA. He wrote a short summary: “Fully retired, living in the North Georgia mountains, widower.” Sorry to hear that last news, Russell. **John Kelley** (jekelley00@gmail.com) also has a new address, in Sarasota, FL.

**Bonnie Beth Lazarus** Wallace (Cheshire, CT; wbbonnie79@gmail.com) is substitute teaching at the school at which she used to work. She’s also traveling to see her son in Santa Barbara, CA, and her daughter in Martha’s Vineyard. She accompanies her husband, Steve, when he travels around the world teaching about dental implants. (I’m sure that you’re not ‘down in the mouth’ about those travels, Bonnie!) **Gary Culver** (gary@theculvergroup.com) consults for the Culver Group and is now semi-retired. He resides in Westminster, MD, from November through April, and in Aurora, NY, from May through October. Good to know that you’re spending your summers in good ol’ New York State! The Culver Group, per their website, “is a trusted Automatic Data Collection (ADC) solution provider with over 30 years of experience.”

**Barbara Yuan Gerber** (barbara@teamgerber.com) wrote, in bullet style: Married to Don, serving Jesus in Memphis; still creating new cards and little books ([www.etsy.com/shop/inflower](http://www.etsy.com/shop/inflower)); five happy grandsons country-wide. **Carol Citarella** Hebert Bunt (carolhbunt@gmail.com) wrote a wonderful note: “At my 50th high school reunion in 2012, I reconnected with a former classmate, Bruce. I was widowed, still working in Lafayette, LA, and was very happy. Bruce was widowed, retired, and living in a beautiful retirement community in Spring Hill, FL. He traveled back and forth to visit, and we were married in February 2014. I retired that April and moved to Florida too. We are having a ball—very involved in our church and community. We love to travel and have bought a travel trailer, with plans to explore Florida and the rest of the USA.” Carol would love to reconnect with **Laura Fisher**. She noted that the most valuable thing she learned at Cornell was “how to work under stress and deadlines, and the value of friends while surviving the pressure life can bring.”

**Susan Cassell** (cassell.susan@gmail.com) writes, “I am currently a criminal defense attorney, mainly in New Jersey. My daughter, Gillian, has followed in the family business (law) and she handles government misconduct and police brutality cases.” Send news to: ☐ **Pete Salinger**, pete.sal@verizon.net; **Susan Rockford Bittker**, ladyscienc@aol.com; **Deanne Gebell** Gitner, Deanne.Gitner@gmail.com. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

**67** **Susan Goodman Feldman** (Framingham, MA; [sef2@cornell.edu](mailto:sef2@cornell.edu)) reports, “As of April this year, we are launching the Cognitive Computing Consortium, a forum and hub for cognitive computing. I am co-founder and managing director. This is in addition to my new consulting company, Synthesis, launched in 2013. Keeps me busy.” As for family news, Susan writes, “First thing’s first is our grandson, Milo, of course, followed by my daughter’s newly acquired PhD. Elana is now a professor at UMass, Lowell. And oh, yes, son David’s company was bought by Google last year. He’s now leading the Gmail design team at Google. My husband, **Bob ’66**, PhD ’75, teaches machine vision classes

**Toby Tucker Hecht** (Bethesda, MD; [tthecht@comcast.net](mailto:tthecht@comcast.net)) writes, “I have just taken on a new position: deputy director of the Division of Cancer Treatment and Diagnosis of the National Cancer Inst., National Institutes of Health (NIH). I have no plans to retire. I’m having too much fun. Last December, my husband and I visited with my Cornell roommate, **Joan Solomon Weiss**, who, in her retirement, has become a serious photographer with several shows. The one we attended was terrific.”

**Adam Perl** (Ithaca, NY; [adam@pastimes.com](mailto:adam@pastimes.com)) writes, “I’m still running my antique shop in Ithaca—no immediate plans to retire. Singing in three different musical groups. Last year I helped organize the 50th Reunion of the Cornell Glee

## ‘Robert Reed has a really large dog who is now down to 180 lbs. after dieting.’

Chuck Levitan ’68

for Cognex.” Susan responded to the “best decisions” question: “Going to Cornell? Marrying my husband? Deciding to study linguistics? Having kids? Who can choose?” She had no hesitation for the “best concert you ever attended at Cornell” question: “Mstislav Rostropovich playing Bach unaccompanied sonatas.” Susan stays in contact with **Jon ’66 and Judy Glucksberg Silverman**.

**Michael Rubin** ([sdmikerubin@yahoo.com](mailto:sdmikerubin@yahoo.com)) and **Warren “Skip” Kessler** ([skiplaw@aol.com](mailto:skiplaw@aol.com)) just experienced a very surprising, and totally unanticipated, telephonic reunion in late March. Michael is the COO of M.C. Strauss Co., a San Diego-based private real estate operating company. Skip is a name partner in Kessler & Kessler, a Los Angeles-based law firm with special emphasis and expertise in tax-deferred real estate exchanges. They were on a multi-person conference call to discuss a purchase agreement for the sale of one of Michael’s company’s shopping centers to one of Skip’s clients. At the end of the call, Skip said, “Say, Michael, I used to know a Michael Rubin in the real estate business in Southern California.” Michael’s immediate response was “Did you go to Cornell?” When Skip said “yes,” Michael then asked, “Were you in Pi Lambda Phi?” When Skip said “yes” to that as well, Michael then said, “Well, yes, then I AM the Michael Rubin you used to know.” At which point, one of the other participants on the conference call piped up and said, “Well, since you two were fraternity brothers, maybe you can just use the secret fraternity handshake to get us past this last sticking point.” Skip’s response was, “Sorry, but you’re not allowed to know the secret handshake,” to which Michael added, “Not to mention that we are way too old to even remember what it was.”

In a separate call, Michael and Skip then caught up on family details and what each had been doing in all the intervening years since Cornell, including that they both, along with their spouses, have a love of travel to Paris, and that they both have three grandchildren each. They then went on to discuss Michael’s wife’s (**Marjorie Greenwald Rubin ’68**) business, Paris Your Way ([www.paris-your-way.com](http://www.paris-your-way.com)). It provides detailed and personalized advice for visitors to Paris, be they first-timers or those who have visited many times, regarding special things to do and see—and, of course, where to eat—in Paris.

Club’s historic three-month concert tour of Asia in 1966. We were directed by Prof. Emeritus Thomas Sokol and joined the current Glee Club under Prof. Robert Isaacs in a moving rendition of Franz Biebl’s ‘Ave Maria.’ I also created two crossword puzzles for the Cornell Sesquicentennial.” As for his best decisions: “Following my heart in both business and marriage!” ☐ **Richard Hoffman**, 2925 28th St. NW, Washington, DC 20008; e-mail, [derhoff@yahoo.com](mailto:derhoff@yahoo.com).

**68** Most of us have had the joy of getting together with classmates at times other than our glorious Reunions. **Kitty Geis Daly** ([kathyndaly@gmail.com](mailto:kathyndaly@gmail.com)) reports about getting together with her Kappa sisters to celebrate their 60th birthdays ten years ago in Washington, DC, and in March this year they journeyed from around the country to celebrate their 70th for three days in New Orleans. With special thanks to New Orleans natives and participants **Tina Forrester** Cleland (Kensington, MD) and **Harrell Hunter** Scarcello (Bingham Farms, MI) for their logistical planning, the group managed a packed schedule that included a walk of remembrance for deceased sisters **Barbara Benmore** Donahue and **Alice Scully** Evangelides. Others taking part in the sun-filled, fun-filled get together were **Patricia Kendall** Kennedy (Sedona, AZ), **Mary Hartman** Schmidt (Boston, MA), **Kathy Maney** Fox (Cortland, NY), **Karen Dybvig** Schaefer (Brooklyn, MI), **Cathy Osborne** Thurston (Savoy, IL), **Susan Whittier**, MPS ’93 (Arlington, VA), and **Sara Straw** Winship (Atlanta, GA). Their next birthday bash is scheduled for 2020 in Chicago, and Kitty welcomes all interested sisters to join in. Kitty also reports that after 26 years in Baltimore, MD, she and husband **Ned ’67** have moved to Essex Junction, VT, to be closer to family, skiing, sailing, and the great outdoors. After retiring from her architecture practice, Kitty has resumed her first love of sewing and is sending many a lovely Vermont bride down the aisle with her creations.

**Jearld Moldenhauer** ([jearldfm@yahoo.com](mailto:jearldfm@yahoo.com)) tells us that his memoir about his years at Cornell, leading up to and including the founding of the Cornell Chapter of the Student Homophile League in May 1968, along with photos, can now be found

on his website ([jearldmoldenhauer.com](http://jearldmoldenhauer.com)). **Linda Jacobsen** (Linda8285@aol.com) and her husband, Kai Ewald, live in Groveland, FL, and consider themselves to be very fortunate to be able to travel extensively. In the past year they've done a 14-day cruise in Norway and a 31-day cruise from San Diego, CA, to Buenos Aires, visiting six countries. Linda and Kai believe in the California motto they learned when living in the Bay Area: "Work hard, play hard." **Thomas Noble** and his wife, Marcia, just moved into a new home in Bluffton, SC. Tom retired in 2014 and now serves on the boards of

to New Zealand." **Sam Bonney** is still practicing law in Seneca County with his younger son, who was admitted in New York as of January 2016. He would like to hear from **Dick D'Amico**, **Pete Peirce**, and **Steve Berger**.

**Michael Sinclair**, BArch '72 (Portland, ME) worked as an international development consultant in many countries for the last 20 years; his last long-term assignment in that field was in Mogadishu, Somalia, until January 2016. He's now starting up a real estate investment business. His best decision was to stop practicing law in 1995

co-workers who helped him throughout his career. His own speaking skills were on full display, eliciting tears for the sincerity of his appreciation of his wife's and children's contributions, and laughter for the numerous apt quotations of his favorite philosopher, Yogi Berra. It was a real pleasure to be in the audience and witness a friend and classmate recognized for his many professional achievements."

Enjoy the rest of the summer, and please send your news to: ☐ **Tina Economaki Riedl**, triedl048@gmail.com. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

## ‘Had I been able, I would have stayed in Ithaca forever.’

Jean Asselstine Lawson '69

the local girls and boys clubs and on the board of the Coastal Carolina Medical Center. Tom and Marcia are proud of their son, who is completing a fellowship in orthopedic surgery, and of their daughters, one a dietitian and the other a farmer. They now have five grandchildren, ages 1-4.

**Gabriel Khawam** (gabriel\_khawam@hotmail.com) now lives in Broumana, Lebanon, a beautiful mountaintop city overlooking the Mediterranean Sea (Google it) and a short drive from Beirut. Stop by when you're in the area. **Mary Sander** Alden (mary@msconsulting.com) is "officially retired" and living in Sunnyvale, CA. Mary and her husband, Don, are meeting lots of new sailors as they have moved their sleek 36-ft. Cape Dory 36 to the marina in Alameda, where they can conveniently sail the San Francisco Bay. Last October, Mary and her younger daughter spent ten days in Cuba and had a wonderful time sampling the sights, tastes, and sounds of the island before the spike in tourism. Mary is quite busy with her grandchildren, which this year included: a stint in Rapid City, SD, with two (12 and 14) while their parents were vacationing; a trip to Germany to see Don's younger daughter and her family; and much time spent with her 2-year-old granddaughter, who lives nearby in California.

**Robert Reed** (reed@aloha.net) lives in the picturesque city of Southport, ME, where he spends his time doing lots of writing—"some novels, some historical, some pure nonsense." Robert has a really large dog who is now down to 180 lbs. after dieting. Funny, I have the same near-term goal weight. We really enjoy hearing from you, so keep sending your news to: ☐ **Chuck Levitan**, clevitan22@comcast.net.

**69** Thanks to all of you who sent your updates this time around. **Eric Snyder** (Newton, NJ) has retired as Sussex County planning director and is still consulting part time. He would love to hear from **Chuck Keene** and **Dick Lowenstein**. **Dave Shannon** (Tauranga, New Zealand) writes, "I'm in the lovely Bay of Plenty on New Zealand's east coast." He has retired from formal work, but continues to work as an independent freelance remuneration consultant advising a range of organizations on pay practices. One of the best decisions he ever made: "To join the Peace Corps—which set me on a path of international development work ending in Nepal, where I met Teresa and followed her down

and begin a new career as an international development consultant. He's currently building a house on his property on Cape Rosier in Brooksville, ME. **Diane King** works for the board of elections and volunteers for the Red Cross in Brewerton, NY. **Gabriel Rothberg** (Los Angeles, CA) performs sporadic consulting projects in computer systems and accounting areas and says he loves to spend time with his grandchildren. **Knight Kiplinger** is still busy heading the Kiplinger Financial Media Co., navigating the gradual shift from print to electronic. He misses the positive outlook and enthusiasm of his dad, **Austin Kiplinger** '39, who passed away last November. He enjoys his two young grandchildren, sons of **Brigham** '03 and wife Eliza.

**Sandor Kovacs** is a professor at Washington U. in St. Louis, teaching medicine, physics, biomedical engineering, and physiology, and continues to do research and publish. Son **Tamas** '09, ME '10, now lives and works in St. Louis. Sandor is planning a phased retirement over the next five years, and would like to hear from **George Sideris**. **Jean Asselstine** Lawson is a part-time assistant at Hope for the Bereaved in Syracuse, working with people who have lost loved ones. Her time at Cornell was "very precious" and she writes, "Had I been able, I would have stayed in Ithaca forever. I was fortunate to have been able to sing at Sage Chapel, and one of my happiest moments came when, after the Christmas concert, we all went out onto the campus and sang out there under the stars among our fellow students!" What a wonderful memory, Jean.

**Greg Baum** sends this info about classmate and ATO member **Dennis Hubel**: "Although an Electrical Engineer at Cornell and serving on active duty as a nuclear submarine officer in the Navy, Denny felt the field of law was more to his liking. He spent his first 20 years as a trial lawyer in his home state before being appointed a US Magistrate Judge for the District of Oregon in 1995. Following his recent retirement, Denny was honored April 14 at a portrait unveiling ceremony in the US Courthouse in Portland before family, friends, fellow jurists, court staff, and many attorneys who had worked with or appeared before him during his career. The beautiful oil painting will be hung in the courthouse. Amusing introductory remarks were made by his childhood friend, one-time Cornellian, fellow ATO member, and longtime Oregon trial lawyer **Bill Gaylord**. Denny took the podium and responded with his own remarks, thanking first his wife, Marcia, and then the many mentors and

**70** Have you ever been to Ithaca during the summer? It can be glorious and so much fun to be in the greater Ithaca area during July and August. Early June is wonderful too! So mark your smartphone calendars—our 50th Reunion is June 4-7, 2020. As always, check out our various sites for more class information: class website, [cornell70.org](http://cornell70.org); Facebook page, [www.facebook.com/Cornell70](http://www.facebook.com/Cornell70); and Twitter page, [www.twitter.com/CornellClass70](http://www.twitter.com/CornellClass70).

In January 2015, **Jeff Altamari** (jeffaltamari@gmail.com) and his wife, Janet, moved from Houston, TX, to Saratoga Springs, NY, soon after he retired. He had been an executive officer of Cameron Int'l, a Fortune 500 oil and gas services company. During the winter of 2015, Jeff and Janet made several ski trips in both the US and Europe. They are close friends of **Judy Harrigan** '71, who also lives in Saratoga Springs. Jeff has stayed in touch with classmates **Bob Gartside**, ME '71, and **Larry Ward** and would like to connect with **William Todd**, MPA '72, **John Hall** and his wife, Gloria, live in Mount Morris, NY. He is retired from farming and antique sales. **Neil Murray** of Niskayuna, NY, continues as chair and graduate director of computer science at the U. of Albany. He is a member of the committee that has been developing a new computer engineering department. He would really like to be doing research. His step-grandson, Sage, 3-1/2, of Brooklyn, visits every few months along with his parents. Neil would like to hear from **Alex Skutt**. The most valuable thing he learned at Cornell was to "enjoy your time at present."

**John Phillips** (jcp564456@gmail.com) went into semi-retirement in mid-November 2014. As a retired attorney, most recently concentrating in land use and real estate, John is working from home for longtime clients. Before retiring he was the editor of the *Juris* publication treatise on New Jersey land use. He and his wife, Karen, live in Berkeley Heights, NJ, and are the proud grandparents of six grandchildren! **Paul Fish** (davis.ocod@aol.com) and his wife, Sheri, have a 1-year-old granddaughter. Congrats! **Dan Ladd** (danladd347@aol.com) and his wife, **Jill (Jayson)** '73, continue to live in Bethesda, MD. Dan had been with HP supporting DHS's data center, where he would measure and report on the service level agreements in place. Very recently, however, he reported that when the major split in HP came on November 1, 2015 and it was divided into two companies, he was laid off. He had been planning to retire in late 2016, but now finds himself in the job hunting arena. Dan loves adventure and wildlife photography and travel (is there a possible new career within this avocation?). On a happy note, he and Jill enjoyed planning the wedding of their daughter **Karen** '04 (CALS) in August 2015. Dan tells us that **Stephen "Doc" Roberts** '38, DVM '38, who was Cornell's polo coach, had a great impact on his life.

Down in Chapel Hill, NC, **Stephen Arbogast** (sarbogastUNC@gmail.com) is now the director of the Kenan-Flagler Energy Center in the business school at UNC, Chapel Hill. Steve is also a professor of finance. He would like to hear from **Suzanne Grisez Martin**, **Kenneth Lee '69**, and **Mike Neuwirth**. For 18 years, **Claire Garrett** (Hollywood, FL; clairegarr@aol.com) was the senior project manager for Broward County, FL's public art program. She is now the assistant orchid curator at the Bonnet House Museum and Garden historic site in Fort Lauderdale. In her new position, Claire recruits, trains, and oversees the work of dozens of volunteers who care for over 1,200 orchids in the collection. She also provides coaching services for artists interested in pursuing a career in public art. Claire serves on the Broward County Cultural Council as well. Also in Florida, **Steven Meyerson** (smeyerson@gmail.com) lives in Miami with his wife, Linda. He has retired from Accretive Health Inc., where he had been senior VP in the regulations and education group. He is now an independent consultant in hospital Medicare regulatory compliance and case management. They have seven grandchildren: two in San Francisco (son Eric), three in Atlanta (daughter Anna), and two in Hollywood, FL (stepson Eric).

**William Geiler** (wgeiler@highgate.com) is the executive VP of Highgate Hotels. Early in 2015, the company opened eight new luxury hotels: four in Key West, three in Manhattan, and one in Miami Beach. William lives in Dallas, TX, with his wife, Robin. **John Boldt** and his wife, Barbara, reside in Santa Fe, NM. John is an engineer at the Hondo Volunteer Fire Dept. He reports that they are "theoretically" retired and find that medical issues are becoming more challenging. Early in 2015, John and Barbara took a three-and-a-half-week trip that included a cruise from Los Angeles to Miami through the Panama Canal. That voyage was followed by a long trip with their "fifth wheel" travel trailer and a later journey to the Upper Amazon in Peru. Bon voyage for your next adventure! ☐ **Connie Ferris Meyer**, tel., (610) 256-3088; e-mail, cfm7@cornell.edu.

**71** Our classmates continue to shake things up with new jobs, retirements, and avocations. **Nancy Seligman Goldmark** (nsg52@aol.com) and her husband retired in December 2015 and promptly moved to their "little mini-farm" in Aiken, SC. They love having their horses and donkeys on their own property.

**Gay Helen Perkins** is retired and living in Louisville, KY, after working 22 years as a librarian at Western Kentucky U. She sold her car and now walks to do errands! This does not keep her from attending performances at the Actors Theatre and the Louisville Orchestra. She would love to hear from former Engineering classmate **Elizabeth Tallon Healey '69**, who ultimately transferred within Cornell to become a Child Development major; Gay graduated with a degree in Hotel Administration. **Sandie Feinman** Antar (Great Neck, NY; sandie3@aol.com) has a very busy life in retirement. Sandie serves as a docent at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, an adjunct instructor at Hunter College, and a workshop instructor for Bank Street College. She reports that all three of her kids are happily married and that she loves having "two adorable granddaughters nearby." In spite of all this activity, Sandie says, "I would be happy to find Mr. Right after getting divorced."

After 32 years in the Pacific Northwest, **Marcia Wities Orange** (marcia.orange@gmail.com)

shares, "I retired and followed my son and daughter back East." (Marcia retired from a startup, Tablau Software, where she worked in international sales; before that she had a "long, fun, and varied career in corporate technology sales and product marketing.") Marcia is enjoying her life in Fort Lee, NJ, particularly being an active grandma to daughter Rachel and Josh's child Hillel, 3, and baby Ezra, born October 2015. She wonders whether Ezra's name will give him a leg up with Cornell Admissions 18 years from now. Marcia would love to hear from **Eileen Brogan** and **Bonnie Sherman**.

One of the best things about serving as a class correspondent is that I get to live vicariously, reading about the interesting (and sometimes unique) things our classmates have accomplished. **Charles Staedecker** (staedeckerrealestate@gmail.com) wrote that he and his wife, Benita, are "involved in the arts." That is putting it mildly! To honor Benita's 60th birthday a few years ago, Charles commissioned playwright Steven Dietz to write a new play. This resulted in *Becky's New Car*, which was a Steinberg Finalist (Top 6 American Plays of 2008). According to a published report, they were so thrilled with the play that they went to scores of venues around the country to see the productions. This was *not* an isolated example of supporting the arts. Both individually and with groups they created, they have funded three plays and three symphonic works. These include a trombone concerto to acknowledge their 25th wedding anniversary ("honors Cornell in its theme"); a violin concerto by composer Samuel Jones (premiered on PBS television and featured soloist Anne Akiko Meyers); and the play *Bloomsday*, which premiered at ACT Theatre in Seattle in September 2015. A third play, "Boys of Terezin" by Toronto playwright Emil Sher, is being written now. A longtime resident of Seattle (and a one-time candidate for the Mayor of Seattle in 2013), Charles now lives in Naples, FL, with his wife.

**Lawrence Boyd**, ME '72, writes, "Cornellians old and young got together last October in Morgan Hill, CA, for the wedding of my son **Andrew '00**, MBA '06, to Bernadette (Princeton '02)." In addition to Andrew's parents, "Cornellians present for the happy occasion were Andrew's brother and best man, **Lawrence '98**, MBA '04, his sister and brother-in-law **John '01** and **Gillian Boyd Woschinko '03**, **David Topka**, **Alan Roth '01**, **Dave '00**, and **Donna Ress Garlough '02**, **Andrew Principe '00**, and **Liz Edwards '03**. After honeymooning in Cambodia and Bali, the happy couple will continue to reside in San Francisco." **Marc Cohen** (mscohen@loeb.com) reported that his daughter **Jessica '01** recently married and that his daughter **Amanda '03** is marrying in the fall. Marc left the Kaye Scholer law firm and joined Loeb & Loeb as a partner in its litigation department; he continues to represent the states of California and Delaware and the City of Los Angeles.

