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INSIDE SCOOP

I read "Out of Their Gourd" in the November/December 2017 issue. I know one person who put the pumpkin on top of the spire of McGraw Tower. He had climbed Mt. Orsorno in Chile with my son, Cristian I. Castillo-Davis '97, the same year. Unfortunately, I promised I would not divulge his name until we have permission and I do not know the other(s). I have tried to track him down to get his permission, but he moved overseas.

The description in the article of how the pumpkin was put on the spire is pretty close to what I was told, except I understand that after hollowing out the pumpkin, one side of it was cut top to bottom so it could be wrapped around the spire rather than impaled. Then it was sewed together so that the pumpkin did not slip off.

JAMES F. DAVIS '67
HAYESVILLE, NC

This is the first I've heard of how this infamous (perhaps more correctly: 'famous') stunt was carried out. It hadn't occurred to me that there was a way to get most of the way up the steeple inside the structure (who knew, besides the perpetrators). They had then to be intrepid free-climbers, especially to accomplish the last bit on the outside! But in a way it's too bad to know it wasn't magical. Way to go, Cornell!

ROBERT LABELLE '50
BALDWINVILLE, NY

LATIN LOVERS

Our feature on conversational Latin in the January/February 2018 issue prompted a flurry of responses from within the Cornell community and outside—in both English and Latin.

I particularly enjoyed the article "Living Language." It gave rise to additional questions. I've always been curious about how the Western European languages developed from Latin. One can see the similarities between Spanish, Italian, French, and Portuguese, but they sound so different. Are



the differences due to the tongues spoken by the native tribes in those parts of the Roman Empire? German, and the related languages (Dutch, Swedish, Danish, etc.), also show their Latin roots—but they are so different from the Romance languages! Perhaps Professor Gallagher will be kind enough to respond—or we can all enjoy a follow-up article.

Could Thomas More, Galileo, and Erasmus, each writing in Latin but speaking different languages, have spoken to each other in Latin and been understood?

Many thanks for a very interesting article, which was beautifully illustrated.

MONA DEUTSCH MILLER '73
LOS ANGELES, CA

In Spain, there is a methodological revolution about the teaching of Latin. In many schools we apply the Live Latin method of Orberg. Therefore, it is very common to teach Latin in Latin, as we do with modern languages.

MARÍA JESÚS RAMÍREZ,
TEACHER OF CLASSICS
IES URBI HIGH SCHOOL,
BASAURI, SPAIN

In his saeculis obliuiscitibus, videre artes antiquas recultas toto ex animo praegaudere. Utinam sapientiae recipere etiam ex templo adueniat! Perdifficilius quidem est. Quantum laboris restat!

CLAUDE PAVUR
BOSTON COLLEGE

Our Latin experts translated this as: *During these forgetful times, I'm absolutely thrilled to see the ancient arts being cultivated again. I wish the recovery of that wisdom could happen instantly! It sure isn't easy. There's so much work to do!*

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Cornell Health more than doubles the amount of space of the old Gannett Health Center, improving access to care for our students and integrating medical and mental health services so we can treat the whole person. Students know that at Cornell Health they can speak with empathetic professionals from diverse backgrounds who are devoted to helping them. Even the facility's location on central campus makes a strong statement about the centrality of health to our values as a university community.

Our concern for student health and wellbeing doesn't stop with Cornell Health, though; it is a campus-wide commitment. We aim to foster a healthy educational environment across

all dimensions and to address issues—including bias, sexual violence, hazing, and drug and alcohol abuse—that can have a negative impact on mental and physical health.

We are taking a data-driven, public health approach to these issues that involves reshaping parts of the campus environment and culture. Our Notice and Respond programs, for

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example, help students, staff, and faculty recognize the signs of emotional distress and connect students to campus resources appropriate for their situation. And our new bystander education video, *Intervene*, created by the Skorton Center for Health Initiatives at Cornell Health in collaboration with the Cornell Interactive Theatre Ensemble, is already having an impact. Our data show that students who view the video are more willing than those who have not seen it to step in on behalf of others who are facing problems like sexual harassment, racial bias, hazing, and intimate partner violence.

Vijay Pendakur, our dean of students, is focusing on resources that support students in their cultural and identity development and that address the campus climate. Over the past eighteen months or so, we have increased staffing in several student support areas, including the creation of a student support position based in New York City, a student veterans advocate position, a support position for our undocumented and DACA students, and, thanks to generous philanthropic support from an alumnus, a full-time person in the Dean of Students Office to focus on our growing number of first-generation students.

One of the things that most impressed me at the dedication of Cornell Health last October was the strong commitment of so many to the project, both on campus and off. Every college,

school, and administrative division on the Ithaca campus contributed to make it a reality. And, as the many names associated with the spaces in the facility attest, philanthropy was also key to building Cornell Health. Thanks to a wonderful community effort, the new facility is a major step forward in our quest to support the health and wellbeing of our students, which are so essential to their success at Cornell and long afterward. ■

Martha E. Pollack
president@cornell.edu



WELLNESS CENTER: Pollack (right) speaking at the Cornell Health dedication in October and (above) posing at the event with (from left) trustee chairman Robert Harrison '76, former vice president for student and academic services Susan Murphy '73, PhD '94, and Janet Corson-Rikert, former executive director of University Health Services. Murphy and Corson-Rikert had parts of the building named in their honor; Harrison and his wife, Jane, made a leadership gift to the project.

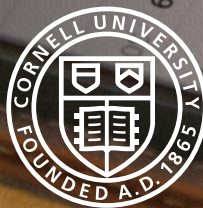




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From the Hill

Campus Welcomes Students from the University of Puerto Rico

East Hill is hosting sixty-two students from the University of Puerto Rico (seen at right at a welcome event on campus) who have been displaced by Hurricane Maria, which damaged facilities and caused widespread power outages. Cornell is offering the students one semester of free tuition, room, and board, plus a variety of other benefits and services—from Spanish-speaking mentors to donated winter gear. “Faculty, staff, administrators, students, alumni, and Ithaca community members have come together to make this happen,” says Provost Michael Kotlikoff. “It is a testament to the generosity and optimism of our greater university community.”



Dutta Resigns as Business Dean

In late January, Soumitra Dutta (left) resigned the deanship of the Johnson College of Business; no official reason was given for his departure, which took immediate effect. In a statement on his LinkedIn page, Dutta said, “The time had come for a transition in leadership given the completion of the successful merger of the three schools within the SC Johnson College of Business and the many achievements of the College over the last years,” adding, “I look forward to being part of the Cornell community as a professor in the coming years.” The University has declined to explain the circumstances of Dutta’s resignation, saying that it “does not comment on private personnel matters.” Joe Thomas, who was dean of the Johnson School from 2007–12, will serve in an interim capacity while a search is conducted for Dutta’s permanent successor.

‘We can no longer consider Mr. Wynn to be an exemplary role model for the industry and, more importantly, for our students.’

– The Hotel school, announcing it had rescinded resort mogul Steve Wynn’s 2017 Hospitality Icon award following allegations of sexual misconduct

ZBT Allegations Make Headlines

The University has put Zeta Beta Tau fraternity on a two-year probation following alleged misdeeds by some pledges that made national headlines. As the *Washington Post* and other news outlets reported, the pledges allegedly participated in a secret contest—dubbed a “pig roast”—in which they earned points based on the weight of women with whom they had sex. In a statement, the chapter said that it “would like to first and foremost express our mutual disgust along with those who feel hurt or victimized,” adding that it is “horrified at the notion of the degradation and/or objectification of women.” Any such contest was unsanctioned, the statement noted, and the chapter will conduct a full review. “We are committed to demonstrating through our actions that this inexcusable behavior will not be tolerated,” it said, “and as such, we will take the necessary steps to ensure we retain the ideals and values of our brotherhood, specifically social responsibility and integrity.”

Alum Tapped as University Architect

An alumna has been named Cornell’s new university architect. Margaret McFadden Carney ’80, BArch ’81 (right), comes to campus from Catholic University of America, where she served as university architect and associate vice president for facilities planning; she previously held similar positions at Temple University and Case Western Reserve. On the Hill,



her responsibilities will include directing the Campus Planning Office and overseeing selection of architectural consultants. “In her role as the architectural conscience of the institution and the steward of sound architectural design standards,” the University said in an announcement, “Carney will lead initiatives to meet the long-range, functional, and aesthetic goals of the university.”

PHOTOS: FROM TOP, LINDSAY FRANCE/UREL; JASON KOSKI/UREL; THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA

Give My Regards to . . . These Cornellians in the news



Astronomy professor **Rachel Bean** (left), one of twenty-seven scientists who shared the \$3 million Breakthrough Prize in fundamental physics for work on understanding the early universe.

Writer-director **Reed Van Dyk '07**, nominated for an Oscar for best live action short film for *DeKalb Elementary*. **Trevor White '07** is an executive producer of *The Post*, a best picture nominee; **David Greenbaum '98** is credited as co-head of production on

two other best picture contenders, *The Shape of Water* and *Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri*.



Music professor **Roberto Sierra** (above right), winner of the Tomás Luis de Victoria Prize, Spain's highest honor for a composer of Spanish or Latin American origin.

Steve Conine '95 and **Niraj Shah '95**, founders of the online homegoods store Wayfair, named Cornell's 2018 Entrepreneurs of the Year.



GREEN WITH ENVY

According to Cornell researchers, what can damage someone's "sustainability cred," even if that person does other environmentally conscious things?

- a) Flying first class
- b) Having more than two children
- c) Failing to compost
- d) Letting a housecat outdoors

[ANSWER: D]

Did You Know . . .

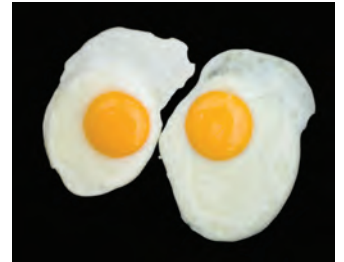
That part of a second-century mosaic has been installed in the Klarman Hall atrium? The 800-pound fragment, from a luxury home in the city of Antioch in southern Turkey, sat in storage on campus for nearly eighty years before being restored and put on display in the new humanities building.



R + D

Nutritional sciences professor

Marie Caudill and colleagues have found that consumption of sufficient amounts of choline (found in such foods as eggs, fish, poultry, nuts, and cruciferous vegetables) by expectant mothers aids in prenatal brain development and has cognitive benefits for their offspring.



Medical College researchers have been awarded a \$4 million, four-year grant from the NIH to support a new research center dedicated to developing and studying better treatments for middle-aged and older adults suffering from depression.

Researchers from across campus—in CALS, Human Ecology, and the Engineering and Vet colleges—have teamed up to design a removable implant that could revolutionize treatment of type 1 diabetes by replacing lost insulin-producing cells known as islets.

Earth and atmospheric sciences professor Louis Derry has been tapped to conduct research in France as part of President Emmanuel Macron's "Make Our Planet Great Again" program, dedicated to combatting climate change.



Working with Honeywell

Aerospace, Cornell engineers have created a new method for remotely vaporizing electronics—potentially allowing microchips (and their data) to be easily destroyed if devices are lost or stolen.

Human Ecology Names Interim Dean



Policy analysis and management professor Rachel Dunifon (left) will serve as interim dean of Human Ecology starting July 1, succeeding Alan Mathios, who is stepping down after two five-year terms.

Dunifon, currently the college's senior associate dean for research and outreach, will remain in the position for two years while a search is conducted for a permanent dean. An expert in child and family policy whose research focuses on the development of vulnerable children, she has been on the faculty since 2001.

You Have a Voice



John Boochever '81



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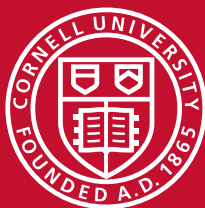
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THAT'S A RAP

Enongo Lumumba-Kasongo '08,
MA '15, balances PhD studies
with growing hip-hop fame

It's been a quarter-century since Enongo Lumumba-Kasongo '08, MA '15, first played through to the end of the classic Nintendo game "Metroid" at the age of six or seven, but she'll never forget its thrilling finale. It wasn't just the satisfaction of completing a quest as futuristic bounty hunter Samus Aran, the >





game's protagonist—it was the eye-popping realization, when Samus's armor dropped away, that this powerful hero was actually a *heroine*. "That was really exciting," she recalls. "At that time, there weren't many playable women characters, so it made me feel like I had a space in that world—that I was allowed to inhabit it, too. It really resonated with me."

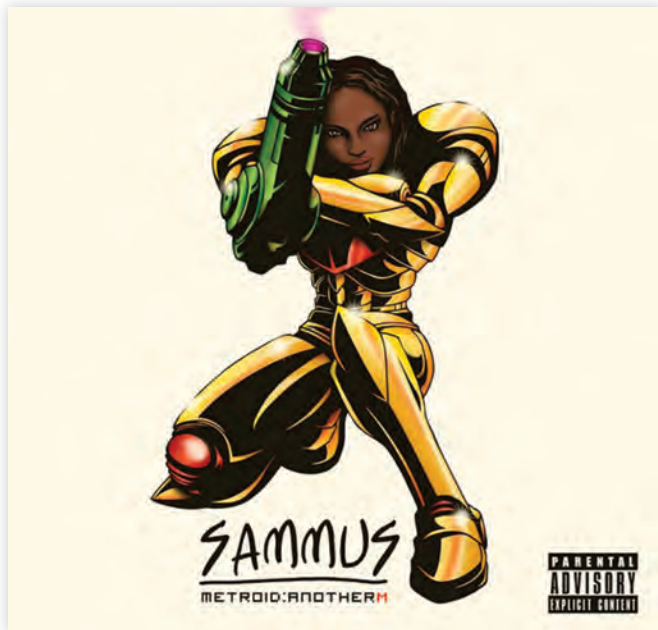
Years later, when Lumumba-Kasongo was crafting her persona as a rapper—and sometimes encountering male listeners who were skeptical that she'd actually composed the songs herself (known as "producing her own beats")—she quickly landed on her favorite Nintendo character as the perfect alter ego. "I picked the name Sammus not only because I love that game," she says, "but because to me, she represents pushing back against gender norms." (Lumumba-Kasongo spells her stage name with a second "M" because, as she delicately puts it, "Nintendo is very intense about their intellectual property, and I wanted to make sure there was that distinction.")

Since releasing her debut album, *M'other Brain*, in 2012,

Lumumba-Kasongo has enjoyed growing success in the music world. But her performing career is only half of her résumé: she's also a doctoral candidate in science and technology studies (STS) on the Hill, with a concentration in the new field of

Among the themes that Lumumba-Kasongo—an Ithaca native—addresses in her music is what it was like to grow up black in a predominantly white small town. 'For me,' she says, 'that comes out in talking about never being fully understood and being framed as sort of a unicorn.'

"sound studies," which explores how sound is produced, stored, and listened to in various cultures and historical periods. Based in Philadelphia—which she and her partner chose for its vibrant arts scene and many academic institutions—she has completed her coursework and is in the process of writing her dissertation, on community-based recording studios that serve low-income residents, while supporting herself as a full-time musician. "She's brilliant," says her adviser, STS professor Trevor Pinch, who notes that her PhD will be among the first ever granted in



sound studies. “She’s very independent, curious, and inquisitive. And she’s gifted as a musician; she makes her own beats, so she’s her own producer. When she raps live, she relates to the audience really well—she’s got a natural rapport and an incredible personality.”

As an artist, Sammus is often placed in the context of “nerd-core,” a subgenre of hip-hop that takes its inspiration from gaming, science fiction, comics, and other traditionally nerdy pursuits. But Lumumba-Kasongo stresses that her work—which she describes as “the intersection of black feminist thought and geek culture”—encompasses wider themes, from sexism to racism to identity politics. “As I’ve moved forward and been able to perform in more spaces, I’m seeing the ways in which music cuts across identities,” she observes. “People, who on the outside I might think I have nothing in common with, will come up to me after a show, ask if they can give me a hug, and say they connected with something I talked about. Even if that thing came from my specific experience as a black woman, they’ll say, ‘I know what it’s like to be isolated,’ or ‘I know what it’s like to deal with imposter syndrome,’ or ‘I know what it’s like to struggle with depression.’ ”

In fall 2016, NPR featured Sammus’s “Weirdo” as one of its “Songs We Love,” calling it “something to learn from, a celebration of nerddom and self.” (Its catchy chorus: *Yeah, I’m just another mad weirdo / Ergo / I came up with a chant for other mad weird folks’ earphones / Here it go.*) Her 2014 “Metroid”-focused concept album, *Another M*, includes an homage to her long-time idol, a fellow Cornelian: retired astronaut Mae Jemison, MD ’81, the first African American woman in space. Among her most intensely personal songs is “1080p,” which chronicles her struggles with depression and thoughts of suicide when she was in grad school and coping with a romantic breakup. (*I never feel like I’m allowed to breathe / Rubbing shoulders with these old nerds / Rockin’ sweater vests in they office hours / Eatin’ hors d’oeuvres while I soul search / Tryna make some sense of the ivory tower.*)

A double major in sociology and STS as an undergrad, Lumumba-Kasongo grew up in Ithaca, a first-generation American and the daughter of academics. Her mother, N’Dri Assié-Lumumba, was born in Ivory Coast and is a professor of Africana studies on the Hill; her father, Tukumbi Lumumba-Kasongo, who comes from the Democratic Republic of Congo, teaches political science at Wells College and has previously served as a visiting professor of city and regional planning at Cornell. Among the themes she addresses in her music is what it was like to grow up black in a predominantly white small town. “For me, that comes out in talking about never being fully understood and being framed as sort of a unicorn,” she says. “People would say, ‘Wow, you speak so eloquently,’ or ‘You like to do things that don’t reflect the experiences that I think black folks have, based on things I saw on TV or in the movies.’ That produced in me a kind of confusion around whether I was doing something weird just by being myself, or that I wasn’t black enough. I had all kinds of identity issues around that. In my music, I try to affirm folks who might be in a similar position and say, ‘Your interests are perfectly fine—no matter what they are.’ ”

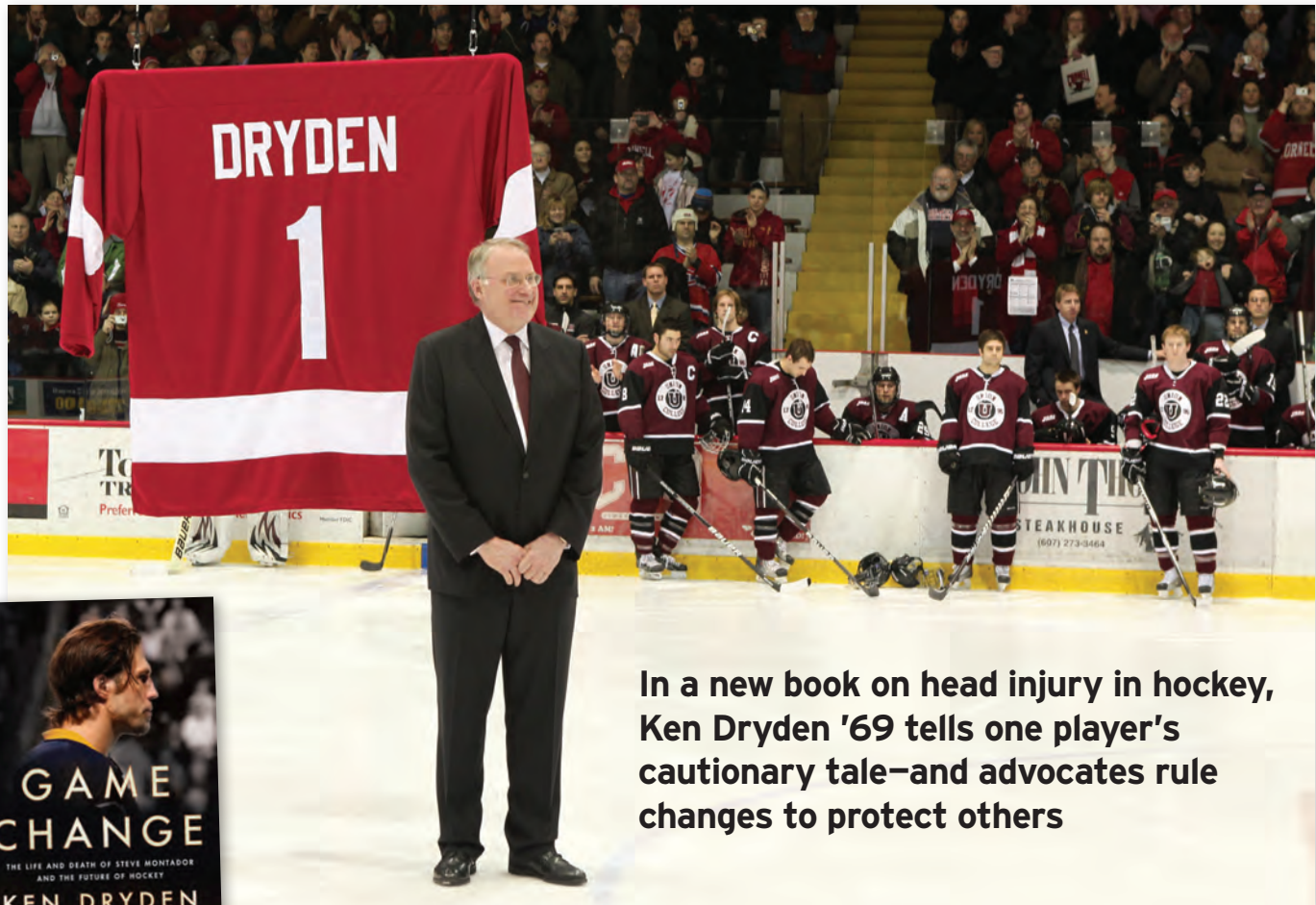
In addition to the NPR spot, Lumumba-Kasongo has been featured in the *New York Times* (last fall, as part of its “Up Next” series on emerging artists). Since 2015, she has made an annual appearance at the popular South by Southwest music festival, held each spring in Austin, Texas. She spends a total of about two months a year on tour—to places like California, the Midwest, and Canada—in addition to performing in East Coast cities near her home in Philly. Her aims for 2018: to finish writing her dissertation this summer and complete another album—her sixth—later in the year. Ultimately, she says, she’d like to complement her music career with scholarly work through artist-in-residence posts at the university level. “Enongo is a pioneer,” says Pinch. “She’s pushing boundaries everywhere—not only as a rapper, but in her academic career. That’s what’s so exciting about her.” ■

— Kitty Kemp



A WAY WITH WORDS: Lumumba-Kasongo (clockwise from opposite page) giving a talk in Sage Chapel as part of Cornell’s “Soup & Hope” series; drawn as her alter ego, a video game heroine, on an album cover; and interviewing one of her idols, retired astronaut Mae Jemison, MD ’81 (left), at an event in California in 2016.

HEADS UP



In a new book on head injury in hockey, Ken Dryden '69 tells one player's cautionary tale—and advocates rule changes to protect others

In the acknowledgments at the end of his recent book on the perils of head injury in hockey, former star goalie Ken Dryden '69 thanks the usual people: his family, his editor, the sources who informed the story. But there's an unexpected person he cites: an eight-year-old boy whom he once observed joyfully playing at a hockey tryout. "He looked as if he were having the time of his life," Dryden writes in *Game Change: The Life and Death of Steve Montador and the Future of Hockey*. "And I was having the time of my life watching him." But the NHL veteran also found himself worrying about what would happen the first time that boy took a hit on the ice. "Not so much the injury he might receive," he writes, "but whether that would take some of the joy out of him, out of his body, whether he would look different. Skate differently. And also . . . about what would happen to him after his first concussion, because he would almost surely have at least one."

Dryden is well known to Cornellians as the goalie on the Big Red's 1967 NCAA championship team who went on to win six Stanley Cups with the Montreal Canadiens. His number 1 jersey, retired in 2010, hangs in the rafters of Lynah Rink. After

his playing career ended, Dryden remained active in the game as an executive, commentator, and journalist, and served as a member of Canada's parliament and a cabinet minister. He is the author of five previous books; when his now-classic hockey memoir, *The Game*, was re-released in a thirtieth anniversary edition in 2013, the *New York Times* hailed it as "the best book written about the sport, and perhaps any sport."

His latest, *Game Change*, sprang from his long-standing concern about the effect of concussion on hockey players. The book focuses on the tale of Steve Montador, a veteran of twelve NHL seasons who died at age thirty-five in 2015 (and whose family is now suing the NHL, claiming the league failed to keep him "reasonably safe" during his career). Dryden's vivid and compelling portrait of Montador's life draws on extensive interviews with family members, friends, and teammates—and on Montador's journal, which chronicles his struggles with the effects of injuries, especially a series of concussions, the first of which he suffered when he was just twelve.

Woven into Dryden's account of Montador's journey from Canadian youth leagues to the NHL are two other narratives.

One traces the history of hockey, from its origin at Montreal's McGill University on March 3, 1875—a historic contest played on “clunky” skates, with no player substitutions or protective equipment—to the rugged and fast-paced game of today. The other recounts the evolving scientific research on brain injuries suffered by athletes in contact sports, focusing on the Toronto neuropathologist who examined Montador's brain after his death and determined that he suffered from chronic traumatic encephalopathy (CTE), a degenerative disease often found in athletes who have suffered repeated head trauma.

Dryden selected Montador as his subject because he was neither a star nor a “goon”—a marginal player known more for his punching than his skating. A defenseman affectionately known as “Monty” to his friends, Montador was characterized early on by his coaches as a “good, tough, hard-trying player,” Dryden writes. Like many of his peers, he wanted to be seen as stalwart and unafraid to stand up for his teammates, ready to hand out hard hits and receive them in return. Dryden notes repeatedly in the book that hockey has always involved “a compromise between performance and safety”—but, he writes, that compromise “has gone out of whack” in recent years, with too many players suffering concussions that have limited and eventually ended their careers, and even their lives.

As Dryden explains—speaking with CAM by phone this winter—when he entered the game “there was much less forceful contact. You weren't moving as fast and the players weren't as big.” Changes in playing style since then have put the emphasis on speed, so collisions are more violent, making concussions more common. And then there are the head injuries caused by fighting. While officially against the rules, it has long been tolerated in the NHL; players are sometimes allowed to engage in fistfights for several minutes before being separated by officials and sent to the penalty box. Dryden has spoken out against hockey fights for years—“extremely unsuccessfully,” he says—and he firmly believes they should be eliminated from hockey at all levels.

As a professional, Montador had his share of fights, along with concussions caused by hard hits. The effects of those concussions lingered and he struggled with headaches, dizziness, fatigue, light sensitivity, and other symptoms. His personality changed; a recovering alcoholic, he fell off the wagon and became more withdrawn and reclusive. Once responsible with money, he spent profligately and gambled away hundreds of thousands of dollars. Eventually, his memory problems became so bad that he'd constantly forget where he parked his car (and he put the dealership on speed dial, so it could locate the vehicle for him via GPS). When his playing days were over, Montador used drugs to try to control his depression and anxiety. After he was found dead—the precise cause has never been made public—the autopsy showed opioids, THC, Valium, and cocaine in his system. “Nobody knows the exact events of Steve's last few



FOR LOVE OF THE GAME: Dryden (wearing goalie mask) during his Big Red days. Opposite page: On the ice at Lynah for the retirement of his jersey in 2010.

days,” Dryden writes. “Nobody really wants to know.”

To protect future players from the kinds of injuries that caused Montador's suffering, Dryden advocates some specific rule changes. One is stricter enforcement of all penalties involving contact to the head, especially in situations where a player who's racing at full speed body-checks a stationary opponent. And he says that if fighting cannot be completely eliminated, the penalties for causing serious injuries must be more severe. In Dryden's view, both the authority and the responsibility for spearheading such changes lie with the man who has served as NHL commissioner for a quarter-century, and who happens to be a fellow Cornellian: Gary Bettman '74, an ILR alum who holds a law degree from NYU. Dryden gave Bettman a copy of *Game Change* last fall, but so far the commissioner has had no official reaction. (When CAM contacted Bettman by e-mail this winter, he declined to comment, citing pending litigation.)

In *Game Change*, Dryden notes the NHL has justified its failure to take action on the grounds that there is no direct, conclusive scientific proof that hockey-related injuries cause CTE and other problems experienced by former players like Montador. “It is the

In *Game Change*, Dryden argues that the NHL has justified its failure to take action on the grounds that there is no direct, conclusive scientific proof that hockey-related injuries cause serious neurological issues—comparing it to how the tobacco industry failed to address smoking-related illness. ‘For decision-makers, it is an issue to be managed,’ he writes, ‘not a problem to be solved.’

same strategy employed in every industry under siege—tobacco, lead, asbestos, coal, oil, whether the issue is lungs, heart, nervous system, brain, or climate change,” Dryden writes. “There is no need for those in charge to prove anything. They need only to create doubt. Besides, smokers, coal miners, hockey players—they know the risks. For decision-makers, it is an issue to be managed, not a problem to be solved.”

Any rule changes to protect players would be too late for Montador and his contemporaries. But they could benefit generations of players to come—including the little boy whom Dryden watched skate so happily in that tryout. “As I was writing this book, he was never not in my head,” he notes on *Game Change's* final page. “I hope for him.” ▶

— Jim Roberts '71

'PLAYERS PLAY'

In an excerpt from *Game Change*, Ken Dryden '69 describes Blackhawks defenseman Steve Montador's desperate determination to stay in the NHL, even as his health declined

It never seemed it would happen this way. Steve's return to play was always a matter of time—time to allow things to settle, time to let the brain heal. A different doctor, a new treatment, a different understanding and approach to concussions, and to paraphrase what Steve had written in his journal, "Something's gonna happen to magically make me better." He had always gotten better before. Athletes get better. You feel, you deal, it passes, you get on with it. That's how it had been with his back, his knee, his neck. That's how it had been with his head. Headaches, dizziness, fatigue, sensitivity to light—symptoms that felt like they were going to last forever always went away. No scars left behind, nothing he could see in the mirror, nothing anyone else could see even on MRIs, no indications that anything had happened. It was only when he was asked by doctors about his medical history that he even remembered all those other hits to his head, that they might have been *something*. The time in minor peewee, that other time in junior. Those times in Calgary when he was trying to make the team, when he did a face plant on the ice and cut up his nose and cheek, when he got knocked silly by an elbow, when he got sucker-punched in a bar. The time in Florida when he ran into an opponent's helmet with his face and broke his nose again. Then, in Buffalo, another elbow, a stick, more cuts, another break to his nose. In every instance the injury he *thought* he received was a break or a cut, not dizziness or headaches. It was the same earlier in the season when he slid into the boards with his face and fractured his zygomatic arch and temporarily lost his hearing. He'd had a brief loss of consciousness; but isn't that just what happens when you break your cheekbone? If he had a banged-up shoulder *and* a headache, which injury was he going to focus on? Players get hurt game by game; all his big head-hits, until that season, had happened months and years apart. He'd gotten better in between. He was always fine. He had a game to play.

Athletes have their own kind of relationship with pain. They play because they are so absorbed in playing that they don't notice injuries when they happen. The soldier who is shot keeps on going because the imperative to go on is so much more important than the imperative to fall. The explanation for such a miraculous act is purpose more than courage.

So players play. And players expect other players to play. Someone goes down in a hockey game and is helped off the ice. "He'll be back," the announcer says. "He's a hockey player." And when a hockey player does come back, most often he is fine. Time heals. As a player, you learn quickly: Where do you want to spend your healing time? At home, moping around, feeling the pain, having nothing to do to distract you from it? Or on the ice, with your buddies, who admire you just a little more because you are there, doing what you love and doing it for the team?



CONTACT SPORT: Montador, then playing for the Buffalo Sabres, hits the ice during a 2010 game against the Philadelphia Flyers.

Steve played for a month between January 8 and February 7 with concussion symptoms that kept recurring. Four times. Four separate hits. January 8, January 18, February 3, February 7. Why? Because he didn't feel *that* bad. Because he was able to persuade himself that he didn't feel *that* bad. Because he had played other times with a wonky shoulder, so why not a wonky head? Because he was tough and everyone knew he was tough, and he liked that he was tough. Because as lousy as he felt during those other twenty-one and a half hours of a game day, for the two and a half hours he

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played, he didn't feel lousy. He felt *the game*. And for those games between January 21 and February 7 he especially played because the Blackhawks had lost five in a row and his teammates needed him. Because he needed to prove something to them, to himself, to the Blackhawks general manager, who had signed him. Because not to play was unthinkable.

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When he was younger, he knew: *I have to do everything in my power to make this life happen*. Now at thirty-two, he knew: *I have it, and I must not, I will not give it up.* ■



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GLORY DAY: Gizelle Begler '08 at the 2017 Women's March in Washington, D.C.

Fashion designer Gizelle Begler '08 is in high gear in her lower Manhattan office, finalizing details for an upcoming photo shoot of her latest collection. On this January morning, she slips on one of her most recent creations: a nude-colored silk cap heavily embroidered with black flowers. It conceals her platinum blonde hair, even more so when she drapes the attached black lace around her face like a veil. It's a glamorous look, one she says was inspired by "old Hollywood," pointing to a bulletin board covered with pictures of silver screen stars like Hedy Lamarr and Grace Kelly.

It's also a very different look for Begler's employer, Haute Hijab, an online company that sells fashionable head coverings for Muslim women and others who dress modestly. With the motto "Every woman has a right to wear hijab and be stylish," it launched in 2010 with \$20 headscarves in a variety of prints and hues, pushing beyond the traditional black. With business booming—Haute Hijab recently hit \$1.5 million in total sales—Begler was hired full-time as creative director last fall to expand its offerings. First up: a luxurious array of \$200 to \$300 hand-sewn, embellished hijabs for weddings or black-tie events that debuted this winter, and which *Glamour.com* described as "beyond gorgeous." "We've mastered the hijab in its most basic form, but we're not meeting all the needs of hijabi women," says

COVER STORY

A veteran formalwear designer offers a luxe take on the traditional Muslim hijab

Begler. "If a woman is wearing a beautiful gown, why wouldn't she want to put something just as beautiful on her head?"

These days, retailers are paying more attention to Muslim consumers, who spent an estimated \$243 billion on apparel in 2015—a figure projected to reach \$368 billion by 2021. Brands such as Dolce & Gabbana, Uniqlo, and Burberry have introduced lines that are trendy but meet religious guidelines for modest dress. Last summer, the Gap featured a Muslim woman—wearing a Haute Hijab headscarf—in an ad campaign. For Begler, who spent years as a fashion designer in the Middle East—where she created couture ensembles for princesses, socialites, and celebrities—the same level of detail and care goes into designing a hijab as a high-fashion frock. "You have to make sure it doesn't slip. You have to make sure it's breathable and can be worn for eight hours straight," she says. "It's not just some accessory you put on as an afterthought."

It's also a very public symbol of Islam at a challenging time: the Pew Research Center recently found that nearly half of Muslim Americans surveyed said they'd experienced at least one incident of discrimination in the previous twelve months. Begler is devoted to her faith, fasting during Ramadan and praying five times a day. But she only wears a hijab at a mosque or when visiting a country like Saudi Arabia, where it's required by law—mainly, she says, because she feels that she already dresses conservatively. (On this day, she's wearing a long-sleeved button-down with a

'If a woman is wearing a beautiful gown,' Begler asks, 'why wouldn't she want to put something just as beautiful on her head?'

sparkly statement necklace, black skinny jeans, and Converse sneakers.) "I guess I feel putting on a headscarf isn't really necessary," she says.

Begler did don one, however, for the 2017 Women's March in Washington, D.C., crafting a crystal-studded hijab from an American flag—an item so eye-catching that her photograph was featured everywhere from the *New York Times* to "Full Frontal with Samantha Bee." "I wanted people to see Muslims are everyone," she says. Likewise, she hopes her work for Haute Hijab will help dispel misconceptions about her faith. "I think it's really important in this climate to normalize the hijab," she says. "The



FASHION FORWARD: Two of Begler's new, dressy creations for Haute Hijab (above left and right). Above center: The designer (at left) working with a model. Below: A gown from Begler's days designing ultra-high-end formalwear in the Middle East (left) and another from her senior collection shown on the Hill in 2008.

women who choose to wear it—especially in this society—are very strong. They don't have to wear it and they still choose to. That's amazing, and they deserve to have just as many fashion options as someone who doesn't wear a hijab."

One of her friends from East Hill, Denise Green '07, now an assistant professor of fiber science and apparel design (FSAD) and director of the Cornell Costume and Textile Collection, calls Begler a trailblazer. Green says that Begler is shaking up the industry by making Muslim women and others rethink what it means to dress modestly. This spring, she'll have some of her students create headscarves for a class competition that Begler will judge, with Haute Hijab selling the winning design. Says Green: "She's fighting against the stereotype that traditional dress is static—that it's outside the world of change."

Born in Manhattan to a mother who emigrated from Egypt and a German-American father, Begler was raised in Westport, Connecticut, and grew up singing opera, painting, and drawing. On the Hill, she majored in FSAD and was the first Cornell student to win an award from the YMA Fashion Scholarship Fund, an influential industry nonprofit. She went on to study couture gown design in Florence, Italy, with internships at Tommy Hilfiger and Giorgio Armani, landing a head designer position after graduation at a New York-based company that makes girls' party dresses. In 2010, a friend urged Begler to move to Kuwait, where her love of embellishment fit perfectly with

the opulent fashion culture. Soon she was designing for the royal family. "For the first time, people were looking at my sketches and saying, 'Why don't you add more flowers here? Or more diamonds there?'" she says with a laugh. "It was great." Within six years, she'd relocated to Cairo and built a thriving bridal and formalwear company. "We were dressing the Angelina Jolies of Egypt," she says.

But then her mother was diagnosed with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS, also known as Lou Gehrig's disease), and Begler returned home to help care for her. She briefly worked at Hanes before meeting Haute Hijab's owners at a networking event for Muslim-American entrepreneurs

in New York City. Moving forward, Begler expects to put out additional lines that include hijabs for professional women. For example, she says, "a lot of Muslim doctors reach out to us and say things like, 'Every time I use a stethoscope it gets caught. What can I do?'" But whether she's designing a head covering for a formal affair or a day at work, Begler's goal is the same. "Our customers want to look fabulous, and they want their hijab to be a part of that," she says. "I hope our pieces help them feel confident, beautiful, and proud of who they are." ■

— Heather Salerno



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NUMBERS GUY: Taubman in the Astros' Minute Maid Park

HOUSTON, WE SOLVED A PROBLEM

How baseball analytics guru Brandon Taubman '07 helped lead the Astros to their first-ever World Series win

On the first day of November 2017, Brandon Taubman '07 watched from a luxury box at L.A.'s Dodger Stadium as the Houston Astros completed a dramatic, seven-game World Series triumph. When the last out was made, Taubman's first move was to kiss his wife. His second: a handshake-turned-hug with Astros general manager Jeff Luhnow, who'd hired him four years earlier and later promoted him to senior director of baseball operations and analytics. Then Taubman rushed down to the visitors' clubhouse to join in a champagne-drenched celebration. For a guy whose baseball career peaked with the junior varsity at Long Island's Syosset High School—and whose previous "team" was the equity derivatives crew at Barclays Investment Bank—it was a surreal moment.

If Houston's title was unlikely—it was the franchise's first championship in its fifty-six-year-history—Taubman's part in it was equally so. After majoring in applied economics and

management in Cornell's Dyson School, he'd begun an investment banking career in Manhattan with Ernst & Young before moving on to Barclays. Meanwhile, as a side gig, he and another number-crunching pal made extra money by playing fantasy baseball online—gaining a big advantage by creating a complex model that predicted which players had the best chance for success, even factoring in subtleties like how weather and certain umpires influence hitting and pitching. When Taubman heard about an opening for an analyst position with the Astros, he figured he had experience both in finding value in commodities and in using baseball stats as predictive tools. Why not take a swing at it?

During the lengthy application process, he was interviewed by scouts and player-development personnel; he examined case studies describing various players' ages and performance and determined what kind of contract he'd offer them; he even had to answer a series of essay questions on topics like whether top >

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players should be signed to big free-agent deals. In June 2013, Luhnow offered him the job. His original title was “economist, baseball operations,” which essentially meant aiding the assistant general manager by applying his valuation and analytical skills to contracts and roster decisions. The post required a significant pay cut and relocation to Texas—two more reasons why he gratefully embraced his wife, who’d willingly made the move to support his dreams, after the World Series victory—but he feels lucky to have made the leap to the big leagues. “I see the stacks of résumés of people trying to get into baseball,” Taubman says, talking with CAM by phone this winter from his office adjacent to Houston’s Minute Maid Park, “and I realize that there is a robust market of smart people who would love to be doing what I’m doing.”

When Taubman joined the Astros, the team was at rock bottom, having averaged a dismal 54-108 record over three years. But in 2014, *Sports Illustrated* put them on the cover, presciently declaring them “Your 2017 World Series Champs.” Why the bold prediction? Because Houston was stockpiling talent, both on the field and in the form of its front-office analytics crew (many of whom, like Taubman, had degrees from elite universities). He and his colleagues nicknamed their research-and-development squad the “Nerd Cave”—and after the Astros did indeed win the 2017 Series, the *Washington Post* called it “the moment the analytics movement conquered the game for good.”

In Taubman’s current role, which he assumed in August 2017, he influences roster and contract decisions during trade negotiations and arbitration hearings. But he spends most of his time overseeing the R&D department, which has grown to nine people. The Astros’ process might be described as next-generation

Moneyball, maximizing both dollars—their payroll was more than \$100 million below that of the Dodgers—and performance. Whereas the book (and movie) *Moneyball* described a combative relationship between the Oakland A’s old-school scouts and its number-driven stats analysts, the Astros’ goal is synthesis. The team combines qualitative analysis with reams of quantitative data gathered through cutting-edge technology—from a

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high-speed video camera in the bullpen that measures a pitcher’s launch angle to wearable gadgets that gauge a batter’s swing speed. The key, Taubman says, is finding new ways to translate such information into reliable assessments. “The old way of looking at a season’s worth of performance data and using that to predict the future is kind of obsolete,” he says. “We get tens of thousands of rows of data—about every swing, every pitch, every fielder movement—and we need to decide what to do with that information.”

Much of this data objectively captures what scouts have measured more subjectively for decades, Taubman notes—so the two camps complement each other, making for solid teamwork. “We’re all speaking the same language now, and R&D’s job is to bring additional insights to the end users—the players and coaches,” he says. “The more we’re able to share information with these guys so they can proactively get better, the more success we’re going to have as an organization.” So the team uses data analysis to not only evaluate player performance, but to enhance it. This is where Taubman’s background in finance—establishing the value of something—may be most beneficial. He studies, for instance, which traits tend to make for a good pitcher and even which quantifiable factors make a *pitch* good. That’s why he strongly advocated for the team to sign an injury-prone, thirty-three-year-old journeyman named Charlie Morton before the 2017 season.

Morton had been cut by the lowly Philadelphia Phillies and had an unimpressive 46-71 lifetime pitching record—but Taubman’s job is to dig deeper into the numbers. He liked how the velocity of Morton’s fastball had increased after he rested his arm while recovering from a groin injury; he also saw an opportunity for Morton to change his strategy regarding where he placed his pitches around the strike zone. So at Taubman’s behest, the team signed Morton to a two-year deal. He not only went on to win fourteen games for Houston in 2017, but became the first pitcher ever to win Game Seven of both his league championship and the World Series.

Thanks to the winning team that Taubman helped put together by endorsing players like Morton, he’ll receive a World Series ring on April 3 before Houston’s second home game of the season. But he isn’t content to stop at one. “Our goal wasn’t to win a World Series,” he says. “It was to win *multiple* World Series.” ■

—Brad Herzog ’90



THRILL OF VICTORY: Taubman (second from left) celebrating the 2017 championship win, complete with World Series trophy

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CORRIDORS OF POWER

As 'secretary to the governor,' Melissa DeRosa '04, MPA '09, is the top aide to New York's Andrew Cuomo

ADVISORY ROLE: DeRosa (left) consults with Governor Cuomo.

In 2013, before Melissa DeRosa '04, MPA '09, came on board as communications director for New York Governor Andrew Cuomo, she got a memorable call from her future boss. "Are you ready for this?" he asked, as she recalls. "Because you're standing in the batter's box, and the pitches are going to come at your head at 100 miles an hour. You're basically going from the minors to the majors."

DeRosa thought the governor was exaggerating. After all, she'd had plenty of experience with tough jobs. She'd managed a congressional campaign at twenty-five and directed then-President Barack Obama's national political organization at twenty-seven. And her most recent gig was as deputy chief of staff for the state Attorney General's office, where she'd led the office's efforts to help pass a law creating a statewide database that tracks prescriptions, which has been praised as a national model in the fight against opioid abuse. Yet looking back on that phone call, DeRosa says the governor was absolutely right. "In terms of the intensity you feel on a day-to-day basis—and the challenges you face—it's unbelievable," she says. "It's nonstop and it's demanding, but

when you hit the ball right, it makes it all worth it."

