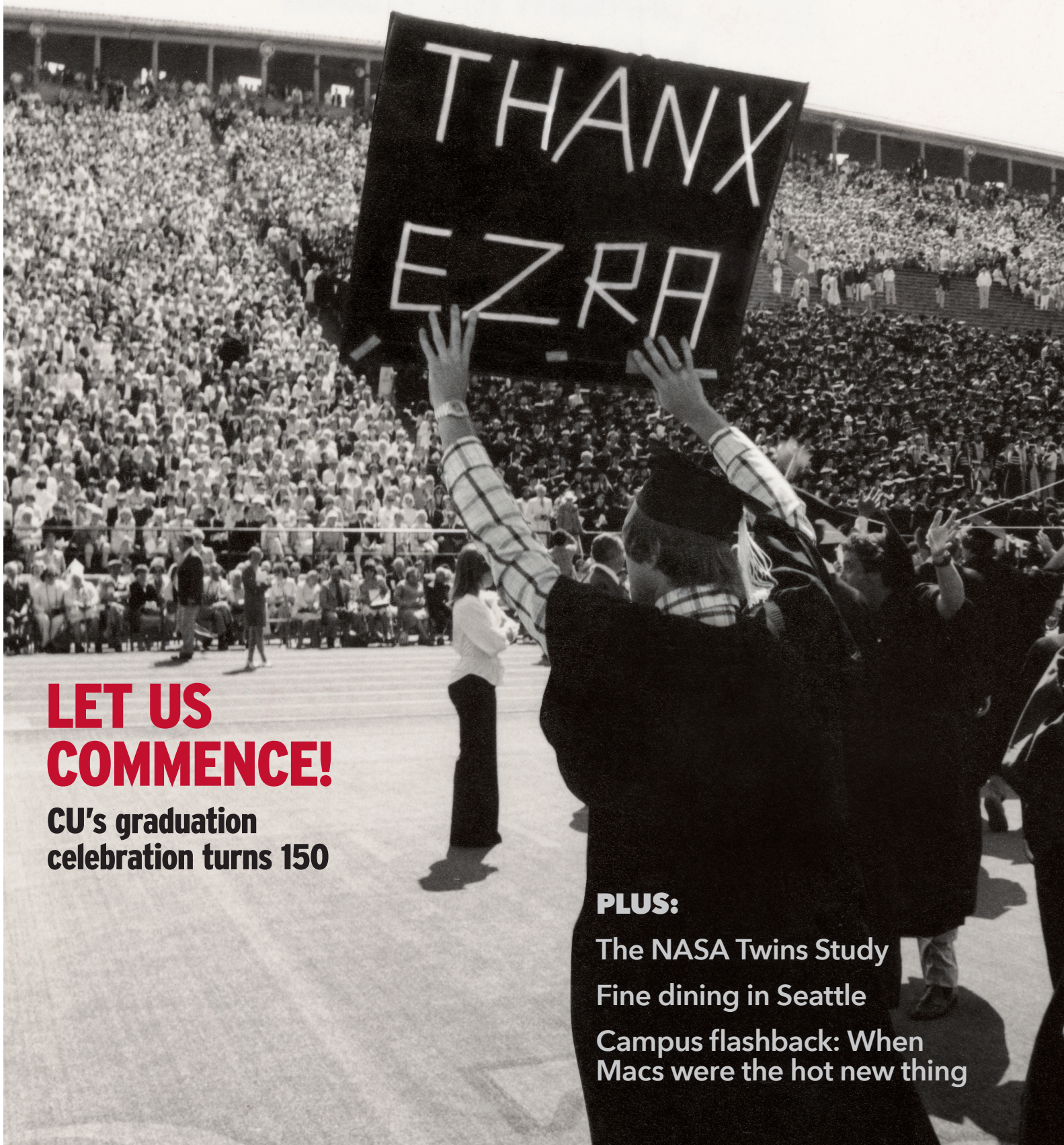


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Commencement is by far the University's biggest annual event, drawing a crowd of more than 30,000 visitors to the Hill—and year after year, it goes off more or less without a hitch, thanks to the efforts of a cadre of dedicated staff and volunteers. Since this Memorial Day weekend marks Cornell's 150th graduation festivities, CAM offers a comprehensive look at the University's annual celebratory blow-out: the behind-the-scenes logistics, the various traditions, the vicissitudes of weather, and more. Like much about Cornell, over the past century and a half it has both evolved and stayed fundamentally the same. "We're always working on Commencement," says Connie Mabry, who has been in charge of the event since 1989. "It's really a year-long process and then some . . . Thankfully, it doesn't change too much, and I keep putting that out there: if it's not broken, let's not try and fix it."



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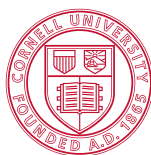
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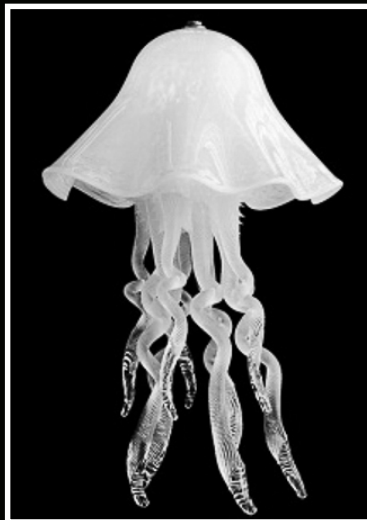
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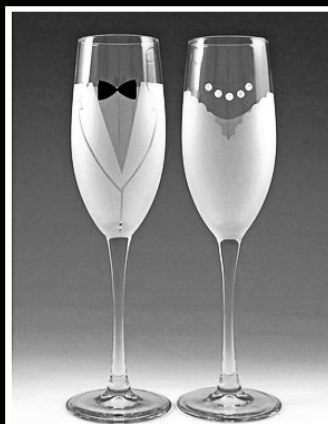
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## Sound Bodies, Sound Minds

Our feature on physical education, "Get Moving" (March/April 2018), prompted many reminiscences from readers about their own PE adventures—including one who phoned CAM to identify himself as the instructor in our cover photo of a ski class on Libe Slope in 1950. Walter "Wally" Ainsworth '49, BA '50, co-founded the club



depicted in the photo; members got five lessons for \$10. "We were limited in what we could teach," admits Ainsworth, now ninety and living in Montana, "because there was not much of a slope."

### A sampling of other PE memories:

Had to take a year of dance when I entered in 1956—hated it. My senior year I took figure skating lessons. Loved it—the quiet swoosh of gliding, the sudden stops with the toe pick, the leaning into inside and outside edges. Practiced every chance I got, and although I'm slower, I'm still skating.

JUDY THOMPSON HAMER '60  
REDDING, CT

One spring, I took intermediate equitation. The horses, excited by their first outdoor ride of the season, took off at a gallop, throwing riders left and right. I ended up on my horse under a clothesline in a farmyard. Fortunately, all riders and horses ended up in good shape.

JOYCE EDGAR SCHICKLER, BS NURS '57  
CHARLESTOWN, RI

My most embarrassing memory: indoor golf. It was set up inside a barn-like space, with target bedsheets hung at one end. I would take my stance, line up all my parts, address the ball—and miss. Never did get the hang of it.

BAYLA SCHLOSSBERG SINGER '60  
PALM BEACH GARDENS, FL

Modern dance, Martha Graham technique, required of freshman women—liked it enough to take an extra semester. Bowling at a down-at-the-heels alley in Collegetown. Riding Cornell's retired Army horses who really wanted to stay retired. Lots of choices, even then.

MARION CHUTE MALCOLM '61  
EUGENE, OR

I took skiing at Greek Peak for two semesters. It cost about \$65 for six sessions, which included transportation, rental skis, lift ticket, and a ninety-minute lesson. What a life-changing deal for a poor college student! Recently I paid double that for a one-day lift ticket.

JIM HOLLOWAY '78  
CHAPEL HILL, NC

To pass windsurfing, we had to spend at least sixteen hours on the water—but I had only done thirteen by the last weekend, so I put on my wetsuit and went out in the season's first snowstorm.

SHAWN REEVES '91, MAT '97  
CAMBRIDGE, MA

I barely passed the swim test because I went too fast on my first lap and tired myself out. I managed the final length, but the tester recommended I take basic swimming anyway. As a horse-crazy girl from New York City, I had my heart set on riding, though, and signed up for that.

DONNA NG '90  
NEW YORK, NY

Although we only needed two semesters of phys ed, I was so impressed by the courses offered that I took four. Where else but Cornell could I take scuba diving, horseback riding, ice hockey, and advanced lifesaving?

DAISY ASH LISANSKY '84  
SAINT PETERSBURG, FL

I took riflery with my apartment-mate, Jeff. I was not very good, so I devised a new tactic: I started shooting at Jeff's target. He never did figure out why he did so poorly.

GABRIEL SPERA '88  
LOS ANGELES, CA

## 'Lunch' Times

Your story about Louie's Lunch (Cornelliana, March/April 2018) brought fond memories of my freshman year in the University Halls. A favorite then was a sub made on a hoagie roll with pieces of hamburger patty steeped in tomato sauce. I believe it was complemented with a topping of Cheez Whiz. Many runs to the truck were made in the dead of winter, when it was common to attempt to sneak out without being seen with a coat—otherwise your order would be inflated by requests and cash from up and down the hall, turning a ten-minute expedition into a half-hour or more.

DICK AMACHER '70  
ROCHESTER HILLS, MI

I was a chem major and often worked late in Baker Lab. I would stop to get a snack and a drink as I walked from Baker back to the SAM fraternity house at 210 Thurston Ave.

JULIAN MAX AROESTY '53  
LEXINGTON, MA

I did try the "XXX" Buffalo chicken sandwich once. It was one of the hottest things I've ever eaten. I loved the Julio and Cajun fries too!

KIMBERLY CUOZZO '06  
WAPPINGERS FALLS, NY

Went with a friend and got a pizzaburger. Was hooked. Snooty date insisted on roast beef.

JOANNE TRIFILO STARK '71  
PHOENIX, AZ

## Demanding Transparency

With the opaque announcement of the sudden departure of the dean of the College of Business (From the Hill, March/April 2018), Cornell continues to rank at the bottom of U.S. educational institutions when it comes to transparency. Consider that no adequate explanation has ever been provided for the resignation of Jeffrey Lehman '77 as president and that fifty years on, we are only now beginning to learn the facts about the Res Club fire of 1967 that resulted in the deaths of nine students.

RICHARD HOFFMAN '67  
WASHINGTON, DC

## CORRECTION

The print edition of our story on Melissa DeRosa '04, MPA '09, top aide to New York Governor Andrew Cuomo, mistakenly stated that her master's degree was from ILR. In fact, it was earned through the Cornell Institute for Public Affairs, now housed in Human Ecology.

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# A Powerful Partnership



**ACROSS CAMPUSES:** During a presidential inauguration celebration at the Medical College last fall, Pollack chats with Professor Susan Pannullo.

**“O**ne Cornell.” That idea, so full of possibilities, was one of the things that drew me here, and over the past year I have seen it magnify the impact of research, teaching, and outreach University-wide. A particularly productive environment for synergies across our campuses is at the intersection of medicine, science, and technology.

Innovative research, an essential component of Cornell’s mission, also drives advances in education and public engagement. Weill Cornell Medicine’s Clinical and Translational Science Center (CTSC), for example, includes faculty and projects from the College of Veterinary Medicine, the Meinig School of Biomedical Engineering, and Cornell Cooperative Extension as well as several non-Cornell partners in New York City. Last fall it received a \$45.3 million renewal grant from the National Institutes of Health to continue cross-disciplinary research, educational initiatives, and community health programs designed to bring research discoveries to patients more quickly. Over the next five years—as the CTSC focuses on creativity and entrepreneurship centered around the use of 3D printing in medicine—Cornell Tech, the Cornell Nanotechnology Center, and the College of Engineering will become increasingly important parts of the mix.

Gary Koretzky ’78, vice dean focused on academic integration at Cornell University and WCM, is working to create opportunities for faculty to collaborate in areas like genetics, computational biology, and data sciences that span departments, colleges, and campuses. His office provides seed support for research programs so they can subsequently compete effectively for external funding; it supports seminars and a series of multidisciplinary symposia to stimulate collaborations; and it is helping to create unique

educational opportunities for our students.

Now that the Roosevelt Island campus has put WCM and Cornell Tech in close physical proximity, there is substantial cross-registration between students in WCM’s Department of Healthcare Policy and Research (HPR) and Cornell Tech, including a required course at WCM for Cornell Tech students in the Health Tech track. On the horizon is a new HPR PhD program in health data science, for which faculty from Cornell Tech will serve as faculty/mentors. Our Executive MBA/MS degree in healthcare leadership, geared to accomplished professionals, taps faculty at WCM, Cornell Tech, and the Ithaca campus for teaching and for the program’s capstone project. Its students earn both a Johnson MBA and an MS from the Weill Cornell Graduate School of Medical Sciences.

Public engagement, including clinical care, is the third component of Cornell’s mission. Rooted in our land grant tradition of serving the people of the state, the nation, and the world, it harnesses innovative research and teaching University-wide to provide important benefits directly to the public. One example is a new mobile app that helps patients monitor their recovery after major surgery and prompts them to call the hospital if their responses are abnormal. A surgical oncologist at WCM and a faculty member in health tech at Cornell Tech collaborated on the app, designed to improve patient outcomes.

Another tangible way that all three of our campuses—plus Cornell Cooperative Extension’s New York City office—collaborate is with Big Red STEM Day. Offered in partnership with

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the city’s Department of Education, it includes hands-on workshops aimed at encouraging students from under-resourced high schools to pursue education and careers in science, technology, engineering, and math. Cornell Tech also offers an ongoing K–12 program for students and teachers in New York City public schools and for school districts in the greater Ithaca area.

The flow of information, people, ideas, and opportunities among all our campuses is gathering strength with each passing day. Our students, our faculty, and the world will be the beneficiaries as we continue to harness the potential of combining our expertise in medicine, science, and technology. This is just one area in which we are harnessing the potential of “one Cornell.” ■

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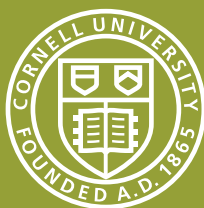


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# From the Hill



**THERE BE DRAGON:** Campus celebrated the annual Dragon Day festivities in March, complete with custom-made beast.

## Former Student Arrested with Weapons

Just weeks after the deadly school shooting in Parkland, Florida, escalated fears of on-campus violence, people on the Hill and in the Ithaca community were alarmed to learn that a Cornellian had been arrested following the discovery of an arms cache in his Collegetown apartment. According to the Ithaca Police Department, twenty-year-old Maximilien Reynolds '19 (below)—a CALS student who was on leave from the



University but still living nearby—was in possession of an AR-15 rifle, a homemade silencer, bombmaking materials, a bulletproof vest, medical trauma supplies, a gas mask, food rations, fireworks, and “a myriad of ammunition to various firearms.” The New Jersey native faces federal charges for possession of a destructive device and a silencer, as well as aiding and abetting the straw purchase of a rifle.

Reynolds’s arrest—which came following a tip from a Walmart employee who was alarmed by some of his purchases—made national headlines. As the *Sun* and other media outlets have reported, his attorney, Raymond Schlather, JD '76, has said that Reynolds has a history of mental illness and that paranoia may have driven him to stockpile weapons to defend himself against a perceived threat. Reynolds voluntarily entered a local psychiatric treatment facility after his arrest and was later taken into custody by federal marshals and arraigned in court in Syracuse, where a judge ordered an evaluation of his competency. In mid-March, Schlather notified the court that Reynolds would mount an insanity defense.

## The Class of 2022: Facts & Figures

### Applicants:

51,000+ (a record high)

### Admit rate:

10.3% (an all-time low)

### Admitted:

5,288

### Underrepresented minorities:

33%

### First-generation in college:

700

### International students:

Nearly 9%

### Non-U.S. countries represented (by citizenship):

93

PHOTOS: DRAGON DAY, MICHAEL WEINER / CORNELL DAILY SUN; REYNOLDS, FACEBOOK



## Meier Gift to AAP Declined

In response to numerous allegations of sexual misconduct and harassment by superstar architect Richard Meier '56, BArch '57, the College of Architecture, Art, and Planning has declined a gift from him to name the chair of the Department of Architecture. "Although he has apologized, the reported behavior is unacceptable," Dean Kent Kleinman said in a statement, adding that the college "will swiftly explore what additional actions are appropriate with regard to endowments for professorships and scholarships previously donated to Cornell." Meier, one of the college's most prominent alumni, is a past winner of the Pritzker Prize, architecture's top honor. His firm designed L.A.'s Getty Center and Cornell's Weill Hall, among many other projects.

## 'Disciplinary action resulting from responsible engagement in nonviolent protest will not jeopardize admission to Cornell.'

— Provost Michael Kotlikoff and Senior Vice Provost Barbara Knuth, on CU's position on incoming freshmen punished for walking out of their high schools to protest gun violence

## Did You Know . . .

That President Martha Pollack got a model of the Cassini spacecraft as an inauguration gift?

The present came from the Cornell Center for Astrophysics and Planetary Science, the Department of Astronomy, and the Spacecraft Planetary Image Facility in February to commemorate the University's three decades of participation in the mission.



**SHINY OBJECTS:** Three sculptures by the late art professor Jason Seley '40 have been installed in the plaza behind Sibley Hall. The works—*Bookstack*, *Tsura*, and *My Square*—had been bequeathed to Cornell in 1983. Seley, who often worked with repurposed chrome bumpers from vintage cars, also created the *Herakles in Ithaka* statue outside the Statler.

# R + D

**Mice who become obese** lose nearly 25 percent of their taste buds—possibly encouraging them to eat more, since they're not getting as much sensory feedback from food. Professor Robin Dando calls this "a potential human mechanism for getting fat."

**Information science professor** René Kizilcec and colleagues from MIT and Facebook have found that social networks have caused an increase in gift-giving by making people aware of occasions such as birthdays and allowing for easy online purchases of gift cards and other presents.



**If greenhouse gas emissions** aren't reduced, rising temperatures will lead to steep declines in the ocean's fishery yields 200 years from now—and that trend could last at least a millennium, researchers from Cornell and UC Irvine report in the journal *Science*.



**Medical College researchers** working in a mouse model have found that eating too much salt reduces blood flow to the brain and causes dementia. Neurology professor Costantino Iadecola says that the mice "developed dementia even when blood pressure did not rise. This was surprising since, in humans, the deleterious effects of salt on cognition were attributed to hypertension."





## New Center Studies Minority Health Differences

Researchers at the Medical College and on the Ithaca campus will work together to study why health outcomes vary among demographic groups. Launched with a symposium in New York City in March, the new Cornell Center for Health Equity will explore the causes of health disparities—particularly concerning heart disease, stroke, and cancer—among minority communities. Collaborating with local

organizations and providers in the city and upstate, it will study such factors as policy, societal biases, socioeconomic status, and educational attainment, with the goal of finding ways to eliminate the differences in outcomes. “Despite extraordinary medical advances in recent decades,” says Monika Safford, MD ‘86 (above left), the center’s co-director, “what medicine has not done is close the gap in giving care to underrepresented communities, so the disparities continue.”



**JAZZ HANDS:** Celebrated musician Wynton Marsalis, an A.D. White Professor-at-Large, spent a week on campus this semester. He performed with students at a concert in Bailey Hall, dropped in on classes and rehearsals, and worked with local schoolchildren.

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



**James Pitaro '91** (left), named president of ESPN.

**Chai and Chat**, a dialogue series developed by the student-run South Asian Council to promote inclusivity, winner of Cornell’s Perkins Prize for Interracial and Intercultural Peace and Harmony.

CALS student **Hailey Pipher '19** (right), crowned the 2018 New York State Dairy Princess.

Ecology and evolutionary biology professor **Robert Reed**, whose paper on the genetics of butterfly wing color and iridescence beat more than 3,200 others to win the National Academy of Sciences’ Cozzarelli Prize, which honors scientific excellence and originality.

**Oculi**, an installation by four faculty members in architecture and engineering that won the City of Dreams design competition. The work, a pavilion crafted from reused grain silos, will be temporarily installed on New York City’s Governors Island starting this summer.



## IF THE SHOE FITS



Cornell’s century-old Farrier Program marked what milestone in 2018?

**A) Shoeing its 100,000th horse**

**B) Joining the UK’s Worshipful Company of Farriers**

**C) Enrolling its first all-female class**

**D) Developing biodegradable horseshoes**

[ANSWER: C]

## 2018-19 Tuition Set

Trustees have set undergraduate tuition for 2018–19 at \$54,584 in the endowed colleges (and for out-of-state students in the statutory colleges) and \$36,564 for New York state residents in the statutory colleges. That’s a 3.75 percent increase over this year—though, the University says, “after expenditures on undergraduate financial aid, this will result in a net 2.6 percent increase.” Room and board costs were set at \$8,842 (for double-occupancy) and \$5,924 (for the full meal plan).

## New Home for ILR in NYC

Cornell will be a major tenant in a landmark New York City office building as the ILR school moves its Manhattan headquarters there and Weill Cornell Medicine also rents space. As of January, the Art Deco skyscraper at 570 Lexington Avenue in Midtown will house ILR’s offices and conference center in about 39,000 square feet on the eleventh and twelfth floors—including an event space, classrooms, a café, and meeting rooms. WCM’s graduate programs will occupy about 31,000 square feet on the ninth and tenth floors.

PHOTOS: SAFFORD, JOHN ABBOTT; MARSALIS, CORNELLCAST; PITARO & PIPHER, PROVIDED; HORSESHOE, JASON KOSKI/CMG





**FURRY FRIENDS:** The Vet college's annual open house brought crowds to campus for animal exhibits, tours, equipment demonstrations, visits with local pet-adoption groups, a canine obstacle course, the ever-popular Teddy Bear ER, and more.

## Committee Aims to Enrich Social Sciences at CU

A potential merger of the ILR school and the College of Human Ecology is among the ideas in a report from a faculty committee charged with positioning the University for optimal success in the social sciences over the next ten to fifteen years. The committee, the report explained, was asked to address “the fundamental concern that Cornell’s social sciences are less than the sum of the parts” and to identify “ways to better connect faculty, to better provide faculty with the support that they need, and to improve our external visibility and recruiting power.” Members were urged to think broadly without worrying about how their proposals might be implemented.

Other ideas in the report, released in March, include founding a center for social sciences to link researchers from across campus; establishing a structure to organize and promote health-related scholarship; restructuring social science graduate fields; and creating a college of social sciences. The University is currently seeking feedback, and forums are being held on campus this semester. “We’re in listening mode now,” says committee co-chair Ted O’Donoghue, senior associate dean for social science in the College of Arts and Sciences, “and we want to make sure people engage with the full range of ideas.”

**‘The archive means the show can continue to live for people, as long as the Cornell library is around.’**

– Caroline Kerr ’75, treasurer of Friends of Bound for Glory, on digitizing eighty performances of the folk music program, which has broadcast from campus for more than half a century

## Wolford to Be Vice Provost



Sociology professor Wendy Wolford (left) has been named vice provost for international affairs. Her responsibilities will include overseeing the Office of Global Learning and the Mario Einaudi Center for International Studies, as well as the development of the Cornell China Center, opening in Beijing by spring 2019. A

Fulbright scholar who holds a PhD in geography from Berkeley, Wolford does research in such areas as international development and land use. Her appointment runs through 2021–22.



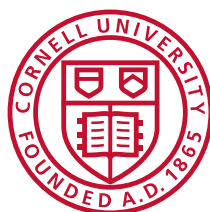
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## SPACE RACE

**For a physiology professor long fascinated by astronauts, working on the NASA Twins Study has been a 'dream come true'—despite some zany media coverage**

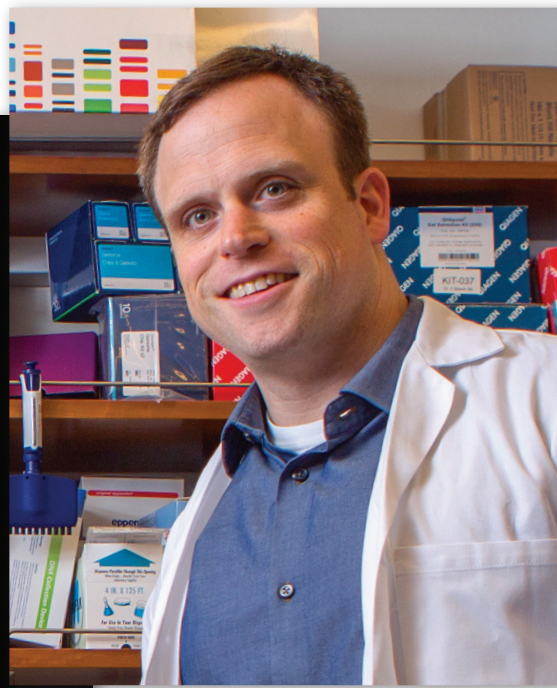
**F**or Weill Cornell Medicine professor Chris Mason, it was a “teachable moment” in the field of science journalism. In mid-March, when the media reported on the preliminary results of Mason’s work on the NASA Twins Study, a misinterpretation of his findings by some reporters—plus some jokey tweets from the subjects themselves—sent headlines careening around the globe, erroneously implying that space travel had transformed an astronaut into something other than human.

An associate professor of physiology and biophysics, Mason is one of ten principal investigators who won a total of \$1.5 million >

**ROOM WITH A VIEW:** A photo of Earth that astronaut Scott Kelly took from the International Space Station

PHOTO: SCOTT KELLY





**ALTERED STATE** (left): A rendering of the structure of a protein produced by one of the genes whose expression changed when Scott Kelly was in space. Above: Chris Mason in his lab at Weill Cornell Medicine.

in NASA grants to investigate the effects of long-term space travel on the human body. The three-year project, dubbed the Twins Study, leverages a rare research opportunity: astronaut Scott Kelly spent eleven months on the International Space Station, while his identical twin brother, Mark—himself a retired astronaut—stayed on terra firma. Mason describes the effort as “probably the most integrated biological portrait of a human ever made—on Earth and then again in space.”

The Twins Study’s research projects cover a range of topics including cognition, immune response, and the composition of gut, skin, and oral bacteria. Mason’s, entitled “The Landscape of DNA and RNA Methylation Before, During, and After Human Space Travel,” involves collaborators on the Ithaca campus, at Weill Cornell, and at other institutions. It explores how an astronaut’s environment

affects how his or her genes are expressed—an area known as epigenetics—and whether any such changes are temporary or permanent. Before Scott Kelly launched in late March 2015, he and Mark (who was Cornell’s 2015 Convocation speaker along with his wife, former Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords, MRP ’97) underwent a battery of physical tests, and both brothers have had ongoing follow-up exams since Scott returned. Scott even gave blood samples during the mission; some were frozen for transport back to Earth during scheduled astronaut return trips, while others were delivered via capsule splashdowns and

retrieved by helicopter.

Jump ahead to winter 2018, when Mason presented some preliminary findings at NASA’s annual scientific meeting. He reported that, as he’d hypothesized, space travel had affected Scott’s gene expression—how the information in his DNA is converted into instructions for making various molecules, primarily proteins—likely due to such factors as radiation, dietary changes, and the effects of zero gravity on the human body. And while most of that expression had gone back to normal after six months on Earth, 7 percent of it—relating to such areas as the immune system, DNA repair, bone formation, and the processing of oxygen and carbon dioxide—was still altered.

That finding, reported in a NASA press release (that was later

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clarified), prompted the *Daily Mail* to run an erroneous headline declaring that Kelly “now has different DNA to his identical twin brother.” And things only got crazier from there. “Scott Kelly saw the story and tweeted, ‘7 percent of my DNA changed in space; it looks like I no longer have to call Mark Kelly my twin brother anymore,’ ” Mason says. “And then Mark responded, ‘I used to have a twin brother, but then he went to space for a year.’ They were clearly joking, just having some fun with the headlines—but then it basically exploded. People started posting, ‘7 percent of his DNA changed, he’s like an alien.’ ” The common denominator, >



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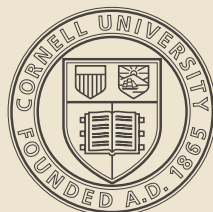


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Mason says, is that some people were confusing gene expression with DNA, which remained fundamentally unchanged in Scott. And as he notes, the difference in DNA between humans and chimps is a mere 2 percent. "So if 7 percent of his DNA had changed," he says, "he'd be a different species."

Mason is currently preparing the data for publication in peer-reviewed journals; he expects that the work will form the basis of multiple scientific papers in the coming years. But he stresses that our understanding of the effects of space on epigenetics—including how changes in gene expression may affect human health over the long term—remains in its infancy. "We had only two subjects, so by its very definition, this is the first sketching outline of the molecular landscape of what changes in the body in space," he says. "It will not be, and cannot be, the definitive guide." Now, he aims to expand the work to include another thirty astronauts over the next seven years; lacking twins, the subjects would have their gene expression compared before and after space travel. He's also applying the protocols to sibling sets in which one twin experiences extreme environments on Earth, such as climbing Mount Everest. Says Mason: "We're trying to

put the stress of space flight into the context of, 'What do we see for other stressors on the human body?'"

Ultimately, the team's investigations could have implications both on Earth and off. Studying how the epigenome responds to the stresses of space travel could offer insights into such topics as aging, cancer, and circadian rhythm function. And as NASA contemplates long-range space travel, including a mission to Mars, the research could influence how future generations of astronauts live and work. "This could help us understand how to design a space station so it can be a healthy environment," Mason says. "As for the long-term goals, the sky's the limit. NASA is planning to send humans to Mars and beyond."

As a lifelong astronaut fan—as a kid, he attended space camp twice—Mason calls working on NASA research "very much a dream come true." Even the misinterpretation of his findings had something of a silver lining: it got the public talking about the science of space travel. "I love it when people are excited about thinking about humanity's big dreams, a long-term vision for our species and for technology, and what we can do as people," he says. "I wish it happened every day." ■

— Beth Saulnier



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# IN HER OWN WORDS

With a new book, journalist Jenn Abelson '00 helps bring voice to a teen survivor of sexual assault



**'A VERY COLLABORATIVE PROCESS':** Reporter Jenn Abelson '00 (right) and co-author Chessy Prout working on their book (seen at lower right) during Abelson's leave from the *Boston Globe*. Top right: Abelson at a book signing.

As an investigative reporter on the *Boston Globe's* legendary Spotlight team, Jenn Abelson '00 has covered such topics as how the FAA's lax regulation of private planes leaves the nation's skies vulnerable to terrorists and drug dealers. A 2014 series on dangerously shoddy housing for college students was a Pulitzer finalist for public service reporting, and a 2015 piece on surgical double-booking—conducting two operations simultaneously, without the patients' knowledge—was a finalist for a Scripps Howard Award. “Our job,” she says, “is to hold powerful people and institutions accountable, to expose wrongdoing, to give the disenfranchised a voice.”

For the past couple of years, Abelson has focused on issues relating to sexual misconduct, including an exposé of harassment at ESPN and an investigation into the fashion industry headlined “Beauty and the Ugly Truth.” In May 2016, she collaborated on a yearlong series dubbed “Private Schools, Painful Secrets,” about decades of sexual abuse by faculty and staff at elite New England prep schools. That led to investigations of student-on-student assault—and eventually to her new book, *I Have the Right To*, which explores one survivor's experience.

Published in March by an imprint of Simon & Schuster and geared for readers aged fourteen and up, the book was co-written with Chessy Prout, who was a fifteen-year-old freshman in 2014 when she was sexually assaulted by a senior at St. Paul's, a boarding school in Concord, New Hampshire. “There has been

**‘There has been so much attention paid to sexual assault on college campuses,’ Abelson says, ‘but so little to what happens at the K-12 level.’**

so much attention paid to sexual assault on college campuses, but so little to what happens at the K-12 level,” Abelson says. “So many individuals are impacted by sexual misconduct before they even get to college. Trying to address it at college is far too late.”

Narrated in Prout's first-person voice, it follows her from an idyllic expatriate childhood in Japan—which was disrupted by the deadly 2011 earthquake that forced the family to return to the U.S.—to matriculation at St. Paul's, where her father was an alumnus and her sister a senior. Just before graduation her freshman spring, Prout was asked out by an eighteen-year-old named Owen Labrie as part of the so-called “Senior Salute”—an illicit >

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**MAKING HEADLINES:** Three of the investigative pieces that Abelson has worked on as part of the *Globe's* Spotlight team

tradition in which senior males pursued underclass girls and kept score according to how far they got with them. As Prout would later tell authorities, although she willingly participated in some intimate activity, Labrie forced intercourse and other sexual acts on her—without her consent and despite her repeatedly saying no. The case ultimately went to trial in summer 2015; although Labrie was acquitted of felony sexual assault, he was convicted of misdemeanor charges including statutory rape and child endangerment, as well as a felony count for using a computer to solicit sex with a minor. He was sentenced to a year in jail, but has been in and out of custody on appeal.

As Prout and Abelson recount in their book—subtitled *A High School Survivor's Story of Sexual Assault, Justice, and Hope*—the assault and trial were hardly the only traumas Prout endured. Returning to St. Paul's her sophomore year, she was ostracized and bullied, and she ultimately transferred to a private high school in Florida. (Her family later filed a lawsuit against St. Paul's for failing to protect her from the assault; it was settled this winter for an undisclosed sum.) As the legal case proceeded, Prout and her family were horrified to learn that St. Paul's alumni were actively fundraising for Labrie's defense—garnering \$100,000 to hire the attorney who'd represented notorious Boston mobster James “Whitey” Bulger. “Mom, Dad, and I went ballistic behind the glass doors of our family office, curses flying out of our mouths like sharp knives,” the book recounts. “This was so outrageous, an unfathomable betrayal, the ultimate symbol of rape culture.”

In August 2016, Prout—whose identity had been shielded by

the media as the case unfolded—went public, appearing on the “Today” show to advocate for survivors of sexual assault. Abelson took a three-month unpaid leave from the *Globe* to co-write Prout's memoir, temporarily relocating to Florida, where Prout (who'll matriculate at Barnard this fall) was living at the time. “Chessy has such a strong and powerful voice—she pulls no punches,” says Abelson. “As difficult a subject as it was, she made this an incredibly easy project. And as a reporter, I was deeply impressed by her attention to detail and all the documents she'd kept. We'd go through her photos, text messages, e-mails, Facebook, letters people had written her. I was able to read her journals and take excerpts from her own writing. We would talk for hours, and in some cases I'd take transcripts of our conversations and transplant that onto the page. We would write drafts together, and she would weigh in and change things. It was a very collaborative process.”