**Richard Keyser** is living in Ithaca, where he runs a distribution business with no plans to retire. He was on the Hill for two years after transferring from SUNY Cobleskill. Richard, who never married, wrote, "In my case, family means nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, and their friends and neighbors." **Dan DeAngelus**, MBA '74 (dan.deangelus@msn.com) is still living in San Ramon, CA, and working as a financial consultant. He still lives to play golf! In fact, he noted that **Jim Fenner**, Cornell men's varsity golf coach, was the person who had the most impact on him at Cornell.

We are sorry to inform you that our classmate **Charles Leung** (Mechanical Engineering) passed

away on February 3, 2016 in Hong Kong. Classmate **Donald Woo**, who also lives in Hong Kong, reported this sad news. Charles suffered a stroke in July 2015 and had been in and out of the hospital and nursing homes since then. A memorial service was held in Hong Kong on March 8 and was attended by many of his Cornellian friends. He is survived by his three children, Ken, Kitty, and Hana.

Please send us your news! A full report on Reunion will appear in the next issue. ☐ **Gayle Yeomans**, gyeomans@gmail.com; **Linda Germaine-Miller**, lgermainemiller@gmail.com. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

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As part of the effort of class president **Nancy Roistacher** to organize "mini-class reunions" in preparation for our 45th Reunion in June 2017, our class is partnering with Cornell Plantations to sponsor two tours of famous plantations. The second event will be held on Saturday, September 17 at the Queens Botanical Garden near the Flushing Meadows fairgrounds. There will be a presentation again by Christopher Dunn, director of Cornell Plantations, with a docent-led garden tour. As these gardens are multicultural, a luncheon at one of the Chinese restaurants in Flushing is being arranged. Our sister classes will be invited to participate.

**Rob Bye** (rwbye@gmail.com) sends an email to remind us that he retired in March 2013. "Best job I ever had!" After 26 years at their wonderful Hidden River Farm in northern Chester County, PA, Carol and Rob are moving to a smaller but very private house in southern Delaware. They will be about ten minutes from Rehoboth Beach, Cape Henlopen State Park, Indian River Inlet, and Delaware Seashore State Park, and 20 minutes from Prime Hook NWR and other prime birding spots. They have pine warbler, brown-headed nuthatch, red-headed woodpecker, and chuck-wills-widow in their yard. Rob rented a boat slip for the season and plans to hunt, fish, crab, clam, or forage for mussels daily. The house is set up for guests, so come to visit for birding, fishing, or hunting.

**Don Stanton** reports that he is working as an aviation advisor to the Dept. of Transportation Secretary Foxx. **Kyle Shelly Brush** (Estero, FL; dcbrush01@comcast.net) retired from Germain Arena as director of food and beverage in June 2013. Husband **Craig**, a member of the undefeated 1970 NCAA Championship Cornell hockey team, was inducted into the ECHL Hockey Hall of Fame in February 2016 in the Builder category. Craig is president/GM and co-founder of the Florida Everblades in the ECHL. Kyle says that the best decision she ever made was going to the Fall Creek House for a drink in 1970 and meeting a certain hockey player. (I see a "Lifetime Network" movie in the works.)

**Harry Pape**, MBA '73 (papeh@cisgroup.com) reports from Princeton, MA, that after working for Windmill Int'l for 18 years and leading the organization as CEO in service to the US government and NATO for four, he is now building and leading a Vistage CEO peer group in Central Massachusetts. Harry says that it is a great part-time career, freeing up ample time for the ever-present demands of a 250-year-old farmstead and the joy of driving around New England in a cherished '51 MG TD (six weeks younger than he!). All three of Harry's kids (make that "adult children") are married and doing well. Three granddaughters are each unique delights. Harry says that he and Wendy are fortunate to have all four parents alive on the Cape.

He reports that one of the best decisions he ever made was to focus on controlling his time rather than maximizing wealth. The best concert Harry attended at Cornell was Janis Joplin and Big Brother—he delivered a case of beer to their “green room” in the Navy ROTC building and saw them walk into their “after party.” Harry would like to hear from classmate **Josh Simpson**.

**Patricia Guy** (phhguy@aol.com) reports that she is happily planting new roots in Los Angeles, but will be returning to one of her old stomping grounds this summer with a temporary assignment at the US Embassy in Kyiv. She served there from 2002-04. Pat joined the alumni association in L.A., but has not yet made it to any events; she hopes to remedy that upon her return from Ukraine. **Patricia Counts** Sampson (psampson167@yahoo.com) keeps busy in retirement by traveling. Her goal is to visit all 50 states and all seven continents. She has three states (Oregon, Delaware, and West Virginia) and one continent (Australia) to go. Pat just returned from an Antarctic expedition with her 90-year-old mom. She says that Antarctica is beautiful and included a photo from her trip, which was posted at the Alumni Photo Gallery (<http://cornellalumnimagazine.com/photogallery/>). She would like to hear from **Juanita Goss**. Send news to: ☐ **Alex Barna**, ab478@cornell.edu; **Gary Rubin**, glr34@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

**73** Greetings from flyover country in Cincinnati, OH, the state you WILL be watching both in July and November this presidential election year. By the time you read this, I will have passed the age of the famous Beatles song and commenced my enjoyment of Medicare. On to your news.

**Martin Bialer** (Port Washington, NY) is a clinical geneticist working for the Northwell Health System (formerly North Shore LIJ Health System), caring for patients with metabolic genetic disorders. His older son, Daniel, graduated from Vassar College in May 2015 and is working as a paralegal while he decides on graduate school. His younger son, Aaron, just finished his sophomore year in the engineering college at Washington U. in St. Louis. Martin would like to hear from **Paul Sarokwash**. **Gregg Bidlack** (Ocean City, NJ) went back to work in mid-2015 after retiring at the beginning of the year. He is now general manager of a 22-story luxury condominium in Ventnor, NJ. His first grandchild, Charlotte Hope, was born last July. He says he wishes he were out riding one of his three Harley Davidsons more often and would like to hear from Hotelie **Dave Kelsey**.

**James Hilderbrant** (Whitney Point, NY) keeps busy doing woodworking projects and working around the house and garden. He has a new granddaughter in North Carolina and enjoys visiting friends and family around the US. He would love to hear from **Almouzar Maiga, PhD '74**. **Jon Kaplan**, MBA '74 (Cupertino, CA) says that it was great to meet with retired San Francisco Bay Area classmates last year to hear what retirement is like for those of us expecting it in the next few years—and he is looking forward to it. He also reports that it was extraordinary touring Eastern Europe last summer, 43 years after touring there with the Cornell Glee Club. “No Russians guarding the borders and patrolling the streets!”

**Rich Saltz** (Wallingford, CT) is the CFO at the independent secondary school Choate Rosemary Hall. He has been working with **Bill Gridley**, a

Washington, DC, architect with Bowie Gridley Architects, to design a new student center. Bowie Gridley has done the master planning for the campus several times. During a side conversation, Rich and Bill realized they were both Cornell graduates and, in fact, both from the Class of '73! **Steve Schaeffer** (Ithaca, NY) rendezvoused with five Sigma Nu brothers, including classmate **Vinny Serpico**, MBA '75, at NYC's Trattoria Trecolore (I ate there!) during the NCAA wrestling championships at Madison Square Garden. He wants to know, “Where is Beecher?”

**Marty Slye** Sherman, MPS '75 (Medfield, MA) reports that her son, RJ, was married in November, so she finally has a daughter! **Rich**, MBA '74, and **Lynn Rosenbluth Saltz '75** and **Ron and Lorraine Palmatier Skalko** made the trek to Groton, MA, to join in the celebration. Marty sees the Saltzes and the Skalkos several times a year, at least at Homecoming, CALC, and their annual weekend get-together in New Hampshire. Marty reports that **Jules '72**, MBA '74, and **Karen Broten Sieburgh** have moved back to the Ithaca area after years of roaming the globe. Marty just finished her second year of teaching the Capstone course for the Sloan Health Administration program in Human Ecology, and will be re-defining and honing her syllabus for the 2016-17 academic year. In addition to the teaching, Marty serves on the Sloan Alumni Association board and has created “Ezra’s Amazing Race” for the incoming students each fall. “It’s been a fun way for the new students to become acquainted with our lovely campus and some of Cornell’s history, traditions, and ‘quirks.’” At home, Marty serves in the challenging role of president of the local food cupboard.

**Daniel and Janice Gorzynski Smith** (Honolulu, HI), married 41 years, are trying to get in a bunch of hiking, biking, etc., while they can still handle it! In 2016 they traveled to Patagonia and just returned from a big family dive trip to Palau. They have lived 16 years in Hawaii and are lucky to have their kids nearby, with grandchild number four expected the month this column appears. Dan still works about half of the time in Oahu ERs, and Jan now teaches part time at the U. of Hawaii, concentrating on the three chemistry texts she has authored, as well as quilting up a storm. **Janet Spitz**, MBA '86 (spitzj@mail.strose.edu) started a small summer shop last year in Jonesport, ME, She Sells Sea Shells LLC, which actually made some money according to her. Janet is going back this year: it is right on the water across from the Beals-Jonesport Lobster Coop. Janet says, “It’s great to see this alternative non-hierarchical business cooperative enjoy such success. If anyone is in Maine this summer, please stop by—it’s just north of Acadia National Park.”

**Mitch Weiss** (Ithaca, NY) and his wife have collaborated on a book called *Noodlehead Nightmares* with the world-famous and incredibly talented Tedd Arnold. All elementary students know his *Fly Guy* series. You can find information about the book on their website (<http://beautyandthebeaststorytellers.com/booksrecordings.php>) or at their publisher’s website ([http://www.holidayhouse.com/title\\_display.php?ISBN=9780823435661](http://www.holidayhouse.com/title_display.php?ISBN=9780823435661)). Lastly, **Paul Witt** (Gettysburg, PA) and his daughter and son-in-law are in the process of tearing down one of their hotels to build a new Best Western in Gettysburg, PA.

Thanks for all the news. Please upload photos of your sage selves at: [cornellalumnimagazine.com/photogallery](http://cornellalumnimagazine.com/photogallery). Send news to: ☐ **Pamela Meyers**, psmeyers73@gmail.com; **Phyllis Haight**

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**74** **Jodi Sielschott** Stechschulte tells us that she directs shows for schools and her church in Columbus, OH. She is especially excited about her work on *The Music Man*, which was the first musical she directed more than 30 years ago. She and her husband live in a condo after leaving their family home of 28 years. Jodi’s five children are equally busy. **Lauren '17** moved to Collegetown. Son Paul and his wife, Allison, bought their first home in Columbus, where Paul is a general surgery resident. **Lynn '09** left P&G in Cincinnati to get her master’s degree in design in engineering at Stanford. **John '06** left San Diego for Boulder, CO, where he is in a PhD program in computer science and a ski instructor on the side. And **Lisa '04**, husband Adam, and son Christopher remain in Columbus.

**Art Leonard** reports that he was the recipient—as co-founder of the Cornell University Gay and Lesbian Alumni Assn. (CUGALA)—of the second **Steven Siegel ('68)** Award in NYC. He was also a panelist for a continuing legal education program presented by the New Jersey State Bar Assn. The program examined the legal case of *Dale v. Boy Scouts of America*. Other speakers on Art’s panel were James Dale, the Scout whose dismissal led to the lawsuit, as well as the judge who wrote the New Jersey Supreme Court decision and the attorney who represented Mr. Dale in the Supreme Court. Art was also a featured speaker in the Texas State Bar’s continuing legal education program on cutting edge issues in constitutional law.

**Esteban Rosas** hopes that retirement “is still far away.” It appears to be that way, given his current professional endeavors. He recently completed a PhD in research and economics from Edinburgh Napier U., which supports his research for the northern region of Mexico on social cohesion as a development model. His wife and three grandsons don Cornell shirts and caps, and the family is planning a tour of Ithaca. He recounts that his best life decisions were applying to Cornell, marrying his wife, and coming back to his hometown. The best concert he attended at Cornell was Rare Earth in 1973. He is looking forward to hearing James Taylor in 2016. Esteban keeps up with his former roommate, **Donald Gene Gross**, and would like to hear from his Chem E partner, **Blaine Rhodes**. **Stephen Moorman** now hails from Pine Bush, NY, after living in Somerset, NJ. He, too, is active as a professor and as chairman of the anatomy department at the Touro College of Osteopathic Medicine in Middletown, NY. He describes Pine Bush as the “UFO capital of New York State.” We extend our sympathies and support to **Roe McBurnett**, who lost his wife, **Deborah Garrett '75**, in October 2012. Roe has remarried and just celebrated his first anniversary.

**Wendy Goldberg** continues her successful career as an artist and art installer. Stanford U. Medical Center purchased one of her pieces. Her art was also recently on display at the SFMOMA Art Gallery. You can view Wendy’s artistry at: [wendylgoldberg@gmail.com](mailto:wendylgoldberg@gmail.com). She would like to hear from anyone from the BFA program. **Mohammad Qamar**, MS '76 (iqbalqamat@gmail.com) tells us that the best decision he ever made was to go to Cornell. He has had a tough year health-wise and would enjoy receiving good wishes from his Big Red classmates. **John Kronstadt '73** and I, **Helen Bendifx**,

became grandparents again, this time to Catherine Ruth, who was born last October. Grandchildren are truly life's reward. Send news to: ☐ **Helen Bendix**, hbendix@verizon.net; **Lucy Babcox Morris**, lucmor1433@gmail.com; **Jim Schoonmaker**, js378@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

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Wonderful reflections about our 40th Reunion are still coming in!

Thank you to so many who helped organize the event—it was a gift to all of us! **Nick '74**, MBA '75, and **Jean Fattori Smith** loved the cheese-making event and hope it is repeated. The pair also went to the Class of 1960 piano concert, which was also excellent. Jeanne wonders if some '75ers would be willing to mount a concert—perhaps a battle of the bands—for our next Reunion.

**Andrea Rapkin Eckert** lives in Los Angeles, CA, with husband **Curt**, PhD '74. She is a professor of obstetrics and gynecology at UCLA. Their son, Erik, following in the family footsteps, is in medical school at UCSF. Andrea credits her Cornell experience with making her see who she was and what she could become. Also from the West, we hear from **Randy** and **Ellen Perry Dole**, who live in Boulder, CO. Ellen is regional counsel in Denver for HUD and Randy is a senior scientist for NOAA in Boulder. They report that their daughter, Becca (herself a pediatrician in Glenwood Springs, CO), and her husband, Matt, have a 2-year-old daughter. Becca's brother, Chris, works in Hollywood.

Continuing eastward, **Steven Werns**, MD '79, and his wife, Kathy, have lived in Ann Arbor, MI, since 2014.

### Amy Cunningham Ekmann

lives in Pittsburgh, PA. She and classmate **Kate Hart** recommend visiting the Woodstock Museum. "Cornell opened my eyes and I learned new things," she writes. **Gary Kwiecinski**, PhD '84 (Dalton, PA) works at the U. of Scranton. He'd enjoy hearing from Prof. **Howie Howland**, PhD '68, and classmate **Ken Newman**. Gary writes, "I'm still a bread-winner—kids are expensive!" When he left home for his freshman year at Cornell, he packed cooking utensils (did we all have a hot pot?) and laundry detergent. **Nicholas Korach** retired as the superintendent of schools for the New York Lackawanna City School District. He lives with wife Sinia in Orchard Park, NY. **Susan Lustick**, MS '77, lives in Ithaca, where she is one of the leading realtors. Her daughter Lindsay Garner now works with Susan at Linz Real Estate. Susan has become a grandmother and says, "It's the best!" She would enjoy hearing from **Debra Peltz** Brook. Her most valuable takeaways from Cornell: all the field work in Human Ecology, including evaluating low income housing projects and cooking meals in Marcia Pimentel's class.

Traveling down the Atlantic seaboard, **Mark Pearce** (Silver Spring, MD) is now serving the second year of his second term on the National Labor Relations Board, which just observed its 80th anniversary in 2015. **John Niznik** continues to work at his veterinary hospital in King George, VA, now going on 22 years. He does have his eye on retirement. He and wife Citlali missed Reunion since their daughter was graduating high school that same weekend. At the end of June, the couple

celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary. John would enjoy reconnecting with **Aaron Alexander** and **Dave Green** '76. He learned the importance of giving back to the community at Cornell. His volunteer work has included time with the Boy Scouts and the Chamber of Commerce. He was also president of the Virginia Academy of Small Animal Medicine.

Moving down I-95, **Paul Watkins**, MD '79, writes from Chapel Hill, NC. He continues his work as a professor of medicine at UNC, Chapel Hill. He recently earned the Agilent Thought Leader Award and the Rawls-Palmer Innovation in Medicine Award. Congratulations, Paul! He admits that he enjoys being a "workaholic." He'd appreciate it if anyone can connect him with old friend **Ray Grabo**. **Richard O'Bey**, ME '76, lives and works in Morehead City, NC, where he is president of Sunbelt Business Brokers. His daughter was recently married, causing Richard to quip, "I'd like to be growing younger." His big lesson from Cornell: you have to work hard if you want to succeed. We hear from **Robert Tupper**, who lives in Indialantic, FL, occasioned by a company transfer with Northrup-Grumman. He and his wife, Cathleen, have two children. Son Nathan is at the U. of Buffalo studying engineering, and son Zachary recently completed his Eagle Scout project, planting beach grasses at a local pool.

We have only one piece of news from outside the US, and that comes from **Kathryn Gabinet-Kroo**, in Montreal, QC. She proudly reports that her daughter, Gaviella, is an MBA student at Cornell Tech in NYC.

I, **Karen DeMarco** Boroff, taught at the Management Center Innsbruck (Austria) during the fall semester of my sabbatical from Seton Hall U. It was a wonderful experience! Following that, husband Joel (who retired from AT&T after 41 years) and I stayed in Europe from the latter part of November to the end of December. We visited Vienna, took an overnight train to Venice, and stayed in Florence as well. Then we spent eight days in Rome, flying son Alex and his fiancée and daughter Austen there for Christmas. This entire visit was extraordinarily special. I am completing my sabbatical teaching at the US Military Academy.

Keep us connected—everyone always reads these pages and we enjoy hearing from you! ☐ **Karen DeMarco** Boroff, boroffka@shu.edu; **Mitch Frank**, mifgator@gmail.com; **Joan Pease**, jaopease1032@aol.com; **Deb Gellman**, dsgellman@hotmail.com. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

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Our 40th Reunion will have come and gone by the time you read this column, and news from the weekend will be included in the Sept/Oct issue. I am looking forward to it as I write this, and hope to see some old friends in Ithaca.

Thank you to those who responded to our e-mail solicitation or sent in news forms. **Gary Swergold** has recently retired from Regeneron Pharmaceuticals. His son, **Perry** '13, is a product manager for Gartner; daughter Keren graduates this spring from U. of Michigan and will be working for Google; and daughter Orli is a sophomore

at Brandeis. **David Fiske** retired from the New York State Library in 2011 and now does freelance research and writing. He has authored several books, the most recent one titled *Solomon Northrup's Kindred: The Kidnapping of Free Citizens before the Civil War*, published in January 2016.

Retired for six years, **Phil Loud** has had the rare opportunity to use his knowledge for a small amount of consulting on behalf of the Local Utilities Authority, for which he is on the board. His two sons live in Los Angeles, working in film and TV on the writing, editing, and producing side of things. The older of the two is moving back to the Traverse City area, getting married, and continuing to work for Hollywood, but now virtually. In response to questions on the news form, Phil says that the best decision he ever made was marrying his wife, Jennifer. The best concert he ever attended at Cornell was Elton John. He would like to hear from classmates **Peter Gooding** and **John Dunning**. **Shelly Gehshan** wrote that she has now marked the first anniversary of her new career as a leadership coach. Last year she established Gehshan Group LLC, got certified as a coach, and started accepting clients. Her sweet spot is coaching nonprofit professionals, particularly with leadership communications and career transitions. She says that it's been really fun.

Having recently returned to the US from Southeast Asia, **John Berndt** is working with clients including the New York State Wine and Culinary Center, located in the Finger Lakes wine country. He has a new home on Canandaigua Lake at Bristol Harbor Golf Resort. **Eric Lee** has just published his latest work of history, *Operation Basalt: The British Raid on Sark and Hitler's Commando Order*. More details can be found at: [www.facebook.com/operationbasalt](http://www.facebook.com/operationbasalt).

I received a press release with news about **Dennis Posen**, BArch '76, founder of Posen Architects. The firm, celebrating its 20th anniversary, introduced a new leadership team structure, and Dennis welcomed several staff members to join him as principals. Dennis's project experience includes major corporate relocations, large-scale office development, healthcare facilities, and interior architecture, and will continue to take a design and project management lead on a wide range of individual projects. As a member of the leadership team, he will also spearhead business development, finance, and strategic planning.

Please keep your news coming and make our class correspondents happy and able to pass on your news to former classmates! We all appreciate your news throughout the year. ☐ **Lisa Diamant**, Ljdiamant@verizon.net; **Karen Krinsky Sussman**, Krinsk54@gmail.com; **Pat Relf** Hanavan, patrelf1@gmail.com. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

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Just in time for summer, here are the latest comings and goings of our classmates.

**Bonnie Pauska** (Holmdel, NJ) is the owner and director of a progressive preschool and kindergarten and consults as a professional development facilitator for New York City's Pre-K For All program. She also enjoys working for the Bank Street College of Education, teaching pre-K teachers the best practices in early education. Recently, Bonnie presented her research at the national annual Progressive Education Network Conference in New York. The most valuable thing she learned at Cornell, she says, was that dedication and perseverance lead

to success. **Bruce Schafer**, MBA '79 (Maplewood, NJ) reports that he is kept busy with continued Wall Street cost cutting, regulation, globalization, and innovation, which means "always doing more with less." He has been traveling in the Northeast, including Boston and Philadelphia, where he had brunch with **Teri Ranieri**. Bruce looks forward to traveling after retirement. At Cornell, he was most

CAAAN alumni committee for the Research Triangle and volunteers as VP for his synagogue.

That's it for now. Please keep all of your news and views coming via the online news form at: <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>. Or e-mail us directly at: **Howie Eisen**, [heisen@drexelmed.edu](mailto:heisen@drexelmed.edu); **Annette Mulee**, [annette@mulee.com](mailto:annette@mulee.com).

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Cindy Ahlgren Shea '79

impacted by **Dick Clifford** '74, MBA '76, who hired him as a Willard Straight night manager and encouraged him to go to Cornell's business school.