Over the past five years, DeRosa has risen to become one of the most powerful figures in New York politics. In 2015, she became the governor's chief of staff—spearheading some of Cuomo's biggest legislative victories, including raising the statewide minimum wage to \$15 an hour and establishing the country's most comprehensive family leave policy (which gives New Yorkers up to twelve weeks of paid time off for new parents, those caring for a sick relative, or military families with deployment-related needs). In April 2017, Cuomo named her his top aide—

DeRosa often has to correct people who assume that her title means she's Cuomo's administrative assistant. 'I feel like when men have held this position, they didn't have to explain the distinction,' she says. 'They didn't have to say, "I'm secretary to the governor—I'm not his typist.'"

the job is formally known as "secretary to the governor"—a position no woman had ever held. And while DeRosa says she's "honored and humbled to be the first," she's well aware there's a long way to go before women achieve full gender equality in government. Case in point: she often has to correct people who assume that her title means she's Cuomo's administrative

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ROLE MODEL: DeRosa at a New York State Council on Women and Girls event

assistant. “I feel like when men have held this position, they didn’t have to explain the distinction,” says DeRosa, who majored in public administration in the School of Industrial and Labor Relations and went on to earn a master’s degree from ILR with a focus on government, politics, and policy. “They didn’t have to say, ‘I’m secretary to the governor—I’m not his typist.’”

In fact, she is charged with overseeing the daily governmental operations of the nation’s fourth-largest state. DeRosa lives in Brooklyn Heights with her husband, an executive at Uber, but is on call 24/7—traveling all over New York and beyond. “I’m wherever the governor

is,” she says. On a typical day, she might meet with legislators, labor leaders, officials from the Metropolitan Transit Authority, speechwriters, policy advisers, and more. On an atypical day—such as the one in December when a would-be suicide bomber set off a homemade device in a walkway under the Port Authority Bus Terminal—she helps the governor cope with whatever crisis is at hand. (On that particular morning, she was making calls from home when she was notified of the bombing; she rushed out to the scene and met Cuomo for the briefing and press conference.)

On the chilly day in late November when she spoke with CAM in Cuomo’s midtown Manhattan offices, she’d spent her morning going over winter storm preparations with state officials. Much of the week had been devoted to battling the GOP-backed tax plan that Congress would ultimately pass; Cuomo called it “devastating” for New Yorkers because it eliminated state and local

tax deductions used by millions of residents. “For me, the biggest challenge is managing to keep the trains running,” she says, “and at the same time being on top of whatever the crisis is of the moment.” DeRosa adds that this has become an even bigger challenge since President Trump took office, because the governor has opposed the White House on a number of key issues, such as the federal response to hurricane-ravaged Puerto Rico. Since the New York metro area is home to the largest Puerto Rican population in the mainland U.S., DeRosa says the crisis is of obvious concern for Cuomo, and he has stepped in to help with recovery efforts—sending supplies and aid workers and visiting the island three times—because the U.S. government hasn’t done enough. Says DeRosa: “The governor is playing a much bigger national role on certain issues where, frankly, there’s a lack of leadership in Washington.”

DeRosa also serves as chair of the New York State Council on Women and Girls, which is tasked with ensuring that the rights of women are incorporated into any new program or policy. A steering committee made up of dozens of women from academia, business, and nonprofits—including WNBA president Lisa Borders, fashion designer Eileen Fisher, and New York Civil Liberties Union executive director Donna Lieberman—advises the council on matters ranging from affordable child care to workforce equity. DeRosa helped Cuomo launch the organization last year after a similar White House panel went defunct; the federal council—created under

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President Obama to help address topics such as gender disparity in education and sexual assault on college campuses—has been inactive while the Trump Administration evaluates whether to keep it, and one White House spokeswoman has said it may be “redundant.” “It felt so tone-deaf, so wrong, and so backwards,” says DeRosa, adding that forming the state council “was a concrete way that we could say, ‘We don’t agree with you. We believe in continuing progress.’”

DeRosa has helped raise awareness about one of the issues the council plans to tackle—sexual harassment—by speaking out about her own experiences with sexism and misogyny in the workplace. In an October speech at a “women and media” event, she talked about how some people still call attention to her looks instead of her position; one state legislator she >



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recently phoned on behalf of the governor told her he'd rather talk to Cuomo "man to man." She also described an incident that occurred during a conference call when she was twenty-five and working at a lobbying firm. After her then-boss said DeRosa would be the lead on a project, a man on the other end of the line joked that she could "take the lead right up to my hotel room." The others on the call ignored the remark, but DeRosa says the episode has always stayed with her. "I'll never forget it," she says. "It was a moment where I was like, 'How do others look at me, and what do they see as my value?'"

Raised in Saratoga Springs and Albany, DeRosa grew up steeped in state politics thanks to her father, now a powerful Albany lobbyist whose résumé includes serving as district director to Democratic Congresswoman Louise Slaughter. At four, DeRosa campaigned door to door for Slaughter; at nine, having gone with her dad to his lobbying firm and the capitol building on Take Your Daughter to Work Day, she wrote a report bemoaning the late budget in the state senate. (Her mother framed it, and it now hangs in DeRosa's office.) At sixteen, she interned with the AFL-CIO's political director; while at Cornell, she spent a summer in Washington, D.C., working for then-Senator Hillary Clinton's political action committee. "Looking back on it," she says, picking up a photograph of herself as a child at the 1992 Democratic National Convention, where Bill Clinton was formally nominated, "it's like there was a natural trajectory to my career." But DeRosa says she has no ambitions to hold elected office herself, noting: "I prefer to be behind the scenes."

In 2020, might she be working on another Democratic presidential campaign—a bid for the Oval Office by her current boss, as has been widely speculated? DeRosa smiles, saying she's focused on issues like fixing New York City's troubled subway system and dealing with the state deficit—not to mention Cuomo's upcoming bid for a third term as governor. "To talk beyond that? I think everyone's getting a little ahead of themselves," she says, before rushing off to an appointment. "Right now, I can't think past tomorrow." ■

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TICKET TO RIDE

Becky Katz '09 is Atlanta's 'chief bicycle officer'

WHEEL LIFE: Katz, who didn't bike much during her Cornell days, became a cycling aficionado after moving to Atlanta without a car.

Each workday, Becky Katz '09 commutes 2.6 miles from her house in Atlanta's Adair Park neighborhood to her office in City Hall, a trip that takes about twenty minutes. And since her job is to serve as the city's first-ever chief bicycle officer, she always travels on two wheels—rain or shine.

Katz's role—a mix of public relations, politics, and planning—has made her a rare ally to bikes in a city that has long designed its infrastructure to accommodate a sprawling metro region with millions of motorists. With less than 1 percent of residents identifying themselves as daily bicycle commuters, Atlanta lags behind cities like Portland (which boasts ten times that percentage) and New York, home to CitiBike, a share program with 10,000 cycles. Thus, Katz often grapples with the question: Is Atlanta, a city built for cars, ready to make room for bicyclists? "Change on our roads is a challenge," admits Katz, who peddles a \$1,000 Kona Honky Tonk bike. "There's a learning period."

As Katz can attest, the city looks far different from behind a set of handlebars than from behind a steering wheel. Cycling in Atlanta can be a great way to get some exercise while avoiding the city's infamous traffic and congestion. But with less than one-tenth of streets designed to accommodate bikes, Katz

says that for cyclists unfamiliar with the best routes, it can be tricky to navigate the city safely. For instance, on one of the roads that Katz uses to commute to work, she has to swerve around grates in the pavement whose bars run parallel to the curb, not perpendicular as they should for safe cycling—and if her front tire got stuck, she could go flying over the handlebars. The city's lack of dedicated bike lanes also makes life on two wheels more dangerous, a fact that Katz knows all too well: in

The city's lack of dedicated bike lanes makes life on two wheels more dangerous, a fact that Katz knows all too well: in February 2015 a driver rear-ended her, totaling her bike and sending her to the hospital.

February 2015 a driver traveling thirty-five miles an hour rear-ended her, totaling her bike and sending her to the hospital with a broken wrist and shoulder socket.

A Bronx native, Katz wasn't a particularly avid cyclist before she moved to Atlanta. On the Hill, she majored in environmental engineering and participated in AguaClara, the campus group that designs water purification systems in Latin America with the input of local residents—which, she says, taught her the >

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importance of community engagement in building infrastructure. She relocated to Atlanta in 2011 when her partner enrolled at Georgia Tech; they didn't own a car, so she got to know the city on two wheels. The experience was tough at first—Atlanta is a hilly, heavily trafficked city that can be difficult for newcomers to navigate—but ultimately liberating, since she could travel more widely and freely than on foot or public transportation. “The feeling of community when you bike in Atlanta is really strong,” Katz says. “It’s an amazing feeling.”

After Katz started volunteering with a nonprofit that works to improve Atlanta’s parks, it led to a full-time position as a project manager. When the mayor decided in 2015 that the city needed a staffer focused on bike commuting, Katz landed the job. Tapping her AguaClara experience, she has taken a community-minded approach to the work. That has meant including cyclists, who’ve historically been left out of the region’s car-centric design, in transportation planning; she has also tapped a more diverse group of Atlanta bike aficionados—beyond the diehard, spandex-clad road warriors—to weigh in on future projects. Says Katz: “You’re seeing more grassroots advocacy for better and safer roads.” And while many bike commuters have long complained that drivers hog the roads, Katz believes that motorists can be reasoned with instead of reviled—and she hopes that ultimately they’ll see bike lanes as a plus, rather than as impediments to their travels.

Since Katz took the job—her informal title is “bike czar”—the city has expanded its biking lanes from about eighty miles to more than 110. In 2016, it launched a bike share program that now includes about 500 cycles, with plans to double that by the end of the decade. But she acknowledges that there’s still a long way to go in making Atlanta a bike-friendly city—especially when it comes to some of the busiest streets, which remain perilous to cyclists. “A little ounce of bravery is needed at certain intersections,” she observes, “because our roads have so long been designed for cars.” ■

— Max Blau


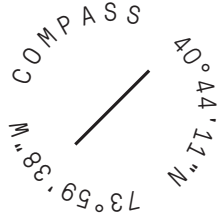


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NORSE CODE

New minor explores the complexities of the Viking Age



SEAFARING PEOPLE: An image of a Viking ship from Cornell's Fiske Icelandic Collection

"Vikings in Scandinavia," says Oren Falk, associate professor of history and medieval studies, "are sort of like cowboys in America." As Falk explains it, both endure as romantic icons of rugged adventure, but aren't representative of the times in which they lived. Rather, he says, they were exceptional characters within a broader society.

Since fall 2016, Cornell has given undergrads the chance to specialize in the study of Viking culture—and that of the wider Norse world—through the creation of a new minor. Housed within the medieval studies program, Viking studies explores such topics as the literature, history, linguistics, and archaeology of Norsemen in the Middle Ages. Falk, who co-directs the minor with colleague Thomas Hill, notes that Cornell is particularly suited for scholarship on the Viking Age: the Fiske Icelandic Collection in Olin and Kroch libraries is one of the world's leading repositories of contemporary and antiquarian books on the Norse world, and the University is one of the few North American institutions to offer language courses in Old Norse.

In that tongue, the word Viking translates as "pirate" or "raider." For two centuries beginning in roughly 800, these Scandinavians—who lived in what is now Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Finland, and the Baltic region, and also settled Iceland and Greenland—pillaged and conquered along the coasts of Britain, France, Germany, Spain, Portugal, and beyond. But such raids gained outsized importance due in part to the vivid historical accounts, known as sagas, that immortalize battles while overlooking less dramatic facets of everyday life—such as commerce and agriculture—that made up a larger part of the culture. "Vikings were not just pirates that sailed in warships," says Hailey Brace '19, who's currently enrolled in the minor, "but practitioners of a way of life that had a long-term impact on environments and cultures." In recent years, the era has enjoyed a resurgence of interest thanks in part to a show on TV's History Channel. "Vikings," which debuted in 2013, chronicles the adventures of Norse marauders while exploring the wider civilization, including

politics and religion. "Vikings took the world stage as settlers, explorers, and colonizers; they influenced the economy, culture, language, literature, and even ecology," Falk says. "Viking studies are an opportunity to get in touch with that, and also with the aftereffects of this period."

While no one has yet completed the minor, students from a variety of majors, including English and policy analysis and management, have taken its qualifying courses. The minor's requirements comprise a series of electives—on such topics as the Viking diaspora through the North Atlantic, Old Norse linguistics, Icelandic sagas and mythology, and the politics of Norsemen in Scandinavia—as well as a capstone course to synthesize the material. Students can also get credit toward the minor through study abroad programs, including in Norway and the British Isles. "Reading sagas, and getting this incredibly clear picture of what life was like in medieval Iceland, had me really excited," says Michael Stolkarts '20, who's pursuing

'Vikings took the world stage as settlers, explorers, and colonizers,' says Professor Oren Falk. 'They influenced the economy, culture, language, literature, and even ecology.'

a self-designed major in medieval North Atlantic studies as well as a minor in Viking studies. "I felt like I was there as the dramas played out."

The 1066 Norman conquest of England is often cited as the endpoint of the Viking Age. But Falk stresses that the era's relative brevity doesn't diminish its scholarly value. "You won't see Vikings walking around today, and it can be hard to see their direct impact on modern society," he says. "But even if you were to consider the Viking Age to be a failed experiment, I think it's ideologically imperative to study the dead ends of history," he says. "It gives you a different point of view on the world and sensitizes you to missed opportunities—and you get to read the sagas." ■

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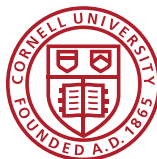
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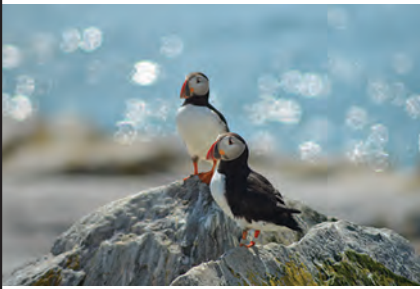
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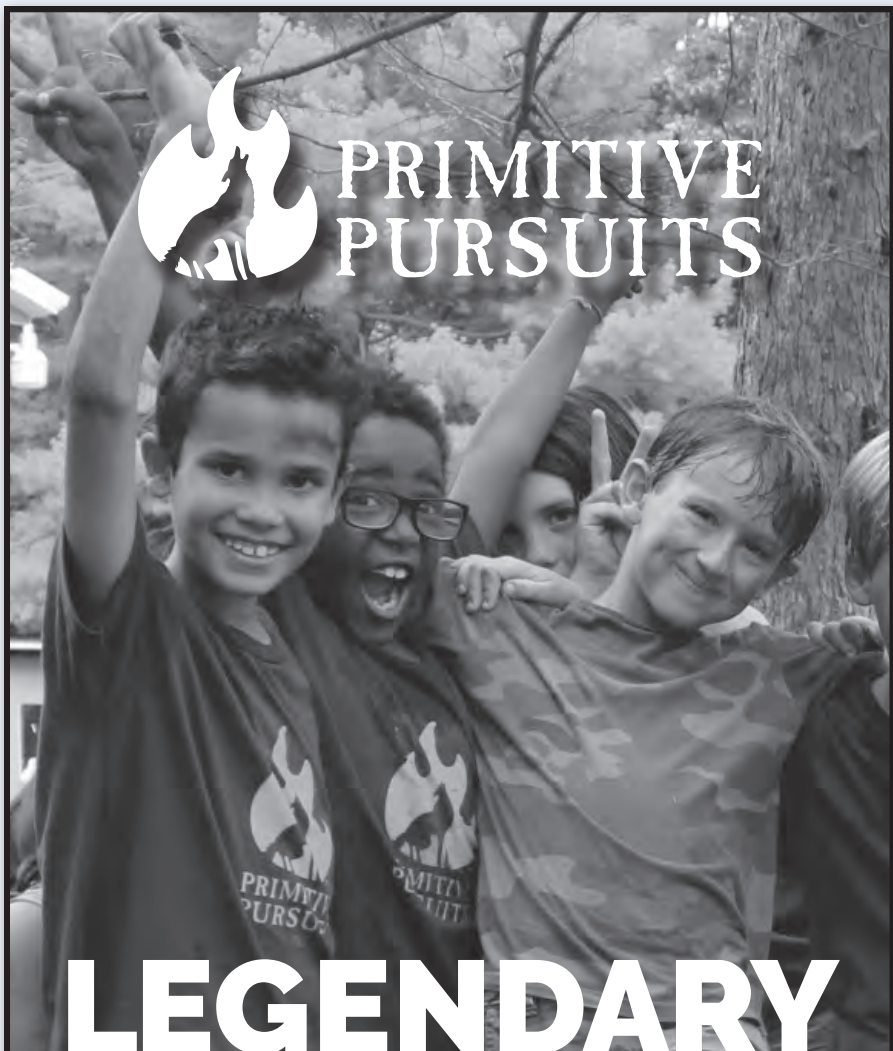


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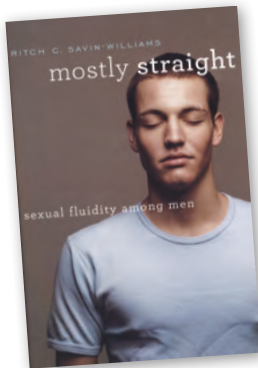
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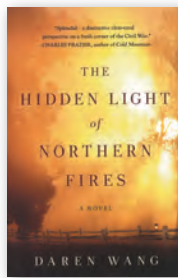
Am: Young Men on Being Gay and *Mom, Dad, I'm Gay: How Families Negotiate Coming Out*. His latest—part academic work, part self-help guide—explores the lives of young men who consider themselves to be primarily heterosexual or sexually fluid. Drawing on interviews with forty Millennials, Savin-Williams delves into the factors, both biological and psychological, that have helped shape their sexuality, as well as the cultural shifts that have allowed them to be more open about their identity. He notes that in survey results published in 2016 by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, 6 percent of males aged eighteen to twenty-four reported their sexual attractions as “mostly opposite sex”; he also cites several celebrities who’ve identified as mostly straight or sexually fluid, including actors Josh Hutcherson (*The Hunger Games*) and Ezra Miller (*Justice League*). “A mostly straight young person can feel alone or weird, and hearing from other mostly straight young men may help him lead his own distinctive, self-fulfilling life,” Savin-Williams writes in his preface. “If you are not mostly straight, then my intention is to help you understand and, I hope, celebrate these young men as they navigate their sexual and romantic lives in an increasingly complicated world.”



Beauty and the Beak

DEBORAH LEE ROSE '77

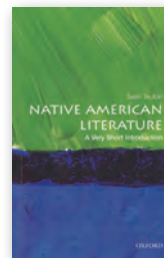
In a large-format volume that was named best children’s science picture book by the American Association for the Advancement of Science, Rose and her co-author (a raptor biologist and rehabilitator) describe how the life of an injured bald eagle was saved through the creation of a custom-made, 3D-printed beak. The book—which *School Library Journal* calls “highly valuable for elementary schoolers as a lesson in empathy”—includes numerous photos, information about the field of prosthetics, facts about bald eagles, and more. Rose is the author of more than a dozen children’s books, including other animal-related titles like *Jimmy the Joey*, *Ocean Babies*, and *Birthday Zoo*.



The Hidden Light of Northern Fires

DAREN WANG '88, BS '89

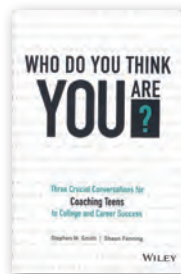
As the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution* wrote in its laudatory review: “The solemn and provocative historical novel attempts to answer a question that has vexed the author since childhood: Why did his hometown of Town Line, New York, vote in 1861 to secede from the United States?” Wang sets his debut novel in Town Line, a hamlet outside Buffalo that, according to local lore, was the only place north of the Mason-Dixon Line whose residents voted to leave the Union at the outbreak of the Civil War. (It didn’t officially rejoin until a symbolic vote in 1946, shortly after two Southern communities did so; as one local leader told the *New York Times* that year, “If Georgia and Mississippi feel the war is over, so do we.”) Wang’s protagonist is a real-life character: Mary Willis, a college-educated young woman from a land-owning family who aided runaway slaves through the Underground Railroad.



Native American Literature

SEAN TEUTON, PHD '02

This slim volume is part of Oxford University Press’s “Very Short Introduction” series, which comprises dozens of small-print paperbacks offering primers on a wide variety of subjects. Teuton, a member of the Cherokee Nation, is a professor of English and director of indigenous studies at the University of Arkansas. His book is a concise survey of Native American history and culture, including the role of oral histories, the emergence of literature in English, and the contributions of modern novelists such as Sherman Alexie and Louise Erdrich. “Whether through an ancient epic on diplomacy, an antebellum public address on Native rights, or a contemporary novel about human interaction with animals,” Teuton writes, “Native literature displays a dynamic world inextricably connected to and even fascinated with other worlds.”



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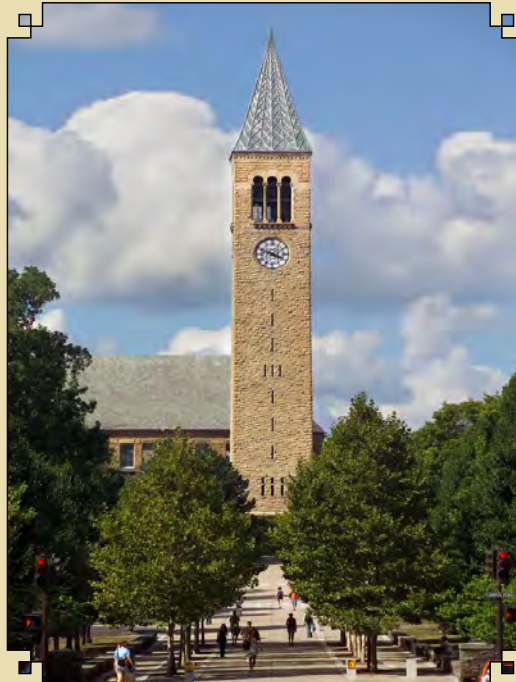
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Big Red Highlights



WOMEN'S HOCKEY Willow Slobodzian '21 took time away from her Big Red season to represent Canada at the International Ice Hockey Federation Under-18 Women's World Championship in Russia. A defenseman, Slobodzian had a goal in Canada's 3-1 quarterfinal win over the Czech Republic, but her team lost to the U.S. in the semifinals.

WRESTLING In his first appearance at the Cliff Keen Las Vegas Invitational, Yianni Diakomihalis '21 took the title at 141 pounds with four straight victories. His toughest match came in the semifinals where he won with 22 seconds left before cruising to an 8-2 win in the final. It's the tenth consecutive season that Cornell—which finished eighth as a team—has had an individual champion at the event.

WOMEN'S GYMNASTICS Morgan Chall '19, who helped the Big Red to an ECAC title as a freshman, has been appointed to a two-year term as the Ivy League representative to the NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC). Designed to give student athletes a voice in the NCAA governance structure, the group suggests and reviews NCAA legislation. Chall is co-president of Cornell's SAAC.

WOMEN'S FENCING The foil squad collected a silver medal at the January North American Cup tournament in Virginia Beach, Virginia. The trio

of Marissa Viqueira '21, Luby Kiriakidi '18, and Grace Ding '21 beat Richmond Fencing Club 45-31 in the first round before rallying late to down San Francisco Fencers' Club 34-33 in the semifinals. (Fencing Institute of Texas took the title match from Cornell 37-33.) Viqueira was Cornell's top individual finisher, with 36th place in Division I.

FOOTBALL The College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) has named defensive end Seth Hope '18 to the 2017 Academic All-American team. A two-year starter, Hope had a pair of sacks last fall, when Cornell posted its most sacks in a season since 2000.

ALUMNI NEWS

BASKETBALL Rhonda Anderson '83 and Ryan Wittman '10 have been named Legends of Ivy League Basketball, to be honored during the semifinals of the Ivy men's and women's tournament in March. Anderson—who remains among the top five career leaders in scoring (13.8 points per game) and rebounds (9.5) for the Big Red women's team—is executive vice president and COO of the YMCA of Greater Charlotte; she was named the *Daily Sun's* athlete of the year for 1982-83, the first female athlete to receive the award. Wittman, one of only five Ivy players to surpass 2,000 career points, led the



SINGLE COMBAT: Yianni Diakomihalis '21 wrestles an opponent from the University of Northern Iowa (left). Above: Fencer Luby Kiriakidi '18 (at left) in action.

Big Red to three consecutive league titles as well as a trip to the NCAA Sweet 16 in 2010. After playing professionally in Europe and the NBA Development League, he is now an associate with Brook Venture Partners in Boston.

FOOTBALL Ricky Rahne '02 has been named offensive coordinator for Penn State. Rahne has been an assistant with the Nittany Lions for the past four seasons, coaching quarterbacks and tight ends. He previously served as quarterbacks coach at Vanderbilt under current Penn State head coach James Franklin. A three-year starter at quarterback and honorable mention All-American on the Hill, Rahne has also held assistant coaching positions at Kansas State, Holy Cross, and Cornell. Another former CU quarterback, Bill Lazor '94, was officially named offensive coordinator for the Cincinnati Bengals in January after getting the job on an interim basis during the 2017 season.

MEN'S HOCKEY Goalie Andy Iles '14 is having success playing professionally in Europe. A member of Scotland's Fife Flyers, he was named the Elite Ice League Player of the Week for December 17 after leading the team to a pair of wins, including a 43-save performance in a 3-1 victory over Sheffield. At the season's midway point, Iles ranked second in the league in wins and third in goals-against average and save percentage.



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get moving

Physical education has been a Cornell tradition since its founding—but Ezra could never have imagined the kaleidoscope of offerings on East Hill today

BY BETH SAULNIER & ALEXANDRA BOND '12



“A ll right!” says veteran physical education instructor Linda McKeown, raising her voice to be heard above the pop music echoing through Lynah Rink. “Let me see your best skating! No toe pushing!” It’s a Wednesday in late January, and McKeown is teaching some two dozen students the basics of on-ice locomotion. Since this is the fourth class of the semester, most of them have the hang of it by now: they glide and shuffle in a slow oval, some more tentatively than others. “I feel like figure skating is a very East Coast thing,” Rebecca Restrepo '19, an ILR major from Albuquerque, says as she does a steady loop around the rink. “In New Mexico you don’t really get snow or ice, so I thought it would be nice to embrace the cold this winter. It’s good.” Then she adds: “It’s cold.”

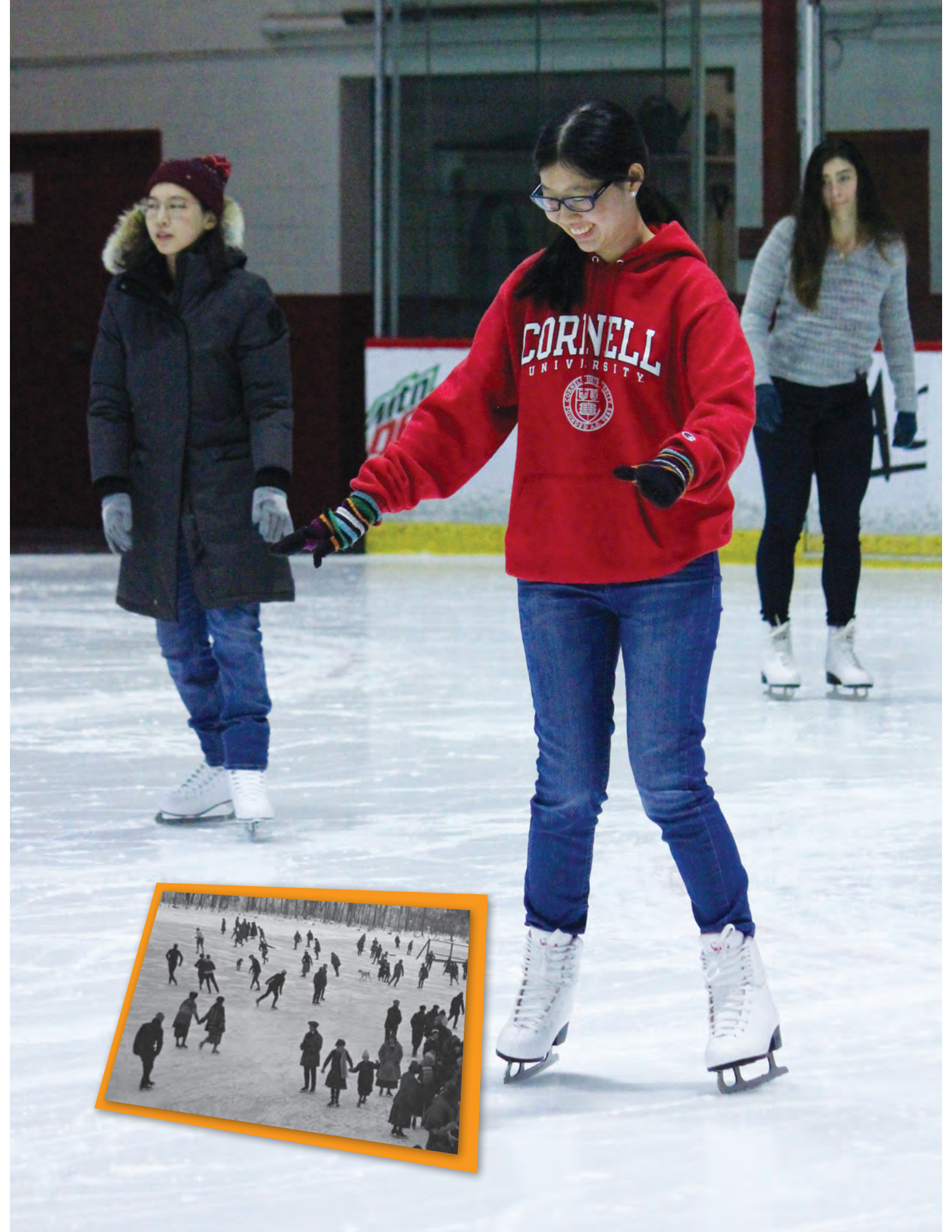
The following morning in Bartels Hall, a row of bow-wielding students takes aim at a line of bull’s-eye targets. The colorful circles, each fifteen yards away, are dotted with balloons that the students have inflated and pinned up. When they loose their arrows, a few hit the mark with a satisfying pop; many others go astray, striking the gray fiberglass curtain along the wall. “Archery is the coolest PE class that’s offered at Cornell,” says engineering student Thomas Taffe '21. “It’s not something you get to do every day, but here you have the opportunity. It’s an awesome way to satisfy your PE credit.”

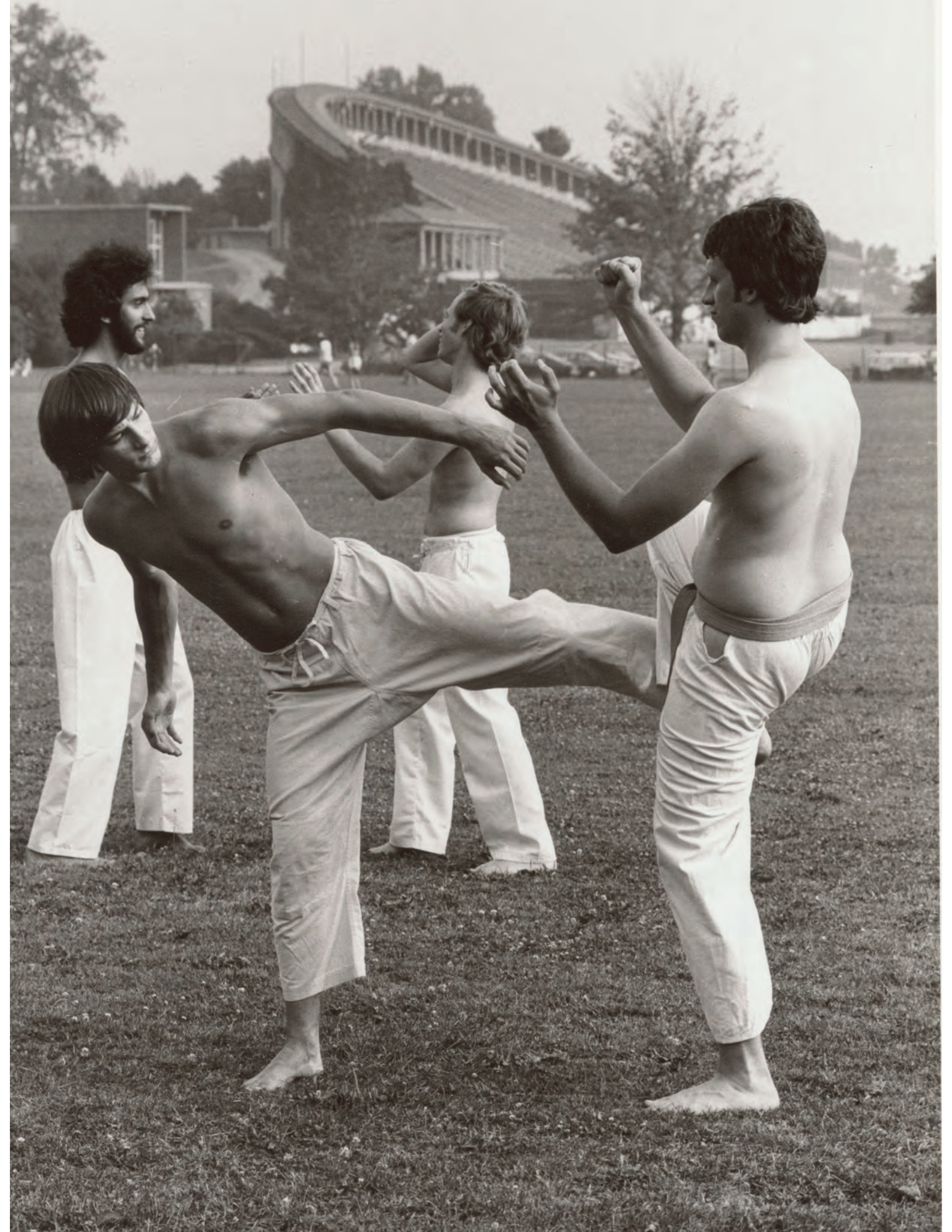
Archery is, in fact, one of roughly 300 awesome >



STRETCH YOUR LEGS (clockwise from top left): A long-ago exercise class for female students; an intro figure skating class this semester; skating on Beebe Lake circa the early twentieth century; a recent paddling class

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PIN HEADS: A recent bowling class (left) in Helen Newman and one from 1955 (below). Opposite page: Learning martial arts in the Seventies.



ways that Cornell students can earn physical education credit on the Hill—home to a large, vibrant, wildly varied program. Today’s undergrads have to take two PE courses to graduate (though playing on a varsity or JV team qualifies), making Cornell one of three Ivies, along with Dartmouth and Columbia, that have mandatory physical education. “If you go back a few thousand years, you have the idea of ‘sound mind and sound body,’” says associate director of physical education Fred Debruyne ’76, a Cornell PE staffer for four decades. “It’s hard to be on top of your mental capacity if you’re not in good shape. We’ve become more sedentary in this country over the last fifty years; today’s kids need to do some kind of physical activity, because most of them are so used to being on their computer, phone, PlayStation, or Xbox. We’re always looking for new activities that will attract students—and hopefully give them some stress reduction.”

At Cornell, students can choose from a menu that ranges from the cardio-intense (boot camp, kickboxing, trail running) to the calming (stress management, birding, walking meditation). They can pick up skills to last a lifetime—from freshwater angling to ballroom dancing, juggling to self-defense, back-country photography to Swedish massage. They can—like Taffe with archery—pursue pastimes they might not easily access later in life: circus arts, riflery, water skiing, gymnastics, boxing, caving, and much more. Want to learn bowling? Helen Newman is hosting fifteen sections of the intro class this spring, teaching 600 students. Most courses

meet a few times a week throughout the semester, while others can be completed over a weekend or weeklong break. And then there are the off-campus offerings: students can go scuba diving in the Bahamas, tree climbing in California, sea kayaking in the Thousand Islands, canoe camping in the Adirondacks. “It’s a huge variety,” says Jen Gudaz, Cornell’s director of physical education and recreation. “Students have their choice of almost any activity they want to learn.”

Gudaz’s job has her overseeing most everything on campus that involves exercise without competition—including PE classes, Cornell Outdoor Education (COE), the swim test, intramurals, campus fitness centers, and the wellness program for >

‘We’re always looking for new activities that will attract students,’ says associate director of PE Fred Debruyne ’76.

Sweatin’ to the Oldies

REMEMBRANCES OF PHYS ED ADVENTURES

CAM asked alumni to share their PE memories. Here’s a sampling of responses:

“In fall 1962, all freshman women had to take either modern dance or one of two lesser-ability classes. You were tested and assigned accordingly. My roommate, who was very nearsighted, removed her glasses to do the test, couldn’t judge where she was going as she skipped across the Risley dance studio, and hit the wall. She got the bottom-level class, even though she could do better in real life.”

— Susan Rockford Bittker ’66

“My husband, Chris Deane ’83, and I started dating October of freshman year. We decided to take ballroom dancing second semester, but at the end of winter break I broke up with him because our relationship had gotten serious too quickly. We were still dancing every Wednesday in PE—even when other guys came to pick me up at the end of class. After two months, I approached Chris about getting back together. It may never have happened if we weren’t forced to dance together that semester. This year is not only our 35th Reunion but our 35th anniversary—in part because of that ballroom dance class.”

— Barb Warner Deane ’83

"I have fond memories of participating on many intramural teams (football, soccer, box lacrosse, and hockey). We were not very good, but there was tremendous camaraderie and we had a great time. Hockey was played in the middle of the night at Lynah, but no one complained. Box lacrosse was a bit scary. The games were also at Lynah, when there was no ice, on a concrete surface with very little padding. I remember just being glad to survive without major injury."

— Doug Skalka '82

"We had to take survival swimming as a part of our Navy classes. I really enjoyed swimming two lengths with ankle weights on each foot. I recall things like towing a guy the length of the pool with a hand under his chin, and diving for things on the bottom."

— Alan Newhouse '59, BEE '60

"I took skiing at Greek Peak. On my first run, a fellow skier asked the instructor, 'Where should I aim?' The instructor told him he would figure it out. Wearing new jeans, I went first. I traveled maybe twenty feet, fell, and rolled down. Flat on my back, I looked up the hill and saw a long blue line where my jeans had run. The instructor turned to the group and said, 'You want to know what line to follow? Follow that blue line.' And they did."

— Mitch Frank '75

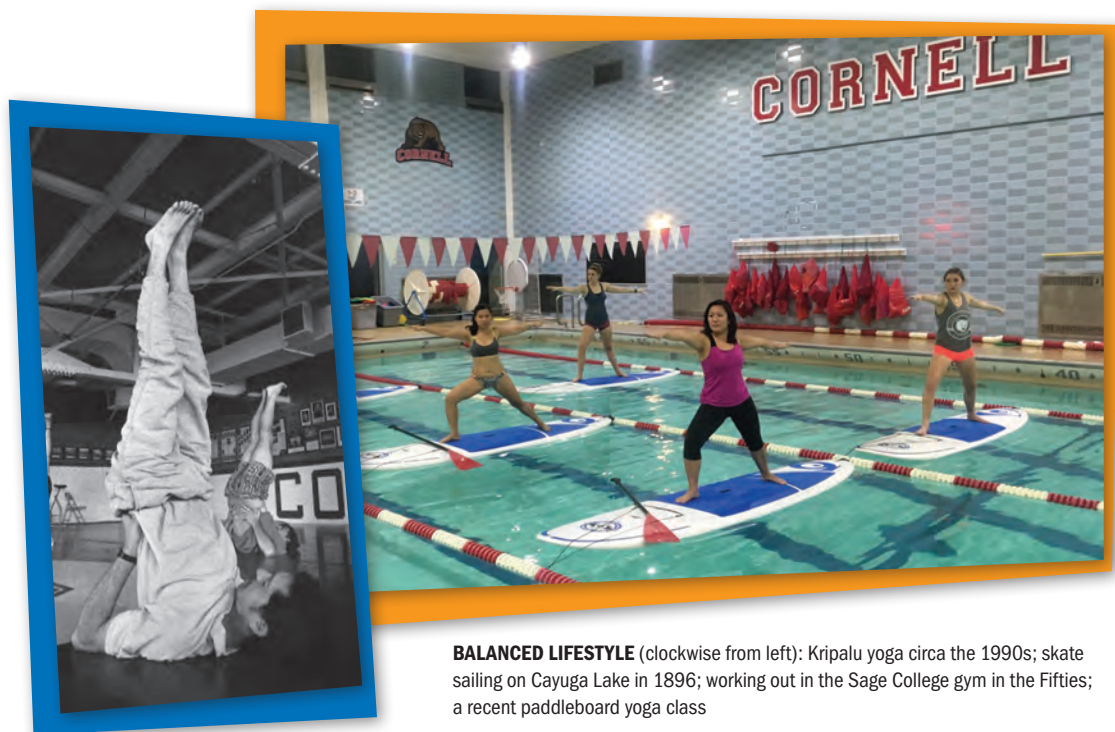


faculty and staff. (Varsity and JV athletics are in another category; so are club sports, in which student-run teams practice and compete, often against their counterparts at other schools.) Gudaz notes that interest in physical activity is on the rise according to just about all measures—from student enrollment in PE classes to card swipes at the fitness centers to the use of the Bartels Hall climbing wall, which saw a tripling of participation after an \$850,000 renovation and expansion in 2016. "It's packed all the time," she says of the wall. "We could build another one the same size and keep it going."

In 2016–17, according to numbers from Gudaz, roughly 11,700 students were enrolled in PE classes, 11,000 had fitness center memberships, 3,800 did intramural sports, and 5,000 took classes or participated in activities through COE. And, she points out, many students who have already satisfied their PE credit requirement keep taking courses just for the love of it—700 of them last fall alone. Talia Burns '19, who's learning figure skating under McKeown this semester, has already taken intro to ice hockey

("My freshman year I wanted to take this class, but I couldn't get in, so I thought hockey was the next best thing," she says. "It's really not.") as well as racquetball, ballroom dance, and rock climbing. "I think college is a great time to keep physically active and try out new things," says Burns, an Atlanta native who's majoring in astronomy in Arts & Sciences. "If I was in the adult world, I probably wouldn't have done any of those classes. I know some people complain and want to do the easiest thing possible, but I think it's an opportunity."

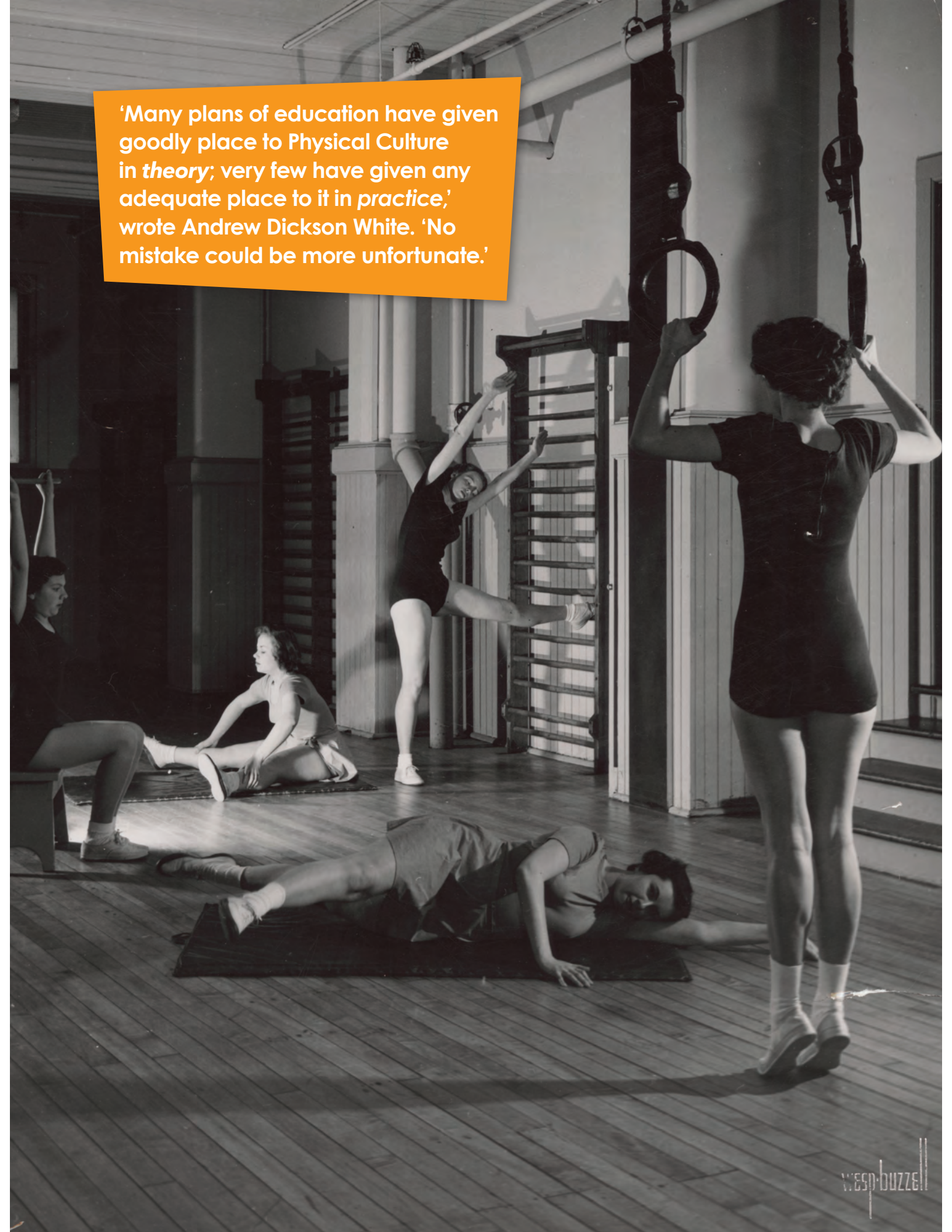
As Elaine Engst, MS '72, the University's archivist emerita, notes, physical education at Cornell goes back to its founding. In fact, when Andrew Dickson White produced his 1866 Report on the Committee on Organization—a comprehensive outline for the new institution that helped earn him its inaugural presidency—he stressed the importance of what was then known as "physical culture." "Many plans of education have given goodly place to Physical Culture in *theory*; very few have given any adequate place to it in *practice*. No mistake could be more >



BALANCED LIFESTYLE (clockwise from left): Kripalu yoga circa the 1990s; skate sailing on Cayuga Lake in 1896; working out in the Sage College gym in the Fifties; a recent paddleboard yoga class

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'Many plans of education have given goodly place to Physical Culture in *theory*; very few have given any adequate place to it in *practice*,' wrote Andrew Dickson White. 'No mistake could be more unfortunate.'