In a review, *Publisher's Weekly* praised *I Have the Right To* as an “honest and raw memoir” that will give readers “a deep appreciation and admiration for Prout's resilience as she transitions into a resolute crusader for the empowerment of victims of sexual violence.” In writing it, Abelson says, the co-authors had a dual mission in mind. “One was to help other survivors, to make them feel less alone—but in addition, it was to spread the message of how important consent is, and consent education. Chessy talks a lot about how, as early as kids can communicate, they need to be taught that ‘People should ask whether they can hug you, or you should ask whether you can hug them.’ Things that happen on playgrounds—boys poking girls with pencils or pulling bra straps—it's not appropriate to write that off as, ‘A boy has a crush on a girl.’ Everyone needs to learn respect for each other and their bodies, and be empowered to say, ‘I have the right to say no.’”

A communication major in CALS, Abelson honed her journalism skills on the Hill, covering several beats for the *Daily Sun* as well as freelancing for the *Ithaca Journal*. After writing for weeklies on her native Long Island, she moved to Boston and started freelancing for the *Globe*. She covered suburban town politics and spent eight years as a business reporter before landing the Spotlight gig in 2013. Already highly respected in the industry, the reporting team became a household name in 2015 with the release of the movie *Spotlight*, which chronicled its coverage of the pedophilia scandal in the Catholic Church. The film was nominated for six Oscars and won two, for best picture and best original screenplay. “There were a number of ways in which we saw the halo effect of the movie,” Abelson observes. “We received an influx of e-mails from people around the world who were seeking help. They'd say, ‘I saw the movie; I believe you're the only one who can help me,’ and they'd share their story. It was heartening, but also overwhelming. It was clear that many people don't feel they have trusted news sources—and for us, it underscored the need for more investigative journalism around the world.” ■

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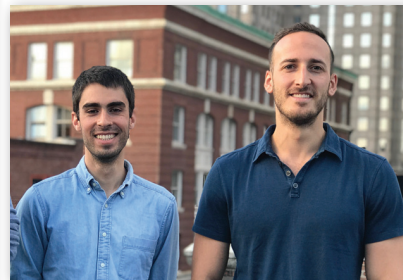
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# LISTENING IN



**Young alums co-found a firm whose headphones—originally designed for dance parties—aid older adults with hearing loss**



**HEAR AND NOW:** Residents of a senior living facility (far left) using the Eversound headphones. The company's founders include Devin Jameson '16 (at left in righthand photo) and Jake Reisch '15.

As an undergrad, Jake Reisch '15 launched a company that rents wireless headphones for “silent discos”—events where dancers can listen to music without disturbing the neighbors. Within a year, Party Headphones was a six-figure business. But Reisch realized the technology could go beyond the club scene: it could help older adults who are hard of hearing. He teamed up with two friends, Devin Jameson '16 and Matt Reiners, to found Eversound, a Boston-based business that provides specialized headphones for use at events like movie screenings, lectures, and bingo. “It’s been amazing to see people’s faces light up when they can finally hear clearly,” says Jameson. “Many people have told us this is the first time they’ve been able to truly participate socially in years.”

Eversound’s system is currently used by about 36,000 people in 300 elder care residences, retirement homes, and other facilities, including three of the country’s ten largest senior living chains. The company has raised \$5 million in funding (including from Red Bear Angels, a Cornell-oriented venture capital fund), with another round expected by year’s end to help expand to two million users by 2020. *Forbes* has taken note, too, naming the trio to its annual “30 Under 30” list of the world’s brightest young innovators for 2018.

The three founders, who worked together at Party Headphones, were inspired to start Eversound after Reisch and Reiners—childhood friends whose fathers are Cornell horticulture professors—watched loved ones move into senior living; Jameson also saw the impact hearing loss had on his ninety-five-year-old

grandmother. They learned some surprising statistics: according to the National Institutes of Health, nearly 25 percent of those sixty-five to seventy-four, and half of those seventy-five and older, have disabling hearing loss. Among adults over seventy who could benefit from hearing aids, fewer than one in three have ever used them. Says Reisch: “This was a chance to make a big impact.”

Before launching Eversound in 2016, the three nurtured the idea at Cornell’s eLab program for accelerating startups, with Reisch visiting 250 senior living communities for research. His first visit was to Kendal at Ithaca, a retirement community near campus whose residents include numerous alumni and former faculty. There, he met Jim Stouffer, professor emeritus of animal science, who helped them assess senior needs. They also sought assistance from occupational therapists, gerontologists, and audiologists to tweak the headphones’ design: the devices amplify frequencies associated with natural hearing loss, are compatible with hearing aids, and—given that users may suffer from

**‘It’s been amazing to see people’s faces light up when they can finally hear clearly,’ says Devin Jameson ‘16.**

arthritis or other dexterity problems—have large control knobs that are easy to turn. As Eversound notes on its website, when the company and a senior living chain teamed up for a six-month study on the use of its headphones at two New England facilities, they found that resident engagement in activities (measured by surveys and observation of facial expressions) had increased by 28 percent. “There’s this misconception that older adults don’t want technology, but it’s really that people aren’t designing the right products and services for older adults,” says Reisch. “Maybe they need to visit their grandparents a little more.” ■

— Heather Salerno





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# NORTHWEST PASSAGE

Mark Canlis '97 and Brian Canlis '01 are the third generation to run their family's eponymous Seattle restaurant



**ALL IN THE FAMILY**  
(clockwise from top left): Brothers Brian (left) and Mark Canlis; the restaurant's building, whose slanted windows allow diners to see the view rather than their own reflections; founder Peter Canlis; and a dish of pink scallops with rhubarb and cherry blossoms



Canlis, the venerable Seattle restaurant now led by a pair of Cornellian brothers, opened its doors in 1950, but its roots stretch back to the beginning of the century—when their great-grandfather, a Greek immigrant named Nicholas, left the island of Lesbos in search of opportunity. He made it to Turkey—family lore says he swam all the way, though a boat may have been involved at some point—and hitchhiked to Cairo. There, he got a job in a luxury hotel whose guests included President Theodore Roosevelt; recently out of office and provisioning for a 1909–10 African safari, he invited the young Canlis along as a cook and steward. After the yearlong expedition, Nicholas emigrated to America and made his way to California, where he opened the family's first restaurant.

More than a century later, his great-grandsons Mark Canlis '97 and Brian Canlis '01 oversee one of the Northwest's most celebrated fine-dining establishments. Housed in an iconic building of glass, wood, and stone—with signature outward-slanting windows and dramatic views of the city, the Cascades, and Lake Union—Canlis is both a Seattle institution and a major player in the world of contemporary cuisine. A current nominee for the James Beard Award for outstanding restaurant in the U.S. (the ceremony is scheduled for May 7), Canlis was named one of the nation's top twenty

restaurants by *Gourmet* in 2006, got a “best new chef” nod from *Food & Wine* in 2011, and last year took home a Beard for best wine program. As *Esquire* put it last fall, Canlis “is that rare breed: it's an older American restaurant that has managed to surge into a second life instead of being disrupted and derailed by the bombardments of change.” Brian and Mark, the magazine noted, “turned a fussy-uncle Seattle institution into one of the coolest places to eat on the West Coast.”

**As *Esquire* describes it, Brian and Mark Canlis ‘turned a fussy-uncle Seattle institution into one of the coolest places to eat on the West Coast.’**

But as the brothers stress, they haven't reinvented the restaurant so much as nurtured its continuing evolution; they aim to honor its history while keeping it fresh and relevant. Early this spring, the seasonal, four-course prix fixe dinner menu >



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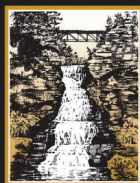
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**AN EVENING OUT:** The Canlis dining room (left). Recent dishes include (from top) Osetra caviar with bigleaf maple syrup and buckwheat cream; lamb with pearl onions, cauliflower, and salsa verde; and the restaurant's signature tossed salad.



(priced at \$115) included such fare as halibut poached with kohlrabi and chrysanthemum, and handkerchief-shaped pasta with rabbit, parsnip, and lovage—but for diners in the know, they'll gladly serve up beloved Canlis classics like teriyaki beef, Dungeness crab legs, and crème brûlée. There's still a piano player tickling the ivories; listen closely, though, and you'll realize he's playing David Bowie or Radiohead, not Frank Sinatra. "We're very intentional about the music representing who we are as a company," Brian notes. "The surprising juxtaposition of new and old creates a really special restaurant. It's got an incredible energy."

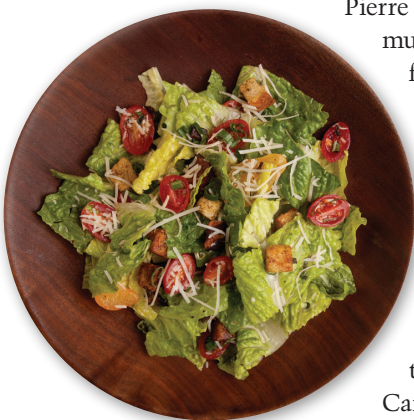
Another item on the recent menu pays homage to Steak Pierre, a Canlis favorite. (Founder Peter Canlis, the brothers' grandfather, named the dish after himself.) The classic version was a beef tenderloin topped by a sauce made of Worcestershire, butter, vermouth, lemon juice, and garlic. Current executive chef Brady Williams—a Beard finalist for rising star in 2017—tapped Peter's recipe to design a new dish, a malted pancake with fermented cabbage and the traditional

Pierre sauce. "The food has so much soul, because it comes from so much history," says Mark. "It looks completely contemporary, seasonal, and fresh, yet much of it has fifty, sixty, seventy years of story behind it. I don't know of another restaurant in this country that's doing what Canlis is—a restaurant from

1950 that's still trying to be the best in America."

Take the signature salad, the only item that has perennially appeared on the menu—and a dish special enough that the *New York Times* published its recipe a few years ago, calling it "a revelation." Based on a salad made by Peter's mother, it includes romaine lettuce, cherry tomatoes, bacon, lemon juice, fresh oregano and mint, Romano cheese, and a coddled egg. "The whack of acid in the lemon, the bacon fat, and the high note of mint—it's just crave-worthy," says Mark. "I think we're all chemically addicted to it." Plus, he says, "we think it's cool and funny to have a tossed salad on a fine-dining menu. We could replace it with something super slick and Instagram-worthy, but we have guests who have been dining here since we opened—people whose memories have been firmly established at this place and with this food. We use that salad as a way to connect."

Peter Canlis—Nicholas's son—came to Seattle via Hawaii, where he'd cooked for thousands of troops as a USO chef following the attack on Pearl Harbor. After the war, he opened a restaurant in Waikiki that, Mark says, "pushed food and service in new ways," such as pooling tips and serving in teams. But that establishment was owned by investors, and Peter wanted to strike out on his own—relocating to Seattle and pursuing his novel notions of what fine dining could be. "Our grandfather was obsessed with this idea that you were dining in his home," Brian observes. "Fine dining of the day was very French, white, stuffy, formal; pat the corners of your mouth perfectly with your napkin, angle your pinkie. It was very upper-class elite, often in grand hotels. He wanted to have the same standards >







# 'HOMME' IS WHERE THE HEART IS

Style maven Orlando Soria '04 melds picture-perfect interior design with a raw, darkly comic blog on life and romance

Toward the end of 2016, Orlando Soria '04 went through a painful breakup with his live-in boyfriend and got laid off from his job as an interior designer to the stars. So the style maven and lifestyle guru—who made a name for himself as the wacky assistant on an HGTV show—spent last year trying to regain his footing, both emotionally and logistically. “I had to find and furnish a new place, move, and figure out how to make money after losing a job where I was making a decent salary,” says thirty-five-year-old Soria. He also wrote his first book, *Get It Together! An Interior Designer's Guide to Creating Your Best Life*. Published this spring, it features design ideas, DIY tutorials,

playful doodles, and photos of attractive spaces he's styled, as well as his musings on design, life, and love—and why no one should take any of it too seriously. “Last year was a mess,” says Soria, chatting with CAM in the living room of his eclectic and comfortable West Hollywood apartment, outfitted with vintage art-deco-style sofas in off-white and deep teal, a massive stone coffee table, pink accent pieces, and a tall, wooden, cactus-like sculpture in one corner. “But my loss is kind of the reader's gain, because what I was going through made the book so much more real and funny and self-deprecating.”

Self-deprecation—of the laugh-out-loud variety—is intrinsic >



**BLUE PERIOD:** One of the interior designs that Soria depicts in his new lifestyle book (inset)—specifically, in a chapter about “creating a post-breakup space where your life can stop sucking.” Top left: The author.

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**OFF THE PAGE:** A spread from Soria's new book, which takes a light-hearted look at design, relationships, and more.

to Soria's voice. In his blog (dubbed Hommemaker, a play on "homemaker" using the French word for "man") and on his Instagram feed, he shares posts, photos, and short videos he broadcasts daily to his 131,000-plus followers that show him poking fun at himself and his dating life—sometimes while lying atop a pile of unfolded laundry. In his book, he cuts to humor straightaway, in the dedication: "For my boyfriend. Just kidding I don't have one." Toward the end he includes an epic DIY fail, describing his efforts to make a rope doorstop—which, he writes, devolved into "one of the most grueling and humiliating experiences of my life." Rather than cut it out of the book, Soria left it in—along with the supply list, which includes ten feet of sisal rope, a glue gun, and "literally zero taste." He retained the anecdote not just because it was funny, he explains, but because it demonstrates a point central to his design philosophy. "In order to have the beautiful house that you want," he says, "you have to be willing to try things and not be scared of screwing up."

That ethos extends to Soria's career path, which was dotted with false starts and lucky breaks. He grew up in a little cabin with his parents and two older siblings in Yosemite National Park—a community of fewer than 1,000 full-time residents—where his father was a dentist and his mother a teacher. His early years were idyllic, offering ample opportunities for creativity, like painting and decorating his bedroom for the first time at age seven (Mickey Mouse figured prominently). But then came his teenage years, when he often felt physically ill from the strain of attending high school in a small, conservative, economically depressed central California town—a two-hour bus ride from home, each way—where many people were openly racist and homophobic. "I hated my life," says Soria, noting that he couldn't wait to go away to college. When he arrived at Cornell's art-themed Risley Residential College, he finally felt at ease. "Right away," he says, "I realized I'd found like-minded people that I could relate to."

A double major in government and fine arts, Soria had early undergrad dreams of becoming a lawyer, but by graduation he'd

switched his focus and enrolled in an MFA program at Penn in hopes of becoming an art professor. When he realized that academia wasn't the right fit, he pivoted to graphic design, and later to set and production design; he moved to L.A., where he worked on music videos and independent films. Several years out of grad school and still adrift, Soria applied for an assistant position through an entertainment job website on a whim. When he showed up for the interview, there was a twist: whomever interior designer Emily Henderson hired would have an on-camera role on her HGTV show, "Secrets from a Stylist." Despite his lack of design experience, Soria got the job. "It was just kismet that we met," Soria says. "It totally changed my life."

The show ran for twenty-six episodes over two seasons, ending in 2011. During that time, Soria refined his aesthetic to what he calls the "California coastal and eclectic" style he favors today, with "a slight Japanese influence"—likely because his mom spent her childhood there and featured Japanese furnishings in their family home. The HGTV exposure also gained Soria enough of a following to launch a successful interior design business with his on-air boss when the show wrapped. Later, he was hired as the West Coast creative director for an interior design start-up called Homepolish; before he was laid off in 2016, Soria's primary responsibility was to work on celebrity projects, outfitting spaces for the likes of Oscar-winning actress Anjelica Huston and a former Miss Universe.

As Soria's online presence grew, he started sharing more personal details on his blog, including his musings on aging, fame, and heartbreak. When his boyfriend suddenly left him in late 2016, he wrote several raw, confessional posts about the breakup and its aftermath. In one dated Valentine's Day 2017, he opens with a photo of the Silver Lake condo they'd painstakingly renovated together, talks about why he's always had a passion for beautifying his living spaces, shares details of their love story—and ends with a poignant shot of his moving boxes. "Each little design element I noticed felt like a little piece of care I'd given to the space," he wrote, "a small offering of love that was now being rejected."

Recently, Soria's blog has featured a series entitled "Dating Sucks," addressing such topics as "How to be a good friend during a breakup"—and pondering eternal questions like, "Is your date a lunatic?" He notes that when he writes a heartfelt blog post or shares a less-than-perfect photo or confessional video, he always gets a big response from readers. "I think people are hungry for

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these raw, unfiltered stories," he says. That's why, at least for now, he's decided to stop working with private design clients in favor of sharing more of his stories with the masses—both online, through social media, in his book, and possibly in another design-focused TV show. "So much of what's shared online is this aggressive, superficial stuff that makes people feel really lonely," Soria says. "I want people to feel less alone having seen what I wrote or posted. I want to tell stories that other people might think are too personal or feel are too uncomfortable to tell." ■

—Anne Machalinski



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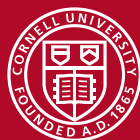
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After Peter died in 1977, his son and daughter-in-law took over, running it for three decades; two of their three sons, Brian and Mark, picked up the reins in the mid-Aughts. Both had attended Cornell on ROTC scholarships, earned degrees from the Hotel school, and served in the Air Force after graduation. (Mark was in aircraft maintenance with a Special Operations unit out of Florida, while Brian's assignments included working in protocol at Andrews Air Force Base, where he frequently escorted President George W. Bush off Air Force One—to the delight of his parents, who'd glimpse him on CNN.)

At Canlis, Mark serves as CEO—primarily addressing big-picture issues—while Brian is president. "I lead our weekly strategic meeting; quarterly offsites or annual retreats, that's Mark's world," Brian explains. "He's a little more guest-faced than I am. I'm more in the office with the numbers." They've put together an advisory board for the restaurant, an industry brain trust that includes two of their close friends from Cornell: Shake Shack CEO Randy Garutti '97 and Will Guidara '01, co-owner of Manhattan's celebrated Eleven Madison Park. (Canlis's unofficial sister establishment, Eleven Madison Park was named number one by the World's 50 Best Restaurants organization last year.) "Canlis is one of the greatest restaurants on the planet, period," Guidara says. "Every region needs a restaurant that defines it, and Canlis is definitely that for the Pacific Northwest. It should be on the bucket list for anyone who has a passion for restaurants, because it's one of the most special places out there. I often tell the people who work for me that it's our responsibility to create magical worlds in a world that needs more magic—and Canlis is one of the most magical worlds I've ever found." ■

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# TAILS OF ADVENTURE

A globe-trotting future vet chronicles her travels in words and pictures



**HOPPING AROUND:** A tiny frog that vet student and aspiring photojournalist Elvina Yau observed while studying owl monkeys in Argentina in college

Elvina Yau aims to coin a new job title: veterinary photojournalist. A second-year vet student, Yau is a fearless traveler and an avid amateur photographer. She has worked on wildlife conservation projects on three continents and counting, chronicling her adventures on a Wordpress blog dubbed *Elvina the Explorer*. “I’ve always identified with this innate adventurous spirit, and I’ve always been an advocate of the intersection between art and science,” says Yau, a first-generation American whose parents emigrated from Hong Kong. “I realized I could use photojournalism as a platform to highlight the human-animal bond, inform about environmental issues, and teach people about animal welfare.”

A Long Island native—“It was comfortable, but not exactly teeming with wildlife”—Yau took her first international trip as an undergrad at Penn, where she studied neuroscience and creative writing. She spent the summer after sophomore year in an Argentine forest, slogging through mud and knee-deep swamps to track owl monkeys living high in the canopy. Her junior year, she spent a semester in Australia

studying kangaroo behavior, perched in a hilltop observation deck for hours on end. Last summer, after her first year of DVM studies, she journeyed to Thailand to do research on elephant welfare at a facility affiliated with a local vet school.

Yau blogged about the most recent trip—funded through a Vet college program that sends students to developing countries for research and clinical work—in a series of posts called “The Elephant Diaries.” It describes such experiences as assisting with a field necropsy (veterinary autopsy) on an 8,000-pound male,

**‘When I take photos I try to do it with intention,’ Yau says. ‘I’m thinking about what story I’m trying to tell with this picture.’**

treating a baby with a potentially fatal illness, and visiting the “Elephant PooPooPaper Park,” where she crafted environmentally friendly paper from recycled dung. She also took numerous photos with her high-quality digital camera (a DSLR), not only of wildlife, but of landscapes, people, cultural sites, and—being a self-described “huge foodie”—tantalizing meals. “When I take

PHOTO: ELVINA YAU





photos I try to do it with intention," she says. "I'm thinking about what story I'm trying to tell with this picture."

This summer, Yau will add a fourth continent to her travelogue: she has a grant to join a cheetah nutrition project in Namibia. After graduation, she plans to parlay her varied passions into a novel career—doing clinical work, promoting conservation, and conducting research around the world, then sharing those experiences with a broad audience through words and pictures. "It's kind of invigorating, the prospect of being a trailblazer in an unconventional field," she says. "This is the perfect niche for me and my strengths, where I could lend a healing hand and a compelling image, and give a resonant voice to our voiceless cohabitants of the animal kingdom. Whether they're shelter animals or endangered species, these are creatures who need our help." ■

— L. P. Drew



**WILD KINGDOM** (top left): Yau with a pachyderm patient in Thailand last summer. Her many images from that trip include (clockwise from top right) a boat ride during a foray to Vietnam, a brunch of French toast with dragonfruit, a barred owl in a zoo, colorful balls of paper pulp made from elephant dung, and a pack of elephants at a reserve.



# CIVICS LESSON

ILR's Alex Hammond '18 is the elected supervisor of his Upstate hometown



**VOTE ALEX:** Hammond (clockwise from near left) on the campaign trail, shaking hands at a homecoming parade, and in his town hall office

Many Cornell undergrads hold down jobs while earning a degree. Alex Hammond '18 is likely the only one in University history whose side gig is running his hometown.

At twenty-two, the senior ILR major is town supervisor of Waddington, a small community at New York's northern edge. Just across the river from Canada, Waddington boasts about 2,200 residents, some top-notch carp fishing, and an easy commute to jobs at several universities, including St. Lawrence, Clarkson, and two SUNY campuses. "If you've ever watched a Hallmark movie where there's a small town, that's us," Hammond says. "It's a very picturesque place, right on the river."

Elected last fall on the Democratic ticket, Hammond unseated a one-term incumbent, garnering 55 percent of the vote. He took office in January—the position is akin to a mayor—and commutes from Ithaca weekly. He attends class from Monday to Wednesday and, after his last one gets out at 10 p.m., makes the three-and-a-half-hour drive north. "I like it because there aren't a lot of cars on the road," says Hammond, who eschews caffeine so he can sleep when he arrives at his parents' house. "What keeps me going that late at night is cold water, music, and mint gum." He's in his town hall office all day Thursday and Friday plus half of Saturday, then returns to Ithaca and does it all over again.

A Waddington native—"Technically I was born in Ogdensburg, right down the road, because that's where the hospital is"—Hammond first gained local fame as one of four teenage members of a Beatles-inflected rock band that twice played the State Fair. He spent his first two years of college at a military school in Pennsylvania, graduating with an associate's degree and an Army

Seal and Serpent fraternity, works at the Cornell Store, participates in the Mock Trial Association, mentors ROTC students, and plays drums as an unofficial member of the Pep Band. He also has training obligations as a second lieutenant in the National Guard, to which he'll owe eight years of service after graduation.

Hammond's dad, a former UPS worker, is the longtime president of his Teamster's Union local; his mom also has a union job, as a secretary at SUNY Potsdam. "I grew up heavily union influenced," he says. "But also I have some very conservative grandparents, so I've gotten both sides of the spectrum." His own foray into politics began when he was in Waddington last summer, working at a golf club and contemplating the LSAT; it was his first extended stretch there in years, and he saw his

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hometown with new eyes. One thing that struck him was its youthful brain drain: as in many Upstate communities, kids tend to go away to college and settle elsewhere. "Waddington's biggest export is our youth," he says. "That was one thing I ran on—that if you elect me you're telling your kids, 'You don't have to leave to become something.'"

Realizing that the incumbent town supervisor was running unopposed, he decided to throw his hat in the ring the day before petitions were due; two high school friends helped him garner the required signatures in a matter of hours. The campaign's big debut was at the town's homecoming parade in early August, when Hammond pressed the flesh alongside a float and dozens of T-shirt-clad supporters. He knocked on doors, raised about >





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\$5,000 in donations, took out newspaper ads, and invited the incumbent to a public debate (which she declined). "When I found out that Alex was running for town supervisor, I wasn't at all surprised," observes one of his ILR professors, Allison Weiner Heinemann, who cites the "incredibly insightful" work he did on a paper exploring Waddington's mental health policies. "It seemed like the logical progression for someone who had discovered that what we teach and learn here extends far beyond the classroom."

On election day, Hammond garnered 465 votes to his opponent's 387. The win, at age twenty-one, tied the record for New York's youngest-ever town supervisor. These days, as he winds up his final semester, he's working to make good on his campaign pledges, such as live-streaming town board meetings—a proposition that's more complicated than it might seem, he says, given that the town doesn't even maintain an official Facebook page. With the aim of increasing revenue, he's pondering out-of-the-box solutions—from a Waddington affinity credit card that would return a percentage to town coffers to the possibility of winterizing a beach caretaker's cottage so it can be rented out on Airbnb in the off-season. He acknowledges that since he's young enough to be the child (or even grandchild) of most town officials, he has to be respectful of the status quo while advocating change. "The last thing I want to do is pretend I'm the new sheriff in town, because I'm not going to know every answer," says Hammond. "But I do bring a different perspective. We can learn from each other and work together, and so far we've done a pretty good job."

In Waddington, town supervisor isn't a full-time position—it pays around \$10,500 a year—and Hammond is applying for post-graduation jobs in the area. While his early political success has prompted inevitable questions about his wider ambitions, he says he doesn't have a roadmap to higher office. "Is there politics in my future? Who knows?" he muses. "I might hate it after the four years, but right now I absolutely love it and I'm honored to be in this position. Whatever I can do for the betterment of Waddington and the people of northern New York in general, that's what I want to do." ■

— Kitty Kemp



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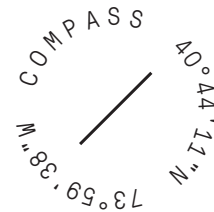
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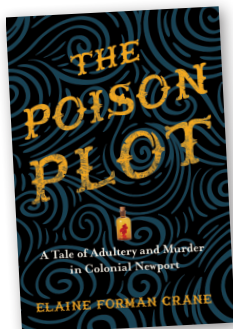
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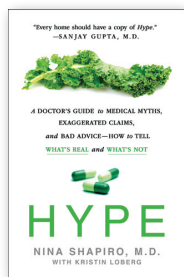
## The Poison Plot

ELAINE FORMAN CRANE '61

Subtitled *A Tale of Adultery and Murder in Colonial Newport*, this nonfiction book from Cornell University Press details the dramatic tale of Mary and Benedict Arnold, a prominent couple in 1730s Rhode Island. When Benedict (not to be confused with the infamous traitor of the American Revolution)

became seriously ill and accused his much-younger wife of poisoning him, he petitioned the state's General Assembly for a divorce. The ensuing trial, during which Benedict died, threw them both into the public eye and unearthed sordid details of infidelity, theft, fraud, and other improprieties.

Crane, a distinguished professor of history at Fordham University, draws on her deep knowledge of eighteenth-century New England to depict everyday life for both the elite and the common folk. She notes that while many modern-day Americans assume that their Colonial-era counterparts adhered to a strict moral code, cases like the Arnolds' were surprisingly common—especially in a city where attempted murder was not yet a convictable offense. "The story told here complicates America's master narrative," Crane observes in the prologue, "by revealing a culture of corruption that competes with the positive messages delivered by Ben Franklin and other early advocates who posited one would do well." Crane's previous volumes include CU Press's *Killed Strangely*, which explores the mysterious death of Rebecca Cornell—Ezra's direct ancestor—in 1673.

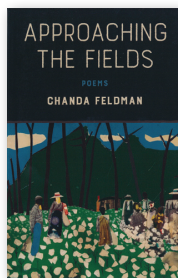


## Hype

NINA SHAPIRO '87

In a self-help book subtitled *A Doctor's Guide to Medical Myths, Exaggerated Claims, and Bad Advice*, a surgeon and professor at UCLA combats an epidemic of medical misinformation on the Internet and elsewhere—addressing such topics as vaccines, supplements, exercise, dietary fads, research jargon, and how to read a food label.

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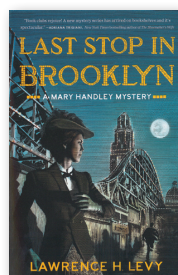


## Approaching the Fields

CHANDA FELDMAN, MFA '03

Feldman, an award-winning poet and past fellow at the Bread Loaf Writers' Conference, has published in numerous literary journals including *Cincinnati Review*, *Ecotone*, and *Prairie Schooner*. In this collection of poems—whose topics range from sharecroppers along the Mississippi River to modern-day suburban life—the Tennessee native reflects

on family history, racial discrimination, love, violence, and more. As Feldman writes in "But We Lived," a meditation on segregation: "It always was and we never thought / it wouldn't be—separate entrances / at the doctor's, dentist, the fabric store, or / the places we knew not to go."

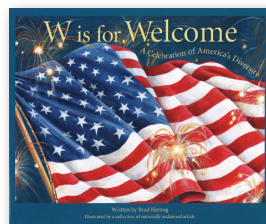


## Last Stop in Brooklyn

LAWRENCE LEVY '69

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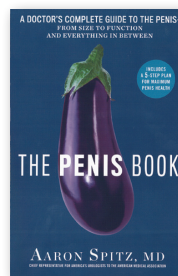


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AARON SPITZ '88, MD '92

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# Big Red Highlights

**MEN'S HOCKEY** Cornell returned to the top of the national rankings for the first time in nearly 15 seasons, earning first place in both the USCHO and *USA Today/USA Hockey Magazine* polls at the end of January. The Big Red finished the regular season ranked second in the nation after going 23-4-2 overall and winning the ECAC regular season championship for the first time since 2004-05. **Matt Galajda '21** made history as the first freshman to be named ECAC Hockey Goalie of the Year after going 19-3-2 with eight shutouts and a 1.49 goals-against average. He was also named ECAC and Ivy League Rookie of the Year, Ivy Player of the Year, and a first-team all-league selection in both the ECAC and Ivies.

**FENCING** Two freshmen earned trips to the NCAA Championship with their performances at the Northeast Regional. **Grace Ding '21** finished fifth in women's foil, going 7-4 in the final round to cap her rise from 19th place after the second round; **Marissa Viqueira '21** finished seventh in foil. **Daria Schneider** was co-named Ivy League Coach of the Year after the Big Red had four top-ten finishes in both saber and foil at the league round-robin tournament.

**WRESTLING** **Yianni Diakomihalis '21** became only the second Cornell wrestler (after **Kyle Dake '13**) to win a national title as a freshman, taking first at 141 pounds with a dramatic 7-4 win in the final. Three others earned All-American honors: **Ben Darmstadt '21**, sixth at 197 pounds; **Jon Jay Chavez '19**, seventh at 165; and **Max Dean '21**, eighth at 184. But the Big Red saw its record run of

Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Association championships end at 11; Diakomihalis, Darmstadt, and Chavez won individual titles, but Cornell finished second. Cornell did keep its streak of Ivy championships alive at 16 straight seasons, the longest in any sport in league history, while extending its unbeaten streak to 82 Ivy matches.

**EQUESTRIAN** The Big Red won the Regional Show at the Oxley Equestrian Center in March. **Vaughan Shanley '19** took first place in intermediate fences and second in intermediate flat, while **Tamara Thompson '18** was first in novice flat. Cornell also got runner-up finishes from **Molly O'Shea '18** in open flat, **Erica Alfiero '18** in intermediate fences, and **Emily Selland '19** in novice flat.

**MEN'S BASKETBALL** By posting its best league finish since winning three straight titles in 2008-10, Cornell qualified for the Ivy tournament, where it lost to Harvard. The Big Red went 6-8 in the league, good enough for fourth place. **Matt Morgan '19** was a unanimous first-team All-Ivy pick after scoring a school-record 611 points, an average of 22.6 per game—the second highest in school history, behind **Charles Rolle '56**, who averaged 23.0 in 1956. **Stone Gettings '19** became the fifth Cornell player to receive CoSIDA Academic All-American honors when he was named to the third team. An applied economics and management major with a 3.81 GPA, he received All-Ivy honorable mention after averaging 17.0 points and 6.7 rebounds per game.

**SQUASH** A pair of Cornell players enjoyed good runs at the College Squash Association Individual

Championships in March. **Michèle Garceau '18** came up one match short of repeating as a second-team All-American, losing a five-set match in the finals of the Holleran South bracket. Garceau didn't go empty-handed for the season, however, earning All-Ivy honors. On the men's side, **Jordan Brail '18** reached the semifinals of the Molly North bracket before losing in four sets.

**POLO** Both the men's and women's teams added to their collection of regional championship trophies, with the women winning their 24th Northeast title and the men their 23rd. The women had an easy 22-4 win over Skidmore in the semifinals before beating Harvard 19-7 in the final as **Shariah Harris '20** and **Hannah Noyes '18** earned all-star honors. The men had a tighter title match, edging Western University 15-13 with **Lorenzo Masias '20** named an all-star.

## ALUMNI NEWS

**WINTER OLYMPICS** Of the eight alumni who competed in PyeongChang, six earned medals—all in ice hockey. Cornell had five skaters on Canada's silver-winning women's team: **Laura Fortino '13**, **Brianne Jenner '13**, **BA '15**, **Rebecca Johnston '11**, **BS '12**, **Lauriane Rougeau '13**, and **Jillian Saulnier '15**. Johnston's medal was her third, making her and former Big Red polo player **Kevin Freeman '63**, **BS '64** (equestrian), the only alums to win three Olympic medals. **Ben Scrivens '10** was the starting goaltender for the Canadian men's team that won bronze, playing in four games before being sidelined with an injury during the quarterfinals. **Jamie Greubel Poser '06**, a 2014 bronze medalist in women's bobsled, finished fifth for Team USA, while **Josh Kirkpatrick '10** was on the Canadian four-man bobsled team that finished 12th.

**FOOTBALL** **David Archer '05** signed a contract extension to remain Cornell's head football coach; the Big Red went 3-4 in the Ivy League last season, its best showing since 2011. Away from East Hill, **Jim Knowles '87** has become defensive coordinator at Oklahoma State University, which went 10-3 last season and was 14th in the national rankings. Knowles, who spent the previous eight seasons as defensive coordinator at Duke, was Cornell's head coach from 2004-09 and an assistant from 1988-96.

**TRACK AND FIELD** **Ben Rainero de Haan '16** won the 3,000-meter run at the Netherlands indoor track and field championships in February with a time of 8:07.43. His record for the Big Red includes first-team All-Ivy honors in cross country and three Ivy track titles.