**Chuck Samul** works in the sales and marketing department at New York and Atlantic Railway. He recently bought a house in the Italian Market neighborhood of Philadelphia (think *Rocky*), which he justifiably called "the best food neighborhood in America." (I would agree.) Chuck would like to do more kayaking and hiking and would like to hear from **John Noble** '76. He says that his Cornell classmates had the greatest impact on him.

**Bill Utz** (Fremont, CA) retired last year after working for 36 years managing environmental permitting and corporate real estate for Pacific Gas and Electric Co. He does volunteer work for his diocese and parish and is an officer and trustee of the Acacia Fraternity Foundation and other boards. In fact, Bill says that one of the best decisions he ever made was to join Acacia at Cornell. The best concert he attended at Cornell was the Yes concert at Barton Hall (which was also my favorite). Bill would like to hear from **Bob Freeburn**.

**Brian Dunn**, MBA '81, retired as CEO of Aon Hewitt's PRT business in December and is looking forward to teaching, consulting, and doing some board work. Brian was asked to go to the Vatican to streamline HR policies and programs as part of Pope Francis's efforts to increase Vatican efficiency. He will give us an update at Reunion. He says the best decision he ever made was marrying his wife, Kathy. Our class poet laureate, **Sharon Dolin**, PhD '90, just published her sixth book of poems, *Manual For Living*. In 2013, Sharon was chosen to receive the Witter Bynner Fellowship from the Library of Congress by then-national poet laureate Natasha Trethewey. Sharon has also directed an international writers workshop, Writing About Art in Barcelona, since 2014.

**Jone Sampson** reports from Oregon that she is an associate professor of clinical genetics at the Oregon Health & Science U. Her oldest daughter will be attending medical school in the fall; her middle daughter is a member of the San Francisco Ballet; and her youngest daughter is deciding which college to attend in the fall. Empty nest-hood is looming. **Lewis Weinstock**, MS '80, continues to serve as the manager of air monitoring programs for the EPA, working to improve air quality in the US and overseas. Daughter Rachel is in the second year of her clinical psychology PhD program in Atlanta, and son Josh is deciding where to pursue his biostatistics PhD—he serves as a statistician for the Washington Nationals, disavowing his Yankee heritage. The family recently vacationed in Iceland. Lewis also serves as the chair of the

**78** Where were you on May 8, 1977? If your answer was Barton Hall, you, too, were a witness to history: the day the music returned to Cornell with a legendary concert by the Grateful Dead. You can relive the experience—or read all about it—in a recent issue of *Ezra Magazine* at <http://ezra-magazine.cornell.edu/Update/Feb16/EU.Grateful.Dead.77.html>. If you happen to have held on to any photos from the concert, please share them at the new online Alumni Photo Gallery at <http://cornellalumnimagazine.com/photogallery>.

Back to the present. **Edward Harris** writes from his home in Bangkok, where he took what was supposed to be a short-term assignment and turned it into a 36-year Asian banking career. After serving as chief credit officer for all foreign (ex-Japan) risk to Shinsei Bank Ltd., a Japanese bank, he has now eased into a special advisor role, working primarily by e-mail and videoconference, and visiting Tokyo for extended periods a few times a year. While doing business in Thailand, Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia, Hong Kong, and Japan, Edward learned to speak Thai, Cantonese, and Japanese, met and married his wife of 31 years, and raised two sons. Both graduated from Upstate New York colleges and then "wisely chose to live and work in warmer climes." Their older son is a pilot for a small charter operation based in Las Vegas, while the younger one works for a pharmaceutical marketing research firm in Florida.

As a geriatrician in South Carolina, **Mike Bernardo**, MS '86, MD '89, works with 500 nursing home, assisted living, and home-care patients, trying to, he says, "help them live longer and healthier lives in the land of BBQ, sweet tea, and biscuits." Mike has also worked for 25 years as medical director of an organization of Vietnam veterans ([vetswithamission.org](http://vetswithamission.org)). He was recently in Vietnam training rural doctors and nurses on how to deal with emergencies. His goal is to spend three to six months a year in the developing world taking care of patients and teaching. **Court Williams** is expanding his global hospitality search firm, HJS Executive Search, with new offices in San Diego, Las Vegas, and Cape Town, South Africa. His daughter recently graduated with honors from UVM and is a social worker, and his son is a junior marketing major at Penn State. Court credits Hotel school professor **Ray Cantwell** '52, MS '76, as having the greatest impact on him by imparting the value of the "Six Ps": Prior Planning Prevents a Piss-Poor Performance! He'd like to hear from **Chris McCormick** '79, **Dave Miller**, **Jim Weiss**, and **Steve Ottman**.

On the heels of several successful mergers last year, **Stanley Rose** was promoted to director at Baker Newman Noyes, an accounting and consulting firm. He works out of the Portland, ME, office and is among the firm's most experienced tax professionals. In his new role, Stanley will focus on developing the firm's state and local tax (SALT) practice and content development for the firm's tax and business advisory publications, respectively. After 20 years with Kraft, **Lori Rothman** was laid off as a result of the corporate merger with Heinz. She is now a consultant in sensory analysis and consumer research, enjoying not working for "the man." Her older son is a transportation consultant in Ft. Lauderdale, and her younger son just graduated from U. of Maryland—with a job!

**Ruth Anderson** Singer is a supervisor at the NYS Education Dept. Proprietary Schools Supervision, though she wishes for more time for hiking, traveling, sewing, reading, and exercising. Two of her three boys graduated from Yeshiva U. and the third is in high school. Ruth fondly recalls her mentor for early childhood studies, Dr. Henry Ricciuti. She would like to hear from **Susan Weber** and **Susan Cleveland**. **Ann Connor** Ottobre is teaching, advising undergraduate students, and managing teaching and research labs in the animal sciences department at Ohio State. She has been thinking about retirement, but isn't yet ready to leave the university. **Audrey Warren** loves her job as a pre-K teacher in Phoenix, "teaching children to love to learn." Her daughter is a freshman at Grand Canyon U. and her twin cousins will graduate from Cornell next spring. Another cousin, **Thelma Dye-Holmes** '74, had a great influence on her. Audrey would like to hear from **Sharon Lombard** '79.

**Bob Annear** stays busy working in the oil and gas industry in a low-price commodities environment, coaching lacrosse, and keeping up with his 15-year-old son. After working as a pediatric clinical dietitian, **Karen Wilk** Rubin has become a certified diabetes educator. She remembers the Beach Boys concert as the best she ever attended at Cornell and would like to hear from **Kathy Montanaro Cappuccio**, **Lillian Tang Soohoo**, **Debbie Matson**, MBA '87, **Shireen Sepahi**, MBA '83, and **Michelle Braun** '77. **Rich Cavanagh**, ME '79, retired in St. Petersburg, FL, where he's been living since 2011. "I was relocated here for work, but now that I retired I don't have to move again," says Rich. In between recent travels to Italy and Thailand, **James Hoffman** has been learning Italian, volunteering, working in the garden, and reading—all of which sounds wonderful to me!

Tell us what you've been up to! Send news to: **Ilene Shub** Lefland, [ilefland@snet.net](mailto:ilefland@snet.net); or **Cindy Fuller**, [cindy@cindyjfuller.com](mailto:cindy@cindyjfuller.com). Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

**79** It's summer in Ithaca and the gorges are gorgeous. A little over a year ago, **Kent Thompson** (Shelbyville, KY) and David Williams founded Excel Equine, which makes premium feed blends for horses. Both of them had been in the animal feed business previously and both have PhDs in animal science/nutrition. Kent previously owned Tapp's Feed in Shelbyville, and David owned Producer Feeds in Louisville. Their new company is notable because it's one of the few (they estimate three) feed makers in the US that is medication-free. This ensures that horses will not be exposed to medications that could compromise their health. A lot

of thoroughbred and saddlebred horses in the company's home state of Kentucky are being fed Excel Equine feed blends. A great example is Keen Ice, the thoroughbred that finished second to American Pharoah in the Haskell Stakes and third in the Belmont. Kent is from Upstate New York, where he grew up on a farm and raised draft horses. He lives on a farm in Kentucky now, and he has a few horses of his own there.

**David Halberstatter** continues to practice law in intellectual property and entertainment-related litigation matters in Los Angeles at Katten Muchin Rosenman, where he has been a partner for the last 16 years. His older daughter graduated from Lehigh U. in May 2015 and is now living and working in NYC. She does sophisticated market research at a company called Brainjuicer, and David notes that any new clients would be welcome. David's younger daughter will be launching her college career at UPenn in the fall, at which time he and his wife will become empty-nesters. Given that David moved west after law school, he finds great irony in the fact that both daughters have ventured east. **Sue Morand Meyers** lives in Chester Springs, PA. Her son **Alex '15** is now a software engineer for eBay, and son **Zack '18** is headed into his junior year.

**Dushica Babich** Protic has retired from the practice of law, but is keeping busy serving on the boards of several nonprofits and participating on the Cornell Parents Committee and the Cornell Alumni Admissions Ambassador Network (CAAAN). Her son, **Nikola '19**, is a freshman at Cornell majoring in Applied Physics and Engineering. He was selected to be on the Formula One SAE team, where the team builds a racecar from scratch and competes against 400 other colleges. His roommate at Cornell is his best friend since grammar school, **David Boak '19**, son of **Chris '80** and **Kathy Buckley Boak '81**. Dushica and her husband, John, have enjoyed visiting Ithaca the past year and catching up with friends like **Brad and Mary Maxon Grainger**, MPS '87. Dushica would like to hear from **Mark De Simone '80** and **Steve Sylvester**.

**Seth Agata**, JD '82, has been named the new executive director of the New York State Joint Commission on Public Ethics. Seth has more than 30 years of legal experience in government and the private sector. He previously served as counsel to the Legislature and the Executive, prosecuted criminal cases as an assistant district attorney, and represented private parties in a broad range of litigation matters. As the commission's executive director, Seth reports to the 14 commissioners, six of whom are appointed by the governor and lieutenant governor and eight of whom are appointed by the leaders of the legislature. His appointment followed a nationwide recruitment effort that included placing advertisements in top legal publications and newspapers, which resulted in the commission receiving and reviewing more than 200 resumes.

**Lon Hoyt** is the musical director of the hit Broadway musical *On Your Feet*. In April, 40 seats were reserved for the Class of '79, and 28 classmates took advantage of the opportunity to attend the production. Class president **Jeff Weiss** said the show was fabulous and that afterwards the group gathered for cocktails and conversation. The consensus reached at the after-party is that our class should do more events! Many thanks to **Cindy Green** and **Deb Waterman** Johns, our class regional events chairs, for organizing the event; to Lon for presenting the show; and to Teri Baier at Cornell for all her help in sending invitations and coordinating this successful evening.

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Classmate **Tim O'Connor** informed me that the Columbia School of Journalism does not, in fact, have a Pulitzer category for college alumni magazine columns, causing me to rail against the unjust universe and curse the day I was born. He tried to make me feel better by saying that I needn't have worried even if such a thing existed, but the damage was done, and I spent the rest of the day in a funk.

**Dan Hill** is still involved in organic grain production and R&D, as well as energy management consulting. He would like to hear from classmate **Michael Kelly** from AGR fraternity, and answers the question, "Anything else you wish you could be doing?" with the succinct and admirable, "Feeding and motivating more hungry children in the world." **Todd Wolleman**, 40th Reunion co-chair, is proud to report that he has two daughters at Cornell, **Lauren '18** and **Danielle '19**. Neither daughter appears to be on track to have her Reunion the same year as dad, but this simply means that all of the family Cornellians can attend most of the Reunions with a strong sense of legitimacy.

A certain brick from a brick factory in Horseheads, NY, spent about 60 years holding up part of U-Hall 5 and about 11 years in the garden of our house in Washington, DC. Soon it will take up residence in Florida, where my lovely wife and I, **Dik Saalfeld**, are moving. I retired from Federal service, and will take up consulting, fishing, and cursing the indignities of middle age. **Lisa Grinberg** McManus writes that her oldest son, **Daniel**, graduated from the College of Arts and Sciences in **2012**, and that her other two boys attended Cornell University Summer College. Son **Logan '17**, is now in the College of Engineering, and Duncan is off to Brown this autumn. She writes, "All three learned to love Cornell for themselves, in beautiful, magical Ithaca." Lisa adds that perhaps Duncan will decide on Cornell when graduate school looms.

**Ellen Wulhorst** was recently named chief correspondent, Americas, for the Thomson Reuters Foundation, the charitable arm of Thomson Reuters that covers humanitarian news, women's rights, trafficking, and climate change. **Scott Peer** sent a note stating, "After decades of aerospace work, including wonderful times contributing to space science on the Cassini Mission to Saturn, I decided it was more pressing for me to do something that helps our own planet. And so I started a new business, CutYourWatts.com, to help bring energy efficiency and conservation to individuals and businesses that are missed by the large programs."

**Joshua Adams** is director of the University Policy Office at Cornell, as well as director of executive VP communications. He's been with the policy office and communications since 1994. He and spouse Jon were married the first day it was legal in New York, "which just happened to be our ten-year anniversary—to the day!" They live in

Ithaca with a greyhound, a poodle, and a cat. "Son Reuben is about to graduate from RIT with a dual degree in interactive media. He's not only bright, but extraordinarily thoughtful and kind." When asked about his favorite concert at Cornell, Joshua responded with an answer we hear often, namely the 1977 Grateful Dead concert at Barton Hall.

Frequent Class Notes contributor **Nanette Cooper-McGuinness** is as busy as ever. Her chamber music group, Ensemble for These Times ([www.e4tt.org](http://www.e4tt.org)), released a CD on the Centaur Records label. The CD is called "Surviving: Women's Words." The group will tour this summer, including to the Krakow Culture Festival in Poland. Nanette's translation from French of Penelope Bagieu's graphic novel about Mama Cass, *California Dreamin'*, will come out with First Second Books in 2017, and several translations of children's books of hers are coming out this year. Nanette adds, on a different note, "We are thrilled that our son, Nick, is getting married in Yosemite this May!"

My stroll into enlightenment from the depths of my Neanderthal man-cave took most of the late '70s and early '80s, and was facilitated by several girlfriends, as well as several professors, the most influential of whom was the late Sandra Bem, the nationally known feminist. Prof. Bem and I had a stimulating conversation once, standing up, and I realized in a humiliating epiphany that, while I towered nearly two feet over her physically, intellectually I was but a mote in the tread of her dainty sneaker. All of this is to say that when the January 1981 *Playboy* magazine was issued—in early December of 1980, for some reason—I consulted with my feminist betters before purchasing same, and promised to share the redeeming feature of the magazine, namely "An Exclusive Interview: John Lennon and Yoko Ono on Love, Sex, Money, Fame and All About the Beatles." I shelled out three bucks for the rag, but John's life was tragically ended by yet another nut with a gun. I never opened it. Now that my wife and I are retiring and moving to Florida, I'll pack it in a box and not read it for a while longer yet, until I have the stomach to see what John and Yoko were up to, lo those many decades ago. ☐ **Dik Saalfeld**, [rfs25@cornell.edu](mailto:rfs25@cornell.edu); **Leona Barsky**, [llb39@cornell.edu](mailto:llb39@cornell.edu); **Dana Jerrard**, [dej24@cornell.edu](mailto:dej24@cornell.edu). Online news form: <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

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Who can believe it's been 35 years? Look for news from our Reunion in the Sept/Oct issue.

I'm still in the throes of dealing with my young kids, Ella, 10, and Brayden, 8, so I am still very much involved on the elementary school level. Cornell seems so far away! I am the VP of volunteers on the PTA, and I am sure my love for Cornell has kept me going in this position! **Aviva Orenstein**, JD '86, has written a new novel, *Fat Chance*, which explores parenting, self-acceptance, and love, among other themes. The heroine is a Cornell Law graduate, as is her workaholic ex-husband. It is published by Quid Pro Books and available on Kindle, Nook, Amazon, and Barnes and Noble. Aviva is a professor of law and Val Nolan Faculty Fellow at Indiana U. Maurer School of Law.

**David White** received New York State and national-level awards recently for his work as a boating safety instructor. He is a recreation and tourism education specialist with New York Sea Grant Extension, which is based on campus in Ithaca, with satellite offices at SUNY Oswego, the

CCE Wayne County office in Newark, and SUNY at Buffalo. Dave works out of the Oswego office. He is also the associate director of the Great Lakes Research Consortium, based at SUNY ESF and working with college affiliates throughout NYS. Dave organized the New York State Fair Signature Exhibit for the mini-NYS park at the fair in 2014, and returned with a special exhibit that offered remotely operated underwater vehicle (ROV) demonstrations in the pool during the State Fair in 2015. He developed the New York Sea Grant Clean and Safe Boating Campaign, which has reached more than half a million boaters and prospective boaters. And he has networked with US Coast Guard Auxiliary, Power Squadron, and other federal, state, local, and marine industry partners to offer diverse educational programs—in February 2014, Oswego City firefighters credited one of the educational programs Dave developed with helping them save a life.

**Mona Wetter-Dolgov** (Natick, MA), a nutrition expert, has written a cookbook with "Happy Days" star/director Anson Williams and *New York Times* best-selling cookbook author Bob Warden. *The Perfect Portion Cookbook* is helpful in educating people on how much to eat to live a healthy lifestyle. All of the recipes are divisible by 100-calorie portions so readers can eat what they love and enjoy 100-, 200-, 300-, or 400-calorie increments. Delicious recipes like French toast, cheesecake, lemon bars, Waldorf salad, chili, and lasagna swap in better-for-you ingredients that don't sacrifice flavor. To learn more go to: <http://theperfectportion.com>. The book launched last February. **Amy Kretz** has been a DAO coordinator at Stony Brook U. Hospital since 2010. She is working on the election, active in her union, and enjoying local theatre, and adds that she's proud of her children every day. After college, Amy served three years with the Jesuit Volunteer Corps. Her favorite concert at Cornell? Harry Chapin—"The music was amazing, and then he stood at the door to greet every person." Amy would love to hear from classmates in Human Ecology.

**Heidi Grasberger** Scharfman is an empty-nester so she is singing and acting again and enjoying it very much. It's great to be close to NYC, she says, but there are a lot of opportunities to work in Connecticut as well. Her daughter, Olivia, is a freshman at Yale, majoring in electrical engineering or astrophysics—and she made the Yale debate team! Heidi loves having her close by. She says her best decision was being willing and happy to move all over the country. She writes, "New places mean new experiences and new people. You gather many wonderful friends along the way. I was very happy to reconnect with **Susan Scanlon** Dittman last year, and I hope to see **Jim Hauslein**, MBA '84, this year. Has anyone heard from **Michael Steward** who was in the Architecture school prior to switching into Music?" Heidi would also like to hear from **Melanie Ayers** Taylor '82. **Beresford Jones** writes to say that he's so proud of his daughter, **Kelsey '16**, graduating from the ILR school.

**Karen Tillman** Harder recently moved to Mill Valley, CA. **James Tulsky** also recently moved. He's now in Boston, where he took a job as chair of the Dept. of Psychosocial Oncology and Palliative Care at Dana-Farber Cancer Inst. and chief, division of palliative medicine at Brigham and Women's Hospital. James writes, "After 22 wonderful years at Duke and in Durham, it's been a fabulous transition. Change is good. And so many Cornellians around here!" His older son, **Noah '16**, graduated

Cornell in the spring, and his younger son, **Zeke '19**, will be starting at Cornell in the fall. So the school is now running deep in their family's veins. **Jim Kent** spends his time playing golf and volunteering. Frank H.T. Rhodes had the biggest impact on him when he was at school. Jim would like to hear from **Kathy Cullen** Harwood.

I hope everyone is doing well and that all who went to Reunion on the Hill in June had a blast! Please send us your news. □ **Betsy Silverfine**, bsilverfine@comcast.net; **Barb Amoscato** Sabaitis, beachba@hotmail.com; and **JoAnn Minsker** Adams, joann@budadams.net. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

**82** Our Reunion is less than a year away, June 8-11, 2017. Please save the date and watch for mailings to follow!

Thanks to everyone who answered our request for news! Submitting online was **David Ilan Weis** (David@75andsunny.LA), who has developed a new product for the pre-teen novelty market. He reports that he just reached prototype stage and is looking for input from experienced new product marketing folks. Feel free to reach out to him. **Thomas Gagne** (tgagne@prodigy.net) wrote from Simpsonville, SC, where he is president/owner of a law firm specializing in serious personal injury and medical malpractice, with two offices in Greenville, SC, and Spartanburg, SC. He is proud to report that his 21-year-old daughter, Katie, is studying clinical psychology at Furman U., and will graduate next year. She returned this year from a semester abroad in Europe, where she visited Dublin, Oxford, Cambridge, Paris, Prague, and Amsterdam. Tom was selected as a Top 100 Trial Lawyer for the second year in a row by the National Trial Lawyers and is busy writing and delivering continuing legal education classes for the Bar. In answering our questions, he says that "besides marrying Judy," one of his best decisions was going into business for himself. And for best concert: Boston. He'd like to hear from Tucker, John, Kathy, Emily, and David.

**Jonathan Welsh** (nonjno@gmail.com) is proud that his vintage mid-century modern antique store, NoNu Vintage, in Dumont, NJ, is celebrating two great years in business. He and his partner, Ken West, have won 201 Magazine's "Best of Bergen" Antique Shop and Home Décor Store two years in a row and *Bergen Health and Life* magazine's Best Antique Store. In addition, their home was featured in the *Record* newspaper's Homescape section in July 2015. See nonuvintage.com for more information. **Henry Joe** has made it his passion to find and identify members from his Delta Tau Delta chapter who served in wartime and are buried in Europe. Henry's story was featured in DTD's international fraternity magazine, Winter 2016. His family history of serving our country led him to have a great interest in finding his chapter's veterans, along with his chapter's tributes to those lost at war. Learning about Willard Straight, one of Cornell's most famous alumni who died during WWI, also sparked his interest. Thanks to **Richard Mathewson '55**, who shared Henry's story with our class.

**Rebecca Hamilton** (Austin, TX; rehamilt@gmail.com) keeps busy with genealogy and history research. Her daughter is a post-doc at Cambridge U. in England, teaching African studies and archeology. Her answer to "Who at Cornell

had the greatest impact on you" was: "Prof. Peter Kuniholm—duh!" **Beth Tremer Herrick**, MD '86 (bbherrick@gmail.com) started a new job at St. Elizabeth's Medical Center in Boston as chief of radiation oncology, where she is developing a cancer genetics program as well as at multiple satellite sites. Her daughter is following in her footsteps, having recently been accepted into Tufts Medical School.