AIM HIGH (clockwise from left): Ice climbing circa the 1980s; the newly renovated climbing wall in Bartels Hall; cycling past Libe Tower in the Seventies; and riflery instruction in 1958 and in recent years

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unfortunate. Better the mere rudiments of knowledge with a body sound, firm, and strong, than the best culture of the schools with a body permanently emaciated and debilitated . . . We cannot insist upon this part of an education too strongly." White went on to suggest seven requirements, including a mandatory course in anatomy, physiology, and hygiene; facilities for playing baseball and for boating on Cayuga Lake; and a well-equipped gym, complete with an instructor "who shall conduct exercises . . . with as much regularity and under as stringent rules regarding attendance and decorum, as are observed in any college exercise whatever."

Women's physical education also has a vibrant history at Cornell, dating back to the 1875 construction of Sage College, which included a gymnasium. In her memoir *It Happened This Way*, Ellen Coit Brown Elliott 1882 recalls the scene in Sage gym: "There, twice a week, the girls took off their corsets, or were supposed to, put on an ankle-length, full, lined, gray flannel skirt and a blouse waist, and did wand drill sedately round and round the hall. The advanced pupils had dumbbells." The gym even featured a small swimming pool. "To circumnavigate that ten- by fifteen-foot area was no easy feat for a beginner," Dorothy Bateman, the longtime head of women's PE, recalls in *Good Sports: A History*

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of Cornell Athletics. “One alumna who had learned to swim there reported that when later displaying her newly acquired skill in a lake she discovered she could swim only in circles.” The University Register for 1914–15 lists a required course in physical training for women, held “daily except Saturday,” and required of freshmen and sophomores, as well as classes in advanced and corrective gymnastics. (Men had courses in physical exercise, as well as instruction in boxing, wrestling, and fencing.)

Physical education and recreational sports offerings on campus have been expanding ever since—but they’ve exploded over the past few decades. Al Gantert, who came to campus as an assistant swimming coach in the late Sixties and retired as PE director in 2009, recalls that when he arrived, “the curriculum did not venture far beyond what you’d think of as traditional physical education programming—basketball, volleyball, tennis, swimming. Very basic stuff.” But by the mid-Eighties, he says, the program had grown to include about 160 classes a semester, including offerings from COE, which had been established in the mid-Seventies. “Over the years, I stretched the bounds of physical education as far as I could, tuning in to what students wanted and needed; we got into courses that I would call self-help, like yoga, conscious living, and meditation,” says Gantert. “Students come out of the high school physical education programs—which generally are not very good—and get to Cornell, and go, ‘Oh my God, I have to take more? I thought I was free of that stuff!’ So I wanted students to look at what was available and not be turned off—and to this day, I think it’s pretty well received.”

Each semester, the PE curriculum includes about fifty-five classes run by COE, which also offers a ▶



“I remember the swim test. I showed up at the pool and was stunned to hear we’d have to swim the length. Even worse was that I hadn’t brought a bathing suit. ‘No problem,’ said the coach. ‘Do it naked.’ Of course I obeyed—the one drawback being that I quickly got tired and had to resort to the only stroke I could sustain for any length of time: the backstroke, all the way across the pool, naked, in front of an amused audience. I decided then and there my sport would be marching band.”

— David Ross '73

“I took golf the spring of sophomore year. I had to play a certain number of rounds to complete the requirement, and sometimes I went to the course alone and was put in a threesome or foursome with other students. Two or three times, my playing partners were members of the men’s hockey team. They were all good golfers—much better than me. I remember standing there in amazement watching them hit these long drives off the tee. A golf swing is a lot like a slap shot—and boy, did these guys know how to drive the ball. And I think they got some laughs watching me hack away.”

— Jim Roberts '71

“Participating in the Big Red Band, a significant time commitment, counted for a semester’s PE credit. I played clarinet. The organization has plenty of goofy traditions and spirit, and many fine musicians. I recall a *Star Wars*-themed show—current then, and probably still current now!”

— Steve Barre '81



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FIT FOR ANYTHING

(clockwise from bottom left): Playing basketball in Barton Hall circa the Seventies; a recent cross-country skiing class; a belly dancing class in Helen Newman this semester; and a women's archery class in the early twentieth century

variety of other activities—from equipment rentals to a pre-freshman program that draws about 200 students annually to team-building events for MBA students. One of the largest programs of its kind in the nation, it covers everything from ice climbing to paddling, day hiking to geocaching, wilderness first aid to back-country cooking. In 2016, COE was named the Program of Excellence by the Association of Outdoor Recreation and Education. “Cornell has some of the most intense academic individuals anywhere, and they would probably spend their whole lives driving hard into their textbooks and never look out the window, let alone walk across one of the most beautiful campuses—and that would be a significant loss to them as full individuals,” says director Marc Magnus-Sharpe. “Students who participate in COE programming get to focus intensely in another experience, one that engages all the neurons. With rock climbing, for example, you’re doing problem-solving on a set of holds as you work your way up.”

Many of Cornell’s PE instructors have been with the University for years, even decades; McKeown, for instance, has been teaching figure skating on the Hill for more than a quarter-century. A couple of hours after the archery class on a Thursday in early February, June Seaney—who’s in her twenty-third year as a Cornell PE teacher—leads a belly dancing session in a Helen Newman studio. While the room has mirrors along three walls, she has her students face the windows overlooking Beebe Lake; it’s only the second class of the semester, and she doesn’t want them to feel self-conscious. She and her students—all women, though the class is also open to men—sport colorful, shiny scarves tied around their hips; Seaney’s is embellished with dozens of tiny metal disks that percuss as she dances. “Let’s shimmy!” she exclaims. “You’re never going to walk to class the same way again!” ■

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Different Strokes

A freshman's first exam: the swim test



It's a rite of passage for almost everyone who spends four undergrad years on the Hill: the swim test. Cornell is one of about fifteen American universities that require students to demonstrate basic aquatic acumen to earn a bachelor's degree (though transfer students are exempt). Only two other Ivies, Columbia and Dartmouth, still have the test, as does MIT.

According to Fred Debruyn '76, who has taught aquatics and overseen the swim test on the Hill for four decades, the requirement traces its roots to the turn of the last century. "The swim test came about [in 1905], when Frank Barton was commandant of cadets," Debruyn explains. "At that point, male students had to pass military drill to graduate. Barton said that it had been proven in modern warfare that a soldier who can't swim is deadwood to his unit—so no one would pass drill unless they could complete a swimming test."

The women's test dates to 1920, when it was created at the behest of Dorothy Bateman, who served as director of women's PE until the early Sixties. "She thought swimming was a necessary skill for educated young ladies," says retired PE director Al Gantert. Back then, women took the test in the small pool in Sage College. "Basically, it was a little tank," Debruyn says. "The test was to jump in and swim four circuits of the pool, about eighty yards. You were supposed to 'jump in the water and come up smiling.'" By the early Seventies—for reasons that aren't clear—women had to swim 100 yards, men only fifty. (Back then, Debruyn says, the men's test—and all male open swims—was done naked, lest swimsuits fray and clog the filter.) In 1975, the requirements were standardized so all students had to swim seventy-five yards.

Every year some students procrastinate until they're about to graduate—either because they never got around to it or because they genuinely dread the water.

According to Debruyn, out of each freshman class of about 3,000, more than 90 percent pass the test their first semester. Most of the others take intro swimming—and then pass. However, he says, every year some students procrastinate until they're about to graduate—either because they never got around to it or because they genuinely dread the water. Michelle Tu '18, a human ecology student, is in the former category. "I guess I just didn't feel like it?" she muses. "I'll probably take it toward the end of the semester. I can swim

already—it's just something that I have to complete. And swimming is a good skill to have, so I think it's cool that Cornell has that requirement."

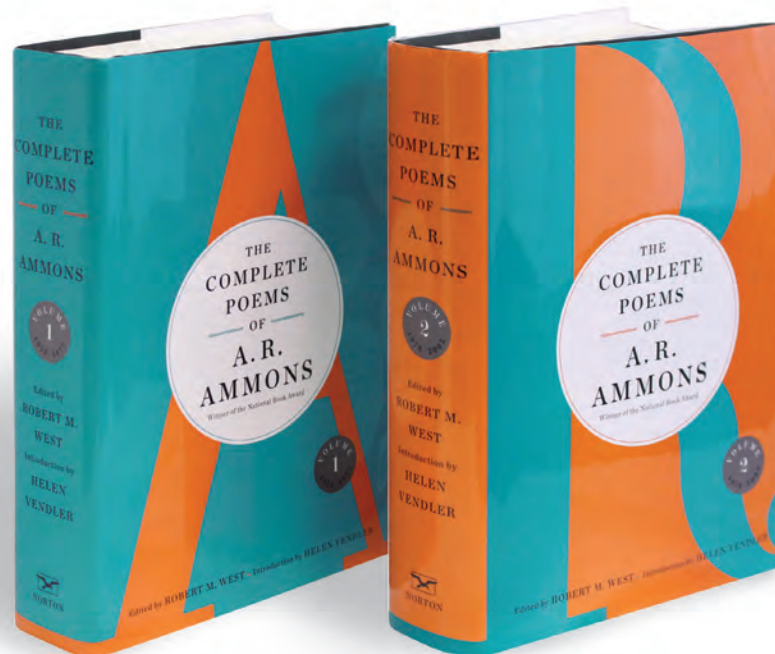
Every year, Debruyn says, a small number of seniors—usually anywhere between eight and seventeen—have not passed by graduation and can't receive a

diploma. Among the most memorable cases: an '87 alum who came back to take the test two decades after graduation. Then there was the student who learned on the Tuesday of senior week that he wouldn't get his diploma—and initially shrugged it off. "On Wednesday afternoon, he called me and said, 'I need to pass the swim test.' And I said, 'Why? What changed?'" Debruyn recalls. "He said, 'Two things. First, my parents are going to kill me.' And he had been accepted to law school and they basically told him, 'If you don't have a diploma, don't bother coming.'" Debruyn gave the senior private lessons over the next two days—and he passed. "I was extraordinarily impressed," he says. "But you know—if he'd put in a little time in the previous four years, he wouldn't have had that much stress."

THE COMPLETE Archie

**As Norton publishes the collected works of the late poet A.R. Ammons,
a former student reflects on his life and art**

By C.A. Carlson '93, MFA '96

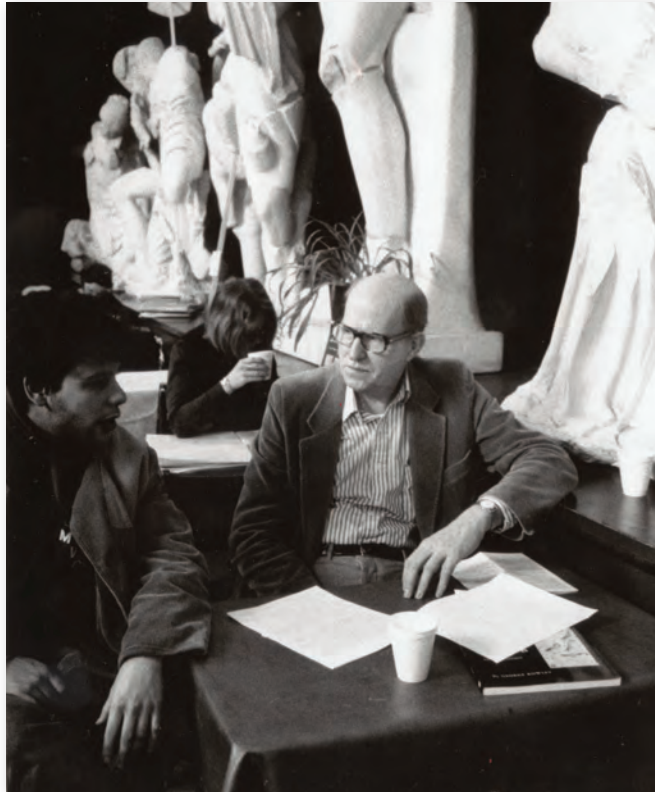


If you will sit with me in the light
of speech, I will sit with you . . .

— A.R. Ammons, *Garbage*

Like generations of Cornell writers, I sat in the light of speech with poet and longtime English professor Archie Ammons morning after morning over coffee in the Temple of Zeus—first in the grand cavern that the café occupied on the left side of the Goldwin Smith lobby, later in the more modern but much diminished setting on the right, to which it was shifted in 1997. All of us who gathered with him there, a group that included fellow poets Phyllis Janowitz and Roald Hoffmann (who moonlighted as a Nobel-Prize-winning chemist), worried about how the move would affect Archie, whose verse was wildly adventurous, but whose daily habits made the word “routine” seem inadequate. We tried to cheer him up by surreptitiously scattering dimes on the floor—Archie, who had grown up on a North Carolina farm during the Depression, was never happier than when he discovered lost change—and by showing up as early as we could each day. He was always there first.

Archie—known to the world of letters as A.R. Ammons, two-time winner of the National Book Award and one of the first MacArthur “genius” grant recipients—was always there first with his writing, too. The full scope of his literary innovation is on display in *The Complete Poems of A.R. Ammons*, published in December by W.W. Norton & Company. Over the course of two volumes—more than 2,000 pages and nearly 1,000 poems—readers can trace the evolution of his work from early efforts to bridge the philosophical and colloquial in his first collection, *Ommateum with Doxology* (1955), to the sprawling book-length poems for which he may be best known: *Tape for the Turn of the Year* (1965), *Sphere: The Form of a Motion* (1974), *Garbage* (1993), and *Glare* (1997). As critic Helen Vendler writes in her sweeping introduction: “A voice of the rural South, modified by scientific modernity, observant and



FAVORITE HAUNT: The late A.R. Ammons (right) with a student at the old Temple of Zeus café in Goldwin Smith, likely in the Eighties. Opposite page: The two volumes of Ammons’s collected works, recently released by Norton.

sardonic, he sounds like nobody else, his idiosyncrasy inimitable.”

For those Cornellians like myself who knew Archie, *The Complete Poems* is also an opportunity to sit down again with a friend who was “addicted to conversation,” as Cornell English professor Roger Gilbert observed in the *New York Times* obituary when Archie died in 2001 (Roger is currently working on a critical biography of him). I find one of my morning talks with Archie captured on page 646 of the second volume, in section 99 of *Glare*:

*I asked C.A. what she thought
about, no, what
she believed in: she said, etiquette:
that’s
like good conduct and not
necessarily some
stilted ceremonialism . . .*

He goes on to political musings—“but / if we could get everybody in the world mannerly / we wouldn’t even need defense, so what would be / the use of collecting taxes, just idle money . . .”—that frustrated me at the time and frustrate me still. Archie was no respecter of sensibility in his work or his conversation,

and there was more than one occasion when I walked out of Zeus in exasperation, only to return when a contrite note showed up in my English department mailbox. Over the years, many readers of his work have experienced something similar as they try to follow along with his playful experimentation in form, his freewheeling careens from the metaphorical to the mundane. In her introduction, Vendler describes her “bewilderment” at some of the turns his writing took, but she—like so many of Archie’s fans and friends—always came back.

By the time I was joining Archie for coffee in the Temple of Zeus, first as an undergraduate and then as one of the last, lucky MFA candidates to study with him before his retirement in 1998, he had been a member of the Cornell faculty for more than thirty years. It was an unlikely landing for a boy who grew up the son of Baptist farmers in a home with only three books and not much else. Archie recalled that childhood in one of his best-known and best-loved poems, “Easter Morning,” set partly in the family graveyard. >

when I go back to my home country
 in these
 fresh far-away days, it's convenient
 to visit
 everybody, aunts and uncles, those
 who used to say,
 look how he's shooting up, and the
 trinket aunts who always had a
 little
 something in their pocketbooks,
 cinnamon bark
 or a penny or nickel, and uncles who
 were the rumored fathers of cousins
 who whispered of them as of great, if
 troubled presences, and school
 teachers, just about everybody older
 (and some younger) collected in one
 place
 waiting, particularly, but not for
 me . . .

It was one of those teachers who got Archie hooked on writing. After high school, he worked in a shipyard and enlisted in the Navy during World War II; he kept a journal and studied vocabulary

during night watches. The G.I. Bill got him to Wake Forest University, where he fell in love with his Spanish teacher, Phyllis Plumbo. They married after graduation, and he worked as an elementary school principal before joining his father-in-law's scientific glassware business. In his spare time, though, he was writing the poems that would appear in his first two books, *Ommateum with Doxology* and *Expressions of Sea Level* (1964). The latter's publication led to a job offer at Cornell. Over the years that followed, between coffee klatches in Zeus and his famous long walks around Ithaca that served as research expeditions for the nature imagery in so many of his poems, Archie kept on writing, kept on earning national awards and recognition from powerhouse critics like Vendler and Harold Bloom '51. (Bloom—who devoted a volume of his "Modern Critical Views" series to Archie—wrote in a 1975 journal article, "No contemporary poet in America is likelier to become a classic

than A.R. Ammons.")

Yet even when I knew him, he still seemed to think of himself as an outsider—the poor farm boy who never stopped being surprised to find himself a successful and celebrated poet. When he was clearing out his office in Goldwin Smith, Archie gave me his little 1933 pocket edition of Robert Herrick (a seventeenth-century poet who, in his good-humored embrace of the profane, seems a likely forebear for Archie's most colloquial moments), and I only discovered afterwards that at some early point in his career, he had used the flyleaf to practice different ways of signing "A.R. Ammons." Even in his final years, Archie seemed to be trying on the persona of A.R.—bringing typed drafts of his poems to share over coffee, fretting about upcoming readings and award ceremonies, worrying aloud about whether appreciation of his work would endure.

It has endured, as demonstrated by the enthusiastic reception of *The Complete Poems*. A review by Dwight Garner in the *New York Times* celebrated it as: "a rocking double-wide mobile home of electric American verse . . . Ammons carries you along because as he vamps, like a musician, there's a sense of drama, of his mind expanding and contracting. He will hit his groove and deliver a string of intensities. Then he will pull back because the beauty is too much; he'll wait for the next moment to strike." In a *New Yorker* review, Dan Chiasson—commenting on *Tape for the Turn of the Year*, which Archie wrote on adding machine tape, a process that enforced limits to line length and demanded relentless forward momentum, since he couldn't scroll back and rewrite—said: "Few poets have captured so movingly the experience of living in time, or thought so lucidly, with the clock running, about how poems bargain against its passing."

Cornell continues to celebrate Archie, too. Zeus is home to a plaque honoring him; the English department is mounting a display in the corridor where his office once stood (possibly complete with its original door); and some of his

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manuscripts—including that roll of adding machine tape—will be digitized. I'm grateful, though, to have a monument to his work on my own bookshelf, in the form of these two imposing volumes. And I'm thrilled to find that *The Complete Poems* includes the contents of a rare little 1999 chapbook (whose delightfully vulgar title is unsuitable for the pages of this magazine), which includes one of the short poems—entitled “Getting It on Straight”—that sounds, to me, most like my friend:

*I said to
myself when I
was a boy,*

*Archie, I said,
nobody's
going to*

*care about you,
freckle face,
not for*

*yourself alone
(or your
red hair)*

*you better
learn to do
something*

*people can get
interested in:
I was right,*

*nobody's proved
interested in
me yet for myself alone*

*but I was wrong
one way or the
other*

*about the other:
nobody cares
what I do, either.*

That self-deprecation, both sincere and sly, begs for protest. And the fact that this slip of a poem has been collected at all is the proof that we did care, and we do. ■



TRASH TO TREASURE: Ammons's office door in Goldwin Smith, decorated by students to celebrate his National Book Award for *Garbage* in 1993. Opposite page: The poet poses with a refuse can that year.



SCIENTIFIC METHOD: Susan Licker, MS '96, a doctoral candidate (under food science professor Robin Dando) who works in product development for PepsiCo, conducts her study on snack food textures at the Sensory Evaluation Center in February. Opposite page: A sample of graham crackers being slid through a hatch into the tasting room next door.

Taste Tests

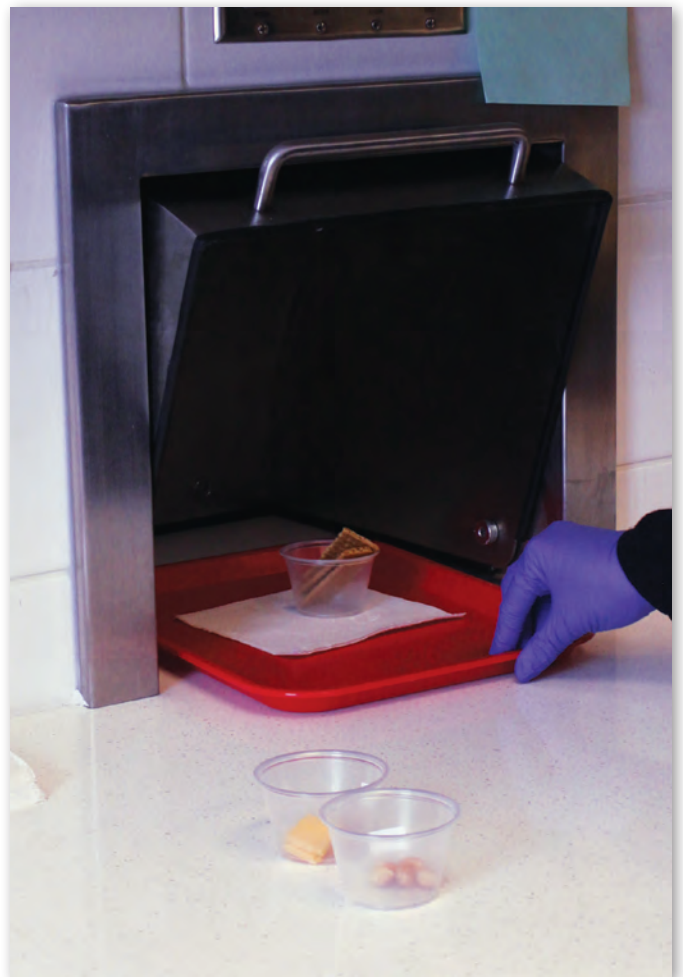
Food science's state-of-the-art Sensory Evaluation Center helps academia and industry unlock the secrets of flavor

By Beth Saulnier

About once a week during the semester, a handwritten notice appears on a whiteboard in the Stocking Hall lobby, aimed at tempting passersby to venture down the hall. "Coconut Water Study!" it said one day in late January, above a room number and an arrow pointing in the right direction.

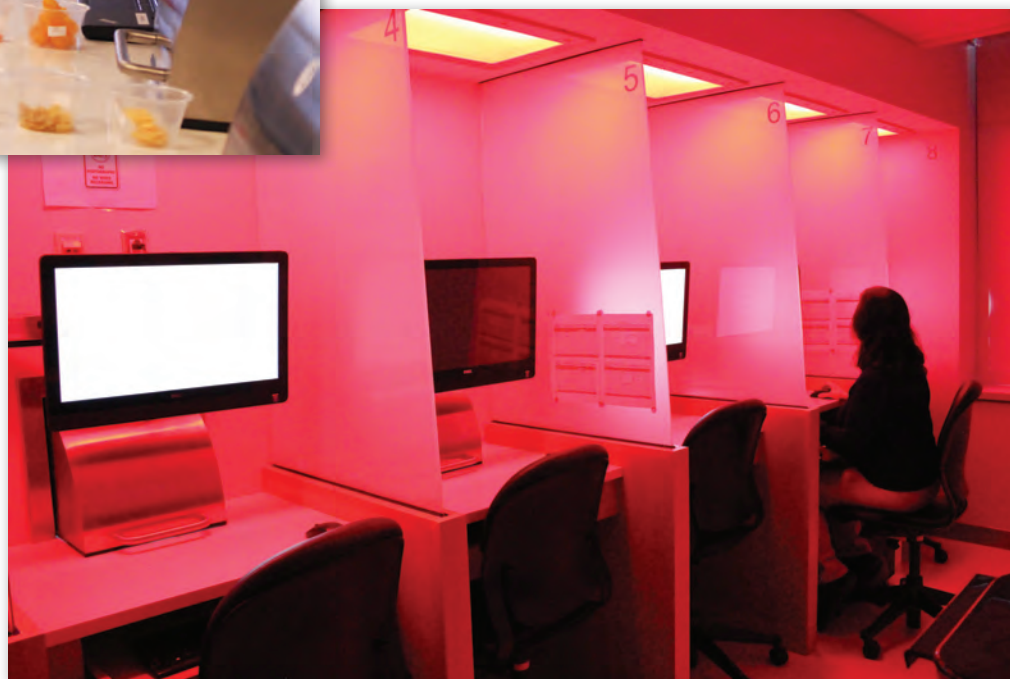
The destination in question, 118 Stocking, houses the Sensory Evaluation Center—a state-of-the-art facility that's the epicenter of Cornell's research on how humans experience foods and beverages. Opened in 2015 following a major renovation of the food science building, it replaced a decades-old facility formerly housed in the Stocking basement. Bright and modern, the new center hosts taste tests to support research by undergrads, grad students, and faculty—which together comprise some 60 to 70 percent of its projects—as well as for corporate clients, whose fees help support its academic work. "Cornell has a strong dairy presence, so we do a lot of dairy products—milk, yogurt, cheese, dips, sour cream," says Alina Stelick, MS '03, the center's manager since the reopening. "We do a lot of wine and hard cider, sometimes beer. The rest of it is a hodgepodge of things. It can be crackers, cookies, chicken nuggets, pasta. We test a really wide range."

The Sensory Evaluation Center is part laboratory, part stage set: one essential element is that study participants are shielded from the back-of-house activities on the other side of the wall, home to a small commercial kitchen. After signing in at the center's office and reception area—where, among other paperwork, they're informed of any potential allergens—the tasters are positioned at one of eight stations, each separated by a Plexiglas partition. Samples are slid on trays through small hatches that connect to the kitchen; a special air-handling system even keeps the tasters from smelling the odors of food preparation. "We want to cut >





CAREFUL HANDLING (clockwise from top left): Alina Stelick, MS '03, the sensory center's manager, helping with the snack food texture study; a guide to the study's samples, which ranged from cheese puffs to pineapple Life Savers; and the tasting room during the study, when red lighting was used to mask the food's appearance.



people off from any interaction, any bias related to the test," says the center's director, Robin Dando, assistant professor of food science. "You don't want people to know what the product looks like when it's being prepared or who's making it for them."

The center's kitchen houses standard equipment—stove, freezer, oven, refrigerator, microwave, heat lamps for keeping food warm—but it's designed for maximum flexibility; staff can wheel in, say, blenders or ice cream makers as a study demands. In the tasting room the lighting can be manipulated to become brighter, dimmer, or tinged red (to mask a food's visual characteristics). Sometimes, researchers even employ sound—as Dando did for a study a few years ago on how airplane noise affects palate. For that work, which he and Kimberly Yan, MPS '15, published in the *Journal of Experimental Psychology: Human Perception and Performance* in 2015, they had subjects don headphones and listen to the roughly 80-decibel background noise of an airplane (or, as a control, to nothing). They found that while the sound

dampened subjects' ability to taste sweetness, for as-yet-unknown reasons it heightened their perception of umami—the savory flavor found in foods like mushrooms and red meat.

The findings helped explain the anecdotal observation that tomato juice—a beverage heavy in umami—is much more popular at 30,000 feet than on terra firma. The work made international headlines—although, as Dando notes with a chuckle, the project didn't actually involve serving lunchtime Bloody Marys to lucky volunteers, as some of the news stories implied. "Every now and then one of our studies will be picked up like crazy, and it will be everywhere," he observes. "And we find that the more it gets picked up, the more it drifts away from the actual facts."

For another study that got covered in the mainstream media, Dando and his team ventured outside the Sensory Evaluation Center—to Lynah Rink, where they explored how mood affects taste perception. Sports games, he notes, offer a handy way to study the concept, since a fan can be euphoric at a victory one day

and then heartsick at a loss the next. So the researchers attended every home game of the 2013–14 men's hockey season, toting samples of two frozen desserts: a lemon-lime sorbet and a salted caramel pretzel ice cream. "We sort of unofficially hinted that we were refining a new flavor for the Dairy Bar, but it was the same sample the whole year through," says Dando, who conducted the study with grad student Corinna Noel. "We were looking at how people rated them when they won versus when they lost."

They found that while hockey fans' opinion of the sorbet—a more tart, less indulgent dessert—was heavily dependent on how the Big Red did, their enjoyment of the ice cream was not affected by a game's outcome. As a writer for *Forbes* later summed it up: "This may be part of the comfort food effect: sweet, fatty foods retain their appeal no matter what happens; while other foods, with more aversive or contrasting tastes, may lose their appeal when you're feeling disappointed or down." The results were published in the journal *Appetite* in 2015. Such findings, Dando says, could help explain the drivers behind the unhealthy choices people make through "emotional eating." "When you're in a bad mood," he muses, "do you have to go straight to the salted caramel pretzel, because the lemon-lime sorbet tastes terrible to you?"

Feast for the Senses

As associate professor of food science Gavin Sacks, PhD '05, notes, there's a difference between "taste" and "flavor." While "taste" may be a blanket term to the layperson, for experts in the field the word refers only to the sensations detected by the receptors on your tongue's taste buds—salty, sweet, sour, bitter, and umami. But as Sacks points out, the burning sensation we get from spicy peppers or the cooling feeling of menthol isn't "taste" per se; furthermore, some of what we perceive as taste doesn't even involve the tongue. "One of the classic experiments that all kindergarteners do is take nose clips and taste different juices, and realize that a lot of what they're calling 'taste' is actually aroma," he says. "Apple and grape juice are nearly indistinguishable with your nose pinched. Then you take the clip off and perceive the volatile aroma compounds in the juices, and that's what lets you distinguish them."

An expert in analytical chemistry, Sacks primarily does research relating to wine—work that often by definition requires understanding how the ensuing libation will be received by consumers. One project that Sacks recently began involves devising ways to remove the sweet, jam-like aroma from Concord grape juice—a product that's widely produced in New York State but that fetches low prices per ton, since juice is no longer a breakfast staple in many households. The aim, he says, is to broaden the market for Concord by using the juice as a neutral blend in premium wines. If all goes well, the researchers will ultimately test wines made from their "deodorized" juice in the sensory lab, to ensure that consumers can't distinguish it from other neutral varieties. "Any kind of good investigation in wine >

'Any kind of good investigation in wine never starts with the chemistry,' notes Professor Gavin Sacks, PhD '05. 'It starts with the sensory.'



FRUIT FLAVORS (from top): Micah Martin, MS '17 (left), and Belen Vila, MS '17, conduct a hard cider study in the sensory center in 2016; Vila sliding a sample into the tasting room; the study's tasters at work.



'Generally, four to five products is the most you'd want them to try,' says Professor Robin Dando. 'After that, everything starts to taste the same.'



never starts with the chemistry; it starts with the sensory," he says. "Unless you know there's a sensory difference, it's not worth your time. For looking at wine, chemistry for the sake of chemistry is useless."

Ideally, each study in the Sensory Evaluation Center involves about 100 subjects; a tasting takes around fifteen minutes and usually pays \$5. "Generally, four to five products is the most you'd want them to try—after that, everything starts to taste the same," Dando says. "People are human, and they get bored." Occasionally, studies that are more time-consuming—like one on toothpaste flavors that required taking samples home and filling out online surveys—can pay \$50 or more. While some other on-campus research groups may offer academic credit for

participation, Stelick says, monetary compensation allows for a broader demographic range of subjects, from students to staff to local retirees. She also points out that to create realistic testing conditions, the center doesn't conduct studies on alcohol in the morning, or on coffee in the late afternoon. "These are not psychology experiments where we try to understand the person's behavior," Stelick explains. "We're interested in the product—we're not really interested in the people."

January's coconut water study offered a typical example of how the center functions. Volunteers were asked to evaluate three samples, served sequentially in clear plastic cups that were slid through the hatch from the adjacent kitchen. Using a scale from "dislike extremely" to "like extremely," tasters had to weigh in on the samples' appearance, aroma, mouthfeel, and more—prompted by questions on their station's computer screen—and to describe attributes like sweetness, sourness, and refreshing quality. To cleanse the palate between samples, volunteers had

access to water and unsalted crackers—as well as a "spit cup" if they opted not to swallow. Finally, the tasters received all three samples together, so they could compare them to each other and rank them according to preference.

The study was essential to a project being conducted by Emile Punzalan, a graduate student from a university in the Philippines who's spending eight months on the Hill as a visiting researcher. Punzalan is studying the viability of using non-thermal methods of concentrating coconut water, a growing export crop for his nation. "There are some heat-sensitive nutrients and properties of coconut water that are being lost when you do it by thermal concentration," he explains. "We want to concentrate it without using heat, so the quality is much better compared to what is currently available, and more comparable to fresh." While the study participants didn't know it, each sample they tasted was processed differently: one was fresh, one thermally concentrated, and the other concentrated using a non-thermal method. "The study we conducted is important," says Punzalan, who's still evaluating the data, "because we want to know if consumers will detect a difference."

For food science master's student Julie Camacho Flinois, the Sensory Evaluation Center is key to her research on developing a market for acid whey, a byproduct of making such foods as cream cheese and Greek yogurt. "Acid whey is being produced way more than it was before, and the trend doesn't seem to be stopping," she explains. "For now it's just considered waste, and it's bad for the planet. It's either given as animal feed or as fertilizer, but for both of those there is a plateau of how much it can be used." The French-born Flinois has been testing products that could be made using acid whey in place of liquids like buttermilk or water, while remaining palatable to consumers. Her first phase involved a cheese dip and a ranch dressing—with promising results—and she's now moving on to baked goods, planning to test one that's sweet and chemically leavened (scones) and another that's savory and yeasted



SECRET SAUCE: Graduate students (from left) Andreea Beldie, Rebecca Cheng, and Ana Ortiz in one of Stocking Hall's test kitchens, where they created a cheesy snack that's now in the finals of a dairy product competition. Opposite page: The sensory center's director, Robin Dando, outside Stocking, which sports a distinctive milk bottle sculpture.

(*fougasse*, a bread resembling focaccia). She's having volunteer tasters evaluate products she made with acid whey, as well as conventional versions. "If the ratings on all the sensory attributes are on par with the other products, then I'm proving it's possible to do this, and companies should think about it," she says, adding: "I couldn't do my research without the sensory center. If I were to develop products and just give them to five people in my lab, I'd have no results."

Over the years, Cornell's food science students have taken top honors in numerous national product development competitions, including winning the prestigious Institute of Food Technologists contest seven times since 1991. (The most recent win, in 2017, was for Jack'd Jerky, a vegan snack made from jackfruit.) They owe their success, in part, to the sensory center, which allows for thorough and precise evaluation of how a product is received by potential consumers. This academic year, a trio of grad students—Andreea Beldie, Rebecca Cheng, and Ana Ortiz—used the center to help refine their entry in a National Dairy Council competition. Its guidelines required that entries comprise more than 51 percent dairy products and have at least 20 percent of the recommended daily allowance of protein. The Cornell team's product: a savory, granola-type snack that Cheng describes as "a cross between a Cheez-It and a Cheeto."

About eighty people participated in the trio's tasting, in which the team tested two versions that had slightly different textures. "We had good feedback," says Beldie. "Some people were really excited, because the product is something you can't find on the market." Such testing, she says, "is very important, because

when you develop a product you need to know what the consumer wants, what their expectations would be." It paid off: their team was one of six that made the finals, to be judged in April. The top three finishers will be invited to present their products at the American Dairy Science Association meeting in Tennessee in June. "We want it to be sort of an energy snack," says Cheng, "something to replace granola bars, energy bars, or nuts, but taste great at the same time."

In addition to Ortiz's work on the project and her doctoral research in Sacks's lab, she's a member of the center's Cheese Descriptive Sensory Panel. Distinct from the regular taste tests, the group is made up of about a dozen people who've undergone forty hours of paid training on how to evaluate and describe five major varieties: cheddar, Muenster, Gouda, Swiss, and Havarti. Stelick points out that the panel—which is regularly tapped by industry for product-development purposes—is the only one of its kind in the Northeast. (The center trained a similar descriptive panel devoted to kale, which did evaluations until last fall.) Members, who are asked to serve on the panel for three years, come in for tastings about twice a week in the middle of the day. "A lot of them are cheese lovers," Stelick says with a smile, "and this is their cheese lunch." Ortiz, a cheese fan who worked in the dairy industry in her native Mexico, says she devotes around eight minutes to evaluating each sample, which comes in a lidded plastic cup to allow the product's aroma—or "head space"—to develop. "You have to be as blank as possible, have no cell phone, nothing around," she says of her evaluation process. "You take a bite, close your eyes, and focus." ■

The 'Model' American University



Elizabeth Everett Krisberg '97

Serving the Cornell community as a trustee has been a privilege as well as a serious responsibility. I have had a front-row seat for unprecedented transitions—five presidents, including acting and interim, in less than four years!—and numerous challenges, large and small. Despite these changes and challenges, we have maintained a steadfast commitment to protecting our core tenet of “any person, any study” while advancing Cornell to be the model for the twenty-first-century American university—one with a global land grant mission.

Three initiatives I have focused on during my term demonstrate Cornell’s vitality and forward-thinking nature. The Student Housing Initiative, which will add almost 2,000 beds in Ithaca by 2021, has been a multi-year, joint effort by the Committee of Student Life, which I co-chair, as well as the Finance, Building & Properties, and Academic Affairs committees. When complete, Cornell will be able to deliver on our promise to

house all freshmen and sophomores on campus in safe and appropriate environments. The formation of the Cornell SC Johnson College of Business in 2016 united the Johnson, Dyson, and Hotel schools to create an even stronger competitor in the business education marketplace, reflecting the future of business itself: flexible, cross-disciplinary, and collaborative. Finally, the opening of Cornell Tech’s Roosevelt Island campus in New York City this fall exhibits our position as a global leader in technology, innovation, and collaboration.

While alumni-elected trustees represent the perspective of alumni on the board, all trustees are fiduciaries of the University. Accordingly, my role has been to represent the best interests of Cornell as a whole, not just the group that elected me.

I truly appreciate having been given the opportunity to serve Cornell, its alumni, and the community as a trustee. Go Big Red!

— Elizabeth Everett Krisberg '97

'Steward of a Great Treasure'



Michael Troy '81

When I joined the board in 2014, I thought I had a relatively deep understanding of the workings of the University, since I was an adjunct professor in the Dyson School and had two sons attending Cornell. I quickly discovered that Cornell is a much more complex enterprise to manage than I had imagined. Blending the intellectual richness of academia with the laser focus of a multinational corporation presents unique challenges and opportunities.

I have been a part of discussions, debates, and decisions on topics ranging from Collegetown to Cornell Tech, faculty renewal to online education, hazing to building new dorms, and tuition to endowment returns. University affairs were even more challenging with high turnover in the senior administration including the provost, multiple vice presidents, and, of course, two presidential searches. And in the midst of all this, we celebrated the Sesquicentennial.

Much of the work on a large board occurs at the committee level. At various points, I have

been a member of the Finance, Alumni Affairs, Development, Student Life, and Audit committees. I am now proud to be national chairman of the Cornell Annual Fund, which is very rewarding.

Cornell still has many challenges ahead, including coping with unsustainable tuition increases, hiring outstanding faculty, improving Collegetown, rebuilding infrastructure, integrating Cornell Tech, capitalizing on the growth of Weill Cornell Medicine, and improving student life issues ranging from housing to athletics—and doing all of this with limited financial resources but boundless energy.

Serving on the board has been one of the greatest joys and highest honors of my life. It is said that “we live in the shade of trees that we did not plant.” With that in mind, I hope to continue to help make improvements and refinements to our university, yet be mindful that I am a steward of a great treasure.

— Michael Troy '81

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CORNELL'S TRUSTEES AIM FOR THE UNIVERSITY'S LONG-TERM HEALTH

Robert S. Harrison '76 has been a member of Cornell's Board of Trustees since 2002 and became chairman in 2012; he also serves on the Weill Cornell Medicine and Cornell Tech boards of overseers. He previously chaired the board's Executive Committee and Student Life Committee; as an undergraduate, he served as a student trustee from 1975-76.

Jan Rock Zubrow '77 has been a member of the board since 1998 and became chairman of the Executive Committee in 2011; she has also chaired the past two Presidential Search Committees and was co-chair of the Cornell Tech task force.

The full conversation is available at news.cornell.edu/HarrisonZubrowQA.

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– Robert S. Harrison

How does the work you do on the board translate to the health of the university, and how do you define success in your roles?

Harrison: The board’s role is to make sure that the university thrives in perpetuity. With every decision, we need to take the long-term view of what is in the best interest of the university as a whole. That means we need to select a great president, be supportive of his or her agenda, and provide unbiased advice to guide the university’s strategic direction. We also need to be vigilant in monitoring the university’s risks, growth and financial security.

Zubrow: As fiduciaries, we have a responsibility to make sure that the board and the university are acting in a way that’s consistent with our mission and our core values. We are, in effect, the moral compass of the university, and we want to make sure the university is operating with integrity.

We measure our success by looking at metrics that relate to our three-part mission of teaching, research and public engagement. We look at research standings, internal reports on campus climate, faculty and student satisfaction, and diversity, as well as university rankings. These metrics and reports help us assess how we are doing as a university relative to our mission, goals and values.

What are some of the most significant issues the board has faced during your tenures?

Harrison: Among the most important was transforming the residential experience for undergraduates, including the creation of a freshman community on North Campus, an upperclass residential college experience on West Campus and, recently, the decision to expand North Campus to create a new community for sophomores.

A second significant issue was the expansion of Cornell’s presence in New York City – Weill Cornell Medicine, Cornell Tech and numerous other college programs – to become a two-campus university. In addition to investing in the medical college, we made a game-changing

decision to pursue and then create Cornell Tech on Roosevelt Island. If we invest in this opportunity as we should, Cornell Tech will enhance the stature of the entire university for decades to come.

A third and persistent issue is maintaining the financial strength of the university, particularly during difficult periods like the Great Recession. That financial strength is what permits us to invest in our faculty and our students.

Zubrow: The investment in the Belfer Research Building in New York City is a very big deal. Historically, our expertise at Weill Cornell Medicine has been on the clinical side of medicine, but we recognized that to go from “good” to “great,” we needed to have a significant research enterprise. Given the importance of the medical college to Cornell’s mission, we need to work hard to continue its success.

What is something each of you has learned from the other while serving on the board?

Zubrow: Bob has been an extraordinary leader of Cornell through some very difficult times, and by working with him, I’ve learned how to lead under enormous pressure. Bob stays calm, focused and sets the right tone for the university and the board. He works tirelessly and collaboratively with Cornell’s leadership and the board to always do what’s right for the university. It’s never about him ... he views every problem through a lens of Cornell’s mission and values.