**PUCK STOPPER:** Goalie Matt Galajda '21 (center) in action



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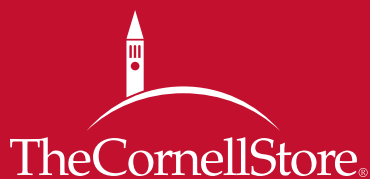
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**As the University prepares to mark its sesquicentennial Commencement, CAM explores the ceremony's history—and offers a behind-the-scenes peek at what it takes to host Cornell's biggest annual celebration**

By Beth Saulnier & Alexandra Bond '12

**O**n Memorial Day weekend, Cornell will celebrate its 150th Commencement—welcoming visitors from around the world to honor the achievements of its newly minted alumni. Drawing a crowd of more than 30,000 to the Hill, Commencement is by far the University's biggest annual event—and year after year, it goes off more or less without a hitch, thanks to the efforts of a cadre of dedicated staff and several hundred volunteers. As one of those staffers, facilities event coordinator Julie Parsons '06, puts it: “It’s the premiere event of the year. It’s the grand poobah. It’s the apex.” Graduation, Parsons adds, “is something that these kids have worked at least four years for. It’s a really big deal.”

To mark Commencement’s own sesquicentennial, CAM decided to take a comprehensive look at the University’s annual celebratory blow-out—the behind-the-scenes logistics, the various traditions, the vicissitudes of weather, and more. Like much about Cornell, over the past century and a half it has both evolved and stayed fundamentally the same. “Big transitions are important,” President Martha Pollack observed at Commencement 2017, her first. “It’s why we mark them with celebrations, like the one we’re participating in now. They’re times for reflection—for looking backwards at what you’ve experienced and what you’ve learned, and looking forward, toward what you’ll do next, to your next adventure.” >

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#### **VARIED VENUES:**

In past years, the ceremony has been celebrated (clockwise from top left) on Libe Slope, in Bailey Hall, in Barton Hall, in the campus armory, and in a downtown Ithaca library; the latter two buildings no longer exist.





## History Lessons

Cornell held its first Commencement in 1869, the year after the University opened; the inaugural class comprised eight students who'd transferred from other institutions. The ceremony was held at the downtown Ithaca library that Ezra Cornell had funded. As is noted in the program for the current ceremony, each graduate "mounted the stage to receive a vellum diploma rolled and tied with a carnelian silk ribbon. President [Andrew Dickson] White had composed the wording of the diplomas. Ezra Cornell himself had mailed the invitations. The ceremonies ended with the awarding of prizes and an address by President White. At the president's reception later that evening, strawberries, ice cream, cake, and lemonade were served." In those early days, says Cornell history expert Corey Earle '07, "these were three-hour affairs, with the graduating seniors reading their scholarship."

In 1883, the ceremony moved from the library to the campus armory, a more spacious venue located on what's now the Engineering Quad. It was first conducted outdoors—using Libe Slope as a natural amphitheater—in 1912. Over the decades starting in the Twenties, Commencement was variously held in Bailey Hall, Barton Hall, and Schoellkopf Field, before permanently taking up residence in Schoellkopf in 1975.

The first class to celebrate Commencement after spending four years on the Hill graduated in 1872—and when members of the previous classes came back to mark the occasion, they essentially founded Reunion (and the Alumni Association). In 1877, trustees designated an official Alumni Day, to be held the Wednesday prior to graduation. "Alumni would come in before Commencement and stick around for the party," says Earle. "That lasted until they realized there wasn't enough room on campus for everyone, with parents coming in."

In 2003, the University began honoring December graduates with their own ceremony, held in Barton (though those alums are also welcome to march the following May). It's a more intimate affair, with degrees conferred individually. The event has been growing in popularity: last year's ceremony, with about 480 graduates and their families, drew the biggest crowd ever. Logistics for winter Commencement were modeled on May's PhD hooding ceremony, which marked its twenty-fifth year in 2017. Held in Barton on Saturday evening, the event was spearheaded by then-President Frank Rhodes as a way to confer special honors on Cornell's highest degree recipients. >



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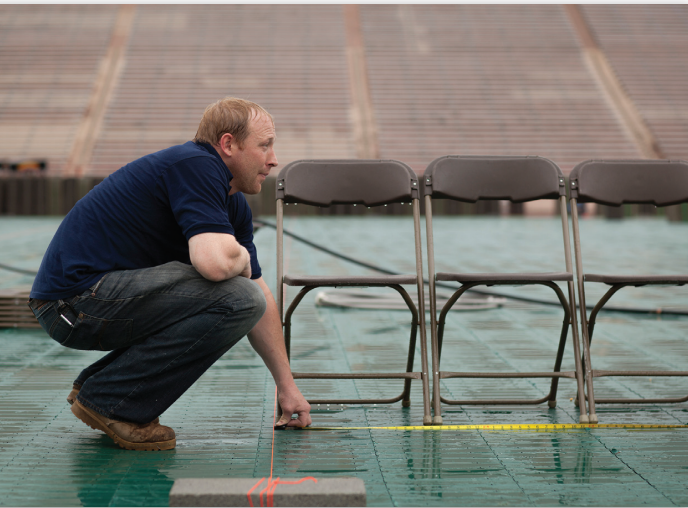




## Prep Work

As director of Cornell's Commencement office, Connie Mabry has been the event's field marshal since 1989. And as she points out, planning for it begins as early as *during* the previous one, as staffers are taking notes throughout the weekend to help them improve things the following year. "We're always working on Commencement," says Mabry. "It's really a year-long process and then some. I'm always thinking ahead. Thankfully, it doesn't change too much, and I keep putting that out there: if it's not broken, let's not try and fix it."

Pulling it off requires enough logistics to fill an inch-thick facilities plan that Mabry maintains. (Its cover sports a quote from Sir Arthur Conan Doyle: "It has long been an axiom of mine that the little things are infinitely the most important.") The document contains details on everything from the number and placement of chairs at various events throughout the weekend to a map showing how to set up the ushers' locker room in Schoellkopf. According to Parsons, facilities staff put in more than 3,000 hours just for the two major events—Commencement and Convocation—for which Cornell rents a whopping 7,500 chairs. One of the most onerous tasks is installing the green plastic flooring that protects Schoellkopf's artificial turf, which takes eight staffers as long as four days to roll out. Just putting up signs to guide visitors is a major undertaking: in a matter of days, staff install about 1,000 of them on campus and around Ithaca. (They just as swiftly take them down, lest



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**Facilities staffer Julie Parsons '06 calls Commencement weekend 'chaos—long hours and chaos.'**

they vanish—then turn around and put up another set for Reunion, which begins less than two weeks later.)

"It's chaos—long hours and chaos," Parsons says of the weekend overall. "A large group of us are here early mornings to late evenings, making sure that everything has been checked off the list. Did we put the banner up for the next morning's event? Did we put up those barricades or cones where they need to be? It's making sure that all of those finer details get done, walking around during Convocation and Commencement with a headset and listening to all of the concerns that folks have about the plumbing or something that needs to be cleaned up in a certain restroom."

Commencement weekend comprises more than 100 events all around campus—from the major ceremonies viewed by thousands to gatherings in the individual schools, colleges, and departments. There's a commissioning ceremony for ROTC graduates; a concert by the Glee Club & Chorus; a hooding ceremony for new veterinarians. After Convocation in Schoellkopf on Saturday, the president hosts a reception on the Arts Quad for all grads and their families; in a nod to the fare at Cornell's first-ever Commencement, Dairy Bar ice cream is served. (This year, according to Cornell Catering director Brandon Fortenberry, more than 600 gallons are scheduled to be scooped.)

While staffers and volunteers fan out all over the Hill, the weekend's nerve center is a command post on the hinterlands of campus, across Dryden Road from the Botanic Gardens. There, about a dozen staffers drawn from Cornell Police, transportation services, the Commencement office, the Environment, Health & Safety department, and more are on duty to cope with any issues or emergencies that crop up. (A similar crew gathers there on Slope Day.) "We take lots of precautions and have evacuation plans in place," Mabry says. "Thankfully, nothing has ever happened."

As Parsons notes, facilities staff take particular pride in making the campus look its best for Commencement, >



**IT TAKES A VILLAGE** (from top): Handing out programs, planning for medical emergencies, and ushering on Schoellkopf Field. Opposite page: Readyng the field for graduation includes laying down a protective surface and setting out thousands of folding chairs.





**rites of passage** (clockwise from top left): Rolling toward a degree in 1990; the procession in 2016; marching past Uris Hall in the Eighties; hooding a PhD at the 2014 ceremony; an ROTC grad gets commissioned in 2015.



when legions of friends and family—who may be getting their first extended look at Cornell—descend on the Hill. Staffers do everything from trimming ivy to filling pot-holes to making sure that stairways are clean and well-lit. Along the procession route, they repair cracks in the sidewalk and cover drains to eliminate trip hazards. “We pay special attention to all those fine details for all of the buildings and events,” she says, “because we want the graduates and their families to have an awesome time.”

One thing that doesn’t happen during Commencement weekend? The physical distribution of diplomas. Because of the logistical hassle of handing them out—and because some graduation requirements, like final grades or a completed swim test, may still be lingering—new alumni now receive their sheepskins in the mail. “They used to be distributed by the colleges, but three or four years ago that changed,” says Mabry, “and it has made everyone’s lives so much easier.”

## Dressing for the Occasion

Like so much of modern life, today’s graduation garb is procured online: students place their orders with Cornell’s vendor and can pick up their caps and gowns over the course of several days. About 500 boxes’ worth are distributed in the Teagle Hall multipurpose room. The gowns, which are rented, must be returned by 5 p.m. on Sunday; the tassels have always been keepsakes. “Last year was the first year that the cap was a ‘keeper cap’ rather than a rental,” Mabry says, “because students are doing more and more decorating.”

## Long Walk

Earle is not only a font of lore about Commencements past; he has also volunteered at the event for a decade, serving as head usher on the Arts Quad since 2010. In that role, he’s in charge of about sixty red-blazer-clad volunteers who get graduates lined up by college, four abreast, as they prepare to march. The berobed procession also includes faculty, administrators, trustees, and—accompanying the presi-

dent at the rear of the group—the University mace bearer. “Quarter of ten is when the chimes play and the procession starts moving,” Earle says. “The goal is to get the president into the stadium at exactly eleven o’clock. The amazing thing is every year I’ve done it—and I don’t know how it happens—it’s been within a minute or two that the president walks in.”

Another of the Arts Quad ushers’ duties is to distribute the ceremonial banners bearing the names and symbols of the individual schools and colleges; the grads who >





**One thing that doesn't happen during Commencement weekend? The physical distribution of diplomas, which are now mailed to graduates.**







**There has long been talk of a Commencement weather god who protects the Hill from storms, even when it's pouring in the next town over.**



**WEATHER REPORTS:** While most Commencements have had sunny skies and moderate temperatures (top and middle), it has occasionally been sweltering (left). In 2016 (opposite page, top and middle), grads and guests were drenched by torrential rain. Opposite page, bottom: Staying dry in the Uris Library entryway in 1982.



carry them are chosen by the academic administration, honored for extraordinary performance such as a high GPA or prominent leadership role. (Serving as a degree marshal—the students adjacent to the banner bearers who carry small wooden batons—is a similar laurel.) In addition to signaling to the announcer that the various schools and colleges are entering the stadium, Earle says, the banners are “a nice element that helps break up the procession and adds some color.”

Once the procession arrives on Schoellkopf Field, another group of ushers springs into action. Their job: to get the grads into their seats with both speed and clockwork precision. “There’s a systematic plan that’s been mathematically calculated as to how the students come in and where they will be seated when,” Mabry explains. “It’s like a big train station; they can’t come in and stand in the aisle and wait until everybody gets seated. We use several aisles to get them in and seated within an hour.”

## More Shine than Rain

There has long been talk of a Commencement weather god who protects the Hill from storms, even when it’s pouring in the next town over. And indeed, since the ceremony took up residence in Schoellkopf in 1975, it has never been moved indoors because of inclement weather. But though grads and their families have enjoyed some postcard-perfect days, there have also been some wild extremes. In 2016, Mabry says, it was in the nineties during Convocation on Saturday—and on steamy Schoellkopf Field on Sunday, the mercury topped 100, prompting the University to distribute tens of thousands of bottles of water to the sweltering crowds. Three years earlier, by contrast, temperatures had been in the fifties. “Everyone was bundled up,” she recalls. “The campus store sold out of whatever supply they had left from winter—coats, hats, mittens, blankets, socks. They kept bringing stuff in from their warehouse.”

Commencement 2016 was also the site of a now-legendary downpour that took organizers unawares, unleashing nearly a quarter of an inch of water in about half an hour. “We had two blast rainstorms during the procession that we didn’t know about until they were coming over the Hill,” Mabry says. “Even Binghamton meteorology didn’t know they were going to hit us. We had like a two-minute warning.” Berobed dignitaries found themselves leaping over puddles on the path from the Arts Quad to the ceremony. “Everybody just kept on walking, and everybody got soaked,” she recalls. “It was really hot, so people didn’t mind.” But since lightning threatened—posing safety concerns—the ceremony was truncated, with a quick >







**HAT TRICKS:** Over the decades, the tradition of decorating mortarboards has only become more popular, and the designs increasingly elaborate.



PHOTOS, FROM TOP: LINDSAY FRANCE/UREL; RUSSELL HAMILTON/RMC; ROBERT BARKER/UREL



address and all degrees conferred simultaneously rather than by school and college. The whole ceremony was dispatched in half an hour, likely making it the shortest Commencement in University history.

And if Cornell's weather luck truly runs out, and the ceremony has to be moved into Barton? Only the graduates themselves will be able to attend, with no room for families or even faculty. "It will be the same ceremony as it is in the stadium," says Mabry. "All the colleges will be recognized en masse. They'll stand up and sit down as a group. Everything would be the same inside as it would be outside." She adds: "We hope it never happens."

## Life Lessons

While most colleges and universities jockey to land a prestigious big-name speaker for graduation, Cornell has long gone a different route: the Commencement address is almost always given by the University's president. There have been a few exceptions for illness or logistics (for example, in 2016 Acting President Hunter Rawlings had a prior commitment that weekend, so Provost Michael Kotlikoff stood in for him). There have also been a couple of exceptions to mark major moments in history. At Cornell's 100th Commencement in 1968, President James Perkins invited former U.S. secretary of health, education, and welfare John Gardner to address the crowd; his speech, entitled "Uncritical Lovers, Unloving Critics," traced a 600-year tour of history—stretching three centuries into the future. "The twenty-third-century scholars understood that where human institutions were concerned, love without criticism brings stagnation, and criticism without love brings destruction," he said. "And they emphasized that the swifter the pace of change, the more lovingly men had to care for and criticize their institutions to keep them intact through the turbulent passages."

The following decade, to mark the U.S. Bicentennial in 1976, President Dale Corson invited eminent history professor Walter LaFeber to give the Commencement speech. "I felt that something significant should be said by someone who could say it with authority," Corson later explained. >







**WORDS OF WISDOM:**  
Convocation speakers have included (clockwise from top) Maya Angelou, James Franco, Gabrielle Giffords, MRP '97, Joe Biden, and Bill Clinton.

As LaFever told the crowd: "The founders of this nation and the founders of Cornell shared a common commitment, indeed a common passion: a belief in the power of ideas to transform individual lives and improve human society."

With the president giving the Commencement address, Cornell's big-name "get" comes the day before, at Convocation. Speakers for the event, which began in 1985, are chosen by a senior class committee. Held in Barton Hall for most of its first two decades, Convocation often featured alumni speakers in its early years, including psychologist Dr. Joyce Brothers '47, astronaut Mae Jemison, MD '81, former attorney general Janet Reno '60, and broadcaster Keith Olbermann '79. More recently, the University has lured major non-Cornellian speakers including (in 2004) former President Bill Clinton—prompting the event to be relocated to Schoellkopf to handle the anticipated crowds. (Except for 2005, it has been held there ever since.) Other prominent speakers have included poet Maya Angelou, former New York City mayors Rudy Giuliani and Michael Bloomberg, and movie star James Franco.

In a meta moment, actor Ed Helms—who portrayed a rabidly loyal Cornellian on the hit sitcom "The Office"—delivered the address in 2014. "You do realize I'm not actually Andy Bernard, right?" he asked the crowd. "He isn't a real person. He is a character from a TV show, and I am the actor who played him. Or did you actually invite a fictional person to give this speech?" Last year, former Vice President Joe Biden—who was fêted with a custom ice cream flavor from the Dairy Bar—delivered a rousing speech whose topics ranged from Vietnam-era activism

to the perils of social media echo chambers. "I'm so tired of both political parties," he confessed. "I'm so tired of the incrementalism. I'm so tired of thinking small. When has America ever thought small? We never have. It's time for America to get up. It's time to regain our sense of unity and purpose and remember who we are. With all the brainpower and energy I see in front of me, I know that nothing and no one in this world can beat us."

## Degrees of Separation

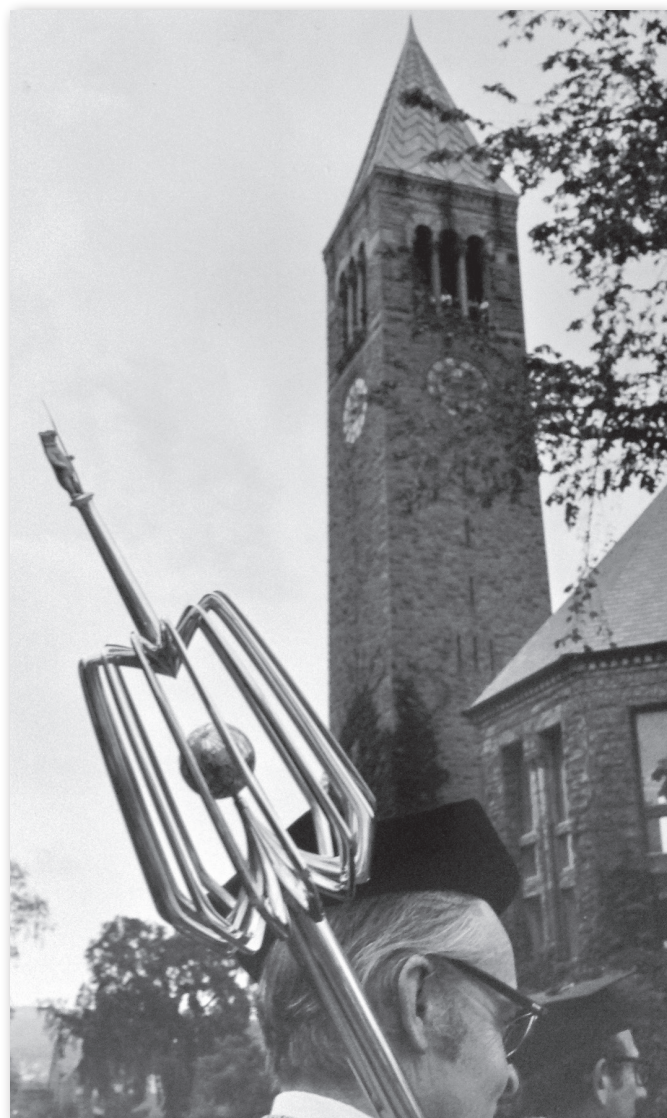
Another Cornell tradition is a refusal to grant honorary degrees. As Earle notes, A.D. White was an early opponent: "He said, 'You earn Cornell degrees. Honorary degrees have become useless and are cheapening college education.'" In University history, Earle points out, "we've only given two—and it was pretty controversial." In the late 1880s, Cornell's second president, Charles Kendall Adams, convinced trustees to award honorary JDs to David Starr Jordan (Class of 1872), the first president of Stanford, as well as to White himself. "I think White took the degree because he thought it would be rude to refuse,



and he was very careful about diplomacy and decorum," says Earle. "He had honorary degrees from other places, but he didn't want them to be part of the Cornell tradition." As Earle notes, Adams's gesture didn't bode well for his future at the University, and the ensuing uproar was one reason he was forced to resign in 1892. "Hundreds of alumni signed a petition saying, 'This is ridiculous—we don't give honorary degrees,'" says Earle. "That was just one of many examples of Adams not being in tune with the faculty, alumni, and trustees."

## A Blow for Knowledge

The University mace is a ceremonial object that symbolically references the ancient weapon after which it's modeled. Commissioned by President Deane Malott and designed in the early Sixties by a member of the Goldsmiths' Guild of London, the mace (according to a description on the University website) "consists of a tapered silver shaft surmounted by a golden terrestrial globe. The silver ribs surrounding the globe symbolize the universality of Cornell's interests and the worldwide affiliations of its faculty, students, staff, and alumni. At the top of the shaft, the Cornell Bear holds an oar." That oar got slightly bent in 1970, when Professor Morris Bishop 1914, PhD '26—then in his late seventies—wielded the mace as a weapon. In what Earle calls "the only time the mace has been used for its actual purpose," Bishop employed the yard-long, fifteen-pound object to successfully fend off a pair of radical protesters who tried to seize the microphone at Commencement. As President Dale Corson reminisced in the *Daily Sun* when Bishop passed away in 1973: "The jab was given in typical Bishop style, with spontaneity, grace, and effectiveness." ▶



**SYMBOL OF AUTHORITY:** The mace being carried in the Seventies.  
Below: A grad and her four-legged friend in 2017.



**At the 1970 ceremony, Professor Morris Bishop 1914, PhD '26, used the mace to fend off a pair of radical protesters.**







## Out of Towners

As the legend goes, you should book your Commencement weekend reservation at the Statler as soon as your child gets into Cornell. But in fact: you shouldn't, and you can't—because the hotel is already filled with trustees and other dignitaries. As Peggy Coleman of the Ithaca/Tompkins County Convention & Visitors Bureau notes, Commencement is the single biggest annual driver of visitors to the area's hotels and restaurants—and in the past, grads' families may have had to stay as far afield as Auburn, Elmira, Cortland, and Watkins Glen. But with the recent construction of several new hotels in Ithaca and the advent of Airbnb, the situation has shifted: Coleman reports that 2017 “was the first known year that all of the lodging properties didn't sell out for Cornell University Commencement, and the typical overflow of guest rooms to neighboring communities did not occur.”

That trend has been reflected in the decline in demand for on-campus lodging, an affordable option in which each graduate can book up to eight single beds in residence halls. (The three-night package, which includes buffet breakfast, parking, and campus shuttles, costs around \$200 per person.) While in the past about 4,000 guests would stay in the dorms, Mabry says, by 2015 the number had dropped to 2,300—and last year, it was down to 1,700.

When it comes to restaurants, Coleman says, “it is the wise senior who finds his or her graduation celebration location months in advance, especially for larger parties.” She points out that for Ithaca's hospitality industry, Commencement has the benefit of offering guaranteed business, year after year. “Guests are coming to see their loved one graduate and are not likely to cancel their visit,” she says. “There isn't the potential to lose the business to an alternate destination, as long as Ithaca is home to Cornell University.”

## Minor Mishaps

Given the scale of Commencement, the number of things that have gone wrong over the years is surprisingly low—a tribute to the staff's meticulous behind-the-scenes organization. Some problems have been solved by planning and rule enforcement: for example, a ban on bringing Champagne bottles into Schoellkopf has eliminated the occasional injuries from careening corks. Inevitably, there have been some youthful hijinks, including some recent grads who inexplicably carted a toilet all the way from the Arts Quad and into the stadium. A couple of years ago, one incurable romantic caused a minor >



**A local tourism official notes that ‘it is the wise senior who finds his or her graduation celebration location months in advance.’**



**CHEERING SECTIONS:** Proud moms in the Eighties (top right) and 2015 (above). Opposite page: New veterinarians happily wave their exam gloves (top) in 2017, and a 2015 grad proffers some bovine bling.





**FIRST DAY OF THE REST OF YOUR LIFE** (from top): Jumping for joy in 2016; a 2017 grad celebrates with family; members of the Class of 1980 are all smiles.



hubbub when he proposed to his girlfriend on the field in the middle of the ceremony. (Says Mabry: "I think she said yes.")

Then there have been the dramas that visitors and grads never saw—like when a golf cart got its pedal stuck, started spinning wildly in a circle, and took out a whole section of chairs that facilities workers had just set up in Schoellkopf. Or when a staffer was running to retrieve a ceremonial donation check from backstage during President Bill Clinton's Convocation speech and nearly got tackled by the Secret Service. Or when workers suddenly heard a massive BOOM while getting the stadium ready one Thursday before Commencement. "It was like a cannon had gone off," Mabry says. "The guys hit the deck. But when they looked around, everybody was fine." The culprit: a rented forklift's huge tire, which had blown. "Sunday afternoon of the same week, KABAM again," Mabry recalls. "It was another tire. Two in four days!" ■



# EZRA

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



## MARRIED PHYSICS RESEARCHERS SHARE LAB, STUDENTS AND THE JOY OF DISCOVERY

***Jie Shan**, left, professor of applied and engineering physics in the College of Engineering, and **Kin Fai Mak**, assistant professor of physics in the College of Arts and Sciences, are experts on atomically thin materials, particularly their optical and electronic properties. They also are married and were recruited to Cornell in late 2017 from Penn State through the provost's Nanoscale Science and Molecular Engineering (NEXT Nano) initiative. They moved their shared lab and joint research group to Ithaca and have been up and running in the Physical Sciences Building since January.*

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**“IT TURNS OUT THAT A SINGLE LAYER OF A CARBON ATOM IS SO CHEMICALLY STABLE THAT PEOPLE LIKE TO USE IT FOR COATING.”**

– Kin Fai Mak

### **How does your collaboration work, and how did it develop?**

**Jie Shan:** We both have Ph.D.s in physics from Columbia University – we met at Columbia – and our research has since branched out into different directions. So some of our projects have had an engineering flavor, and others more of a physics flavor.

In the late 2000s, this new research direction – two-dimensional materials – has become a focus area.

**Kin Fai Mak:** Before that, it was more optics-based research, very focused on developing optical spectroscopy techniques and less on the materials side. We combined the two and learned a few new things along the way in order to study two-dimensional materials.

### **Can you describe your work with these two-dimensional materials?**

**Shan:** These are called two-dimensional, or atomically thin, materials because they are only one, or just few, atoms thick.

**Mak:** It’s a very exciting area. It was only about 10 years ago that people really isolated and identified these materials. Before that, it seemed like a crazy, theoretical kind of thing, for instance, to see a single layer of atoms.

**Shan:** In some old textbooks, people dreamed about what the electronic properties of a single sheet of carbon atoms would be, for example.

**Mak:** Scientific development is a bit like, if you only have the theory, you will run out of ideas quickly. So you need to experiment to stimulate the development of the theory.

Researchers thought single-layer materials would be too hard to see, that they wouldn’t reflect much light. But it turns out that a single layer can reflect almost 100 percent of the light if you do it “correctly,” and so it actually could become too bright to see. There are a lot of interesting optical phenomena happening at this thickness.

These materials have other exciting and counterintuitive properties. They are mechanically

very strong. Research has shown that a single layer of carbon atoms is stronger than steel, for example. And they are extremely good conductors – they may be the best conductors – compared to all the other metals.

**Shan:** This is a new class of materials where you can tailor their properties, because it’s just one sheet, so everything is surface. You can stimulate it, you can do something to it easily. And you can make heterostructures, like a sandwich, putting different things together. You can engineer something that doesn’t exist in nature and with new properties.

### **What are some real-world applications of your research?**

**Shan:** The field is totally open. We are engineering new properties that could be realized by putting different things together: conductors, insulators, semiconductors. And because it’s just one atom thick, it could lead to making anything flexible you can imagine. Flexible electronics, flexible sensors, transparent electrodes for displays ...

**Mak:** It turns out that a single layer of a carbon atom is so chemically stable that people like to use it for coating, for example, for corrosion protection.

### **Did you know it would be a good fit when you were both recruited to Cornell?**

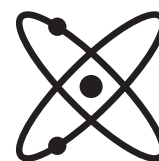
**Mak:** I’m not entirely new to Cornell – I was a postdoc at the Kavli Institute at Cornell for Nanoscale Science from 2012 to 2014. And after that, we started our own lab at Penn State. Then the NEXT initiative came along, and we knew Cornell is one of the top places in doing the kind of research we are doing.

**Shan:** From my visits, I had the impression that people here are very open, it’s very easy to collaborate. The College of Engineering’s applied and engineering physics and the College of Arts and Sciences’ physics department have their labs in the same building, on the same floor.



**“For research, one needs to be a long-distance runner.”**

– Jie Shan



**“... you need to experiment to stimulate the development of the theory.”**

– Kin Fai Mak



It's also to our advantage to have colleagues in two different departments. Now we have two homes, and we look forward to more opportunities to collaborate with colleagues with similar interests.

**Mak:** One of our biophysics colleagues has her office on the same floor as my office. She is working on optics and we are doing optics, so maybe there is a possibility to collaborate in the future as well.

**Shan:** Some of the best collaborations are initiated by students. Our students and postdocs have already made friends with students and postdocs in colleagues' labs, so they already have been talking and trying to work on something together.

**Mak:** We're still new here, so we're still exploring the different possibilities, seeing how we fit in.

**What recent technological advances in your research have changed its potential impact?**

**Shan:** Maybe the biggest thing is targeted transfer – being able to transfer different single- or few-layer sheets from one location to another, to stack them, align them or make them the way you want.

**Mak:** Researchers can now manipulate on a wafer scale a single layer or few layers of atoms in many different materials, not just graphene. If the method could be extended to other more conventionally known ones – like silicon or gallium arsenide – it would have an immediate impact on the semiconductor industry.

**What is something that each of you has learned from the other?**

**Mak:** What I've learned from Jie is, don't stop – keep going.

**Shan:** Yes: for research, one needs to be a long-distance runner.

**Mak:** That's what I got inspired by. There are so many different kinds of people, and some are really doing the marathons. Maybe the most famous example of that marathon run is [Cornell physicist and professor] Hans Bethe; he kept making big impacts for 70 years of his career. Almost every decade, new things came out.

**Shan:** Amazing guy. Every decade, he had some seminal papers.

**Mak:** So it seems that Jie did not learn anything from me. *(laughs)*

**Shan:** *(also laughs)* That's not true! I think we are complementary, not just in terms of expertise, but also in terms of personality. Fai is creative, energetic ...

**Mak:** ... More spontaneous, less organized, that's another way to put it.

**Shan:** I didn't say that. *(laughs)*

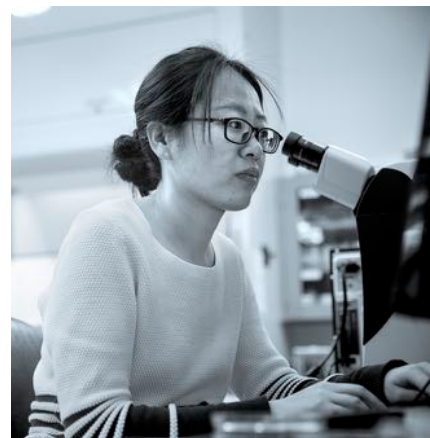


**Opposite page:**

Postdoctoral researcher Shengwei Jiang, front, works in Jie Shan and Kin Fai Mak's shared lab as Mak observes. **Above:**

Postdoctoral researcher Yanhao Tang prepares samples of atomically thin materials in the lab.

**Right:** Doctoral student Zefang Wang searches for single atomic layer samples through an optical microscope.



**What excites you most when you look at the future of your fields?**

**Mak:** With these single-layer structures, we are learning more and more about materials with different functionalities – some are magnetic, some are superconducting. With so many different potential combinations of materials, how can we put them together in a way that can create even more exciting properties?

**Shan:** And there have already been some predictions that when you can do that, new phenomena are expected to emerge.

**Mak:** And often you get results different from the theory, and it's a complete surprise.

**Shan:** As we get to know more about what's going on in other fields, and with other materials, our hope is that we'll be able to maybe utilize, introduce these new elements to research collaborations with colleagues.

**Mak:** We're just trying different things, exploring the territory, and our hope always is that maybe we can see something really interesting or make a completely new discovery.



## The Gancas family gives back to Cornell, together

Cornell matters every day to Robyn Gancas '08 and her brother Jonathan Gancas '14 – you can see it in the office they share at 221 Properties, the real estate company they founded in Austin, Texas.

“Above my desk I have my Cornell degree, and above his desk he has his Cornell degree,” Robyn says.

Both earned their degrees from the School of Hotel Administration, now part of the Cornell SC Johnson College of Business. Robyn used her hospitality education in food and beverage, in hotel work and in finance before joining Jonathan in his single-minded pursuit: real estate.

Cornell also made a deep impression on their parents, Rod and Karen Gancas. Like many Cornell parents, they visited Ithaca often while their kids were in school, falling in love with the campus and city, and also with the friendly, hard-working Hotel School students.



**Above:** The Gancas family celebrates a 2014 graduation. From left, Robyn '08 with her grandmother, Marjorie; sister, Haley; brother, Ian; mother, Karen; brother, Jonathan '14; father, Rod; and grandfather, Ron.



But even after Robyn and Jonathan, the oldest two of their four children, graduated and moved into careers, the positive impression remained with Rod and Karen. When the family decided on philanthropic contributions this year, the Hotel School was at the top of the list.

“We are always looking for causes that mean a lot to us that we can give back to,” Karen said.

With Robyn instrumental in advising them, Rod and Karen Gancas endowed a scholarship at the Hotel School with a preference for a student with a disability. It will be awarded for the first time in fall 2018.

**Left:** Rod, left, and Karen Gancas visit their son Jonathan '14.

**“We are always looking for causes that mean a lot to us that we can give back to.”**

– Karen Gancas

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# CLASS NOTES

NEWS OF FELLOW CORNELLIANS

**44** We received the following note from **Betty Scheidelman** Droz: "After living in a retirement home in Utica, NY, for six years, I decided to move to Naples, FL. John and I had spent 11 winters in Naples and had made some friends who we kept in touch with, and were inspired by the church, St. Williams. I drive to Mass there every day at 8:00 a.m. John has been gone eight years now, but I pray to him every day asking for his wisdom on decisions—and I experience answers! The outdoor pool here is surrounded by fascinating palm trees. I swim nearly every day for 40 minutes. I have also connected with a Cornell alumni club—went to a dance and a cocktail party.

"I had a thorough checkup with a new geriatric specialist. He said my body was in perfect condition, except for a slight elevation in cholesterol! I went to my summer home in the Adirondacks for June, July, and August. However, after four days, I realized it was too much work for me, so I spent the summer getting it ready for sale. It sold well. In September, I went on an African safari. That makes over 70 countries we have visited. I am going to be in a cabaret singing our Alma Mater with **Loren Rosenbach '51**. In February, I shall begin leading a weekly scripture sharing session. I would love to see or hear from any of you. My e-mail is [elizabethdroz@gmail.com](mailto:elizabethdroz@gmail.com)."

We hope you all follow Betty's example and send us a letter at: ♦ **Class of 1944**, c/o *Cornell Alumni Magazine*, 401 East State St., Suite 301, Ithaca, NY 14850; e-mail, [abb83@cornell.edu](mailto:abb83@cornell.edu).