Congratulations to **Mary Ellen Plubell** Miller (maryellen@marketingmel.com), who was honored to become the public relations program manager for the Tennessee Valley Authority's Boone Dam project. Her Communications degree, she says, prepared her well for a career as a professional communicator. And her experience on the swim team prepared her for a lifetime love of sports and fitness; she is now running 5Ks and 10Ks and competed in her first two sprint triathlons last summer. Mary Ellen and her husband, Dan, keep busy raising their teenage son and supporting his golf team play. She says that any and all friends are welcome to connect—Kappas, *Cornell Sun*, swim team, and co-workers from the Straight Browsing Library. "How are you doing?" President Rhodes had the greatest impact on Mary Ellen at Cornell. "I recall him having an uncanny ability to connect total strangers in a room and to make everyone feel welcome and comfortable. He was a master communicator." Need I say more. Send news to: □ **Nina Kondo**, nmk22@cornell.edu; **Doug Skalka**, dskalka@npmlaw.com; and **Mark Fernau**, mef29@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

**83** Spring is in the air as I write this column in April. The temperature has swung from 79 degrees to 29 degrees in the last few weeks, then back into the 40s. It's hard to figure out what to wear! Please continue to send in your news.

Class officer **Matt Palumbo** told us about some of our classmates who recently lectured at the Cornell Club in NYC. On March 22, former Obama cabinet member **Seth Harris** spoke about the economy and the 2016 elections. Some photos are on our class Facebook page. You can follow the link at <http://www.news.cornell.edu/stories/2016/03/economy-drives-2016-presidential-election-alums> for more information. On March 31, former Obama cabinet member **Alan Krueger** spoke about the changing job market and its effects on the US economy. Matt posted a story on LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/pulse/former-obama-cabinet-member-alan-krueger-cornell-ilr-834-matt-palumbo>. Also, university trustee **Ruben King-Shaw** is scheduled to speak on June 21, 2016.

**Wai Leong Chan**, ME '84, MBA '85 (wlchan@ericsalmon.com) left Spencer Stuart and, after a break, started a new executive search firm in 2013. He and his two partners sold it in 2015 to Eric Salmon & Partners. He is now in the Singapore office within that company's network of nine offices, with seven in Europe and two in Asia. **Kathi Krause** Berman, MS '84, MBA '85 (kkb8@cornell.edu) wrote in from San Francisco. Originally, she planned for three ten-year, energy-related careers. However, that did not quite pan out, as she just celebrated her 30th year at PG&E. Nice! Kathi recently visited Ithaca with a bunch of track team alums including **Terry Quan**, **Tina Silvestri DeFeo '82**, and **Kathy Burgess Perry '82**. Kathi would like to hear from **Suzanne Jones '86**.

**John Fraser** (john.fraser@3i.com) wrote that his son, Angus, will be joining the Cornell Engineering Class of 2020 this fall. John and **Amy (Brown) '84** expect to visit the campus soon. Congrats!

**J. Ralph Russek** (Russekjr@aol.com) wrote from Pennsylvania and says he has been busy answering questions and solving problems. His cat died (condolences), but he now has a new one; and his 1994 little red riding tractor died—and he now has a new black one. He wants to hear from Cornell friend **Scott Barr**, who left Cornell in his junior year. **Dinah Laurence** Godwin (dinahgodwin312@gmail.com) wrote in from Texas. She is a social worker for a developmental pediatric clinic at Texas Children's Hospital and an instructor in pediatrics at Baylor College of Medicine. Her husband, Griff, is a CPA. Her daughter Anna, 25, is finishing her MSW at UT, Austin, and daughter Sarah, 21, is a junior at Temple.

Dinah says she wants to travel anywhere and everywhere! She would like to hear from classmate **Michael Sheldon**.

**Ruth Coomber** Matt (rmatt@maine.rr.com) has written in from Maine. She is planning retirement incomes for clients, helping them decide on Social Security and lifestyle changes. Son Peter is a Marine, stationed at New River, NC. In her free time, Ruth studies piano and is a member of the Portland Rossini Club. She is also a member of the local Spanish club. She wants to play more tennis and hike more. She would also like to hear from classmates Lisa, Mary, and Julie. If you can guess their last names, you win a dollar! **Gayle Moncrief** Bicknell, MBA '84 (gbicknllg@yahoo.com) has written in from good old New York. She is still the chairman of the board of directors for Corning Christian Academy, a private pre-K through 12th grade Christian school in Corning. Her oldest daughter, Keleigh, 22, will graduate in May 2016 from RIT with a bachelor's in industrial engineering and a master's in engineering. She will be working for GE Aviation and is getting married in September. (Congrats!) Her middle daughter, Logan, 20, is a junior at Taylor U. in Indiana studying Web communications. Her youngest daughter, Hailey, 18, graduates high school in May and has received a full scholarship to play D-1 soccer at Niagara U., where she will study biology.

Finally, my son, **John Daniel Felice '11**, released his first album March 11, entitled "The Art of Balance," along with bandleader "Mighty Mystic" (the Prime Minister of Jamaica's brother.) Yup, it is reggae with some infused rock—brand new genre! It hit number five on iTunes and seven on the Billboard charts. Also, they made the Top 20 new artist/bands worldwide. Check it out. Great vibes! Okay, that's all I have to say this month. Hopefully everyone keeps sending in news! We count on you! ☐ **Jon Felice**, jbfelice@jbfelice.com; **Barb Deane**, bldeane@gmail.com. Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

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As I write this column, a new season of "Game of Thrones" is about to begin, and another Memorial Day is right around the corner. We will have to resort to news of Jon Snow unless you

send us some fresh news. Please e-mail either of us and let us know what you are up to.

**Arthur Orduna** (arthurorduna@gmail.com) is the chief innovation officer and senior VP at ADT Corp. His job focuses on the connected world, including next generation community and communication platforms and new technology incubators and accelerators. He lives with his "talented, beautiful, and amazing wife of 28 years" and is proud of his equally amazing children. His son is a dramatic writer, and his daughter just graduated from Sarah Lawrence and is on the "cusp of new adventures." Arthur recently enjoyed watching the Cornell men's lacrosse team win the NCAA championship. He has fond memories of his "friends and co-conspirators in drama at the Whistling Shrimp Theater Company," especially **Frank Pugliese**. He would love to hear from classmates **Peter Miller**, **Allison Barber**,

and **Signe Allen** Linscott. **Julia Noblitt** is living in Palo Alto, CA, and has been busy working at Benetech, a tech company for good social enterprise. She is also finishing an MBA in sustainable management at Presidio Graduate School in San Francisco. Follow her on Twitter (@noblittje) and on TriplePundit.

**Eric Schultheis** shared this news: "My son Brian was accepted to the CALS Class of 2020, the same school I graduated from in 1984." **James Mizgala** was recently named partner at Tucker Ellis LLP, in their new Chicago, IL, office. He has over 20 years of experience defending pharmaceutical products liability, consumer fraud, toxic tort, and mass tort cases on national and local trial teams.

News I hate to report: **Ngai Wong** passed away in October 2013 due to an unexpected illness. His sister reports that after getting his degree in Chemical Engineering from Cornell, he got his PhD from the U. of Florida in just two years. He spent his career working for the US Army as a civilian for the Dept. of Defense. Ngai worked on a number of special and important projects to help soldiers during wartime and is greatly missed. **Lindsay Liotta** Forness reports that son Brian has signed a new contract to play goalie for the Junior Rangers on Long Island. Local fans (including me!) are looking forward to seeing lots of games!

A sincere thanks to those who sent news. Please send us more via e-mail, and remember to check out *Cornell Alumni Magazine* on your iPad and smartphone at: <http://www.cornellalumnimagazine.com>. ☐ **Janet Insardi**, insardij@hotmail.com; **Catherine "Kitty" Cantwell**, catherinejcantwell@gmail.com. Class website, <http://classof84.alumni.cornell.edu>. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

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It's April, and I am rushing to get this column written as I am packing for a well-earned trip to St. Lucia. I love to travel. This past year included a trip to Bali, Yosemite, and the California wine country with my fiancé Joe Matthews. As I write, the presidential primaries are moving through New York. John Kasich is being interviewed by Sean Hannity in Saratoga Springs. Trump rallied in Bethpage and Rochester, Bernie rallied in Brooklyn, and Hillary rallied in Port Washington. **Laura Weiner** Siegal

waited two hours for her seat to Hillary's PW event and said it was a great opportunity.

Writing in from Colorado is **Doug Young** (DougInBoulder@gmail.com), who lives in Boulder with wife Pam. Doug is the VP of software architecture at Gogo Business Aviation, the leading provider of in-flight connectivity for business aviation. In his free time, he enjoys trail running and back-country skiing. From Oklahoma, **Renee Karam** Farris writes that she has been promoted to the job of manufacturing administrator for GE Oil and Gas ESP Inc. Renee manages their capital expenditure budget property listings and payroll, and greets all visitors to the facility. Renee's son got married in 2015 and she is expecting her first grandchild in October. She is also preparing to transition her daughter into a nursing home facility in June 2017. **Laura Rabinowitz Lefkowitz** (Los Angeles, CA) is a podiatrist. She is married to **David '86** and has two kids: **Adam '18** and Talia, who is in the process of touring colleges as we speak. From Boston, **Julie Frost** Goldblatt writes that she has a new position with Dean Foods Dairy Co., where she is now a key account manager for the foodservice division.

**Wendy Auerbach Slutsky** is the proud mom of three girls. Oldest daughter Caroline is a 2014 graduate of Princeton and a full-time actor in NYC. Middle daughter Rebecca is finishing her sophomore year at Yale. And the youngest, Sophie, will join the Cornell Class of 2020 this fall. Her husband, **Adam**, was the keynote speaker at the 2016 Entrepreneurship Conference at Cornell this April. He is president of Tough Mudder, an international team-oriented mud obstacle course challenge. **Amy Christian** and husband **Duncan Hilchey, MRP '87**, are in their sixth year of publishing the *Journal of Agriculture, Food Systems, and Community Development*. It is a worldwide, peer-reviewed journal on the transdisciplinary field of food systems. Papers range from looking at culturally appropriate foods to food hubs to composting. Amy writes that it is challenging and fun and that she is constantly learning. Their older son, Jack, graduated from Emory in 2015 and will be working toward a master's in architecture in the fall. Younger son Tom is a sophomore at the Oxford College of Emory U. and will be heading to the main campus in Atlanta in the fall, where he will major in neuroscience and behavioral biology.

**Michael Lang**, ME '85, writes that the best concert he ever attended at Cornell was the B-52s in Barton Hall. Michael is now the president and CEO of Intelcan Technosystems, where he began as COO in 2012. **Chris Silge** (Lake Forest, IL) recently joined William Blair & Co. in the investment management division in Chicago as a senior project manager, focusing on strategic initiatives. **Kim Lawson** Murphy (Nashville, TN) writes that she and husband Kevin met up with **Tara Larson** Cappa and her husband, Don. They had not seen each other in over 20 years. She is looking forward to getting together with their Theta sisters in the fall and attending our 35th Reunion in 2020.

**Dale Bornstein** shared lots of great stuff. Her PR agency, M Booth, was named Midsize Agency of the Year by *PR Week* at the industry gala on March 17. Dale was personally awarded the 2016 Outstanding Service Award by the Cornell Communication department as well. Dale, like myself, is also a fan of US figure skating. This week, she attended a NYC reception for the Shubutans, who took silver at the Worlds. The event was hosted by **Susan Kittenplan**, who is president of the Skating Club of New York, the local NYC chapter of the US Figure Skating Club. **Mara Horwitz** Smith was also in

attendance. Mara is a sports psychologist in Lake Placid, NY. We are big skate fans in my house. My daughter finished her second year on the Michigan State synchronized skating team, and Joe and I just returned from the World Figure Skating Championship in Boston, where we saw the pairs finals.

I will say good night and pack more sunscreen, as I am looking forward to five days in what I hope will be a sunny paradise. Enjoy your summer and make lots of memories to share with us for the fall column! ☐ Roberta Zwiebel Farhi, rfarhiesq@aol.com; Joyce Zelkowitz Cornett, cornett0667@comcast.net. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

zoology, and one is still in high school. Marty is the president of the Cornell Football Association (CFA). He has worked tirelessly in this role, and recently succeeded in making the CFA a 501(c)(3) organization that is entirely self-funded from membership dues and direct contributions.

Jay Coburn writes, "Nineteen years ago, my spouse, John Guerra, and I fled the Nation's Capital for Outer Cape Cod and every day when we read the political news, we know we made the right decision! We will be celebrating our 24th anniversary in May. Currently, I'm the executive director of the Community Development Partnership, working on economic development and affordable housing on

and, as of May, is working for Northeastern U. She says, "It's a big change for my husband, Bruce, and me, but we're up for the challenge of a return to cold winters and we're looking forward to four real seasons." She would love to hear from Cornelians in the Boston area! Rana was happy to receive a fun visit from Meagan McMahan O'Connor and her family. They were in California from New Jersey to see son Drew play in the boys' 18-and-under national hockey tournament in San Jose. Drew and his team did extremely well, making it to the semifinals before losing a nail-biter in overtime. Rana said that watching high-level hockey with another Cornellian was really fun—just like college!

Amit Batabyal is on sabbatical leave from his position at Rochester Inst. of Technology. During that time, he is making several short-term trips to academic conferences and working on his tenth book on regional economic growth and sustainable development in Asia. In late March, Brian Siff joined Duane Morris's intellectual property practice group as a partner in the firm's New York office. Brian was deputy leader of the intellectual property group at Schiff Hardin. He represents and defends companies in patent litigation and America Invents Act proceedings before the US Patent and Trial Appeal Board. He also counsels clients regarding patent enforcement, procurement, and licensing strategies, and advises and represents companies and individuals in trademark and copyright litigation, enforcement, licensing, and procurement.

Rebekah Sale reports that her daughter will be a member of the Cornell Class of 2020 and a fourth-generation Cornellian! Rebekah says she couldn't be prouder. Michael Moore is taking a year-long leave of absence from his position as chief information officer with Virtual Instruments to compete in an around-the-world sailing race on team Mission Performance. You can follow him at: [www.mike-ayu.tumblr.com](http://www.mike-ayu.tumblr.com). For more race info, go to: <http://www.clipperroundtheworld.com>. Michael says, "Come out to see us in Da Nang, Qingdao, Seattle, New York, Derry, Den Helder, or London over the next seven months!"

Andrew Eschner, DVM '90, is the Northeast regional director of field veterinary services at Merriam Inc. Andy and his wife, Sue (Germain), MS '91, will be celebrating 30 years of marriage in August. Congratulations! Their son, James '17, is studying Computer Science in the College of Engineering. Andy says he would love to hear from Gregory Bortoff, Hudson Roditi, Paul Mularz, and Christian Modesti. Liz Brown, JD '90, attended the Cornell Silicon Valley event in March, where she met classmate Kimberly Anderson, MBA '94, who runs her own marketing company, and alumni from other classes, including John Kuo '85.

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**87** Jill Barnett Kaufman has started a private counseling practice in Princeton, NJ, named the Princeton Counseling and Parenting Center. Her practice specializes in providing counseling to couples, families, and individuals going through life transitions. Her older son graduated from college in May and is living and working in New York City.

Florence Ann "Lorrie" McCaw Tryon has legally changed her name to Lorrie F. Ann. On May 20 she earned her master's degree in human relations training and development. She works at Tacoma Community College, located south of Seattle, WA, but will be exploring career options related to training and development with her new credentials. Rana Glasgal, ME '92, reports that after being in California for 24 years and working for Stanford University for over 18 years, she has changed jobs and coasts

**88** This column features two alumni legacies, some sweets, a trivia game, and a new interactive tool for everyone in the Class of '88. Enjoy!

Let's start with the legacies. Sue Brody Ciampaglia writes that her son Alex will be joining the Cornell Engineering Class of 2020. Congrats, Sue! Rosita Brailovsky-Fine's son is having a wonderful junior year abroad in Florence. He is enjoying his time at ILR and loves Cornell. Rosita's

## ' Robert Pappalardo is working on the mission to Jupiter's moon Europa.'

Michael Wagner '86

**86** One of the downsides to living in Shaker Heights, OH, is that it's never anyone's travel destination, nor do many classmates "pass through" on their way to other places. Last week my wife, Lori Spydell Wagner, had the pleasure of getting together with my DU frat brother Ivan Matsunaga and his wife, Terry, while they college-shopped with their daughter (Cornell is one of her choices). I was out West skiing with classmate Ken Cramer and his wife, Amy (Amelkin) '88, and missed the Cleveland party, but I hope to meet up with Ivan in August at Cornell drop-off (his daughter hasn't made her choice yet, but I refuse to believe she could choose any school over Cornell).

The mailbox was emptier than usual this month and I am sure this is because you all were planning to catch up in person at our 30th Reunion, June 9-12. As I write, the Reunion committee is hard at work making sure the event is as much fun as our past Reunions have been. By the time this column is published, Reunion will have passed, but watch for a full Reunion Report in the Sept/Oct issue.

Robert Pappalardo is seeing stars, or rather, "moons." He is working on the NASA-led space-craft mission to Jupiter's moon Europa. Specifically he is the project scientist overseeing the science that will be performed by the mission. In addition to his exciting career, he shared the news that he married Mabel Young two years ago. Congrats! Wendy Behm is keeping busy chauffeuring kids and running a busy household in Leesburg, VA, but she finds time to pursue the super-interesting sport of foxhunting. Clarkson and Laura Nieboer Hine report they are moving from the 'burbs into downtown Chicago in response to their recently empty nest. We had the pleasure of seeing them last summer for Chicago's Lollapalooza and hope to do that again.

Karen White Hadley is enjoying a break from the corporate world after 17 years in marketing for Verizon. Her older son is pursuing a master's in engineering. Her younger son and daughter, as well as volunteer activities, are keeping her busy. She recently saw classmate Kris Garbinski Vivian and appreciated the chance to catch up in person. Marty and Peg Hall Rauch are starting to see the light at the end of the tunnel: one son is gainfully employed in real estate, one just graduated from Ithaca College, one is an undergrad studying

daughter is in the process of applying to dental school. Very happily married, Rosita says that marrying her husband was one of her best decisions ever. She writes, "My husband and I remain busy with work. He is a gastroenterologist, and I am working at Babson College in career counseling. It is very rewarding to work with creative students who have such a strong entrepreneurial spirit." **Deborah Simon** Cabrita's son, Jason, decided to forge his own college path and is finishing his freshman year at the U. of Maryland School of Engineering.

**Pam Darer** Anderson still has her small sweets business that she runs out of her house. Pam is also the manager of CTAC (Central Toronto Athletic Club), a middle-distance track club in Toronto, ON. She writes, "Recently, I marched in the Beaches Easter Parade with my business, Pamsweets, along with my four daughters and some of their friends." Now it's time for some brief Pam trivia: Pam's best decisions? 1) Coming to Cornell; and 2) having four daughters. Her favorite concert at Cornell? The Libe Slope concert at the end of the academic school year. Cornell classmates Pam would like to hear from? All of her friends from Sperry freshman year and runners from the cross-country and track and field teams. **Lisa Gagnum** Boillot is in the process of moving and preparing her oldest child to go off to college. She's in property management, but would also love to do some meaningful nonprofit work.

Finally, and I'm not sure if I should write this in the first person or not, but since I'm writing this column and referring to myself, I'll go with first: I, **Brad Mehl**, have launched a new software platform called Lively that makes live events and meetings more interactive, fun, and profitable. Everyone in the Class of '88 (and the whole Cornell community) is invited to check out [LivelyEvent.com](http://LivelyEvent.com) and take it for a spin. Lively is an offshoot of my consultancy and agency, Boundless Markets, which helps technology and media companies transform their marketing and sales. Many of our clients organize events or run large meetings, and we saw a better way to engage attendees and drive them to action. Feel free to contact me ([brad@livelyevent.com](mailto:brad@livelyevent.com)) for more info.

Remember, 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 at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/8476144284/>. Please send us your news and we will publish it in the next column. Let's be in touch! ☐ **Brad Mehl**, [brad@boundlessmarkets.com](mailto:brad@boundlessmarkets.com); **Andréa Meadow** Danziger, [alm46@cornell.edu](mailto:alm46@cornell.edu). Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

**89** You'll notice it's a short column this time, classmates. (Hint, hint; see the end of the column for easy ways you can send in your news.) Thanks to those of you who wrote—it's good to hear what you're up to!

**Tom Van Tiem** sent in a news form to let us know that he's started flying internationally with Delta. He reports that he's enjoying Dublin, Milan, Athens, and Istanbul. Last winter, his family enjoyed their first ski trip to Colorado with kids (ages 8, 7, 6, and 4). "They loved the snow," said Tom. "I like it once a year." Tom also wrote that he'd like to hear from old Cornell friends **Luis Porcelli** and **John Reineck**. **Dianne Nersesian-McGuire** is

looking to connect with Cornellians in Rhode Island. She and her husband, James, and son Brendan moved to North Kingston last year. Brendan will be starting second grade in the fall. Dianne attached her business card for McGuire Consulting, with her title of consultant, trainer, coach, and professor. Find her on LinkedIn.

**James Masella** wrote that he and his wife, Jessica, live in NYC with their three future Cornellians: Alexandra, 7, Catherine, 5, and James, 2. A summer trip to Ithaca is part of James's plan to get the kids interested in Cornell rather than their mom's alma mater, Dartmouth. He is a partner at Patterson Belknap and is enjoying life. **Jill Kasprovitz** Vizza seems to have succeeded in interesting her son in life on the Hill. She wrote from Harleysville, PA: "I am enjoying spending many weekends at Cornell cheering for the Big Red, as my son, **Joseph Pinnola-Vizza '18**, rows for the lightweight crew. The first regatta and Easter weekend had us on campus to enjoy the festivities of Dragon Day, which seemed far more tame than they were in the '80s! While in Ithaca, I was even able to catch up with **Katherine Jackson** Saufley and her family in Syracuse. When not driving from Philly to Ithaca, I'm writing an educational leadership dissertation for a doctoral program at Temple U. and teaching seventh graders."

The *Burlington (VT) Free Press* reported some exciting lacrosse news this spring about Brendan Gleason, son of **Matt '88** and **Kim Green Gleason** of Essex Junction, VT: "After graduating from Essex last June, Gleason landed on the Fighting Irish roster as a preferred walk-on. He has since worked his way onto the third line as a midfielder for the fourth-ranked team in the country." Recapping Notre Dame's win over Duke in April, the *Free Press* story noted that Gleason scored a goal in that game, and quoted Brendan's high school and college coaches on his strong work ethic and confident offensive play. Also mentioned: dad Matt's college lacrosse career at Cornell and graduate assistant coaching job at Notre Dame.