Harrison: With Jan, I’ve learned how to be an effective partner within a somewhat unusual leadership structure. In most organizations, the chairman of the board is also chairman of the executive committee, but Cornell has a tradition of splitting those roles. That could create all kinds of friction, but we have never had that in the entire time Jan and I have been working together. We have listened to each other and have totally respected each other’s views; I’ve changed my mind as a result of hearing from Jan, and my guess is that she



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– Jan Rock Zubrow

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Number of members of the Cornell University Board of Trustees

has, too. We really have become fantastic partners, and I believe it has benefited Cornell.

How does the board's democratic and representative makeup reflect Cornell's culture?

Harrison: We are the largest and most democratic board of any Ivy League college, and we're also large compared to other public and private college boards. The average size of a private university board is 29, and for public universities it's 12. Cornell has 64 board members who represent our incredibly diverse history. We have representatives from the agricultural community, the labor community and state government, as well as representatives from the faculty, the student body, employees and alumni. We're unique in the diversity of our governing body. And we're a board that listens to each other before making decisions.

Zubrow: Our democratic approach to governance stems from our heritage and shapes our unique culture. It's part of our DNA. We live and breathe these core values through the broad representation on our board and how we make decisions.

We are a truly democratic university, and we have a much broader view of what it means to be an academic institution. Our public-private mission and the value we place on both the liberal arts as well as the applied fields – and the belief that those are equally important – colors everything we do. I think that is the richness of our culture.

How has trustees' focus on the long-term interests of the university proven crucial to decision-making?

Zubrow: Having a big-picture, long-term view is central to the most important decision that the board makes: the selection of a president. To provide broad input, we constitute a committee with representatives from different constituencies: trustees, faculty members, students and employees. When we come together, one of the first things I ask of the committee – and what I tell them again at the end when we are about to vote – is that you put on your “university hat” and vote as a citizen of the university. When it comes to the final vote, the committee members make their decision based on what's right for the university, and not based on the views of a narrow constituency.

Harrison: Our decision to create the Cornell SC Johnson College of Business is the single best example in my experience of trustees focusing on the best interest of the university rather than being protective of their individual colleges.

We have always had trustees who were very strong advocates of the Hotel School, the Johnson School and the Dyson School. They attended those schools and have been fiercely loyal and supportive for decades. Integrating

those schools into a unified college of business was the single most contentious issue that we faced during my tenure on the board. At the end of the day, the decision was unanimous, and part of the reason it was unanimous is because of the advocacy of people who put the university's long-term interests above all else.

Cornell alumni vote for two alumni-elected trustees each year. How would you answer the question ‘Why should I vote?’

Zubrow: We have alumni-elected trustees on our board, and that's a very unusual thing. If you're an alum and you want to have a voice in the governance of the university, this is your opportunity; you shouldn't pass that up. It is your right, and you should express that right. We get some of our best trustees from our alumni-elected trustees – both Bob and I started as proud alumni-elected trustees.

Harrison: The board of trustees is extraordinarily important in setting the future course of the university, and an alumni-elected trustee has exactly the same role to play as any other trustee. I think that voting is the very least an alum can do to give back to Cornell. While we love to see alumni devoting their time, expertise and financial resources to Cornell, voting for alumni-elected trustees is the easiest way to start getting involved, reconnecting and making a difference.

Opposite page:

From left, Cornell President Martha E. Pollack; Daniel Huttenlocher, vice provost and the Jack and Rilla Neafsey Dean of Cornell Tech; former New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg; and Robert Harrison celebrate following the ribbon-cutting ceremony at Cornell Tech in September 2017. **Below, top:** Jan Rock Zubrow at a campaign celebration in 2008. **Below, bottom:** Harrison and Zubrow in the procession for Pollack's presidential inauguration ceremony in August 2017.



Joe Wilensky

Microgrants advance female students and faculty

Call them seed funds. Call them springboards. Call them tangible votes of confidence. Student microgrants awarded by the President's Council of Cornell Women (PCCW) are designed to boost the success of female students.

African-American women will foster community and leadership during a luncheon. The Women's Law Coalition will hold a career day. A theater Ph.D. student will document LGBTQ voices for "The Loneliness Project."

These and 10 more student-initiated projects and events have received funding this year with awards of up to \$500 to cover a wide range of program expenses that can quickly add up on slim budgets.

"Securing this funding means being able to provide the best experience for all the participants and judges," said Sonya Tao '19 of Smart Woman Securities, which holds an annual stock pitch competition.

For Olivia Shi, a graduate student in health administration, PCCW's microgrant comes as an "immense help" as she and her fellow members of Cornell's Women in Healthcare Leadership Club plan an annual spring symposium.

All the microgrants represent one of several PCCW philanthropic initiatives that benefit Cornell female students and faculty. With the effort now in its second year, alumnae organizers say that modest amounts can go a long way.



Above: Last year's winners of Smart Woman Securities' annual Stock Pitch Competition, which received funding this year to help undergraduate women in finance apply what they have learned.

Left: Members of Les Femmes de Substance (pictured at last year's annual retreat) aim to foster community and leadership for African-American female students. The group was awarded funds to host a networking luncheon.



"When I see the energy of Cornell students, I am inspired to support them in any way I can. It doesn't have to be a lot to make a difference," said Jennifer Perez-Rossello '91, a former PCCW chair who spearheaded the program.

"It's exciting to see what students do with the funds and the difference they make for the women who are currently at Cornell as they work hard to make an impact on each other," said PCCW Chair Heidi Grenek '92, M.Eng. '93.

"It's energizing when you see the creative ways that people put money to good use and impact others."

– Heidi Grenek '92, M.Eng. '93

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CLASS NOTES

NEWS OF FELLOW CORNELLIANS

46 You are reading this in late winter, but the holidays are upon us as I write, and everyone, including yours truly, is ridiculously crazy with every moment taken. So, thanks to my dear friends who have responded to my frantic phone calls, I do have something to report.

Joan Waite Martens loves living in New York City. She is often able to walk to a city park close to her home and just relax, watching the children play and the birds flitting around. Her important stores are also conveniently close. Winter offers many challenges in New York City, but she manages very well.

Joyce Lee Fletcher (my freshman roomy) said she is not dead yet—"Hurrah!"—in spite of a heart attack and a stroke. She has recovered from both, due to much rehab and continued workouts. She finds that using oxygen while using her walking machine helps a great deal. Many of her grandchildren live close to her in Portland, OR, and are very good to her, especially since she is still living in her beautiful home that her husband, Robert, designed and built for her many years ago.

Jan Bassette Summerville is living in Watertown, NY, at a retirement place during the winter months. She is escaping the huge snowfalls that always make winter in Sackets Harbor too much to handle these years. Jan feels that she is doing very well, receiving three meals a day and good healthcare. She has a small refrigerator, but does not cook. It is a nice apartment. Jan rides a scooter around to collect her mail, etc., and uses a walker to get to meals. Her children and grandchildren mostly visit in the summer. Granddaughter Olivia is a freshman at Harvard. She has been a member of crews since high school and loves it. Jan told me that all of her grandchildren were home-schooled, attended well-known colleges, and are now working in several professions. She also mentioned that Rochester, NY, is now among many metro areas that have intensive home-schooling programs. This was an amazing fact for me. Did you know that Jan was our first Class of '46 alumni correspondent?

Dorothy Van Vleet Hicks has her own cottage in a State College, PA, retirement village and is very busy with many activities. She does much of her own cooking (which she enjoys). She claims it is easier to maintain a salt-free diet this way. Currently she is knitting away "little things" for her new great-grandson (4 months old). He lives in Wyoming, so you know how much warm clothing is appreciated during these cold months.

Seize the moment and give me a call, especially if you are reading this now! I feel that, for me, phone calls are speedier than fumbling with e-mails. ♦ **Dorothy Taylor** Prey, 1 Baldwin Ave., #501, San Mateo, CA 94401; tel., (650) 342-1196; e-mail, dmprey@aol.com.

Gabe Pesce, BCE '49, MS '51 (Port Hueneme, CA; pennielope@reagan.com) has many reasons for staying alive. Fifteen of them are his four surviving children, four grandchildren, and seven greats. He remains active in charitable work and writes and paints when he finds the time. He hopes to go on trips if he can find a suitable companion. Gabe salutes the Civil Engineering faculty for giving him a wonderful foundation on which to build. Unfortunately, his request to hear from **David Day**, a

great, loyal Cornellian, cannot be fulfilled. Dave died in Denver on May 15, 2016.

In January's column, I wrote about my new business of selling hugs to the female occupants and staff at SRC, Lois's and my domicile for the past four years. Lois had just cautioned me of the dangers to my health of beginning such a venture during the high flu season and suggested that it would be prudent to wait until at least May, and maybe never, to avoid contact during the risky season. Then I ran out of space in January's column and promised to finish the story in a future column. Here it is, my parody of the WWII standard, "No Hugs, No Nothing":

*No hugs, no nothing, until the middle of May;
No germ-in-a-ting, so healthy I'll stay;
On June the first, then out I'll burst,
Like Don Juan, folks will say;
So, all fair maids, just bide your time,
A healthy Paul is coming your way.*

We recently received an e-mail from **Bob Nist** (Trinity, FL; RobertJNist@gmail.com) containing a joke a day for a week. The joke for Saturday was: "Bob, a 70-year-old, extremely wealthy widower, shows up at the country club with a breathtakingly beautiful 25-year-old woman who charms one and all and listens intently to Bob's every word. His buddies at the club are all aghast. At the very first chance, they corner him and ask, 'Bob, how'd you get the gorgeous girlfriend?' Bob replies, 'Girlfriend? She's my wife!' They are knocked over, but continue to ask, 'So, how'd you persuade her to marry you?' 'I lied about my age,' Bob replies. 'What, did you tell her you were only 50?' Bob smiles and says, 'No, I told her I was 90.' " The jokes for Monday through Friday and Sunday are available via e-mail from your correspondent on request at: pblevine93@gmail.com.

Remember! Your classmates want to hear what's going on in your life. You may think there's nothing special to report, but your classmates yearn for news about you. To list your e-mail address in your submissions, e-mail me at the below e-mail address; please include your name, city, and state. And please note my new e-mail address. The 93 is for my age at date of acquisition. ♦ **Paul Levine**, 3273 Streamside Cir., #S-202, Pleasanton, CA 94588; tel., (925) 201-7575; e-mail, pblevine93@gmail.com. Class website, classof46.alumni.cornell.edu.

47 It's springtime, which means you'll soon be hearing from your class officers about renewing your dues. Please don't forget to fill out the accompanying news form so that we can stay up to date with your activities! ♦ **Class of 1947**, c/o *Cornell Alumni Magazine*, 401 East State St., Suite 301, Ithaca, NY 14850; e-mail, abb83@cornell.edu.

48 Our 70th Reunion will soon be upon us. I am sure you have heard directly from our class leadership, president and Reunion co-chair **Martha Clark** Mapes and co-chair **Jean Genung** Pearson. Registration materials will be mailed to you in late March. We are all getting along in years, but let's hope for a large turnout.

Now on to the news. **Thomas Dolan** is busy completing a memoir and enjoying children and grandchildren, but not so enjoying all the medical challenges. Recently he enjoyed reading *The Jewel in the Crown*, detailing the lives and conflicts of the English, Hindus, and Muslims as they moved toward Indian independence. **Carol Luther** Mackay remembers the great impact that her roommate, **Mary Louise Beneway** Clifford, had on her at Cornell. She suggests *Lilac Girls* and *The Shack* as recently read good books with suspenseful outcomes.

William Gibson spends much of his time reading history and mystery books and recently liked *To Kill a Mockingbird*. **Menko Rose III** stays active with walking, swimming, living, and especially the good fortune of a wife and four daughters. At Cornell, he was most influenced by two philosophy professors whose names, unfortunately, have escaped him. **Bart Holm** stays active, courtesy of his children and walking his dog. He intends to be at our 70th Reunion in the company of his son, **Craig '76**, MBA '78.

Shirley Haas Storey sent a note early in 2017 reporting that her husband, **Frank '50**, had died. In answer to an earlier question by **Bob Persons** to the class, she wrote that Cornell's impact included her professors, sorority sisters (Alpha Xi Delta), and especially meeting her husband at the Dutch Kitchen! More recently, her daughter, Pam Storey Cole, wrote your class correspondent to fill out the story. Shirley and Frank lived in southern Texas for 20 years before returning to Maine two years ago, where they could again enjoy the Maine coast. Fortunately still in excellent health, Shirley is in a lovely assisted living facility in Kennebunk, ME, after the death of her husband. And Maine has more than a lovely coast as a draw—she is less than 20 minutes from her daughter, granddaughter, 20, and grandson, 24, as well as a nearby niece and a granddaughter and great-granddaughter two hours south in Boston. No lack of family visits! And her facility offers ample activity, of which she particularly likes the live music performances and watching "classic" movies. And don't forget Mother Nature: Shirley is an avid birdwatcher from her living room window, aided by the bird seed her daughter brings on each visit. Get in touch with me if you would like to write to Shirley.

John van Zandt enjoys the challenge and competition of survival past most of his peers, and reports with pride his 14 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren (so far) as his contribution to the future! **Jackie Smith** Flournoy is still racing her 34-foot sailboat on Wednesday nights and got a second for this past season. "At the time of writing, I am looking forward to the wedding of my oldest grandchild, Andrew Flournoy, to his fiancée, Chelsie Davis. It will be such fun to have my whole family here for the event. Other family news comes from son Bruce, who lives in Cape Coral, FL, evacuated to Tallahassee, then chased further west to Littleville, FL, by Hurricane Irma, and thankfully returned home to no damage or flooding."

Pastor Stephen Heinzl-Nelson reports that his father, **Dewey Nelson**, MD '51, of Allentown, NJ, now lives in a nearby assisted living facility. Any correspondence to Dewey should be sent to son Pastor Stephen; I have his

address for those interested. Janice Meharg reports the death of her husband, **Edward Meharg**, in August 2017. Edward was an Electrical/Mechanical Engineering graduate after first training in the Navy V-12 and V-7 officer program and serving in the Navy as an underwater rescue and salvage diver and later at the 1946 Bikini Atoll atomic bomb tests as a radiation monitor. He then joined Union Carbide and remained there until retire-

February, "Escaped from Long Island to visit friends in Georgia, West Palm Beach, and Vero Beach." March brought her back to Shelter Island "in time for a blizzard on the 14th. All okay, as we never lost electricity. Cold but sunny." In April, "Turned 90!" Jean observes, "Inside every old person is a young person saying, 'What happened?'" May brought "usual spring stuff with garden club, women's club, and progress club. Granddaughter Renee Burns

Marianne Preger Simon is writing a memoir entitled "The Orbit of Merce Cunningham." It will be published by the University of Florida Press in 2019.

We received news from **Roger Anderson '78** that his father, our classmate **Doug Anderson**, died on December 12. Doug served in the Navy during WWII and was a longtime volunteer at Strong Memorial Hospital and the Humane Society of Greater Rochester. He worked at Stromberg Carlson, helping to design the first televisions, and at Haloid Xerox, working on the first Xerox copiers. His late wife, **Arle (Williamson)**, was in the Class of 1947, and his daughter **Beth Anderson '80** is also a Cornell alum. Send news to: ♦ **Patricia Carry** Stewart, 2613 N. Ocean Blvd., Gulf Stream, FL 33483; tel., (561) 278-5387; e-mail, stewartpc@aol.com; or **Paul Joslin**, 13731 Hickman Rd. #4207, Urbandale, IA 50323; tel., (515) 278-0960; e-mail, phjoslin@aol.com.

'Louis Fisher reports that he is now part of the "Titanium Reserve."'

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ment nearly 40 years later. As a father, he had, and is survived by, three children and six grandchildren. **Louis Fisher**, MBA '50, reports from Berkeley, CA, that he is now part of the "Titanium Reserve" as he recuperates from a left hip replacement. As to his answer to the question on the news form about the "new Federal Administration," I will make the excuse that I can't read his handwriting—but he is a true Californian by what I can make out! The good news also is that he hopes to make the 70th Reunion.

William Carroll, in answer to the same question about the new Administration, observes that "survivors in the Class of '48 have seen it all, so the world is not coming to an end as some suggest." And this comes from Williamsburg, VA. As a separate comment and recommendation, he says that anyone in the vicinity should visit the Battle of Yorktown Museum if they wish to see a well-done presentation. ♦ **Ray Tuttle**, 65 Oyster Reef Dr., Hilton Head Island, SC 29926; e-mail, RayTutt@aol.com.

49 Our class was shocked and saddened by the news of the death of **Norman Baker** in the crash of his Cessna on November 22, in a wooded area near Pittsford in central Vermont. His body was found in the wreckage. The cause of the crash is under investigation. Norm, whose obituary appeared in the *New York Times* on December 3, 2017, fulfilled his boyhood dreams of a life filled with exciting adventures. He mined gold in Alaska and climbed the Matterhorn. His most famous adventure was probably his successful voyage across the Atlantic from Morocco to Barbados on a papyrus raft, captained by the Norwegian explorer Thor Heyerdahl. A previous attempt had resulted in their raft becoming waterlogged and their rescue hundreds of miles short of their goal. Two years ago, Norm broke his neck in a fall from a horse, and last spring he broke his hip skiing. An experienced pilot, "his airplane was the one place he felt young and not impaired at all," said his son Mitchell.

Ruth Connie Berkower Moore (Valhalla, NY; hlcr moore234@yahoo.com) writes, "I have been living in a retirement community in Valhalla, NY, for the last 15 years. I put together the community newsletter. I have two children, four grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren." When asked what gives her the most satisfaction in her life these days, her emphatic response was, "Waking up in the morning!"

Jean Schultheis Brechter (Shelter Island Heights, NY) tells us of her 2017 activities month by month. We begin with January. "Cold! Then warm! Then cold! Snow-storm dropped nine inches of snow on my deck." In

graduated with a master's degree in social work." In June, Jean's children "gave me a wonderful 90th birthday party at the Shelter Island Yacht Club!" Jean's summer was bright with: "Beach! Fireworks! Parties! Doctors' appointments! Race committee at the Shelter Island Yacht Club." In November, Jean took a Cornell trip for one week in Cuba. "Very educational with a group of 27 bright, intelligent, friendly, and fun people." She spent Thanksgiving with her son Peter and grandson Stefan at Stratton Mountain in Vermont. "They skied, I walked." Jean's year concluded with a visit to Landenberg, PA, to visit her son Bob and family and Christmas spent at Winterthur and Longwood Gardens.

Classmates, our Reunion is coming up a year from this June and we are hoping to see every one of you there. It will be very comfortable for everyone, since it will be headquartered at the Statler Hotel. Those of us who may not be eager to climb stairs need not be concerned, and there will be buses to transport us to every activity. It will be fun! Please start looking forward to it now! For those of us who might wish to go to Reunion every year, there is the Continuous Reunion Club, which meets for Reunion on the Hill every June! Interested? Do contact **Jim Hanchett '53** at jch46@cornell.edu or (212) 982-1392. Please tell us what you are doing! We look forward eagerly to hearing from each and every one of the Class of '49. ♦ **Dorothy Mulhoffer** Solow, 50 Grant St., Wellsboro, PA 16901; e-mail, winspeck@yahoo.com.

50 I am writing this in Florida in late December—well before you will receive it. I lived in New York City up until 1992, where it was generally cold and sometimes snowy at this time of year, but that is not the case here. I miss it a bit, but I do enjoy living here. It's sunny and warm; we get some rain and even an occasional hurricane, but no snow.

I am afraid this column is going to be rather short because I have so little news to report. **Paul Joslin** and I would love to hear from you, as would our classmates. (See our addresses below.) Please do send us your news.

I had a most enjoyable lunch with **Manley Thaler**, LLB '53, a bit ago. He lives, and is still very active practicing law, here in the Palm Beach area, a half-hour north of me, and is in the Ithaca area during the summer, so we do see one another from time to time.

In his last column, Paul described so well the role our class and classmates have played in Cornell activities. Here is news I have received from classmates. **Daniel Kilby** (Wichita, KS) keeps busy with his history of the West and his interest in birds and bird art. He enjoys "growing up again" with his high-school-level grandchildren.

51 **David Rice**, MEd '61 (Wysox, PA) e-mailed, "**Marissa Rice '17**, a fourth-generation Rice, graduated from Cornell. She majored in pre-med. The first Rice was Alvin, who majored in Engineering and worked for the Pennsylvania Railroad. The next generation was five boys, **Alvin '41**, **DVM '41**, **James '40**, **Gerould '49**, **Frederick '50**, and David. The next generation was **George '81** and **Nancy Schneller Rice '82**. I have always loved Cornell, starting in the '30s, when my brothers were there. I had great professors: Warren, Petri, Foss, Hartwick, Hertel, and many others. You could see them anytime you wanted to."

Jesse and Elizabeth Zobel Hannan (Sarasota, FL) currently live in a retirement home in Florida. Elizabeth writes, "In July we had our first great-grandchild. I'm going to Texas to visit my daughter for Thanksgiving. I'll meet my new great-grandson at that time (he lives in Delaware). Jess isn't able to travel, so he will stay in Florida and be entertained by the residents here." An e-mail from **Elizabeth "Betty" Meng Howell**: "Brand, **Jack**, and I moved in June 2017 to an apartment in Getzville, NY. We are glad to be rid of the house and its needs. There are other Cornellians here." **Charlie Moore** (Laporte, PA) reports that eight months after publishing his business memoir, *Running on Purpose*, he released a sequel, *One Hurdle at a Time: An Olympian's Guide to Clearing Life's Obstacles*. This later publication, a collaboration with award-winning author **Brad Herzog '90**, is targeted to a middle-grade audience with the intent of challenging them to aim higher and be their best selves. Charlie was honored to lecture on both books at the Cornell Club in New York in January. The Moores have also enjoyed visits from classmates **Stuart Campbell** and **George Hano**, MBA '52.

Robert Gatje (NYC) told us in 2003 that he was working on a second book, *Great Public Squares: An Architect's Selection*, published by W.W. Norton. "The book has been out of print for a couple of years, and very much sought after (\$30 on Amazon). This is its second printing. I have very good reviews, but don't know how to attach them in this format. See the following for more information: <http://bookswwnorton.com/books/Great-Public-Squares/>." Here's one review: "From the storied piazzas of Rome, Venice, and Florence to the elegant *places* of Paris via less familiar gathering places in Germany, the Czech Republic, Spain, and Portugal, to the former marketplaces and graceful Georgian-style squares of the United Kingdom, to the most interesting and impressive squares of the New World—Santa Fe, Portland, Boston, and New York—architect Robert Gatje offers new insights, stunning computer-generated plans,

and color photographs to convey the spatial experience, supplemented by a brief history of each square and measurements to assess their success in meeting human needs for inspiring outdoor space. There is no other source for this comparative data in one place.”

I’ve tried to get **Janet Armstrong** Hamber (Santa Barbara, CA) to write about her interest in condors. She said, “Maybe later.” **Sabra** “Piper” **Baker** Staley got a postcard dated October 3 from Janet, which she sent to me. “Thank you for the clipping of the Big Sur Condor. I will go into the Condor Archives at SBMNH. I was at Hopper Mountain National Wildlife Refuge this past weekend and saw my own four real-life condors sailing over the refuge, always a spirit-lifting sight.” Piper “sent a large photo from the *Washington Post*. I knew she [Janet] would recognize who he/she was for the number 67 was quite visible on its wing.”

Frank Drake has been searching for evidence of intelligent life in the universe for 57 years, reports Linda Glaser for the *Cornell Chronicle*. We heard from Frank at our 60th Reunion in 2011. This past year, on October 19, he brought the Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence (SETI) up to date. According to the article, Cornell’s “Arecibo radio telescope’s beam can take in 14,000 stars with an estimated 2,800 planets likely to be in the habitable zone.” Says Frank, “We’re now looking for artificial pulsed laser emissions in our galaxy. We suspect there are brief signals because we detect brief pulses, but they don’t repeat.” Why after 57 years, nothing conclusive? “The solution is the proposed Pulsed All-Sky Near-Infrared Optical SETI (PANOramic SETI). It is designed to look at all the sky all the time as the Earth rotates. We have a design and a prototype, and we have a detector that fits the bill. On-site test will be performed soon. We’re coming to a new era in SETI where there won’t be problems of false positives.” Please send your news to ♦ **Brad Bond**, 101 Hillside Way, Marietta, OH 45750; tel., (740) 374-6715; e-mail, bbond101@suddenlink.net.

52 Today is an unnaturally warm and sunny December day in Pittsburgh. Our newspaper, which makes a lot of the fact that our state must have more old people than any other place in the Union, noted that the “old, old” are anyone over the age of 85. Welcome to my world. If you are reading this, you must still be here; and I would like to know about it. We are coming into the time of the column year when there will be a relatively thin mailbag. To fatten it, I would like your thoughts on being part of the “old, old.” Was it fun getting here? Are you wiser than you were at 21? What do you think of it? I know a couple of you are still playing tennis, and at least one of you is recovering from a broken hip. Variety. Give me your thoughts. The address is at the end of the column, but here it is again: joangaul@mac.com. Come on. I may have to extract your essence, but let’s see if a conversation is still possible.

Meanwhile, here is news from those who wrote recently. **Joy Rees Hoffman** wanted to share her pride in her granddaughter **Kathryn Hoffman, MBA ’17**, who earned an MBA from the Johnson School this past May. Kathryn is now in NYC working for Pfizer. She is the latest of the Cornell Hoffmans, who include Joy and **Edward ’53, JD ’55**; great-grandfather **H. Brooks Hoffman 1919**; and the family patriarch, **George W. Hoffman**, an early trustee. In late spring, I saw **Stephen Tauber**’s photo in the *New York Times*, and he enlightened me: “In April I spent six days in Paris with my son, Andrew. We went for the specific purpose of seeing with our own eyes the view of *Venice* by Michele Marieschi, which the Germans had stolen from

his grandparents in 1940.” The painting had been placed in storage when the family fled Austria, later went missing, and was finally found in 2016. A brokered agreement allowed the painting to be sold by Sotheby’s, who invited Stephen and his son to a private viewing. The painting, wrote Stephen, “is magnificent and fully worth the trip just to see it.”

An e-mail from Nancy Rader advised that her mother, **Betty Otteson Kopsco**, died on October 13. Betty’s family had a number of Cornellians: her husband, **Michael ’51**; her parents, **William 1928** and **Doris Detlefsen Otteson 1927**; her sister **Nannette Otteson ’56**; and Michael’s sister **Elizabeth Kopsco Bennett ’62**. Last spring, **Herbert Dienstag** (New York, NY; herbdien@Verizon.com) wrote, “Sorry, nothing of interest to report, but I enjoy the adventures of my classmates.” When **Donald Collins** (Ft. Lauderdale, FL; ibdrc@aol.com) wrote, he was “enjoying seeing my wife recover from six months of illness, most of the time in hospital or recovery facility. Now home, hoping she will be well enough to take a short local cruise and be able to start visiting our old friends at our two local yacht clubs.” He had been busy taking care of Pat and noted that their lives took a dramatic change with her illness. He planned to try to attend Reunion if she was up to it. Having grown up in East Lansing, he wanted to visit his grade school, high school, home, and the cemetery where his parents rested. Other thoughts: “Growing old is hell. Hope to see my old friends at Reunion. Try to enjoy each day, each minute, as it doesn’t get any easier; fortunately, Cornell provided a great education, and we have done well, traveled the world, and had it all.”

Jean Brown Craig (Gwynedd, PA; jeno1020@aol.com) is retired and living in a CCRC, but says, “I’m busier than I’ve ever been: chair of grounds committee and flower arrangements.” Jean was getting over another broken kneecap. Her surgeon said, “Thank God you only have two knees.” He fixed them both. Jean planned to retire in several months from much in that first sentence. When she wrote, she was really looking forward to Reunion. She did get there. **Nancy Harrington Booth** (Brooklyn, CT; jbooth@mac.com) was “home from a convalescent hospital as of March 6.” She had been laid up for almost a year with a broken ankle and two knee replacements. “I have had great therapy and am progressing well. I plan to stay home in the care of my youngest daughter and continue therapy exercises so I can get back to as near normal walking as possible. Progress is slow but steady!” Nancy’s other thoughts: “My husband of 59 years, **Richard ’51**, passed away last October from pancreatic cancer. He received an MS at Yale and a PhD from UConn. He taught zoology at Central Connecticut State U. for 25 years. We met at Cornell, where I was a major in Ornithology and Conservation with the great **Arthur A. Allen 1907**, PhD 1911, as my advisor. After that, I received my MS from Albany State U. in zoology.”

Evelyn Hoffman Huffman (Kansas City, MO) wrote that she was “happily retired, still trying to get organized, painting, writing, and working out.” She had been traveling and planned to do more. She thought her greatest Cornell courses were Government with **Clinton Rossiter ’39** and Food Chemistry. **Barbara Schlang** Sonnenfeldt (Port Washington, NY; barsonn@aol.com) was a volunteer teacher of English as a Second Language at her local library, visiting museums, and “tending to frequent aging ailments.” She was also playing duplicate bridge, attending lectures at C.W. Post, attending theater and ballet, watching opera in HD, and “feeling extremely frustrated with threats to our democratic institutions

and ethics and morality. Several grandchildren and daughters participated in protests in Washington, DC, and NYC. They are activists, not like me.” Barbara closed: “Unable to celebrate 65th, though enjoyed our 60th so much. Good luck to all.”

The old mailbag is now down to two items. Please respond to the plea in paragraph one. Bobby refers to the Women’s March. I did the one in Pittsburgh. Anyone else? ♦ **Joan Boffa** Gaul, joangaul@mac.com.

53 The days are growing ever longer, but time is getting shorter until the 65th Reunion for ’53. Baseball looms, as does tax time and widespread greening. Number 65 will pop up at the Statler, right near Barton Hall, the Engineering Quad, and the Arts Quad tents come June 7-10. Bailey Hall is a slightly longer hike, but there will be lots of buses available. Co-chairfolk **Caroline Mulford** Owens and **Dick Halberstadt** are whipping up a number of Cornellosh activities besides the numerous events Mater is arranging for old and new friends of Big Red persuasion. President Martha Pollack will report the State of the University and appear at a reception and otherwise here and there. The Olin Lecture is a perennial attraction. This year’s speaker had not been made known at the time of this composing. A Friday dinner at the Lab of Ornithology is planned. Watch the action on the Sapsucker Woods pond from chairs established by Halberstadt and **Mort Bunis**, JD ’55. There will be a Friday morning tour for ’53 of the library’s bewitched area, with well-chosen educated commentary on the history of witchcraft. There are laws against witchery in the Old Testament. Climate caution: Revelers will know they’re in Ithaca. Snow in the nearby hills is a definite maybe in June. It’s probably not the work of the witches and warlocks of Tompkins County.

Much of what meets your eye now was composed just before the year-ending holidays and that brings some very welcome communications, including cards. One of them came from the **Bob Manns**, only occasionally heard from since their big change of dwellings. Their hearth is now in the heart of Pennsylvania Dutch and Amish country: Lancaster, PA. **Ruth** “Chris” **Christoff** Landon (Roanoke, VA), transplanted from Indianapolis, reports a healthy year. (“Just normal old lady aches and pains,” but “I have found great benefits from a water arthritis class that I attend at the YMCA. It is a very diverse group of wonderful people and we laugh as well as exercise.”) She has been teaching kindergarten/first grade church school classes and a parenting class and “discovered that I can still do it. I have enjoyed Elder-scholar at Roanoke College, and that keeps my brain active. I have decided that I am going to keep going as long as I can. My dog and cat keep me company, and my house keeps me busy.” Chipmunks have been trying to move in with her with varying degrees of success. One was caught swimming in the loo. Chris’s canine chum Dolly dealt with others. Look for Chris at Reunion. In a Christmas letter she said she hoped to make it.

Chuck Berlinghof (Newport, RI) has retired from 20 years’ retirement and returned to construction work, digging into restoration of the 150-year-old Newport Opera House. It’s one of the ten oldest in the nation. “The complexity of this historic renovation project has challenged all I have learned and more in my 40 years of construction,” says Chuck. But “retiring to live in Newport was a wonderful choice.” If he had a day in Ithaca, he was asked, what would he do? “I would like to tour the Engineering college and Sapsucker Woods,” he replies.

From **Lois Crane Williams**, MEd '60 (Irvington, VA): "Old age is turning out to be fun! Kids and grandkids are far away, but I see them all. I'm Madam Librarian, presiding over the 3,000-book library at the continuing care center. I made a Virginia historical marker happen, '69 Slaves Escape to Freedom' (War of 1812). I did the content for a permanent exhibit, 'Fishing Village at the Isles of Shoals,' at Star Island off the coast of Portsmouth, NH, one island away from the Shoals Marine Lab run by Cornell and UNH. My Fitbit says I walk three miles a day. And I'm going to our 65th Reunion!" **Roberta Pesner** Becker thinks, "My news is definitely ordinary. Widowed, still living in the same area (Suffern, NY). Busy with children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren and friends. And with creating their birthday cakes. Enjoying my busy life."

Bill Simon (Los Angeles) builds best-selling books besides hundreds of TV documentaries, corporate PR films, CEO speeches (notably for Apple's Gil Amelio), words for the US Pavilion for the Paris Air Show, and two galleries for the Smithsonian. Of his 30 published books, he's partial to *Ghost in the Wires*, the biography of uber-hacker Kevin Mitnick. The *New York Times* declared it to be "a thriller." It was on the *Times*' Best Seller list for six weeks. His *The Steve Jobs Way* was published in 27 foreign editions and was number one in Italy for a time. Out a while back, *Mars Rover Curiosity*—by Simon and NASA's chief Mars project engineer Rob Manning—traces the rover's rocky road to the Red Planet. ♦ **Jim Hanchett**, 300 First Ave., #8B, New York, NY 10009; e-mail, jch46@cornell.edu.

54 In my November column, I suggested connecting with classmates who, by this time, truly are old friends. **Bernie Rosner** read a recent e-mail asking for news, in which was mentioned that we were in our eighth decade. Oops! In reality, Bernie reminded me, we are in our ninth, and that is why Bernie was a lawyer for Safeway while I am still a longtime customer. My thinking then continued along the lines of purposeful mistakes. If they, in turn, evoke interesting corrections, your correspondent welcomes all insights, additions, and comments.

Looking back over columns, there would appear to be a few common threads. Mentioned in another March column was the fact it was the coldest day of the year—and yep, we are expecting a storm by the strange name "bomb cyclone." What that means, I have no idea. But nothing happened in this area, except that it was the coldest day we have had in years.

Recovering from a mild stroke, **Fred Jensen** is looking forward to visiting Cuba and picking a winner in the Belmont Stakes. I hope he lets us know the results of either plan. Having been to Cuba, I am curious as to people's reactions.

Remember to flip through the pages of next year's calendar—2019 if you can find one—and mark off the dates for our 65th Reunion, June 6-9, 2019. I am of the theory that it's never too early to dream. Once again, the **Calls, Dave**, PhD '60, and **Mary (Gentry)**, are our very experienced chairs, this being their third time at the helm. Send news to: ♦ **Les Papenfus** Reed, lesliereed@me.com. Class website, classof54.alumni.cornell.edu.

55 **John Diggins** wrote, "Seeing **Sylvia Verin** Mangalam, MA '57's brag about bike riding (Sept/Oct column) pushed me into my own fitness brag. I still ride my bike, sail my sunfish, kayak (with wife **Pat (Drew)** '56) year-round, take no medicine, and donate

blood on a regular basis. I started Cornell in the fall of '51 and chaired the Cornell blood drives there for three years and never stopped. Life on Padre Island is wonderful!"

Former class president **Fred Antil** (Warminster, PA) writes, "My interest in Abraham Lincoln continues! Twenty-five years ago, I was invited by a granddaughter to read to her class. I brought Lincoln books to read aloud. After a few such readings, I figured that since I was about Lincoln's size, and about as handsome, why not dress up like him and try to make it more real? A costume shop provided the top hat, vest, long black coat, bow tie, and fake beard. I began to get invitations from adult audiences. I knew that while my makeshift costume and limited Lincoln knowledge might work with the children, both had to change dramatically if I were to serve adult audiences. I got an authentic period suit and hat. I also grow, and darken, my own beard when asked to perform. To finalize my transformation, I add a prominent mole (a pencil eraser) to my right cheek. Once, an excited young girl looked up and asked, 'Can I touch your mole?' I replied, 'You can do better than that; you can have it.' I pulled it off and handed it to her. She was startled but took it. Later, when the class sent a thank you note, she signed it, 'Your friend, the mole girl.'"

Fred continues, "I've accumulated an extensive Lincoln library. I also have visited every place that Lincoln lived or spent much time, and many Civil War battle sites. Traveling light, but never without my journal in which I take notes, I've visited: his two homes in Kentucky; the farm in Indiana where he spent his teen years; New Salem, IL, where he spent his twenties; and Springfield, IL, where he spent much of his adult life. Visiting his home, his law office, the legislative building in which he served, the depot where he gave his farewell on his departure for D.C., the family burial site, and, of course, the wonderful Lincoln Museum, make Springfield a Lincoln treasure trove. But no study of Lincoln would be complete without a visit to Washington, DC. The White House, the Soldiers' Home, where the family spent summers, Ford's Theatre, where he was shot, and the Petersen Boarding House, where he died, are moving and memorable. Also unforgettable is the Lincoln Monument, a fitting tribute to an outstanding man."

After her husband Ted died, **Sigrid Olafson** Farwell Romsos remarried. The most satisfaction in her life these days comes from her relationships with husband Ron, her children, and her grandchildren. "It's fun to be a great-grandmother, too!" As for traveling, Sigrid enjoyed a Viking river trip on the Danube in 2016. Asked where she'd want to go next, she says she'd opt for another river trip! **Don Robinson** (Lansdale, PA) continues to focus on music (playing organ and piano, singing in church choir). Don also commented that Cornell definitely fulfilled his expectations. "My classes were not easy, but were a good preparation for my career in chemistry." On the other hand, **Joe Berlinger** said he had few expectations. He graduated as a second lieutenant and was sent to Fort Drum in Watertown, NY—"One of the coldest places in the US, where 40 below was common!" But life looked up when he went on a blind date with a local schoolteacher. "We hit it off instantly, when all of a sudden I got orders to go to Bordeaux, France. My blind date and I decided to get married within a month of knowing each other. 62 years later, we're still together. We have been on about 500 cruises, on practically every ship you can think of."

For **Adrian Phaneuf** (Homosassa, FL), going to Cornell was his "long and only goal, that not only met, but exceeded" his expectations. "Discovering the maritime

jewels of the British Isles and Ireland" was a highlight for Adrian, and next, he'd like to go to Spain and Portugal. **Don Oglesby** (Rogers, AR) wanted a "good, liberal education" which, he notes, "comes in handy these days." Like Adrian, Don found that Cornell surpassed his expectations. He's taken frequent trips to Paris, and as for where he wants to go next, Don says, "I'm just glad to get up every morning. Besides, why leave Arkansas? It's a fine place to live." And a good place to be a Razorbacks fan!

A big thank you to those who return the News and Dues form to keep us updated on your lives! If your news hasn't appeared in the column yet, it will. Meanwhile, stay in touch with class current events and upcoming dates, such as our 65th Reunion in 2020. Class headquarters will be the Statler . . . at last! ♦ **Nancy Savage** Petrie, nancysavagepetrie@yahoo.com. Class website, classof55.alumni.cornell.edu.

56 Seen again: **Susan Warhaftig** Brownmiller in the lead article—this time the *New Yorker* magazine—for her works on feminism. **Eleanor Raphaelson** Lefkowitz (Boca Raton, FL) and her husband, Alan, recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. She was looking forward to a 21-day cruise from Barcelona to Dubai when she wrote.

Roy Mitchell (Falls Church, VA) is semi-retired from his law practice and now actively involved in arbitration and mediation. After his wife died in 2014, Roy remarried in 2016 to a longtime family friend. He notes that **Al Mitchell** was the first person he met at Cornell—"because we were always lined up alphabetically for class." **Betty Davidson** Gray (Middleton, WI) and family visited grandson **Julian Goldberg '19** at Cornell, stayed at a cabin in Buttermilk Falls State Park, and hiked many of the gorges. **Diane Chippendale** Holz (Wayne, PA) reports that living in the "foreign" land of "over 80" is weird, but challenging. Or, as Confucius said, "May you live in interesting times." Thanks for sharing, Diane.

Carol Skidmore Cuddeback (Front Royal, VA) plans to downsize, but she questions just how much because her new house will have to accommodate her five children, 25 grandchildren, and soon-to-be 18 great-grandchildren when they come to visit. Thank you, **Bert Schwarzschild** (Rockville, MD), who has been enjoying the leisure of retirement. He is visiting with **Jack Shirman** as he "oscillates" between Naples, FL, and Quechee, VT. **Peter Dirlam** (Southbridge, MA) is in his 61st year of work at J.J. Morris Co.

Sad news: **Jean Willman Scott** writes, "On March 24, 2017, my husband, **Bill '55**, and I celebrated our 61st wedding anniversary. I am heartbroken to report that on April 1, 2017, Bill died from a brain injury resulting from a fall that happened on March 17." We heard from Dan Murray, son-in-law of classmate **Don Hughes**, who reported that Don and his wife, Joan, both passed away in 2015. Don had a long career at Procter & Gamble in Cincinnati as a biochemist and toxicologist. At Cornell, Don played basketball, and he has supported Cornell all his life. We also heard about the passing of classmate **Ellie Schaffer**, a longtime resident of Paris, France. Ellie taught English to people there who were seeking to do business with English speakers. Later, when relations eased up with China, Ellie lived there and taught English to Chinese people. **Margot Laurie** Zimmerman's husband, Paul (Dartmouth '55 and Yale Law '57), passed away suddenly in November 2017, after a full life contributing to his family and others in the world. They will all be missed. ♦ **Phyllis Bosworth**, Phylboz@aol.com.

57 I always got a kick out of the way **Steve Weiss** started most of his speeches when he was chairman of the Board of Trustees. He introduced himself as a member of the CLASS of 1957. That rings true in the fact that our class is numero uno for paying dues to Cornell, reaching 99 percent of the goal. Next closest is 93 percent. Our president, **Betty Starr King**, also shared the news that the Class of 2007, which we have mentored over the years, made a donation in our honor to the library on the occasion of their 10th Reunion.

If you watched a lot of football last fall and saw the lightning-quick 300-pounders butting heads, they were probably wearing a highly sophisticated helmet manufactured by Baytech Products of Asheville, NC, whose president is **Bob Bayer**. Bob put his mechanical engineering background to good use in designing, manufacturing, and marketing headgear that addresses the increasing concussion situation in all levels of football. It is interesting to note that the Ivy League has banned tackling in practices.

Judy Richter Levy, LLB '59, and **Phil McIndoo** organized a dinner at a Greek tavern near the Met NYC before the group attended an opera in which a friend of Phil's performed. Included in the party were **Toni Pew**, **Ruby Tomberg** Senie, BS Nurs '75, Arlene and **Dick Kossoff**, MBA '59, and Phil's two sisters. Judy also had dinner with **Ed** and **Adelaide Russell Vant** (she of new hip fame) before the Thanksgiving weekend hockey game at Madison Square Garden in which the Big Red squeaked one out over Boston U. More dinner news from Judy, this time with **Chris Zeller** Lippman, our class historian, and her husband, Bernie.

Bill Schmidt continues to pile up accolades, this time having two paintings in a prestigious exhibition at the Salmagundi Club of New York last December. To learn more about Bill's terrific Impressionist works, go to: <https://billschmidt.net>. **Barbara Kaufman** Smith continues to be active in her church choir and as a narrator at the Kentucky Dept. for Libraries and Archives, serving blind and handicapped individuals.

I got a wonderful note from **Ann Phillips** Drechsel, which reminded me that during our time on the Hill we were referred to as "the twins," a great compliment to me and I'm sure a letdown to her. **Stu MacKay** attended a major truck show in Louisville for many years, asking me several times to join in the fun. Surgery and absence from town got in the way every time, but I now have a model Cornell van sent to me from Stu's current digs in Tucson. My grandson is looking at it with a coveting eye, but tough luck, kiddo.

Harriett and I once again enjoyed the annual visit of **Bob Shirley** to the 4-H extravaganza in Louisville, where he serves as the premier judge of the horse events. As is his wont, Maryland crab cakes showed up at our door shortly afterward. My grandson ain't gettin' those, either. ❖ **John Seiler**, suitcase2@aol.com.

58 With Reunion activities and fun-times pretty well set, with registration materials going out in late March, and with lots of responses soon to come in, we still have time and space for news from classmates. Two, **George Ubogy** and **Dan Martin**, decided to bicycle around the Cornell Tech site in NYC, "to check on our investment," George writes. "The campus was very impressive—only three buildings thus far, but modern, high tech, and, typical Cornell, very energy-efficient and sustainable. It was also terrific to be just across the river from the U.N. and the Manhattan skyline, and a few hundred yards away from the Four Freedoms monument

to FDR. We didn't realize that we could have gone on a tour and entered the buildings had we made reservations online, but this will give us a reason to return in 2018." George and Jo will be at Reunion, George playing the chimes with tunes from the '50s that he's pulling together for us to enjoy.