**45** **Dick Allen**, BME '47, is Class of '45, though in the aftermath of WWII, he graduated with a BME in the Class of '47. He moved from Cincinnati two years ago, when his wife of 67 years got dementia and passed away. Now living near his oldest daughter, who is dean of the College of Engineering at Cal State Los Angeles, he finds his new city of Pasadena, CA, beautiful. His son travels the world advising large nonprofits on money-raising.

Dick has nine grandkids and four great-grandkids, and has been blessed with no mentionable physical problems except, "What was your name again?" This winter he gave up downhill skiing, after last winter's happy times around Lake Tahoe, at the suggestion of his kids, who advocated "quitting while you're ahead." He seldom watches TV, but reads a great deal of science magazines, biographies, and other nonfiction. Moving into a fine senior home that houses 220 other aging folks is a challenge, but seems to be working out. In Pasadena, there is a lot of chamber music, his favorite sound after some years as president of the Cincinnati Chamber Music Society a while back. His only constant companion since his wife's death is a smart, affectionate black cat named Spider. He has been retired for about 35 years, but does some volunteer work and stays fairly busy with that, reading, and regular hour-long visits to a gym.

Thanks, Dick, for e-mailing us with the news. Let me hear your news. ♦ **Julie Kameron** Snell, 3154 Gracefield Rd., Apt. 111, Silver Spring, MD 20904-0806; e-mail, [julie.k.snell@gmail.com](mailto:julie.k.snell@gmail.com).

**46** President **Lloyd Slaughter's** letter, which you received recently, outlined which money, donated to Cornell or to our class, goes where, and appealed for your generous response. I will respond generously, and hope you will too.

Lloyd finished his letter with an invitation. "I enjoyed fulfilling my promise to attend '47's 70th Reunion if they attended our 70th. Class of '47 president **Peter Schwarz**, who audited our Reunion in 2016, was impressed by **Bob Nist's** video of V-12 days. I was impressed by their efforts to welcome me in 2017. Bob, our Reunion chair, and his committee are preparing an assault on 75th Reunion records. The first target: '41's record of ten classmates returning, set in 2016. Please join me in making history on the Hill."

His invitation increases my determination to exercise and increase my chances for making the big event. I hope you guys live on and live well, stay "alert and alive for seventy-five," and show up in record numbers to reward Lloyd for his fantastic leadership. There is a side benefit to Reunion. It's our infusion of optimism and Cornell spirit from contact with Lloyd every five years.

Several months ago, CAM editor **Alexandra Bond '12** asked if I knew of non-varsity sports back in the day. I vaguely remembered having written about the commando course and "fat boy," but failed in my computer search for the story, as did Alex in her search. Undaunted, I labored through all my old columns from 1996 onward. I e-mailed Alex: "Eureka, I found the 'fat boy' reference. It was in my column for May/June 2007." But her article had already been printed for CAM's recent March/April edition. Therefore, here's that wonderful story from my '07 column:

"We heard from **John Eustis**, recently widowed, who sings and flies. In good weather he pilots a Beechcraft Bonanza. In all weather he sings with a prominent barber-shop quartet and serves as chairman emeritus of the Easton, MD, Airport Board. John remembers Cornell's commando obstacle course and its demanding director, Georges Cointe. Cointe insisted all his charges give maximum effort, particularly out-of-condition heavyweights. He was famous for goading them with a French accented cry of, 'You can do eet, fat boy!' John served in the WWII European theatre as an L4 Piper Cub pilot for artillery fire direction. When the fighting got sticky, his unit's rallying cry was Cointe's, 'You can do eet, fat boy!' John later discovered the cry was common wherever Cornellians were dispatched as artillerymen or Army Air Corps crew." Then, I discovered that PiLam pledge brother **Bob Levin** (deceased in 2001) was the first, or an early, target for Cointe's famous expression. Later, "fat boy" was one of the code names for the bomb dropped on Hiroshima.

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. ♦ **Paul Levine**, 3273 Streamside Cir., #S-202, Pleasanton, CA 94588; tel., (925) 201-7575; e-mail, [pblevine93@gmail.com](mailto:pblevine93@gmail.com). Class website, [classof46.alumni.cornell.edu](http://classof46.alumni.cornell.edu).

Since I have not heard from any '46ers recently, I decided to make a few phone calls. It was a good idea.

I did leave some phone messages and have not heard back from these calls, but did find two at home on a Sunday afternoon and early evening in February. When I spoke with **Rayma Carter** Wilson, she sounded great and was pleased that I called. I had not talked with her for over two years. We reminisced about teaching Home Ec and its omission in today's curriculum. However, some schools are including both that and shop again, and also some vocational courses. That is good news. Rayma said that she is now housebound, but has an aide to help her and has visits from a therapist. She also told me that she was able to attend a memorial service at Kendal for **Carolyn Usher** Franklin, who had died in November 2017. This was sad for me to hear. Carolyn had attended our 70th and it was wonderful to see her. Rayma and Carolyn often visited each other and always called each other on their birthdays.

**Elizabeth "Betty-Stuie" Stuart** Wells wants everyone to know that she is alive and well, but that her husband, Howard, died last winter, after 56 years of marriage. The column that appeared in the Jul/Aug '17 issue indicated that both she and her husband had died. Elizabeth's daughter sent the correction, and it was the first thing that Elizabeth told me when we spoke. I can understand this! She was so pleased to speak with me. We must have talked for an hour covering many subjects. She said that her eyesight is very bad now, but her bachelor son shops and cooks for her. Wonderful. She has three living children and is grateful for those married years. ♦ **Dorothy Taylor** Prey, 1 Baldwin Ave., #501, San Mateo, CA 94401; tel., (650) 342-1196; e-mail, [dmprey@aol.com](mailto:dmprey@aol.com).

**47** We hope you have responded to the annual News and Dues mailing from our class. Haven't paid class dues yet? Go to: <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/classes/>. When you're done, head over to <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/> to share your news. Whether it be a growing family, a recent move, or a newfound passion, we want to hear about it! ♦ **Class of 1947**, c/o *Cornell Alumni Magazine*, 401 East State St., Suite 301, Ithaca, NY 14850; e-mail, [abb83@cornell.edu](mailto:abb83@cornell.edu).

**48** Our 70th Reunion is a big event for our class, June 7-10, 2018. Since this column has a February 15 deadline, there will be no news of the event in this issue, or the next for that matter. So I hope you will be there in person to enjoy all the activities!

I will start this month's column with another response I have had to my suggestion that classmates share with each other how Cornell changed your life. **Barbara Cole Feiden** writes, "Cornell changed my life in many good ways, but none more than meeting my husband, **Barry '49**, to whom I was married for 67 years until his death in October 2016. Then, too, Cornell prepared me for a demanding, constructive, and happy work life that included a summer internship with the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, during which I organized a union local. A great experience."

**Janet Cramer** Hillelson had the misfortune to fall off her bike when she was riding home from exercise



class last winter. She broke the tibial plateau in one knee and subsequently had surgery to put a plate in. Her son, Wayne, reports that she went into rehab in Boca Raton and was doing well when he last talked to her. (Your correspondent had visions of pretty unusual bike riding in the winter until I hit the Boca Raton part!)

**Margaret Smith Brown** provided a thorough report from her current hometown of Lincoln, NE. Her husband, **Albert**, PhD '51, died last year and she finds herself with

dried up, and the mill is long since gone. The tunnel is now an access to the top of Ithaca Falls and the base of Forest Falls. From the end of Willard Way, a narrow trail leads down a shale cliff to the tunnel opening. Emerging at the other end, one enters the gorge, the top of Ithaca Falls on the right, the bottom of Forest Falls at left. From the top of Ithaca Falls, the city is laid out below, on the shore of Cayuga Lake. The Stewart Avenue bridge tops the shale cliff above.

## 'Nancy de Groff had a lifetime career as an interpretive naturalist.'

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a lot of "catching up" to do. On the political side, she finds Nebraska completely controlled by Republicans, which has required some adjustment for a person who grew up in Washington, DC, and has known Hillary Clinton from the time she worked for Save the Children. "Still waiting to see if Trump does anything I like," she writes. "At Cornell, freshman English class had a great impact on me (*Hamlet* and *Bleak House*), as well as **Arthur Allen 1908**, BA 1907, PhD 1911, and Paul Kellogg's Ornithology class. I have been almost all over the world (except the Far East)—Africa seven times, New Zealand, Australia, and South America. For book reading, I just read *Prairie Fires* and particularly like *The Invention of Nature* about Alexander Von Humboldt, a predecessor of Darwin. Again, it was freshman English that got me started. As to old Cornell friends, I think about **Patricia Hayes O'Brien**, one of my roommates whom I last saw at the 60th Reunion."

**Lucy Woodruff** Groh is the Class of '48's pioneer in Alaska, having left the surroundings of the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus in Bradenton, FL, for the northern-most reaches of the US a few years after her graduation. She and her attorney husband settled in Anchorage, raised a family, and have been active in Alaska politics. She has recently moved to the Anchorage Pioneer Home, where she depends on her computer to help manage her affairs and communicate with friends. That is, once she got it back operating after being "hacked" so thoroughly in 2017 that she had to abandon her old computer for a new one. She misses old college friends and particularly two, now deceased, sorority sisters/roommates, **Clarine Capuzzi** Hall and **Margaret Wilharm** Tuttle (wife of your correspondent, who has been a friend of Lucy's since our wedding). Lucy would love to hear from the fourth, **Tolita Irwin** Logan. Send news to: ♦ **Ray Tuttle**, 65 Oyster Reef Dr., Hilton Head Island, SC 29926; e-mail, RayTutt@aol.com.

**49** Ezra's Tunnel is closed! The tunnel, which was for many the entrance to a beautiful place to swim or just to enjoy the experience of the gorge it opened into, was for others a death trap that claimed the lives of two Cornellians.

The 220-foot-long hole is located above a 15-story drop over Ithaca Falls and below the foot of nearby 25-foot-high Forest Falls, which flows into a rocky pool. The crude tunnel was blasted by gunpowder through 200 feet of rock by a crew assembled by Ezra Cornell in 1830. A dam was built to divert a stream of water to flow through to power the mills that lined the gorge below. The dam is now crumbling, the tunnel has since

The pool at the base of Forest Falls has strong currents beneath the surface and is a seductively dangerous place to swim. Although it had been legal in the past to enter the tunnel and the gorge, swimming in the pool is outlawed. Five people have been rescued within the past two summers. In 2011, **Kendrick Castro '11**, the day after receiving his diploma, drowned as he waded toward Forest Falls. **Winston Perez Ventura '22**, an incoming freshman, was sucked under the pool last August during the final week of the pre-freshman program. Although there was some opposition to the closure, the Ithaca Common Council in December voted to block access to the tunnel, with the university footing the bill to erect a 16-foot stainless steel and galvanized steel barrier. Within the barrier is an Ithaca Fire Dept. lock only accessible to emergency responders.

For some of us, this is the first we have heard of the tunnel! Its existence was unknown to many of us in the Class of '49. Did you know of it? Had you explored it? Did you swim in the deadly pool? Since there were no warning signs, such as there are now at many of the gorges, it would surely have been an exciting enticement on a warm spring day! Do tell us about your adventures on and about our magnificent campus.

Attention, classmates! When you send in your class dues, do include news of your doings. Remember, no news is too big or too small! We are all interested in you and what you have to say. Please write, e-mail, call, or contact the *Alumni Magazine* office with your news! ♦ **Dorothy "Dee" Mulhoffer** Solow, 50 Grant St., Wellsboro, PA 16901; e-mail, winspeck@yahoo.com; tel., (570) 948-9107.

**50** Thanks to classmates who sent us news, and especial thanks for those who discovered the ease of communicating with us via e-mail. We prefer e-mail because it's getting difficult for us to read some handwriting.

**Charles "Pete" Cole**, PhD '57 (State College, PA; pete cole846@comcast.net) reports that except for a cruise out of Baltimore with wife Emma-Jean, his life in retirement hasn't changed much. He said that **Bob "Bud" Hollands** was the first person he met at Cornell. That was a surprise to me because Bud and I were first-year roommates in the one-story wooden buildings that were hastily built south of the library after several two-story recycled Navy barracks on Kline Road burned just prior to our arrival on campus. Bob was a good ole boy and a fine roommate. Pete and Bud met again in 1954, when they were just out of the Navy. When Pete was asked

what he would do with a day on campus, he said that because he uses a cane, and his wife a wheelchair, it would have to be much flatter.

It's been six years since we last heard from **Walt Spalding** (North Olmstead, OH; walterspalding@att.net). He is retired after 61 years as an attorney. His wife, Rae, insisted that they go to the island of Hawaii for a time to see how he could handle it. While in Hawaii, his daughter did an Ironman race while Walt and Rae served as greeters of participants and spectators at the Kona airport. The adjustment gradually worked and after seven months he returned home to the reality of the snow and ice of the Cleveland area. He now enjoys taking college courses, working on family genealogy, and visiting with friends and family. As have many of our classmates, he reported that Prof. **Clinton Rossiter '39** had the most influence on him.

**Nancy de Groff** (Morrisville, VT) enjoys visits with new and old friends and wishes to hear from former campus friends. She stays mentally active in her retirement community participating in a history club, playing bridge and poker, and teaching for a local nature club. She says that Ornithology professor **Arthur Allen 1908**, BA 1907, PhD 1911, had the greatest impact on her—probably a reason she had a lifetime career as an interpretive naturalist. She happily reports that when her campus roommate, **Martha A. Parker**, passed away two years ago, she willed property at the southern end of Canandaigua Lake to the Nature Conservancy.

**Margery Westlake** Clauson (Alpine, NY) stays physically fit by hiking nearby wilderness trails 16 miles southwest of Ithaca, but wishes she could climb a ladder to pick fruit in an orchard. Her youngest grandson is back in college after a year working in France and New Zealand. She would like to hear from **Claire Zwart** deRoos, her four-year roommate. Margery mentions Dr. and Mrs. Arthur Pratt as having the greatest influence on her.

At age 99, **Ken Dehm** (Batavia, NY; kdehm3@rochester.rr.com) is probably our oldest classmate still on this side of the grass. Ken was born in 1919 and grew up on a subsistence farm east of Syracuse. He took vocational courses in high school, graduated in 1936, then worked for the Grange League Federation. While working in Ithaca he became acquainted with Cornell, but dismissed the idea of ever going to college, much less Cornell. The day after Pearl Harbor he enlisted in the Navy and served four lucky years in the Atlantic and Mediterranean on a seaplane tender loaded with dangerous explosive fuel. After discharge at age 26, he and 16 other vets went back to East High School in Syracuse to take courses needed for college admission. On campus, he was a member of Ho-Nun-De-Kah honorary fraternity. After graduation, he had a productive career in several companies as controller and in other management positions. Ken married Teresa Tretter, a high school classmate of mine, and over the years I have enjoyed his company at my high school reunions.

News from **Bob Post** (Mantoloking, NJ; chiefpost@comcast.net): Back in 1949 the Cornell 150-pound crew won the Ivy League championship. On that crew with Bob were Class of '50 members **Larry Christensen**, **Carl Ullrich**, **Paul Zimmerman**, and **Dick Elmendorf**. They had a crewmate named **Norm Baker '49**, who became a world-class sailor, pilot, and adventurer, best known for serving as navigator for Thor Heyerdahl's epic balsa raft voyages across the Atlantic in an attempt to demonstrate that the Americas had been settled by voyagers from Egypt or Morocco. At age 89, Baker died in a crash while piloting his private plane from Windsor, MA,



to Pittsford, VT, to meet family. As a tribute to Norm, Bob and Carl, with **Chuck Warren '51**, MBA '52, were glad they were able to attend Norm's funeral. Norm's obituary appeared in the *New York Times* on Sunday, December 3, 2017. (See the Class of '49 column in the March/April issue.) ♦ **Paul Joslin**, 13731 Hickman Rd., #4207, Urbandale, IA 50323; tel., (515) 278-0960; e-mail, phjoslin@aol.com; **Patricia Carry** Stewart, 2613 North Ocean Blvd., Gulf Stream, FL 33483; tel., (561) 278-5387; e-mail: stewart@aol.com.

**51 Alfred Blumstein**, PhD '60 (Pittsburgh, PA) wrote: "2017 was the 50th anniversary of an event that transformed me from an engineer into a criminologist (1951 was the first graduating class in Engineering Physics, and I came back five years later for a PhD in Operations Research). Even though I confess that I know nothing about crime, I was recruited in 1966 to lead the Task Force on Science and Technology for Lyndon Johnson's President's Crime Commission, whose report was published in 1967. So little was known about crime or the criminal justice system at the time that it provided a fascinating field for an operations research missionary that led to the Stockholm Prize in Criminology in 2007, chairmanship of the Justice Department's Science Advisory Board from 2010-14, election to the National Academy of Engineering, and a fascinating career as university professor of urban systems and operations research, including over seven years as dean of what is now the Heinz College of Information Systems and Public Policy at Carnegie Mellon U., where I went emeritus in 2016."

**Bob Siegfried** (Cincinnati, OH) sent me an article published in the *Cincinnati Enquirer* this year, which reported the following: "The Greater Milford Area Historical Society has been given a painting by acclaimed local artist Enno Meyer called 'War Dogs' . . . and Administrator Donna Amann couldn't be happier. Two German shepherds standing over a wounded World War I soldier are depicted in the painting by Meyer, who began building his reputation as an artist to watch by photographing Native Americans and exotic animals at the Cincinnati Zoo in 1895 and 1896. The [Greater Milford Area Historical Society] is honored to receive this significant work of art," Amann said. "Many people who visit Promont [Museum] are particularly interested in the society's art collection, and we are pleased to expand the offering with this gift." The 'War Dogs' painting is a gift from Bob Siegfried and his daughter, Caroline Siegfried, distant relatives of Meyer by marriage. "My father recently decided to review his art with the intent of finding new homes for some of the pieces. In the process, he rediscovered the painting," Caroline Siegfried said. "After researching the work and the artists, he wanted the art to return to the Mulberry area, where it was initially created, so together we contacted the Greater Milford Area Historical Society and offered the painting as a donation. We were very pleased that the society graciously accepted our gift."

The article continued: "Born in 1874, Meyer was a photographer, painter, sculptor, etcher, and illustrator. He began his photography career as a boy working in his father's photography studio in downtown Cincinnati. While a student at the Art Academy of Cincinnati, Meyer began to photograph animals at the Cincinnati Zoo. According to Project MUSE, "Young Enno Meyer's unexpected connection with American Indians began in June 1895, when over a hundred Cree men, women, and children from Montana were abandoned by a failing Wild West show

and ended up stranded in Bellevue, KY. The Cincinnati Zoo stepped forward and invited the band of Cree to set up their camp on the zoo's wooded grounds.' There, the Native Americans put on Wild West shows until they made enough money for train fare back to their home in Montana. The Cree shows were so popular in Cincinnati that the zoo brought in a group of Sicangu Lakota Sioux from South Dakota in 1896 to perform their own Wild West shows. It was during these two years that Meyer photographed Native Americans. Meyer would go on to specialize in painting pictures of horses and dogs. The Cincinnati Museum Center has a collection of his work. Meyer was a dog breeder, and served as a judge at the Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show held annually in New York City."

**James Loveland** (Rochester, NY) wrote: "This is hardly news since it happened 67 years ago, but I was reminded of the event while reading **Paul Joslin '50's** column in the Jan/Feb issue of CAM. No, I don't read the columns for all of the years; however, my wife, **Carol (Smith)**, was Class of '50. It was September of 1950 and I was in Chicago visiting friends when I must have been driving too fast. At least, that's what the policeman said when he pulled me over. He was writing a ticket and said I would have to take it to the courthouse the next day, when I said I had hoped to be on the road headed back to Cornell. He looked up, smiling, and informed me that his nephew went to Cornell. We had a very pleasant chat and he wrote his nephew's name on a card and gave it to me. I had a hunch from things he said that we weren't quite on the same page, and I didn't mention Ithaca. He tore up the ticket and sent me on my way. I'll never know for sure, but my guess still is that his nephew went Cornell College in Iowa." Please send your news to: ♦ **Brad Bond**, 101 Hillside Way, Marietta, OH 45750; tel., (740) 374-6715; e-mail, bbond101@suddenlink.net.

**52** I wondered why I had no mail. I had asked for your thoughts on reaching and passing 85, the age of the "Old Old." Then I realized that while I wrote and submitted that on December 15, 2017, you wouldn't see (read?) it until the March/April 2018 issue. It is now February 15, and if I haven't lost you, that, I hope, is the only reason I haven't heard from you.

That explains the short column. However, I do have two pieces of old, "reaching-its-first-birthday" old news. From the mailbox: **Trudy Serby Gildea** (Columbus, MS; gables12@cableone.net) wrote that she was very busy with the Suzuki string orchestra she founded in 1980. She was trying to raise enough money to take 15-20 young musicians to Carnegie Hall on June 23, 2017. They had been invited as one of four groups chosen nationwide for the annual Viennese Masters Orchestra Invitational. Trudy has been a widow since 2009 and had this to say about her husband, **Ray '46**: "He was a geography professor and loved teaching in the South because many of his students had never traveled very far from home and were unaware of the world. He taught until he was 75 and retired in 1978." The Gildeas' youngest grandchild is in Engineering at Cornell, the only one of their four children and nine grandchildren to become a Cornellian.

When she wrote, Trudy was keeping busy with a thrice weekly exercise class in which all the ladies were at least 80. Five were in their 90s. They helped each other with "encouragements and compliments." Trudy's other thoughts: "I will be 88 this coming October (2017) and am still grateful for my four years at Cornell, which helped

me to have a group of friends that have been lifelong and uplifting in so many ways. I am especially looking forward to seeing them at Reunion. College friends are so special because they remember you (me) over a long period of time—how we have grown and developed in a life of many accomplishments and meaning." I'm happy to report that Trudy was at our Reunion last June.

The final item came without any sender information. It reads, "Still a nut farmer—chestnuts, walnuts, hazelnuts, and pecans. It's my primary occupation and gives my golf game a bit of help." The guess is that it is from **Donald Ross** (Fulton, NY), who is, as far as we know, the only tree farmer in our class. ♦ **Joan Boffa** Gaul, joangaul@mac.com. Class website, classof52.alumni.cornell.edu.

**53 Caroline Mulford** Owens, **Bill Gratz**, and your humble correspondent declared themselves a quorum for a '53 class meeting at Philadelphia's Marriott Downtown hotel during the annual midwinter Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC) on Groundhog Weekend. Some plans for Reunion at the Statler emerged, as well as the decision to hold the line on class dues. Dues help with the overhead, which includes events, reduced Reunion costs, and other good works, such as our Class of '53 Tradition Fellowship and the library.

Thanks to the vivid imagination and willingness to donate time and energy of Caroline and repeating co-Reunion chairperson **Dick Halberstadt**, this upcoming Reunion shapes up as another five-star attraction. Fifty-three will tour the Libe's history of witchcraft exhibit. Prez Martha Pollack will appear and converse. **Jack Brophy** and the approximately triple quartet Cayuga's Waiters of the Fifties will reprise favorites with which they broke the generational silence of our bright college years. More old and new friends will be present for a '53 class meeting in Ithaca at our 65th, June 7-10. Homecoming will be early this year—the weekend of September 21-23, with gridironing vs. Yale—followed by the weekend of October 5-7 with a reunion of 1948-52 football players, family and friends, and football vs. Harvard.

**Art Harre** of Fishers, IN (outside Indianapolis), submits, of upper octogenarianhood, "Not as agile as I used to be" in the Big Red backfield, "but still get around as long as there is a bench/chair every 50 yards or so. Still play golf a little. My five kids have produced—so far—13 grandkids, who have produced—so far—three great-grandkids." Harre, leader of Pat Filley's unbeaten freshman football team of '49, warmly remembers the highly regarded Big Redders of '51, who ran afoul of Princeton—Dick Kazmaier '53, Cornell 15—then Columbia, 20-21, in the snows of Schoellkopf. Rose Bowl champion Michigan was heavily favored next, but soundly trounced, 20-7, you may recall. That, and an overnight train ride to Ann Arbor in '52. The Wolverines did not forget their Ithaca trip. They managed a 49-7 vengeance. But it's still all time, Cornell 12 wins, U. of M. six.

A photo of Art appears on page 39 of the 1953 *Cornellian* yearbook. He is seated in the cockpit of a T-33 jet trainer during AFROTC summer camp at O'Hare AFB in 1952. We were treated to sample rides. It turned out the undersigned was not a tiger. Many problems may be solved by following recently declassified military secrets as follows along with photos of some hot birds, which came here via e-mail from Art.

- Never fly in the cockpit with someone braver than you.
- The difference between a co-pilot and a jet engine: the engine stops whining when the plane shuts down.
- Bravery is being the only one who knows you are afraid.



—Flashlights are tubular metal containers for the purpose of storing dead batteries.

—Everyone wants peace and they will fight the most terrible wars to get it.

**Clarice “Recie” Miller** Scott still plays tennis, but she and Jim are no longer world travelers. She wishes all hands a super 65th, but when last in touch was expecting not to make the 65th. They will be missed. Going through memorabilia not so long ago, she was reminded of how good the old days on the Hill were.

A notable note of thanks to the class arrived from **Sofian Albayati ‘21**, our ‘53 Tradition Fellow, amid customary midwinter inclemency. He was born in Middletown, CT, to a mom who was born in a small city near Casablanca and a dad who was born in Baghdad. The senior Albayati studied engineering at the U. of Baghdad. He was sent to Germany to study weapons for Saddam Hussein. Back in Iraq during the Gulf War, he fought in the invasion of Kuwait. He was captured in Saudi Arabia by the US Army and shipped to the US as a refugee. He became a machinist in Middletown. Sofian is a Biological Science major. He hopes to attend dental school and has been interning with a dentist for experience with root canals, extractions, crowns, and fillings. He visited family in Morocco last summer, where he taught English to young children.

From **Julian Aroesty** (Lexington, MA): “I have a special request. I have lost my Cornell 1953 yearbook. I have access to a high-fidelity digitizer and would like to make a full digital copy of the yearbook, if some kind soul would lend me the yearbook for just a few days, after which I would return it and make a digital copy available to anyone in the future.”

A gem of a class notes offering reached my desk for this edition. It mentioned birding in various states to admire the local ornithology and learn more about the states where they nest and flutter. Only two words were missing: the writer’s name. If you’re the person and come forward (see below, please), you can be part of a column and be recognized. ♦ **Jim Hanchett**, 300 First Ave. #8B, New York, NY 10009; e-mail, jch46@cornell.edu.

**54** From our intrepid Reunion chairs, **Dave**, PhD ‘60, and **Mary Gentry Call**, I received the following bulletin: “We write this in February snow—you read it in May blossoms! Our 65th Reunion is only a year away; the dates are June 6-9, 2019. Put that on your calendar now, please! Our headquarters will be—at last—the Statler! We have waited many years, but now our 65th will be in the Statler, right in the middle of Reunion activities. You also will be able to stay in a nearby motel (as in previous years) or in a small block of rooms back at Mews dormitory. We give you these choices to provide a price range for rooms.

“We will offer some things we have had before: van or bus transportation to and from motel or dorm and to every event, and also back and forth to our headquarters. Some things will be new to our 65th; you will read more about these in future columns. Our main message is that we want to see you there! We want to set a record for classmate attendance at a 65th Reunion. The record is now held by the Class of ‘52 with 61 classmates. We want you to know we expect 65 or more at our 65th!”

Your correspondent would like to add a small suggestion to Mary and Dave’s message, and that is to please think about your transportation to Ithaca. In years past I have just jumped in the car and six hours later I was on campus. That might not be a good idea in a year’s time.

Soooo, **Jan Jakes** Kunz and I have already prevailed upon my son, **Andrew Reed ‘90**, to be our chauffeur from here to the Hill. No last-minute task for Andy, as he lives in Santa Rosa, CA. Start looking at transportation choices, as we know Ithaca is not a transportation hub.

I thought you might enjoy the following from *periodicals*, Vol. 7, Issue 2, 2017. I thought enough of it to print it in its entirety: “**Russ Skelton Jr.** lived a life of travel, adventure, and generosity. And he credited CALS with getting him started on his way. ‘He was always proud to be a graduate of Cornell,’ said Bonnie Renzi, Skelton’s partner for his last 16 years. ‘His education gave him the advantages and the knowledge he needed to move forward in his life. For that he was very grateful.’

“Even as a child, Skelton knew how to stay busy. He collected stamps, had a paper route, worked at a soda fountain, and spent his summers at his grandparents’ 64-acre farm in Michigan. It was there, while hoeing and weeding and cleaning the chicken coops, that Skelton’s interest in agriculture first bloomed. When he visited Cornell’s campus as a prospective student, the first person he met was the chair of the agriculture department. By then Skelton had already decided he wanted to learn more about the business of farming. At the time the agriculture department was just beginning to develop an agricultural business program, and Skelton was among the first handful of students enrolled in the new curriculum.

“That business education inspired him to pursue banking, a career that spanned more than 40 years before he retired in 1996 as senior vice president of Wells Fargo. But immediately following his graduation from Cornell, he embarked upon a parallel career with the US Army. Skelton served seven years on active duty and an additional 31 years in the reserves. He often taught military tactics at the US Army Command and General Staff College in Leavenworth, KS, advancing to the rank of full colonel. In July he was buried in Arlington Cemetery with full military honors. Military life instilled a great love of adventure and travel in Skelton, and that took him to all seven continents and every port a cruise ship could reach. He saw the Taj Mahal, the Sydney Opera House, and Milford Sound in New Zealand. In 2001 he met his partner, Bonnie, on a cruise ship bound for the Panama Canal, and together they spent their time roaming the world, cruising the Yangtze River, and climbing the Great Wall of China. Ever a stickler for details, Skelton kept track of every trip. By his tally he took 140 vacation cruises over a total of 2,146 days.

“During all that time, however, he never let his love of travel get in the way of his military service. One of Skelton’s cruises was interrupted when the Army tracked him down on the ship because they needed his help for an assignment. His dedication to service was a crucial part of Skelton’s character. Whether it meant helping a homeless veteran find housing and employment, or covering the cost of putting a neighbor with dementia into a nursing home, Skelton was always ready to assist people in need. So it’s not surprising that he left behind a generous \$1.1 million estate gift for the college to endow both a fund that supports the advancement of digital agriculture and a dean’s discretionary fund. ‘He wanted his money to go to a worthy cause that might make a difference in future generations’ lives,’ Bonnie said. ‘And he knew donating to CALS, with all its research, might make a difference whether future generations eat well or not.’ ♦ **Les Papenfus** Reed, leslejreed@me.com. Class website, www.classof54.alumni.cornell.edu.

**55** We appreciate **Bill Doerler**’s efforts to stay in touch with classmates—and to encourage them to stay in touch with each other! “I often see that classmates are reconnecting and writing about it,” Bill says. “I myself have a practice of calling my old friends at least monthly.” In order to spread the good word, Bill is initiating a “virtual reunion” program. So if anyone would like to connect with a classmate, teammate, frat brother, or sorority sister, just contact Bill at wdoerler1@aol.com. He uses several sources of information to locate these classmates and says, “I can generally find them!” **Hal Fountain** sent Bill a message notifying him of the death of **Roger Harrison**, who lived in Lyndonville, NY. A friend had contacted Hal’s son to say, “Roger Harrison was your father’s college roommate at Cornell. He was a fellow agriculture teacher from Barker, NY, a mentor for me, and a tremendous individual who I called a friend. His positive influence will impact people for decades.”

Nice to hear from **Marcia Willemen** Sutter, who writes, “We went all over the world when my husband retired. The greatest trip was being able to live in New Zealand for a year when my husband got a fellowship to do research there. We were able to explore much of the South Pacific.” And now? “I’m not so mobile anymore, but hope to try a cruise or two. We have a family house in the Adirondacks, so we enjoy our family get-togethers there with our four sons and their families.” **Barbara O’Connor** Kenny says her after-graduation plans were to work as a bacteriologist in the chemotherapy department of Hoffman LaRoche. Part of her graduation experience, the same for most of us, included the fact that “it rained early and graduation was held in Barton Hall.” Not all was academically oriented, however. Bobbie remembers “sneaking pure alcohol out of the organic chemistry lab and making ‘alci-Cokes’ in the dorm.”

Before **Emilyn Larkin** Jakes retired, she was a high school librarian, “which required me to computerize several libraries from 1995 to 2011.” **Samuel “Skip” Salus** remembers his best trip: a safari trip to Tanzania and Kenya. As he plans his next venture, Prague, Budapest, Singapore, and Bangkok are high on the list, “if age allows!” Skip says that what he enjoys most these days relates to “my caring and loving wife and our joint venture in the twilight of life.” The main reason **Elizabeth “Libby” Milliken** Klim chose Cornell was to attend “an Ivy League school with a BFA degree in an architecture college, plus the opportunity to take teaching courses and cross register.” Libby and her husband, Bernard, live in Mattapoisett, MA, and have been “happily married for 65 years.” She’s teaching art at the local Council on Aging. They live in a modernized, winterized home—the same one that Libby spent her summers in from age 9 to college.

**Malcolm Whyte** was asked to what degree he’s entered the IT age, and he replied, “Two years ago I succumbed and got a cell phone—a flip phone!” (He adds, “It still confounds me.”) Wow! What a pioneer! Mal and Karen live in Mill Valley, CA, and he has two books in the works. He’s also involved in fundraising and kibitzing for/with San Francisco’s Cartoon Art Museum and creating art exhibits with material from their collections. **Bob Leader**’s response to the same IT question was, “C-plus at best.” So some of us (I include myself) are coming on board slowly. Bob remembered that Cornell invited several students from Albany High School to visit in their junior year. “We stayed in dorms, ate at our guides’ fraternity and sorority houses, and fell in love with the campus.” Nowadays, Bob enjoys getting the children and 17 grandchildren together (as many as



can attend) on cruises, on islands, at a summer home, or in Mexico.

**Gerald Gordon** muses on his reason for choosing Cornell. "I was born and raised in Ithaca, and Cornell was always a goal of mine. For ego reasons, I applied to a number of other universities and was accepted by all, but Cornell was always in my heart. I was exposed to worlds I knew little about, and ended up as president of the Cornell Dramatic Club, as well as starring in front of the famous Cornell Big Red Band. When I'm not actively working in some phase of show business—acting, directing, producing—I have taught acting, and over the past 60 years have auditioned over 75,000 people for acting classes. No blood children, but these have been my children—and some have done extremely well, winning an Oscar, a number of Tony Awards, and loads of Emmys. As my longtime friend **Larry Phillips**, BEE '57, reminds me, we're still above ground and working. What a blessing that I'm able to continue working in the field that I've loved all my life." Jerry is working on two film scripts that are getting good results. Keep us updated! ♦ **Nancy Savage** Petrie, nancysavagepetrie@yahoo.com. Class website, classof55.alumni.cornell.edu.