**Tom Nemeth** spent the first week of April on the island of Corfu, Greece, with his two daughters, Lucy and Dorothy, and his partner, Danielle. "We stopped to see the Parthenon in Athens on the way there. Fantastic. Pics on Facebook." **Chris Pavone** e-mailed from NYC with the exciting news that his third novel, *The Travelers*, was recently published by Crown. In other news, his kids are attending middle school at Riverdale. Here's how Chris answered the news form prompt, "What is one of the best decisions you ever made?": "Moving to Luxembourg, in 2008, then moving back to NYC a year and a half later."

What's the best decision *you* ever made? Which Cornell friends have you heard from, or would you like to reconnect with? Please keep in touch! Simply send back those news forms you get in the mail, e-mail one of your friendly correspondents (listed below), or visit [www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm](http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm) and our class Facebook page. ☐ **Anne Czaplinski** Treadwell, [ac98@cornell.edu](mailto:ac98@cornell.edu); **Kris Borovicka** Gerig, [kgerig@columbus.rr.com](mailto:kgerig@columbus.rr.com); **Kimberly Levine Graham**, [kal20@cornell.edu](mailto:kal20@cornell.edu); **Stephanie Bloom Avidon**, [savidon1@hotmail.com](mailto:savidon1@hotmail.com); **Lauren Kidder McGarry**, [laurenkiddermcgarry@gmail.com](mailto:laurenkiddermcgarry@gmail.com).

**90** I have the song "We Get Letters" running through my head as I read through the Class of '90 mail and e-mail bins this month, which are

bursting at the proverbial seams with news from our classmates.

**Jessica Lattman** writes that she's been keeping busy with her oculoplastic surgical practice (<http://www.djessicalattman.com>) while she and her husband, **David Rosenberg '89**, MD '93, raise their three children in Scarsdale, NY. As if that's not enough, she's also been playing and writing original music for piano. Her songs are posted at her personal website, <http://jessicalattman.com>. "I would love to hear from any Cornell friends, near or far," Jessica writes. "Life gets busy and it's hard to keep in touch. But I have so many great memories from my time there." Another doctor raising three children, **David Healy** and his wife, Carol, are keeping busy with their kids as well as lots of skiing, hiking, and mountain biking in and around Whitefish, MT. David has retired from the Navy and is now an otolaryngologist at Glacier Ear Nose & Throat in Kalispell.

A little further west, **Jen Dilworth** (Kingston, WA) informs us that her work keeps her busy with weatherization for low income housing in Kitsap County, and she has a child about to graduate from high school. Jen offers a proverbial shout-out to her profs in Horticulture for having the greatest impact on her during her time at Cornell. **Vivian Althaus** Harrow reports that her son, Max, was accepted early decision to the College of Engineering, Class of 2020. Congratulations, Max! Vivian looks forward to visiting him frequently (no word from Max about how *he* feels about that) and sharing future Reunions with him. She reports that several other classmates of ours also have children who will be joining the Class of 2020. **Rob and Sue Portman Price**, MRP '91's son Sam has been accepted to the Architecture school, while **Eric and Laurie Levinson Wenger**'s son, also named Sam, has been accepted to the College of Engineering. Thanks for passing along the news, Vivian. It turns out that Sam and Max will be in good company. **Adam and Judy Solomon Gorelick** (Woodbridge, CT) are happy to report that their oldest son, Jordan, is also entering the Engineering Class of 2020.

Congratulations are also in order for **Gina Herrmann**, PhD '98, associate professor of Romance languages at the U. of Oregon, who has been awarded a National Endowment for the Humanities fellowship to complete a book about anti-fascist women in Spain. Well done, Gina! Not one to shy away from political controversy, **Brad Herzog** writes in to let us know about the latest book from Why Not Books (<http://whynotbooks.com>), his publishing venture with his wife, **Amy (Hillsberg) '91**. Brad provided the words while Amy produced the artwork to create a picture book for adults: *D is for Dump Trump: An Anti-Hate Alphabet*. It's available as both an e-book and tree-book, featuring 26 poems and 20 original cartoons. Brad says, "You'll laugh, you'll sigh . . . and a portion of the proceeds are going to the Southern Poverty Law Center, an organization dedicated to fighting hate, teaching tolerance, and seeking justice." Brad can also be seen on the usual video outlets featured in his TEDxMonterey Talk, "Catching Creative Ideas."

And while we're on the subject of classmates in the publishing world, **Airie Dekidjiev Stuart** ([airie@stuartagency.com](mailto:airie@stuartagency.com)) writes, "After a long career as a book publisher and editor, I'm now a literary agent at the Stuart Agency." Airie's new firm represents public figures, thought leaders, journalists, academics, and fiction writers. She and her husband, son, and West Highland terrier live in Midtown Manhattan, where she volunteers to help secure grants for institutions that need funding. Airie

writes that she would love to use these skills in the interest of life-saving research, so if it sounds like she can help you toward that end, please feel free to drop her a line. **David Klein** writes that he is working as an interventional radiologist in Norwalk, CT. His wife, Marci, was working as a pediatrician, but took a sabbatical to start her own furniture manufacturing company, Modify Furniture.

I truly enjoyed reading all of this month's emails and "Share Your News" forms. Please drop us a line with *your* news for the column. ☐ **Allan Rousselle**, agr2@cornell.edu; **Rose Tanasugarn**, nt28@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

**91** If you are reading this, you are either reflecting back on our class's 25th Reunion in Ithaca or hearing about the event from your classmates who traveled far and wide to remember, reminisce, and share their adventures since their time on the Hill. A Reunion Report will appear in the Sept/Oct issue. For those who could not make it, here are some notes from our classmates.

First off is an inspiring story of the efforts of **Felise Feingold** (Newport, RI) and her fellow Cornell Delta Gamma sisters to raise over \$150,000 for the Ovarian Cancer Research Fund (OCRF). For Felise, this was a personal journey as she is an ovarian cancer survivor who also lost her mother to the disease. The indoor cycling event held at the Easton's Beach Rotunda in October 2015 included more than 100 participants, including classmates and DG sisters **Lisa Dale**, **Cynthia Lee Dow**, **Debbie Fine**, **Sharlyn Carter Heslam**, **Amy Gellert** Lebovitz, **Kari Ginsberg** Nesbit, **Jenny Harris**, **Kristen Sciacca**, and **Kris Hurley** Van Riper, who collectively raised over \$50,000 toward the event's success. It's great to see our classmates band together and make a difference.

We have another update from the Ocean State. **Laura North** Pippitt writes, "We are still in Rhode Island. While I'm home raising the kids, I love being a Girl Scout leader, playing on multiple tennis teams, and sewing for the kids' school plays. The kids are growing up quickly. Robby, 11, is in fifth grade and enjoys playing lacrosse, soccer, and Pokémon. Ashley, 9, is in fourth grade. She is on multiple cheer and gymnastics teams and also likes Pokémon. Both of them love acting in the school plays. Tom is with Ameriprise Financial and loves to take us boating." **Jennifer Leeds** (Walnut Creek, CA) happily shares that her son Tjaden was accepted into the Class of 2020! He will be a freshman in Arts and Sciences on the Hill this fall. It's exciting that the next generation of Cornellians are getting to share the Quad and halls of their parents.

**Joshua Berman** (Chevy Chase, MD) sent us the following update: "After more than seven years as a federal prosecutor and then more than 11 in private law practice, I recently returned to public service. I was appointed by President Obama to serve as the Deputy General Counsel of the US Commerce Dept. My wife, **Amy (Kroe) '94**, is a civil rights education lawyer and the deputy director of the National Academy of Education. She and I have two awesome boys (ages 12 and 9). When not playing endless baseball, the older one is honing his drum skills in several rock and roll bands, no doubt to play at the Haunt someday. Our younger one pines for the open seas and certainly will be found on Cayuga Lake before we know it." Joshua also writes that one of the best decisions he made was when

he and his wife endowed a scholarship at Cornell several years ago to create annual scholarship opportunities—"in honor of a close friend who died, but who was a wonderful caregiver and educator to our young children." It's the contributions of our class that make future classes possible.

I close out this column with a thank you to everyone who has sent in news to keep us all in touch, and the efforts of the staff at *Cornell Alumni Magazine*. Most of the time, we get things right. This is my last column for a while as I move on to other commitments. In this age of Facebook and other social media, it's easier to keep in touch with our close classmates. However, it's these notes that surprise and connect us as a class in ways we don't anticipate. Thank you for letting me be able to hear and share your stories. I hope you get involved with our class and keep those updates coming. ☐ **Charles Wu**, ccwu@mac.com; **Tom Greenberg**, twg22@cornell.edu; **Wendy Milks Coburn**, wmlkscoburn@me.com. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

**92** It's summertime in Ithaca! Some of my very best memories involve warm sunny days on campus, wandering the beautiful gardens and natural areas. Last year I spent a week on campus "working" while my daughter was in camp with the Entomology department. I got to pick and choose where and when I worked, and I took the long route just about everywhere I went. This month's column is all about how our classmates are working hard and finding time to enjoy life along the way. And, funny enough, the *Alumni Magazine* asked, "What do you think was the best concert you ever attended at Cornell?" and everyone who responded this month said "Midnight Oil!" (Thanks for the earworm, everyone.)

**Amy Levine** has just made it to the ten-year mark at Starbucks! And she's looking forward to many more years of being happily caffeinated. (Now that's a job with perks!) Amy was recently promoted to senior facilities manager for the Northeast. Congratulations! What's more, she took an amazing trip to Turkey last fall where she took a sunrise hot air balloon ride over Cappadocia. **Kirsten Johnston** Barker and **Lisa Gangarosa '87** were part of an aerial dance performance this spring. The performance was a 45-minute modern and aerial dance piece done as part of the Strobilus Arts series, which is held in Chapel Hill, NC. Kirsten and Lisa didn't meet on campus—they actually met through aerial dance classes in Chapel Hill that they've been taking since 2012 and 2010, respectively. They've each done performances at their local studio for friends and family—but this time they stepped it up for a "semi-professional" performance. (That means it actually was advertised in print and on the radio!) At some point during rehearsals, they looked at each other and thought, "We should really put this in the *Alumni Magazine* because neither of us would have ever imagined we would be doing this back when we were on the Hill!" And we're glad you did!

**Carter Wilson** is becoming a literary force majeure, with his fourth thriller, *Revelation*, wrapped up and ready to be released in December 2016 by Oceanview Publishing. His third novel, *The Comfort of Black*, was named a *USA Today* bestseller and is a finalist in the Colorado Book Awards. Carter would love to hear from **Tom Gorman**, JD '97. Also in the "working hard and having fun" category is

**Mark Merritt**. He's a full-time teacher of the Simply Music piano method. Simply Music recently launched a new piano improvisation and composition program that Mark spent six years developing for them, and he's got more programs in the works. In his spare time, Mark is also the musical director of the Mop & Bucket Co. improvisational theatre group, where he underscores scenes and works with the actors to improvise songs, mini-operas, and musicals based on audience suggestions. He also teaches classes there on improvisational singing. Working with the group, he says, has been a great challenge, lots of fun, and an enormous source of community. Mark is newly single and now lives primarily in New York's Capital Region. He is remaining regularly involved in the life of his 13-year-old daughter Sophie.

Calling all Rockledge members! **Brian Nowicki** would like to hear from you. Send him some news! Brian is now the quality assurance manager for Nuvera Fuel Cells, a producer of hydrogen fueling stations and fuel cell power systems. The new role is probably why he cites "majoring in Mechanical Engineering instead of Materials Science" as one of the best decisions he ever made. He's got two sons with very active sports schedules in baseball, basketball, and football. (No rest for the weary!) **David Contiguglia** is living in Auburn, NY. He recently completed a nine-year term as director and president of the Cayuga Community College Foundation. David mourns the passing of his uncle and fellow Cornellian Hon. **Robert Contiguglia, JD '56**.

Congratulations to **Ian Kutner** and husband Steven on the birth of their son, Atticus Rohr. And yes, he's already taller than Ian. **Amy Sachs Yam**, DVM '98, has been a veterinarian with the Falls Church Animal Hospital in Virginia since graduating from vet school. Amy and her husband, **Kevin '91**, are also busy with their sons Benjamin, 12, and Mitchell, 10, who are into hockey, soccer, track, cross country, ultimate Frisbee, flag football, Boy Scouts, Math Counts, and Science Olympiad. Whew! The family's planning a Grand Canyon trip for spring break next year.

Keep the news coming! We love to hear from you and I bet you're not Facebook friends with EVERYONE in the class. Best way to do it is to go to: <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>. Or connect with one of us via e-mail: ☐ **Megan Fee** Torrance, mtorrance@torrancelearning.com; **Jean Kintisch**, jmk226@cornell.edu; or **Lois Duffy** Castellano, ldk2@cornell.edu.

**93** It's been about four months since our beloved president, Elizabeth Garrett, passed away. We continue to miss her and the profound impact she had on our university in the short time she was with us. The Class of 1993 continues to offer condolences to her loved ones.

This summer we heard from **Peter Hedlund**, MRP '00. He has his own company, Hedlund Design Group, an integrated landscape architecture and planning firm in Arlington, MA. In his spare time he coaches a lot of soccer for his three kids and wishes that at the end of the day he could enjoy a Schaefer's at the Palms. **Mark Fergeson** (mark-fergeson@ouhsc.edu) has been named associate dean for student affairs at the OU College of Medicine. He lives in Oklahoma City with his wife, Gina. Mark would love to hear from **Christine Robillard Isaacs**.

**Jennifer Derow** Salvage has been keeping busy at work and at play. At work she is keeping

her children safe, healthy, and in high school. And for play she is in the middle of getting the word out about her latest novel and memoir, *When it Clicks: One Woman's Journey From Solo Hiker to "Model" Wife*. She and her husband, Jeff, celebrated their eighth wedding anniversary, and in the spirit of *One Dress, One Woman, One World*, her first novel authored with her husband, Jennifer's wedding dress is headed to England, Ireland, Scotland, and Brazil for the summer months. Two people from Cornell have had the greatest impact on Jennifer: Prof. **James Maas, PhD '66**, and Prof. Ron Mack. When **Todd Stiers** and his wife, **Barbara Felton '92**, aren't busy with their 13- and 10-year-old sons, Todd works at Sensys as a solutions engineer. Asked if there was anything else he wished he could be doing, "retiring" summed it up.

**Christopher DeWan** received a bachelor's in philosophy and theatre and is currently working as a writer and teacher in Los Angeles. He has a book coming out in September, called *Hoopy Time Machines*. It's a collection of wistful domestic fabulism that's already gotten great advance praise. It was just listed as one of the "most anticipated small press books of 2016." You can learn more about the book (and Christopher) at: <http://hoopystimemachines.com>. **Nancy Goldberg** Laist and her husband took over a fantastic Moroccan restaurant, the Fez ([www.fezeg.com](http://www.fezeg.com)), located in downtown Stamford, CT. Most nights they have live entertainment, and this is proving to be a wonderful new endeavor for them. Nancy also shares that one of the best decisions she ever made was participating in the Cornell Abroad program, studying in Florence, Italy.

**Pete Wiezalis** continues to enjoy work, specifically helping great companies solve difficult marketing and sales problems. Of his children, Pete says, "I'm in near shock from the speed at which our children are growing into young adults. I am mostly just hoping to be able to keep up!" To **Steve and Brenda Bishop Sacco, Paul Osenar, Don Ross**, and **Kurt Edelmann**, all Class of 1992, Pete can't wait for the annual family get-together. Earlier this spring **Theresa Flores** and **Jacqui Francis** caught up with **Patty Lewis '92** in London. More than 25 years have passed since they last saw each other. Many miles have been traveled between the three, but the friendship is still strong.

And lastly, mark your calendars for Homecoming 2016, September 23–24. Registration will open in August. Please check [www.homecoming.cornell.edu](http://www.homecoming.cornell.edu) for a full list of events—including the Cornell vs. Yale football game at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday—and other information. Have a fabulous summer! ☐ **Theresa Flores**, [taf6@cornell.edu](mailto:taf6@cornell.edu); **Melissa Hart Moss**, JD '97, [melimoss@yahoo.com](mailto:melimoss@yahoo.com); **Mia Blackler**, [miablackler@yahoo.com](mailto:miablackler@yahoo.com). Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

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Let's begin with the veeps: **Holly Johnsen Hoehner** recently began a new job as vice president and general counsel for Loretto, an eldercare provider in Central New York. Her husband, fellow '94er **Tom**, practices intellectual property law at Barclay Damon in Syracuse, NY. Their sons, Andrew and James, are 9 and 12. And in Medford, NJ, **Joseph Caputo** is vice president of product development at Broadridge Financial Solutions.

Speaking of the Garden State, **Nicole Vantuno** Wagner works part time at Rutgers U. in the Genome Cooperative. "My three boys (10, 10, and

8) are keeping us busy with their many activities. I have also been playing in my church's handbell choir for many years and recently did my first handbell solo ring. It was a fun challenge, and I hope to do it again sometime soon." After earning a BS in Biology on the Hill, **Meredith Sloane** received a DDS at SUNY Buffalo in 1998 and now owns a dental practice in Pennsylvania called Lakeview Dental. She and husband Jim have been married for 18 years and have a daughter, Annika. Given the hectic nature of family life, we could all probably use some help in the work-balance arena. Enter **Scott Behson**, professor of management at Fairleigh Dickinson U., proud author of the bestselling *The Working Dad's Survival Guide: How to Succeed at Work and at Home*.

This month, we have updates from a slew of Cornell couples. **Rachelle Bernacki** wrote from Newton, MA, with housewarming news: she and **John Schmucker '84** bought a house and survived the Boston real estate market—"barely!" Their daughter Emily was born in 2015. Rachelle would like to hear from **Lou Bergholz**. In Connecticut, **Josh and Karen Ellis Varsano** have three daughters, Logan, 15, Rachel, 12, and Talia, 9. Josh is global head of human resources at Point72 Asset Management, while Karen is an interior designer—"managing a quickly growing residential real estate practice with William Raveis." Josh would like to hear from **John Schmidlapp**. **Carl and Sallyanne Mitchell Meier** are bringing the Big Red love to Nashville, TN, with the Black Abbey Brewing Co. Wrote Sallyanne, "We've hosted Zinck's Night in the tap room and poured a lot of the 'Chapter House,' our Belgian-style red ale. If you come through Nashville, please stop in!"

When we report news in the class column, whether we're blithely talking about careers or marriage or children, the bald facts can obscure all of the hard work and hardship that have led up to these momentous announcements. Our tendency to curate the best parts of our lives for social consumption can make it painful to share when things aren't going perfectly. Which is why I feel honored to bring you the story of **Praveena Nallainathan**, a corporate immigration attorney for Proskauer Rose LLP, and my dear friend since freshman year.

In 2008, Praveena's daughter Ayanna was stillborn. Seven years later, New Jersey-resident Praveena, still pursuing her dream of becoming a mother, was hopeful when she found a gestational surrogate in Minnesota. Twenty weeks into the pregnancy, however, Praveena was devastated when she discovered that her baby (whom she named Priya) had a rare, serious heart condition called pulmonary atresia, in which the baby's right ventricle cannot pump oxygen to the lungs. Beginning last summer, Praveena flew to Minneapolis often, consulting with doctors and girding herself for the difficult road ahead.

In the fall, **Henda Mizrahi** organized a surprise "shower of friendship" for Praveena in NYC. Moral support came from all over the country: **Larisa Alonso** from Miami, FL; **Kirstyn Cassavechia** Smith from Rochester, NY; **Carol Rim** Hanscom from Los Angeles; **Meena Tahiliani** from San Francisco (who flew to NYC for the day!); and me, **Dika Lam**, from Chicago. We joined up with **Jun Hwa Lee** and **Elizabeth Gonzalez-Marcellino** for a brunch featuring roast chicken and wine, and yes—bright, identical T-shirts—a grown-up version of a pep rally at Liz's apartment. When we emerged from behind a wall, Praveena was surprised—and deeply moved. "I was so scared to have a baby shower after having lost Ayanna, and

with so many unknowns about Priya's heart condition. I was enormously stressed and worried. I didn't realize how much I needed the collective strength of you beautiful women. This love carried me through all the way to Minneapolis—I felt armed to face Priya's heart journey."

On January 4, Priya Joy Nallainathan was born at Minneapolis Children's Hospital and rushed into emergency open-heart surgery on January 24. "We almost lost her that weekend in the cardiac ICU. It was the scariest time of our lives. My daughter pulled through. She is truly a miracle on so many fronts." During that time in the hospital, the website CaringBridge.org was very useful for keeping far-flung friends and family apprised of day-to-day changes. Mother and baby finally flew home in February, where they are settling into family life and taking each new development as it comes. In the meantime, Praveena's Cornell family is standing by!

Send news to: ☐ **Dika Lam**, [dikaweb@yahoo.com](mailto:dikaweb@yahoo.com); **Dineen Pashoukos** Wasylik, [dmp5@cornell.edu](mailto:dmp5@cornell.edu); **Jennifer Rabin** Marchant, [jar1229@yahoo.com](mailto:jar1229@yahoo.com). Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

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Ah, summer! I will never forget the one summer I spent on the Hill in '93. Participating in the Engineering Co-op program and getting to enjoy the more relaxed campus atmosphere are memories I cherish. If anybody has any memories of Engineering Co-op Summer they want to share (or any other summer in Ithaca stories), drop me a line! I'd love to hear about it (and post it in my next column).

On to the news! Continuing the filmmaking theme from our last column, **Brett Schwartz**, BFA '95, let me know that his latest feature-length documentary film, *Insatiable: The Homaro Cantu Story*, had its world premiere at the SXSW Film Festival in Austin, TX, last March. He writes, "The film's subject, chef and inventor Homaro Cantu, helped put Chicago on the culinary map and wanted to change the world. *Insatiable* takes you on a dizzying and thrilling ride with Cantu, in a story that moves from redemption and inspiration to tragedy and back again. *Insatiable* won a Spotlight Silver Documentary Award and received an Award of Excellence from the Hollywood Int'l Independent Film Awards." For more information, go to: <http://www.insatiablemovie.com>. Congratulations, Brett! I received a quick note from **Takashi Yoshimatsu**. He is now heading up supply chain management for GCHI, a subsidiary of Spanish Construction Conglomerate. He has recently moved to Pooler, GA, a suburb of Savannah, and is hoping to connect with other alumni in the area.

**Peter Klein** wrote about his thriving business: "I own my own performance marketing company, Admediary LLC ([www.admediary.com](http://www.admediary.com)), with two partners. We have grown on both the West and East coasts for two solid years of business since we started in 2014. Anyone needing help with online marketing, call me!" Besides his business, Peter let me know that his wife, Anna, stays at home these days with their daughters Jessica, 11, and Amanda, 8, to manage their busy schedules, which include karate, basketball, drama, and more. Peter wishes he could do some more personal, rather than business, travel, especially so he can visit his brother **Scott Klein** and his nieces in California more often. Peter is hoping to hear

from **William "Trip" Rodgers** and **Ricardo Fernandez '96**. The three of them were all roommates freshman year in the gone but not forgotten U-Hall 2 (Class of '28).