Fred Sherman also says he'll be there, adding, "I've become re-involved with AYSO soccer in Lake Forest, CA, as a board member, referee, instructor, and coach. I'm also doing quite a bit of traveling—next trip in October is to Iceland, with a scheduled one to Patagonia in February and to Bohemia next October." **Steve Bank** says, "I'm still working as a part-time assistant at the library in Cary, NC, after 39 years as a dentist in the Bronx; not bad, with no full retirement yet." **Art Shostak**, retired professor of sociology at Drexel U., had his 34th book published (Rutledge) last March. This one highlights high-risk, non-militant efforts that victims of the Holocaust made to aid one another, entitled *Stealth Altruism: Forbidden Care as Jewish Resistance in the Holocaust*. Art and his wife, Lynn, reside in Alameda, CA, and he welcomes hearing from Cornell friends (arthur.shostak@gmail.com), especially those sharing his interest in Holocaust scholarship.

We are saddened to report the passing of well-known classmate **George Bullwinkel**. Some called him "a Renaissance man," certainly an athlete, too, as he and ME classmate **Glenn Light**, MS '62, rowed spares for the heavyweight crew on the world champion Cornell Henley boat in 1957, as reported by class friend **Ron Demer '59**. George was always an activist, from engineering on to Harvard Law School, then to the Chicago area to practice patent law and then to form his own law firm while raising a family with his wife, Madelaine. George will be remembered for the many ways he used his legal and technical skills to empower his peers and clients. He also was a private airplane pilot and a co-founder of the national Alfa Romeo Owners Club, both activities of his over 50 years. The class and his SAE brothers will sorely miss him, and we send our sympathies to his family. From another SAE, **Al Stout**, we hear that Al plans to be at Reunion, coming over from Santa Cruz, CA, where, he writes, "I have joined Lifelong Learners with strong participation with UC in town, in several groups: philosophy group, New Yorkers, context group, and, of course, the wine group."

Robert and Elizabeth Bortugno Hollis, both of whom plan to celebrate their 60th Reunion with us this June, were taken by their daughter **Lisa Hollis** Capone '87 and her two sisters to celebrate their father's 80th birthday. Lisa writes: "We left our spouses and children at home and the 'original five' went on an adventure." The Hollises come from a long line of Cornelliens, "back to my grandfather **William Hollis 1921** (son of my great-grandmother, an immigrant in the 1890s) and his wife, **Grace (Sharpe) 1923**." The family visited their ancestral home near Kilkenny in southwest Ireland. And speaking of foreign lands, our intrepid traveler, **Al Podell**, hopes to visit some that most of us have never heard of during this spring. We could write much, but will summarize: he's covering weird places in the South Atlantic in March and then some even farther-out places in May, like Abkhazia and other rogue, self-proclaimed states no one knows about. Al concludes: "In honor of our 60th Reunion, I hope to return to the Hill as number one in the world on Wikipedia's 'List of People by Number of Countries Visited.' If I'm not in Mews Hall by June 8, I'm probably buried under some snow pile in the northern Caucasus. But it's been a wonderful life. And give my regards to Davy."

Russ Taft still performs in community theater shows while growing olives for oil and table at his home in Maui. Russ travels too, last year cruising to northern Japan, New Zealand, and Australia. He's going to do what he can to get back this June. **Bruce Marshall** also sings in shows, the Asbury Park production of *The Pirates of Penzance*, for example. "Brings back memories of Savoyards' 1959 *Patience*," he says. Bruce can't pick just one old Cornell friend he'd like to hear from, but remembers "our '58 Navy/Marine mids as a great group, along with the frosh lacrosse team." We hope to see Bruce this June 7-10, along with more than a hundred others of our classmates, plus partners and friends. To all, reach out to at least two or three you'd most like to see with you on campus and get them to sign on. See you at Reunion! Check our class blog for updates and continuing information at: <https://58at55th.wordpress.com/>. ❖ **Dick Haggard**, richardhaggard11@gmail.com; **Jan Arps Jarvie**, janjarvie@gmail.com.

59 Participants in the September Cornell's Adult University program, Washington, DC: Inside the Smithsonian with Secretary David Skorton, included Leslie and **Barbara Hirsch** Kaplan, Rafe and **Ellen Hotchkiss** Levine, and **Alan** and **Dee Rosenthal**. "It was a wonderful trip, led by peerless Prof. **Glenn Altschuler, PhD '76**," says Barbara. "We had behind-the-scenes tours and met curators and conservators at several of the Smithsonian's 19 museums, including the miraculous and stunning National Museum of African American History."

It's been more than 20 years since we visited with rancher, farmer, and "ecological nut" **Nick Karpis**, who has a 1,500-acre ranch in Milburn, OK, about halfway between Oklahoma City and Dallas. Nick raises cattle

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Full program info and registration materials are sent in late March.

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and has about 100 horses, and he's recently begun a new hobby: raising chickens. "That's what keeps one young, learning about and trying something new," he says. "Besides, it gets me up in the morning, and it's a pleasure to give the eggs to our church." On the botanical side of things, Nick raises a significant amount of wheat and has groves of pecan and pear trees. Last year he purchased two bulldozers, which are being used to build additional ponds on the ranch. "I'm doing this to provide more water for wildlife. We get lots of geese and ducks here, as well as mammals—everything from beavers to mountain lions." Nick's son, Nikolai IV, helps on the ranch. His other children include two daughters and two stepsons. Plus, there's a grandchild, Nikolai V.

Kent Hewitt's wife, **Myra Maloney Hart '62**, threw a surprise 80th birthday party for Kent and 55 conspiring family and friends at a Newport, RI, restaurant. The couple's recent travels have included Paris, a Rhine River cruise, Chile's Atacama Desert, Easter Island, Vietnam, and Cambodia. When at home, Kent pursues his volunteer interests, birding, photography, sailing, and continuing education. Myra, a retired Harvard Business School professor, is a Cornell presidential councillor and serves on two Smithsonian boards. For their 80th birthdays, their three children took John and **Norma Perkins** Thomas to the American Club Resort in Kohler, WI. While the guys golfed, the women experienced massages, wraps, and shops—and all enjoyed lobster rolls. "It's good to have the Big 8-0 in the mirror," writes **Harry Petchesky**. His wife, Jill, hosted a small birthday party for Harry at NYC's Harmonie Club. Those in attendance included **Bob Furno**, BArch '61, **Nelson Joyner**, and **Neil Janovic**. Ever the supporter of Cornell sports, Harry regretted not attending any Cornell football games last season. "But I did follow the team on the Ivy League Digital Network. And though Jill and I were in Jamaica over Thanksgiving, I was able to see the Cornell-BU hockey game from Madison Square Garden on my iPad. Who would have thought any of this was possible in 1959?" ❖ **Jenny Tesar**, jet24@cornell.edu.

60 Some deep diving into my files uncovered an intriguing story about the discovery of a previously lost classmate, as sent along by class officer **Phyllis Pugatch** Schecter. **Jane Friedlander** Treacy, says Phyllis, is "a sorority sister I lost track of right after graduation. From Facebook I learned that she had written a book called *Cinderella at 70* about what it's like to be single and looking for a man in your seventies. I tried several venues to get the book and was unsuccessful. I finally found a website to order the book, but the order didn't go through. Then I saw a phone number, which I called, and it turned out to be Jane's cell phone! We had a nice conversation, and she agreed to send me her book from Palm Desert, CA, where she now lives." Jane's website reveals that she is a playwright for Cabaret Theatre West and serves on many nonprofit boards, including the Women Leaders Forum, Rancho Mirage Library, and Indian Wells Symphony Orchestra. More recently, Phyllis provided some news of her own. "My husband, Keeve, died four years ago. I certainly miss him a lot, but was introduced to someone and we go well together. We spend the four winter months in Sarasota and are glad to get out of the cold. The rest of the time I'm in Manhattan, where I've lived since I graduated from college. I have a daughter also in Manhattan, a son in Cincinnati, and three grandsons."

Dick Thatcher, MBA '62 (Gwynedd Valley, PA) writes, "Our investment bank, Fairmont Partners, continues to

grow very well. The firm focuses primarily on privately held technology and healthcare companies. We are always looking for more great bankers." He said that the person at Cornell who had the greatest impact on him was his "fabulous wife, **Susan (Jobs)**, also Class of 1960, who unfortunately died three years ago." The Thatchers' two daughters are **Kate Thatcher** Barnwell '84 and **Jill Thatcher** Sautkulis '87.

Despite earlier assertions that she was "cutting back," **Janice Petro** Billings (Corona Del Mar, CA) is still working as a regional director of the Assn. of California School Administrators, helping 1,100 administrators in Orange County with such matters as professional development and legislative support, yet she finds time to paint, read, garden, and play the piano. She says, "My husband and I are blessed with six children, 13 grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren, and love all those ballgames and family events." Among the many influential figures at Cornell she cites were "**Clinton Rossiter '39**, Andrew Hacker, and Dexter Perkins, who instilled in me a lasting dedication to American studies and an appreciation for the strength and fragility of our democracy."

Henry Bienen (Chicago, IL) is another classmate who lists political scientist Clinton Rossiter as an important influence, along with several other faculty members, including Jan Triska, who taught at Cornell for two years while we were undergraduates, and Ted Lowi, who had a long and distinguished career on the Hill that began in 1959. Henry himself has had an impressive career. He became president of the Poetry Foundation in late 2015, having previously served for almost 14 years as president of Northwestern U. He and his wife, **Leigh (Buchanan)**, a law professor, have six grandchildren.

Bob Samuels and his wife, Linda, recently moved to Jensen Beach, FL. Bob declares that he is now semi-retired, working just three days a week, with time for "reading and watching sports, movies, and Fox news on TV. We enjoy our home here, our two dogs, our friends in South Florida, and our annual September trip to our timeshare in Edgartown on Martha's Vineyard, MA." Also on the move is **Gretchen Zahm** Babarovic, who relocated in late 2017 from her place in Sharon, CT, where she had lived since shortly after retiring from her position at ABC World News in 2005, to the New Haven, CT, area, in order to be near her daughter, Tina, who works at Yale, and granddaughter Alexandra.

Some recent additions to the Cornell student body who are direct descendants of alumni include **Julien Morgan '19**, the grandson of **Jim**, BME '62, MBA '63, and **Becky Quinn Morgan**, and son of **Jeff Morgan '84**; and **Miles Wittenberg '20**, the grandson of **Judy Bryant** Wittenberg and great-grandson of **Eleanor Stager** Bryant '35. Heather Martin, the granddaughter of **Dan '58** and **Barbara Cyrus Martin**, was admitted with the Class of '21 and is taking a gap year before matriculating this coming fall. Send your news to: ❖ **Judy Bryant** Wittenberg, jw275@cornell.edu.

61 Becoming more and more in love with our new Nevada environment, this correspondent is happily adjusting to a new life and eagerly anticipating snow on the surrounding hills and looming mountains.

Jack Neafsey, MBA '63, and his wife, Rilla, have endowed the top academic leadership position at Cornell Tech, currently held by Dean and Vice Provost Daniel Huttenlocher. "The opportunities for Cornell Tech are boundless, and it has done extraordinarily well in getting under way," said Jack, a retired Sun Co. executive and investment consultant. "I'm delighted that Cornell Tech is at the forefront on the East Coast, rivaling Stanford on the West Coast, and that we are emerging as a recognized world leader in the field of technology." The

gift to establish the Jack and Rilla Neafsey Deanship provides an endowment to fund the position in perpetuity. The announcement goes on to identify our classmate as a Cornell trustee emeritus, presidential councillor, foremost benefactor, and believer in the integration of business with technology

and engineering fields, and in the need to blend study with practice—principles that inspired him to help drive milestone achievements in Cornell's business, engineering, and computing education over decades. Jack said he owes a debt to Cornell, which "was very good to me and gave me support. I held a lot of jobs on and off campus to pay my room and board, but Cornell gave me a full tuition scholarship for six years. That's part of the reason why I give back."

Ken Blanchard, PhD '67, has written catch-up news: "I am cofounder, with my wife, **Margie (McKee) '62**, MA '65, and chief spiritual officer, of the Ken Blanchard Companies, an international management training and development company. Also cofounder with **Phil Hodges** of Lead Like Jesus, an international ministry helping faith-based people lead from their heart, head, hands, and habits, like Jesus. I am also writing at least one book a year. My latest is entitled *Servant Leadership in Action* and will be released in March 2018. In June, Margie and I celebrated our 55th year of marriage. Our son **Scott '88**, our daughter Debbie, and Margie's younger brother Tom (both U. of Colorado graduates) are doing the heavy lifting in our training and development company. Tom, who is our chairman and CEO, was born when Margie was a freshman at Cornell." When asked what he wishes he could be doing, Ken responded, "I'm having a ball being head cheerleader for our company and for Lead Like Jesus, plus writing and giving speeches around the world. So I'm re-firing, not retiring."

We received this press release: "Boston law firm Davis, Malm & D'Agostine PC announced that Cornell alumnus **Mark Witkin** has joined the firm as a shareholder. Mark practices in the real estate area and personal property taxation, and advises public, private, and nonprofit companies, investors, and individuals on a wide range of municipal taxation issues. Mark also has extensive experience negotiating property assessments with municipal assessing authorities and valuation companies, real estate development municipal tax incentives, and payments in lieu of taxes for nonprofit tax exempt entities." Congratulations, Mark! **Anthony Loinez '94** of Cornell's Adult University reported classmates who participated in 2017: **Marcia Case** Field enjoyed photography workshops; **Samuel Greenblatt**, MD '66, studied architecture; and **Theodore Bier** joined the NYC Spring Theater Weekend.

From **Ernie Feleppa**: "**John '62**, MD '66, and **Edith Milhorat Boothby**, **Frank Cuzzi**, MBA '64, and I got

'Climate change hit home.'

ALEXIS SOMMERS '63

together at our 60th (Class of '57) high school reunion in September. Edie, Frank, and I attended and graduated from Pelham Memorial High School in 1957 before our four terrific years at Cornell. About a quarter of our small class of 100 or so students attended the 60th with us. The reunion kicked off with a brief Saturday morning ceremony at the high school to remember **Mickey Schwerner**, who also was in our 1957 Pelham High class, as well as our 1961 Cornell class. A bust of Mickey and a plaque summarizing his heroic efforts and sacrifice in the civil rights movement of the 1960s have been placed in the alumni room at the high school to commemorate his accomplishments. The bust was commissioned by the late Douglas Morton, a fellow Class of 1957 high school classmate."

Gustav Kappler, MD '65, mentioned earlier in class columns, wrote, "I've been busy in my Quixotic quest to dampen the occurrence of substance abuse, PTS, PTS(D), and suicide in active and military veterans. I may have made a breakthrough, having been invited to be the keynote speaker at the symposium sponsored by the Dept. of the Navy (Marines) in Feb 2018." He also mentions eBook access to his aforementioned book, *Welcome Home from Vietnam*, and a podcast interview based on the book and his quest to affect PTS. He finishes his message: "Thank you for your interest." ❖

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62 From Indianola, WA, **Stephen Wald**, PhD '66 (stephenawald@hotmail.com) writes, "Why doesn't everyone write at least once a year? My guess is that we've all moved on to greater concerns. Grateful for the Cornell education? Of course. But that was then . . . this is now. Now is grandkids, second or third careers, retirement, new places, new friends, new spouses or partners, new diseases, big data. Take me. Please. Twenty-five years of a great love, Joan. Twenty years of pulmonary fibrosis, four of bladder cancer . . . a monster. Ten years of advocacy to establish the Interstitial Lung Disease Clinic at the U. of Washington Medical Center, plus an endowed professorship to guide it. Two sons living meaningful lives, who I admire to the max. My guess is that any one of our classmates could type a parallel exposé . . . those with talent, in rhyme. *Sursum corda*."

Please check the class website (CornellClassof62.org) periodically to keep up to date on class news throughout the year. From **Fred '59** and **Carol Shaw Andresen**: "Our world changed radically six months ago when we moved from our home of 44 years in Greensboro, NC, to a 'garden home' in Twin Lakes Community in Burlington, NC. We love the open plan of our new house. We have lots of friendly newbies for neighbors! We are enjoying getting adjusted to a nice senior lifestyle with lots of exercise (classes and walking Ellie) and lectures at nearby Elon U., etc. I'm still looking for things after the move, but it feels like home, and if I don't find what I'm looking for, then I figure I can do without it! Such a process, though; I'm glad I'll never have to move again. And we retain a number of commitments in Greensboro, a pleasant 30-minute drive away. Our eight grandchildren range from 13-19 years—all teens this year!"

Michael Ernstoff, MS '65 (ps144nyc@yahoo.com) of Los Angeles is "still working to prove to myself that I'm not yet ready for the rocking chair. Google the YouTube video 'Senior Citizen Windsurfing.'" **John Lowrie** (jimlowrie@comcast.net) divides his time between Richmond, VA, and Bonita Springs, FL. He writes, "2017 has

been a pretty good year most of the time (as long as one can ignore an election in which many people didn't like either candidate) with natural disasters being the primary challenge for many of us. In my case, there was minimal damage to my Bonita Springs retreat from Irma, despite the magnitude of the storm. We have finally gotten the screening on my lanai cage replaced and we are back to work on redecorating my 'villa.' There was a lot of tree damage in my area, which has mostly been cleaned up." John has two granddaughters who are college freshmen, and he recently became a great-grandfather.

Sad news: **C. Willis Ritter** passed away September 26. After Cornell and the U. of Virginia School of Law, where he made law review, he embarked on a pioneering and highly successful career in the practice of municipal bond law. An avid golfer, raconteur extraordinaire, and long-suffering Redskins fan, Willis leaves his wife, Anne, three sons, and seven grandchildren.

Vann Kinckle Jones died on October 27. He was the grandson of the late Eugene Kinckle Jones, the first executive secretary of the National Urban League and a founding member of Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity. At Cornell, Vann was awarded All-American lacrosse in 1962. He graduated with honors from Howard U. College of Medicine and practiced internal medicine in Brooklyn, NY, for over 35 years. He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Judith, two children, and two grandchildren.

Bonnie Graham MacDougall, PhD '73, professor emerita of architecture and a cultural and architectural historian, passed away on November 26. She taught cross-cultural graduate and undergraduate classes on architecture, culture, and society, as well as specialized classes on the architectures of South Asia. She launched a digital collection of written works and images on South Asian architecture and landscape experience through the Cornell University Library under grants from the offices of the president and the provost—Beyond the Taj. Some of her published work includes joint work with her late husband, anthropologist and architect **Robert "Scotty,"** PhD '71, who died in 1987, including a joint ethnographic study by the MacDougalls. Bonnie is a former Fulbright scholar, the former director of the Cornell South Asian Language and Area Center, and a recipient of the AAP Martin Dominguez Distinguished Teaching Award. Her daughters are **Margaret MacDougall '96** and **Carlin MacDougall '94**, BA'rch '99, MA'rch '00.

Lung disease claimed **Bill Troutman** on December 9. Bill graduated from the U. of Michigan Law School, whereupon he started his professional career in the mailroom with Medusa Corp. in Cleveland. He became president of Medusa in 1979. In 1983, Bill left Medusa to go to Lone Star Industries in Stamford, CT. During his tenure at Lone Star, Bill served as COO, CEO, president, and director, before retiring in 1999 to Osprey, FL. He was well known for his fair arbitration skills and his courageous fight against lung disease. Bill is survived by Leslie, his wife of 43 years, and two grandchildren.

Please reread the comments from Stephen Wald above and act accordingly. I look forward to sharing your responses. ❖ **Jan McClayton** Crites, jmc50@cornell.edu.

63 Our 55th Reunion is only a few months away and I encourage you to sign up and come to Ithaca from June 7-10, 2018. We will also be raising money for the Tatkon Center on North Campus, as we have each Reunion year. We will be based in the Alice Cook House on West Campus (where the old U-Halls used to be). Some people wanted to know who Alice Cook was. Her varied life experiences included social

worker, YWCA secretary, labor educator, post-WWII advisor in Germany on reconstituting German labor unions, professor, university ombudsman, world acclaimed researcher, and, to the very end, activist. Cook was appointed Cornell's first ombudsman and taught in the ILR school, retiring in 1973.

The Cornell Club of Southern Arizona had its annual holiday luncheon in December. It was fun to visit with classmates **Jim**, MD '69, and **Christine Newton Dauber** and **Neil Kochenour**, MD '69. Jim and Chris divide their time between Portland, OR, and Tucson. Neil spends his summers in Big Sky, MT, but is heavily involved in his Academy Village/Altura retirement community "that is ideal for active, independent adults who have no intention of retiring from life."

Judith Fischer Reinach, one of my freshman classmates, lives in Miami, FL. She has two passions. One is a nonprofit organization called Miami Bridge, which brings awareness to the plights of the abused, abandoned, and neglected youth in the area. She is president emeritus of Miami Bridge, having been involved for 30 years, and received the Judith Reinach Award (named after her), presented to a community member or organization who strives to make a difference in the lives of at-risk youth. Her other passion is running a duplicate bridge group. She says, "Some wonder why I do fundraising for Miami Bridge. Is it poor bridge players, I am asked!"

Marijane Beattie Watson wrote that **Chuck Skinner**, ME '69, passed away on October 31 in Cleveland. From his obituary, I gleaned the following: "He served in the US Army as a helicopter pilot serving in Vietnam and achieving the rank of captain. After working in New York City for Exxon Mobil, Chuck returned to the Cleveland area to work for Booz Allen Hamilton, where he eventually became the youngest vice president of the company. While doing so, he obtained an MBA from Case Western Reserve U. He then founded a management consulting company, Strategic Technologies Inc., from which he retired. Chuck was a member of the Royal Order of Jesters and the Fairmount Presbyterian Church. He was also an avid reader and was happiest looking out over Lake Erie from his beloved childhood home."

Alexis "Alex" Sommers wrote, "We decided not to evacuate as Irma headed for South Florida. We sat through the storm in Hollywood and for four days without power and potable water. No fun, but we learned a lot and now value air conditioning as vital to Florida life. We're working to get seawalls repaired and new ones constructed, and studying new designs and materials. I discovered that the king tides that followed Irma actually produced more flooding, but far less tree and landscape damage. Climate change hit home."

Carlson and **Martha Yost** live in Portsmouth, OH. Carlson retired from 43 years of teaching and six years of lab work at age 72. "The number of our grandchildren went from six to 11 this year (one by birth and four by accretion). The first person I met on campus was Ted Thoren, the freshman football coach. I went to Schoellkopf to inquire about playing football and he met me with his huge grin. Although I never got higher than third string on his team, he always remembered me whenever I visited the campus. He did change my name from Carlson to Carlton that first day, and there it stayed through my last visit with him." When Carlson was asked what he would do if he had a day in Ithaca, he wrote, "I would drive around and try to remember when I wore a younger man's clothes. At night, I would look for a local bridge club."

Bill and **Frankie Campbell Tutt** lead a busy life. "Frankie owns an adventure travel company and is often

off on adventures around the world. She and Bill spent a couple of weeks in Italy last spring, as well as Jordan and Israel in March. Bill is still an active volunteer with the Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo, the US Space Foundation, and several local clubs. We are proud of the job son **Ben, MMH '97**, manager of the Vanderbilt in San Juan, Puerto Rico, did during Hurricane Irma. We watched him on CNN, the Weather Channel, and GMA. Hasn't been a great year for us physically, but Frankie has a new aortic valve and will be back on the ski slopes this winter. We are looking forward to the 100th anniversary of the Broadmoor (Colorado Springs) in 2018."

Don't forget our 55th, June 7-10, 2018. See you there! ❖ **Nancy Bierds** Icke, 12350 E. Roger Road, Tucson, AZ 85749; e-mail, ick63@gmail.com. Class website, <http://cornellclassof63.alumni.cornell.edu/>.

64 This month's column features a never-before-covered theme: classmates in showbiz. The idea sprang from an item posted on our class Facebook page by president **Bruce Wagner, ME '66**, who compiled a list of 32 celebrities who are Cornellians (**Jane Lynch, MFA '84, Christopher Reeve '74, Bill Maher '78, Dane Clark, Dan Duryea 1928, Bill Nye '77** the Science Guy, etc.), then asked what stage-and-screen celebs our class produced. Answer: two that we know of, **Ellen Brandner Colton** and **Carol Androsky**. So let's catch up with them.

Ellen writes, "I'm extremely and happily active. I've been associated with the longest running non-musical play in the US, *Shear Madness*, which has been running for 38 years. I've been part of it for 20 years, having performed in over 2,500 shows. For the last 30 years, I have proudly served my unions as secretary of SAG-AFTRA and vice president of Actors' Equity for the New England area. Coming soon: roles in some Netflix productions including *Who Do You Think Would Win?*, 'Castle Rock' (episode 4), and *A Stupid and Futile Gesture*." Ellen adds, "I have done over 100 commercials and industrial films through the years and was the spokesperson for Bed Bath & Beyond some years ago." Ellen and husband **Clark '63**, a professor at MIT, live in Boston. They have four children, including twin sons, one of whom, Michael, became a TV and film writer and lately producer of a picture that features his mother in a bit part. His brother **Brian '98** works in private equity in NYC. The Coltons also have ("at last count," quips Ellen) ten grandchildren.

Film buffs would remember Carol for playing Dustin Hoffman's sister ("Dustin was marvelous . . . so supportive of me because I was just a beginner") in the neo-classic *Little Big Man* (1970). Of the production, Carol writes, "It was one of the great experiences of my life. To work with Dustin and (director) Arthur Penn, to be on location in Montana and Canada, to lead a bunch of stuntmen and wranglers at night with torches when I'd just had a 15-minute riding lesson, to receive a Crow name from the grandmother of one of the Native American actors, and much more. I loved every minute of the experience." (Note: Carol's screen credits and subsequent IMDb listings are misspelled "Carole," an error she tried unsuccessfully to correct.)

Carol has also performed on Broadway. "One of my best experiences in a play was doing *You Can't Take It With You*, starting out at the Paper Mill Playhouse (in Millburn, NJ)—where I shook Jackie Kennedy Onassis's hand backstage—moving on to the Kennedy Center (in Washington, DC), and finally to Broadway. To work with Jason Robards and Colleen Dewhurst was a gift from

heaven. They didn't act, they just were. They were breathtaking, and also had great senses of humor." Carol noted that Dustin Hoffman called on her during this period, while he too was on Broadway in *Death of a Salesman*. Of her stagecraft, Carol writes, "Theatrically, one of the best foundations I got was working with the improv group the Committee in the late '60s in San Francisco. I made lifelong friends and would use those techniques in everything else I did professionally."

Otherwise, Carol has widely varied performing experiences, from film looping, or automated dialog replacement (ADR), which she did for some 15 years for numerous TV shows and films including *Jaws, Rocky II, Ghostbusters II*, and "Lost," to being sought after for her ability to puke on cue. Really. As Carol puts it: "I did throw up in 'Picket Fences.' I was a member of the jury and had to run away from the table to throw up in the bathroom. Then, in the film *Falling Down*, Michael Douglas comes up to me in a fast food restaurant and asks me something and I throw up my breakfast in front of him. No tubes, no special effects, all me and my bulging cheeks. And he says that everyone's a critic." Ellen notes that she and Carol have been close for years, ever since their freshman days in Risley, and that they get together every time Ellen is in Los Angeles. We can only suppose that Carol controls herself when they eat out.

In other news, physician **William Klingensmith, MD '68**, writes, "I just published my first and last novel, *The Second Creation: Genetic Engineering of Man*. It's a serious look at an exceptional biotechnology that is likely to become reality by the end of the 21st century. The book examines various outcomes. Most of the story takes place at the medical college in New York City. Also, I just got a civil engineering paper accepted in the *Journal of Environmental Engineering*, and I'm not an engineer. It's a long story, but it began with a sanitary system malfunction." We can only hope Bill's plumbing is okay at his home in Cherry Hills, CO, and add that his novel appears to be different from his career in nuclear medicine.

That's it for now. Please note that it's the time of year for our annual dues and news appeal, so be sure to respond soon to both to keep our column "newsy." Send your news to me by e-mail or regular mail, using the news form or even a sheet of paper. ❖ **Bev Johns** Lamont, 720 Chestnut St., Deerfield, IL 60015; e-mail, blamont64@comcast.net. Class website, www.cornell1964.org. Class Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/groups/cornell1964>.

65 During our wonderful 50th Reunion, **Beth Fowler** was chosen to enjoy a serenade by the Sherwoods during their Sunday after-breakfast performance for our class. At the time, Beth was evidencing the first signs of Alzheimer's disease. Her husband, Jim Parmentier, and classmates **Sharon Hegarty** Williams and **Ginny Schein** want to share the story of Beth's journey with our class. Jim has beautifully written the story, and I will quote from his letter to me:

"In the summer of 2014, Beth began displaying and recognizing in herself enough signs and symptoms that she sought and received a neurological diagnosis soon after her annual physical. By Christmas 2016 she had progressed to a stage where I could no longer care for her in our home. In February 2017, Beth moved into Avita of Brunswick, a newly constructed memory care facility. Beth's life at Avita is active and she seems happy there. She paints in both watercolors and acrylics, and joins in many of the available social activities including exercises, singing programs, and flower arranging. In good weather,

we walk on many nearby trails and open lands and take drives through the towns and countryside around Brunswick. This summer we took short trips on *Amory Jencks*, the 24-ft. Cape Dory trawler that we remodeled two years ago. Beth loves to watch the birds and the seals in our nearby coves and harbors. While she can no longer travel long distances or overnight, we are trying to use well the remaining time we have together. Our wish to you is that you and your family can remain free from the problems Alzheimer's can bring. We encourage you to learn more about this disease so that you can develop the language and infrastructure in your own lives to cope with this and other similar chronic disorders we encounter as we continue to age. The movie *Still Alice*, based on the book by Lisa Genova, depicts these issues quite accurately."

Thank you to Jim for sharing this loving commentary, and also to Beth's brother, **Charles Fowler '73**, who helped Sharon and Ginny make sure Beth was a vibrant part of our 50th Reunion. I will invoke my correspondent's prerogative and share with you that, because my mother died of Alzheimer's, I have served on the Massachusetts/New Hampshire Alzheimer's board and decided to participate in the Harvard Aging Brain Study. This study baselined my cognitive abilities five years ago and I have been tested once a year since via an MRI, CAT scan, and pen and pencil as well as "computer click" testing, aroma testing, and gait walking evaluation. So far, my brain scans and other testing procedures show I'm in good shape. If there is decline, I can be fast-tracked into clinical medical trials.

We are at the age of joy in new adventures of learning, travel, sports, volunteering, and grandchildren. We are also at the age of concern, doing all we can to ensure our best physical and neurological health and facing and finding the best solutions to health issues as they occur. Many folks in our centennial class are keen to network and share their life joys and also life challenges. Thanks again to Jim for sharing our classmate Beth's Alzheimer's journey, which is truly a journey for both of them, and also their continuing pleasure in still doing as much as they can together. Jim and Beth have been married for 34 years. He has also benefited in learning about "everything Alzheimer's," and the value of excellent care facility programming from the Alzheimer's Assn.

Barbara Press Turner (Hobe Sound, FL; BarbaraPressTurner@gmail.com) shares news of post-retirement adventures after retiring from full-time work. She and husband Bill are running an education company in the UK and a publishing company in Wisconsin and are involved in a startup consulting company. She writes, "We are thoroughly enjoying our five children and 11 grandchildren and make sure to visit them in Wisconsin, Chicago, New York, California, and Atlanta. Barbara comments that being involved with younger people in business, who value someone with whom to discuss ideas and evaluate strategy, as well as singing in choral groups and meeting friends in many places, gives her the most satisfaction in life these days. If she had a day in Ithaca? "I'd attend a class, walk by the lake, and hear a musical performance."

The time is near to pay our class dues. Please respond to the annual class dues solicitation! We welcome your submissions to our class column! ❖ **Joan Hens** Johnson, joanipat@gmail.com; **Steve Appell**, bigred1965@aol.com.

66 **Alice Katz** Berglas writes, "News, both sad and yet somehow still joy-filled. Three classmates passed away this fall: **Betsy Bierds Schenkel, Michael**

Garvin, and **Richard Balzer**. Their memories bring joy. Betsy and her husband, **Bill '66**, are class council members. Betsy's brilliant smile lit up every class and Reunion meeting. She adored traveling, and, as a member of the Cornell's Adult University board along with CAU Director **Ralph Janis**, enticed Cornell alumni to join her across the globe. **John Monroe**, PhD '70, and his Phi Psi brothers forwarded wonderful tales of Mike Garvin's friendship, energy, and warmth (and antics . . .) in the house, on road trips, and throughout his hotel career spanning cities back and forth across the country. **Andy Potash** shared recollections of Dick Balzer's friendship and active role in our student government. Dick continued his impact through organizations like My Life, My Choice, helping 'young victims of sexual exploitation build the intangible skills to be successful, healthy adults: self-worth, a positive self-image, the ability to trust'; and Petra Foundation, supporting 'unsung heroes who, with few resources beyond compassion and commitment, champion equality and fight for social justice across America.' Betsy, Mike, and Dick will be deeply missed, and remain always members of the Cornell Class of 1966."

Bob Kehr wrote, "Things are *status quo ante*. I'm still practicing full time and doing a bit of teaching. Ellen and I have our first grandchild (by way of our Cornell daughter, **Emily Kehr** Podell '03), and we are traveling as much as possible. Earlier this year we did the CAU trip to Puglia and next year will be on the CAU trip to middle-Europe (and hope others will join in—the Cornell trips have been excellent). I'm an adjunct at Loyola Law School and have taught a business law course that I expect to teach again next year. Emily and her family live close by, close enough so that Ellen frequently babysits and just as often is exhausted. The little brute is interesting and affectionate, but more physical and energetic than is strictly necessary. He is learning apace, but has not yet grasped the concept of quiet time. I'm told his father's great-grandfather was a circus strongman, and the kid might end up with the same career."

Steve Cohen (NYC) writes, "Jane and I celebrated our 52nd wedding anniversary in October with ten days in Tuscany, where I was able to indulge my passion for photography. In July, I took my only grandchild (14-year-old Gavin) on a bonding trip to Botswana and Zimbabwe for two weeks photographing wildlife. Jane and I went two years ago, and it was a trip of a lifetime, so when I had the chance to be one-on-one with Gavin, I grabbed it. Jane and I are going to India for three weeks in February with Helen Schorr, classmate **Bob Schorr's** widow. Although she lives in Modesto, CA, we've remained dear friends for more than 50 years." The Rev. **Nathaniel Pierce**, supply priest at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Trappe, MD, and ecumenical officer for the Diocese of Easton, was elected to the board of trustees for the Anglican Pacifist Fellowship (APF) based in Great Britain by the Annual General Meeting in November 2017. The APF was established in 1937 and now has some 1,100 members in over 40 countries, as well as a sister organization, the Episcopal Peace Fellowship, in the US. The APF founded the Week of Prayer for World Peace and is a member of the Network of Christian Peace Organizations and of the Int'l Peace Bureau.

Neil Chafetz, "writing from a Southern California raging with wildfires," says, "We go to sleep each night hoping not to be the toast of the town by morning. At our home, we have recently hosted our ninth Cornell Club of L.A. scholarship fundraiser orchestrated by my wife, Karin, and co-hosted by Chuck and **Lisa Kao** Judge '85, with musical performances by both my accomplished

pianist wife and the enchanting songstress and actress **Miatta Lebile** Lambert '08 and her new husband, Alex. Helping to grow the Cornell community for a good cause is a lot of fun, as are my CAAAN meetings. Two of our three kids are on campus earning their master's degrees: **Austin**, MBA '18, and **Cameron '17** (*summa cum laude*) and ME '18. We expect to return to campus for graduation this spring to witness this doubleheader. I have been able to cut my work in my radiology practice all the way back to only seven days a week, escaping to Maui and recently the magic of New York at the holidays.

camera and I were frequently drawn to Coney Island, where I had spent many dizzying childhood days. A photo I took there last year of Nathan's Famous (hot dog stand) appeared in several exhibits as well as in the media. From an early morning Cornell class to Coney Island . . . I am on a great ride and I don't want to get off anytime soon!"

Laurence Reich (Boylston, MA; larreich@aol.com) writes, "I just retired last spring after 46 years of dental practice. I miss my patients/friends, but I am happy with my decision to be out of the daily grind. We have

'What I thought would be an enjoyable hobby turned into much more than that.'

JOAN SOLOMON WEISS '67

I was delighted to spend a few hours last month playing admissions officer with a room full of fellow CAAAN volunteers—and was amazed to see how engaged and bright these younger alums are, further convincing me that if I were currently applying, I would be relegated to a junior college. I remain busy in L.A. and connected to Cornell. (I communicate frequently with Cornell by tuition check.)"

Mike Singer wrote that he and his wife "have one significant (for us) bit of news. After nearly 44 years in Davis, CA, and 39 years in the same house, we moved in July to Sacramento. Our lives have centered on the Sacramento community here for the past two decades, and the 50-mile round trip was getting more and more difficult because of traffic. We are settled in our new place; still, we have an extra bedroom for guests and grandchildren. Our phone number and e-mail address remain unchanged. We are okay, aging gracefully or not." Send news to: ♦ **Pete Salinger**, pete.sal@verizon.net; **Susan Rockford** Bittker, ladyscienc@aol.com; **Deanne Gebell** Gitner, Deanne.Gitner@gmail.com.

67 After retiring from her "day job" three years ago, **Joan Solomon** Weiss (Jericho, NY; joan.weiss@in2meded.net) had time to pursue her "lifelong passion for photography." She writes, "I had taken my first photography course during my last semester at Cornell. It was Saturday mornings at 8:00 a.m., a tough time spot, especially for a graduating senior. I would only have done that for photography. I continued to study and take photos throughout my life, but was mostly busy with family and earning a living. But after retirement, what I thought would be an enjoyable hobby turned into much more than that. In the last two years, my work has been shown in 15 galleries on Long Island and in Manhattan, in both solo and juried exhibits. The galleries include Long Island Museum at Stony Brook, Gallery North, Shelter Rock Art Gallery, Mills Pond Gallery, Huntington Arts Council, and Cold Spring Harbor Library, as well as the Atlantic Gallery and Jadite Gallery in Manhattan, among others.

"Most meaningful to me was an exhibit, 'Visions of Vietnam 50 Years Later,' held at the Art League of Long Island. It included 30 photographs I took in Vietnam in 2016 and was dedicated to the veterans of the Vietnam War. I traveled there to see for myself the country that shaped many of our lives. On a much lighter note, my

been extremely busy, with my fiancée, Donna Hayden, and I both preparing and then selling our old houses and moving all our stuff to a new house. I am continuing to help run a bird-banding station in the spring and fall, and I am still a Boy Scout leader after more than 25 years. This has been a time full of other events. We spent a couple of great weeks in Kenya on safari, and prepared for our wedding last October. Romancing the second time around has been a wonderful experience. When my first wife passed away in 2011, I never could have imagined this happening. The first person I met at Cornell was, of course, my roommate, **Dick Jay**, whose identical twin brother, **Rick Jay**, lived the next U-Hall over. The year we roomed together I could tell them apart; by the following year I couldn't." Given a day in Ithaca: "I've had many days since graduation in Ithaca—many when my daughter was there. I prefer them to start at CTB (Collegetown Bagels), which I wish had been there when I was a student. I love the Cornell Orchards Store in the fall and at Reunion time."

The obituaries in the Nov/Dec 2017 edition of this magazine reported the deaths of three classmates: **Dennis Koza** (Moorestown, NJ), who was captain of the lightweight crew that won the Thames Challenge Cup at the Henley Royal Regatta; **Richard Poinsett** (Estero, FL), co-owner of the Polymer Extruded Products company; and **Frederick Savage** (Williamsburg, VA), a realtor who was president of the Williamsburg Chamber of Commerce and Underwriters Assn. Please send news to: ♦ **Richard Hoffman**, 2925 28th St. NW, Washington, DC 20008; e-mail, derhoff@yahoo.com.

68 Perhaps we should have an annual contest of the most coincidental incident involving '68 classmates. Many of us have had the experience of meeting a classmate at a professional meeting or in a restaurant or in a far-off land. Fifteen years ago, we coincidentally met and enjoyed the company of **David '67**, ME '68, and **Jane Frommer Gertler** on an Alaskan cruise. This year we were randomly seated next to our classmates **Roger** and **Ruth Mandel Pincus**, who are friends of the machatunim (Yiddish word that means co-in-laws) of Jerry and Pam Levitz, who are grandparents of Jessica Levitz, the most accomplished bat mitzvah. It's significant to this coincidence that the Pincuses were seated right next to me. As anyone who has been to a bat mitzvah party recently can tell you, if they were seated

across the table you likely could not hear if they were Cornell '68 or if they were drinking Ketel and it was great.

Joel Negrin (joel@jnegrin.com) and his spouse, **Linda (Schwartz) '69**, recently downsized, moving to a "sweet renovated cottage" in Larchmont, NY, where they're just a few miles from their three kids' families. Joel is still practicing law, is in good health ("grading on a curve"), and enjoying life, which includes more frequent traveling. While Joel's wistful ambitions for a perfect day on campus (including a walk across campus listening to the chimes, lunch at the Straight, and dinner and a beer in Collegietown) could be mostly realized

70 The annual Class of 1970 dues mailing for 2018 has begun! Please join in by paying dues and, most importantly, sending in your news, whether it's about family, retirement or a new career, info on '70 classmates and friends, or memories from our years at Cornell! Thanks for being an active and involved member of the Class of '70. A reminder that our 50th Reunion weekend will run from Thursday, June 4, through Sunday, June 7, 2020. Check out our various sites: class website, cornell70.org; Facebook page, www.facebook.com/Cornell70; and Twitter page, www.twitter.com/CornellClass70.

71 Luckily, we received a holiday card from classmate **Jerry Day**, MBA '78—otherwise, I (Gayle) would have only my own news to share in this column. Jerry reported that his twin daughters, Morgan and Lauren, and his older son, Brian, are of ages "corresponding to my undergraduate and graduate years at Cornell." He wrote, "Lauren is studying hard to keep the 'real' Big Red legacy intact, currently with 'application pending' to transfer into the School of Hotel Administration (nervous time). She has been invited to be a TA in accounting, and beyond that she has her goals set on an MBA."

Jerry's son, Brian, is in Nashville, serving as the interim coordinator of promotions for Columbia Records. "He is hoping to parlay that into a career within the Sony Music umbrella, and is exploring the possibility of getting an MBA. Morgan is at the U. of New England majoring in education, art, and computer coding applications for 3D printing. She has been interning at an elementary school." Jerry's wife, Pat, keeps very busy as mother of three young adults, property manager for two houses, family vacation and social coordinator, garden club president, and "oft under-appreciated purveyor of free advice to this owner of an aging yet immature heart."

Jerry says he has spent "another busy year involved with advisory board roles for Cornell and Sacred Heart U. (Jack Welch College of Business and their Great River Golf Course), a trustee position for our charitable foundation, and board work (green committee chair) at our golf course in Connecticut." Jerry and Pat now spend December through May at their Florida home, "counting on our Connecticut River house and the Maine coast for summer enjoyment."

On October 9, 2017, your correspondent **Gayle Yeomans** married Richard Bowden, a chemical engineer who graduated from the U. of Maine, at the Full Moon Resort in the Catskill Mountains (Big Indian, NY). This is Gayle's first marriage! They planned to have an outdoor ceremony, next to the Esopus Creek (which also runs through Gayle's property 1.5 miles away). The weather did not cooperate. Instead, they had their "twilight" wedding in a large tent in the woods, in front of an antique stained glass window that Gayle found at a local auction some 30-plus years earlier. The bride and groom wore fairly traditional wedding garb (though Gayle was sporting a pair of cowboy boots that peeked out from under her long cream dress). At the couple's request, some 90 guests wore whatever they wanted—a good cross-section of jeans, khakis, sequins, suits, spike heels, no heels, sneakers, and cowboy boots. Continuing the informal theme, dinner was served in a rustic barn; there were plenty of tables and chairs, but no assigned seats. The bride and groom table-hopped, and local guests (including the entire Big Indian Fire Co.) mixed with friends and relatives from Canada, Los Angeles, Houston, NYC, Maine, Massachusetts, and Connecticut.

Gayle's brother, **Jim Yeomans '84**, gave the bride away, and Gayle's college roommate, **Beth Kraegel** Labush, was the maid of honor. Dick's good friend Peter McGuire (from Ottawa, ON) served as the best man, and Miss Jane Estrada rounded out the bridal party as flower girl. Many of the guests were longtime music friends of both the bride and the groom. (Dick has played and performed bluegrass and old-time music for more than 50 years. Gayle is years behind, taking up the fiddle around the time of her retirement in 2011.) Several guests brought their instruments—fiddle, guitar, banjo, mandolin, and bass. Once dessert was served, the groom serenaded the bride with the old Hank Williams song "Alabama Waltz" to get the music started. The guests

'Gordon Sander received Finland's Order of the Lion for bringing the world's attention to Finnish culture and history.'