**56 Charles Dorman** (Austin, TX) and wife Ann just returned from a river cruise on the Rhone in France, which was followed by a few days spent in Paris. They are busy in their community with church activities and teaching religious education to fourth graders. "We have a wonderful circle of friends that enjoy happy hour food and drinks in the great town of Austin." **Dick '53** and **Peg Jones Halberstadt** celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in February in Grand Cayman with their three children and spouses, as well as three of their grandchildren. Peg writes, "I'm sad to report that classmate **Sue Sylvester** Teunis died last September." Peg fondly remembers that Sue was the first person she met at Cornell, as they had rooms next to each other in Dickson.

**Bob Day** was honored posthumously as an Anacostia River Hero in D.C./Maryland. The honor was accepted by Bob's loving wife, **Diana (Motycka) Roy Mitchell**, having been a private international lawyer in 35 countries for 50 years, is now semi-retired, but serves as a mediator and arbitrator for JAMS, resolving disputes in their worldwide offices. Roy's wife of 60 years died in 2014 and he's now remarried to a longtime family friend, each with three children who grew up with them and stood up for them at their wedding ceremony.

**Judith Jankowitz** Gura (Jersey City, NJ) published her eighth book, *Postmodern Design Complete*, in November, which was listed by the *New York Times* as one of the best art books of 2017. She has no plans to retire and was going to begin work on her next book this spring. She writes, "My only change is that I've stepped down from my position as a professor of design history at the New York School of Interior Design, which leaves more time to get to museums and gallery exhibitions."

We received this note from a classmate whose name was not included on the form: "I'm busy managing coop buildings in Greenwood Village, traveling, and getting over the flu. Spent time in January in Barbados with grandchildren and on the St. Bart with my wife. We're enjoying our new young grandchildren, ages 4 and 5. Special to have young ones at our age." If this is your news, please drop us a line to let us know!

We are sad to report the passing of **Eli Abeles** in January. Eli was born in Munich, Germany, and raised in NYC. He loved good food, good wine, and traveling abroad, and will be dearly missed by his family and friends.

Seen at my knitting store: **Ricky Gebiner** Chatman's daughter, Wendy, a fabulous knitter like her mother. Seen at the Blue Fin Restaurant: **Barbara Barron** Starr, husband Bob, and me. Vacationing in Panama was our class Reunion chair, **Carole Rapp** Thompson, and family. From **Roberta Karpel** Silman, a new venture: Campden Hill Books. Their first book is a novel by Roberta, *Secrets and Shadows*. Send news to: ♦ **Phyllis Bosworth**, Phylboz@aol.com.

**57** Our president, **Betty Starr** King, reports that the CALC meeting in Philadelphia in February (the city was alive with Super Bowl anticipation) went smoothly. In attendance, in addition to Betty, were **Dori Goudsmit** Albert, **Connie Santagato** Hosterman, **Bert Grunert** DeVries, **Bill** and **Jan Charles Lutz**, **Ed** and **Adelaide Russell Vant**, and **Christine Zeller** Lippman. At the Saturday morning class meeting, a number of ideas for a class project were kicked around, with one rising to the level of possible execution. Details are sketchy until a number of entities sign off on it. A little intrigue might stimulate some conjecture!

**Elizabeth Hollister** Zimmerman is an honorary fellow in the botany department at the U. of Wisconsin, currently working on a Wisconsin reference book while painting birds as time allows. She and Jack got to spend three weeks last fall birding in Australia. He still works part time in San Diego, and Elizabeth continues to study forest plots in northern Wisconsin. As you may remember, her father, S.C. Hollister, was dean of Engineering during our stay on the Hill. Her wish list includes learning Spanish well enough to speak it, more time to play the flute, and visiting Ithaca again.

**Karen Anderson** Mahshi is keeping ultra-busy serving on the board of numerous organizations. She is president of the Concord, CA, Rose Society and a board member of the Mackham Regional Arboretum Society, Diablo Valley Macintosh Users Group, and the Northern California Unit of the Herb Society, which presented her with an award for the artistic use of herbs on the quilts she designs and makes. Send news to: ♦ **John Seiler**, suitcase2@aol.com.

**58** With no news notes in hand to write about on this round, we'll just put in the final word for Reunion. Everyone should have received registration materials by early April and hopefully filled them out and sent them in, anticipating a great time together during June 7-10.

Why come? There's nothing like a 60th Reunion to catch up on good old times and to make some new memories. There will be sights to see on the new/old campus. There will be much to hear about from old friends and new ones and from Cornell leaders of this day and age. There will be good food and drink, shared not only in our large lounge and under our own tent at Mews Hall, but in the new Klarman Hall (under good old Goldwin Smith—you've got to see it to believe it!). And there will be other gathering times and places around the campus, including the songs and cheers at Cornelliana Night, and yet we'll still have plenty of relaxing times at our modern and nicely laid-out residence.

Our Reunion co-chairs report their pleasure with the numbers of returning '58ers whom they've heard from already, well before registration materials were sent out. Check our class blog at <https://58at55th.wordpress.com> to keep up on latest news, the most important of which is **Chuck Hunt's** winning of the **Bill Van-neman '31** Outstanding Class Leader Award, given at

our February CALC meeting in Philadelphia. Congratulations, Chuck!

So, last pitch: COME! Call others to join you and your classmates and friends for a great 60th. We hope to see you there. ♦ **Dick Haggard**, richardhaggard11@gmail.com; **Jan Jarvie**, janjarvie@gmail.com.

**59** "This year has sure been a bumpy ride, but tonight I will level it all out by conducting a medley of Armed Forces songs at the Santa Barbara Symphony's New Year's Eve Pops Concert," said **Bob Weinman** on the last day of 2017. "The caissons will roll along to the shores of Tripoli while the anchors will be aweigh, as we soar into the wild blue yonder of 2018." Bob assured folks that he wouldn't be singing, but the audience would have song sheets, as part of a tribute that all could be part of.

"I'm happy to report that at 80 I've become a grandfather for the very first time," writes **Svein Arber**; his daughter, Gyda, gave birth to a boy, Richard, in early December. Svein's novel, a *roman noir* entitled *Jumping to Conclusions*, is available as a Kindle edition on Amazon; a paperback version, as well as digital editions on other e-book platforms, are expected to be out this spring. "If Charles Dickens had not already taken the title, this novel could have been called *A Tale of Two Cities*, for it takes place in New York and San Francisco. The story begins in 1962 and ends in 1984—a period when we of the Class of '59, and my novel's narrator, were seeking to make something of ourselves." Back in 1976, Svein co-authored a book about baseball, *Seasons Past*, which came and then went, virtually unnoticed. However, last year it suddenly received a laudatory review on a marvelous website, the National Pastime Museum, dedicated to educating the public about the history of baseball

## Register Now for our 60th Reunion



### June 7-10, 2018

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

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and the people who influence the game. "It's terrific that the Internet has made it possible for any writer to make his or her work available to the world at large," says Svein. "I have absolutely no expectations that my fiction will receive much recognition, but my literary dabbling has certainly provided me with a satisfying way to navigate through retirement. And to keep my literary works alive, I've created a humble home for them, Big Tree Books, here in Northampton, MA."

In December, Tata Consultancy Services, chaired by **Ratan Tata**, BArch '62, announced a \$50 million investment in Cornell Tech. The investment includes a significant gift for the first phase of capital development on Cornell Tech's Roosevelt Island campus, as well as support for collaborating on technology research and expanding K-12 digital literacy programs in NYC. In recognition of the gift, Cornell Tech inaugurated the Tata Innovation Center, which houses companies collaborating with faculty and students. "Our new partnership with Tata Consultancy Services will drive innovation at Cornell Tech and help the campus reach its full potential for education, research, and societal impact," said Cornell President Martha E. Pollack.

In January, **Charlie Weissman**, BCE '62, and **Harvey** and **Mary Goodkind Freeman** were among several Cornellians who went to Melbourne, FL, to celebrate **Lenny Edelstein**, BA '61's 80th birthday. "Family and friends came from near and far, and the weekend event included boat rides, cocktails, and dinners—all informal and wonderful fun," recalls Mary. "Lenny has been the organizer of fraternity and Cornell friends' gatherings for many years. Though the fraternity, Phi Alpha, no longer exists, having been absorbed into ZBT, the friendships have lasted."

In early February, **Alan Rosenthal** and **Bill Day** attended the Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC), which was held in Philadelphia. "The overarching theme of the event seemed to be working to encourage philanthropy among alums, and students for their future roles as alums. Not just big-bucks donations, but donations of any amount to show loyalty," writes Bill. "The big issue is that Cornell is in last place in the Ivy League in percentage of alums who donate, and also in last place in the Ivy League in endowment per student."

Bill is among classmates whose memories were jogged by the feature on physical education in the previous issue of *Cornell Alumni Magazine*. "My favorite memory was the swimming test, where the instructor used me as an example of how not to swim! I could swim, and still do at our beachfront condo in Cape May, NJ, but my swimming was not considered to be 'good form.'" **Carole Kenyon** recalls Latin dancing and an instructor who "ran us through a total body workout." Carole continues to take great pleasure in talking with Cornell applicants, and during the winter months enjoys programs and activities at the Cornell Club of Sarasota-Manatee.

Upon her return to New Jersey at the end of March, Carole returned to working with two groups in Union County that help refugees. "Last fall, shortly before leaving for Florida, I had an ESL session with a man who had to translate a brief biography from French into English. How exciting to later read about him in an article in the *New York Times*!" Carole also planned to become involved in the campaign of **Lisa Mandelblatt '86**, who is running for Congress in New Jersey's 7th District. **Carl Leubsdorf**, who graduated with honors with a degree in Government, then earned an MS with honors in journalism from Columbia, also remains involved in politics, but from the standpoint of a highly

respected journalist. The former Washington bureau chief of the *Dallas Morning News*, Carl remains a frequent contributor to the newspaper. And his columns are syndicated, with the result that I occasionally see them up here in Bethel, CT. ♦ **Jenny Tesar**, jet24@cornell.edu.

**60** A small but intrepid group of your class officers braved the threats of a snowstorm and the flu epidemic to attend the Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC), held in Philadelphia in early February. **Sue Phelps Day**, ME '62, **Linda Jarschauer Johnson**, MS '63, and **Don Milsten** were there in person, and nearly all of the other officers participated in the conference call discussing our 60th Reunion, now just two years away. Plans are taking shape—please put the Reunion dates, June 4-7, 2020, on your calendars! A Reunion directory of classmates will be edited by **Gail Taylor** Hodges, assisted by **Phyllis Pugatch** Schecter; send an e-mail to Sue Day at spd6@comcast.net if any of your contact information (name, mailing address, e-mail, phone number) has changed since the last directory. **Alan and Ellie Ross Garfinkel** (elg222@aol.com) will be affinity chairs, offering information about your friends in various groups (fraternities, sororities, etc.) so that you can plan to join them at Reunion. **Bill Flanagan**, **Jack Keefe**, and **Jan Van Heiningen** will again be in charge of hospitality—i.e., food and beverages—and **Carrie Warnow** Makover will keep our class website ([www.cornell60.org](http://www.cornell60.org)) updated with details about the plans. This coming fall, **Ginny Seipt** will arrange a repeat of the very successful fall luncheon held last October at Sardis in New York for classmates in the metropolitan area, including Connecticut and New Jersey, which had an excellent turnout. Contact [ginnyseipt@gmail.com](mailto:ginnyseipt@gmail.com) if you are interested in attending this year.

A lengthy December article in the *New York Times* featured **Peter Ten Eyck** and his Indian Ladder Farms, a 300-acre property near Albany that has been in the family for five generations and is now run by Peter, along with his son and daughter. During the eight-week apple harvest season in the fall, the farm is extremely busy, making apple pies, cider, and donuts for sale, while hosting busloads of schoolchildren coming to learn about growing apples and hordes of customers planning to pick their own. As the article pointed out, however, it is also a time when long hours are spent by Peter and his small staff dealing with federal inspectors who make repeated visits to check the farm's compliance with migrant labor rules and the Fair Labor Standards Act, which sets pay and other requirements for workers, and doing the reams of necessary paperwork. Though Peter and his fellow farmers acknowledge the value of such rules, which are designed to ensure a safe food supply for customers and good working conditions for employees, they find the process of demonstrating compliance burdensome and, says he, often "disruptive" at the busiest time of the year. The *Times* reports that Peter is now "transition[ing] into retirement" after several decades of leadership; his children will manage the farm.

**Susan Cowan** Jakubiak helpfully sent along news of several classmates with whom she keeps in touch, including **Ted Donson** and his wife Marvel, who live in Ossining, NY, "though we do not see each other as much as I would like," says Susan. "I have met **Anita Lesgold** Belman, MS '61, **Carrie Makover**, and **Bobbie Spelman** Josepher in NYC several times. Carrie says she will retire this spring and be more available for such meetings. Anita still has a weekly pediatric neurology clinic in New York. I am also

in touch with **Phyllis Winter** Feingold, who is a traveler supreme! If anyone proposes a trip somewhere, she has her toothbrush and suitcase at the ready." Over a year ago, Susan joined the Transition Network, an organization for women over 50 intent on staying active, which has numerous chapters around the country. Each chapter hosts events like luncheons with notable authors, and special interest groups that focus on such activities as discussions of books or current events, walking or hiking excursions, day trips, and volunteering for support organizations. Susan now belongs to three groups arranged by TTN, saying, "I would join more, but three is all I can handle. If anyone is interested in my experiences so far, e-mail me at [scj8@cornell.edu](mailto:scj8@cornell.edu)." You can also check out the website: [www.thetransitionnetwork.org](http://www.thetransitionnetwork.org).

As a memorial to their mother, **Ruth Bierman** Linnick, an enthusiastic traveler who died in early 2017, her children have established a travel grant in her name to help female Cornell undergraduates in the College of Arts & Sciences who have limited means to travel during academic breaks. If you'd like more information, contact her son, **Mitch Linnick**, MILR '94, at [mitch.linnick@gmail.com](mailto:mitch.linnick@gmail.com).

By now you will have received a letter from Sue Day, which describes the various class projects our treasury supports and requests that you renew your class membership. Please re-up soon and also send news about what you are doing these days to: ♦ **Judy Bryant** Wittenberg, [jw275@cornell.edu](mailto:jw275@cornell.edu).

**61** A very successful CALC and class meeting were held in Philadelphia, February 2-3. Attendees from our class were: class president **Dick Tatlow**; Reunion co-chairs **Pauline Sutta** Degenfelder, **Carol Gittlin** Franklin, and **Jim Moore**, LLB '64; class advisors **Marshall** and **Rosanna Romanelli Frank**; past president **Peter Greenberg**; and webmaster **Larry Wheeler**. The class meeting focused primarily on early planning and staffing for our very important 60th Reunion in 2021. The Reunion theme will be "Great Journeys." **Jon Greenleaf** has designed the 60th Reunion logo, which is posted on the top of our webpage, and our Reunion co-chairs have begun assembling a team of volunteers with areas of responsibility listed under each co-chair. Pauline notes: "I am grateful to this team for once again being willing to share their talents to provide our classmates with an extraordinary Reunion experience. Although 81 percent overall of those surveyed after our 55th Reunion were satisfied, there were several opportunities for improvement, particularly in transportation and housing. These areas will receive extra attention." Programs and Entertainment: Survey respondents cautioned against overscheduling at the expense of social time. We Reunion chairs are interested in your thoughts. Please answer this question: If you had to choose one activity, such as entertainment or lecture, what would it be? Please send your suggestions to Pauline at: [pdegenfeld@aol.com](mailto:pdegenfeld@aol.com).

**Ted Rauch** (arauchjr@comcast.net) sent along an update from Philadelphia: "I am excited to report that my grandson Jackson Rauch, who lives in Prescott, AZ, will be a member of the Cornell Class of 2022 this coming fall. Another reason for me to get to Ithaca more often. I am finally retired after 50-plus years in the investment business, still living in Rosemont, PA, and I see fellow Psi Upsilon **Scott Holmes '62**, **Geoff Worden**, and **Jeff Odiorne '62** on a regular basis. On frequent trips to NYC, I get together with classmate **Frank Cuzzi**, MBA '64, as well."

A Class Note arrived from **Jeaniene Comfort** Eisenberg ([jce2@lehigh.edu](mailto:jce2@lehigh.edu)). She and husband Bennett reside



in Bethlehem, PA, and she wrote, "My diagnosis of chronic lymphedema has been life-changing. Finally, after years of asking why a leg was swollen like that and why I had tingling in my hands, there is an answer that would have been different had I known years ago that I needed to drink more water, among other things. This is not covered in medical school? I would welcome input from those in the medical field on this subject. Also would like to hear from **Mui Yee Ho '62**, **BArch '66**, **Fran Shapiro Ivker**, **Suzanne Oparil**, **Dolores Furtado '60**, and **Jean Richards Unger**."

**Richard Berkowitz** is in the news again, being selected by the *American Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology* for inclusion in "Giants of Obstetrics and Gynecology." A link to that article follows: [http://www.ajog.org/article/S0002-9378\(16\)30048-5/pdf](http://www.ajog.org/article/S0002-9378(16)30048-5/pdf). Citing the innovations of his career, the article highlights his early acceptance into the Peace Corps in Africa and a subsequent stint as a general surgeon and ob/gyn in a mission hospital at the foot of Mount Kenya. Looking back on his career, he is sorry about only one thing. "What I regret at this point in my life is that I'm not going to be around for the next 50 years, because there are so many groundbreaking things being developed at the interface of genetics and our field. I've lived through an amazing period in the history of our specialty, but I think what is coming will be even more exciting."

Peter Greenberg, previous class president, sent the following: "Sorry to be the bearer of sad news, but our classmate and my Tau Delta Phi fraternity brother **Peter Sitkin** passed away after a battle with pulmonary disease. We first met on the bus to freshman camp (was it Sky Lake?) in 1957, and we remained close all this time. Elke and I had planned to visit him in California next month, but it wasn't meant to be. **Harvey Meranus** and Peter were friends for over 70 years." I have included below extracts from the obituary published in the *Sonoma Index-Tribune*, January 12, 2018. The full text is posted on our website ([www.cornell61.org](http://www.cornell61.org)) under "In Remembrance." "Peter Sitkin became a public service lawyer when the practice was relatively new. He worked serving people unable to afford legal aid and successfully argued a case before the US Supreme Court establishing the right of welfare recipients to receive a hearing before the termination of benefits. He graduated from Cornell and Columbia Law School with honors, then moved to California to join the Peace Corps in San Jose prior to joining Bay Area Legal Aid."

Recently we had several Facebook posts from **Lars Aanning**, **Bob Everson**, and **David Kessler** mentioning our freshman camp experiences. David posted a group photo of Sky Lake Camp on our Facebook page, "Cornell Class of 1961." David also posted the comment, "My recollection is that Sky Lake was located in Windsor, NY (pop. 916), about 60 miles from Ithaca, not far from Binghamton. My parents put me on a Lehigh Valley RR train in Hoboken and eight hours later I arrived in Ithaca (30 miles per hour . . . stopped in every town in Pennsylvania en route). We probably then took a bus to Windsor after reporting to campus orientation counsel."

Think forward to June of 2021! Meanwhile, help build the momentum by sending your news, particularly good news, to us. Keep your notes and e-mails coming. ♦ **Doug Fuss**, [dougout@attglobal.net](mailto:dougout@attglobal.net); **Susan Williams Stevens**, [sastevens61@gmail.com](mailto:sastevens61@gmail.com).

**62 Al Leitch** ([leitch@moore.sc.edu](mailto:leitch@moore.sc.edu)) "really enjoyed seeing everyone at our Reunion." (Only four more years until the next one!) Since retiring from

academia, Al has become an artist; you can view many of his paintings at [alleitchart.com](http://alleitchart.com). Paula and Al live in Lexington, SC. Pittsford, NY, is home to Bob and **Karin Nielsen McNamara** when they're not using "planes, trains, and automobiles keeping up with family and journeying to those old favorite places."

Notes from the class officers' teleconference in January: **Frank Quirk**, MBA '64, commented that the general plan for our 60th Diamond Reunion would be to have special events such as those at the 55th Reunion (class artists exhibit, the Johnson Museum showing of the class photography collection, the Blanchards' Re-Fire workshop, and the class symposium). The dates for the Reunion are June 9-12, 2022. Mews Hall and the Statler are likely headquarters facilities for the class. An overall communication plan for the next five years will be developed, including utilizing e-mail over the next three years, followed by print newsletters in 2021 and 2022. Facebook may also be used. Snail mail may be used periodically to ensure that we don't lose people along the way. The 2018 newsletter will be published online in the spring. Contact **Alan Flaherty** ([alanflaherty@fuse.net](mailto:alanflaherty@fuse.net)) with your thoughts. **Judy Prenske** Rich advised that the class would continue to gather donations for the class gift fund, although no donations are planned for this year.

**Rich Alther** ([richalther@msn.com](mailto:richalther@msn.com)) was interviewed by Suzanne Lang of NPR out of San Francisco for his latest novel, *Roxie & Fred*. The half-hour program can be accessed under "News" on either [richalther.com](http://richalther.com) or [roxieandfred.com](http://roxieandfred.com). "I refer to **Jane Brody** Engquist's *New York Times* column last year, which underscores my story of a woman in her 80s. Jane writes, 'Many people in their golden years still have sexual urges and desires for intimacy that go unfulfilled . . . It is not talked about . . . There is a need to normalize this topic.'"

**Don** and **Carol Juran** had a busy travel year, with three trips to Europe, two to Chicago, and one to Ithaca. The European trips were to Brussels and Poland to celebrate their son's wedding. Back home in Rockville, MD, Don began his 20th full season managing the CoStars in the county senior co-ed softball league, and his 15th season as commissioner of the league. Domestic travel highlighted the year for **Dale** and **Marion Krause Benedict '66**. They enjoyed a week cruising the Columbia and Snake rivers, followed by a visit with family in Portland. Dale has been a member of the ski patrol at nearby Alpine Valley, MI, for 53 years. Summer finds him sailing; he placed in three races of a six-race series.

**Dick Stern** reports with great sadness the death of **Joe Meyer '63** on October 23, 2017. Dick and Joe were childhood friends and roomed together at Cornell with fellow Pi Lams **Don Sladkin**, **Bill Chipin**, **Peter Schuck**, **Bob Blank**, **Lee Michaels**, **Mickey Langsfeld**, **Zach Fluhr**, **Bob Pritsker**, **Marty Krasner**, and probably others. Joe was married to **Carolyn (Gottlieb) '63** for 54 years and left three lovely daughters, two of whom, **Jennie Meyer Wolfenson '87** and **Cindy Meyer Bryton '89**, are Cornell grads. They have seven wonderful grandchildren.

Condolences to past class president **Ruth Zimmerman** Bleyler ([rbz3@cornell.edu](mailto:rbz3@cornell.edu)) and Pete on the loss of their daughter, Tracy, to cardiac arrest last fall. She was very active in Special Olympics in a number of sports. She represented the State of Virginia twice as a figure skater at the international games, winning gold medals each time. In 2007, she represented New Hampshire as a bowler on Team USA for the Global Special Olympics

games in Shanghai, China. Send your news to: ♦ **Jan McClayton** Crites, [jmc50@cornell.edu](mailto:jmc50@cornell.edu).

**63** Our 55th Reunion is only a month or so away from the time you are reading this. I do hope you are planning to attend. **Joanne Jordan** Davenport, our Reunion chair, is hard at work. The dates are June 7-10. **Dick Clark** is working again as the affinity group coordinator. This may be too late, but Dick wrote, "Your individual willingness to assist, or assist again, in contacting members of a group to which you belonged during campus days would help assure another successful Reunion. Collectively, the Class of 1963 CAN meet the university challenge to achieve the largest percentage of 55th Reunion returnees in Cornell history." Dick's contact information is: [cureunion55@aol.com](mailto:cureunion55@aol.com).

I love it that **Vivian Grilli** De Santo remembered to send me a copy of her Christmas letter. It's full of news, and I think it would be great if there were others who would remember to do the same thing. For Marty and Vivian, family activities took up a lot of 2017. In April, Vivian reports, "I again ran the Italian tent for our Parish Festival. I also spend lots of time each month volunteering at the new performing arts center in downtown (Wilmington, NC) and doing my Welcome Wagon calls (900-plus last year). I try to get to the gym two or three times a week when bridge and several clubs don't interfere. I have been a P.E.O. for a year—any sisters out there?" (Yes, Vivian, I am one too.) Marty is planning on having both knees replaced in 2018 so he can get back to the golf course eventually. Good luck, Marty!

**Joe Stregack**, PhD '70, and several classmates met February 2-4 in Philadelphia for the Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC). The speaker at Friday's lunch was **Vik Dewan '76**, who is president of the Philadelphia



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Zoo and who spoke on the "Art of the Possible—Realizing the Impossible." He provided stories and insight on how he has managed change and done more with less at the Zoo.

I know that Steve and **Marjorie Walker** Sayer are spending the winters in Sarasota, FL. Friends of Warren's and mine from Racine, WI, days have met the Sayers and had dinner with them in February. What a fun, small world! **Jim**, MD '69, and **Christine Newton Dauber**,

than our class. Now that's scary. Cornell built a new Tech campus in NYC. How about a Cornell retirement home in Florida!

"Luckily (wife) Nora and I are still active and in good health. Nora usually walks four miles a day and represents Fyzical to doctors who can refer patients for physical therapy. We both enjoy travel, going to D.C. every six weeks to be with three grandchildren, and living in our condo/town home on South Beach, Miami, FL. We are

We had fun visiting, rowing, meeting football teammates, and going to lectures, art exhibits, the bird sanctuary, Beebe Lake, and more! At each Reunion, I met several new classmates I didn't have the privilege of knowing from 1961-65. During all conversations, we were transported back in time remembering fun and fellowship. You learn about someone new or something new about someone you already knew. I also read the Obit column and have lost several classmates I was close to—**Joe Ryan**, **Duke Grkovic**, and **Dan Krez**, ME '66. Many in our class have had close calls with medical issues and harm. Let's not miss an opportunity to gather again in friendship. Plan on being at our 55th Reunion. I'll be looking for you." Thanks, Lou, for your wonderful comments!

**Bill Vanneman Jr.** (Lexington, MA; [williamvanneman@yahoo.com](mailto:williamvanneman@yahoo.com)) writes that he is concluding a 40th-plus year in gastroenterology in Winchester, MA. He also spends much time in Ludlow, VT, where the skiing has been great this year. Bill exclaims, "Granddaughter **Elizabeth Klein '18** will be graduating this spring, 115 years after her great-grandfather, **Charles Reeve Vanneman**, in the Class of **1903**."

**Pat Williams** is a new member of our class council and relates the following news: "I retired from the New York State Judiciary at the end of 2013 and have continued teaching trial advocacy as an intensive course at various venues throughout the country and every other semester at New York Law School. Teaching teaches the teacher as well as the students, and I've enjoyed it for 40 years. I also exercise with a personal trainer at the Harlem Y and my home fitness center. New endeavors include archery and target shooting and learning to tango!" Pat's travels over the years include Scotland, Greece, Turkey, Sicily, Australia, and New Zealand with the Cornell Alumni Assn. "Class reunions in 2015 and Law School reunion in 2017 constitute powerful reminders of how vital life in our 70s and beyond can be."

Do consider buying a copy of **Phyllis Weiss** Haserot, MRP '67's ([pwhaserot@pdcounsel.com](mailto:pwhaserot@pdcounsel.com)) book, *You Can't Google It!: The Compelling Case for Cross-Generational Conversation at Work*. You can find it on Amazon and in bookstores. If you'd like to be invited to a book signing or launch event, contact her via e-mail. She'd enjoy reconnecting with classmates.

Congratulations to **George Arangio**, MD '69 (Fogelsville, PA; [casarangio@aol.com](mailto:casarangio@aol.com)), who received the 2017 **Lou Conti '41** Lifetime Achievement Award, along with **Mark Allen '74**. This award recognizes former members of Cornell's football program, who, as a player, coach, team manager, or special friend, have demonstrated a genuine commitment to the Big Red football program through their support, leadership, and service over an extended period of time. Go to <https://cornellfootballassociation.org/cfa-awards-about-day/> to see photos and narrative. There are many of us who know firsthand of George's dedication to Cornell football over the years and recognize his contributions to the university council since his election in 2015.

Cornell Alumni Assn. and Cornell's Adult University trips have been enjoyed by various classmates over the years. George and his wife, Judy, were most recently in Portugal and Spain. I have traveled to Russia, Vietnam, and Cambodia and in February 2018 journeyed to Morocco. All terrific trips with interactive, interested alumni. We all took deep dives into learning about the culture and success and challenge of peoples in diverse cultures.

Living currently and happily in a rural valley in California is **Bill Brothers** ([bill@hsiforanimals.com](mailto:bill@hsiforanimals.com); Ojai, CA). Bill writes that their home was completely surrounded

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LOU FERRARO '65

**Neil Kochenour**, MD '69, and Warren and I also met in February to see the movie *The Post*. Following that we had dinner at our mutually favorite restaurant. Jim and Chris divide their time between Portland, OR, and Tucson, AZ. Neil gets up to Big Sky, MT, during the summer.

Warren and I are doing just fine. We're driving to Indian Wells, CA, in early March to attend a few days of the Indian Wells Tennis Tournament. We go early in the tournament, so we don't see all the big names playing, but we can watch all the top seeds practicing each day. They have a computerized sign board that announces where and when each player is practicing. This is our third trip to see this tournament. Gorgeous weather and a fantastic updated venue make it a perfect way to spend a few days.

Would you believe that I am completely out of news from classmates? Please write or e-mail me with your news; otherwise there won't be a Class of 1963 column in the Alumni Magazine for the first time in the 20 years that I have been writing it.

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**64** It's getting harder to get enough class news to fill our column's designated space. As a result, I'm concerned our allotment will get squeezed. So I've decided to take initiative in two manners. One is thematic, like we did in our last column with its focus on classmates who made careers in show business. For example, I might build a column, or portions of one, around classmates who had careers in astronomy. Or biochemistry, or politics . . . whatever.

Another approach I'm taking is to quote entries at some length, quite longer than I've used in past columns; so don't be shy detailing what you've been up to. A good example is the following from **Ted Weinreich**: "When I first started reading the Alumni Magazine Class Notes in the 1960s, the earliest entries were from the Class of 1901—63 years older than our class. Now the oldest entry is from the Class of 1942—22 years older

so lucky to have one child and grandchild living 20 minutes away from us." Ted had previously revealed that they moved to Florida in '05 to be near them.

He adds, "I have just finished volunteering for an initiative to change the Florida Constitution on the November 2018 ballot so that former felons, once they have served their sentence, parole, and probation, will automatically get their civil right to vote restored. I also volunteer at the Frost Museum of Science that includes a 500,000-gallon aquarium and a planetarium. In 2016-17 I did solo travel including: to Cornell's Shoals Marine Lab to 'take a bite out of Appledore'; to Curaçao to snorkel and take a bathyscaphe trip 1,000 feet under the waves; and with Smithsonian Journeys to the Galápagos, Machu Picchu, and the Peruvian Amazon. I also continue to make an annual gift to our JFK funds, as well as other Cornell recipients."

Another example comes from **Marshal Case** in Shaftsbury, VT, who is very busy since he retired many years ago. Now he is both president of and a full-time volunteer at Mennen Environmental Foundation. Marshal writes, "My wife, Joanne, one of five board members, works with me as we guide our 'intelligent conservation' approach to funding (and engaging with) currently 15 conservation science/environmental education nonprofit organizations. Joanne and I enjoy managing our farm in southwest (corner of) Vermont for sustainability, and focus on 'farming for wildlife' to provide habitat variety for neotropical migrating birds." Marshal adds that he and Joanne also spend more time kayaking in the islands of coastal Maine.

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](mailto:blamont64@comcast.net). Class website, [www.cornell1964.org](http://www.cornell1964.org). Class Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/groups/cornell1964>.

**65** We've received an excellent message from **Lou Ferraro** ([ferrarojr@aol.com](mailto:ferrarojr@aol.com)) that I will quote almost exactly, as we draw nearer to our 55th Reunion in 2020.

"I remember classmates as they were both at Cornell in the '60s and at the Reunions we attended together.



in December 2017 by the largest wildfire in California history. "Some homes were lost, but most, including ours, were spared. Fully retired after closing my company last year, I spend much of my time building and maintaining trails for the Ojai Valley Land Conservancy, where I also serve on the board of directors. It's a fine organization dedicated to preserving in a wild state much of the valley's watershed, as well as providing outdoor recreational activities to our community and its visitors. We keep a home in Ithaca and spend most of the summer and fall there."

Thanks to all who have sent in news and keep encouraging others in your Cornell friendship group to share their stories! And please pay your Class of '65 dues: <https://alumni.cornell.edu/alumni-life/classes/>. Happy spring into summer days. ♦ **Joan Hens Johnson**, joani.pat@gmail.com; **Steve Appell**, BigRed1965@aol.com.

**66** Congratulations to **Stephanie Lane Rakofsky** (rakofskys@gmail.com) who, as she said, won the double jackpot when she was honored with the Distinguished Alumni Award by Barry U. (where she earned her master's in social work in 1981) and then found her picture on the cover of a local magazine with a full feature of her life's story inside. The DAA was a lifetime achievement award, "for dedicating her professional life to helping those in need," said the president of the university as she bestowed the award in front of a gathering of over 400 alumni and friends. Stephanie also shared some more recent good news, as her youngest son (of five) was married in Detroit this past fall, with **Andy** and **Andrea Riger Potash** in attendance.

**John Cobey** (JCOBEY@ctks.com) has been practicing law with his firm for 50 years. He is also creating a pro bono law firm for the homeless. John's son David graduated from Princeton (cum laude), received his MBA from Columbia, and works for Amazon. John's son Max graduated from American U. (magna cum laude) with a master's in finance and has started a company that employs 35 people in India. John's wife, Jan Frankel, actively practices law. The person John says most influenced him at Cornell was Ag school professor J.P. Hirtle.

**Ronni Barrett** Lacroute wrote, "I have not had a chance to take a vacation or indulge in any hobbies other than gardening and yoga since I sold the winery in October 2016, because all the local nonprofits want to meet with me on the assumption that I now have so much free time. I hold meetings almost daily at my home in Oregon wine country, and I talk to leaders in the arts, education, social justice, social services, humanitarian work, animal rescue, hunger relief, and so forth doing a lot of brainstorming and problem-solving, as well as financial support for programs. It's become a full-time job! I guess it keeps me young, and for fun I go out to theater or concerts about three to four nights a week, usually with a young artist as my companion since I offer them free tickets through Facebook posts. I have met many very talented emerging artists that way."