Finally, **Meredith Oppenheim** told me about the recent release of a book written by her daughter. Brielle, 5, wrote and illustrated the book *Really Ready to Read* when she was 4! According

**David Greenberger** (New York, NY; heidoanddave@mac.com) writes, "I recently joined the New York City law firm Bailey Duquette PC as a partner. My practice focuses on employment, litigation, appellate, and regulatory matters." **Maggie Berman Ewell** (Springfield, VA; ewell.maggie@gmail.com), writes, "After 13-1/2 years at the Dept. of Labor's Employment and Training Administration, I

Murphy, keep him busy. "My son started kindergarten this year—busy schedule with soccer, baseball, swimming, church choir, and MMA. He keeps going." **Samuel Unglo** (sam.unglo@gmail.com) is VP and CFO of tools and lawn and garden at Sears Holdings. He completed a marathon in his 35th state on April 3, 2016. This one was in Ann Arbor, MI. "Fifteen states left!" says Sam. He has been writing, and says he needs a literary agent to help publish a book on his brother's story ([www.justbefoundation.org](http://www.justbefoundation.org)). Prof. Steven Carvell had the greatest impact on Sam during his time at Cornell—"I liked his no-nonsense, candid style."

**Kirsten Newbold-Knipp** writes, "In 2015, I started as a research director with Gartner in their new group, Gartner for Marketing Leaders. In this role, I support CMOs and marketing leaders with primary research and tailored advisory services. My coverage areas include digital commerce, content marketing, and marketing management. John and I recently broke ground on a new house we're building in Austin. So far we've got the steel framing and foundation complete and the progress is exciting!" Kirsten says that the best decision she ever made was marrying her husband and moving to Austin. When asked about her favorite Big Red concert, she wrote, "I happened to love Cayuga's Waiters and find those small little archway sessions to be among my faves." Send news to: ☐ **Sarah Dear-dorff Carter**, sjd5@cornell.edu; **Erica Broennele Nelson**, ejb4@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

## ‘ Stefan Lawrence has the joyous pleasure of working on theme park design all over the world.’

Heather Hollidge Madland '99

to the website (<http://www.reallyreadytoread.com>), the book is "by a kid for kids that empowers them to understand they have a voice and a vision that has value." Brielle dedicated the book to the kids who don't know how to read. Meredith set up a Kickstarter campaign to raise money for publishing the book and for charities that support literacy. The campaign raised over \$10,000 and over \$3,000 of the proceeds went to charity. A portion of every sale of the book also goes to charity, so check it out on the website. Way to go Meredith and Brielle!

That's all for now. Hope you're having a great summer! Keep sending us news—we love to hear from you. ☐ **Steven Strell**, strells@mac.com; **Scott Lajoie**, scottlajoie@hotmail.com. Class website, <http://classof95.alumni.cornell.edu>. Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

**96** Tune back to this column in the Sept/Oct issue for our Reunion Report. **Carolyn Broadhead Sasso** (Jupiter, FL) got married in June 2015, with quite a few Pi Beta Phi friends present at the wedding. She and her husband welcomed their new baby in May 2016. "Sorry to miss Reunion," says Carolyn.

**Alison Derow** Gaudet (Wallingford, PA; alison.gaudet@yahoo.com) is a pediatrician and co-owner of Providence Pediatrics, where she enjoys her work. Alison is a proud mom to Caroline, 13, and Julia, 10. She writes, "We enjoy vacationing out West at dude ranches in the summer and teaching the kids to ski in the winter. It brings back great Greek Peak memories!" **Erica Gantner Brandler** (Livermore, CA; erica.brandler@ejgallo.com) writes, "My big projects this year have been launching Gallo's first popular priced dry rosé wine as well as our first venture with wine in cans under the Barefoot label. I have just about hit the two-year mark as a California resident, and Seth and I are loving it. The farmer's markets are amazing and we both got bikes!"

**Martin Palma** (Great Neck, NY; martin.e.palma@accenture.com) is a managing director for Accenture Consulting. He writes, "I've been lucky to work globally in Australia, South Korea, Holland, Ireland, India, and Canada. In my spare time, I like to Crossfit." Martin has two sons, Ciarán and Dillan, and he would like to hear from **Gerry Toll**. Martin says that Coach **Terry Cullen**, MBA '66 (sprint football) and Prof. T.M. Duncan had the greatest impact on him during his time at Cornell.

changed jobs and am now a senior policy advisor in the office of grants and financial management, National Inst. of Food and Agriculture, USDA. Looking forward to Reunion!"

**Juliet Bishop** LaDieu and her family welcomed a new baby boy in December 2015, Garrett Cody. **Jason Stoprya**, assistant professor of emergency medicine at Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center, has been named 2016 North Carolina Doctor of the Year as part of the North Carolina Doctors' Day observance led by the North Carolina Medical Society. In addition to practicing in the emergency department at Wake Forest Baptist, Jason serves as medical director of emergency services in Randolph County and as medical director of emergency services, medical director of the Health and Nutrition Center, and medical examiner in Surry County. He won the honor by receiving the most votes among ten finalists—chosen from more than 300 nominees. The award, which includes a prize of \$5,000, was presented to him at a reception at Wake Forest Baptist. Jason plans to donate his winnings in equal amounts to five families with members who have serious illnesses.

We'd love to share your updates with friends in a future column. ☐ **Carin Lustig-Silverman**, CDL2@cornell.edu; **Ron Johnstone**, raj6@cornell.edu; **Liam O'Mahony**, liamom@yahoo.com. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

**97** **Mary Carmen Gasco-Buisson** (Cincinnati, OH; mcg3@cornell.edu) was recently promoted to brand director at Procter & Gamble and moved back to the States after five years in Switzerland. She writes, "Working to create new brands and businesses for P&G—is this a super-fun job! I'm also going back to working on my startup, which I had to put it on hold for some time." Her Chem E professors and her friends had the greatest impact on her during her time on the Hill. Mary adds, "Had a baby girl in October—my first and only and she is great."

**Erin Murphy** Austin (Cumberland, ME; erin.murphy2000@yahoo.com) leads the network deployment and operations team at Google Fiber in the Midwest. She writes, "My son, Keagan, is in kindergarten, and my daughter, Maeve, is in preschool. We spend the winter skiing at Sugarloaf." **Keith Branche** (keithrbranche@gmail.com) says firefighting in a volunteer department, scuba diving, skiing, playing golf, and his 6-year-old,

**98** Forty is the new 30, right? That's what I keep telling myself as I contemplate making that big leap into the next decade (which is due to happen before the column I am now writing will hit your mailbox). I think that many of us would attest that our lives are busier than ever, as these updates from the Class of '98 will illustrate.

Congratulations to our classmates who have recently become parents again! **Kenneth**, ME '99, and **Audrey Chan Dai** '97 and big siblings Alex, 5, and Natalie, 3, celebrated the birth of little Oliver last August. Kenneth, who lives in Massachusetts, has enjoyed volunteering in the Cornell Alumni Admissions Ambassador Network (CAAAN). **Stephanie Love** Burton reports that "life is wonderfully full" now that she and her husband, Keith, welcomed son Ryan last November. Ryan's big sister, Kayla, is 4. Stephanie adds, "I was recently selected to the Indiana Agricultural Leadership Program. It's a two-year, cross-industry program full of learning and personal and professional leadership development. We will even spend a week in D.C. looking at farm policy and two weeks immersed in an international agriculture experience. I consider it a privilege to be a part of such a great program and am beyond excited to participate!" New addition Jacob joined the family of **Nathan Kruger** and his wife, Cindy, on February 3. Jacob is lucky to have three siblings to look out for him: Abigail, 11, Benjamin, 9, and Eli, 3.

Proud dad **Matthew West** checked in with the news that son Ryan recently won the "cutest kid" contest in the *Scarsdale Inquirer*. In February, Matthew served as a guest lecturer in the Dept. of Communication, covering tips for interviews and writing a "killer" resume. **Susan Master** writes, "I arranged a blood drive in memory of my father, Marvin Master. It was an overwhelming success, and 53 units of blood were donated. Everyone said they want it to be an annual event." Susan accomplished

this with help from members of her community and synagogue, local volunteer and ambulance corps, and an area hospital blood bank. **Amy Snyder Kaminski** shared that she earned a PhD in science and technology studies at Virginia Tech last year. For the past five years, Amy has been the senior policy advisor in the Office of the Chief Scientist at NASA headquarters in Washington, DC.

Looking for a way to share an exciting life event or to get in touch with someone you have lost track of? You can access the online news form at: <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>. Or feel free to e-mail your class correspondents; we are always looking for news, big or small, to print! ☐ **Toni Stabile** Weiss, [tls9@cornell.edu](mailto:tls9@cornell.edu); **Uthica Jinvit** Utano, [udj1@cornell.edu](mailto:udj1@cornell.edu).

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Clearly young children and budding careers are keeping the Class of '99 busy these days, as few of us had time to submit updates on our whereabouts or life changes of late. Still, there is a small group of us (including myself) who did, so let's catch up with them.

Bracewell LLP, a leading law and government relations firm serving the oil and gas, power, financial services, technology, and public finance industries, recently announced that **Seth Cohen** has been elected partner. Working out of Bracewell's New York office, Seth is a trial attorney with a variety of complex commercial litigation matters in federal and state trial and appellate courts in the areas of breach of contract, breach of fiduciary duty, fraud, RICO actions, government and regulatory investigations, product liability, insurance recovery, and litigation involving clients in the entertainment industry. Way to go, Seth! **Kevin Orloski** and his wife welcomed baby girl Sage recently. Kevin also sends a shout-out to **Steven Gold** and **Young-Bin Song**.

Tooting my own horn (gotta fill up the space somehow, right?), **Heather Hollidge** Madland was recently named a winner of the M&A Advisor's Emerging Leaders Award honored for marketing, communications, and business development. Since 2013, she has been VP, business development for Huron Capital Partners, a private equity firm based in Detroit, MI. In 2012, **Stefan Lawrence** left his career as a graphic designer in NYC for a career in theme park design in Los Angeles. He is now working as a creative director for Rethink Leisure & Entertainment, where he has the joyous pleasure of working on theme park design all over the world, including the 20th Century Fox theme park in Dubai, scheduled to open in 2018. He also heads up the company's toys and collectibles division, which taps into his lifelong love of toys (and pop culture). Sounds like a dream job (and a dream dad for his two children, Katherine Belle, 6, and Ellis Gustaf, 2). His wife, Elizabeth, is the host of the popular parenting podcast One Bad Mother, which is now in its third year. The family has a new address in Pasadena, CA.

**Kelwin Harris** recently changed jobs. He was the director of social services for St. Sabina Church in Chicago and is now the senior outreach planner at Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP). CMAP is the region's official comprehensive planning organization. The agency and its partners are developing ON TO 2050, a new comprehensive regional plan to help the seven counties and 284 communities of northeastern Illinois implement strategies that address transportation,

housing, economic development, open space, the environment, and other quality-of-life issues. See [www.cmap.illinois.gov](http://www.cmap.illinois.gov) for more information. **Blair Barton-Percival** writes, "The changes occurring in the human service arena are fast and furious due to the ACA and rising healthcare costs." He adds, "I have survived colon cancer surgery and chemo, and I am cancer free. This is great as my son just had twin girls—my granddaughters." Blair would like to hear from **Bob Risavi** '98, and he says that Prof. Josephine Allen had the greatest impact on him during his time at Cornell.

Do you have a life update, class gossip, or recent classmate interaction you'd like to share? Please contact your class correspondents at: ☐ **Heather Hollidge** Madland, [hmadland@gmail.com](mailto:hmadland@gmail.com); or **Melanie Grayce** West, [mga6@cornell.edu](mailto:mga6@cornell.edu). Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

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The only time I use my Cornell e-mail address these days is for this column. It was my first e-mail address and I had the distinction of having a "1" NetID. My Cornell e-mail reminds me of the unique relationship our generation has with technology. We're young enough to be fluent in all the permutations of electronic devices and social media platforms that permeate our lives, but old enough to remember a time when technology didn't dominate daily life.

On to some news of babies who will never know a world not dominated by technology! **Linenia Carter** Matulat, husband Rich, and daughter Anna, 3, welcomed baby Eleanor Marie in October 2015. **Sarah Zornetzer** Soto and husband Daniel also have a new addition, son Adrian Salvatore. The adorable little guy joins canine brother Watson. If you are an NPR devotee, you may have caught a recent appearance by **Bryan Pease** on "This American Life." Bryan, an attorney who founded the Animal Protection and Rescue League, was part of a segment on issues surrounding the presence of seals on a beach in San Diego. The program highlighted Bryan's role as a seal activist. For more information, go to: <http://www.thisamericanlife.org/radio-archives/episode/582/transcript>.

Writing from Paris, **Stacey Pavesi** Debré said, "During my transition year in Paris, and to satisfy a lifelong curiosity about the profession, I took an opportunity to teach English and English drama in schools all around the city. As expected, this is hard work! It is wonderfully rewarding, too. So, I will be a bit sad to leave teaching at the end of the school year to return to my primary career path. I have accepted a position with Development Institute Int'l (Dii), an events firm that is now part of the Politico Europe family. My role as director of innovation and growth will center on increasing the impact and resonance of the events we produce for our media and industry clients." Stacey and husband Guillaume have two girls, Vivienne, 6, and Margaux, 4.

Please drop me a line using whatever means of technology you prefer! ☐ **Christine Jensen Weld**, [ckj1@cornell.edu](mailto:ckj1@cornell.edu). Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

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Our 15th Reunion will already have happened by the time you're reading this column! (Now we know how "The Daily Show" writers have felt for the past year, taping episodes hours before all those election

primary results were in.) We could fake reporting on it, of course—presumably, we've had Fun in the Sun, sipped fine wines, gorged on Hot Truck, marveled at new buildings, jumped on the Suspension Bridge, and loaded up on Cornell T-shirts together—but specifics will have to wait until the next issue of this magazine. Until then:

**Claudia Leon-Encinas** has kept busy for the past 15 years working on Botanicus, her beauty and personal care brand. "We are now partners with the biggest producer of hotel amenities in Mexico, and our product is in several hotel chains," she writes. Learn more (in Spanish) at [www.botanicus.com.mx](http://www.botanicus.com.mx). She adds that she has two beautiful kids, and next plans to open a boutique hotel in Cuernavaca. Good place for a mini-reunion this winter, for those of us who couldn't make it to Ithaca this summer. (Or any of us, really!) Earlier this year, **Anastasios Kastrinakis** was elected a shareholder at Carlton Fields, where he's a tax attorney advising individuals, corporations, family offices, and investment funds out of the firm's New York and Florida offices. In addition, he represents taxpayers undertaking voluntary disclosures under the IRS Offshore Voluntary Disclosure Program and also advises non-US individuals and families on pre-immigration tax planning.

Closer to campus, **Christian Plaza** checks in from Newburgh, NY, where he serves as COO of Cross Valley Health & Medicine, a primary care practice. He has a beautiful 2-year-old daughter and is currently pursuing his MBA and nurse practitioner master's degree at Mount Saint Mary College . . . but he'd rather be on a Mediterranean cruise! (Wouldn't we all!) Except perhaps classmates like **Deniz Birinci**, who live on Mediterranean islands full time.) Christian would love to get back in touch with **Abiola Dele-Michael**. "I miss the guy," he writes. "I am not sure where he is." Ah, the challenge of our generation being just old enough to abstain from Facebook without it seeming suspicious. The most valuable thing Christian learned at Cornell? "Networking is key," he writes. (Oops, your deadline-crunched class correspondent initially transcribed that sentence as "Not working is key," then realized that couldn't possibly be something any of us learned at Cornell!) "Also thinking outside the box and taking risks."

If you have friends who don't get this magnificent magazine, remind them to subscribe through their class dues to see our Reunion notes next time. Between columns, we're also posting your photos, event invitations, and other news on Twitter (@Cornell2001) and Facebook (/Cornell2001). To see your name in bold print, e-mail updates to: ☐ **Nicole Neroulias** Gupte, [NicoleMN6@gmail.com](mailto:NicoleMN6@gmail.com); or **Lauren Wallach** Hammer, [LEW15@cornell.edu](mailto:LEW15@cornell.edu).

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**Chris Ingraham** ([cmaxon@gmail.com](mailto:cmaxon@gmail.com)) shares, "I write for the Wonkblog at the *Washington Post* on topics such as politics, drug policy, and all things data. I also give lectures and presentations on data visualization at conferences and universities (Georgetown, U. of North Dakota, etc.)." Chris and wife **Briana (Wilson)** '03 were preparing to move to Minnesota when he wrote. "We will be documenting our adventure with our 2-year-old twins for the Post."

**Pearl Ann Hendrix** and **Charles Jerdonek** ([bondpah007@gmail.com](mailto:bondpah007@gmail.com)) write, "We welcomed our third child in May 2015. His name is Everdeen James Antonio Jerdonek. Now we have three boys! Zeb is 9 and Macintyre is 6. They keep us very busy!"

They are avid soccer players and love their new little brother. We also moved in summer 2015 to Skillman, NJ." **Kelli Rosenthal** Dakake ([kdkakae@me.com](mailto:kdkakae@me.com)) started her own consulting company in May 2015. She has a full-time client, Cox Media Group, that she helps with digital program management and process improvement. Kelli has two daughters, Mackenzie, 3-1/2, and Charlotte, 1. Psychotherapist **Kate Bennett** is the VP of the Cornell Club of Northeast Ohio. She writes, "I met the man of my dreams and bought a lovely house, which we're trying to rent out for the RNC." Kate would like to hear from **Julia Ramey** Serazio.

If you haven't paid your dues yet or sent in your news, please do so today! Go to [alumni.cornell.edu/classes](http://alumni.cornell.edu/classes) to pay by credit card, or send a check (and a news form) in the return envelope provided in the class mailing. This will not only help our class and get you a subscription to this magazine, but it will help make this column great. If you pay by credit card, submit your news through the online news form: <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>. We'd love to share your updates with friends in a future column. ☐ **Carolyn Deckinger** Lang, [cmd35@cornell.edu](mailto:cmd35@cornell.edu); **Jeffrey Barker**, [jrb41@cornell.edu](mailto:jrb41@cornell.edu).

**O3** **Sandra Fluke** writes, "I opened the California state office of Voices for Progress, where we're focusing on fighting for climate change legislation, campaign finance reform, and economic equality for women." We read on grist.org that **Sudha Nandagopal** oversees Seattle's new environmental justice initiative, one of the only examples of its kind in the country. Sudha noted, "Mayor Ed Murray has championed the importance of equity and the environment, not just for Seattle but also for other cities."

**James Parker** writes, "Started a new job in March as head of learning and development, North America for BASF. I have been working at BASF for three years now, so this is a new role in the same company." **Simon Tanksley** writes, "I'm working in urgent care now and am planning to join a primary care practice soon." **Rachel Gordon** shared this good news: "We welcomed our daughter, Eryn Lola, on October 17, 2015. She is the light of our lives. Hoping to introduce her to Cornell sometime soon with a visit to campus! She is already in the Big Red spirit with an assortment of Cornell gear from Uncle **Peter '95** and Aunt **Heather Gordon Friedland** and Uncle **David Gordon '06**!" In addition, **Nicole Manning** Hart wrote, "We recently welcomed our second child, Owen Christopher, on February 29, 2016. Owen couldn't resist having an elusive leap year birthday, so he decided to join the world a few weeks early, but is happy and healthy." Congratulations to all our classmates on new adventures!

Our classmate mini-feature took a break this issue. 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](mailto:jrs55@cornell.edu). Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

**O4** To the Class of 2004: We love to hear your news—send it our way!

**Vijay Paruchuru** is an optical design engineer at Microsoft. His current work includes optical

design for Microsoft's HoloLens, the first fully untethered, holographic computer, enabling you to interact with high-definition holograms in your world. Vijay has a daughter, and his family will be growing soon. One of the best decisions he ever made, he says, was to live and assimilate as an expatriate in Germany for three years. And the best concert he attended at Cornell was Explosions In The Sky. You may reach Vijay via e-mail at: [vparuchuru@gmail.com](mailto:vparuchuru@gmail.com). He would be happy to hear from classmates.

What are you up to? E-mail me or submit your news online at: <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>. Thanks! ☐ **Jessi Petrosino** MacMeekin, [jessipetrosino@gmail.com](mailto:jessipetrosino@gmail.com).

**O5** This summer marks my five-year anniversary of moving to the Bay Area for my job with the US Government Accountability Office. At times I feel like I've lived here for more than five years, but there are still days (in August, usually) when I forget to wear enough layers. At the GAO, I evaluate programs and audit federal agencies in our natural resources and environment portfolio. If anyone is ever in Oakland, I'd love to hear from you! In other news, **Aliza Wasserman** now works with Wholesome Wave in Washington, DC, to improve access to healthy and affordable local food for low-income communities across the country.

**Michael Louis** is currently a VP at a middle-market private equity firm in Boston. He married Michelle Reid on October 11, 2015, in Atlanta, GA. **Jeremy Downs** is a financial advisor on the Lenroc Team at Morgan Stanley in Ithaca, NY. He writes, "Billie and I have three boys, Dakota, 6, Dyson, 4, and Declan, 2. All are playing hockey." The best concert he ever attended at Cornell? "Snoopy Dog on Slope Day, of course." To **David LeNeveu**, **Mike Knoepfli**, **Mike Iggiulden**, **Paul Varteresian**, **Charlie Cook**, **Jan Pajerski**, **Mike Stachurski '07**: Jeremy would like to hear from you! **Chris Mitchell** shared some exciting news: "I was selected to participate in the PwC Perfect Pitch Challenge in April, and I won it. It is a case competition for graduate business students. We have to submit applications via online video, and then PricewaterhouseCoopers picks 35 of us to compete." Congrats, Chris!

**Felicia Williams**, BFA '05, is now a London resident and the principal creative director for a new studio with Microsoft. She writes, "For the past four years I have been a core member of the Microsoft HoloLens team, designing the first holographic computing device that just launched a few days ago. I will be continuing my work with the HoloLens in this new role, working with partners to provide holographic solutions to their needs through the platform." **Anne Schwieger** was recently hired to work for the City of Boston Dept. of Innovation and Technology as broadband and digital equity advocate, a brand new position for the city. Folks in the Boston area may have read the *Boston Herald* story about Anne's new position, titled "Boston hires advocate to boost Web for all." Congrats to you both—keep us posted!