ALEX BARNA '72

during an extended Reunion weekend, unfortunately he'll have to return next fall for a hockey game to complete that bucket list. **Bill Falik** (billfalik@gmail.com) and his wife, Diana Cohen, live in sunny Berkeley, CA, where Bill is an adjunct professor at the Berkeley law school, the Hass School of Business, and the College of Environmental Design. Bill teaches three interdisciplinary graduate level courses at those schools and the Goldman School of Public Policy, as he still gets great satisfaction mentoring new students each year. Of course playing with his four grandchildren is always a great kick, and playing golf has moments of satisfaction and disappointment.

Julia Ho Wang (jhowang@comcast.net) and her husband, **Dexter '69**, ME '70, celebrated turning 70 with relatives and friends at a dinner ball at the Park Plaza Hotel in Boston. Julia says they would have done it sooner if she knew it would be so much fun. To ensure everyone had a chance to see each other, they all joined in an elaborate "Radetzky March" (look it up; I did) in the grand ballroom. **Laura Sevush Langworthy** (langworthyinteriors@comcast.net) and her husband, **Richard '66**, BS '70, live in West Newbury, MA. Laura feels lucky to still be passionate about her career in interior design, which enables her to be involved in many projects and to take her work on the road with her as she travels the world and as she visits her three children and their families in London, Los Angeles, NYC, Nantucket, and Connecticut.

Our 50th Reunion is almost here. You should have been receiving monthly updates from the Zippins (CUIN 2018@gmail.com), which include a range of activities sure to make June 7-10 a most memorable weekend. Please e-mail me if you're interested in playing golf Friday morning of Reunion weekend. ♦ **Chuck Levitan**, CLevitan22@comcast.net.

69 It's springtime, which means you'll soon be hearing from your class officers about renewing your dues. Please don't forget to fill out the accompanying news form so that we can stay up to date with your activities! Whether it be a growing family, a change in your normal routine, or a newfound passion, we want to hear about it! Send news to: ♦ **Tina Economaki** Riedl, triedl048@gmail.com.

Jack Salberg, MBA '71 (jrs85@cornell.edu) and his wife, Susan, continue to live in Nashville, TN. For over ten years now, they have been enjoying retirement and feel fortunate that they remain physically active. Jack is a proud member of the local men's over-65, level 4.0 tennis team. They have won the Tennessee state championship two of the last three years. Last December, they played at the USTA Southern Sectional tennis tournament in Hilton Head, NC. Recently, Jack and Susan celebrated their 46th wedding anniversary. They dated throughout most of Jack's Cornell days. He notes that Susan "suffered through her share of toga parties and other events at Cornell in the late '60s." For the last six years, the three-week summertime "Camp Grandma and Grandpa" for two exclusive campers, grandkids Joshua, 11, and Elsa, 9, has taken place in Nashville. Jack and Susan love this great, if tiring, tradition. Seems the kids' parents do too!

Jack is in contact with classmates and fraternity brothers **Rob Marangell**, MBA '71 (they often travel with Rob and his wife, Ann, including to Australia and New Zealand), **Tom Downey**, **Jay Kaplan '71**, **Marc Cohen '71**, and **Stu Kobritz**. The first person Jack met at Cornell was Tom Downey, who was bouncing a basketball down the hall in their freshman dorm. It was the first day of our freshman orientation in 1966, and Jack confesses that he was relieved that he might not be alone if he flunked out freshman year. Should Jack have a bonus day in Ithaca, he would visit the waterfalls, eat a meatball parm sub from a truck, and, if it's winter, catch a hockey game at Lynah.

Alison Kent Bermant lives in East Norwich, NY, with her husband, Ed. Alison continues to plan private tours of Israel for individuals and families. She and Ed enjoy their vacation home in the Berkshires. And Alison says she's still having recurring nightmares about an upcoming exam! If Alison had a day in Ithaca, she would pretend to be a student again and sit in on classes. She and Ed are incredibly proud of their daughter, Carrie, mother of three, who gave birth for the fourth time in September to a beautiful baby girl as a gestational carrier for a couple from London. Read all about it here: <http://www.theresnoinuterus.wordpress.com>. ♦ **Connie Ferris** Meyer, tel., (610) 256-3088; e-mail, cfm7@cornell.edu.

"made music" with the bride and groom until midnight. The festivities concluded the next morning with a brunch for those guests who had spent the night at the Full Moon, followed by a tour of Gayle's property down the road.

Please send your news, so I don't have to continue with third-person stories about myself! ❖ **Gayle Yeomans**, gyeomans@gmail.com; **Jim Roberts**, jhr22@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

72 I received a Christmas card from **Bill Trommer** proudly announcing that his daughter Leah had a baby girl in November. Wren Trommer Henningsen is Bill's fourth grandchild. Bill lives in Leeds, ME.

Lydia Kernitsky Tedeschi, MD '76, took part in the Cornell's Adult University study tour of European history during a class at sea as part of the summer 2017 program. Also participating in the 2017 CAU offerings was **Jeffrey Mohr**, who attended Cuba: Havana and Washington—Renewed Relations. Our 50th Reunion chair, **Deirdre Courtney-Batson**, MA '75, is an adjunct assistant professor at Pace U. and chair of the planning board for the Town of Bedford. **William Schulz**, ME '73, and his wife were forced to evacuate their home in Bay City, TX, when Hurricane Harvey struck the Houston area. Fortunately, their home was spared any damage. In other disaster-related news, when Hurricane Irma pounded Florida, **Art Gabrielse '70**, BS '71, had to evacuate to Mobile, AL, to sit out the storm.

I had hip replacement surgery in late August. It took place on the same morning as the total solar eclipse. Even though the surgeon had never performed a hip replacement during an eclipse, he did a great job and the surgery went well. I spent four days in the hospital and 16 additional days in a rehabilitation facility. That was followed by outpatient physical therapy. A hint to those of you with Medicare: you need to spend a minimum of three nights in the hospital as an inpatient before Medicare will pay for your stay in a rehabilitation facility. In December, my daughter, Kelly, granddaughters Kasey, 9, and Olivia, 5, and I traveled to the San Jose arena to attend a hockey game between the women's Olympic teams from the US and Canada. My granddaughters had a great time and we were impressed by the hockey skills of both teams. Team Canada won the game. **Larry Baum** and wife Trudy attended the Paul McCartney concert at the Carrier Dome in Syracuse. The Baums live in Ithaca. **Gerry Roehm '69**, BS '72, recovered from broken ribs and collarbone surgery to hike Cedar Breaks National Monument in Utah. Gerry lives in Colorado.

Gordon Sander received Finland's Order of the Lion in a ceremony on October 12 at the Finnish ambassador's residence in Washington, DC. The medal of the Knight of the Order of the Lion, bestowed by Sauli Niinistö, president of the Republic of Finland, was presented to Gordon by the Finnish embassy's deputy chief of mission, Antti Vänskä. "It's a great honor, and rare for an American," said Gordon, a journalist, historian, and photographer who first visited the country in 1977 and has written extensively about Finland in nearly 100 articles and two books, with a third in progress. "They're simply recognizing my services to Finland and promoting international understanding by bringing the world's attention to Finnish culture and history, as well as to how beautiful the country is. When I first started writing about Finland in 1990, it was off the map."

Gordon's books include *Serling and The Frank Family That Survived* for Cornell University Press, and *The Hundred Day Winter War: Finland's Gallant Stand Against*

the Soviet Army (2013), which has been translated into four languages. The original 2010 Finnish edition, *Taistelun Suomesta*, was a number-two bestseller in Finland for six months. Gordon is writing a biography of Urho Kekkonen, Finland's longest-serving president (1956-1982) and former prime minister. He is also the *Christian Science Monitor's* Nordic/Baltic correspondent and has written for more than 20 publications including the *New York Times*, *Financial Times of London*, the *Int'l Herald Tribune*, and *Politico*. A former artist-in-residence at Risley College, his photography exhibitions include several at Cornell since 1972 and a solo show at Helsinki's Municipal Art Hall in 1998. Isabella Hassett, daughter of **William Hassett**, was one of the many talented high school students who attended the 2017 Cornell Summer College Program. Send news to: ❖ **Alex Barna**, ab478@cornell.edu; or **Gary Rubin**, glr34@cornell.edu.

73 It's springtime, which means you'll soon be hearing from your class officers about renewing your dues. Please don't forget to fill out the accompanying news form so that we can stay up to date with your activities! Whether it be a growing family, a change in your career, or a newfound passion, we want to hear about it! Send news to: ❖ **David Ross**, dave@daveross.com; **Pamela Meyers**, psmeyers73@gmail.com; or **Phyllis Haight** Grummon, phg3@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

74 Three new retirees to report! **Julie Kane** retired in 2016 from Northwestern U. of Louisiana and was voted professor emeritus of English. Along with Grace Bauer, she recently co-edited *Nasty Women Poets: An Unapologetic Anthology of Subversive Verse* (Lost Horse Press, 2017). Julie credited three creative writing professors, William Matthews, A.R. Ammons, and Robert Morgan, as having a great impact on her at Cornell. **Charles Shapiro** retired as emeritus professor of agronomy and horticulture at the U. of Nebraska in 2017. He enjoys hiking, biking, and skiing and has one son who was married in 2016. Charles would like to hear from Cornell friend **Eric Pillemer**. The most valuable thing he learned at Cornell was that "a university course is a tightly knit balance of lecture, reading, labs, and assignments with a purpose moving toward understanding a subject."

Rodger Engebretson, ME '75 (Benicia, CA) is enjoying the "less structured routine of retired life." His wife, Sally, joined him in retirement in July 2016, and they took a six-week road trip in the West to visit her mother in Nebraska. "Lots of parks, out of the way places, relatives, and great memories. And almost 6,000 miles." Rodger also has had many other travels, including Vietnam, Puerto Vallarta, and Melbourne, Australia. He volunteers at his church, where he is treasurer and elder, and "was able to ski during the best winter in ten years." Both daughter and son are engaged, with weddings scheduled for 2018 and 2019. The Cornell person who had the greatest impact on him was Chemical Engineering professor George Cox, "a great mentor and low-key role model." Rodger would like to hear from "the 214 Eddy Street crowd—a wonderful group with many fond memories."

Not retiring is **Bill Van Sweringen**, ME '75 (Houston, TX), who wrote, "My daughter has started medical school at U. of Texas in Houston. I guess I won't be retiring soon." **Tom Buckley** (Tobermory, ON) works as visitor safety coordinator/wildlife conflict specialist with Parks Canada at Bruce Peninsula National Park. He has two grandchildren, and his second son is engaged. **Chauncey Jones** (Pasadena, CA) was recently appointed Verizon's

director of design and construction and is "responsible for a 100M-sq.-ft. domestic portfolio of leased and owned administrative, data center, call center, and research and development space."

Robert Fagiola wrote, "In June 2017 I was elected mayor of my hometown, the Village of Lattingtown, a small village on the North Shore of Long Island. In fact, I was elected unanimously—I got all 36 votes!" **Wendy Schwartz** Wein (Cheshire, CT) works part time doing billing in her husband's medical practice. They have five granddaughters and are planning a wedding with daughter **Laura Wein '09** and **Jonathan Feldman '08**. She plays bridge and tennis and enjoys time at their lake house in Sherman, CT. **Marty Lesser** (East Rockaway, NY) sent news of the recent birth of his first grandchild, Adam. "No time to get to the hospital, so my son, **Lenny '01**, a family physician, had to deliver his son on the bathroom floor. All are doing fine."

Colleen McGinn McAleer (Seattle, WA) is busy with political and community activism as an advocate for environmental protections on large "mega projects" transportation. She and husband **Bill '73**, MBA '75, have two "Cornell kids," **Billy '07** and **Lindsay '09**, who both got engaged within three weeks of each other. She identified two professors at Cornell who had the greatest impact on her: Prof. Susan Watkins for "teaching us how to design with vision," and Prof. **Uri Bronfenbrenner '38**, who was "brilliant about the importance of early child development." She recently saw classmate **Cliff Mass**, and reports, "He is the local guru as professor of atmospheric science, trying to find Seattle some 'normal' weather!"

Marleen Kay Davis, BArch '76, and husband **Thomas '76**, BArch '77 (Knoxville, TN) received the AIA Tennessee Samuel Morgan Award for outstanding contributions to architecture of the profession in the state. Marlene also received the Lawson Teaching Award, voted by the students of the U. of Tennessee College of Architecture and Design. She said the faculty had the greatest impact on her at Cornell. "As I get older, I am convinced the great faculty at Cornell inspired me to become a lifelong educator working with the next generation of students and citizens."

Corrections department: In the last issue, we reported on **Eric Roth**, including his remarkable endowment of a chair in Jewish history in the College of Arts & Sciences. To clarify, Eric is a trustee of NYU Law School and is also a member of the Dean's Advisory Council in the Arts college at Cornell. The faculty members who influenced his life included Joel Silbey, Richard Polenberg, David Danelski, and Walter LaFeber.

Thanks to all who wrote. Please keep sending news! It's that time of year again, so don't forget to pay class dues! ❖ **Lucy Babcox** Morris, lucmor1433@gmail.com; **Jim Schoonmaker**, js378@cornell.edu; and **Helen Bendix**, hbendix@verizon.net.

75 Writing our column has been a guilty pleasure for the past four decades. What a great excuse for getting together with classmates for a formal Reunion, Homecoming, or even a dinner while traveling throughout the US! Since writing our last column, I've had opportunities to see so many of you at Cornell events. Your class correspondents invite you all to let us know what you've been up to.

In September 2017, 30-plus Delta Gamma and Kappa sisters and one Sigma Alpha Epsilon husband gathered in St. Louis for an extended weekend of reminiscence and making new memories. Organized by **Diane "Kope" Kopelman** VerSchure '74 and hosted by St. Louis

residents **Karen Leung** Moore and **Shelley Cosgrove** DeFord '74, we went sight-seeing, sampled myriad food offerings, and biked our way through four fun-filled days in the Gateway City. Class of '75 members who joined Karen, Shelley, and me included my Cornell roommate **Maria Mickewicz** Lewis (Calgary, AB), **Julia Loeb** Aurigemma (Cromwell, CT), **Elyse Byron** (Chicago, IL), **Karen Seidler** Goodwin (Greenwich, CT), **Mary Alice Curry** Bankert (Ann Arbor, MI), **Maura Schreier**-Fleming (Dallas, TX), and **Valerie Novak** Sheline (Carlsbad, CA).

We had the opportunity to catch up since last seeing one another. Calgary is a long way from Maria's hometown of Nanticoke, PA—and much colder—but we are hoping that she'll be able to spend some time with us when she returns to the East Coast for a 2018 family wedding. When not managing land contracts at TAQA North Ltd., an international energy and water company, Maria enjoys spending time with her three children and two new granddaughters. After leaving Cornell, Julie received her JD at the U. of Connecticut, and currently serves as a judge in Middlesex District Superior Court in Connecticut. Those of you who knew Karen Seidler at Cornell will be pleased to learn that she is still a fabulous tennis player, playing competitively on the 60-plus circuit. Mary Alice serves as director, development and alumni relations for the Penny W. Stamps School of Art & Design at the U. of Michigan.

Fall 2017 also brought a fabulous Homecoming on the Cornell campus, bringing together thousands of alumni for activities ranging from educational programs to tailgate parties. The weather was picture perfect for both the Friday evening fireworks and laser show at Schoellkopf Field and a winning football game against Brown on Saturday afternoon in the same venue. Join us next fall for a totally different vibe than June Reunions!

Delta Upsilon Class of '75 Homecoming attendees celebrated the kick-off of their 150th anniversary at Cornell and a three-year renovation of their house at 6 South Ave. Gone are many of the trappings that were in place when we were students, modernized with a new library with study carrels, new vintage murals in the great hall, and updated infrastructure to support modifications that will take place during the next two years. **Kevin Bruns '79** has created a unique historical display of college life for the fraternity. Class of '75 brothers who joined the weekend activities included **James Thul** (Flemington, NJ), **Jack Brewster** (Philadelphia, PA), **Dale Porter** (Watertown, NY), **Stephen Bigalow** (Mars, PA, outside of Pittsburgh), and the president of the Delta Upsilon alumni board, **Mark Kamon**, and wife **Christine "Ting" (Magill)** (Kennedyville, MD).

Over the years, these DUs have had many interesting and challenging pursuits. Steve not only teaches the Candlestick strategy of investments, but authored several books as well, including investment tomes and fiction to delight adults and children alike: *Who is Santa? And How Did He Get to the North Pole?* and *The History of the North Pole*. Jim recently interned with the US Military Academy's Performance Enhancement training program, and has rejoined the rigors of rugby. While an instructor of Latin by day, Jack has followed his calling to acting, performing with the Ghostlight Players in *Play On!*, *Cabaret*, and other productions at Archbishop Ryan Black Box Theater in the Philadelphia area. In the Upstate New York environs of Watertown, Dale specializes in nutrition and whole-body health at Porter Chiropractic Health Care.

Another classmate attending Homecoming 2017 was **Thomas Santone**. Imagine my surprise when I was in

line at the Cornell Athletic Assn. tailgate party tent and looked over to see a face that was so familiar but hadn't been seen since graduation. Tom and his daughter had made the drive from Pittsburgh, PA, where he had attended law school at Duquesne and currently practices law specializing in tax and financial transactions. He also serves as chairman of the board of trustees for the Community College of Allegheny County.

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

76 Greetings! **David Brown** recently retired from his career as chief deputy public defender in Marin County after his 35-plus years with the Marin County Public Defender's Office. David was hired at the Civic Center in fall 1981, having just finished at Stanford Law School. **Gary Fassak**, MBA '78, has earned partner status at Chief Outsiders, the nation's largest "executives-as-a-service" company providing fractional chief marketing officer services to midmarket companies.

Ed Matla (Effort, PA) is still working with the Dept. of Defense. He is looking forward to retirement and is enjoying his sports cars. For the past 37 years, **Bruce Reisch** has been a member of the Cornell faculty as a professor of grapevine breeding and genetics, working at Cornell's NYS Agricultural Experiment Station. He and his wife, **Kim (Stone) '84**, are proud parents of three adult children living/working in Boston. Bruce and Kim love traveling for work and pleasure, including trips in recent years to Chile, Puerto Rico, Israel, Japan, and Taiwan.

Judith Motzkin is still actively working and exhibiting her work with clay. She has slowed down on marketing and production in favor of one-of-a-kind work and travel opportunities. Judith's academic interest in China continues as she develops a project based on images from her first visit to China, as a friendship delegate from Ithaca in 1975, to her most recent visit in 2016, over 40 years later. She gets great satisfaction from opportunities to create site-specific sculptural installations. She continues to make "SpiritKeeper Urns" for ashes and finds satisfaction in helping guide people through this need at a difficult time. **Marise Lada** Textor, MS '78 (El Paso, TX) worked for Western Refining, which was purchased by Tesoro Corp. on June 1. (Tesoro changed its name to Andeavor.) She is now senior manager regulatory affairs, doing regulatory advocacy for several states that the company operates in. She says that she and her husband enjoy their New Mexico mountain home.

Janet Tompkins Rydell will retire in January 2018 with Toyota's move to Plano, TX. She says, "Any classmates with kids looking for career opportunities, Toyota is a fantastic employer and there are positions available. The new campus is awesome." **Stephen McMenamin** is completing eight great years as SVP and CIO at Hawaiian Electric Co. in Honolulu. He is celebrating the arrival last summer of his first grandchild. **John Rodis** writes that it was great to see his old roommate **Glenn Salva** in Napa this past summer. **Linda Moskowitz** Noonan is the executive director of Massachusetts Business Alliance for Education. She just became a grandmother when daughter **Madeline Noonan** Olson '07 gave birth to Max Kantron on September 9.

In closing, my husband, **Don '76**, MBA '79, and I now know the tremendous joy of grandparenthood, having

recently celebrated Nora's first birthday. Nora is my son **Joel '05** and Cait's first child. To watch your own child love their child is amazing! With kindest wishes in the New Year: ♦ **Karen Krinsky Sussman**, krinsk54@gmail.com; **Pat Relf** Hanavan, patrelf1@gmail.com; **Lisa Diamant**, Ljdiamant@verizon.net.

77 Just in time for the spring, you can check out the latest comings and goings of our classmates. **Leslie Herzog** has retired after 36 years of working at the same company, Unilever, where he worked as a food specialist. He retired on January 1, 2015 and has picked up several consulting projects. He also serves on the advisory boards of three food science departments, including Cornell's. He often visits the Hill in his capacity as chair of the Food Science Advisory Council. He also mentors Cornell students. When not consulting, Leslie and his wife travel and have gone to Italy, Greece, Botswana, and Vail, CO. He enjoys reading newspapers, especially while exercising. **Thomas Sze** lives in Santa Monica, CA, where he is a principal and design director at Gensler. He remains very busy.

Madeleine Blanchet Hemmings lives in Ithaca, where she enjoys babysitting her granddaughter, as well as the Campus Club at Cornell, French language groups, writing grants, and getting healthy. Her whole family is into karate three times per week and golfing three times per week at Cornell's wonderful golf course. Her husband, **Richard**, is CALS '67. Her daughter graduated from ILR in 1998 and is now in IT at Cornell after 17 years working at Osram-Sylvania, where she traveled to Mexico, Indonesia, and China to train employees. Madeleine wants to travel and would like to hear from all of her Cornell friends. She says that Prof. John Bishop at Cornell had the greatest impact on her. **David Hauss** lives in Huntington Beach, CA, where he continues in his dental practice. His children have graduated from Princeton and Pittsburgh. David adds that he would like to travel around the world.

Denise Hartman (Athens, NY) is an acting justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York. She was appointed by the governor of New York in May 2015 and her term expires in December 2022. She says, "I'm privileged to have the opportunity to treat people fairly in a wide variety of civil matters." Denise is married to **Timothy Kirby '78**, DVM '83, who practices in Catskill, NY. Son Wes works for the New York State Comptroller. Son Dan is an actor, and son Tom will graduate from high school in 2018. Denise loves hiking everywhere and walking with her border collie, and enjoys reading and doing the *New York Times* crossword puzzles. She exchanges holiday cards with many Cornell friends, and the close personal friendships she made with people in Ecology House have had a great impact on her.

Lastly, I would like to update you about me, class correspondent **Howie Eisen**. After graduating from Cornell, I went to medical school at the U. of Pennsylvania (now called the Perelman School of Medicine at the U. of Pennsylvania), from which I graduated in 1981. After this, I did my internal medicine residency at the Hospital of the U. of Pennsylvania. During my first year there, I met my wife, **Judith Wolf, MD '81** (Yale '77). After medical residency, we went to Washington U., where I did a cardiology fellowship and my wife did a fellowship in infectious disease. At Washington U., I became a member of the heart transplant team, one of the first in the country. After fellowship, we returned to Philadelphia in 1987, where I joined the faculty of the division of cardiology at the U. of Pennsylvania. I subsequently left

Penn in 1993 to direct the heart transplant and heart failure programs at Temple U., which, at one point, was the largest in the country. I also helped to develop the use of ventricular assist devices to support patients with severe heart failure. In 2005, I became the chief of cardiology at the Drexel U. College of Medicine and Hahnemann U. Hospital. I also hold two endowed chairs (two more and I would have a dining set): the Joseph DiPalma MD Family Chair of Cardiology and the Thomas Vischer Professor of Medicine. I continue to care for patients with heart transplants, advanced heart failure, and ventricular assist devices, and I do clinical research.

We live in the Main Line suburbs of Philadelphia. Our son, Jonathan Ezra, was born in 1988. Jon graduated from Washington U. in St. Louis as a physics major, then graduated from the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai. He is completing his internal medicine residency at Tufts Medical Center in Boston and will be a hospitalist or hospital medicine physician at Massachusetts General Hospital next year. Daughter **Miriam "Mimi" Sarah '13** was born in 1991. She graduated from Arts & Sciences as a History major. She then tutored SATs, ACTs, and the AP US History exam. She is now a graduate student in history at Brown.

Two weeks ago, on December 3, 2017, I was an invited speaker at a symposium in Cape Town, South Africa, to commemorate the first heart transplant, performed there by Dr. Christiaan Barnard. I was also recently named by *Forbes* magazine as one of the 27 top cardiologists in the US (<https://www.forbes.com/sites/matthewherper/2017/12/05/27-top-cardiologists-picked-by-big-data/#64053b966a7e>).

That's enough about me. Please keep all of your news and views coming in via the online news form at <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>. You can also send news to: ❖ **Howie Eisen**, heisen@drexelmed.edu; or **Mary Flynn**, maryflynn1@me.com.

78 It's springtime, which means you'll soon be hearing from your class officers about renewing your dues. Please don't forget to fill out the accompanying news form so that we can stay up to date with your activities! Whether it be a growing family, a change in your career, or a newfound passion, we want to hear about it! ❖ **Ilene Shub** Lefland, ilene.lefland@gmail.com; **Cindy Fuller**, cindy@cindyfuller.com. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

79 It's 2018 and we are just a little over a year away from getting together in Ithaca for our 40th Reunion, June 6-9, 2019. Our co-chairs for the big event, **Karen Mineo** and **Steve Magacs**, have begun the planning process and need volunteers to help secure wine from local Finger Lakes wineries and donations of other souvenir items. Karen and Steve would love for classmates to contact their affinity groups to encourage others to come back to the Hill in 2019. There are other jobs for classmates during Reunion as well, so if you are interested in helping, please contact either Steve (steve.magacs@parkoutdoor.com) or Karen (K_Mineo@yahoo.com).

Fall 2017 provided several great opportunities for our class to get together and celebrate. During Homecoming weekend in October, **Jeff Berg**, ME '80, MBA '81, received the Frank H.T. Rhodes Exemplary Alumni Service Award. Jeff was recognized for serving Cornell in multiple roles including: alumni-elected trustee; 13-year member of the Dean's Advisory Council of the Johnson School; and vice president, director-at-large, and trustee

representative for the Cornell Assn. of Class Officers (CACO). Additionally, Jeff has supported the Class of '79 as immediate past president, nominating chair, major gifts chair, major gifts committee member, Reunion committee member, and leader of the class's distinguished classmates Reunion recognition program. He continues to serve on the board of eCornell, the university's 15-year-old online learning company. Jeff joins a growing list of previous Class of '79 Frank H.T. Rhodes honorees: **Ginger So** (2014), **Brad and Mary Maxon Grainger**, MPS '87 (2016), and **Ted Teng** (2016). A dinner at the Statler honoring this year's Rhodes Award recipients was attended by Steve Magacs, Ginger So, Jeff Berg, **Mark Wilson**, Brad and Mary Grainger, **Cindy Green**, **Lisa Barsanti Hoyt**, **Danna Levy**, **Dan Mansoor**, MBA '80, and **Jeff Weiss**.

The weekend provided unseasonably warm weather and overlapped with the university's Trustee Council Annual Meeting (TCAM), increasing the number of classmates present on campus. The Homecoming tradition of gathering for beverages and conversation continued at the Statler on Friday evening, following the fireworks and laser light show at Schoellkopf Field. Class president Jeff Weiss took the opportunity to acknowledge President Pollack's shared '79 college graduation date (from Dartmouth) by presenting her with a Class of '79 red fleece vest (first produced for classmates at our 25th Reunion). Homecoming events were attended by many of the same people who attended the Rhodes dinner plus **Jane Kornfeld** Bessin, **Liz Kutscher** Rosenstein, **Sherrie Zweig**, Bob, ME '80, and **Stacy Buchler Holstein**, **Zena Saunders**, MBA '81, and **Sue Morand** Meyer.

For many of us this was the year we turned 60, and to recognize this milestone, class co-vice presidents of regional events, **Cindy Green** and **Deb Waterman** Johns, planned a November birthday celebration in NYC. The evening included a tour of the new Cornell Tech campus on Roosevelt Island, followed by a dinner at Riverwalk Bar & Grill. More than 30 classmates joined the fun in NYC. Deb provided attendees with red and white Scout cooler bags as a special party favor. On November 18 and 19, '79 classmates joined Cornell Mosaic in Washington, DC, to celebrate diversity. Over 1,400 Cornellians enjoyed the capstone event, visiting the new National Museum of African American History and Culture at the Smithsonian.

Also in November, classmates gathered to cheer on Big Red hockey at their annual Thanksgiving weekend appearance at Madison Square Garden. **Alan Poskelsky** '77, MBA '79, **Deb Seidman**, **Cindy Green**, **Janet Goldin** Rubin, **Nancy Sverdluk**, **Danna Levy**, and **Lisa Barsanti Hoyt** joined a pre-game "tailgate" for the classes of the '70s at Local West, across from Penn Station. A post-game gathering at Rock & Reilly's bar celebrated an exciting 4-3 victory over Boston U.

In December, **Cindy Green** organized the 42nd freshman Low Rise 7 suite mate reunion in NYC. **Cindy**, **Elena Rodriguez**, **Allison Gay** Kirchner, **Randy Strongin** Weiss, and **Karen Cornelius** '78 attended the get together. **David Goldston** '78, who also lived in the dorm, joined the reunion too. This is the third consecutive year the group has done this, and they plan to continue celebrating 42 years of friendship. If you are interested in reaching out to friends from your freshman dorm, college, sorority or fraternity, or affinity club, please contact **Mary Wilensky** Kahn and she will try to make these connections for you (mary.w.kahn@gmail.com). Getting reacquainted with other classmates can be a lot fun. It's

interesting to see where your Cornell friends are living, working, volunteering, or retiring!

I would like to remind everyone to respond to the News and Dues e-mail that you received and send us your news. Please continue to keep in touch with us so that we can inform classmates about your latest adventures. You can also keep up with class events by joining CornellConnect (<http://www.alumniconnections.com/olc/pub/CEL/homepage.cgi>), our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/Cornell1979/>), and the Cornell Class of '79 LinkedIn group. As always, you can submit news to us throughout the year at classof79@cornell.edu, or directly at: ❖ **Kathy Zappia** Gould, kathy.gould57@gmail.com; **Cynthia Ahlgren** Shea, cynthiashea@sothebyshomes.com; or **Linda Moses**, mosesgurevitch@aol.com.

80 Classmates reading this who are not sexagenarians will soon be. There, I said it; and, no, this is not grist for the Cornell alumni scandal mill. We are all arising down the barrel of our 60s, and in an attempt to ease the sting I turned to my source of All That is Irrefutable, the Google. A very quick search of "turning 60" yielded the following articles: "10 Upsides to Being a Bit Past Your Prime," "50 Telltale Signs That You're Not as Young as You Used to Be," and "Lorraine Bracco Explains How to Stop Your 60s From Being the Beginning of the End." Yikes. I would scream "Fake News!" from the highest mountaintop, but I haven't had my lisinopril today, and mountaintops tend to make me woozy anyway.

The 50 tells notwithstanding, I prefer the outlook of classmate **Tom Murphy**. "My time was December 21, 2017 and leaves me with three thoughts," he writes. "First, turning 60 beats any alternative. Second, I have been blessed with a wonderful family and life after Cornell; looking backwards on 60 years leaves me with only one thought—thanks. Third, 60, to me, was about giving back. I had a strong desire to personally do something significant, so I signed up with a wonderful charity with a pledge to run the Boston Marathon while raising \$10,000 for families with disabled children. The mission of the Michael Carter Lisnow Respite Center is to create a home away from home for children and adults with disabilities, a place that offers parents time off from the emotional and physical care needed by their children. It's a wonderful charity; to be a part of our team, visit this link: <https://www.crowdrise.com/en/campaign/michaelsmiracle2018/tommurphy25>." Tom toes the line in Hopkinton on April 16, so you may still have time to check this out when you get this column in March.

Speaking of nicer weather to come, Cornell's 2018 Summer College Program is on the horizon. As you may be aware, Summer College offers a college experience to high school students who have completed their sophomore, junior, or senior year and have the academic ability, maturity, and intellectual curiosity necessary to undertake college-level work. The curious may point their Google Machine to: <http://www.summercollege.cornell.edu/>. Last summer, **Celeste Sant'Angelo**'s son, Luca, attended the program. **Carol Weinstein** sends regards to her "old" D Phi E friends (hey, take it up with Dr. Weinstein—Ed.). In addition to her CALS undergrad degree, Carol did a psychiatry residency at NewYork-Presbyterian/Weill Cornell Medical Center following med school. She was recently appointed clinical director of the evaluation and referral service at St. Vincent's Hospital Westchester.

Larry Reichman, JD '84, just released a book of photos he took at the now-legendary Grateful Dead show held in Barton Hall on May 8, 1977 called *Barton Hall 5/8/77*. This particular show is revered among Deadheads, and the remastered board tapes were just released by Rhino Records on CD and vinyl in celebration of the show's 40th anniversary (and include a few of his shots). Larry also self-published this book in honor of the 40th. The black-and-white photos he took that day capture the setup, converting Barton Hall into a concert venue, and the entire concert. The book is a high-quality coffee-table book, a photo essay of this historic day in GD history, and a beautiful document of a peak period for the band. Were you there? You can get the book at the Cornell Store and at www.GDBartonHall1977.com.

Last fall, 36 individuals (of more than 200 proposed) were asked to serve on President Martha Pollack's Task Force on Campus Climate. The Scheinman Inst. on Conflict Resolution at the ILR school partnered with the Ithaca campus to identify students, faculty, and staff who would bring diverse voices to the task force. Classmate **Reginald White**, senior management consultant, motivational speaker, and organizational development and talent management expert, was one of those selected. The task force will solicit input from the campus community during the course of its work and will produce an intermediate report by spring break, with a final report of findings and recommendations by May 1, 2018. The intention is to provide recommendations that can be accomplished immediately, while also developing processes that will enable us to institutionalize changes to the campus climate for the long term.

Unless you are reading this in the waiting room of a medical professional, you are likely a dues-paying member of our class. Please don't forget to renew your dues for 2018. We thank you for pledging your loyalty to your class in this way. Your dues are used in part to fund class activities, including our new tradition, the pregame gathering prior to Red Hot Hockey in NYC on Thanksgiving weekend. Perhaps we will arrange for a regional 60th birthday celebration or two! ♦ **Dana Jerrard**, dej24@cornell.edu; **Leona Barsky**, leonabarsky@aol.com; **Dik Saalfeld**, rfs25@cornell.edu.

81 Lots to report from Florida. As I see pictures of everyone who had a difficult winter, I know I am blessed with beautiful weather in Delray Beach! My family and I are doing well. Our kids are in two different schools: Ella is in Bak MSOA (Bak Middle School of the Arts in West Palm Beach) for vocal; and Brayden is in third grade at Morikami Park Elementary. They keep us on our toes (while the rest of you guys have passed this stage a long time ago!).

I did manage to have a mini-reunion in October with several of my Cornell besties: **Patti Cohen**, **Janet Ellison** Pearsall, **Andrea Glick**, **Gail Einbender** Jacobson, and our hostess, **Sandi Goldstein** Karlin. We all went to Sandi's lake house in Kinderhook, NY, and had a wonderful time. We went apple picking and we talked and talked; some of us hadn't seen each other in over ten years, though it felt like yesterday. It was the weekend of a lifetime! We ask ourselves now why we hadn't done this earlier, and we've vowed to do it every year (somewhere). Patti told us that she's been working nonstop as a reporter for the *New York Times* because of the tax bill, but she's hanging in there. Her son is going to Lafayette College on an athletic scholarship. I also visited NYC with my son, where we had a wonderful dinner of pizza and ice cream with my friend **Susan Levitt** and

her family on the Upper West Side. Janet joined us at the Intrepid and out to lunch in NYC as well. It was a super fun trip. Janet's nephew is the fourth member of the Ellison family to attend Cornell (ILR); he started this past fall. She's a proud mom of a practicing attorney on Long Island and is now retired from child welfare in New York and looking forward to seeing Cornell friends.

From the Canadian shores of Lake Erie, **Marianne Van Sicklin** Knight completed an MS at Columbia U. last June in information and knowledge strategy. In November, she received an appointment to the board of directors of their Local Health Integration Network (a crown agency responsible for over \$3 billion in annual funding). On the personal side of things, Marianne and her husband are now the proud grandparents of both a granddaughter and a grandson. **Karen Osofsky** Michelson is still living in Seattle, working as an executive recruiter in the biotech and life sciences industry and loving it. She periodically sees **Britta North** Hendren '80, who's working for Tom Douglas, promoting his restaurants.

Patricia Lafrate Newman published two nonfiction titles for middle-grade readers this year. *Sea Otter Heroes* received a starred review in *Kirkus* and is a Junior Library Guild Selection. *Zoo Scientists to the Rescue* received a Eureka! Gold Award from the California Reading Assn. and made the Chicago Public Library's Best of the Best list. For more info, check out: www.patriciamnewman.com. Six years ago, **Howie Borkan** and three colleagues introduced lacrosse to Israel. This summer, Israel will host the men's world championships; 48 countries are participating (<http://lacrosse.co.il>).

Laurie Rivlin Caspert, **Andrea Glick**, **Rhonda Eisner** Batt, and **Ronnie Kaufman** Goland—most of whom lived together junior and senior year at 712 East Buffalo St.—gathered at a small restaurant on the Upper West Side to celebrate the holidays. Even though, sadly, their group has been one member short since **Linda Schechter** Giove's passing, they continue to keep the bond alive as they ate, drank, and reminisced with Linda's daughters, Emily and Michelle, and her sister Stephanie. Plus, they were thrilled to have a newer Cornell alum, Laurie's daughter, **Rachel Caspert '16**, BS '15, join in and add to the festivities. To top off the night, there was a surprise visit from another '81 alum, **Barry Weiss**. His new puppy joined in the fun too. **Wendy Marx '87**, MD '91, and **David Yasgur**, ME '82, MD '91, have three Cornellian children: son Max, entering the Class of 2022 in CALS; daughter **Rachel '18**; and daughter **Jenna '16**. Both sets of grandparents are Cornell alumni, making them a third-generation legacy in their Big Red family.

Classmate **Gabe Diaz-Saavedra** prides himself on being able to bounce back from life's challenges. Unfortunately, he did not bounce very well when he fell off a ladder and broke his back in May. Three vertebrae were broken in the process. Recovery is coming along slowly but surely. He was able to bounce back when his employer, Perdue, announced they were closing the fertilizer division of the company in April and releasing all of their employees. Gabe is now the SE regional manager for Certis, a producer of biopesticides. He's responsible for sales of their product line in North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Kentucky, and southern Virginia. He commutes to his territory by plane weekly from Bradenton, FL. His niece **Olivia Diaz-Saavedra '19**, in the ILR school, is spending the spring of her junior year studying abroad in Chiang Mai, Thailand.

Many thanks for your updates. Please keep sending us news! Enjoy the spring—to me it's one of the best times of the year. Look for us on Facebook (Cornell Class of

1981) and stay in touch! ♦ **Betsy Silverfine**, bsilverfine@comcast.net; **Steven Barre**, scarre@aol.com; **Tanis MacKay**-Bell, TanisMBell@gmail.com.

82 A new year brings more class news and activities. Our Reunion was certainly a highlight of 2017, but a large contingent from our class also attended Homecoming 2017, held a great tailgate party, and actually watched the football team defeat Brown. Let's all hope that 2018 is full of memorable events and opportunities to spend time with our classmates.

As many of you know, Cornell maintains an outstanding pre-college program for high school students. Many of us and our children have participated in the program over the years. Last summer, Aaron Tobias, son of **Heather Davis**, MBA '87, was one of the many talented high school students who attended the 2017 Cornell University Summer College Program. After his retirement from the US Navy, **Charles Stuppard** went to work in Saudi Arabia. Charles notes that he is now working in Washington, DC, and enjoying being stateside. He also reported that he had a blast at our last Reunion and is already looking forward to our 40th.

This past Christmas, some of our more creative classmates teamed up to produce a winning holiday float. Specifically, **Juliet Kolm** Gibbs, BA '80, helped **Terry Kilmer** Oosterom design and build an entry into the Holiday Lighted Tractor Parade sponsored by a local chamber of commerce to highlight the importance of the local farming community. Terry writes that she and Juliet decided on a "theme of a 'green witch'—a play on our town of Greenwich, NY." Terry noted that while she and her husband were on a road trip from Michigan through Kentucky, Tennessee, Arkansas, Louisiana, and Alabama, Juliet put the final touches on the papier-mâché head and hands to make their witch. Their entry ended up winning the most creative float in the parade. Congratulations, Juliet and Terry!

We received quite a bit of news from one of the many journalists in our class. **Neil Fidelman Best** has been a sports writer at *Newsday*, the Long Island-based daily newspaper, since 1985. Among his many Cornell activities, including attendance at the Red Hot Hockey event in NYC and several fall trips to Ithaca, Neil reports, "It was quite the year for me, alumni-wise, in 2017. In February, I experienced fear, loathing, and bad golfing in Las Vegas with about 20 East Hill friends, including '82ers **Marc Rockford**, **Nathan Rudgers**, **Brian Pickerall**, and **Chuck Weinberg**. In June, I attended Reunion and caught up with **Rick Eno** and a cast of dozens. In July, I hung out with my daughter **Simone '19** and her friends at the 660 Stewart Ave. co-op, which by the way has an excellent view of the Hot Truck. In October, I was back for the 100th anniversary of Pi Kappa Alpha's Cornell chapter and saw another round of '82 types, including **Andy Bjork** and **Steve Crump**."

As always, thank you for your news and reports. They are much appreciated. Please continue to send us a note or a brief update on your activities whenever you can. ♦ **Doug Skalka**, dskalka@nplmlaw.com; **Nina Kondo**, nmk22@cornell.edu; **Mark Fernau**, mef29@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

83 The 2017 holidays are upon us as I write this, though it will be almost spring by the time you read it. Despite that it's still early December/late fall now, it has already snowed twice in downstate New York. I think it's going to be a long, cold winter, especially

in Ithaca! We didn't receive any news updates for this column—I hope it's because of the many vacations you're all taking. Please continue to send your news in—we love to hear from you!

The big event to plan ahead for is our 35th Reunion at Cornell, June 7-10, 2018. Reunion co-chair **Andy Sosa** and class president **Nancy Gilroy** have begun planning. You can get more information on our class Facebook page; sign up as soon as you can. Registration material should arrive in March—plenty of time to make plans to visit Ithaca in June. We hope you can make it. I am sure it will be a great deal of fun for all, with many activities and events planned.

Many of our classmates attended the Red Hot Hockey game at Madison Square Garden on November 25, 2017, during the Thanksgiving break. Prior to the game, our class had a party at Lucy's Royal Cantina, with lots of drinks, food, and sharing of memories with fellow classmates. It's a good thing the event was within a block of the Garden. That way everyone could easily walk across the street, no matter what condition they were in!

This year's hockey game was between Cornell and arch-rival Boston U. ("BC safety school"). Cornell had yet to win in the long rivalry, and our team was committed to change that history. Fortunately for our class, we had great seats in section 119, right off the ice. In my immediate seating area were Nancy Gilroy, **Lynn Leopold**, **Susan Wasserman** Guerin, **Alyssa Bickler**, and **Mark Rhodes**, just to name a few. I attended with my son, **John Daniel Felice '11**, and wife Esther, and we were put up on the big screen when the "dance cam" noticed our enthusiasm and intensity to support Cornell!

The intense rivalry started off slow. By the end of the first period, Cornell was up a goal. Many shots were made, but Boston's goalie appeared to be the "anti-sieve," deflecting so many shots away. By the end of the second period, only one additional score was entered by Cornell. Believe it or not, Cornell went to a 3-0 margin very early in the final period, and the game seemed to be a slam dunk. However, Boston's offense kicked in and the score quickly went to 3-1, causing some nervousness among our fans. **Tristan Mullin '20** made a great shot for Cornell, bringing the score to 4-1 with around nine minutes left in the game. That "security" goal would prove to be essential. Cornell fans were already celebrating, chanting out many familiar tunes such as "It's all your fault" and "BC safety school" and "Screw BU," when Boston drastically ramped up its game.

The score went to 4-2 and then 4-3 with five VERY LONG minutes remaining in the game. The crowd was going nuts and the fear of a tie—or even worse, a loss to Boston—became a reality. Despite all of Boston's efforts, including pulling their goalie, Cornell won the game 4-3! The trophy that has been a part of the long rivalry finally went to Cornell (for the first time!). In summary, it was a great game with a great ending for all of us to enjoy and be very proud of. Go Big Red.