**Jeanne Brown Sander** (EBS17@verizon.net) wrote that she and husband Tom were in Europe for a total of three months this year. Their first trip started at the Cornell Hotel Society European Regional Meeting in London in June, before they spent a week discovering the fascinating islands of Malta and Gozo; then they returned to London to celebrate their granddaughter's third birthday on the Fourth of July before returning to the States. The second trip again started in London, then moved on to Madrid, from where they took a tour to Lisbon that included a one-week cruise on the Douro

River in northern Portugal. At the end of the tour they visited classmate **Hermann Jenny** and wife **Susan (Blair) '65**; they have recently retired from running a B&B in the Drôme region of France to Cascais, on the coast just north of Lisbon. From Lisbon, the Sanders flew to Hamburg, Germany (from summer to winter in three hours), where they joined a meeting of Int'l Map Collectors and visited the new Elbphilharmonie Concert Hall in its first year of operation. The Germany visit ended with a few days in Berlin, which has changed so much since her first visit on a Cornell Hotel tour in summer '65. We saved the best part until last! They returned to London, where daughter **Kristin Sander Urhammer '99** presented them with their third grandson the day after they arrived. They enjoyed a delightful three weeks there with the family of four before returning to the D.C. area, where two more grandsons reside.

In November, **John**, PhD '70, and **Meg Warne Monroe, MS '68**, hosted **Bob '65** and **Mary Jansen Everett** for the "Big Game" (Cal-Stanford). Bob and Mary are collecting "rivalry" football games, and wanted to compare the Big Game to Ohio State-Michigan. He writes that they had a lovely weekend showing them around Northern California. **Larry** and **Nancy Huxtable Mohr '67** joined for a glass of wine the following day. As Larry said, "The memories come flooding back." Says John, "It was fun to be together with classmates." John indicates that **Nick Zettlemoyer's** lovely wife, Jan, wrote from Houston that they were fine during Hurricane Harvey: "Never lost power, and didn't experience any flooding." They escaped the holiday panic by heading off to Cabo San Lucas for a few weeks before Christmas. John and Meg maintain busy schedules. He played a lot of euphonium and trombone last fall in between Blue Diamond board meetings. The family almond orchard has been a continuing source of delight, and they are grateful for last winter's wet weather. They are also grateful for the technology that lets them often see and chat with their two little grandsons living in Britain. Send news to: ♦ **Susan Rockford** Bittker, ladyscienc@aol.com; **Pete Salinger**, petersalinger95@gmail.com; **Deanne Gebel** Gitner, deanne.gitner@gmail.com.

**67** **Stephen Johnson** (Missoula, MT; synapse@bigsky.net) is a special volunteer in neuro-virology at NIAID at Rocky Mountain Laboratories in Hamilton, MT. Grandson Ishaan is now 4. Stephen would like to be skiing more and would like to hear from **Doug Yoder '69** and **Robert Pine, MS '69**. He recalls that Donald Kagan, in Ancient History, and Irby Lovett, in CAU Ornithology, had a great impact on him. **Cynthia Cohen** (Los Angeles, CA; ccohen@glaserweil.com) is "still trying cases in business disputes." After 16 years at Paul Hastings LLP, she joined Glaser Weil Fink Howard Auchen & Shapiro LLP as a litigator. She recalls Walter LaFeber and Walter Berns as having the greatest impact on her at Cornell.

**Jeff Benjamin** (Nyack, NY; jeffbnj@gmail.com) is senior VP and general counsel at Avon Products Inc., as part of the executive and legal teams in support of Avon's international mission of empowering women. He's enjoying five grandchildren, his daughter, **Lily Benjamin Maissen '00**, and his son, Ross. Jeff also recalls Donald Kagan, long since departed for Yale. **Francis Van Schaick** (Clayton, NC) passed away on May 24, 2016. "Francis, or Frank as he was known by friends, worked his entire career as an agricultural banker both in Jefferson County, NY, and Johnston County, NC. He enjoyed wood-working and raising animals on his farm in Adams

Center, NY, as well as his time in North Carolina," where he was a lender with the North Carolina Agricultural Finance Authority (*Watertown [NY] Daily Times*).

**Warren "Skip" Kessler** (Los Angeles, CA; skip.kessler@gmail.com) reports: "In February 2017 I became a partner of Liner LLP, a 75-lawyer regional law firm, after having had my own shop for 30 years. It is nice to know there is a demand for senior lawyers. Both sons, including **Marc '98**, are married, and we have four grandkids, ranging from just over 5 years old to 16 months. Very satisfying. We also do a lot of traveling." **Kathia Slaughter** Miller (Naples, FL; kathia.miller@gmail.com) is "playing drums at private clubs in a five-piece rock band."

**Louise Elving** (Cambridge, MA; lelving@mit.edu) writes, "For the past decade, I've had some wonderful work as one of five woman principals of VIVA Consulting, based in greater Boston. We work in community development and affordable housing, advising community-based organizations how to develop real estate needed in their neighborhoods, such as affordable or mixed-income housing and service facilities. We also consult with local and state government agencies. We're a virtual company: no central office—we each work from our home, using the internet for shared communications and keeping overhead low. I began an exciting additional engagement as lecturer and associate director of the Special Program in Urban and Regional Studies (SPURS) in the MIT department of urban studies and planning. Each year, it brings 15-20 mid-career fellows—architects, planners, urban developers, engineers, public officials, and public servants from the developing world—to MIT for a year of research, education, reflection, and professional work. They are an amazing, diverse, and stimulating group, with new perspectives on America that challenge me constantly in teaching and advising them. I feel very fortunate to have a stimulating opportunity instead of retirement."

**Terry McGlashan** (Orlando, FL; canadian1@bell.south.net) owns and is president of Cap Inc. DBA Universal Crematory Co., as well as Companion Animal Products Inc., producing universal cremation equipment and parts and service as well as private pet cremation service. He reports having two sons, two daughters, and seven grandsons. "People ask me, 'Why aren't you retired?' and I reply, 'I am, I just enjoy what I'm doing.'" Terry would like to hear from **Ben Lewis '64** and recalls his hockey coach, Ned Harkness, as having the greatest impact on him at Cornell. **Ted Duncan** (Glen Ellyn, IL; erd@duncanlawgroup.com) "retired as a circuit court judge in the Chancery Division in DuPage County in 2007. I now work with my son, Bob, in his civil litigation firm. My wife, Jane, received excellent care for cancer and has been free from the awful disease for more than three years. Our children—Bob, Katie, Lindsay, and Ann—are all doing well." Ted would like to hear from **Chuck Roby, ME '68**, **Bob Geiger '66**, **Warren Frost**, **Gordon Brown**, and **Henry Kelly**. He recalls Prof. **Clinton Rossiter '39** as having the greatest impact on him: "A superb scholar and a fine man. He had served as an officer in the Navy in the Pacific in World War II, and he was very concerned about all of us who were going to Vietnam."

**Alan Becker** (Hinsdale, IL; becker@litchfieldcave.com) writes, "I continue to serve as managing partner of Litchfield Cave LLP, a national defense litigation firm. As we add new offices—19 now—management and recruiting take more of my time, but I still try at least one case a year. Outside work, I chair the board of First Folio Theatre, an award-winning professional company that



kindly allows me an occasional walk-on appearance. Son Michael completed four years as assistant to the American judge at the Int'l Court of Justice in The Hague. He is completing his PhD in international law at Cambridge. He and wife Sinead have two beautiful daughters, Eilis and Eibhlín. Our daughter, Marie, teaches English at a local college and is working on her novel." Having the greatest impact on him at Cornell, Alan adds, was "Prof. Allan Bloom—the most brilliant lecturer I ever saw." ♦ **Richard Hoffman**, 2925 28th St. NW, Washington, DC 20008; e-mail, derhoff@yahoo.com.

**68** While most of us have been dealing with winter's waning elements and spring cleanup, **Bob and Bette Nelson Zippin** have been putting the finishing touches on plans for our 50th Reunion, June 7-10. In early February, the Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC) gave the Zippins the opportunity to fine tune those plans along with our class officers. Our president, **Jane Frommer Gertler** (jgert19@aol.com), treasurer **Beth Deabler Corwin** (bethcorwin7@gmail.com), webmaster **Corinne Dopsloff Smith** (cbs24@cornell.edu), and Cornell Annual Fund representative **Jay Waks**, JD '71 (jaywaks@akc.org) met with the Zippins to have one more review of plans for our once-in-a-lifetime experience.

I, of course, will be at Reunion with pad and pen and would enjoy hearing your news for future publications. Over the past five years I've been privileged to hear and report about your experiences, accomplishments, family events, and Cornell memories during what for many of us has been a transitory time in our lives. I appreciate all the positive feedback the column has received, but most of the credit goes to you, our classmates, who have provided us with a peek into your lives and some insight into the accomplishments that spring from sharp minds, hard work, a sense of community, and a first-rate education at our beloved Cornell. This column has attempted to further our links to each other and to that grand institution sitting far above Cayuga's waters and now around the world. As some show moderator said years ago, "Keep those cards and letters comin' in," and I'd add those e-mails that enrich and entertain us. For those who cannot be with us at Reunion, continue to enjoy your accomplishments and association with Cornell. For the hundreds of you attending Reunion, have a great time. ♦ **Chuck Levitan**, clevitan22@comcast.net.

**69** Greetings from the beautiful mid-coast of Maine! Our class officers and council members attended the Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC) in Philadelphia from February 1-3, 2018.

Class presidents **Alan Cody** and **Charlotte Bruska Gardner** send us this update: "Save the date for our 50th Reunion, June 6-9, 2019! Our class officers and council have begun preparations for this very special event and we want you to be there. You can help! Please consider signing up to be an affinity group leader and reach out to your Cornell classmates who were important to you. Please contact **Jon Kaplan**, MD '74, at jonkaplan7@gmail.com if you are interested. He can send you contact information and postcards to use. Stay tuned to our class website, www.cornell69.org, for upcoming news about Reunion and pre-Reunion events. If you wish to have your contact information on the website for other classmates to connect with you, e-mail **John Wilkens**, ME '71, at: john@wilkenslink.net."

According to President Alan, "Our shared Homecoming tailgate party with the classes of the '70s was

a great success, with over a hundred attendees including several from '69. Watching the Big Red beat Brown handily made it even better! Congratulations to **Tom Jones**, MRP '72, who, along with five other alumni, received the Frank H.T. Rhodes Exemplary Alumni Service Award on the Saturday night of Homecoming Weekend! This is Cornell's top alumni service award and we extend our best to Tom and his family for his being so honored."

**Phil Callahan** is still working at the Jet Propulsion Lab in Pasadena, but is likely retiring early next year. Phil hosted **Sandor Kovacs** in Pasadena as Sandor organized a "Kipnapping" of his PhD advisor at Caltech, Kip Thorne, who just won the Nobel Prize for the detection of gravitational waves. About 40 of Kip's more than 50 PhD students participated in the celebration. Too much detail for the column, but a little background: "I had only a nodding acquaintance with Sandor at Cornell, but we were grad students together at Caltech. **Paul Schechter '68** (Physics) was my roommate. Sandor did his PhD ('77) on calculations of gravitational waves from merging neutron stars."

**David Halpert** writes, "I spent the last 15 years in Santa Monica, CA, after leaving Manhattan after luckily dodging 9/11. Every year I live is a bonus, having left the 105th floor company of One World Trade Center after ten years in April 2001. I like the Cornell Club events in Southern California and still do interviewing. Hard to believe it's almost 50 years since I graduated!" We can't believe it either, David!

**Jim Miller** retired from 32 years teaching social studies in the Syracuse city schools and managed to steer several of his students to Cornell. "I am currently in my 14th year of teaching social studies teacher 'wannabees' at SUNY Cortland. I spend much of the spring traveling upstate supervising social studies student teachers. Each fall I take my freshman history classes to a wonderful Kroch Library presentation by **Evan Earle '02**, MS '14, the university archivist. I chair the wine tasting committee of the CAACNY in Syracuse. We hosted our 20th annual Far Above Cayuga's Wineries scholarship wine tasting and silent auction on Friday, January 26, 2018. It's held at the Rosamond Gifford Zoo in Syracuse. We had 19 area wineries owned by Cornell alumni, as well as over 200 silent auction items including many hotel and restaurant gift certificates from the Ithaca area. We also invited *in absentia* bids. Silent auction items are posted on www.caacny.com, where one can also purchase tickets for future auctions. I also retired from 35 years as a CAAAN member and 20 as a CAAAN chair and on the CAAAN Advisory Committee ('CAC). Ithaca High School's '65ers held a second reunion at the Ithaca Yacht Club in August, where I saw **Linda Johanson** and **Dave '71** and **Susie Darsie Arnold**."

Thanks to our officers and council members for their hard work on the Reunion—and save the date, June 6-9, 2019, for our 50th! Check out our website for updates, www.cornell69.org. Enjoy the summer and take some time to send your news to: ♦ **Tina Economaki** Riedl, triedl048@gmail.com.

**70** In just two years, we will celebrate our 50th Reunion during a fun- and event-filled weekend party in Ithaca. The dates are June 4-7, 2020. Be sure to regularly check out our various '70 sites: our class website, cornell70.org; our Facebook page, www.facebook.com/Cornell70; and our Twitter page, www.twitter.com/CornellClass70.

**James Collyer** (jcollyer@cbn.net.id) and his wife, Tuty, continue to live in Asia. He asks, "Retired? Is that a

word?" Presently, as he is supporting an education initiative, James is working to connect theory to practical outcomes. He has also been doing some writing and finds that he is "still leaning heavily on **E.B. White 1921**." (That is wonderful, James. *Elements of Style* by our famous fellow Cornellian is one of my favorite high school graduation gifts. His trilogy of classic children's books is a good idea for new baby gifts too.) James and Tuty are still chasing their two teens. The older daughter is in Ithaca. James muses, "How did that happen?!" He adds, "Living the cliché: never stop learning!" and notes that this gives him great satisfaction in his life. If he had a day in Ithaca, James would "relish the diversity, sit in a lecture, take in the view from the HFJ, cruise the Botanic Gardens, find a bench in Sapsucker Woods, and count cars with a double scoop of Purity."

**Jonathan Forge** (jjohn@tpg.com.au) continues to live in Sydney, Australia, with his family. He is retired, but continues to do some philosophy—"applied morality, about why weapons research and related activity are wrong." Their daughter, Sarah, has moved to L.A. Jonathan likes swimming in the two beautiful outdoor pools by the Sydney Harbour, spending time with his family, and wine! He recalls that the first person he met at Cornell was **Charles Iseman '67**, in the dorm on College Ave. "Mind you, it was a long time ago." Jonathan adds that the first person he got on with was **Josiah Marvel '66**. Should he have a day in Ithaca, he would wander about to see if places where he had lived were still there. If Noyes Lodge still exists, he says, he would "go there and look for shadows of the past." Jonathan has not been back to Ithaca since 1971! Send news to: ♦ **Connie Ferris Meyer**, cfm7@cornell.edu; tel., (610) 256-3088.

**71** Class president **Barbara Brem Noveau** sends this report: "This year your class officers and council members convened in Philadelphia on Super Bowl weekend for the annual Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC). The city was abuzz with anticipation for the big game, which culminated in the Eagles first-ever Super Bowl win. Most of us had headed home long before kickoff, but it was fun to brush up against all the excitement at the same time that our Big Red hockey teams were ranked first (men) and fifth (women) in the nation. Our CALC weekend kicked off with a town meeting featuring Cornell's incredibly impressive president, Martha E. Pollack, on Friday afternoon, followed by the opening reception and then our customary classes of the '70s reception. This year, our crew was treated to a breathtaking bird's-eye view of Greater Philadelphia from the Pyramid Club, perched 52 stories above Center City.

"Saturday featured meetings, workshops, and panel sessions with student entrepreneurs and talks by leading professors and notable alumni. Later in the day we held our class meeting, which was packed with lively conversations about how to boost class dues renewals, whether our treasury was sufficient for a big bash on our 50th Reunion (looking good), discussion of potential class gifts, and the fundraising effort required to fund a major gift to our alma mater. We'll be asking for input on the class gift from all classmates as we make our dues-collection calls this spring. All that focused conversation made us pretty thirsty and hungry, so we repaired to the Marriott ballroom for the closing reception and then walked a number of windy blocks to a lovely private class dinner at the Estia Greek Restaurant arranged by **Carol Fritz**.

"Along with me, the Great Class of '71 was represented at CALC 2018 by **David Beale**, **Laurie Berke-Weiss**,



**Elisabeth Kaplan Boas, Jay, ME '72, and Julie Reisner Carter, Martha Coultrap, Craig Ewing, MBA '72, Kathy Menton Flaxman, Gilda Klein Linden, Arthur Mintz, Naomi Katz Mintz, Jan Rothman, Dot Preisner Valachovic, and Mitch Weisberg.** (Apologies if I missed anyone.) We are now three years out from our 50th Reunion. That means it's time to start thinking about how to build excitement for this once-in-a-lifetime event. We are hoping to launch a robust affinity networking effort, a membership-recruitment drive, and a cascade of events that will include a tour of the Cornell Tech campus this year, 70th birthday parties in 2019, tie-ins with Cornell events in various cities each year, and other outreach ideas. Finally, we want you to know that changes in the class dues system mean that those of you on auto-renewal will be charged for the upcoming year on July 1."

Thanks, Barbara! In other news, we've received word that **Marjorie Thompson** Norton, professor of apparel, housing, and resource management in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences and professor of agricultural and applied economics in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at Virginia Tech, has been honored with the title of professor emerita by the Virginia Tech Board of Visitors. This title is conferred on retired professors, associate professors, and administrative officers who are recommended to the board by Virginia Tech President Tim Sands. A member of the Virginia Tech community since 1980, Marjorie has made significant contributions to the understanding of clothing and textiles through research on economic and trade policies, consumer economics, manufacturing, and merchandising. She taught both undergraduate and graduate courses on consumer economics of apparel and textiles, global trade policies in clothing and textiles, and international sourcing of apparel and textiles, and her work in the classroom was recognized with the university's William E. Wine Award for Teaching Excellence. Congratulations, Marjorie!

In closing, a tip of my Cornell hat to **Pete Saunders**, ME '72, one of my sophomore-year housemates at ZBT, who sent me a nice message about *Forever Faithful*, the book about Cornell hockey that I, Jim Roberts, wrote with Arthur Mintz. Pete, whom I remember well as another avid hockey fan and all-around good guy, told me how much he'd enjoyed the book and passed along some of his hockey memories, including an account of his trip to Lake Placid in 1970 to watch the Big Red men cap their undefeated season by winning the national championship game. Wish I'd gone with him!

Please remember to support our class and renew your CAM subscription by paying your dues. Send news to: ♦ **Jim Roberts**, jhr22@cornell.edu; or **Gayle Yeomans**, gay2@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

**72** We hope you have responded to the annual News and Dues mailing from our class. Haven't paid class dues yet? Go to: <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/classes/>. When you're done, head over to <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/> to share your news. Whether it be a growing family, a change in your career, or a newfound passion, we want to hear about it! ♦ **Gary Rubin**, glr34@cornell.edu; **Alex Barna**, ab478@cornell.edu.

**73** I begin this column with the heartbreaking news that our classmate **Jon Kaplan**, MBA '74, was killed in a car crash while riding his bike in a 100-mile race on February 20, 2018. Jon made many deep contributions to our class, from the senior class

campaign in 1973 to our current Reunion campaign, as well as serving two terms as class president. He led the efforts that enabled the class to repeatedly set Tower Club Reunion records. He was so good at fundraising because he cherished Cornell, and the other institutions and causes he supported, with all his heart. Jon could fire people up with his own enthusiasm and conviction. He also made many contributions to Cornell at-large, from his innovation of the "70s calling 70s" campaign, to helping jumpstart the ambassadors program of the Cornell University Council. Jon's presence in our class left us all enriched. Please keep his wife, Shelly, in your thoughts.

It's February as I write this column, and students are slogging through the snow in Ithaca, just as we are here in the Midwest. You'll be reading this just one month before our 45th Reunion and the thaw will be advancing at Cornell. Ah, but by June 7-10, the Hill is the place to be! If you haven't yet registered for Reunion, please do: <https://cornell.reunioniq.com/>.

In our case, we'll be down the Hill: our headquarters will be the Carl Becker House. Our keynote event is a partnership with the Cornell Black Alumni Assn.—a showing of the movie *Agents of Change*, concerning the takeover of Willard Straight Hall the May before we enrolled. A panel discussion will follow the movie. We're pleased to be able to open this event to all Reunion attendees.

Of course, we'll be eating well and in delightful venues all weekend. Thursday early arrivers will be eating from the Taste of Thai menu. Friday evening we have dinner in the Herb Garden in the Botanic Gardens. Saturday evening we'll meet for cocktails in the A.D. White Garden and walk to the Statler for dinner. Of course, breakfast in Becker on Friday and Saturday, with a brunch on Sunday—you didn't think we'd make you hike up the Hill for breakfast, did you? Saturday lunch is on your own while you build your own Reunion experience.

We're also out to break records for our Reunion, including reaching 100 Tower Club donors. As of this writing we had 58, so more than halfway to that goal. More importantly, we are out to break the participation record for number of donors at any level for a Reunion year—638 will put us over the record of 637 set in 2000 by the Class of 1955. If we have 638 donors, all of your gifts, no matter how small, will allow us to add an additional \$25,000 to our ability to support Cornell and its students. So please give and help us set a class record: <https://giving.cornell.edu/>. Still have questions? Concerns? Here's the e-mail to write to: [cornellreunionclass1973@gmail.com](mailto:cornellreunionclass1973@gmail.com). A friendly classmate will help you.

**Ed Cobb** wrote about his passion for the Willard Straight Rock Garden, a place I remember fondly as a good waypoint when the Hill just seemed too steep. Ed

has gathered a history of the Rock Garden, which was created in 1933 by Edith Ouzts, the social director of the Straight. Ms. Ouzts apparently "sallied forth with pick and shovel, rake, and enthusiasm to build a garden." Her goal of creating a semi-naturalistic rock garden was achieved. Over time, others cared for the garden when war didn't interfere. In 1983, the Willard Straight Garden was formally dedicated with the addition of a plaque that commemorated all those who contributed time, labor, and support for the garden. Ed is a staff member in the Cornell School of Integrative Plant Science and is working with others there to raise funds to support the refurbishment of the garden.

I hope to see many of you at Reunion. Please be sure to send your stories and memories in to create the column you'd like to read. ♦ **Phyllis Haight** Grummon, [phg3@cornell.edu](mailto:phg3@cornell.edu); **Pamela Meyers**, [psmeyers73@gmail.com](mailto:psmeyers73@gmail.com); **David Ross**, [dave@daveross.com](mailto:dave@daveross.com). Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

**74** Here is a Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC) recap from President **Dale Lazar**, JD '77: "The [Notable] Class of '74 was well represented at CALC, February 1-3, 2018 in Philadelphia, and had a ball. In addition to numerous informative presentations, on Friday night, our VP programs, **Steven Piekarec**, organized a reception for the classes of the '70s and '80s at the very exclusive Pyramid Club. About 80 people attended, including [Notable] Class of '74 members **Claudia Benack**, MS '75, **Marleen Kay Davis**, BArch '76, **John Foote**, **Bill Howard**, **Steven Kubisen**, **Steven Piekarec**, **William Quain**, **Kristen Rupert**, **Jaclyn Spear**, and **Jack Wind**. The Pyramid Club is located on the top floor of one of the highest buildings in Philly, so we were awestruck by nearly 360-degree panoramic views of Philly as we enjoyed delicious food and the best company.

"On Saturday, the [Notable] Class of '74 held a class meeting attended by many classmates, some by phone. We reviewed the past year's successful events, including 65th birthday parties in Ithaca during Reunion 2017 and in Boston, a '70s Homecoming tailgate in Ithaca, and a '70s reception before Big Red Hockey at Madison Square Garden on Thanksgiving Day. Our next Reunion (45th!) is June 6-9, 2019. Save the date! During our class meeting, we came up with a bunch of great ideas for a Notably fun weekend."

Speaking of reunions, **Mary Berens** sent along the following: "Having just seen each other for a mini reunion weekend in St. Louis, **Claudia Hebel Malone** and Mary Berens bumped into each other at a JFK hotel! Claudia and **Dan '75** were en route home to Michigan following

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vacation travel to South Africa game parks and Dubai, while Mary and husband Paul Feeny were heading over to England and Wales to visit family and friends for a couple of weeks."

Before he was Pyramiding high above Philly, Steven Piekarec was in China for two weeks in early December. His report: "Great trip, though hectic at times—Forbidden City and Tiananmen Square on day 1, Great Wall on day 2, plus a Three Gorges cruise, 11 pandas in Chongqing, Yellow Mountain, and lots more. Train (300KPH), boat, plane, and lots of buses. Great hotels and a really cheap

correspondent. The tapestry of talent and dedication that is the Notable Class of '74 was evident with every column. So many of you are leaders in your fields; a reoccurring theme has been your dedication to public service. Ezra would have been proud. On a personal level, I was able to reconnect with classmates who, among other acts of kindness, rescued me from ignominy in Chem 107 when I did not know how to use a slide rule. A regular contributor to the column was a classmate who was my drill sergeant in a lifeguard class at Helen Newman. That was the only class I failed at Cornell; she was brutal. I will

Extension and CALS for ideas, research, and seminars that helped them grow their business over the years. Pete and Tacie live in King Ferry and have children Leverett, Hattie, and **Courtney Saltonstall Couch, PhD '14**. I was sad to read in a recent issue of *Cornell Alumni Magazine* of the passing of classmate **Steve Sanford, DVM '79**. Steve played football and captained lacrosse at Cornell and was a veterinarian in Greensboro, VT. **Fred Riester** (friester@aol.com) is a radiologist at Nashua Radiology, associated with St. Joseph Hospital in New Hampshire.

In October, I celebrated an annual girls' weekend with **Abbie Smith, MBA '79, PhD '81, Cindy Johnson** Giambastiani, **Karen Lauterbach, Lynn Arrison Harrison, Steffi Feit Gould, and Ting Magill Kamon**. We had a Roosevelt theme, taking a tour of the new Cornell Tech campus on Roosevelt Island (FDR) and then a tour of Teddy Roosevelt's home at Sagamore Hill on Long Island. Both were worth the visit. Lynn (lah2127@aol.com) retired this year and lives in Tupper Lake, NY, with husband **Chip '74**. Ting (cmkamon@gmail.com) told us about husband **Mark's** distinguished alumni award from the IFC and PanHel organizations as president of the DU Alumni Board. The undergrad president, who accepted the award for Mark, said, "Moose is a stand up, passionate guy who really understands the importance of providing guidance and using our Greek life experience to prepare us for the real world." Great words to hear! Karen (karen.e.lauterbach@gmail.com) and husband **Mark Powers** also have retired and visited New York earlier in the fall to see *Hamilton*, Steven Colbert, and ME! We walked the High Line and they were joined by fellow North Carolina residents Kim and **Bob Christopher '72**. We were missing fellow girls' weekend trooper **Cindy Coulter George Harris**, who was in Florida planning daughter Caroline's December 11 wedding.

In December, I attended a Jewish Studies Program in NYC on *Streit's: Matzo and the American Dream* and ran into **Laurie Michael Roth** (dmom116@aol.com) and her husband, **Eric '74**. They are co-chairs of Friends of Cornell Jewish Studies and have endowed a chair in modern Jewish history at Cornell. Laurie and Eric are in close touch with several of Laurie's Donlon Hall dormmates, including **Paula Markowitz Wittlin '74, Joanne Newman Peyser, Vicki Hirsh Rosenthal, Marcia Ulrich Seibald, and Laurie's sister, Robin Michael Koenig**, who lives in Rockville, MD, with husband **Scott '73, PhD '79**. Many of them recently attended the September wedding of Vicki's daughter in Seattle, WA.

As summer approaches, you may want to take advantage of Cornell's Adult University classes on campus and/or join the CAU tours to destinations around the world. Last summer, **Richard '73, MBA '74, and Lynn Rosenbluth Saltz** took a photography class, **Heinrich, MS '81, and Eileen Kessler Helfeld** took a golf clinic, and **Susan Linz** biked the Finger Lakes, while Elaine and **David Roth** learned about the "Gorgeous Gorges" of the Finger Lakes. **Mitch Frank, Joanne Tomczak, and Mary Kate Owens** all took From Democracy to Authoritarianism: Death of the Roman Republic (Mary Kate also took a writing workshop). **Edward Weigel** took an architecture workshop, and Karen and **Ralph Buglass** took a class in Freedom and Justice in the Western Tradition. Looks like Cornell has varied options for all interests! We are ever the students!

Please take a few minutes to send us highlights of your life after Cornell, college friends you have seen, and memorable moments on and off campus, and we'll share the news in our upcoming columns. ♦ **Deb Gellman**, dsgellman@hotmail.com; **Karen DeMarco Boroff**,

## 'Lolly Tai's new book explores the purpose, beauty, and benefits of creating children's gardens.'

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trip." Meanwhile, **Bonni Schulman** Dutcher tells us, "This past Christmas I had a lovely Christmas Eve dinner with two classmates, **Roger Boner** and **Tom Dolan**. We had a wonderful time. After dinner, I was able to FaceTime with another classmate, **Milton Lorig**, who was Roger's housemate on Geneva St. It was great fun for all of us to catch up! I'm still in Maryland and would love to hear from old friends."

Jaclyn Spear writes, "After working in South Carolina for 26 years as a program manager at the Dept. of Energy's Savannah River Site, I retired at the end of 2017 and am looking forward to moving back up north (New Hampshire) this spring to be closer to my family." From **Perry Jacobs**: "A former squash team captain organized a January luncheon in NYC for all former captains that was also attended by various friends of the program, Andy Noel (the current athletic director and thankfully a big supporter), and other former players, as well as several of the current men's and women's captains (yes, there is finally a women's team!) and their parents, about 80 in total. In our day, the team was composed of tennis players like myself and my friends **Evan Stewart** and **Bruce Nagel**, most of us new to the sport. It is now an elite program that recruits internationally, and both teams are coached by a former two-time All World champion. I had the pleasure of sitting with an old DG friend, **Patty Nelson Fast '76**, whose husband chairs the governing body overseeing collegiate squash and whose three daughters all played competitively."

**Laurie Harris** sends word that she is still a part-time high school teacher in math, engineering, computer apps, and accounting (so we know where her interest STEMs from). They recently celebrated her husband's 75th birthday, attended by our classmates **Kathi Weiner Bruce** and **John Henel**. Laurie says she would like to visit old friends more often, and especially wants to hear from **Laverne Rolle Saunders**. **Mary Ellen Smith** updates that she and her husband, Marc Schiller, live in Port St. Lucie, FL, and Asheville, NC, where she is an ICF certified business/career coach with Human Capital Consulting & Publishing (www.humanccp.com). Their children live and work in London (Bridget), Atlanta (Peter), and Hudson, NY (Hannah).

Our fellow class correspondent **Helen Bendix** is stepping down from this position and sent along the following note: "It has been an honor serving as your class

continue to send news from Pacific Palisades as news arises from where the mountains meet the sea." On behalf of our entire class, thank you, Helen! Send news to: ♦ **Jim Schoonmaker**, js378@cornell.edu; or **Lucy Babcox Morris**, lucmor1433@gmail.com.

**75** I am writing this in February and eagerly awaiting spring as the past couple of months have reminded me of Ithaca winters! And with it, reminders of Cornell winter teams. As our number-ten-ranked wrestling team wins its 16th straight Ivy League title, men's polo is ranked number one currently, women's squash is ranked number eight, and the number-six-ranked women's hockey team clinched its second straight Ivy title. As a New York-based alum, I was able to see our top-five men's hockey team beat BU 4-3 at the annual Madison Square Garden matchup and the annual Cornell-Columbia men's and women's basketball games. All are great opportunities to see fellow alums and support the Big Red! We have been sponsoring "pregame tailgates" over the years with the classes of the '70s for the Thanksgiving hockey game, and this year added a tailgate for the Homecoming football game. If you are interested in coordinating a group event in your geographic region (and it doesn't have to be attached to an athletic event!), please contact me or **Louise Vacca Dawe** (Ldawe75@gmail.com) with ideas.

Starting off with news, I go to various Cornell publications! According to an *Ezra* magazine profile, **Gary Harris, PhD '80** (gharris@msrce.howard.edu) has been honored by the Cornell Graduate School with the inaugural Turner Kittrell Medal of Honor, established to recognize alumni who have made significant national or international contributions to the advancement of diversity, inclusion, and equity in the academy, industry, or public sector. Gary is associate provost for research and graduate studies, professor of electrical engineering, and director of nanoscale science at Howard U. From CALS, **Cliff Kraft** (cek7@cornell.edu) is a professor of Natural Resources and director of Cornell's Adirondack Fishery Research Program. He has been studying the effect of warming lake temperatures on the growth, survival, and reproduction of brook trout.

**Pete Saltonstall** (treleaven@aol.com) and wife Tacie started Treleaven Wines, a winery on the east side of Cayuga Lake, in 1984 and thank Cornell Cooperative



**76** It certainly seems optimistic to write in Cleveland's cold doldrums of February for the full-spring edition of our column. Thanks to all who have shared their warming news at this cold and quiet time of year.

**Charles Chuang** writes from Taipei that he's doing part-time consulting work for the electric vehicle industry and is otherwise "very happily retired with my sweetheart wife." Son **Steven '09** received his PhD at UC Berkeley, and is now working in Silicon Valley. **Wayne Muromoto** has become a full professor in art and digital art at Leeward Community College in Pearl City, HI. Wayne writes, "After ten years I stepped down ('retired') as chief executive officer for the Urasenke Hawaii Tankokai, the association of Urasenke Tea (ceremony) practitioners, a nonprofit group." Intrigued, I looked up that group and found that it is the oldest of the Urasenke chapters outside of Japan, having been established in 1951.

**Jeryl Dansky** Kershner is a specialist in pediatrics, child and developmental pediatrics, and child psychiatry, and practices in a multispecialty neuropsychology and child psychiatry private practice in Palm Beach Gardens, FL. This year, the Palm Beach County Medical Society selected her to receive its Top Physician Award in recognition of excellence in child psychiatry and her contributions to the mental health and well-being of Florida's children. Congratulations! Jeryl writes, "We have our first granddaughter, who is an absolute delight. My husband, Robert, and I enjoy traveling and just completed our first expedition to Antarctica." And if she had a day in Ithaca, she would go to the Dairy Barn.

I can report with authority that as of the end of 2017, **Bill Hanavan** has fully retired from his gastroenterology practice in Kalamazoo, MI. We moved to Cleveland about two years ago, but until this past December, Bill had been commuting to Kalamazoo for two weeks every couple of months, thus easing himself into retirement. He bicycles, sometimes with our little grandson Theo literally in tow, plants trees for all our neighbors, serves as handyman extraordinaire for our old house and our daughter's, and drags me along to French conversation practice. We spend two or three months of the year near our older daughter's family in Halifax, Nova Scotia, and we have a few other fun trips planned this year—including a bike trip in northern Italy for Bill and his brother while I sip tea in northern England. What's your current itinerary? We look forward to hearing that and all of your news! ♦ **Pat Relf** Hanavan, patrelf1@gmail.com; **Lisa Diamant**, ljdiamant@verizon.net; **Karen Krinsky** Sussman, krinsk54@gmail.com.