Finally, our class officers are excited to engage with our fellow classmates. By doing so, we hope to promote fun events around the country and share information about what's going on back at Cornell. Whether you are going back to school, recently married, raising kids, or settling into your career, we encourage you to keep in touch through the following channels:

"like" our Facebook page (tell your friends, too!), <https://www.facebook.com/Cornell2005>; bookmark our newly redesigned class website, which includes the latest Class of 2005 newsletter; update your address and contact info so we can send you important news; submit news and stories for this column; and e-mail us with feedback!

As usual, we'd love to hear from you! Please continue to send updates to your class correspondents: ☐ **Michelle Wong**, [mrw29@cornell.edu](mailto:mrw29@cornell.edu); **Johnny Chen**, [jc362@cornell.edu](mailto:jc362@cornell.edu); **Hilary Johnson** King, [haj4@cornell.edu](mailto:haj4@cornell.edu). Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

**O6** Hi, 2006 classmates! Did you have a blast at Reunion or what?! For those of us who attended our 10th Reunion, we hope it was everything you could wish for and more! For those of us who could not make it, you were with us in thought. Tune in to the next issue for a full recap.

**Brian Warshay** has had a lot of great change this past year. In November 2015 he got married. He also recently moved to San Francisco as part of a new job on SolarCity's grid engineering solutions team. In his new role, he helps develop strategies and products for their suite of solar and other distributed energy technologies. He thought the best concert he ever attended at Cornell was Nas. **Elyssa Koeppl** Goldberg and her husband, Lee, are ecstatic to announce the birth of twins, Tyler Sean and Charlotte Lily, on March 14, 2016, at 2:44 p.m. and 2:45 p.m., respectively. Congratulations! **Chris and Ashley Higgins Dieck** are also excited to announce the birth of their daughter, Hannah, in early February. Ashley says, "Watch out, Cornell Class of 2037!"

**Shannon Davis** and her husband run a brand new luxury safari lodge in the Masai Mara in Kenya. They left their jobs at the end of 2014 to pursue a new adventure and started with the business before the lodge opened. They are currently living on site, running the business, and settling into their new lives in Kenya. Shannon says, "It's a fantastic culture—wonderful people and amazing wildlife. We've had a few friends and family come visit, and it's so fun to share this experience with them. Many of them have never been to Africa before, so we love hosting them!" The lodge is called Angama Mara ([www.angama.com](http://www.angama.com)). "Come for your next vacation!" Shannon says the best decision she ever made was marrying her spouse, Tyler. They started dating on the rowing team and married nine years later. Their move together and decision to work together has been the biggest challenge in their relationship yet, but they find they are growing stronger from it every day. Shannon loves being able to keep in touch with several classmates that she rowed with and lived with in the warehouse, and would love to hear from others in her Nutrition, Food Science, and Agriculture cohort.

**Lindsay Wilczynski** was recently elected president of the New York Choral Society, where she continues to serve on the board of trustees, overseeing the board of managers. Lindsay will next perform Handel's *Israel in Egypt* with NYChoral on May 10 at Carnegie Hall. Since graduation, Lindsay has traveled to all seven continents. She is also director of strategic planning at the hedge fund she joined after graduation, Spark Investment Management, and is actively looking for another member of her team!

Don't forget to stay tuned for updates from our 10th Reunion in our next issue! ☐ **Nicole DeGrace**, ngd4@cornell.edu; **Tory Lauterbach**, VML8@cornell.edu; **Katie DiCicco**, kad46@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

**07** Classmate **Beth Rubin** (blr2185@gmail.com) writes that she's currently working as a bilingual administrative assistant for an apparel distributor. She says that one of the best decisions she ever made was studying abroad during her time at Cornell, and she was planning to attend the 50th anniversary reunion for the Study Abroad program she did. Beth would like to hear from fellow fencing alumni.

**Jonathan Moody**, BArch '07, shares that he was recently promoted to president of Moody Nolan, which is, he writes, "the nation's largest African American-owned architectural firm." He and his wife have also recently welcomed their second child. Jonathan says that his best decision was getting out of his comfort zone and exploring the world, both coast to coast and abroad. He would love to hear from former Ujamaa dorm-mates. **Arthur Chang** (arthur.chang@flatbook.co) writes that he recently joined Flatbook—a Canadian start-up. He and his wife, **Grace (Lee) '08**, are close to licensing their invention, Soarigami, a product that will "end the struggle for the middle seat armrest." **Nina Terrero** was recently promoted to senior correspondent at *Entertainment Weekly*, where she covers film, TV, and pop culture at-large for both *EW*'s print magazine and website, in addition to hosting original videos and appearing on broadcast programs ("Today," "GMA," "The Wendy Williams Show") on behalf of the brand.

**Jennifer D'Amato**-Anderson writes, "I am participating in the Live with a Purpose fundraiser for the Obakki Foundation, which drills and monitors wells in Africa. Since 2009, it has provided over 810 wells and brought water to more than one million people. The wells reduce conflict over food and water, and communities are able to settle in one place. I got involved with the foundation because I have always had an interest in Africa, specifically the wildlife, but have come to realize that you cannot just focus on wildlife when people are lacking basic necessities. I think it is brilliant that 100 percent of donations go to humanitarian efforts in South Sudan and Cameroon. In my campaign, Magnets for Change, I get to make magnets, which I enjoy and sell to benefit others. This is important to me because I feel very blessed by all that I have and the wonderful people I have in my life, and I feel that the least I can do is pay that forward." For more information, go to, <https://obakkifoundation.org/donations/magnets-for-change/>.

Lastly, classmate **Matthew Krueger**, a teen services librarian at Irondequoit (NY) Public Library, shares that he is a member of the 2017 Newbery Committee, elected to select the winner of the John Newbery Award for the most distinguished contribution to American Literature for Children. Send news to: ☐ **Nina Terrero**, nt58@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

**08** Happy summer! Can you believe that 2016 is already halfway over? Hopefully everyone has been making the most of the year so far!

We have updates from just a few of our classmates this time, all of which are on the work front. It seems like many of you have been up to very exciting professional endeavors! **Reuven Shapiro** (rks32@cornell.edu) was a CAPS (China Asia Pacific Studies) major, who is currently the CFO and co-founder of a collegiate and Greek-life-focused jewelry company based in Brooklyn, NY, called Nava New York ([www.navany.com](http://www.navany.com)). He is also the COO of a quantitative asset management firm called Spectem Technologies. Reuven tells us that he is always looking to reconnect with fellow classmates, so please feel free to reach out to him.

**Nick Sulham**, who was a Cornell grad x2 (ME '08, MBA '10) is the founder of a startup in Cambridge, MA, called LiftUp. For over a year, he's been pouring his heart and soul into building the company, and recently revealed his awesome product on Kickstarter. It's an exercise device that combines the convenience of resistance bands with the technology of a wearable. You can get updates on the product, coming soon on [www.getliftup.com](http://www.getliftup.com), so be sure to check out the site. And last but certainly not least, **Joshua Nason** is working as a senior policy analyst at AIPAC (the American Israel Public Affairs Committee) in Washington, DC, and enjoying his job very much.

We hope everyone is having a lovely summer. Please send us updates, of either major life changes and whatever is going on day-to-day—we'd love to hear it! Have you been spending a lot of time at the gym? Training for a Tough Mudder? Globe-trotting? Making a job change? Heading back to school? How are you celebrating your 30th birthday? We'd love to hear from you and give you your 15 minutes of Cornell fame! ☐ **Libby Boymel**, lkb24@cornell.edu; **Elana Beale**, erb26@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

**09** Hope this finds you all well, and that another season is off to an excellent start. Congratulations to **Matthew Cortese** for his new position as internal medical resident physician at the U. of Cincinnati Medical Center. Matthew fondly remembers his time on the Hill, particularly attending Cornell concerts like Third Eye Blind, as his work in security had him up close and personal with the band. Congratulations, Matthew, and we wish you all the best in Cincinnati.

Classmate **Melanie Gowen** recently moved 30 miles off the East Coast to Nantucket. After receiving her real estate license she started her own firm offering interior design and "placemaking" services. Melanie describes her work as finding unique spaces to fit individual needs and style. Congratulations, Melanie. Another classmate will likely find herself at sea soon, but not until she has another degree under her belt. **Meli Mathis** was recently selected by the Navy to earn a DNP and become a nurse anesthetist at the Uniformed Services U. of the Health Sciences in Bethesda, MD. Best of luck to you in this new chapter in Bethesda.

Among the last to finally leave Ithaca (I know some of you thought that might never happen), I am now writing you from New York City, where I have taken a postdoctoral position at the New York U. School of Medicine. While I miss Ithaca fondly, I am delighted to be in NYC and look forward to keeping you all apprised of our class goings-on from my apartment in the West Village. As always, please do not hesitate to e-mail me directly with your news, post to our Class of 2009

Facebook page, or reply to the news solicitations. Speak to you soon! ☐ **Rebecca Robbins**, robbins.reb@gmail.com. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

**10** What's better than a Cornell degree? Two Cornell degrees! **Erica Coren** (ILR) has returned to the Hill to earn her MBA from our venerable institution.

Other classmates have also embarked on a pursuit of graduate degrees. If you're in London, be sure to join **Kara Brass** (HumEc) for a spot of tea—she will be attending the London Business School. **Caitlin Strandberg** (A&S) completed her MBA at Harvard Business School. **Samantha Stout** (ENG) completed her PhD in materials science and engineering at UC San Diego and now lives in Florence, Italy, with her husband. After earning a dual degree in engineering and management from the MIT Sloan School of Management's Leaders for Global Operations program in 2015, **Erik Chappenter** (ENG) now resides in Seattle, WA.

**Erica Brophy** (CALS) is new to the West Coast in Santa Barbara, CA, where she co-founded the wellness subscription box company Wellness Tribe. A number of classmates have relocated, like **Jeff Bowser** (ENG), who returned to the East Coast from San Diego, moving to NYC, and now works for Tishman Construction. **Jess Heimler** (A&S) stayed with the same law firm she was working for in New York, but is now practicing in San Francisco. Since completing her master's in cognitive studies in education at Columbia U., **Lauren Barbato** (A&S) has returned to San Francisco, where she continues to work at Google. After graduating Georgetown Business School, **Emily Farina** (HumEc) is now a New York City resident, working at American Express.

Several of our classmates have continued to follow pursuits in medicine. This spring, **Trevor Halle** (A&S) matched for residency and is one of 14 new emergency medicine interns at Strong Memorial Hospital in Rochester, NY. **Kate Belser** (A&S), who completed her medical degree at Penn State College of Medicine alongside Trevor, will be doing her residency in pediatrics at the U. of Pittsburgh Medical Center. **Sarah Wilson** (HumEc) completed her studies at U. of Texas, Austin and will be working at University Medical Center in Lubbock, TX, in July. After completing a post-baccalaureate program at Stony Brook U., **Margaret Kasschau** (CALS) is doing multiple sclerosis research at NYU Langone. She recently published an article in the medical journal *Neuromodulation* about a new therapy for multiple sclerosis. **Alina O'Brien** (A&S), who is Columbia Dental School Class of 2017, was recently elected as one of three student trustees to the National Dental Student Board of the Hispanic Dental Assn.

Classmates in the restaurant industry continue their takeover of New York City. **Alex Faber** (Hotel) is the beverage director for Union Fare, a new 22,000-sq.-ft. eatery in Union Square. Alex is writing the entire beverage program for the new venue, which features four bars. In the March/April column, we told you about **Jordan Andino** (Hotel), who launched his first restaurant, 2nd City, in New York's West Village. He has since hired a young Cornell "apprentice," **Joshua Sweet** '14 (Hotel), as general manager, and Jordan is working on a new restaurant in Manhattan's Meatpacking District as well.

Congratulations to classmates **Tim Sommers** (A&S) and **Jeremy Dussolliet**, BS ILR '08, songwriters at Warner/Chappell Music. One of the songs they are credited on, "Dollhouse" by Melanie Martinez, was certified gold by the RIAA. And congrats

to former women's track and field captain **Kate Murdoch** (CALS), who recently wrote and starred in a film called *The Last Treasure Hunt*. The film was named *AMFM* magazine's "Indie Pick of the Week" last April, and, when Kate wrote, the film was at #25 on the iTunes top indie film chart. For more info go to: [www.thelasttreasurehuntmovie.com](http://www.thelasttreasurehuntmovie.com). Please send your news to: **Jeff Katz**, [jak232@cornell.edu](mailto:jak232@cornell.edu); **Amar Kelkar**, [ahk24@cornell.edu](mailto:ahk24@cornell.edu); **Rammy Salem**, [rms84@cornell.edu](mailto:rms84@cornell.edu). Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

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**11** **Bert Barnes** writes, "Last fall, I began pursuing my master's in environmental studies at UPenn. My primary interests are corporate sustainability strategy and sustainability in the healthcare space."

**Parish Felder** (Charleston, SC; [epfelder@gmail.com](mailto:epfelder@gmail.com)) just welcomed her first child, "a beautiful baby boy named Peter Calvin. He was born March 10, 2016 and is doing wonderfully!" **Erik Munck** writes, "I have the great opportunity to return to Cornell to give an industry trends and career discussion for Facility Planning and Management majors in DEA, Human Ecology. I'm excited to go back to campus from Chicago to connect with the faculty and students about emerging trends in real estate, workplace strategy, and design. While this will not be my first time back since graduation, it will be the first time I return in an academic/professional capacity."

**Xiang "Sean" Zhai** received his master's degree from Stanford and recently published a paper in the *Journal of Contemporary China*, America's number one journal in Asian and Chinese studies. His paper discussed Okinawa and the Diaoyu Island problems from a US-China-Japan triangular perspective. "I'm grateful for the foundation in history and politics Cornell laid for me," he says. "Many of the arguments I make in the paper stem from my undergraduate studies, and I also cite Cornell faculty. I am proud to say that this paper would not have been possible without Cornell. You can access the article here: <http://www.tandfonline.com/eprint/3i92b4XIVtTz7uj5M6Hv/full#.VcJEo-9RHIV>." Send news to: **Kathryn Ling**, [KEL56@cornell.edu](mailto:KEL56@cornell.edu); or **Lauren Rosenblum**, [LCR46@cornell.edu](mailto:LCR46@cornell.edu). Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

**12** Nearly four years post-graduation, **Hallie Mitnick** has made the move back to the Hill from New York City. She recently relocated to Ithaca to take a job at Prisoners' Legal Services of New York. Meanwhile, **Jared Hartzman** is working near a different hill, as a patent attorney with Fish & Richardson PC in Washington, DC.

Keep your classmates up to date on your life post-Cornell by sending any information you would like to share to: **Peggy Ramín**, [mar335@cornell.edu](mailto:mar335@cornell.edu); or **Emily Cusick**, [egc43@cornell.edu](mailto:egc43@cornell.edu). Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

**13** Things are busy for me since I've kicked into full gear preparing for first-year, second-semester law school finals, so this will be short and sweet! This column has a special focus on some classmates who have recently assumed new positions in their chosen professions and who want to share some reflective thoughts about Cornell in their time of transition.

In March, the Yale polo team named **Branden Van Loon** as its new team coach and manager.

warm winter weather and its effects on crop harvests (<http://www.nytimes.com/2016/01/07/science/study-measures-damage-from-weather-disasters-on-cereal-crops.html>). Please share with the class any news you have to report. We want to hear from you! Send news to: **Rachael Schuman**, [RASchuman@gmail.com](mailto:RASchuman@gmail.com); and **Dan Kuhr**, [dk453@cornell.edu](mailto:dk453@cornell.edu). Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

**14** I am so happy to be writing you from Washington, DC. I recently moved back here, and it is nice to be on the East Coast again! **Sam Lapehn** and I are so excited for summer: nice weather, travel, relaxation time. Hopefully we get to see some of our classmates in other cities this season as our class has been busy in the last few months. We are starting to move around and change jobs a lot more than in our first year after graduation. Hopefully we can help you stay in the loop about where everyone is and what they are doing.

**Kelsey Fugere** is a licensed veterinary technician and is currently working at Palm Beach Equine Clinic in Wellington, FL. She is a hospital nurse and assists the veterinarians in procedures and surgeries. She is in the process of applying to vet school, and her brother, Class of 2015, is in medical school at USC. **Christian Shaw**, an Ithaca native, is running a local nonprofit called Plastic Tides. His organization combines adventure and science to fight plastic pollution through creative whole system solutions. Plastic Tides has been doing work in Bermuda for two years and is hosting an inaugural event there on Memorial Day weekend called the Devil's Isle Challenge. The two-day stand-up paddle (SUP) race event will support a free paddling program for local youth. You can learn more about Christian's efforts at: [www.plastictides.org](http://www.plastictides.org).

**Rob Long** is serving as a Peace Corps volunteer, working and living with a farming community in rural Caazapá, Paraguay. He is encouraging the use of abones verdes (green manure) and proper beekeeping with Africanized bees, along with other projects. To escape the heat he drinks tereré with the locals. He attempts to follow and contribute to their conversations in the native Guarani language, and he is hopeful that he will become proficient in the language during his roughly 27-month stint, which he began last September. **Rebecca Rainer** has been serving as a community health volunteer in Peace Corps Ecuador for the past year. She has been living and working with indigenous communities in the Sierra region.

Hotline **Olivia Harris** '13, BS Hotel '14, has been very busy recently. As a store manager, she and her team have been responsible for leading Shake Shack's expansion into Phoenix, AZ. With the first two Shack openings already under her belt, she is more than ready for the third one in this rapidly growing market. When not working on these exciting endeavors, Olivia enjoys soaking up the Phoenix sun and hiking with her chocolate Lab, Huckleberry. **Abby Maldonado** is Pinterest's diversity programs specialist, leading Pinterest's efforts to diversify its workforce through external outreach and by implementing data-driven internal programs. Prior to this role, Abby managed Pinterest's intern program as a member of the university recruiting team and traveled to campuses to recruit the next generation of Pinterest employees. Most recently, Abby was featured on a diversity panel at SXSW.

## ALUMNI DEATHS

**Ellery Smith** has recently moved to San Francisco, chasing a new job with the Boston Consulting Group, where he is helping client companies improve and make strategic decisions. While he is enjoying the beautiful weather that a San Francisco spring has to offer and adjusting to the West Coast pace of life, he is missing his Boston Cornellian friends, the North End, and Cambridge rent prices. Feel free to reach out to Ellery about anything Boston Bruins or consulting related!

Have a great summer! Don't forget to please reach out to us and share any news you may have. We would love to hear about it! ☐ **Tejal Thakkar**, tdt42@cornell.edu; **Sam Lapehn**, srl76@cornell.edu.

**15** Greetings, Class of 2015! Hopefully, those of you in temperate climates are finally starting to enjoy some summer sunshine. If you were ever lucky enough to spend a summer in Ithaca, this is around the time when the number of people gorge-jumping, hiking, and sunbathing on the Quad was at its peak. While summer doesn't necessarily mean a two-month vacation anymore, our classmates have still had time to explore some exciting opportunities.

**Sarah Cohen** is currently pursuing a PhD in biology at Caltech, and was recently awarded an NSF Graduate Research Fellowship, which will help support her continuing education and research projects. **Danielle Bubniak** has spent the year shadowing cognitive and clinical psychology specialists. She plans to move to Syracuse to work with the Upstate Golisano Children's Hospital and eventually pursue a PhD at Syracuse U. **Sydney Reade** has relocated to Washington, DC, where she is now a JD candidate at the Georgetown U. Law Center. This summer she will return to New York as a judicial intern with the Nassau County Supreme Court.

**Renee Botelho** is finishing up her master's in health administration in Cornell's Sloan program and will be moving to Cleveland, OH, this summer to serve as an administrative fellow for the Cleveland Clinic. **Kevin Milian**, a former Communication major and Archeology minor, is celebrating his graduation from the Columbia School of Journalism and entering the NYC media job market. **Alexa Ravit** left the East Coast for sunny Tucson, AZ, where she is now a graduate student in the U. of Arizona's Race Track Industry Program, the only program of its kind in the country. This summer she will return to New York to intern at Belmont Park, home of the Belmont Stakes.

First year medical student **Reid Mergler** is spending her summer in India as part of the Himalayan Health Exchange Program. She'll be visiting various clinics in the Himalayas to learn about traditional medicine. However you're spending your summer, we hope that you have time to relax and catch up with old friends. Reconnect with your classmates by checking out the alumni events in your area at: <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/search.cfm>. If you have any ideas for regional events for the class Alumni Council to organize, please let us know!