Hopefully everyone keeps sending in their news! We really depend on you for the column. ❖ **Jon Felice**, jbfelice@jbfelice.com; **Barb Deane**, bldeane@gmail.com. Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

84 Happy 2018! My co-correspondent, **Catherine "Kitty" Cantwell**, enjoyed celebrating Christmas and New Year's with her husband, **Kevin McCormick**, and their five grown children (three Cornell grads) on a spectacular trip to the Emerald Isle. The family spent

Christmas in Dublin and traveled extensively throughout Ireland. A wonderful time was had by all, except Fin the dog, who kept the home fires burning in Canandaigua, NY. Please e-mail us and let us know what you are up to so we have news for our upcoming columns!

Barbara George Johnson, executive director for the John S. Watson Inst. for Public Policy of Thomas Edison State U., was honored by Walker's Legacy, in partnership with the African American Mayors Assn. (AAMA), with the Women in Economic Development and Civic Engagement Award at the 2017 Annual Legislative Conference at the Microsoft Policy and Innovation Center in September. Barbara was honored to have been recognized by Walker's Legacy: "Economic empowerment and professional support for multicultural women and girls is key to the future of our nation. I am fortunate to be able to work at an institution that puts economic development and civic engagement at the forefront." Barbara was one of 11 recipients recognized as champions of policy and programs to advance economic development, entrepreneurship ecosystems, and job opportunities within their community. All of the recipients work for a government, nonprofit, or chamber entity. Kudos to Barbara!

Class president **Lindsay Liotta Forness** and husband **Bob '87** made it back to Bucks County from their primary home in Bermuda to spend time with family and friends at Thanksgiving and Christmas. In honor of the visit at Thanksgiving, Cornell Big Red hockey "screwed BU" in front of a Big Red crowd that included a group of 100 from the Class of '84 including **Mike** and **Wendy Zeh Whiting '85**, **Stacey Fried, MS '94**, **Carol Leister**, **Kevin Hunt**, **Amy Brown** Fraser, **John Toohey**, and two of our Reunion 2019 co-chairs, **Joanne Restivo** Jensen and **Scott Sidman**, BS Hotel '02. A quick shout out to chief meteorologist John Toohey for his weather coverage on NBC in Miami during the 2017 hurricane season. John (known in the profession as John Morales) is the longest tenured broadcast meteorologist in South Florida.

A sincere thanks to those who sent news. Please send us more via e-mail or the online news form. ❖ **Janet Insardi**, janetinsardi@gmail.com; **Catherine "Kitty" Cantwell**, catherinejcantwell@gmail.com. Class website, classof84.alumni.cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

85 It took six tries over a span of 11 years, but led by two freshmen, Cornell finally got Red Hot Hockey right on Saturday night over Thanksgiving weekend. I was there to witness the victory, along with my SDT sorority sisters **Laura Weiner Siegal**, **Felise Milan '84**, **Leora Halpern** Lanz, **Ronee Trosterman**

Cowen, and **Beth Falk** Fagin. As is typical of our yearly tradition, Laura and I had dinner with Laura's husband, **Matt '84**, and Matt's Phi Sig Ep fraternity brothers **Charles Oppenheim '84**, **Lee Bender '84**, and **Tom Allon '84**.

The Creatives in our class have offered some news to share! Fine artist **Stuart Sheldon** writes in from sunny Miami that he had his first major art show in London at the Frieze Art Fair. His exhibit celebrated the convergence of fine art and the written word and was titled "Calligram," a term coined by Guillaume Apollinaire to describe poems in which he set his words free from the printed line to create works that spoke as much to the eye as to the ear. (Sorry, Stuart, there is always a lag in time, so this news is after the fact.) Stuart was there to give a gallery talk on October 3. From our literary corner, **Jonathan Miller** shared that he has won the Tony Hillerman award for best fiction for his novel *Luna Law*. The book is about a lawyer who is defending a truck driver for a defense contractor and uncovers a conspiracy that could touch his family. The book is part of the "Rattlesnake Lawyer" series. Congratulations, Jonathan!

Cheryl Dembner Weingord shared that her daughter Elana just started college this year as a freshman at UCLA! Cheryl is a veterinarian living in Santa Cruz, where she resides with her husband and two daughters. Cheryl loves to travel and, of course, lives with a houseful of pets! **Alejandro Badia**, a hand and upper limb surgeon, is now advancing a new concept in orthopedic care, OrthoNOW, a healthcare franchise specializing in the urgent care treatment of orthopedic injuries.

The Class of 1985 had two children attend the 2017 Cornell Summer College Program: Philip, son of **Karen Hovsepian** Ayoub; and Bridgette, daughter of **Barry Lewin**. Please continue to share all the news that is fit to print. I am currently at Pfizer in our hospital and surgical division, which is part of Pfizer Injectables. ❖ **Roberta Zwiebel** Farhi, rfarhiesq@aol.com; **Joyce Zerkowitz** Cornett, cornett0667@comcast.net.

86 Classmates are sharing exciting news of their careers, which include working for new firms, on new assignments, and in new industries. **Maggie Holcomb Schubauer's** husband, **Jim '87**, recently took the helm as the COO of the Lobster Trap, one of the world's largest full-line wholesale seafood distributors specializing in live lobster and fresh seafood. Customers include fish markets, supermarkets, restaurants, and wholesalers throughout the US, Canada, Europe, and Asia. Strategically located on Cape Cod, the Lobster Trap is consistently ranked in the top three percent of all



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seafood wholesalers in the country. Maggie will hold down the fort in Cold Spring Harbor, NY, and the pair will continue to spend many hours traveling to Cornell, where daughter **Julia '18** is a senior and playing for the Big Red women's soccer team, and to Wesleyan, where son Jamie is a freshman on the men's soccer team.

Anoush Koroghlian Scott has joined the law firm Jackson Lewis PC in the firm's Albany office as a principal. She has almost 25 years of experience in health law and significant experience in New York's healthcare

Their oldest daughter is in SMU law school, their second is in her first year at UT Austin, their third is in high school, and the youngest is in middle school. A lot of laughter and reminiscing flows when these get-togethers take place. Another gathering took place at **Mimi Wohabe-Boublik's** home in Waccabuc, NY, recently. **Susan Seligsohn** Howell, **Laura Nieboer** Hine, **Sydney Solomon** Neuhaus, **Carol Getz** Abolafia, and **Suzanne Ringold** Harman made time to enjoy a beautiful fall weekend with old friends.

Heidi Heasley Ford, **Melissa Hodes** Friedenberg, **Jennifer Sullivan** Recker, **Katherine Stifel**, **Cathy Slade** Wolfe, **Sue Kizer** Petroulas, and **Annette Lee**. Here are updates on a couple of these classmates.

Annette is a reproductive endocrinologist, celebrating her 20th year in practice, "making babies via IVF." She and her husband live outside Philadelphia and have five children—two in high school, two in college, and one, **James O'Connor '17**, who recently graduated from Arts & Sciences. Annette notes wistfully that her son's Cornell tuition was four to five times as much as her own Cornell tuition. Those were the days!

For their father's 80th birthday, Lisa Hollis Capone and her two sisters took their parents to Ireland this past March. "We left our spouses and children at home and the 'original five' went on an adventure." Lisa comes from a long line of Cornellians. Her parents are **Robert '58** and **Elizabeth Bortugno Hollis '58** (both will be celebrating their 60th Reunion this coming June!). Lisa's sister is **Teresa Hollis** Sajewski '83. On their trip, Lisa and her family visited the place from which Lisa's great-grandmother Brigit O'Carroll emigrated in the 1890s. Brigit's son (Lisa's grandfather), **William Hollis 1921**, MS 1924, and his wife (Lisa's grandmother), **Grace (Sharpe) 1923**, also are Cornell alumni. Lisa writes that her family "toured the south and west of Ireland, stopping in Graigenamanagh, our ancestral home, near Kilkenny, as well as Cogh, Killamey, Galway, and Dublin."

In other news, **Ken Romley**, ME '88, is running for US Congress. Ken lives in North Carolina's 2nd District and, for more than 25 years, has been a software entrepreneur, starting four successful, venture-backed companies. When describing his decision to seek elected office, Ken writes, "I never thought I'd be working on saving the planet by running for US Congress." In July, **Daniel Connolly** became dean of Drake U.'s College of Business and Public Administration in Des Moines, IA. He and his wife, Sarah, and their three boys have settled in Clive, IA. Daniel earned his PhD from Virginia Tech in 1999 and has been involved in higher education since then.

Barbara Wirostko-Morelli recently read the "very heartfelt article" in the Sept/Oct issue about **Gary Mendell '79**, called "Man on a Mission." It made her aware that they share many things. "We too lost a son and have started a nonprofit scholarship." The scholarship is the Joseph James Morelli Scholarship for students with learning challenges, primarily dyslexia. Since its inception three years ago, the scholarship fund has given away close to \$50,000 to 31 students from across the nation. Barbara is a physician, and medicine has always been her passion, but she writes that the scholarship "has now become my purpose and calling, given the unmet need." In November 2016, *Money Magazine* identified the scholarship as one of only nine scholarships that help college students with dyslexia and learning challenges. "The stories from the students on what the recognition means and how they are empowered with confidence are powerful and heartfelt." Check out the scholarship's website (<http://parkcitycf.org/morelli>) and Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/morellischolarship/>) to learn more.

Lastly, this is a reminder to please respond to our class's dues mailing and to send us your news through a news form, by going to <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>, or by e-mailing one of us: ♦ **Lisa Burns** Griffin, LAG77@cornell.edu; **Whitney Weinstein** Goodman, wwg5@cornell.edu; **Liz Brown**, etb29@cornell.edu.

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market. She began her legal career in private practice, serving as outside general counsel to numerous hospitals, long-term care facilities, and healthcare associations throughout the Albany region. **Carleton Barbour** (cjbarbou@gmail.com) reports that he and wife Sharon are living in Gaithersburg, MD, and he's working for a biotech firm as an analytical chemist doing vaccine product development. Carleton was recently promoted to lead scientist, and he and Sharon are adjusting to empty-nest syndrome. He is currently enjoying wine dinners and watching the next generation excel. If he had a day in Ithaca, he would visit Barton Hall and the Chemistry department and then eat Straight cookies and ice cream. Sweet!

Steven Getman writes that he is working to help stem the nationwide opioid epidemic. He is tackling the problem on behalf of Schuyler County, NY, which, according to Steve, has become the latest New York State county to join forces against manufacturers and distributors of opioid painkillers. "Over the past few years, despite its small population, Schuyler County has seen an uptick in opioid and heroin use and overdoses. We have seen a large increase in emergency room visits and mental health diagnoses that appear to be tied to opioid abuse in Schuyler County." We wish Steve well in this important work.

On the social front, our classmates found time to gather for fun and celebrations. **Dina Lewisohn** Shaw celebrated the joint bar mitzvas of her twin sons with lots of supportive Cornellians in attendance. **Katie Roth** Boyar, **Melissa Madenberg** Gibson, **Elyssa Katz** Hurlbut, **Lynne McFarland** McKinnon, **Gail Liedell** Reynolds, **Lisa Wallach** Mandelblatt, **Lisa Hellinger** Manaster, **Donna Mandell** Korren, and **Didi Barcomb** Frechette attended the celebration.

We, **Mike** and **Lori Spydell Wagner**, had the pleasure of dining with **Maria Elias** in Dallas while she was here on business. Maria is general counsel for US Masters Swimming in addition to running a private legal practice in Myrtle Beach, SC. We also had dinner with fellow DU brother **Scott Rosuck** and his wife, **Stephanie (Lampert)**, in Dallas. While they are a Cornell '86 couple, they have not been to a Reunion or Homecoming in decades. Their excuse is that it's hard to get to Ithaca from Dallas and they are busy raising their 14 daughters. OK, it's really only four daughters, but busy nonetheless!

Special congratulations to our classmates who recently found out their children will be heading to the Hill next fall! Early decision notifications brightened the holidays for **Ken** and **Amy Amelkin Cramer's** daughter Liv, and **Gabriel '87** and **Katie Roth Boyar's** daughter Susanna. I'm sure there are others on this list, which serves as a great segue into making an appeal to please keep us informed of your news so we can share it with our classmates. ♦ **Michael** and **Lori Spydell Wagner**, mwagner@maiwealth.com; **Nancy Keates**, nancy.keates@wsj.com; **Toby Goldsmith**, toby.goldsmith@gmail.com.

87 I am pleased to be writing my first column in my new role as class correspondent. I am taking over from **Heidi Heasley** Ford, who did a tremendous job keeping us all not only informed, but also truly connected with one another. Heidi's columns always reminded me how much I treasure my Cornell friendships. Thank you, Heidi!

A little about me . . . After graduating from law school, I worked in private practice for a decade, got married, had children, left private practice, and became a litigator for the federal government. I live outside Washington, DC, with my husband, our son and daughter (both in high school), and our spirited Australian shepherd. In my free time, I am the chair of a Cornell Alumni Admissions Ambassador Network (CAAAN) committee, serving a portion of Montgomery County, MD. I also sit on the board of directors of the Cornell Club of Washington (CCW). Through the generous donations of D.C.-area alumni, the CCW has been able to establish and fund several scholarships for local students who attend Cornell, and I serve as the CCW's vice president, scholarship.

I was very excited to see many of you at Reunion this past June. The event was relaxed, flawlessly executed (thanks to our superb Reunion team), and a terrific opportunity to reconnect with classmates. And, as a bonus, I had a chance encounter with my cousin, fellow Cornellian **Susan Rickert Nelson '68**, and her husband, **Peter '67**, PhD '76, who live in Oregon. That was a wonderful surprise, as I hadn't seen them in six years!

In November, I was part of a group of Cornellians that saw Bette Midler in *Hello, Dolly!* The show was fabulous, but what I enjoyed even more was the opportunity to catch up with ten Class of '87 graduates: **Wendy Anderson**-Brachfeld, **Lisa Hollis** Capone, **Cindy Roberts** Dubots,

88 The Reunion committee has been hard at work making plans for what will be a really special 30th Reunion, June 7-10. Thirty years since we graduated? That's right. We may have a little gray hair, but we're better than ever. Come celebrate that fact and reconnect with old friends. Best to book your hotel early! Here's more info about Reunion: <http://bit.ly/2oTpv22>. In the spirit of reconnecting, Cornell always appreciates support. In case you haven't paid your class dues this year, here's a quick link to take care of it today: <http://bit.ly/2iR2kfJ>.

Wanted: A few strong class leaders. There are some great new opportunities to get involved with Cornell in volunteer leadership roles. Class leaders have five-year terms and they're a wonderful way to stay plugged in and serve the Cornell community. There are several positions for the 2018-23 term—see below. If you're interested in learning more, please let us know through our Class of '88 Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/8476144284/>. Here's some info about two roles in particular, although there are more.

Class correspondent: Yes, you could be writing this column. Class correspondents serve a vital link in class communications. Each class has at least one correspondent (and up to three), who write class columns a total of six times a year. Correspondents use updates from classmates and news gathered at events, by fellow officers, or through links from their class website or e-mails. The official job description says, "Class correspondents must be committed to spending time collecting and reading news of classmates and writing about it in a lively, entertaining tone." Hopefully you find this column somewhat lively!

Affinity outreach chair: The affinity chair plays an integral role in coordinating a committee to connect with classmates affiliated with the many student clubs, groups, athletic teams, and Greek associations. The Affinity chair is responsible for appointing an affinity committee composed of classmates, class officers, and council members to prepare an outreach plan. Designated affinity groups include region, student activities, and college/degree-based groups. Affinity networking can be an ongoing project that culminates in years four and five of the class cycle, prior to Reunion. The purpose of affinity networking is to encourage engagement of classmates who graduated with each other, but who may have a stronger tie to the student groups they were involved in.

Looking ahead to summer, have you thought about the Cornell Summer College Program for your kids in high school? This program offers talented high school students who have completed their sophomore, junior, or senior year with the opportunity to undertake college-level work. More details are available here: <http://www.summercollege.cornell.edu/>. Children of many of our classmates attended the 2017 program, including: Shaheen, son of **Arash Baratloo**, ME '93, and **Karen Cullen**, MS '95; Jessica, daughter of **Tracy Hellinger** Freedman; Caleb, son of **Lee** and **Debra Klugherz Goldberg** '87; Louisa, daughter of **Karen Carlucci** Keating; Matthew, son of **Jeremy** '86 and **Sharon Berlin Scileppi**; and Nicholas, son of **Alan Tam**, ME '89.

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 an upcoming column. Hope to see you at Reunion! ♦ **Brad Mehl**, bradmehl@gmail.com; and **Andréa Meadow** Danziger,alm46@cornell.edu.

89 Happy spring! Thanks to everyone who helped make this column happen by sending in news. Let's get right into it. **Doug Merrill**, ME '90, MBA '91, and wife **Lisa (Peskin)** '90 were excited to drop off their son **Alex** '21, a freshman in the Engineering college, in August. While on campus, they "enjoyed a double date at Ruloff's with **Craig** and **Lisa Hamburg Pearson**, who were dropping off their daughter **Melissa** '21." Doug and Craig were on the sailing team and were "happily surprised to run into fellow teammate **Boris Corujo** '87 and his wife as they saw their daughter, **Pia** '21, off on her Cornell adventure." Doug also reported that he lives in Shelburne, VT, and runs Semiprobe, a local firm that produces test equipment for the semiconductor industry. Lisa is a business analyst for the Lane Press, a magazine printing firm that prints our *Cornell Alumni Magazine*! Doug says, "We are fortunate to be surrounded by numerous Cornell alumni, most notably my former 522 Stewart Ave. housemates **Chris Ford** and **Bill** '90 and **Emily Mack Kalkoff** '98." **Beth Dougherty** '90, MAT '91, lives in Massachusetts, but visits Doug in Vermont at least once a year.

Zack Kollias says, "After several years of flying around the world selling fried chicken, I moved to Wendy's in September 2016. In my current position, I supervise 850 Wendy's restaurants in Tennessee, Kentucky, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Missouri, Illinois, and Arkansas. Come by and enjoy a Frosty any time." Zack lives in Marietta, GA, and he and wife Margaret will be empty nesters next fall. He continues to fly-fish whenever possible and says, "I'm looking forward to a Wyoming trip with **Robert Gates** '90, MBA '94, in summer 2018."

Many of you are being honored and promoted in your professions and we gladly include each announcement. **Alan Pittler**'s new firm sent this: "We are so pleased to welcome Alan to Cozen O'Connor, and look forward to practicing with him again. He is a superb lawyer and very well respected in Western Pennsylvania and beyond. Alan's broad background in all aspects of traditional labor and employment law, combined with his experience at U. of Pittsburgh (as former associate general counsel), will make him an invaluable resource to our clients, especially those in the higher education industry." Alan adds that he is thrilled to join Cozen O'Connor's outstanding nationwide team of labor and employment lawyers and his former colleagues in Pittsburgh.

Jeffrey Pease, MBA '91, writes, "After 20 years in Silicon Valley, and two CMO roles in NYC, I recently started my own marketing and communications firm. Message Mechanics LLC helps companies create messages that sell and communications that transform. So far this year, I've been privileged to work on a company transformation in the Netherlands and with a number of startups closer to home in New York and California." Jeff and wife Cynthia visited Cornell in the early fall to see the Cornell-Columbia volleyball game. "The highlight for me was visiting Risley Hall and seeing that some of the murals and all of the semi-obsessive artistic spirit I remember from my time there are still present." **Laura Magid Lapidus** '88 reported that she and husband **Darryl** were in Ithaca for Homecoming with **Karen Leshowitz** Colonna and spent some time with **Lisa Magid** Richardson '87, **Rob Chodock**, and **Karen Mitchell** '90. The Lapiduses even spent a few minutes with their son, **David** '20, before he went to work at the football game!

Congratulations to **John Treadwell**, who was sworn in as a state judge in Vermont. Governor Phil Scott appointed John as a Vermont Superior Court judge, who

will sit on the state's trial court, consisting of civil, criminal, environmental, family, and probate divisions. John served in the Vermont Attorney General's Office for more than a decade, most recently as the chief of the criminal division. In a press release, John was quoted as saying, "It is a privilege to be able to continue the work of providing justice for Vermonters as a member of Vermont's Superior Court. I am grateful to the governor for this opportunity to help people change their lives for the better."

Amy Susman-Stillman supplied us with some news. Her daughter, Ruby, visited her nephew, **Robert Karp** '19, a junior in the Hotel school, for Homecoming. It was Ruby's first visit to Cornell (from Minneapolis), and she loved it! Amy is excited that she and her nephew will be on the same Reunion schedule, so they will always be able to spend time together. Amy also said that **Jamie Platt** Lyons chaperoned her daughter's choir trip to Europe in November, and that **Dina Weiss** Linfoot attended Scott and **Mindy Schechter** Tashlik's daughter's bat mitzvah on Long Island.

Please keep sending us your news! There are several ways to submit: return the news form you get in the mail, e-mail one of us, visit www.alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/, or use our class Facebook page. Our column is only as good (and as long) as the news we get! ♦ **Stephanie Bloom** Avidon, savidon1@hotmail.com; **Anne Czaplinski** Treadwell, ac98@cornell.edu; **Kris Borovicka** Gerig, kgerig@columbus.rr.com; and **Lauren Kidder** McGarry, laurenkiddermcgarry@gmail.com.

90 As I sit down to write this spring issue's column for the Class of '90, it occurs to me that my soon-to-be 16-year-old oldest son has only two summers remaining between now and his high school graduation. That's not a lot of time to pack in the many things I'd like to do with him before he turns his attention to college and life beyond. How do I fit in all those things into such a short amount of time?

Speaking of time: **Miriam Cohen** Jennings checked in not too long ago, noting that she and husband Jeff have moved to Guilford, CT, where she works as a community pediatrician three days a week and a wound care/hyperbaric medicine physician one day a week. The other eight days a week, she is mostly kept busy as a mom to their two also soon-to-be 16-year-old twins, Adin and Fiona. I must imagine that time is flying twice as quickly for them.

Meanwhile, **David Neuman** and his wife, Erika, are raising their three young daughters in NYC, where the girls are growing like proverbial weeds. In the meantime, David has been involved in the launching of a new website for Pop-Doc.com, a healthcare technology startup. "This is an online joint-health community that focuses on mobile 'home' exercise programs to regain, attain, maintain, and preserve healthy joint function," he wrote. "These exercises are for those who want to improve health, athletic performance, and quality of life." David said that launching the startup has been a satisfying and invigorating experience. He also noted that he recently visited Ithaca, where he viewed the spectacular falls, walked through campus, and admired the new buildings on campus.

On the other side of the country, **Marta Bechhoefer** isn't just concerned with two or three kids—she has plenty more to help along their journey. She works as a school-based speech language pathologist in Santa Cruz, CA, helping children ages 3 to 11. She specializes in English-Spanish bilingualism, motor speech disorders,


and social communication. Asked if there was anything else she wished she could be doing, Marta said she wouldn't mind working overseas "while Trump is making America 'great' again." Marta gave a shout-out to Prof. **Zulma Iguina '80**. "She taught me to find my voice in Spanish. ¡Mil gracias, Profesora!"

Lisa Baylor David wrote to us from Lafayette, LA, where she lives with her husband, **Bob '89**. She recently visited with **Sandy Lithgow** Ramirez, **Margaret King** Coleman, MS '96, and **Rina Shamash Fern '89** in New Orleans "for a wonderful weekend of food, music, and fun."

Bringing the subject back to kids and summers, the Cornell University Summer College let us know that several of our classmates saw their children off to participate in last summer's program on the Hill. Participants in the program include: Alexa, daughter of **Brian '84** and **Debra Rothstein Bornstein**; Jacob, son of **Melinda Abrams** and **Douglas Hocking '89**; Ryan, son of **Wing Chu**; Brennan, son of **Thomas Cooney**; Adriana, daughter of **Annalisa Martinez**-Cooper; Adam, son of **David Herold**; Chloe Kehayas, daughter of **Alexandra Gardner**; Zoe, daughter of **Kristi Levine** Lieberman; Katrina, daughter of **Cindy Potter** and **David Schmier '91**; and Forrest, son of **John Vogel**. Check out <http://www.summercollege.cornell.edu> for more information about the program.

How about you? What keeps you busy as the winds of time whip past you? Please feel free to drop us a line with your news for the class column. ♦ **Allan Roussele**, agr2@cornell.edu; **Rose Tanasugarn**, nt28@cornell.edu. Class of 1990 Facebook page, <http://facebook.com/Cornell90/>. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

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91 What a freezing start to this year we had! The nesting required made me dig into some New Year's resolutions, but after we got the thaw we're back to normal. We only have a couple of notes this month, starting with a classmate's very impressive service to our country. **Jennifer Caci** has made a career of working in the Active Duty Army. She just returned from her seventh combat deployment and is hoping to retire soon. She would like to hear from **Nick Gaiano**, and she thanks CSM(R) Frank McFadden for influencing the direction of her life. I would like to thank her for her service, and for the freedom we enjoy every day. My company, TD Bank, values and prioritizes hiring veterans for good jobs after returning from these military theaters.

Classmate **Julie Dugoff** Waxman launched Baked in Color in May 2016. In addition to her site, www.bakedincolor.com, they are live at TurnstyleNYC, 58th and Broadway at Columbus Circle. They hope to roll out additional locations in NYC. In the meantime, they ship to all 50 states within the US. **Steve Shimony** and his wife, Stacy, recently celebrated their daughter Rebecca's bat mitzvah over Thanksgiving weekend. "It actually caused us to miss the Cornell-BU hockey game at the Garden, which the boys and I have attended every year since its inception. We partied all night at the bat mitzvah with **Alan Leibel**, **Michael Whitman**, **Jeff Bregman '90**, and **Will Walter '90**. We even had some nephews and a niece celebrating with us who also had to miss the game: **Erin Gross '17**, **Adam Hirsch '17**, and **Daniel Hirsch '20**. It was a very special night!"

For myself, I am still here as a mom, wife, and marketer, keeping it real in a dual income household in America. I've found a blog that represents my view on how "easy" it all is: "I Mom So Hard." Check those ladies out. Hope you all have a happy and healthy 2018. ♦ **Wendy Milks** Coburn, wmilkscoburn@me.com; **Lori Woodring**, lori.woodring@yahoo.com; **Joe Marraccino**, Joe.Marraccino@wfafinet.com; **J. Tim Vanini**, lavanooche@icloud.com.

92 It's springtime, which means you'll soon be hearing from your class officers about renewing your dues. Please don't forget to fill out the accompanying news form so that we can stay up to date with your activities! Whether it be a growing family, a change in your career, or a newfound passion, we want to hear about it! Send news to: ♦ **Lois Duffy** Castellano, LKD2@cornell.edu; or **Jean Kintisch**, jmk226@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

93 Happy 2018, everyone! It's hard to believe that many of us have college-age kids—but then again, our 25th Reunion is right around the corner! In that regard, welcome to the "Future Cornellians" edition, courtesy of the Class of 1993.

Cornell University Summer College offers a college experience to high school students who have the academic ability, maturity, and intellectual curiosity necessary to undertake college-level work. Check out the program at: <http://www.summercollege.cornell.edu/>. We would like to highlight and congratulate the children of our classmates who attended the summer 2017 program: Bryce, son of **Henry**, ME '94, MBA '00, and **Stephanie Shau Liu**; Luis, son of **Steve Martinez**; Christopher, son of **John** and **Ellen Johnston McDonnell**; Muhozi, son of **Grant** and **Angela Ogwo Warner**; and Nathan, son of **Christopher** and **Angela Tardif Wratney '94**.

In other news, registration for Reunion starts in March. Don't forget to join the "Cornell University Class of 1993"

Facebook page for updates and share your favorite memories as we get ready to celebrate how special Cornell is to each of us 25 years later! Keep your news coming, and see you in June! ♦ **Mia Blackler**, miablackler@yahoo.com; **Melissa Hart** Moss, melimoss@yahoo.com; **Theresa Flores**, taf6@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

94 Greetings from the dead of winter in Florida. At this writing, many of our classmates are getting a throwback taste of our youth, between the "bomb cyclone" that blanketed the East Coast, to snow days and cold days all over the normally temperate South. I personally have been shocked to be greeted by Ithaca here in Florida lately. I hope by the time you are reading this, the weather has warmed up for you!

Our class seems too busy with living life to do much reporting of class news, but we do have a few tidbits to share. **Elizabeth Kaufmann** Hale reports that she took her whole family to Ithaca back in October to watch the Big Red defeat Harvard football. That's the way to teach the next generation of Cornellians! When not keeping busy as a clinical associate professor of dermatology at NYU Langone Medical Center, Elizabeth is busy running, including finishing the 2017 NYC Marathon in 3:58:45—"which was one minute faster than our first marathon 20 years ago!" Who says we aren't getting better with age? **Samantha Turnbole** Meier also ran not one, but two marathons this year, and proudly reports that she "got a Boston qualifying time on the second!" Congrats, runners!

Justin Antonipillai in November announced the formation and funding of WhireWheel.io, which is developing an innovative cloud-based data privacy and protection platform. Classmate **Jenn Drais** Wagener is acting as head of operations for the venture. Wishing Justin, Jenn, and their whole team much success! Lastly, I should share the news that I was named a finalist for the *Tampa Bay Business Journal* Business Woman of the Year contest, and won the legal category. My law firm, DPW Legal, continues to help businesses protect everything they work so hard to create through strategic planning and leveraging intellectual property.

Really, I know you're out there, and I know you have more news to share. Don't leave your classmates hanging—let us know! You can e-mail us, or find us on Facebook through our class group, facebook.com/groups/22769038157. ♦ **Dineen Pashoukos** Wasylik, dmp5@cornell.edu; **Jennifer Rabin** Marchant, jar1229@yahoo.com; **Dika Lam**, dikaweb@yahoo.com. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

95 Spring may have sprung, but back here in December as I write this, the hustle and bustle of the holidays has slowed the news from members of our class to a trickle. As always, you can post to our Class of '95 Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/cornell1995/>) and/or our closed group page at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/6386671699/>.

One handy use of our Facebook pages that we used last September was to put out a safety check-in request following natural disasters. A few folks checked in after Hurricane Harvey and Irma to say they were OK. Please feel free to post with these types of messages anytime. It will certainly put people's minds at ease.

Back in October, **Daniel Janis** was named to the 2017 list of Massachusetts Super Lawyers, published in *Boston* magazine and *New England Super Lawyers*. Congratulations, Daniel!

That's all I've got. I hope you're having a fantastic 2018. Please keep us posted on what you're up to and we'll put it in the column! ♦ **Steven Strell**, strells@mac.com; **Scott Lajoie**, scottlajoie@hotmail.com. Class website, <http://www.facebook.com/cornell1995>. Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

96 In the face of recent disasters, our classmates and their families showed bravery, industry, and empathy. For example, Ian Daniel Neumann courageously rode out Hurricane Harvey in Houston, which is especially impressive given that he was only 1 month old! Named in honor and memory of DKE fraternity brother **Daniel Eric Rich**, Ian is the second child of **Eric Neumann** and his wife. In response to Hurricane Maria, **Jim Butler** (American Airlines' senior VP of international and cargo) worked as part of an effort with CannedWater4Kids (CW4K). Together, these organizations urgently sent 29,000 pounds of clean, safe drinking water in 12 oz. cans to Puerto Rico.

Other '96ers who are making things happen include **Paul Orlando**, author of Startup Sacrilege for the Underdog Entrepreneur. Paul is a professor at the USC Marshall School of Business and leads the Incubator at USC, a program for businesses run by USC students, alumni, faculty, and staff. He is also the program director at the Laudato Si Challenge startup accelerator in Rome. This partnership with the Vatican assists businesses addressing global environmental issues. Paul also helps large companies build internal new product development groups. You can read more about Paul's work at: www.startupsunplugged.com/about-paul. He and wife Susan have two children.

Marcelo Vines was part of Oberlin College's leadership team, which earned the school a selection as one of 24 institutions to receive the 2017 Inclusive Excellence grant from the Howard Hughes Medical Inst. (HHMI). Through this grant, HHMI helps institutions build their capacity to effectively engage all students in science throughout their undergraduate years, especially those who come to college via nontraditional pathways. For former member of Cornell's Symphonic Band **Paul Lester**, ME '98, the music hasn't stopped! He is working in technology at SMBC, recently finished a cool music composition project, and is also working on a music/graphics Java program suite and a theoretical physics paper.

We have classmates on the move in their careers, including **Shani Waugh**, who recently joined LMI in Tysons, VA, as the senior director of Talent Management, where she leads all talent, development, and workforce engagement for the 1,200-employee government consulting nonprofit. Earlier in the year she welcomed a second niece into the family. Born during a snowstorm in NYC, Alana is a bundle of joy! After being a stay-at-home mom for nine years, **Erin Dougherty** Sweitzer recently returned to work as a consultant providing accounting, internal control, and business process services in central New Jersey. Earlier this year, Erin was appointed to the Somerville Board of Education and continues to serve as a member of the Somerville Educational Foundation. Over the summer, she spent a week in France with her husband and son touring Nice and Paris.

Ilan Barzilay recently moved his patent law practice to Pierce Atwood LLP, where he has been joined by fellow Electrical Engineering grad **Steven Russell '97**, ME '98, JD '07. Cornell has recognized one of our own in **Lisa Drayer**. She was featured in a recent article in Cornell's *Human Ecology* magazine, describing her rise

to prominence in the wellness space. A regular contributor to health segments on CNN and HLN, Lisa has penned two books published by McGraw-Hill: *The Beauty Diet: Looking Great Has Never Been So Delicious*; and *Strong, Slim and 30! Eat Right, Stay Young, Feel Great and Look FABULOUS* (<http://www.lisadrayer.com/>). Please send news to: ♦ **Lee Hendelman**, LeeH1818@hotmail.com. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

97 Spring is around the corner, bringing with it warmer temperatures and updates from classmates around the country.

Congratulations to **Angela Ledgerwood**, who in September shared news of her May 12, 2017 marriage to longtime partner Shannon Ward. Last year, Angela spent time overseeing the clean-up of the Gold King Mine and other mine sites in the Bonita Peak Mining District Superfund site near Silverton, CO. **Heidi Richter** lives in Redmond, WA, with spouse John Howard. She shared word of her new position, as of September 1, 2017, as teaching tenure track assistant faculty in the biology department of Bellevue College in Bellevue, WA.

Farther south on the West Coast is **Jessica Finkelstein**, whose home base is San Francisco, where she works as deputy general counsel of Pinterest. Although Jessica is an avid traveler and enjoys exploring new places, she is also passionate about discovering the great natural and culinary delights of the Bay Area. **Joshua Greenblatt** joined Kirkland & Ellis's New York office as a partner in the litigation practice group. Joshua focuses on complex commercial, financial services, and restricting-related matters. He was previously a partner at Kasowitz Benson Torres LLP.

In May 2017, the Rochester, NY, *Democrat and Chronicle* profiled classmate **Ann Grabowski** and her mother, Sheila, who together own Beads 'N Things, a store dedicated to beads and jewelry-making accessories. After Cornell, Ann worked at Xerox Corp. for 12 years before making the "huge leap" to switch careers and join her mother, who has owned the business since Ann was 9. She developed the website, www.mybeadkit.com, to grow the online business, which now consists of orders from all over the US. **Brian Yeh** is enjoying family life these days. He and wife Beth rescued a chocolate Labrador mix puppy in 2017. Their new addition joins Brian's human children, Annabelle, 7, and Colin, 4, and an 8-year-old black Labrador/Newfoundland mix dog.

Keeping us up to date on your adventures and life changes keeps your class columns interesting, so send

in your news! Stay in the loop by joining the Cornell Class of 1997 Facebook group. ♦ **Erica Broenne** Nelson, ejb4@cornell.edu; **Sarah Deardorff** Carter, sjd5@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

98 Twenty years—where have they gone? It's hard to believe that another decade has flown by and that Reunion is right around the corner (and up the Hill). If you haven't done so already, consider joining the Class of '98 Facebook group for the latest information about Reunion weekend and other Cornell-related events our classmates are attending.

Congratulations go out to two of our classmates who have been recognized for excellent service to their law firms. **Jerome Garciano** was recently promoted to counsel at Robinson+Cole, where he focuses his practice on real estate transactions and financing, affordable housing, renewable energy, green building, sustainability, and tax credits. Jerome works in the Boston office, where he is a member of the firm's real estate and development group. **Patti Boye-Williams** was promoted to counsel in 2016 at Murtha Cullina, a mid-size regional law firm in Connecticut. Patti represents small businesses, manufacturers, and municipalities on environmental and renewable energy issues, primarily those associated with transactions and regulatory compliance. Patti was also elected this past November to town council in Farmington, CT, where she will represent the second district for a two-year term. Her husband, **Chad Williams**, is a professor of computer science at Central Connecticut State U., where he received tenure last year.

Do you have an exciting update to share, or are you trying to track down a classmate from your college days? You can always access the online news form at: <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>. You can also e-mail either of your class correspondents: ♦ **Toni Stabile** Weiss, tls9@cornell.edu; **Uthica Jinvit** Utano, udj1@cornell.edu.

99 I write this while sitting on a plane headed home from L.A. to Detroit after a long week of work. The bright spot on this particular cross-country trip is that I'm bringing home the newest member of the Madland clan—Odin, a 10-week-old blue French bulldog puppy. Odin is our "second child" after having Max, our 20-month-old daughter of the two-legged variety, in May 2016. **Adrian Madland** and I are over the moon excited to introduce the two and watch in wonder as the magical puppy-toddler bond takes hold. A huge shout-out to our friend and fellow Cornell classmate **Rachel**



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White, founder of L.A.-based Fog City Bulldogs (www.fogcitybulldogs.com), who made this new addition possible! Now on to a few class updates.

Brady Russell began a new role this past October as a reporter at CoinDesk, focused in particular on Initial Coin Offerings and their outcomes. Congrats, Brady! **Jaime Vallés** has been busy the last few years growing his company, AJV Media. Based in New York City, AJV focuses on video, photo, and graphic design with a specialty in theatrical events such as concerts, musicals, cabarets, etc., though he will also shoot weddings, corporate interviews, and travel. Be sure to check out Jaime's website for more info at www.ajvmedia.com.

John Hyland is now an associate professor of history at Christopher Newport U., in Newport News, VA. John teaches Greek, Persian, and Roman history alongside a great team of colleagues in the departments of history and modern and classical languages. He's also thrilled to announce the publication of his first book (released this past December!) in partnership with Johns Hopkins University Press, titled *Persian Interventions: The Achaemenid Empire, Athens, and Sparta, 450-386 BCE*. His book offers a new evaluation of the political relations between ancient Persia, the first major world empire, and the classical Greek city-states. For some added nostalgia, we asked John what he would do if he had a day in Ithaca and he responded: "I'd spend some time in Olin Library, walk the quads, and go for a hike at Taughannock Falls." Well, that may be downright pleasant to do today, in mid-January, when it's a balmy 63 degrees (no joke!) in Ithaca right now. Just don't wait until tomorrow, when temperatures return to the typical January levels we know (and love!).

Do you have a life update, class gossip, or recent classmate interactions you'd like to share? Please contact your class correspondents, or connect through the Class of '99 Facebook page. ♦ **Heather Hollidge** Madland, hmadland@gmail.com; **Melanie Grayce** Madland, mga6@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

00 It's springtime, which means you'll soon be hearing from your class officers about renewing your dues. Please don't forget to fill out the accompanying news form so that we can stay up to date with your activities! Whether it be a growing family, a change in your career, or a newfound passion, we want to hear about it! Send news to: ♦ **Christine Jensen** Weld, ckj1@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

01 Did you hear the big news about Ivy League football? To generate more excitement for the final weekend of the season, all eight schools are being matched up "in their historic regional rivalries" starting fall 2018. In other words, the Cornell-Columbia game is scheduled for November 17. (Oops, I always thought Penn was our big rival, not Columbia. Should all of us with Columbia grad degrees—me, **Ali Solomon** Mainhart, **Erin Colling** Cleofe, **Michele Hoos '02**, **Ruth Bader** Ginsburg '54, etc.—feel conflicted? Nah, you can't blame us for having a New York state of mind.)

Since November 2018 falls halfway between our 15th and 20th reunions, we're making it a between-reunions reunion (BRR!) to take the chill off our long separation. Contact classof2001@cornell.edu if you're interested in helping organize a Class of 2001 tailgate or happy hour that weekend! Our class is no exception in terms of having plenty of alums within driving distance of the

Big Red Apple, but for those of us scattered farther and wider, this also gives us a great excuse to visit.

On a related note, have you checked out the latest world map of Class of 2001 members by location, shared on our Facebook page? Class officer **Kyle McKenna** created it based on self-reported information in the Cornell Alumni Directory—so if you don't see a pin marked for the town or country you're calling home these days, please update your information online at <https://cornell.connect.cornell.edu>. We've already heard from **Natasha Ladha**, who should be showing up as a pin at Lubumbashi, Katanga Province, Democratic Republic of Congo. Can anyone else chime in on pins for the rest of Africa? How about Russia?

My social media stalking—I mean, friendly interest!—reveals plenty of international travels among our classmates in the past year. Michele Hoos, director of marketing and digital strategy at Cornell Tech, was spotted riding a camel in Morocco. **Jeffrey Tyhach**, a director of FPGA development at Intel Corp. in the Bay Area, visited Paris, Malaysia, and Taiwan. Who else has been globetrotting lately? You can always reach out to us, or use the Cornell Alumni Directory to find out if there's another classmate over there too.

Back in the Big Red corner of the world, **Adam Kerzner** says hi from Garrison, NY. He's a member of the volunteer fire company and celebrating his 17th year of teaching in the South Bronx! "My son, Henry, is 7 and doing well, along with our three puppies Dulce, Hudson, and Maxi!" he adds. Check this space later this year for big news from them—hopefully we can hear about it in person on November 17!

We have some big news here in Seattle, too: my husband and former *Cornell Daily Sun* colleague, **Salil Gupte**, is now vice president and chief risk officer for Boeing Capital Corp. In other words, he's busy arranging, structuring, and providing financing for Boeing's commercial airplane, space, and defense products, plus serving on BCC's investment and disclosure committees and chairing the risk management committee. (He previously helped oversee Boeing's supply chain, which was significantly easier for me to explain to our kids—"Daddy sells airplane parts!"—let alone our classmates.)

As for me, **Nicole Neroulias Gupte**, I'm now communications director at Days for Girls Int'l, working on increasing access to affordable, sustainable menstrual health solutions in Africa, Asia, and Latin America. Perhaps this will put me in touch with my fellow Comm 201 classmate **Trina Lee**, sponsorship program manager at Africa New Life Ministries, a nonprofit based in Portland, OR. Or perhaps I'll be connecting with her through my role on the board of Religion News Foundation and Religion News Service. (Anyone else out there doing work related to religion, journalism, or religion journalism?)

Have you gotten a reminder about paying our annual class dues yet? Not only does that ensure that you get this fabulous magazine, but with your participation, our class can pay for more social events and networking programs, subsidize costs for our 20th Reunion (June 2021!), and provide a scholarship to a current undergraduate. It's all about paying it forward, folks. Speaking of networking programs, we're putting together a new webinar series for our classmates. Contact classof2001@cornell.edu with ideas for topics or speakers, or to get involved!

As I was racing around for last-minute holiday gifts and digging for updates from our classmates, I stumbled upon a fun winter memory shared on Facebook by **Peggy Imboden**, who recalled celebrating the Y2K New

Year's Eve on the Hill with **Jen Pelletier**, **Erica Chatfield** Roberts, and **Malinda Lovic**. "Lots of food, beverages, and fun," she writes. "We went nuts for every time zone until like Hawaii."

Don't make me dig so hard next time, friends! If you've got news to share or want to get back in touch with old friends or pitch in with our class programs, just let us know. Take a look at our website (classof01.alumni.cornell.edu), like our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/Cornell2001), and follow us on Twitter (Cornell2001). And if you'd like to join me as a class correspondent or share some news, you can find me online—in a truly time-sucking range of places—or e-mail me at: ♦ **Nicole Neroulias** Gupte, NicoleMN6@gmail.com.

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03 Hello, Class of 2003! I'm **Candace Lee Chow**, PhD '14, and I am joining **Jon Schoenberg**, PhD '11, as a class correspondent. After spending five years away from Ithaca (during which time I earned a master's in English education from Columbia Teachers College, taught high school English, and married fellow classmate **Clement Chow**), we returned to the Hill in summer 2008. I served as assistant director of the Cornell Alumni Student Mentoring Program, earned a PhD in education, and also served as interim assistant director of the Intergroup Dialogue Project (IDP), while Clement pursued postdoctoral training in genetics. We also had two wonderful children, Emmy, 5, and Micah, 2, while in Ithaca. In late summer of 2015, we traded Ithaca's gorges and waterfalls for Salt Lake City's mountains. I'm a research associate at the Utah Education Policy Center in the College of Education at the U. of Utah, and Clement is an assistant professor in the human genetics department in the School of Medicine, also at the university. We are enjoying the plentiful hiking, the beautiful mountains, and the milder winters! I've been fortunate to remain in touch with classmates over the years, and am always glad when work travel allows me to reconnect with old friends.