**77** It comes as no surprise that more than 40 years after graduation our classmates continue to spend their time in a number of interesting ways. Some are retired, enjoying grandchildren, relaxation, and volunteering. Others are starting a new venture or are following a new passion. Some continue to enjoy a fulfilling career with no signs of stopping. Here is the latest news from a few of them.

**Rochelle Goldstein Schaevez** writes that she finds her greatest satisfaction these days in her family and her art. Rochelle lives in New York City, where she is pursuing an MFA at the New York Academy of Arts (NYAA). She expects to complete her degree this year. Rochelle and her husband, **Mark '76**, BArch '77, recently became grandparents and enjoy spending time with their family

including daughter **Jessica Schaevez** Deacon '08. Given the chance to be in Ithaca for a day, Rochelle would spend it visiting the Botanic Gardens and attending a class.

**Brenda Peterman** Kline (Fairfax, VA) recently retired as a clinical nutrition specialist for Inova Health Systems and enjoys "hanging out" with her husband and their dog. Brenda also likes to spend time with friends and is always trying to improve at golf. These days she takes the most satisfaction from spending time with her seven grandchildren. Brenda writes that **Debra Demske** of Potomac, MD, was the first person she met at Cornell. Sadly, Debra passed away in 2017, only two years after she and Brenda started to take annual trips together. She writes that Debra is terribly missed by her family and friends. Brenda reminds us, "Please be sure to tell everyone in your life you love them."

Author **Lolly Tai** published her new book, *The Magic of Children's Gardens: Inspiring Through Creative Design*, in April 2017. The book explores the purpose, beauty, and benefits of creating children's gardens. According to a press release from Temple University Press, Lolly presents creative ideas for designing children's green spaces by examining 19 outstanding case studies, including the Chicago Botanic Gardens, Winterthur, and the Brooklyn Botanic Garden. Lolly feels that gardens do more than just expose youngsters to outdoor environments. She sees them as teaching opportunities for children to care for vegetables and flowers, and as places that can enrich children's physical, mental, and emotional development. Lolly received her BA in Landscape Architecture and continued her studies at Harvard U. and Heriot-Watt U. in Scotland. Currently, she is a professor of landscape architecture at Temple.

**Deborah Rose** is also an author and has published her 15th children's book, *Beauty and the Beak: How Science, Technology and a 3D-Printed Beak Rescued a Bald Eagle*, in August 2017. She writes that it's the true story of the bald eagle who was shot in the beak, was rescued, and received a pioneering prosthetic beak. The book, which includes special content from the Cornell Lab of Ornithology, won the 2018 AAAS/Subaru Science Book & Film (SB&F) Prize for Excellence in Science Books. Debra lives in Walnut Creek, CA, and adds that she gets great satisfaction from traveling the country to speak to schoolchildren about her book.

After residing 30 years in California, **Barbara Hanna**, MPA '77, is now living in Irvington, NY. She writes that after she moved and finished renovating her co-op apartment, a major fire hit her building. Essentially all was lost. Despite this setback, Barbara is moving forward, "working her way back to an even keel." Spending time with her son, daughter-in-law, and twin granddaughters helps, as does volunteering with her church and keeping busy as a member of the local Rotary club. Barbara also comments that hiking and bike riding in the woods nearby is a great pastime.

So, what are you doing these days? Are you in touch with former roommates or other members of the Class of '77? What is your favorite Cornell memory? Please take a few minutes to share your story with us! If you haven't sent in your class dues, please do so and keep all of your news and views coming in via the online news form at <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>, or write to either of us directly at: ♦ **Mary Flynn**, mary.flynn1@me.com; **Howie Eisen**, heisen@drexelmed.edu.

**78** "This Reunion will be EPIC!" declares **Cynthia Kubas**, vice president of regional events for the Class of '78. Yep, we're getting up there into the big

numbers now: the 40th! Class leaders have put together a terrific lineup of activities for the June 7-10 weekend, and they hope you will be there for all or part of it. Our class headquarters is in William Keeton House on West Campus. The air-conditioned dorm is quite nice—a far cry from the U-Halls, where some of us lived! You can stay in the dorm or at one of the various local hotels blocked out by the university.

Class festivities kick off with a reception on the Willard Straight Terrace on Thursday evening, followed by a BBQ dinner in the Memorial Room. Enjoy beautiful vistas of the lake and nostalgia at its best! On Friday, you are free to explore the campus, attend lectures, play golf, or just hang out and catch up with old friends or make new acquaintances. Friday evening's class reception and dinner will be in a tent near Mann Library on the newly renovated Ag Quad. Evening tent parties take place on the Arts Quad, featuring a variety of music. If you haven't eaten enough, there will be an "ice cream spree" at headquarters at night. Saturday's events include a conversation with the new Cornell president, Martha Pollack, in Bailey Hall, and our class photo is scheduled at Schoellkopf Field, before lunch on Schoellkopf Terrace.

Many sorority and fraternity open houses take place on Saturday afternoon, as well as a Hangovers concert at the Botanic Gardens and the ever-popular "Dueling Pianos." Our Saturday evening reception is in the spectacular Groos Atrium in Klarman Hall (shout-out to our classmate **Tom Groos** and his family!), followed by dinner in the Physical Sciences Building. The weekend wraps up Sunday morning with our farewell brunch in headquarters.

If you're considering traveling solo to Ithaca, never fear: Cynthia Kubas will be facilitating networking and social activities to bring folks together. If you have questions or suggestions, please e-mail her at: [cmk19@cornell.edu](mailto:cmk19@cornell.edu). For more information about Reunion, check out our new Class of '78 website ([CornellClassof78.com](http://CornellClassof78.com)), see what's up on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/cornellclassof78/>), be sure to look at our Twitter page (<https://twitter.com/CUClassof78>), or stop by our Instagram page ([https://www.instagram.com/cornell\\_1978/](https://www.instagram.com/cornell_1978/)). The deadline for early-bird registration and pricing is May 10, so be sure to register now; it promises to be a fabulous weekend! Please contact our class Reunion chairs, **Laura Day** Ayers, MBA '86 ([lauraa876@aol.com](mailto:lauraa876@aol.com)) or **Kathy Morris** Duggan ([kathy.duggan87@gmail.com](mailto:kathy.duggan87@gmail.com)), with any questions.

A bit of other class news: **John Donnelly**, vice chairman at JPMorgan Chase and advisor to the chairman and CEO and the firm's operating committee on senior talent and other workforce matters, was appointed to the external advisory board of the Inst. for Veterans and Military Families (IVMF) at Syracuse U. "With his background in human resources and leadership training, Donnelly will lend his extensive experience with global financial institutions to assist the IVMF with its national program expansion and sustainability efforts," the organization wrote. John, who lives in Rye, NY, also serves on the boards of the Health Transformation Alliance, an organization that brings together large US employers dedicated to improving the cost and quality of health-care, and Guiding Eyes for the Blind, a charitable organization that provides trained guide dogs for visually impaired individuals.

**Cristen Eddy** Haltom, PhD '78, is the lead author of a new book, *Understanding Teen Eating Disorders: Warning Signs, Treatment Options, and Stories of Courage*, released in March. It introduces readers to common teen



eating disorder scenarios, their warning signs, and treatment options. A licensed psychologist in private practice in Ithaca, Cristen is also a part-time faculty member in the psychology department at Ithaca College. When not working, she finds joy in her five grandchildren. Her memories of Cornell include members of the football team—which included one from her small-town high school—moving her into her College town apartment.

**Carol Boyd** Amos, ME '80, retired from DuPont in 2016 after a 36-year career. A book she completed, entitled *H.O.P.E. for the Alzheimer's Journey: Help, Organization, Preparation, and Education for the Road Ahead*, is due out in October. She says her greatest satisfaction comes from helping others. Now enjoying tennis, travel, and being an active member of her church, Carol would enjoy seeing the Cornell campus and visiting her little sister from the Ujamaa Big Brothers/Big Sisters program. Don't forget to send your news and notes to us, or to sign up for Reunion! Hoping to see you all there. ♦

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**79** By the time you read this update, our 40th Reunion will be just about a year away. I'm sure that many of you are wondering, as I am, where the time went. For most of us it has flown by with careers, volunteer work, and family responsibilities. Many of you have shared these life events with your classmates, and I look forward to writing about many more in the years to come. News has been rather sparse lately, so I want to encourage you to reach out and update us on what you have been doing.

In February, Bob and I visited the Finger Lakes and did a little wine tasting on the Seneca Wine Trail. We also enjoyed catching up with **Brad and Mary Maxon Grainger**, MPS '87, at their home in Ithaca. Mary shared that classmate **Lon Hoyt** is the associate music director for the new Jimmy Buffet Broadway show, *Escape to Margaritaville*. The show previewed in February and opened in March at the Marquis Theatre. The Graingers had just returned from the Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC) in Philadelphia, where, at the class meeting, ideas and planning for the upcoming Reunion and other class activities took place. **Mary Wilensky** Kahn planned a class dinner at Sang Kee Peking Duck House that was attended by many class officers and their spouses. **Steve Magacs** took great pictures of the attendees, which you can see on the class Facebook page.

**Jeff Berg**, ME '80, MBA '81, and **Jeff Goldberg**, ME '80, enjoyed getting together in January to play several rounds of golf. They were spotted on the links at Skyline Country Club and La Paloma Country Club in Tucson. Also, in January, Jeff Goldberg was named provost at the U. of Arizona. Formerly he had been the dean of the College of Engineering there. **Paul O'Shaughnessy**, BEE '82 (fromage@comcast.net) remembers Prof. Joe Rossen as having the greatest impact on him as a student in Electrical Engineering. Paul is now the director of global services at Covaris Inc. in Woburn, MA. A recent project involved working as the technical director at the Footlight Club in Jamaica Plain, MA, to upgrade fire safety, seats, lighting, and sound systems. Jeff lives in Lexington, MA, and would like to reconnect with **Tony Seville** '84.

As you make your summer plans, consider participating in Cornell's Adult University, either on campus or with a study tour. In summer 2017, **Mark Wilson**, MBA '80, **Nancy Sverdlik**, **Matt Martin**, **Daryl Rothman** Malter, **Janet Goldin** Rubin, **Sue Morand** Meyers, and **Lemuel**

**de Jesus Varona** all took classes at CAU. Topics varied from the study of Islamic law to golf clinics to throwing clay. **Brian Miller** participated in the study tour Atlantic Ocean: Bilbao to Paris—European History Cruise, aboard *Sea Cloud II*. Mark Wilson, son Ryan, and wife **Denise Rempe** '80, traveled to Russia and South Africa with Cornell. These are just a few of the many opportunities for lifelong learning sponsored by Cornell and facilitated by outstanding faculty.

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 any of us at: ♦ **Kathy Zappia** Gould, kathy.gould57@gmail.com; **Cynthia Ahlgren** Shea, cynthiashea@sothebyshomes.com; and **Linda Moses**, lindakmoses@gmail.com.

**80** When we started at Cornell over 42 years ago, there was one woman student to every four or five male students, depending on the major and undergraduate college. The Cornell environment for women was evolving, and women students had to stand up and march for their rights including in support of the blue lights on campus, Take Back the Night, and gynecological services at Gannett, and to protest Playboy's "Women of the Ivy League" coverage. The Women's Studies program was still gaining traction and had only been established in 1972. Women were represented as tenured professors in very small numbers across the university, and women faculty members and athletic coaches commenced the Cornell 11 sex discrimination class action lawsuit against Cornell in 1980 supported by students through the "Friends of the Cornell 11."

While women students at Cornell have achieved considerable progress since the '70s, we are currently experiencing a national reawakening of the need to stand up and march to support the Me Too movement and organizational accountability for workplace sexual harassment and the legal, regulatory, and policy developments impacting women at work including pay equity, paid family leave, and expanded discrimination protections. At Cornell, the Women's Studies program has become Feminist, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, offered as a major or minor in the College of Arts & Sciences; Willard Straight Hall hosts the university-funded Women's Resource Center; women's affinity groups have been established in the various colleges for undergraduate and graduate students; and the International Affairs Office offers the new Global Women's Leadership Program, funded by the President's Council of Cornell Women, which was established ten years after our graduation.

Your class officers have been preparing for our 40th Reunion on June 4-7, 2020, where we will look back with nostalgia and embrace and welcome your participation, input, and news. We have terrific class enthusiasm and participation and had 14 class officers and class council members attend the Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC) on February 1-3 in Philadelphia. Our class is planning 60th birthday celebrations in locations around the country; please join us in the planning and celebration. At CALC on February 2, classmate **Reginald White**, senior management consultant for Cornell's Organizational Development and Talent Management, spoke about volunteer leadership empowerment, "Leading by Example: Inspire."

Our class president, **Dana Jerrard**, prepared an outstanding application for the CACO Board grant program, and the class received a \$3,000 grant for the Red Hot Hockey pregame party at the Cornell Club for 2018. This pregame party will now be open to the classes of the 1980s and will have expanded activities and an expanded menu, and you are welcome to join us on November 24 for camaraderie, cocktails, and cupcakes. Our class received the grant during the CACO annual meeting, which was conducted at CALC on February 3. Your class dues subsidize the cost of events including the Red Hot Hockey pregame party in 2017 and will subsidize the cost for the 2018 party, along with the CACO grant. We urge you to continue supporting our class by continuing your membership.

The ILR school hosted a post-holiday celebratory reception at the Cornell Club on January 25, and our ILR classmates turned out to reminisce and reconnect, including **Esther Elkin** Mildner, **Bob Epstein**, and **Leona Barsky**, MS '81. Bob reports that he continues to work as an attorney in Midtown Manhattan and live on the Upper East Side. Bob's oldest son graduated from the AEM program in 2016 and is working at Goldman Sachs, and his younger son is interested in electrical engineering and computer science and is applying to the Engineering college. Bob keeps in touch with ILR classmates **Joseph Baumgarten**, **Gary Friedman**, **Gary Gertzog**, **Robert Landauer**, and **Robert Messner** and can be contacted at [repstein@nflp.com](mailto:repstein@nflp.com). Gary Friedman is a shareholder in his own law firm, Hays & Friedman, located in Santa Fe, NM, and has a broad legal practice including business and corporate law and commercial and residential real estate. He is involved with community nonprofit organizations and serves as the president for the board of trustees of the New Mexico Museum of Natural History and Science.

**Margaret McFadden** Carney has been appointed to serve as Cornell University Architect starting on February 5. Margaret will be responsible for the Campus Planning Office and Cornell's architectural design, campus planning, landscape architecture, and capital planning, and she will serve as the architectural conscience for Cornell and the steward for sound architectural design standards, leading initiatives to meet Cornell's long-range and functional aesthetic goals. Margaret previously served as university architect and associate vice president for facilities planning at Catholic U. in Washington, DC, and as the first university architect and planner for Temple U. and Case Western Reserve U.

Cornell Hillel hosted its first ILR Shabbat dinner on February 9 and the complimentary dinner was a terrific community-building experience, bringing together ILR students, faculty, alumni, and staff. Prof. Harry Katz was the featured speaker, and ILR alumni generously sponsored tables for the dinner including **Leona Barsky** with her two sons, **Jeffrey Radin** '19 and **Jason Radin** '16. Cornell Hillel hosted the second Hotel Shabbat dinner on March 2 in honor of recently deceased Cornell Hillel trustee **Tammy Bieber** '84. We invite you to share your news and reconnect with your Cornell friends. ♦ **Leona Barsky**, llb39@cornell.edu; **Dana Jerrard**, dej24@cornell.edu; **Dik Saalfeld**, rfs25@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

**81** **Mike Bell** and I attended the Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC) 2018 in Philadelphia in February. The unplanned benefit of being in Philly during Super Bowl weekend was pretty exciting. Our class was well represented by a large group; we won the 2017 Cornell Alumni Assn. (CAA) Cup, which we



received at CALC. Our submission was the Cornell Class of 1981 Giving Day “Pi(e)” Challenge. We focused on “fun with a purpose”—our purpose of increasing the number of our class donors was achieved with a record number of class donors on Cornell Giving Day 2017. Our classmates met our Giving Day challenge—so then our class president, **Steven Ritchey**, received a pie in the face delivered and videoed on his front porch by **Lisa Kremer Ullman** and **Monique van Perlstein**. The connection? Last year, Cornell Giving Day was on March 14 (3/14), hence “pi.”

This year a CALC highlight for Mike and me was hearing guest speaker **Vikram Dewan ’76**, the president and CEO of the Philadelphia Zoo. We’ll return to Philadelphia to experience our country’s oldest zoo and the ways they have made use of their hemmed-in urban footprint. Imagine creating trails for the animals that allow them to leave their habitats and walk about above the zoo visitors. We also took advantage of the opportunity to welcome our new university president, Martha E. Pollack.

**Dick ’58**, PhD ’65, and **Connie Case Haggard ’58**, parents of classmate **Marshal Haggard**, joined our class during a break-out session at CALC. Marshal served as president of the Cornell ASCE Student Chapter before graduating with a degree in Civil Engineering. He had a strong influence in developing the service activities that have become a tradition of the Cornell chapter. The ASCE Marshal Case Haggard Award was established in his memory. Marshal died in an accident while serving in the Peace Corps in Nepal. We enjoyed meeting his folks and sharing wonderful Cornell memories. Small world: Dick is from my hometown, Williamsville, NY!

**Kevin Rooney** writes, “After 30-plus years as a stockbroker, I have started a new career in rock ‘n’ roll! I sing and play in a local Delmar, NY, band.” Son Douglas (Geneseo State U. ’12) lives with his wife in Rochester, NY. “The newlyweds are enjoying the yuppie lifestyle that I remember fondly, many years ago!” Daughter Elena was just promoted to staff sergeant in the US Army and is currently stationed in Fort Bragg, NC. After 35 years, Kevin would like to reconnect with Cornell friends, hopefully at Homecoming or Reunion weekend. **Barb Amoscato Sabaitis** is thrilled to report that her daughter, Catharine, was accepted into the College of Arts & Sciences Class of 2022! She matriculated in Ithaca in the fall of 2018 and is majoring in Math and Computer Science.

Our fellow class correspondent in Florida, **Steve Barre**, is now general counsel of Parametric Solutions Inc., an engineering firm based close to home in Jupiter, FL, that develops jet engines and power turbines. January found Mike and me in Park City enjoying a mini Cornell reunion with **Jay, PhD ’83**, and **Theresa Kronik Wrobel, Jim Hahn**, and **Brent Welling**, MBA ’85. Though the snow conditions this year were mediocre, the company, as always, was great. And I met and spent quality time with Raisin, Theresa’s grand-furbaby! **John** and **Laura Dake Roche** were also in town and dropped over for après-ski drinks and nibbles one evening. Cornellians are everywhere!

This year marks **JoAnn Minsker Adams**’s 15th year of owning Bogart’s Coffee in Seal Beach, CA! She enjoys hosting local musicians and serving amazing coffee to the community. As a longtime small business owner, JoAnn started consulting with other small business owners, helping them with operational organization and getting their financials together through bookkeeping. She loved seeing **Kathy Philbin LaShoto** when she visited her son, a senior at Boston U., over Thanksgiving

break. JoAnn had fun watching Cornell men’s hockey triumph over BU. Her daughter is studying speech pathology at U. of Oregon, and JoAnn reports that they traveled to Israel last year. She and her family feel so lucky to enjoy beautiful weather all year in sunny Southern California and hope to see some fellow alums out on the “left coast!”

**Roni Kasten** Fishkin’s oldest son, Eric, was married last July in beautiful Temecula, CA. The Fishkins love their new daughter-in-law and finally have a girl in their

at 8 a.m. Saturday morning, up all those Baker steps?!”

From **Richard** and **Elizabeth Hoare Cowles**: “We celebrated the wedding of our daughter **Alyssa Cowles ’14**, MS ’18, and **Paul Blachez, LLM ’11**, in August 2017 at Anabel Taylor chapel. They were married by the Rev. **Kimberly Hoare ’89**, the director of the Carpenter’s Boatshop in Pemaquid, ME. (See <http://www.carpentersboatshop.com/> for more about its live-in apprenticeship program.) Alyssa and Paul met in a tree-climbing class at—where else—Cornell. Alyssa’s attendants included

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AMY NORR ’82

family! Their other sons are busy pursuing careers in Washington, DC, and Chicago. Glenn and Roni live in Charlotte, NC, where Roni is the director of marketing for a travel company and, of course, takes advantage of a lot of travel opportunities! **Cathy Goldrich** Shepard shares the news from Teaneck, NJ, that her son is studying engineering at Tufts U. while her daughter is studying for a master’s in urban planning at Rutgers U. Cathy attended a wedding that allowed her to spend time with **Karen Peltz** Reinstein, **Sheryl Eisenstein** Lewis, and **Ellen Hamburg** Oster. She had lots of fun reconnecting! An old Cornell friend that she would love to hear from is **Raina Perlmutter**.

We are always looking for classmate news to share! Keep sending it to: ♦ **Tanis MacKay**-Bell, TanisMBell@gmail.com; **Betsy Silverfine**, bsilverfine@comcast.net; or **Steven Barre**, sbarre@aol.com.

**82** We are at the tail end of the renewal and news cycles, so the inbox is low. The annual dues mailing is out; please pay your dues and submit some news! In addition to the magazine, your dues go toward Reunions, communications, and scholarships and class gifts to Cornell. The news we do have once again highlights the cool stuff that you all do.

**Amy Norr** (Penn Valley, PA) writes, “I have not written in many years. I have lived in the Philadelphia area since coming here for law school and, with my husband, Jeff Metz, have raised three children. The older two did not even apply to Cornell, so it’s a great thrill that our youngest child, Melanie Metz, will be attending Cornell next fall (Class of 2022)! I am a CAAAN general chair for the Philadelphia/South Jersey region, through which I have made many new Cornell friends over the years. For the past four years, I have led a community effort advocating for later high school start times, and I was a guest on our local public radio talk show on this topic in September (<http://why.org/cms/radiotimes/2017/09/13/school-lunch-teens-sleep/>). I first became interested in the issue of teen sleep and start times during our freshman year, in Psych 101, when Prof. **James Maas, PhD ’66**, stated that he would not teach a class starting before 10 a.m. because the students were not in an optimal learning condition earlier in the morning. I was also a night owl then, and very tired for the occasional 8 a.m. class—remember Chem 207 lab

**Nicole Niehoff ’14** and **Morgan Carter**, a Cornell graduate student in Plant Pathology. We enjoyed a chimes concert after the ceremony, which was a wedding gift from Alyssa’s grandparents Mary Jane and **John Hoare ’56**, MBA ’57 (a chimesmaster). Wedding guests included several graduate students and **Lindsay Wickham ’85**. Alyssa successfully defended her master’s thesis in December 2017.” Liz is the 2018 president of the National Assn. of Biology Teachers and sends greetings to all biology educators. She adds, “Teachers are awesome!”

In January 2018, Duane Morris LLP named partner and ILR grad **Eve Klein Samson**, JD ’85, as chair of the firm’s employment, labor, benefits, and immigration practice group. Her predecessor in that position says of Eve, “She has handled some of the most complex matters in our group and has been recognized as one of our best throughout her 20 years with the firm. I know she’ll be able to capitalize on her experience to continue the group’s growth and client service success.” Eve was also recently named one of the 100 leading women lawyers in NYC by Crain’s New York Business. Congratulations, Eve!

Your correspondent **Mark Fernau** attended another successful away drubbing of the Harvard team by our Big Red men’s hockey team. Seated right in front of him were our awesome Reunion co-chair **Terry Kilmer** Oosterom and her companions **John Hand ’83** and **Juliet Kolm** Gibbs, BA ’80. Sitting with Mark and his wife, **Melissa (Duncan) ’83**, were Lambda Chis **Bill Stasiuk ’80**, **Joe Kane ’79**, **Mark Hallock ’79**, **Scott Jacobs ’79**, **Denis Barone ’79**, **Cliff Manko ’80**, **Steve Keegan ’80**, **Mike Lennon ’81**, and **T. Scot Brown ’81**, MBA ’92. Send news to: ♦ **Mark Fernau**, mef29@cornell.edu; **Nina Kondo**, nmk22@cornell.edu; or **Doug Skalka**, dskalka@npmlaw.com. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

**83** Hello, Class of ’83! Are you ready for Reunion? Our class officers and Reunion co-chairs are getting ready for you!

Congratulations to **Lynn Leopold**, appointed by New York Mayor Bill de Blasio as a new judge to Family Court. From the mayor’s office: “Judge Leopold served with the New York City Law Dept. for nearly 17 years, primarily in the Family Court Division as senior counsel and deputy borough chief as well as senior counsel in Family Court,



Administration. Prior to that, she was with the New York City Housing Authority for 11 years, having last served as an assistant chief in the anti-narcotics strike force, and started her career at the Kings County District Attorney's office. Judge Leopold graduated from Cornell and the U. of Bridgeport School of Law (now Quinnipiac School of Law)."

Many of our class officers recently attended the Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC) in Philadelphia.

**84** Though it's snowy and bright as I sit to write this column, I hope it is a warm spring day when you read these words!

The Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC) wrapped up in early February. Classmates in attendance included our class president, **Lindsay Liotta** Forness, and **Amy Brown** Fraser, **Christine Miller** Whaley, MBA '89, **Carol Leister**, **Ruby Saake**, and **Kevin Hunt**. Kevin's father, **Chuck Hunt '58**, was honored with the

companies," recently won *Diagnostic Imaging's* "Top People to Watch in Radiology" award. "Readers nominated imaging professionals who have made a significant impact on patient experience in imaging." A colleague of Arlene's wrote, "Dr. Sussman is a highly regarded breast imaging specialist and a leading voice on issues related to breast health and awareness." Her nomination notes that she "championed live video diagnostics technology at vRad to help patients, especially those in rural areas, have access and face-to-face conversations with her and other fellowship-trained radiologists immediately following their mammograms. This approach allows patients diagnosed with breast cancer to have the time they require with a radiologist, allowing them to have comfort during what can be one of the scariest days of their lives."

It's an honor to have shared the stories of these stellar classmates. I suspect we have many classmates making a positive impact on their communities. Please feel free to share your own story, or that of a classmate!

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## 'Jennifer Maisel's new play, *There or Here*, recently premiered in London.'

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**Diane Barsky** writes, "I attended the Friday night reception at CALC, along with fellow Class of 1983 guests **Saul Behar** and **Donna Davis** Matthews, to hear Cornell President Martha Pollack. Also attending were class president **Nancy Gilroy**, Reunion co-chairs **Andy Sosa** and **Susan Wasserman** Guerin, **Linda Lovero**-Waterhouse, and **Carin Lewis** Evans. We enjoyed a fun dinner at Sakura Mandarin in Philadelphia owned by **Jack Chen '00**."

Reunion is fast approaching, so mark the weekend of June 7-10, 2018 for a trip back home to Cornell. This year we'll be housed in the luxurious (and air-conditioned) townhouses on North Campus. While it's not quite the Residence Inn, they do feature double rooms, kitchenettes, spacious living rooms, and semi-private bathrooms. Start packing your tennis gear, golf clubs, and rain gear for a wonderful weekend catching up with old friends (we are all over 50 now) and exploring all the new spaces on campus.

Andy, Susan, and the Reunion committee are looking forward to seeing all of you at our 35th Reunion. Please plan to arrive on Thursday, as we'll start with an evening event at the former Temple of Zeus. Friday morning at 10 a.m., we are so fortunate to have five of our classmates lead a panel discussion for the university. Obama Cabinet members **Alan Krueger** and **Seth Harris**; former CFO of JP Morgan Chase **Doug Braunstein**; and the donor of King-Shaw Hall, **Ruben King-Shaw**, will be on a panel moderated by the dean of the College of Arts & Sciences, **Gretchen Ritter**—all members of the Class of '83! Following the panel, we will have a "fun in the sun" lunch. We have cocktail parties and dinners, ice cream socials and brunches, and, of course, some of our favorite a capella groups to entertain us! We promise plenty of food and fun! If you are interested in joining the committee, contact Andy ([jas247@cornell.edu](mailto:jas247@cornell.edu)) or Susan ([sguerin62@gmail.com](mailto:sguerin62@gmail.com)). We gratefully welcome any volunteers to help us during the weekend.

Please join/visit our Facebook group, "Cornell University Class of 1983," and post pictures from your time on the Hill. Visit our Class of 1983 Cornell webpage at <https://alumni.cornell.edu/come-back/reunion/classes-groups/class-of-1983/>, and join our group on LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/groups/4749373>. To keep the great momentum going in preparation for Reunion, we'd love to receive updates on classmates. Please e-mail your news to either of us: ❖ **Barb Warner** Deane, [barbwarnerdeane.com](mailto:barbwarnerdeane.com); **Jon Felice**, [jbfelice@jbfelice.com](mailto:jbfelice@jbfelice.com). Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

**Bill Vanneman '31** Outstanding Class Leader Award. As many of you know, this a very prestigious alumni award given each year.

Though we didn't hear from many classmates, the following individuals highlighted below are doing our university, class, and communities proud! **George Ferrari** was recently featured in *Human Ecology* magazine for his lifelong service that has helped countless individuals in Tompkins County. A Human Development and Family Studies major, he first began nonprofit work as a student at Cornell when he worked at Suicide Prevention and Crisis Service. His current position is as the CEO of the Community Foundation of Tompkins County. As George explains, "We provide the tools and relationships to help people engage in philanthropy as they see fit, to manifest their values. Money is not the only tool—we do it with information about our communities and with social capital." Among George's many positions and titles, the article points out that he has served as executive director of Catholic Charities of Tompkins/Tioga counties; worked as the crisis line manager at Suicide Prevention and Crisis Service; was the founding executive director of AIDS WORK of Tompkins County; and worked at Head Start and in residence life at Cornell. He sits on several boards of directors, making immense contributions to Ithaca area communities. Take a look at Wendy Hankle's article in *Human Ecology* magazine for more information about George's work.

**Lisa Steinberg** Friedman-Clark, who studied Electrical Engineering at Cornell, has had a career change. She launched an online fashion brand named TallOrder.com along with her twin sons, Mike and Dan. Her sons, standing at 6' 11" and 6' 9", were the inspiration for the enterprise. TallOrder.com provides stylish socks for men with shoe sizes 12-20. The challenge of finding stylish socks wasn't the only inspiration for this venture. Lisa's husband, Andrew, died in the September 11 World Trade Center attacks. Following their loss, Lisa and her sons "were overwhelmed by the support and generosity they received from their community and several amazing charities, including Tuesday's Children. In this spirit, the Friedmans founded TallOrder.com to donate proceeds and give back to Tuesday's Children, founded in the aftermath of 9/11 to help all those affected by terrorism and trauma." Ten percent of TallOrder.com profits go to Tuesday's Children.

**Arlene Orenstein** Sussman, MD '90, who is the medical director of vRad (Virtual Radiologic), "one of the nation's leading teleradiology services and telemedicine

**85** So I am sitting here, in my living room, stressed and confused. I took my son, Daniel, on a college tour today. U. of Georgia. That campus is huge. I thought the Cornell campus was big when I got there. I mean, I was a Hotelier. Not to put myself or my Hotelier brethren down, but we had the majority of our classes in one building. We ventured out of "Statler High" for our required courses that we needed to graduate. But we had lockers! We could put our jackets and boots in them. Our courses were chosen FOR US for a semester or two. So I walked around this college campus today and got lost at every turn. And all I thought was, "How can I leave my child here?" But I did see a food truck on the campus of UGA, DURING THE DAY! Crazy, I know! So I know that if he did go there, he would be okay! And: we made it (big campus, Johnny's Hot Truck), and we continue to succeed. See the evidence below.

**Eugene Casey**, MBA '92, recently retired from the FBI and was interviewed for the FBI Retired Case File Review podcast. You can view it here: <http://jerriwilliams.com/eugene-casey-terrorist-carlos-the-jackal-interview-strategies/>. WOW! He also published an article in the *Journal of Counterterrorism* about his meetings with the famous Carlos the Jackal. **Nicholas Nicastro**, PhD '04, and spouse **Maryanne Newton '87**, PhD '04, write in from Middleburg, VA. Nicholas is a historical novelist and has published eight novels so far. His latest book is *Hell's Half-Acre*, published in 2015. You can see more about him at: <http://www.nicastrobooks.com>.

In January, **Jill Beckenstein** Lerner, **Maryellen Fisher** Magee, **Cindy Cowan** Bowman, **Leslie Nydick** Rosetti, **Debra Eisenstat** DeRoche, **Karen Magri** Dadd, and I, **Joyce Zerkowitz** Cornett, met in Cleveland, GA. Yes, there is a Cleveland in Georgia and it is home to several wonderful wineries. We visited two of them, Frogtown Cellars and Cottage Vineyards, and enjoyed the goodness of the Georgia grapes! We also spent a day in Helen, GA, which is a quaint Bavarian town. We again spent time catching up on each other's lives and reminiscing about time at Cornell. Hope others of our class get together now and then and enjoy one another's company and think about all the great times we had on the Slope.

**Tara Shuman** Gonzalez just kicked her last chick out of the nest. Her youngest, Isabel, is a freshman at Colgate; middle child Sydney is a junior at Ursinus College; and son **Jesse '17** is a graduate of Cornell and is now



at U. of Oregon for his master's in poetry. Proud mama, and well deserved! **Denis Hurley** (dreaganh@aol.com) writes, "During September 2017, my wife, Anne, and I hiked the Inca Trail to Machu Picchu in Peru. It was a great adventure!"

**Douglas Birnie** and his wife, Mary, apparently have an incredible Christmas Eve dinner. I think it is more due to Mary's incredible culinary skills than anything Doug may have learned at Cornell. I have seen pics on Facebook and if I could be blessed with an invitation, I would move heaven and earth to get there! **Roberta Zwiebel** Farhi writes that her daughter will be attending Einstein Medical School in the fall.

**Michael Smith** writes, "33 years have passed since walking onto campus as a Cornell student. I have raised three boys, ages 23, 28, and 33; I was married 15 years, then divorced. I met another beautiful woman who, for eight years, was the love of my life. She sadly succumbed to pancreatic cancer. I soul-searched for years, raised my sons, and worked as an electrician (am a proud member of IBEW Local 43 out of Syracuse, NY). My journey through life has never had a dull moment and my proudest accomplishments are my sons. My youngest is finishing his last year at Binghamton U. with a dual degree in international languages (Japanese and Chinese) and history. My middle son has made me a proud and happy grandfather to a beautiful, precious girl, Mariah Rose. And my oldest runs the kitchen for a local hot spot diner in Baldwinsville. I have re-found a woman I went to elementary school with and, through twists and turns, we were brought together again. We are sharing a wonderful life in Camden, NY, known for snow and more snow. I cherish my Cornell friends that I have made along the way."