Have some big news? Want to share it with the Class of 2015? Please send us your updates and we will include them in an upcoming column! ☐ **Ariel Cooper**, alc258@cornell.edu; **Haley Velasco**, hav9@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

### 1930s

'37 BCE—**Everett A. Palmer Jr.**, Pasadena, CA, November 12, 2015

'38 BA—**Marion L. Howe**, Ithaca, NY, February 21, 2016

'39 BA—**Thomas M. Recknagel**, Chevy Chase, MD, November 15, 2015

### 1940s

'40 BEE—**Robert J. Bauer**, Redding, CT, February 7, 2016

'40 BA—**William Craig**, Berkeley, CA, January 13, 2016

'40 BEE—**James G. McKearin**, Delray Beach, FL, March 4, 2016

'40—**Carla Hackett Quijano**, Camden, ME, December 8, 2015

'41 BA—**Harold N. Graham**, New York City, December 31, 2015

'41 BME—**John H. Robinson**, Cary, NC, March 9, 2016

'41 BA, B Chem E '42—**John Weikart**, Hockessin, DE, March 6, 2016

'42 BS HE—**Leslie Clinton Veeder**, Oviedo, FL, December 8, 2015

'42 DVM—**Leslie A. Wager**, Ogdensburg, NY, March 8, 2016

'43 BS Hotel—**Richard C. Bonser**, Scarborough, ME, November 18, 2015

'43 B Chem E—**James M. Davison**, South Charleston, WV, December 30, 2015

'43—**Ralph P. Hubbell**, Chazy, NY, December 18, 2015

'43 BS HE—**Patricia Rider Huber**, Cromwell, CT, December 13, 2015

'43 BME—**Richard M. Junge**, Charlotte, VT, January 1, 2016

'43 BA, LLB '44—**Alvin D. Lurie**, New York City, November 17, 2015

'43 BS Ag—**Lillian Kornblum Sachs**, Los Angeles, CA, December 20, 2015

'43 BA—**Virginia Farley Wetherill**, Exton, PA, December 18, 2015

'44, BA '47, MD '52—**Gerald S. Barad**, Delaware Township, NJ, January 16, 2016

'44, BA '47—**David J. Radding**, Delray Beach, FL, December 2, 2015

'44 BEE—**Arthur E. Smith**, Swampscott, MA, December 31, 2015

'44—**Mitchell R. Zavon**, Cincinnati, OH, March 15, 2016

'45-46 GR—**Earlene Day Benson**, Groton, NY, January 2, 2016

'45 BS Ag—**Lorraine Hile Copeland**, Beaufort, NC, March 14, 2016

'45, BS HE '44—**Betty Warner McMurtrie**, Elizabethtown, PA, December 17, 2015

'45, BME '48—**Robert I. Rubenstein**, Long Branch, NJ, February 27, 2016

'46 BS HE—**Mary Geiling**, Grashof, Spring Hill, FL, January 17, 2016

'46 BA—**Herbert J. Hawley**, Perry Center, NY, February 23, 2016

'46, BS HE '47—**Joan Auchter Kraft**, Bethlehem, PA, December 23, 2015

'46 BME—**Paul Page**, New Lenox, IL, December 9, 2015

'46, BA '47—**Mary Oatman Spencer**, Ann Arbor, MI, February 7, 2016

'47, BS ORIE '48—**William H. Busch**, Hinsdale, IL, December 7, 2015

'47 BCE, MS '48—**Alexander B. Horvath**, Bethesda, MD, February 22, 2016

'47 BA—**C. Stuart La Dow**, Allison Park, PA, December 14, 2015

'47 PhD—**Glenn H. Miller**, Albuquerque, NM, December 30, 2015

'47, BS HE '46—**Jeanne Powell O'Donnell**, Lafayette, CO, March 9, 2016

'47 BS Ag, PhD '51—**Brina Kessel Roof**, Fairbanks, AK, March 1, 2016

'48 BME—**Ramon Alan**, Westborough, MA, January 2, 2015

'48 BS Hotel—**David M. Frees**, San Clemente, CA, July 2, 2015

'48—**Marian Tellier Gilbert**, Victor, NY, December 20, 2015

'48-49 GR—**Aileen Margolis Kassen**, Boulder, CO, February 23, 2016

'48 BA—**James P. Morris**, North Port, FL, March 12, 2016

'48 BS Nurs—**Elizabeth Koliopoulos Quinlan**, Washington, DC, August 1, 2015

'48 BS Nurs—**Ann Detwiler Ritz**, Anchorage, AK, October 7, 2015

'48 BA—**Patricia Chasteney Sawin**, West Chester, PA, February 16, 2016

'48 MA, PhD '50—**George Seifert**, Ames, IA, December 17, 2015

'48 BS Hotel—**Frances Hilton Thomas**, Middletown, OH, October 15, 2015

'48 BA—**Richard D. Turteltaub**, Toms River, NJ, January 22, 2016

'48 BA—**Betty Buchsbaum Weinstein**, Indiana, PA, February 22, 2016

'49 BA, PhD '52—**Donald P. Gowing**, Seattle, WA, February 26, 2016

'49 BS Ag—**Elizabeth Thorne Kupka**, Los Angeles, CA, January 2, 2016

'49—**David G. S. McNair Jr.**, La Jolla, CA, December 26, 2015

'49 BA—**Harvey M. Rosen**, Boca Raton, FL, March 1, 2016

- '49 BA, MA '50—**Edgar Rosenberg**, Ithaca, NY, December 19, 2015  
 '49, BA '48—**Donald H. Singer**, Wilmette, IL, February 14, 2016  
 '49 BS Ag—**Robert C. Smith**, Columbia City, IN, March 4, 2016

## 1950s

- '50 BS Ag, MEd '60—**Walter J. Clark**, Cobleskill, NY, July 24, 2015  
 '50 BA—**Frank R. Clifford**, Media, PA, March 9, 2016  
 '50 BA—**Elisabeth Mays Cook**, Valdosta, GA, December 22, 2015  
 '50 BA—**Andrew Dekker**, Allison Park, PA, March 6, 2016  
 '50 BS Ag—**Robert G. Dygert**, Clarks Summit, PA, February 3, 2016  
 '50 BS Ag, MS Ag '55—**Edwin A. Kinne**, Ross Township, PA, March 11, 2016  
 '50 BA, MA '51—**Sylvia Suchoff Marantz**, Columbus, OH, Jan. 7, 2016  
 '50 LLB—**John H. Napier**, Orchard Park, NY, March 2, 2016  
 '50, BME '51—**David L. Purdy**, Philadelphia, PA, December 12, 2015  
 '50 BA, JD '52—**Donald E. Snyder**, Pittsford, NY, March 5, 2016  
 '50 BCE—**James A. Spitz**, Pittsford, NY, November 15, 2015  
 '50 BS ILR—**Robert S. Stedge**, Kingston, NY, December 7, 2015  
  
 '51 BS ILR—**Nicholas M. Albertson**, Redding, CT, December 26, 2015  
 '51—**Jean Field Banfi**, Milan, Italy, October 29, 2015  
 '51, BCE '53—**Stafford B. Beach**, Lantana, FL, February 29, 2016  
 '51 BS Hotel—**Charles H. Carpenter Jr.**, Huddleston, VA, April 5, 2015  
 '51—**Drew N. Friedman**, Westport, CT, February 27, 2016  
 '51, BME '52—**Kenneth L. Jansen**, Chester, CT, February 14, 2016  
 '51 PhD—**Jessie L. Lancaster Jr.**, Fayetteville, AR, March 12, 2016  
 '51 BA—**John F. McDermott Jr.**, Honolulu, HI, December 6, 2015  
 '51 BS HE—**Margaret Martin McPherson**, Fredonia, NY, January 9, 2016  
 '51 PhD—**Paul R. Noland**, Fayetteville, AR, December 31, 2015  
 '51 BS HE—**Marybeth Weaver Ostrom**, Ithaca, NY, December 18, 2015  
 '51 PhD—**Stephen Prager**, Saint Paul, MN, January 2, 2016  
 '51 B Chem E—**James K. Preston**, North Canton, OH, January 10, 2016  
 '51 BS Hotel—**Robert F. Vance**, Hendersonville, NC, November 25, 2015  
  
 '52 BA—**Sheldon Appel**, Boston, MA, February 15, 2016  
 '52—**Barbara Crook Ehrenfels**, Cheshire, CT, December 12, 2015  
 '52 BA—**Robert L. Ellison**, Mount Pleasant, SC, November 18, 2015  
 '52 BA—**Nora Walden Engel**, Brookline, MA, March 10, 2016  
 '52 BS ILR—**Robert N. Erickson**, West Chester, PA, February 13, 2016  
 '52 BS Ag—**Kenneth J. Fischler**, Morehead City, NC, December 22, 2015  
 '52, BA '53—**Gilbert L. Johnston**, Kennett Square, PA, March 7, 2016  
 '52 PhD—**Elmer M. Knowles**, Provo, UT, December 4, 2015  
 '52—**Charles A. Ruhe**, Essex, CT, March 8, 2016  
 '52 MFA—**Jack L. Squier**, Palm Beach Gardens, FL, December 31, 2015  
  
 '53—**Alice Daltry Fisher**, West Hartford, CT, February 15, 2016  
 '53 BS Nurs—**Carol High Kinzer**, Annapolis, MD, December 8, 2015  
 '53 LLB—**Lyman A. Manser Jr.**, Paradise Valley, AZ, November 21, 2015  
 '53 BA—**Donald F. Mayer**, McLean, VA, September 16, 2015  
 '53 BS Hotel—**William E. Muser II**, Danvers, MA, February 10, 2016  
  
 '54 BS Ag—**Elizabeth Alden Bowers**, Richmond, VA, December 15, 2015  
 '54 BA—**F. Benjamin Carr Jr.**, Hancock, ME, February 21, 2015  
 '54 JD—**R. Clinton Emery**, Victor, NY, March 13, 2016  
 '54 PhD—**Joseph B. Farrell**, Cincinnati, OH, December 19, 2015  
 '54—**Lewis R. Gaty II**, Lexington, VA, August 17, 2015  
 '54 MPA—**Arthur S. Gold**, Delmar, NY, December 27, 2015  
 '54 MRP—**Arthur E. Holmes**, The Woodlands, TX, December 10, 2015  
 '54 MS—**Lyle F. Peterson Jr.**, South Burlington, VT, December 24, 2015  
 '54 BA, MD '58—**S. Frederick Slafsky**, Providence, RI, January 8, 2016  
 '54 BA—**George B. Stewart**, Kennebunk, ME, March 6, 2016  
 '54 BA—**Charles A. Wood**, Baton Rouge, LA, March 12, 2016  
 '54-55 GR—**Maurice J. Zardus**, Jackson, WY, January 21, 2016  
  
 '55 BS Nurs—**Steffi Goldsmith Bloch**, Buffalo, NY, November 16, 2015  
 '55 BA, MBA '58—**William H. Dudley**, Scotia, NY, January 1, 2016  
 '55—**Nancy Seymour Hall**, Alice Springs, NT, Australia, February 5, 2016  
 '55, BME '57—**Bion W. McClellan**, Rochester, NY, July 18, 2015  
 '55 BS Nurs—**Jane Rusk Quimby**, Marlboro, NY, October 15, 2015  
  
 '56-57 GR—**Martha Ladd Allee**, Ithaca, NY, January 11, 2016  
 '56 BS Hotel—**Ann Curley Brown**, Marietta, GA, January 12, 2016  
 '56 BS Ag, MS Ag '57—**Charles W. Dane**, Annandale, VA, Jan. 25, 2016  
 '56 BS Ag—**John F. DeKorte**, Franklin Lakes, NJ, January 1, 2016

- '56 BA—**Robert H. Gorrie**, Columbia, MD, December 28, 2015  
 '56 BA—**William K. Grove**, York, PA, December 25, 2015  
 '56 MD—**Arthur M. Levy**, Middlebury, VT, January 7, 2016  
 '56 BA—**Ellen Deck Nesheim**, Washington, DC, February 8, 2016  
 '56 BS Ag, MS Ag '59—**Vivian Goodrich Schmidt**, Bartlesville, OK, January 17, 2016  
 '56 BS Nurs—**Gwen Roehner Zeller**, Santa Rosa, CA, March 8, 2016  
  
 '57, B Chem E '59—**Barry F. Croasdale**, Hilton Head, SC, Feb. 6, 2016  
 '57 BS Ag—**Thomas H. Fazzetta**, Urbana, IL, December 31, 2015  
 '57 BS Ag, MEd '64—**Jean L. Harshaw**, Baldwinsville, NY, March 12, 2016  
 '57 PhD—**Jess N. Parmer**, Liberty Township, OH, January 26, 2016  
 '57 BS ILR—**John H. Perkins**, Tannersville, PA, January 8, 2016  
 '57 BS Hotel—**Paul E. Staats Jr.**, St. Croix, VI, December 13, 2015  
 '57 BS ILR—**James B. Wright**, Branford, CT, December 30, 2015

- '58 BA—**Marvin H. Backer**, Bozeman, MT, January 10, 2016  
 '58 BS Ag—**Frederick L. Brueck**, Schoharie, NY, March 5, 2016  
 '58 BS Ag—**Seymour Diamond**, Interlaken, NY, December 23, 2015  
 '58 BS Ag—**Albert G. Ives**, Guilford, NY, February 5, 2016  
 '58 BS Hotel—**Mary Rushworth Martin**, Grand Junction, CO, Sept. 22, 2015  
 '58—**James P. Nolan**, Georgetown, TX, December 5, 2015  
 '58 DVM—**Myron G. Schultz**, Atlanta, GA, February 19, 2016  
 '58—**Denis H. Tyler**, Brick, NJ, February 25, 2016  
  
 '59—**Harry H. Aylor**, Southport, NC, December 17, 2015  
 '59 BA—**Vincent R. Gatto**, Aiken, SC, December 30, 2015  
 '59 BA—**Todd M. Jenkins**, Palm Springs, CA, February 21, 2016  
 '59, BA '60, JD '62—**Robert L. Markovits**, Stockbridge, MA, Dec. 20, 2015

## 1960s

- '60 BS HE—**Mary Ludlum Thompson**, Vestal, NY, February 1, 2016

- '61 PhD—**Charles W. Beadle**, Davis, CA, March 7, 2016  
 '61 BA—**Edmund J. Fantino**, Del Mar, CA, September 22, 2015  
 '61 BA—**Janet H. Johnson**, Annapolis, MD, February 10, 2016  
 '61 BS Ag—**Carol Levine Kestler**, Tucson, AZ, July 17, 2015  
  
 '62 MS HE—**Margaret Schell**, Birmingham, Albuquerque, NM, Dec. 9, 2015  
 '62, BEE '63, PhD '68—**Howard A. Bodner**, Lincroft, NJ, Jan. 26, 2016  
 '62 MED, PhD '69—**Donald F. Burrill**, Tilton, NH, January 10, 2016  
 '62 MBA—**James G. Haidas**, Osterville, MA, December 18, 2015  
 '62 BA—**Rita C. MacDonald**, Ithaca, NY, December 23, 2015  
 '62 JD—**John D. Meader**, Ballston Lake, NY, February 18, 2016  
 '62 BS Ag—**C. Robert Militello**, Forestville, NY, March 12, 2016  
 '62—**William P. Reimer Jr.**, Livingston, NJ, February 29, 2016  
 '62, BCE '63—**William J. Spitler**, Maitland, FL, August 28, 2015  
 '62 BA—**Charles E. Umphanowar**, Northfield, MN, January 5, 2016  
 '62 MD—**F. Darwin Zahn**, Scottsdale, AZ, December 25, 2015  
 '62 PhD—**Donald H. Zenger**, Claremont, CA, January 9, 2016

- '63 BA—**Steven Ames**, New York City, March 12, 2016  
 '63 BA—**Neil J. Kellman**, Berkeley, CA, December 3, 2015

- '64, BA '65, MA '66—**Jon K. Barlow**, Portland, CT, December 15, 2015  
 '64 BA—**Edward M. Chait**, Chapel Hill, NC, February 24, 2016  
 '64, BEE '65, MBA '66—**Lawrence S. Jenkins**, Overland Park, KS, December 6, 2015  
 '64 BA, JD '67—**William J. Wellman**, New Milford, CT, February 26, 2016

- '65—**Lyn R. Lobdell**, Westport, NY, March 2, 2016  
 '65—**Beverly Heath Malm**, Oakland, CA, July 11, 2015  
 '65 PhD—**Miguel J. Roura**, Cranberry Township, PA, March 1, 2016  
 '65 PhD—**James P. Snyder**, Atlanta, GA, January 16, 2016  
 '65—**Alton H. Van Cleef**, Cooperstown, NY, January 20, 2012

- '66 BEE—**Michael R. Hugger**, Ashburn, VA, February 13, 2015  
 '66 BS HE—**Joyce Miller Mahon**, Sarasota, FL, March 7, 2016  
 '66 PhD—**Robert V. Penfield**, Columbia, MO, October 5, 2015

- '67 MA—**Frederic W. Bench**, Columbus, OH, December 1, 2015  
 '67 MBA—**Paul J. Kreitner**, St. Augustine, FL, December 14, 2015  
 '67, BS Ag '68, DVM '70—**Thomas H. Smithling**, Seneca Castle, NY, March 16, 2016

'67 BS Ag—**Robert M. White**, New Suffolk, NY, November 4, 2015

'68 BA—**George F. Caccamise**, Lincoln, DE, February 23, 2016

'68—**Paul E. Schell**, Warsaw, NY, December 22, 2015

## 1970s

'70, BS Ag '74—**William I. Hamill**, Auburn, CA, December 10, 2015

'70 BA, JD '73—**Jeffrey A. Klopf**, Santa Fe, NM, March 2, 2016

'70 MILR—**Bernard F. Miller Jr.**, Halifax, NS, Canada, January 3, 2015

'70 BS EP, MD '77—**William R. Newman**, Carthage, MO, December 28, 2015

'71—**Edward P. Arpin**, Raleigh, NC, December 24, 2015

'71 BS Hotel—**Allan N. Chalfin**, Calabasas, CA, September 30, 2015

'71 PhD—**Stephen R. Derbenwick**, Bethlehem, PA, March 11, 2016

'71 BS Nurs—**Nancy K. Kerwick**, Babylon, NY, December 29, 2015

'71 MA, PhD '74—**Michael A. Rogoff**, Penn Yan, NY, March 10, 2016

'71 MNS—**Venesa White Strong**, Santa Maria, CA, March 12, 2016

'72, BS Hotel '71—**Edward J. Vandercar**, Schroon Lake, NY, January 28, 2016

'73 MS Ag—**Weyland M. Beeghly**, Omaha, NE, December 10, 2015

'73 BS ILR—**Fredric C. Leffler**, Rye, NY, February 28, 2016

'73 BS Ag, MS Ag '78—**David R. Ophardt**, Pasco, WA, September 16, 2015

'73 BS Ag—**Frederick B. Pope III**, Buckingham Township, PA, December 31, 2015

'73 JD—**Leslie C. Pratt**, Cape Coral, FL, November 30, 2015

'73 PhD—**Claus Reschke**, Temple, TX, December 25, 2015

'74 BME—**Daniel S. Chillemi**, Bronxville, NY, April 3, 2015

'74 MPA—**Henry L. English**, Chicago, IL, March 6, 2016

'74 PhD—**Donald F. Parker**, Corvallis, OR, March 21, 2016

'75 BS HE—**Karen Graves Agnew**, East Barre, VT, March 4, 2016

'75 BS Ag—**Gordon A. Andrews**, Manhattan, KS, January 17, 2016

'75 BA—**Laurie F. Fleischman**, Bethesda, MD, July 22, 2015

'77 BS Ag—**John S. Mappes**, South Bend, IN, December 21, 2015

'77 BS Nurs—**Stephanie Myers Schim**, Royal Oak, MI, February 19, 2016

'78 BCE—**David J. Bielawski**, Collinsville, CT, January 5, 2016

'78-79 GR—**Robert P. Brackett**, Hendersonville, NC, December 20, 2015

'79—**Michael L. Dickerson**, Ithaca, NY, January 12, 2016

'79 BS Ag—**Ben K. Gavitt**, Union Springs, NY, December 25, 2015

'79 BS Ag—**Peter S. Glassman**, Round Lake, NY, January 13, 2016

## 1980s

'80 BME—**Sonya Griffith** Bjorn-Hansen, Portland, OR, February 6, 2016

'80-81 GR—**Philip J. Palm**, Seattle, WA, January 12, 2016

'81 MRP, PhD '84—**Samuel Friedman**, Clearwater, FL, February 25, 2016

'82, BS Ag '81—**James A. Fischer**, Montgomery, NY, January 9, 2016

'83 BS Ag—**Robert L. Curtis**, Norwich, NY, January 13, 2016

'83 MILR—**Jane Serkland**, State College, PA, December 24, 2015

'85 MLA—**Susan C. Beeners**, Ithaca, NY, January 6, 2016

'86 BA—**Marjorie Strom**, Hevel Eilot, Israel December 6, 2015

'88 BS Ag—**Leo J. Reherman**, Manhattan Beach, CA, February 29, 2016

## 2000s

'05 LLM—**Deborah Mahoney** Reynolds, Athens, PA, March 15, 2016

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# HOUSE PROUD



**CEREMONIAL BEGINNING:** Dignitaries at the 1991 dedication. Right: The house's front windows evoke the original five nations of the Iroquois Confederacy.

Twenty-five years ago this fall, Cornell became the first university in the U.S. to open a residence hall dedicated to Native American life—a purpose-built, painstakingly designed structure that incorporated myriad symbols into its exterior, interior, and even landscaping. Located at the corner of Triphammer and Jessup roads on North Campus, the house was named Akwe:kon (pronounced “uh-GWAY-go”), which means “all of us” in the Mohawk language. A quarter century later, Akwe:kon is still going strong—a locus of Native American culture, study, and social life that’s open to people of all races and ethnicities. “It’s a living-learning facility more than anything,” says Ansley Jemison, its current residence director and a member of the Seneca Nation Wolf Clan. “A lot of the thought behind it was building a foundation for Native American students to have a place on campus where they could be comfortable in who they are, but also have an opportunity to engage with other students.”

Overseen by the American Indian Program, Akwe:kon houses thirty-five students, roughly half of whom are native. Its many activities range from weekly dinners at nearby RPCC with its faculty fellows to group outings—like a recent trip to the Peabody Essex Museum for an exhibit on native fashion—to hands-on workshops on pottery, moccasins, cornhusk dolls, traditional cooking, and more. “Akwe:kon was vital to my success at Cornell my first two or three years,” says biology major and former RA Fred Blaisdell ‘16, a member of the Oneida Nation Bear Clan who lived in the house for three years and is moving back this fall for a final semester to complete his degree. “The thing that really helped was the close-knit community, having that intimate group of friends.”

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Akwe:kon’s physical design acknowledges the fact that the University is built on the homeland of the Cayuga Nation, one of the five original members of the Iroquois (Haudenosaunee) Confederacy. The house’s gray shingles represent the bark exterior of a traditional Haudenosaunee longhouse, while the purple shingles and white accents evoke the quahog clam and whelk shells used for wampum beads. “Especially here, it’s important to recognize that the native peoples are still alive; we’re still around,” says four-year resident Heather Williams ‘16, an animal science major and member of the Navajo Nation who served as an RA her senior year. “It makes me proud that I got to live there, since it was the first of its kind in the U.S.”

Seen from the air, the house’s outline symbolizes an eagle, while the five second-story windows at its curved front represent the original nations. Inlaid designs on the exterior walls form wampum belts, a non-text-based system of documentation; the brick pattern of a low wall outside the entrance evokes the Two Row Wampum Treaty, a 1613 pact between the Haudenosaunee and the Dutch. Even the large white pine in the parking lot has meaning, representing the tree under which the five nations’

warriors buried their weapons when the confederacy was formed. “For several decades, the University has been committed to recruiting and retaining native students,” notes horticulture professor Jane Mt. Pleasant ‘80, MS ‘82, former director of the American Indian Program, who is of Tuscarora descent. “They come from communities that are marginalized in all sorts of ways—economic, social, political. They sometimes find the transition to Cornell very difficult, and the house is a safe space for them as they adjust. It’s a place that students often describe as feeling like home.” ■

—Beth Saulnier



**Akwe:kon, Cornell’s Native American residence, marks its first quarter-century**

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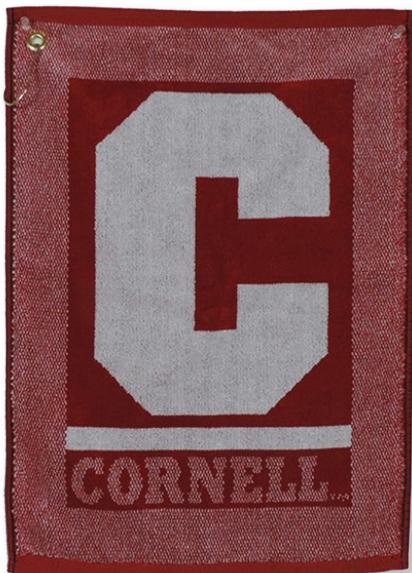
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