During a recent trip to Seattle, I saw several classmates. **Daniel Lam** and his wife, Julie, now live in Seattle, where Dan works as a nephrologist and palliative care physician at the U. of Washington and Harborview Medical Center. Dan really enjoys Seattle, saying, "I'm a PNW convert who really enjoys hiking now!" Dan and Julie welcomed their first baby, Avery, to their family last May.

Esther Yue, her husband, Ted Huang, and their children, Jeremiah, 8, and Gideon, 5, were in Seattle visiting Esther's sister, **Lois Yue** Stolee '00, and her family. Esther is a pediatric emergency medicine physician in Portland, OR. Though neither of her boys has visited campus yet, Esther says, "My older son's favorite sweatshirt is his bright red Cornell sweatshirt!" What she misses most about Cornell is "walking across the bridges, hearing the sound of rushing water beneath, and getting a moment to enjoy nature on the way to and from class." She's hoping to introduce her boys to campus and the Cornell Dairy Bar sometime soon!

We look forward to catching up in person on June 7-10 at our 15th Reunion! We also look forward to hearing about the great things our classmates are doing via news and notes submissions. Until then, all the best.

❖ **Candace Lee Chow**, cj24@cornell.edu; **Jon Schoenberg**, jrs55@cornell.edu.

04 Hello, '04! Please continue to share your news; we are happy to catch up over Class Notes.

Mark Laidre is a professor in the biology department at Dartmouth. He's trying to raise awareness of the coconut crab. The amazing animals are in critical need of conservation help. He will return to Cornell on April 30, 2018 to give a seminar in the Ecology and Evolutionary Biology department that will touch on the topic (EEB was also his major at Cornell). With a research grant from the National Geographic Society, Mark has been studying the crab's behavior and natural history in the Chagos Archipelago in the Indian Ocean, the Earth's largest coral atoll, which boasts an undisturbed population of coconut crabs. Mark is happy to hear from alumni interested in the topic; you may reach him via e-mail at: Mark.Laidre@dartmouth.edu. Check out the Alumni Photo Gallery to see a picture of Mark with a coconut crab: <http://www.cornellalumnimagazine.com/photogallery>.

Please remember to respond to the annual class dues solicitation. You may share memories and/or news with me at: ❖ **Jessi Petrosino**, jessi.petrosino@ey.com. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

05 Happy spring, Class of 2005! I hope many of you are emerging from the winter months ready for the new beginnings that the new season often brings. This past year, I, **Hilary Johnson-King**, was promoted to assistant principal at the Albany Academies, a prep school for pre-school through post-graduate students. Cornell is often a top choice for many of our top students and it is so rewarding to be a part of their admissions process, both formally and informally. **Ashley Berke** has also taken on new responsibilities in her career, as she was recently named VP of communications for the Philadelphia Orchestra.

Pradeep Giri currently leads PwC's change management analytics business unit in Cleveland, OH. He recently got engaged and bought a house, and finds satisfaction running, cooking, and being with his beautiful community of friends and family. He thinks of Cornell often, and if given the chance to spend a day in Ithaca he would "head to CTB for breakfast, then head up the slope to the Arts Quad, buy some swag from the Cornell Store, sneak around Uris Library and the A.D. White Library, head up to North Campus for lunch, go to Beebe Lake for an after-lunch hike/walk, cross the footbridge to the Ag campus and head to Bartels to climb the climbing wall, walk over to Lincoln Hall music library to listen to old jazz LPs, swing by Libe Café to grab a tea before heading outside for the chimes concert, then sit on the slope to watch the sunset before heading to the Statler for dinner at Banfi's." What a day, Pradeep! Can we join you?

Keep your updates coming. We look forward to reading them! ❖ **Hilary Johnson-King**, haj4@cornell.edu; **Johnny Chen**, jc362@cornell.edu; **Michelle Wong**, mrw29@cornell.edu.

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07 Hello, Class of 2007! Looks like we're finally heading in the direction of warmer weather here in the Northeast. Thanks so much for sharing your stories with me! Let's get to it.

Shane Dunn, a former class co-president who is based in Boston, and his wife, Elizabeth Bernardi, welcomed their first child, William "Liam" Reilly Dunn, on August 18, 2017. To no one's surprise, it did not take long for Shane to dress Liam in a Cornell onesie during Homecoming weekend back in October! Shane also recently began a new job as director of advancement strategy and regional development for Uncommon Schools, one of the leading nonprofit charter school management organizations in the country. If anyone is ever up for talking about education, charter schools, or education reform, reach out to Shane at sad37@cornell.edu.

In other news, Cornell's fiscal year is coming to a close soon, but you've still got time to pay your class dues. Dues go to our 2007 treasury and will also keep these issues of *Cornell Alumni Magazine* coming to you. Have more updates to share? Please feel free to reach out to me or submit online! ❖ **Samantha Feibush Wolf**, srf29@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

08 Can you believe that the countdown has begun to our 10th Reunion? It's happening in just a few short months! It seems surreal since it's still below zero degrees outside as I write this, but soon enough we'll be connecting with old and new friends in gorgeous Ithaca from June 7-10, 2018.

Speaking of heading to Cornell, classmates **Jessica DeMarinis** and **Peter Asiello** were married in July 2017 at Sage Chapel. Many of our fellow Cornellians were in attendance to celebrate back on campus, where it all began. Jess and Pete specifically told us that they are very much looking forward to celebrating their first anniversary with a return to the Hill for our 10th Reunion this summer!

Some exciting news comes to us from another married '08 couple: **Rob** and **Tania O'Brien McCormack** recently started a new company, FishSki Provisions. They have been manufacturing and selling two products—a Hatch green chile mac and cheese and a Hatch red chile and bell pepper mac and cheese—with success in Colorado, New Mexico, and online since March 2016. Tania's designs feature prominently on packaging and in advertising. Rob ensured from the start that at least 1 percent

of every sale supports conservation and outdoor recreational access. Check FishSki out and support your fellow classmates at: <http://www.fishskiprovisions.com>.

Thanks for reading, and please continue to send us updates, both of major life change and of the arcane day-to-day life variety! Running three miles a day or a marathon? Putting more stamps in your passport or just moved across town? Got a new job or perhaps a new pet? We'd love to hear from you and give you your 15 minutes of Cornell fame! ❖ **Libby Boymel**, LKB24@cornell.edu; and **Elena Beale**, erb26@cornell.edu.

09 Another season has changed, and our classmates have reached out with their latest developments. I, too, have news to share. No longer based in Ithaca, I have completed my doctoral work and moved to New York City. While I miss the cozy small town that I called home after my undergrad years at the Hotel school and my doctoral work, not to mention the gorges, Gimme! Coffee, and Olin Library, I have so enjoyed connecting (and re-connecting) with Cornellians in the Big Apple as I make my way about this new place. Should you find yourself in town, please do reach out!

It was exciting to hear from classmate **Evan Ture**, who started a renewable energy technology company last year, Indie Energy (www.indie.energy). Based just south of Austin, TX, Evan is living with his wife, **Dahlia (Mayberry) '08**, and their two daughters, 3 and 11 months. Among his fondest memories, Evan treasured walks around campus and trips to Six Mile Creek dams.

Tyler Herman wrote to us from Brown U./Trinity Repertory Co.'s Programs in Acting and Directing, where he is finishing his MFA. He also recently married his longtime girlfriend, Sarah. In their free time, Tyler enjoys working on his theatrical interests and watching GoT with his bride. He reported reminiscing often about walking the gorges and interacting with his professors. Best of luck on completing your degree!

Moved to a new city? Started a new job? We would love to hear from you! Please e-mail me. ❖ **Rebecca Robbins**, rsr38@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

10 Greetings, Class of 2010ers! It's been nearly eight years since we graduated; life is moving fast and there's lots to celebrate!

2017 was a big year for **Deepti Mathur** and **Sanchit Gupta**. They were married on Memorial Day weekend with several Cornell alumni in the wedding! Deepti also successfully defended her thesis and graduated from Columbia U. with her doctorate in cellular and molecular biology with a focus in cancer research. In December, Sanchit matched into a gastroenterology fellowship program at Brigham and Women's Hospital. On the very same



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Memorial Day weekend, two other classmates, **Jane Caty** and **Ian Cook**, ME '10, were also married, again with several Cornellians in the wedding! Jane then went on to match into a cornea fellowship program at the U. of Miami Bascom Palmer Eye Inst. Later in the fall, **Sara Twerdok** wed fellow veterinarian Mikey Thomas just outside Pittsburgh, PA. In November, **Ben Okon** married Ginny Coats in a joint cultural open-air ceremony at Sky Stage in Frederick, MD.

In the realm of new jobs, 2017 saw **Erica Billig** Rose started as an Epidemic Intelligence Service (EIS) officer at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). She was selected from a highly competitive pool of physicians, veterinarians, other healthcare professionals, and doctoral-level scientists. The service functions as both training and practice in disease epidemiology, and members function as "disease detectives" for the CDC. Erica is currently working on a national vaccine surveillance network to analyze respiratory syncytial virus (RSV). She also plans to deploy to Saudi Arabia to study an outbreak of Middle East respiratory syndrome (MERS). **Andrew Brady** concluded a five-year succession plan to take over operations of the XLR8 team as the president and CEO. XLR8 is a business management consultant group that happens to be his family's business. He was also named to the *Rochester Business Journal's* "40 Under 40" list! **Christopher Nemlich** continued his professional growth with a promotion to senior director of commercial strategy and analytics at Aristocrat Technologies.

I (**Amar Kelkar**), too, have some news to share, as I'm just a few short months away from completing an internal medicine residency at the U. of Illinois College of Medicine in Peoria. I'll be heading to the U. of Florida in Gainesville in July to start a fellowship program in hematology and oncology, which has been a lifelong dream. Cornell played a huge role in getting me there and I'll always be thankful for that. I also want to extend a hearty congratulations to everyone in our class and all Cornellians on a fantastic 2017. I cherish the opportunity to share the stories of our Cornell colleagues and hope everyone will continue to share some of the significant moments in their lives.

Many of our classmates have shared news of marriages, children, graduations, and career milestones, and I hope this encourages more to share! If you have news, we would love to hear from you. ♦ **Amar Kelkar**, ahk24@cornell.edu; **Rammy Salem**, rms84@cornell.edu; **Jeff Katz**, jak232@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

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12 **Olivia Boyd** currently lives in Los Angeles and works as an associate producer for the nationally syndicated daytime talk show, "The Real." She helps to produce the show's lifestyle and celebrity segments as well as its brand integrations. Her past credits include talk shows on NBC, ABC, FOX, and VH1, as well as E! Online and Yahoo. In her free time, she is part of the Women's Accelerator, a women's networking group based in L.A., and loves to stay active through

indoor cycling, circuit training, yoga, semi-annual half-marathons, and ocean-view hiking.

Julien Wormser and **Robert Edell '13** cofounded a company, Servy, that was recently acquired. It was a restaurant technology company that provided 500-plus restaurants with private feedback and business intelligence through their mobile app. They are now thrilled to be joining Resy, a restaurant reservation tech company. Backed by Airbnb, Resy is a leader in the reservation space and is OpenTable's main competitor. They will be integrating their feedback software into Resy, "empowering 1M-plus restaurant diners to provide restaurants with a revolutionary perspective into their guest experience."

Robin and **Lisa Shapiro** were married on April 1, 2017. Robin is pursuing his MBA at Columbia Business School and Lisa began a residency in family medicine at Mount Sinai Hospital. Send news to: ♦ **Peggy Ramin**, mar335@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

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15 Greetings, Class of 2015! We hope that everyone had an amazing time connecting at the Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC) in February. As winter melts its way into spring, your classmates have been busy embarking on new adventures. Here's what some of them have been up to.

Jonathan Schmidt-Swartz is finishing up the third year of his PhD in the Bible and the ancient Near East at New York U. If he were back in Ithaca, he says he would love to explore the Arboretum and take in the fresh air.

Chris Harvey moved back upstate to Syracuse, NY, after finishing his commitment with Teach For America at the John Marshall School of Information Technology in Cleveland, OH. He is currently working toward a Master of Public Administration at Syracuse U. **Adam Kirsch**, MBA '16, has joined West Monroe Partners in NYC as a senior consultant on the mergers and acquisition teams, where he frequently collaborates with fellow Cornellian **William Ng**, MBA '17. **Rehan Kaluarachchi** has kept in touch with Cornell through the Cornell Alumni Admissions Ambassador Network (CAAAN). He is currently working at Boeing PhantomWorks as a configuration design engineer in St Louis, MO.

Haley Jones is continuing her education in Chicago, IL, where she is working as a psychology intern in the Chicago Public Schools while completing her graduate degree. Her most valuable post-grad experience so far has been working as a site coordinator at an after-school program for at-risk high school freshmen. Also in the

classroom is **Julia Ridley**, who is getting her master's in educational technology and applied learning science at Carnegie Mellon U. In the technology world, **Shiva Rajagopal**, ME '16, had the chance to work on the newly released Fitbit Ionic Smartwatch. Although he has moved all the way to sunny San Francisco, CA, he has learned that Cornellians are never hard to find, even far from the Hill.

Have some news? Did you start a new job or get a promotion? Go on an exciting vacation? Have other things to tell us? Share it all 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.

16 Hello again, Class of 2016! As the spring semester is under way in Ithaca, we have some news to report from our classmates.

In December, former track athletes gathered in Barton Hall to run a 300-meter race with other alums for the annual Big Red track alumni challenge. It was the first time the challenge was held on the new Barton track. Along with **Martha Rosett Lutz '78**, **Genna Hartung '13**, **Christine Driscoll '15**, and **Adrian Jones '17**, the Class of 2016 was well represented by **Udeme "Deedee" Akpaete** and **Maggi Szpak**. Together, Deedee and Maggi's efforts netted \$600 for the track team, thanks to the generous support of Martha. Go Big Red track!

This fall, I received somber news from classmate **Eliana Jacobson**, who reported the passing of classmate **Alex Warman** in September. Alex lived on the second floor of Donlon during his freshman year, where he made some of his greatest friends at Cornell. His D-2 friends came together to celebrate his life in Pinecrest, FL. Eliana remembers him as a wonderful, loving, and brilliant friend. He was an engineer who had accepted a job offer the summer before our senior year, when he unfortunately fell ill. We send our deepest condolences to his Big Red friends and family.

Eliana was also kind enough to share an update with us. "I am currently researching infectious disease virology. I spent this past year in D.C. at the National Institutes of Health researching the role of Ebola virus in human lymphocyte apoptosis, and developing a clinical supportive care model for Ebola virus and pregnancy model for Zika virus in rhesus macaques. This year I am at Rockefeller U., working with other viruses such as yellow fever, hepatitis C, chikungunya, dengue, Sindbis, and Zika, specifically looking at microRNAs and their connection to these diseases." Eliana also shared that she often spends weekends with Cornell friends and celebrates holidays in Manhattan with her Cornell Hillel/CJL friends. When asked what she missed most about Cornell, Eliana said, "The close proximity to all of my friends and peers. It was easy to study with a classmate or walk two blocks over to a friend in Collegetown for some midnight ice cream. While I still find time to do these things, they require a lot more effort and planning!" Thank you, Eliana, for your news and for your hard work in virology!

In closing this class column, I am grateful for the news I continue to receive from classmates. I often find myself surprised at how much time has already passed since we were in Ithaca. As the time away grows longer, the ties to classmates and other Cornellians takes on greater significance for me and, I hope, for other classmates too. With that in mind, please do not be shy in sending your news. Best wishes to all classmates near and far. ♦ **Meghan McCormick**, mcm324@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

ALUMNI DEATHS

1930s

'31 BS HE—Ethel Bache Clark, Wilmington, DE, October 4, 2017
 '32 BS Ag, PhD '41—Sheldon W. Williams, Danville, IL, February 14, 2017
 '36 MS Eng—William J. Ely, Delray Beach, FL, September 20, 2017
 '36-37 SP Ag—Theodora Mitchell, Greenfield, MA, March 17, 2017
 '37 BA—Erling Hamilton Iversen, Greenwich, CT, September 3, 2017
 '37 BS HE—Esther Dillenbeck Prudden, Albany, NY, September 19, 2017
 '39 BS Ag—Richard S. Dale, Campbell, CA, January 26, 2017
 '39 BS HE—Dawn Rochow-Balden Seymour, South Bristol, NY, July 18, 2017

1940s

'40 BA—Martha Willerton Bruce, Pineville, NC, August 8, 2017
 '40—Robert Litowitz, Miami Beach, FL, January 14, 2017
 '41 BA—Elsbeth Hartman Button, Spring Hill, FL, December 31, 2016
 '41—Eleanor Jensen Gamble, Seymour, CT, April 30, 2017
 '41 BA, PhD '44—George M. Wyman, Chapel Hill, NC, October 10, 2017
 '42 BS Ag—Samuel H. Baron, Chapel Hill, NC, August 16, 2017
 '42 BS Hotel—Rolfe S. Blodgett, Freehold, NJ, August 3, 2017
 '43 MS, PhD '48—H. Alan Luke, Salt Lake City, UT, September 20, 2017
 '43 BA—Clementine Birsner Lynn, Encino, CA, October 4, 2013
 '43—John O. Magoffin, Tucson, AZ, November 5, 2016
 '43 BME, BEE '48—Edward F. Meharg, Basking Ridge, NJ, August 27, 2017
 '43—Rhea Dillon Morehouse, Cedar Knolls, NJ, July 16, 2017
 '43 BS HE—Margaret Smith Potter, Homer, NY, August 31, 2017
 '43 BS Ag—Louis A. Preston, Ithaca, NY, September 10, 2017
 '43, B Chem E '44—Edwin M. Sampson Jr., Aiken, SC, February 22, 2017
 '43—Albert G. Wells Jr., Dallas, TX, September 30, 2017
 '44, BA '42—Richard H. Adler, Wyckoff, NJ, September 21, 2017
 '44 BS HE—Ruth Caplan Brunton, Tempe, AZ, September 9, 2017
 '44 BS HE—Dorothy Hendrickson Gant, Orlando, FL, May 5, 2017
 '44—Edward M. Gilbert, Santa Fe, NM, December 23, 2015
 '44—Robert J. Hart, Oak Ridge, TN, July 21, 2017
 '44 BA—Virginia Wellman Iannaccone, Tucson, AZ, December 25, 2016
 '44 BA—Anne Bishop McKusick, Towson, MD, September 17, 2017
 '45 BA—Marguerite Moore Baker, Towson, MD, April 1, 2017
 '45, BME '50—Joseph H. Clasgens II, Cincinnati, OH, October 8, 2017
 '45 BS HE—Carolyn Hendrickson Cummings, Binghamton, NY, October 8, 2017
 '45—Arlene Loede Hanley, Rochester, NY, January 14, 2017
 '45, BArch '48—James W. Junkin Jr., Coral Gables, FL, August 29, 2017

'45, BCE '48—Walter G. MacFarland III, Media, PA, August 20, 2017
 '46 BME—Warren G. Heer, Mission Viejo, CA, September 6, 2017
 '46—Richard F. Lieke Jr., Brunswick, ME, September 1, 2017
 '46, BA '47, PhD '51—Murray Peshkin, Elmhurst, IL, September 20, 2017
 '46, BME '45—Burton Scheinman, Rego Park, NY, April 13, 2016
 '46—Philip A. Snyder Jr., Roanoke, VA, February 11, 2017
 '46—Robert T. Yntema, Hamilton, MA, October 2, 2017
 '47 BA—Mary Tynan Daniel, Houston, TX, September 24, 2017
 '47 BEE—William R. Davies Jr., Ukiah, CA, August 30, 2017
 '47 BS Nurs—Valerie Fiktarz Floro, Whittier, CA, January 2, 2017
 '47, BS Ag '49—Clayton E. Gascoigne, Hendersonville, TN, October 15, 2017
 '47—Janet Bareford Gascoigne, Hendersonville, TN, January 23, 2015
 '47 BS HE—Mary Lou Gedel, Montgomery, AL, October 2, 2017
 '47 MS, PhD '50—Oscar Hawksley, Medford, OR, September 6, 2017
 '47 B Chem E, PhD '51—Edwin N. Lightfoot Jr., Madison, WI, October 2, 2017
 '47 BS HE—Barbara Bateholts Smith, Moorestown, NJ, October 9, 2017
 '48 LLB—Robert C. Barnum Jr., Stamford, CT, October 23, 2016
 '48, BME '49—Norman A. Bracht, Lansdale, PA, January 15, 2017
 '48—Joan Blair Brennan, St. Petersburg, FL, September 15, 2017
 '48 BME—David K. Felbeck, Ann Arbor, MI, October 4, 2017
 '48 BS ORIE—James C. Ford Jr., Gulf Breeze, FL, August 19, 2017
 '48, BA '49—Laverne H. Hardy, Salinas, CA, August 27, 2017
 '48 BME—Girard S. Haviland, Norway, ME, September 8, 2017
 '48 BS Ag—Walter J. Henry, Eden, NY, January 3, 2016
 '48 MD—L. Gerald Laufer, Rocky Point, NY, April 19, 2017
 '48 BCE—Herbert L. Lobdell, Trumbull, CT, September 29, 2017
 '48 BA—Tolita Irwin Logan, Stuart, FL, August 21, 2017
 '48—Russell E. Peachey, Clearwater, FL, August 13, 2016
 '48 BA—Mary Hile Ryen, Rochester Mills, PA, July 11, 2017
 '48 BCE—Thomas A. Rymer, Chesapeake Beach, MD, April 15, 2016
 '48 BME—Charles P. von Wrangell, Moorestown, NJ, March 26, 2015
 '49—Richard Albert, Croton-on-Hudson, NY, March 5, 2017
 '49 BS HE—Virginia Elliot Besemer, Liberty Lake, WA, July 8, 2017
 '49 BME—Oscar W. Bilharz Jr., Sun City Center, FL, October 2, 2017
 '49 BA—Joan Latshaw Goundry, Ithaca, NY, October 4, 2017
 '49 BCE—Martin K. Greenfield, Rockville, MD, July 15, 2017
 '49 BA—Joyce Graham Jordan, Pittsford, NY, September 6, 2017
 '49-50 GR—Margaret Dean Kleyn, Seattle, WA, August 2, 2017

'49—Jerome Nasoff, West Palm Beach, FL, November 21, 2015
 '49 JD—Sinclair Powell, Ann Arbor, MI, September 13, 2017
 '49 B Chem E—Donald C. Roberson, Niagara Falls, NY, April 9, 2017

1950s

'50 PhD—Charles N. Baker, Midlothian, VA, October 9, 2017
 '50 BS HE—Laura Cassidy Bitter, Columbus, NC, October 4, 2017
 '50 BS Ag, MS Ag '53—Michael J. Ceponis, Danbury, CT, September 19, 2017
 '50 MS HE—Verda Mae Dale, Amherst, MA, October 17, 2017
 '50 BA—E. Chapin Davis, Westport, NY, September 28, 2017
 '50, BArch '51—Lawrence W. Franzheim Jr., Wheeling, WV, July 6, 2017
 '50, BME '51—John D. Griswold, Woodsville, NH, October 17, 2017
 '50 BA—Wesley E. Lanyon, Keene Valley, NY, June 10, 2017
 '50 BS ILR—Alan H. Levine, Pittsburgh, PA, October 9, 2017
 '51 BS ILR—Rhoda Ratner Barr, Hastings-on-Hudson, NY, September 1, 2017
 '51—Erminio A. Colasacco, Utica, NY, January 24, 2017
 '51 BCE—Burton M. Gold, Atlanta, GA, July 29, 2017
 '51, BEP '52—Peter Goldman, Newton, MA, March 19, 2017
 '51, BA '52, JD '54—Ronald N. Gottlieb, White Plains, NY, June 20, 2017
 '51, BCE '52—Samuel Hochberger, Tenafly, NJ, July 4, 2017
 '51 BS ILR—Jonathan W. Lubell, Brunswick, GA, November 13, 2016
 '51, BME '52—Richard W. Marble, Ashburnham, MA, August 1, 2017
 '51 BS Ag, PhD '56—Nathan H. Peck, Phelps, NY, August 24, 2017
 '51 BFA—Marjory Lyons Thayer, Longmont, CO, September 12, 2017
 '51 BA, MBA '54—William S. Wesson, St. Augustine, FL, August 16, 2017
 '52—Robert R. Ayers, Ithaca, NY, August 27, 2017
 '52 BA—Christine Auzin Bain, Essex, NY, September 4, 2017
 '52 MA—Jerome Balmuth, Hamilton, NY, September 28, 2017
 '52—Jane Hindle Bamberg, New Haven, CT, January 26, 2017
 '52 JD—Henry B. Bobrow, Winter Park, FL, August 8, 2017
 '52 PhD—Robert E. Burge Jr., Montpelier, VT, September 30, 2017
 '52, BEP '53—Theodore G. Castner Jr., Pittsford, NY, May 11, 2017
 '52 BS Ag—Stanley J. Connelly, Cortland, NY, July 30, 2017
 '52—Florence Falk-Dickler, New York City, December 16, 2016
 '52, BS Hotel '53—Frank E. Forthoffer, Middletown, NY, October 12, 2017
 '52 DVM—N. Bruce Haynes, Skowhegan, ME, October 7, 2017
 '52—Robert E. Highfield, Indianapolis, IN, May 22, 2016
 '52 MILR—William G. La Rue, Latrobe, PA, October 21, 2017
 '52 BS Ag—Frederick W. Leonard, Merion Station, PA, August 29, 2017

'52, BEE '53—Ian J. Marwick,
Lee Center, NY, August 18, 2017

'52 BS Ag—Edward H. Wilkens,
East Brunswick, NJ, September 26, 2017

'53 BS Ag—Ronald K. Allen,
Sun City, AZ, December 27, 2016

'53, BME '54—John H. Angus,
Charlotte, NC, January 30, 2017

'53—Dudley C. Barrow,
Vero Beach, FL, January 25, 2017

'53 BS Ag, MBA '58—Frank A. Bettucci,
Ithaca, NY, August 24, 2017

'53, BEE '54—Thomas V. Bingham,
Bloomfield Hills, MI, September 24, 2017

'53—Robert S. Brandt,
Winston Salem, NC, February 1, 2016

'53 BA, MA '55—Ernest B. Cohen,
Upper Darby, PA, September 25, 2017

'53 PhD—Richard W. Cole,
Masury, OH, September 21, 2013

'53—Thad P. Collum,
Syracuse, NY, November 23, 2016

'53—John I. Cox,
Kingsport, TN, February 2, 2017

'53 BS Ag, MS Ag '56—Howard F. Crumb,
Ridgewood, NJ, September 30, 2017

'53 BS Hotel, MS Hotel '58—Donal A. Dermody,
Mt. Dora, FL, August 22, 2017

'53—Daniel J. Leary,
Hadley, NY, November 20, 2016

'53 BA—William H. Marsh,
Mitchellville, MD, September 26, 2017

'53 BA—Elsa Nettels,
Williamsburg, VA, December 30, 2016

'53 BA, JD '55—William P. Noyes,
Greenwood, SC, May 20, 2017

'53 BS HE—Helena T. Penalis,
Plattsburgh, NY, October 24, 2017

'53 BS Ag—Gene R. Smith,
Madison, GA, October 4, 2017

'53—Willard R. Wright Jr.,
Thurston, NY, August 26, 2017

'54 MA—May Cornell Bunts,
Nampa, ID, July 28, 2017

'54 BA—Anne Drotning Coors,
San Diego, CA, August 30, 2017

'54 MS Aero—Joseph T. Corso,
Riverton, NJ, January 3, 2017

'54 BS Ag—Harold F. Eaton,
Naples, FL, October 14, 2017

'54 BA—Arthur Ginsburg,
Pompton Plains, NJ, March 17, 2016

'54, BA '55—Janet Harrington Hall,
Farmville, VA, September 26, 2017

'54 BS ILR—Donald P. James,
Westborough, MA, August 21, 2017

'54 BA—Lee Langdon Kiesling,
Elmira, NY, September 27, 2017

'54 BS ILR—Todd L. Kolb,
Ridgefield, CT, September 13, 2017

'54 BS HE—Sorscha Brodsky Meyer,
Irondequoit, NY, January 29, 2013

'54 BS ILR—Herbert A. Perry,
Sacramento, CA, October 16, 2017

'54 BME—Roland C. Redmond,
Hudson, OH, February 18, 2017

'54 MILR—Robert R. Reichenbach,
Basking Ridge, NJ, August 28, 2017

'54—Joan Stewart Ruvane,
Buck Hill Falls, PA, August 18, 2017

'54—Janet Davies White,
Ontario, NY, January 31, 2017

'55 BA—Stuart P. Adler,
Eugene, OR, January 11, 2017

'55 BS Ag—Rexford A. Boda,
Kissimmee, FL, August 4, 2017

'55 BS Ag—Kenneth G. Estes,
Caledonia, NY, October 16, 2017

'55 BS Ag—Thomas F. Fricke,
Jupiter, FL, July 3, 2017

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'55 BS Ag, DVM '57—Jay D. Hyman,
Delray Beach, FL, August 1, 2017

'55, BME '56—Richard E. Lewis,
Incline Village, NV, April 26, 2017

'55 BS Hotel—Paul B. McMahon,
Belfast, ME, August 5, 2017

'55—John W. Phillips,
Aberdeen, NC, November 14, 2016

'55—Nancy Jones Politi,
Hilton Head Island, SC, September 13, 2017

'55 MS, PhD '56—Gerald S. Reisner,
Meadville, PA, September 28, 2017

'55, BS Hotel '58—Charles T. Rogers,
Santa Rosa, CA, August 17, 2017

'55-57 SP Ag—David A. Schallenberg,
Westerville, NY, September 9, 2017

'55—Francis T. Schantz,
Irondequoit, NY, October 12, 2017

'55, BS Hotel '56—Thomas D. Zoidis,
Whippany, NJ, July 27, 2017

'56 BA—Carl M. Grenen,
Wynnewood, PA, September 30, 2016

'56 BA—Peter Hearn,
Philadelphia, PA, May 20, 2017

'56 BA—Vieve Metcalfe,
La Crescenta, CA, August 22, 2017

'56 BA—David L. Rosenbaum,
Los Angeles, CA, December 23, 2015

'56 BA—Susan Sylvester Teunis,
Arlington, VA, September 21, 2017

'56 BS HE—Mary D. Zehner,
East Lansing, MI, September 25, 2017

'57 BS Ag—John N. Bradbury,
Le Roy, NY, August 20, 2017

'57—Helen Jo Buckley Emerson,
Hickory Corners, MI, September 30, 2017

'57 PhD—Jean Davis Schlater Kennedy,
East Lansing, MI, October 6, 2017

'57, BS HE '58—Barbara Berger Knight,
Charleston, WV, October 11, 2017

'57, BME '58, MBA '59—Charles F. Knight,
St. Louis, MO, September 12, 2017

'57 BS ILR—Michael D. Linehan Jr.,
Summerville, SC, August 2, 2017

'57 BA—Joan Gilman Sobel,
Mamaroneck, NY, October 8, 2017

'57 LLB—Rocco A. Solimando,
Guilford, NY, February 2, 2017

'58 BA—Michael Garofalo Jr.,
Philadelphia, PA, April 19, 2017

'58 BS ILR—F. Lee Jacqueline,
Scottsdale, AZ, August 4, 2017

'58 BS Ag—John W. Lawrence,
Sanibel, FL, July 30, 2017

'58, BCE '59, MCE '64—Rudolph C. Metzner,
Camas, WA, September 5, 2017

'58 BA—Myron H. Miller,
Arnold, MD, October 14, 2017

'58 BS ILR—Janet D'Onofrio See,
Ross, CA, September 26, 2017

'58—Donald L. Sumner,
Boynton Beach, FL, March 17, 2017

'58 BA—Laurie Holbreich Wolberg,
Haifa, Israel, March 1, 2016

'58 BS HE—Phyllis A. Yates-Marshall,
Costa Mesa, CA, August 23, 2017

'59 BA—Donald A. Bailly,
Olympia, WA, August 3, 2016

'59 BA, JD '61—Herbert A. Cummins,
Boca Raton, FL, September 29, 2017

'59 BA—Karl E. Friend,
Emmaus, PA, August 26, 2017

'59 BS Ag—Robert W. Ranger,
West Winfield, NY, February 18, 2017

'59, BA '60—Jon N. Santemma,
Glen Cove, NY, September 25, 2017

'59, BCE '60, MBA '61—Frederick W. Schneider,
Weston, CT, September 20, 2017

'59 BS ILR—John P. White,
Great Falls, VA, September 3, 2017

'59—Jared A. Woolley,
Forestville, NY, January 28, 2017

1960s

'60 DVM—William W. Crandall,
Hallesttsville, TX, October 17, 2017

'60, BS ILR '62, MBA '63—Charles D. McQuillen,
New Smyrna Beach, FL, June 27, 2017

'60 PhD—Douglas B. Webster,
Green Valley, AZ, September 21, 2017

'61 PhD—Bernard M. Chasan,
Boston, MA, July 24, 2017

'61 JD—Andrew M. Di Pietro Jr.,
Milford, CT, June 16, 2017

'61 PhD—Marvin H. Folsom,
Provo, UT, September 14, 2017

'61 BA—Alan E. Master,
New Canaan, CT, February 18, 2017

'61, BME '62—Peter C. Meinig,
Tulsa, OK, September 25, 2017

'61 LLB—Roger G. Strand,
Phoenix, AZ, September 7, 2017

'61 PhD—Mary Fisher Wilcox,
Ithaca, NY, September 1, 2017

'62-63 GR—Edward I. Barber,
Ohio, NY, January 29, 2017

'62-63 GR—Patsy L. Glass,
Gallipolis, OH, August 5, 2017

'62, BS Nurs '63—Mary Wright Meissner,
Wilmington, DE, September 28, 2017

'62 BA—C. Willis Ritter,
Palm Harbor, FL, September 26, 2017

'62 MS—John W. Rudan,
Ithaca, NY, October 7, 2017

'62 BS Ag—Robert D. Sears,
Charlottesville, VA, September 19, 2017

'62 DVM—J. Jesse Wagstaff,
Pleasant Grove, UT, September 1, 2017

'63, BS Ag '64—Joseph P. Critelli,
New Hampton, NY, September 6, 2017

'63, BME '64, MME '65—Joseph E. Kewley II,
Newtown, CT, December 20, 2016

'63 PhD—Emmanuel T. Van Nierop,
Evanston, IL, January 21, 2017

'64, BArch '65, MArch '69—Jack C. Dobson,
Newburyport, MA, June 1, 2017

'64 MILR, '71 PhD—Charles S. Green III,
Chapel Hill, NC, April 19, 2016

'64 MS Ag, EdD '69—J. Alex Hash,
Asheville, NC, October 14, 2017

'64, BME '65—E. Henry Leiphart III,
St. Simons Island, GA, May 21, 2016

'64—James F. Morrell,
Carmel, CA, January 1, 2017

'64 MS—Rohit P. Parekh,
Boise, ID, August 7, 2017

'64 MS Ag, PhD '67—Nandlal P. Tolani,
Mumbai, India, August 14, 2017

'65, BArch '67—Nicholas H. Condorousis,
Miami Beach, FL, January 15, 2017

'65, BME '66—Daniel D. Danaher Jr.,
Greenbelt, MD, September 30, 2017

'65 BEE, MEE '66—David M. DiPietro,
Santa Clara, CA, October 9, 2017

'65 BS Ag—Leo J. Gullage, Lakeland, FL, January 2, 2017
 '65 MST—Joseph B. Noffsinger, Adrian, MI, October 13, 2017
 '65—C. Damon Osterhout, Trumansburg, NY, November 27, 2016
 '65, BA '66—Thomas A. Ruden, Wilmington, NC, August 28, 2017
 '65 PhD—Jack C. Thompson, Mechanicsville, VA, September 11, 2017
 '66—Richard P. Holohan, Utica, NY, September 14, 2017
 '66 B Chem E, M Chem E '68—David S. Hubbard, Napier, New Zealand, February 7, 2017
 '66—Frederick A. Little, New York City, October 13, 2017
 '66—William E. G. Proper, Hector, NY, September 2, 2017
 '66 BS ILR—Squire Rumney, Rensselaer, NY, September 16, 2017
 '66 BA—John W. Solomon, Wadsworth, OH, August 28, 2017
 '67 PhD—Marilyn McCord Adams, Princeton, NJ, March 22, 2017
 '67 BS Ag—Roger S. Brahm, Canandaigua, NY, September 4, 2017
 '67 BA—G. Page Brown, Bradenton, FL, September 19, 2017
 '67 BA—Joel S. Kahn, St. Kilda, Victoria, Australia, May 1, 2017
 '67—Roger N. Mezitt, Hopkinton, MA, September 23, 2017
 '67 BA—Steven J. Stravinski, Boynton Beach, FL, February 6, 2017
 '68 BS Ag—Martin J. Hayden, Lake City, FL, August 20, 2017
 '68, BS Ag '69, DVM '71—C. Edward Kemp, Falmouth, MA, October 28, 2017
 '68 JD—Michael W. Rosati, Madison, NJ, April 9, 2016
 '68, BS Ag '69, PhD '75—Paul F. Winter, Wilmington, NC, April 20, 2017
 '69 BS Hotel—Mark F. Emerson, Tequesta, FL, September 20, 2017
 '69 BS Hotel—M. Douglas Long, Lexington, KY, October 14, 2017
 '69-70 GR—Thomas H. Quinn, Lake Forest, IL, April 29, 2016
 '69—James R. Varga, Lansing, NY, January 11, 2017

1970s

'70 MD—Howard H. Kirtland III, Franklin, PA, July 17, 2017
 '70 BS Ag—Bruce D. MacDonald, Hermantown, MN, October 18, 2017
 '70 BS ORIE—Joseph A. Mussey, Hendersonville, NC, October 4, 2017
 '70 PhD—Phillip A. Pickerill, Austin, TX, October 16, 2017
 '70 PhD—Franklin H. Schapiro, Fort Collins, CO, September 16, 2017
 '70 PhD—Frederick P. Schwarz, Ithaca, NY, September 9, 2017
 '71 BA—Cynthia Hoover Stalcup, Seattle, WA, April 28, 2017
 '72 MBA—Chester M. Grzelak Jr., Savannah, GA, May 10, 2017
 '72 JD—Ralph M. Peter Harter, Penfield, NY, August 24, 2017
 '72 MFA—George W. Lacey, Omaha, NE, October 4, 2017
 '72 BA—Elizabeth Tucker Testa, Durango, CO, September 7, 2017
 '73 MA—Mona Cascio, Lakehead, CA, September 7, 2017
 '73, BArch '74—Taras W. Dobusz, Bridgewater, NJ, August 8, 2017
 '73 BS Ag—Gary A. Glath, Voorheesville, NY, October 10, 2017

'73 BA—Myron C. Martynetz, South Orange, NJ, August 31, 2017
 '73, BS ILR '74—Floyd I. Wittlin, Mamaroneck, NY, August 4, 2017
 '74 BS HE—Marcie Goldstein Angel, Remsenburg, NY, September 22, 2017
 '74 MFA—Kimberly J. Delong, Helena, MT, September 22, 2017
 '74 MILR—Carl R. Sallade II, York, PA, September 12, 2017
 '74 BS Hotel—Charles G. Zaretsky, Garden City, NY, March 1, 2017
 '75 JD—Robert F. Brodegaard, Hopewell, NJ, June 13, 2017
 '75 March—Alfred N. Koetter Jr., Brookline, MA, August 21, 2017
 '76 BA—Dewey H. Kim Jr., Honolulu, HI, January 4, 2016
 '76, BS Eng '77—Allen S. Liff, Portland, OR, August 26, 2017
 '76 BA—Cynthia A. Rask, San Francisco, CA, July 24, 2017
 '77 BS Ag—Debra N. Demske, Potomac, MD, April 17, 2017
 '77 PhD—William G. Lesher, Leesburg, VA, August 25, 2017
 '77-78 GR—Wayne R. Williamson, Atlanta, GA, September 10, 2017
 '78 MS ORIE—Victor M. Dominguez Cuevas, Mexico City, Mexico, March 1, 2017
 '78 JD—Andrew J. O'Rourke, Naples, FL, July 16, 2017
 '79 MA, PhD '81—Thomas W. Scott, Wharton, NJ, May 28, 2016

1980s

'81 MILR—Patricia A. O'Malley, Rhinebeck, NY, August 24, 2017
 '82, BS ORIE '83—Gregory J. Pepe, New York City, September 28, 2017
 '82 BS HE—Monika M. Woolsey, Phoenix, AZ, September 27, 2017
 '83 BA—Douglas P. Julius, Pittsfield Township, MI, August 31, 2017
 '83—Robin F. McMurray, Greenwich, NY, December 4, 2016
 '83 BA—Robert E. Webb, Troutville, VA, September 20, 2017
 '85 BEE—Matthew K. Mayer, St. Louis, MO, August 6, 2017
 '86 MD—Gail Sorrel Mosk, Scarsdale, NY, September 19, 2017
 '86, BA '88—Thomas B. Ricciuti, Ithaca, NY, September 15, 2017
 '88 MBA—Ferdinand E. Coseteng, Makati, Philippines, September 15, 2017
 '89—Peter K. Schalestock, Alexandria, VA, August 15, 2017

1990s

'93 PhD—Scott R. Smedley, Andover, CT, October 10, 2017
 '98 JD—Monica Lewis Johnson, Miami, FL, October 3, 2017

2010s

'15, BA '16—Monique J. Ray, Houston, TX, October 18, 2017
 '16—Alejandro Warman, Miami, FL, September 24, 2017
 '17—Julian R. Caplan, Eagleville, PA, August 6, 2017
 '17—Sharn Syal, Texas City, TX, May 3, 2017

2020s

'22—Winston Perez Ventura, Bronx, NY, August 5, 2017

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MEALS ON WHEELS: The truck today (left) and in an earlier incarnation (below) parked in the same spot on North Campus circa the Eighties. While “since 1918” is emblazoned on its side, the actual founding year may have been lost to history.



Trucking Along

Celebrating the centennial of Louie's Lunch

What has four wheels and some of the best French fries in Ithaca? If you lived on North Campus during your time on East Hill, you probably know the answer: Louie's Lunch, the red-and-white food truck that has long stood at the corner of Wait and Thurston avenues.

Offering a wide range of delights—from Philly cheesesteaks to salads, milkshakes to breakfast sandwiches, mozzarella sticks to garlic bread—this campus stalwart is celebrating its centennial this year, having satisfied Cornelian cravings for comfort food in various vehicular forms since approximately 1918 (the founding year noted on the truck). Louie's serves two iconic local takes on the cheeseburger—the Bo Burger (which sports a fried egg) and the Tullyburger (topped with onion, lettuce, tomato, and mayo); many other menu staples, like the TBBC (turkey breast, bacon, and cheese), have similarly been around for decades. “It’s so much fun when alumni come back and get what they had twenty years ago or more,” says Ron Beck, the truck’s owner since 1997. Newer fare includes the Maven, a fried chicken sandwich that boasts an unorthodox combination of buffalo and barbecue sauces. Savvy diners know to order off the truck’s “underground” menu—where the Maven resided until it got too popular—and how to find its hidden location on the Louie’s website. “We treat it like Fight Club,” says Beck. “Customers can’t ask questions about it.”

According to a history on the website, the truck’s namesake, Greek-born Louis Zounakos, came to America to escape the Balkan Wars in 1912–13. “He settled in Brooklyn,” it says, “where he apparently sold his mother’s gin during the era of Prohibition.” At some point between 1916 and the early 1920s, legend has it that Zounakos ventured to Ithaca and began peddling food from

a cart he pushed around campus. He purchased his first truck in the Forties—parking it across the street from Risley Hall, where Louie’s still operates. Over the years, at least six vehicles have borne the name, including a “Louie’s Lunch Jr.” truck that served West Campus into the mid-Sixties. (The current one, put into service in 2015, is a repurposed 1985 fire rescue vehicle.)

Though the extensive menu and low prices—a hamburger goes for \$2.85—have been enticing customers for generations, it’s the truck’s hours that make it a student magnet. Most nights, the grill runs until 3 a.m., offering a convenient option both for late-night studiers and for revelers looking for a greasy meal after an evening of merriment. “During finals week, it can get interesting,” says Devin Conathan ’08, BA ’10, who worked on the truck for three years (and invented the Maven). “There are the

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people who are getting food so they can stay up writing their paper, or just stressing out and forgetting to eat until 2 a.m. Then there are the people getting food because they’re celebrating being done.” Indeed, Louie’s alumni have many colorful memories of their days—and especially nights—working on the truck. “People at various levels of intoxication would think they could handle any amount of spiciness, but the ‘triple-X’ sauce is absurdly spicy,” Conathan recalls. “Many times, people would take a bite and try to pretend it wasn’t affecting them—while they were sweating bullets.” ■

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