Please continue to send me your news. I LOVE hearing about you. Our lives are precious and special. Share with your fellow Cornellians. Send news to: ♦ **Joyce Zelkowitz** Cornett, cornett0667@comcast.net.

**86** Writing this column, in the midst of the PyeongChang 2018 Winter Olympics, I came across a quote from Cornell Psychology professor Tom Gilovich: "Silver medalists naturally focus on something they didn't achieve, the coveted gold, whereas bronze medalists focus on what they did achieve—a medal." Gilovich's conclusion is that people do not respond to the stimuli they encounter, they respond to the meaning they assign to those stimuli. A key to happiness?

Happiness in love and relationships is a subject **Beth Liebling** is currently tackling. A divorce attorney and divorcee, she has a regular radio show called "Love and Laughter with Beth" on ESPN Houston 97.5. On the show, she interviews relationship gurus, religious leaders, people such as the founder of the Marriage Project, and sex experts. She's also the owner of Darling Way, the luxury boutique catering to the love lives of Houston's finest. For people who prefer to get this kind of advice by reading, Beth has a new book, *Love and Laughter: Sexy (Meaningful) Fun for Everyone*.

Time flies, says **John Carnella** (jcarnella@rogers.com), who writes that he and **Meyung Joh** have lived and worked in Toronto for the last 13 years. They've made regular visits to Ithaca over the last six years to visit their kids at Cornell: **Max '16**, **Nikki '18**, and **Tierney '21**. That has allowed them to re-acquaint themselves with the campus (Lynah is still a lot of fun, according to John) and surrounding areas (the restaurants are better). He would love to hear from fellow classmates who are traveling through Toronto (come in the summer), Scottsdale, or the

East End of Long Island. After 20 years as an HR executive, **Alan Cohen** (alanlewiscohen@gmail.com) has started his own executive coaching business, AccessHR Coaching, in NYC. He's living there with Eddie Jacobs, whom he married five years ago, and their two terriers.

**Margot Tohn** (mtohn@verizon.net) is also living in New York, where she founded a multi-media business producing self-published guidebooks to NYC parking garages, transportation maps, and parking garage databases. Margot bought a house in Saratoga Springs, NY, in early 2017. She says, "Major renovations taught me way more than I ever expected about owning a house in the country." She reports that she's trapped three opossums, two skunks, and two groundhogs, and learned about well water and septic systems. She can now make a mean fire in the wood stove and is on a first-name basis with most of the folks at Home Depot. Margot uses the house as a vacation home and rents it out during the summer track (horse) season and other times. If anyone is looking for a large house for summer, Skidmore's graduation, or local skiing, let Margot know. As president of our class, Margot also wants to remind everyone about the Class of '86 scholarship, which is awarded every four years to an undergraduate student and is open for contributions. Legacy students of the Class of '86 are given priority to receive the scholarship.

As always, please e-mail any of us with your news:

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**87** I just returned from an amazing Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC) in Philadelphia during Super Bowl weekend. The Class of '87 was well-represented with 21 officers in attendance (including first-timers **Leslie Kalick Wolfe**, **Alex Padilla**, **Verna Ng Tyree**, and **Gabe Boyar**)! Among the highlights were a session led by **Rana Glasgal** on "Understanding College and University Rankings" and panels with President Martha Pollack. At our class meeting we recapped the success of our outstanding 30th Reunion, which broke a university 30th Reunion record! On Saturday night, **Marnie Dreifuss** Gelfman and husband Peter hosted a lovely cocktail party for our class officers and local class alums at their apartment. Marnie is doing a one-year, post-baccalaureate program at the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts (PAFA). I was particularly excited to see **Jane Niehaus** and her husband, Charles.

So many exciting accomplishments in the arts and letters category. For those of you who have been following her "weekly list" on Facebook or Twitter, **Amy Siskind**'s book, *The List: A Week-By-Week Reckoning of Trump's First Year*, hits the stands this March. She is also doing a speaking tour that includes the keynote address at the ACLU annual lunch in Chicago. **Victoria Lazar** and her husband, Alex, were producers of a play called *Balls* that premiered in Houston and recently opened in NYC. The play explores the famous tennis match between Billie Jean King and Bobby Riggs. **Jennifer Maisel**'s new play, *There or Here*, recently premiered in London to great critical praise. **Andrew Heckler** received the Sundance Audience Award for *Burden*, which he directed, and **Hugh O'Gorman** was invited to Shanghai to lead a theater workshop last summer.

At the Cornell vs. Princeton football game, **Tom Malone** made a repeat appearance doing color commentary with legendary play-by-play man Barry Leonard on the Big Red Radio Network. Speaking of football,

**Jim Knowles** is the new defensive coordinator at Oklahoma State U. He spent the past eight seasons at Duke, but is settling well into his new job. Apparently, Jim likes to find new ways to engage his players by using games like "Cash Cab" and "Jeopardy!" to get them to learn the playbook.

**Brad Fox** wrote to tell us about a recent encounter during a flight delay at a Dallas airport. "An older gentleman approached and asked if he could sit in the seat next to me. I complied, although I was completely engrossed in my book. When questioned about why I was in Dallas, I told him that I was a doctor attending a medical meeting. He asked me where I went to school and when I told him Cornell, he said, 'Cornell? You might have taken my class—Psych 101.' Sure enough, it was retired Prof. **Jim Maas, PhD '66**. He is working on the effects of sleep on performance and he sent me a copy of his newest book."

**Susan Mayne, PhD '87**, is the director of the FDA's Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (CFSAN). She was recently featured in *Human Ecology* magazine. She came to Cornell as a PhD student with a background in chemistry and biochemistry with an interest in health promotion and disease prevention. Over the course of her studies, she became interested in toxicology and epidemiology. Her work led her to the faculty of Yale's School of Public Health, where she taught and led research for 27 years. Now at the FDA, she gets to shape public health policy that leads to better food safety and nutrition.

Many of our classmates' children attended the Cornell Summer College Program in 2017: **Caleb**, son of **Lee '88** and **Debra Klugherz Goldberg**; **Miles**, son of **Sarah Jack**; **Abigail**, daughter of **Charles '86** and **Adrienne McVicker Reing**; **Daniel**, son of **Deborah Klein Kolodny**; **Zoe**, daughter of **Zorba**, MBA '92, and **Kristi Levine Lieberman '90**; **Joseph**, son of **Frank Mangiacapra**; **Alex** and **Anna**, daughters of **Frank Davis**; and **Rebekah**, daughter of **Gene Rendino**, MBA '02. **Rebekah** is entering Cornell next fall as a freshman in Arts & Sciences. Congratulations also to **Gabe** and **Katie Roth Boyar '86**, **Wendy Marx**, MD '91, and **Pam Mandell Freedman**—all three have children who will attend Cornell as freshmen in the fall. I know there are many more of you, so please share!

Congratulations to **Brent Vallat**, ME '89, and his wife on the birth of their son, William Ian. And best of luck to **Phil Lam**'s daughter, who is a contestant on the current season of the "Kids Baking Championship" on the Food Network. Maybe next she can challenge **David Gruen**, MD '91's son, who competed on "Chopped Junior" a year or two ago. First challenge—the real "Straight Break" chocolate chip cookies.

Just a reminder that *Cornell Alumni Magazine* now has an online Alumni Photo Gallery! You can submit your photos at: [cornellalumnimagazine.com/photogallery](http://cornellalumnimagazine.com/photogallery). Please be sure to send us your news via a news form or by e-mailing one of us at the following: ♦ **Whitney Weinstein** Goodman, ww5@cornell.edu; **Liz Brown**, etb29@cornell.edu; and **Lisa Burns** Griffin, LAG77@cornell.edu.

**88** Our 30th Reunion is just weeks away! Call for nominations: Looking for a way to get involved? Have free time with kids away at college? Please join our Class of '88 alumni board; there are many roles currently available, and a new slate of officers/class council members will be voted on at Reunion. Roles available include co-Reunion chair, webmaster, and class



correspondent (as we say thank you to **Brad Mehl** for writing this column for ten years!), among others. Please reach out to **Alan Riffkin** (alanriffkin@earthlink.net) or **Kelly Smith Brown**, MBA '92 (kellyjoan@fuse.net) if you are interested and for more information. A list of class roles can also be found here: <https://givegab-cornell-alumni.herokuapp.com/communities/class-of-1988-officers/events>.

Congratulations to **Andrea Stein** King on her promotion to VP for philanthropic services for Swedish Medical Center Foundation in Seattle. Andrea has spent her career in fundraising for higher education and healthcare and is the past president of the Washington Planned Giving Council and a member of the TINFA (Technology and INformation For All) board. Andrea lives in Seattle with her husband, Dwayne, and their two teenage children. We also congratulate **Wendy Fruehan** Schoppert, MBA '89, on her prestigious appointment to the board of the Hershey Co. Wendy has served on the senior executive team of Sleep Number Corp. in various roles, including executive VP and CFO, chief information officer, interim chief marketing officer, and senior VP of international and new channel development. She is an engaged Cornellian, serving as vice chair of the President's Council of Cornell Women (PCCW).

**Jimin Han** has been teaching at Sarah Lawrence College's Writing Inst. and wrote and published a suspenseful, page-turning novel last year called *A Small Revolution* (available on Amazon). If she had a day in Ithaca, she would "write in Uris Library, hike through Buttermilk Falls, and sit in the Quad on a blanket." Please come up for Reunion weekend to do all of these things! **Matt Chadsey** is the executive director of Earth Economics, a nonprofit working to quantify and value the many benefits that nature provides to communities, whether in the form of sustainable water supply, habitat, or improved public health, among others. Matt writes, "We work closely with local and federal agencies, utilities, and community groups to inform better long-term decisions about how natural systems can be applied to our most critical challenges—sprawl, climate change, etc. I'm always interested to meet with other Cornellians working on this topic!"

On an adventurous (and amusing) note, **Eric Way** and his partner, Laurent, purchased an untouched 300-year-old Savoyard farmhouse in the Tarentaise Valley of the French Alps. "Little did we know we were about to embark on our own version of *A Year in Provence*. Just as we started the purchase process, Laurent was severely injured in a barbeque accident. After months of convalescence in the hospital and at home, he made a full recovery. As we have cleaned out the house we have discovered untold treasures including handmade 19th-century farm implements, a 200-year-old ornate pistol stock, and a 1944 British paratrooper's munitions case full of 'Made in USA' Winchester rifle bullets hidden away in the hayloft for 70 years by the French Resistance. To our great surprise, the village has welcomed us with open arms. I don't know if the universe was trying to tell us something with the name of the village, but as a gay couple we are gradually getting used to living in . . . Pussy. The name comes from the original Roman legionnaire Pusius, who founded a farm there 2,000 years ago. Could there be a book in store?"

For Reunion details and more, visit our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/8476144284/>. Send news to either of your class correspondents: ♦ **Andréa Meadow** Danziger, ALM46@cornell.edu; **Brad Mehl**, bradmehl@gmail.com.

**89** We are officially one year out from our 30th Reunion! Time to look forward—and look back. What were your first impressions of Cornell? For me it was dogs. I have always loved dogs. Unreasonably so, at times. (Growing up in a two-bedroom walk-up in Queens, I could not understand my parents' refusal to indulge my keenness for a canine. Curious . . .) So, when I first considered applying to Cornell, one of my motives was that I thought students were allowed to have dogs in their dorm rooms. During my first campus visit, after my acceptance, I realized my error and resigned myself to attending simply for the world-class education (ho-hum). During the next four years, I had to be satisfied simply watching off-campus residents with coveted pet clauses frolic and Frisbee with their fur buddies on the Arts Quad, or Sigma Chi's giant St. Bernard as he stretched himself across the threshold of the Straight at noon while hundreds of us stepped gingerly over and around him. (That animal had presence.)

So why am I writing about all of this in the alumni news column, you ask? Well, I am pleased to announce that I now have my very own dog, and if I can spend 150 words going on about other people's pets from 30 years ago, imagine how much space I can take up writing about the adorable escapades of my own beloved doggie—If people don't let us know what they're up to in their lives instead. That's right. We need more news from you folks. Either let us know what you've been doing (One or two sentences can be enough! Just a quick e-mail to any of the addresses at the bottom of this column!), or I, for one, will be forced to go into great detail about my ten-pound rat terrier's antics in my next column. (I bought him a tie-dye T-shirt in homage to Ithaca.)

In the meantime, while we wait for those e-mails, thanks to **Debbie Schaffel** we have information on the continuing plans for our 30th! Debbie and several other of our intrepid classmates have been developing plans, most notably at February's Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC) in Philadelphia. Debbie sent the following about the highly productive weekend:

"Attendees from the Class of '89 were **Shannon Galivan** Bol, **Rob Chodock**, **Jinny Van Deusen**, **Carolyn Day** Flowers, **Jennifer Ritter** Kelly, **Jeff Lee**, ME '90, **Joseph Cartafalsa**, and **Susan Eno** Collins. **Stephanie Bloom** Avidon joined us for our class meeting via phone from her sick bed. The program was packed with opportunities to network and interact with classmates. Friday included sessions on social media, iModules, and best practices, and a luncheon keynote from **Vikram Dewan '76**, president and CEO of the Philadelphia Zoo, discussing how they have reimaged their space to build up with unique walkways and enclosures for the animals. Saturday's program continued with a breakfast discussion on the residential initiative on campus, a lunch with presentations from three fantastic student entrepreneurs, and our class meeting. As we lead up to Reunion in 2019, our meeting focused on ways we can build engagement and excitement. Possibilities include simultaneous brunches across the country on Reunion weekend 2018, Big Red hockey with the rest of the classes of the '80s, and other pre-Reunion activities that will be developed. Anyone interested in volunteering to help with Reunion should contact me, Debbie Schaffel, **Carol Borack** Copenhagen, or **David Scher**."

Mark your planners for June 6-9, 2019 in Ithaca! And while you're typing that in, send an e-mail to your column writers with your latest "news." (Anything from the past 29 years counts, really.) If not, I shall be forced to describe in detail how Boomer performs his special "stand" trick

for his Milk Bone. (He wears a bow tie. It's adorable.)

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**90** Can you believe half of 2018 is nearly over? I know it's a big year for many of us as we leave the decade of the 40s and start life as 50-year-olds. However, as they say, "50 is the new 30," and I'm sure we are all as busy challenging ourselves as ever.

A perfect example of this is **Jennifer West Chaloe-tiarana**, whose motto is, "Be comfortable with being uncomfortable." In March, she was awarded Corporate Counsel of the Year Award (pro bono category) from *Silicon Valley Business Journal* and the *San Francisco Business Times* for her involvement with OneJustice, an organization that removes barriers to justice for Californians, especially low income residents and immigrants. In addition to being chair of the board of directors for OneJustice, Jennifer serves as general counsel, chief compliance officer, and chief privacy officer for Castlight Health. "The legal profession is evolving to be a positive force for change. I have seen this in action from the work at the pop-up clinics at airports to the pro bono legal challenges in courts to protect the civil rights of the underserved and underrepresented. I am proud to be of this community." And we are proud to have you as part of the Class of 1990 community, Jen! Family is of course a priority, and she and husband **Thwen** took ballet lessons and have danced in the *Nutcracker* for the past few holiday seasons with their younger daughter, Saijai, a sophomore at Lick-Wilmerding High School in San Francisco. Their older daughter, Kate, is a sophomore at Sarah Lawrence. Thwen added that he is working full time for the first time in 18 years, as a deployment and products manager at Exit-VR.com, a virtual reality startup. He also finds time to ride the waves from time to time.

Kudos to fellow former Cornell tour guide **Deborah Dubois** on her appointment as president of Mortgage Bankers Assn. Opens Doors, a nonprofit foundation that provides rental and mortgage payment assistance to families with critically ill children, allowing parents and guardians to remain with their children during treatment without fear of jeopardizing their home. "It is a privilege to help families who face the unbelievable choice of being with their child at such a critical time, or going to work to keep a roof over their heads." Before taking on this role, Deb served as the chief development officer for the Center for Public Integrity, a nonprofit investigative journalism organization, and has worked as deputy executive director for Justice at Stake and vice president of the National Legal Aid & Defender Assn.

Another classmate involved in the legal arena is Judge **Gary Lam** of Hong Kong, a Hotelier who started law school at Hong Kong U. after a short stint at the Hyatt Regency Crystal City. Like me, he used to work the Friday night dish machine at Noyes Dining on West Campus. (That must have been the start of the decision to leave the hospitality industry!) Gary also lived in U-Hall 4's Scholarly Living Unit, which was anything but "scholarly" as I can definitely attest. Gary took a summer course at Cornell's Adult University in 2016 while his two children attended Cornell's summer camp. "They loved it! They went for the first time in 2014, then they asked for an encore." Gary's wife, **Ada Lo '93**, BS '92, MPS '93, also a Hotelier, currently teaches at the hotel school at Hong Kong Polytechnic U. Gary's U-Hall 4 roommate, **Moody Kwok**, is a hand surgeon in Philadelphia



with three sons. According to Gary, Moody met his wife, a pediatric nurse, when she caught him stealing ice cream from the pediatric ward.

Our class president, **Caroline Misciagna** Sussman, closes this edition of the column with this message: "Now that I have been involved with our alumni class for a few years, I can say that the Class of 1990 has been infinitely blessed by the unwavering dedication and decades-long leadership of a dozen or so of our classmates. I would name them here, but I fear missing someone. Take a look at our leadership roster and know that the vast majority of them have served our class since graduation! As we begin celebrating our 50th birthdays, many of us are on the brink of major life changes, at career crossroads, and starting to experience empty-nest syndrome. It is the natural ebb and flow of life, and as some of our officers who have served tirelessly step away to pursue other goals, the class provides opportunities for others to get involved. Please consider participating in our alumni class leadership. There is always more to be done with social media, marketing, and, of course, Reunion planning, which will begin this fall. Let us know at [cornellclass90@gmail.com](mailto:cornellclass90@gmail.com) if you want to get involved." Thanks, Caroline!

Only a year and a half until our 30th Reunion! Are you one of the 55 classmates who have attended all five Reunions? We look forward to welcoming new volunteers on board to make our 2020 gathering even more memorable. In the meantime, please send your news and classmate updates to: ♦ **Rose Tanasugarn**, [nt28@cornell.edu](mailto:nt28@cornell.edu); or **Allan Rousselle**, [agr2@cornell.edu](mailto:agr2@cornell.edu).

**91** A small but dedicated group traveled to Philly on a cold weekend in February to attend the Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC). Those in attendance included **David Peck**, MPA '92, **Sharon Wolfson** Bader, **Bob Baca**, **Paul Hayre**, **Ruby Wang** Pizzini, **Jeannette Perez-Rossello**, **Lisa Bushlow**, **Nicole Bisagni** DelToro, and **Karen Paul** Zimmer, MD '98. For three days, the group learned about new alumni programs, explored new tools to support the class, networked with other class officers, and helped run the sessions. I think it's safe to say that the Class of '91 is poised and ready to do great things leading up to our next Reunion. Although **Meredith Clark** Shachoy was unable to attend CALC, she was thrilled to announce that her daughter, Brooke, a senior at Buckingham Browne and Nichols School in Cambridge, MA, was recruited for the Cornell women's Division One sailing team. "Brooke's so excited to be going to Cornell and will be a third-generation Cornellian!"

Meredith also shared a brief update on Cornell friends from coast to coast. **Sabrina Strickland** Fertig is a top orthopedic sports doctor, specializing in knee and shoulder surgery, at Hospital for Special Surgery in NYC. She is also a mom to three daughters. **Kim Rugala** LaFontana lives in Melrose, MA, with her husband and two daughters. She works for a startup healthcare company in Boston. **Elleke Monster** Haggerty lives in Kenilworth, IL. With her two oldest daughters in college, Elleke is a fierce paddle tennis competitor and actively involved in the Kenilworth school board. **Jill Weisman** Pflaum, MBA '97, is living in Wayzata, MN, with four children and her husband. Jill is loving the cold weather—just like Ithaca! **Ruth Ann Keene** Ehm, JD '98, is general counsel at Unity Technologies. She has two daughters that love to ski with her in Crested Butte, CO, and a husband who is an amazing cook. **Heather Bracher** Severs lives in Los Angeles with her husband, Charley, and three boys. Heather works

in the fashion industry curating high-end jewelry and accessories for fashion companies. **Hilary Morse** is also living in Los Angeles and working at a startup natural hemp product company. Her son, Luka, is 9 and they both love surfing and exploring the world with her husband, bass guitarist Mike Dimkich. **Elizabeth Kuo** Spokes is living in San Francisco with her husband and three children. She is active in many charities and continues to be an avid runner.

For those of you who don't get the *Human Ecology* magazine, **James Pitaro** was featured in the fall issue. James is chairman of Disney Consumer Products and

PhD '98, has BIG news! On October 7, 2017, he married Ian Foss at the District of Columbia War Memorial on the Mall in Washington, DC. **John Macris** '93, ME '95, **Constantine** and **Carrie Garmezy Hrousis**, MAT '93, **Joel Seligman** '89, MPS '00, **Roberto Garcia**, JD '11, **Lorena Garmezy** '86, **Andrew Willett**, and **Bryce Hall** '99 were in attendance, and the Rev. Dr. Barbara Heck, former chaplain of Cornell's Protestant Cooperative Ministry, presided.

President **Jon Simon** was unable to join us at CALC due to the flu. We feel your pain, Jon! Immediate past president **Allison Bergstrom** is buying a new home and

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Interactive Media. He and his team focus on infusing technology into Disney's physical products and leveraging digital experiences to immerse fans into their favorite stories in new ways. James pointed out that innovation often gets confused with technology, but innovation is all about mindset. "It's not enough to be smart and talented—you have to be curious. I was inspired and challenged all the way through Cornell and there was no cruising. I bring that work ethic with me every day."

**Roxanne Malek**, BArch '94, has been promoted to vice president of the SmithGroupJJR, one of the nation's leading integrated design firms. Her diverse project experience ranges from large-scale academic projects to complex science facilities for clients that include UC San Francisco, Berkeley, and Merced; Contra Costa Community College; and Stanford U. Roxanne, a registered architect and member of SmithGroupJJR's board of directors, has been with the firm for 21 years. She is a native of and presently resides in San Francisco. **Seth Briskin** has been named Meyers, Roman, Friedberg & Lewis's new managing partner. Seth will be the firm's third, and youngest, managing partner and will continue to serve as chair of the labor and employment group. He joined the firm in 2006 as a partner, and his practice has spanned a myriad of labor and employment law issues involving private, public sector, and nonprofit organizations with both unionized and non-unionized workforces.

And lastly, for those looking ahead to summertime, Cornell offers a Summer College Program for high school students who have completed their sophomore, junior, or senior year. Some of the many talented high school students who attended the 2017 program were: Quinn, daughter of **David**, DVM '95, and **Kate Guernsey Ackerman**; Katrina, daughter of **David Schmier** and **Cindy Potter** '90; and Bradley, son of **Gregory Stoller**.

We love hearing from you. Please drop us a note and let us know how and what you have been doing. Online news can be sent to: <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>. Or feel free to contact one of us at: ♦ **Lori Attanasio** Woodring, [lori.woodring@yahoo.com](mailto:lori.woodring@yahoo.com); **Joe Marraccino**, [joemarraccino@msn.com](mailto:joemarraccino@msn.com); **J. Tim Vanini**, [lavanooche@icloud.com](mailto:lavanooche@icloud.com); **Wendy Milks** Coburn, [wmilkscoburn@me.com](mailto:wmilkscoburn@me.com).

**92** Your class officers attended the Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC) in Philadelphia this past February. Vice president **Terry Horner**,

planning her next travel adventure. Reunion chair **Todd Kantorczyk** continues to work hard on our local school board and in the gym as a CrossFit addict! I serve not only as one of your class correspondents, but also as your class secretary. I was honored to serve as a panelist for a presentation on events at CALC.

Other classmates in attendance at CALC were **Wilma Ann Thomas** Anderson, **Penelope "Penni" Wint** Urquhart, **Gabrielle Hartley**, and **Jenny Yang**. Wilma Ann has been enjoying a career as a school administrator/educator. Performing with her jazz band has kept music flowing since her days on campus as the founder of the all-female gospel ensemble Baraka Kwa Wimbo. Her post-Cornell education has included earning a master's in educational technology, and she hopes to obtain her doctorate in K-12 administration in the future, with a continued focus on women in technology. Wilma Ann and Penni were inspired to come to CALC as a result of attending the Cornell Women in Tech event in New York City. Gabrielle is writing a book, "Better Apart," with another classmate. Jenny is involved with the President's Council of Cornell Women, and we found out that she lives in our old neighborhood in Washington, DC.

In other news, **Dylan Willoughby**, MFA '95, reports that *NYLON* magazine recently selected his new single, "Wand," as one of its top songs of the week. A new poem of his appears in the English literary journal *Agenda* (London) in their special T.S. Eliot issue. If he had a day in Ithaca, Dylan says he would visit Taughannock Falls. **Seth Isenberg** wrote to say he recently became a director at PricewaterhouseCoopers, returning to the firm after 20 years, and is working in enterprise software. In 2015, he relocated with his wife and two teenagers from Portland, to Bend, OR, in the mountains. He'd love to have old friends come visit, especially to ski at Mt. Bachelor. He loves to spend days in the wild fly-fishing, canoe tripping, and camping and looks forward to showing campus to his kids when their college visits start later this year.

If you have not already, please respond to our class's annual dues mailing by paying your dues AND submitting your news on the form provided. Or feel free to e-mail either of us or use the online form at <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>. Thanks! ♦ **Jean Kintisch**, [jmk226@cornell.edu](mailto:jmk226@cornell.edu); **Lois Duffy** Castellano, [LKD2@cornell.edu](mailto:LKD2@cornell.edu).



**93** 'Tis the season of our 25th Reunion, fellow classmates! Yay us! As I write this, it's Valentine's Day; so, because of our milestone, and since, by coincidence, red and white are Cornell colors, I'm just feeling 'the CU love. Hope you are too, and are planning to join in for our 25th this June 7-10.

Recently, several members of our class council planned all kinds of Reunion events and activities when they convened in Philadelphia for the annual Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC). Thank you to these and all of the dedicated and enthusiastic classmates who are sharing their planning skills and creativity with our class to help make our 25th an epic one: class president **Earl Pinto**; Reunion co-chairs **Jessica Graus Woo**, **Lauren Bailly Sapia**, MBA '94, and **Christine Watters Stuhlmiller**; VP **Mike McMahon**; affinity marketing chair **Amy Miller Moore**; membership chair **Scott Kauff**; co-correspondent and Web community manager **Theresa Flores**; and co-Annual Fund representative **Loren Rosenzweig**-Feingold.

Some of our Reunion activity highlights are: a Taste and Toast dinner on Saturday night at Bartels Hall, featuring a variety of local Ithaca restaurants and Finger Lakes wineries and exclusive access to Cornell's new climbing wall; a Friday reception and dinner at the Johnson Museum, with time to explore the museum and enjoy a cappella entertainment; and a Cornell "Amazing Race" family-friendly scavenger hunt on Friday morning for teams to follow clues around campus, with prizes for top times (co-sponsored with the classes of 1998-2013). Classmates will be (re)connecting with friends and meeting new ones at the Class of '93 headquarters at the Kay-Court-Bauer dorm, one of the newer buildings on North Campus. Finally, on Saturday afternoon, there will be a Fun in the Sun family-friendly festival on the Arts Quad. Also, make sure to attend the famous Cornelliana Night, the annual Olin Lecture, a conversation with our new president, Martha E. Pollack, the Chorus and Glee Club concert, and much more! For additional information visit [alumni.cornell.edu/reunion](http://alumni.cornell.edu/reunion), e-mail [CU93reunion@gmail.com](mailto:CU93reunion@gmail.com), or call (607) 254-7013.

But wait: there's more! You and/or your family may also want to do what several of our classmates have done in summers past: enroll in Cornell's Adult University (CAU). There are a variety of CU programs and courses offered this summer on campus between July and August. Here are a few highlights: Ten Astronomical Discoveries That Shook Our Universe, led by Martha Haynes; What Your Genes Can Tell You and Why It Matters, led by Chip Aquadro; and From the Puritans to the Panthers: The American Political Tradition, led by Isaac Kramnick and Jason Frank. If traveling would appeal to you, CAU will

lead you to destinations such as India, Israel and the Palestinian Territory, Italy, and the Galápagos Islands. For kids, CAU offers more than a dozen summer residential and commuter youth programs, from science camp to outdoor adventures. High school aged kids can also apply to the Cornell Summer College, which brings more than 1,500 motivated high schoolers to campus each summer.

Many of us may also return to the Hill with their prospective applicants to tour the campus. Classmate **Pete Wiezalis** wrote to us after he and his family toured: "So exciting from the other side! This fall, I (along with my wife, Alicia, and younger daughter Amanda) had the unexpectedly great pleasure to attend an official Cornell Admissions session and campus tour with my daughter Ashley, who is a junior at Westhill High School. I was almost overwhelmed by the rush of feelings as I watched my daughter go through the day. I had forgotten so much, and the re-visit from the parent side was just an outstanding experience (though it did make me feel quite old). I am not sure whether Ashley will continue her interest in attending Cornell, but going through the early process again was really super for me!"

Classmates, if you attend any of these Cornell events—or even if you don't—please e-mail us some news to help make our column a more fun and interesting read. Who did you re-connect with or meet? What was your favorite part about your visit? What do you miss most about our fair alma mater? Please also "Like" our class Facebook page: Cornell University - Class of 1993. Take care and please share. ♦ **Melissa Hart Moss**, [melimoss@yahoo.com](mailto:melimoss@yahoo.com); **Mia Blackler**, [miablackler@yahoo.com](mailto:miablackler@yahoo.com); **Theresa Flores**, [taf6@cornell.edu](mailto:taf6@cornell.edu).

**94** Greetings from New Jersey! It's been an up-and-down-weather winter so far, as I write this column in mid-February. Hopefully everyone is enjoying their 2018! Life continues to breeze by—we are blown away that in a few short months our oldest will be starting high school and our youngest will be starting middle school!

It looks like some of my fellow '94 alums have some children older than mine, because I was told by the Cornell Summer College Program that several classmates' children had actually attended in summer 2017! As you may be aware, Summer College is for 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. One of my biggest regrets was not spending a summer in Ithaca when I was an undergrad, so how smart of these kids to check that box while they're still in high school! Here's a list of the "legacy parents" and their children who were among the many talented high school students who attended last summer: Michael, son of **Eric Resnick**; Nathan, son of **Troy, MBA '93**, and **Mary Ellen Basden Simoni**; and Nathan, son of **Angela Tardif** Wratney.

Please pay your class's annual dues! By doing so, our alumni class can "pay it forward" to future Cornellians. Plus, it's tax deductible! If you do nothing else to support Cornell, I encourage you to pay your class dues.

Our last reports come from our Facebook group. I use the group (Cornell University Class of 1994) to solicit updates, or just "likes," and I got a dozen responses this time. Thanks everyone! **Margit Feury** Ragland wrote, "Hi **Jennifer Rabin Marchant**! Thank you for all your hard work. Down here in Asheville, NC, I don't get to spend as much time with my Cornell buddies

as I used to in NYC. But in 2017, I was so happy to celebrate the Sundance Film Festival with **Charisma Garcia-Ryan** Kitchener, MBA '00, and **Elizabeth Golluscio**; Little League games with **Sylvan Kavanaugh '95**; Fourth of July with **Ripley** and **Kate Bird MacDonald**, MS '97; Thanksgiving with **Anna Willett** Benton; and New Year's Eve with **Sunita Waggle** Diez #luckyme #bestfriendsforever." And **Lori DiLorenzo** Buszkiewicz wrote to me too! "Hi Jennifer! I'm now practicing addiction medicine in central Massachusetts. Always happy to have visitors. I can be reached at [lori@busky.net](mailto:lori@busky.net)." And "hi" to everyone who liked my request for news!

**Michael** and I send our best wishes for a wonderful summer! ♦ **Jennifer Rabin** Marchant, [jar1229@yahoo.com](mailto:jar1229@yahoo.com); **Dika Lam**, [dikaweb@yahoo.com](mailto:dikaweb@yahoo.com); **Dineen Pashoukos** Wasyluk, [dmp5@cornell.edu](mailto:dmp5@cornell.edu). Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

**95** **Sophia Lee** was recently elected to the board of directors of the Asian Pacific American Bar Assn. of Pennsylvania (APABA-PA) for a one-year term. She was sworn in at the APABA-PA Lunar New Year Banquet, which was held February 2, 2018, at Ocean Harbor Restaurant in Philadelphia. Sophia earned her JD and LLM from Temple U. Beasley School of Law. She is a partner at Blank Rome LLP, and serves as a member of the firm's diversity and inclusion committee.

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**96** **Mary Lai** Preuss is an associate professor and the department chair of biological sciences at Webster U. in St. Louis. By contributing her time and historical knowledge, she assisted in the establishment of an annual event in honor of Carl and Gerty Cori, great scientific pioneers and naturalized Americans. The Coris were co-winners of the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine in 1947, along with Bernardo Alberto Houssay. Gerty Cori was the first American woman to win a Nobel Prize in science, and the first woman to win in Medicine or Physiology. Carl Cori earned honorary doctor of science degrees from Western Reserve U., Yale, Boston U., and Cambridge, and served as president of the Fourth Int'l Congress of Biochemistry. October 23 is now known as "Gerty and Carl Cori Day" in Missouri cities Glendale and St. Louis, as well as across the state, in part thanks to Mary's efforts.

**Sidharta Oetama**, MBA '99, is working at Northstar, the largest private equity firm in Indonesia, managing various portfolio companies. He enjoys the Northstar team as well as the variety of challenges his work presents. He notes, "No days are the same!" Last summer, Sidharta brought his 12-year-old daughter, Calista, and 10-year-old son, Christopher, to Ithaca for a visit that featured a walk around the Cornell campus, a waterfall hike, and, of course, delicious treats from Collegetown Bagels and the Dairy Bar. They made sure to travel in style by staying at the Statler!

**Alexander Sapundshiev** is working in Bulgaria, providing online valuation and investment advisory services to a family practice in commercial real estate, collective investment vehicles, and public securities. In his free time,

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Alexander reads about health and diet, putting the knowledge into practice with high-intensity exercise and long fasts. His children are active as well with rowing and tennis. Alexander recalls the first person he met at Cornell, **Marianne Bojer '94**. Marianne greeted Alexander when he arrived by Greyhound bus in the middle of the night on August 17, 1993, and showed him his first dorm room on West Campus. "Thank you, Marianne, and best wishes with your film venture in Switzerland!" says Alexander. Please send news to: ♦ **Lee Hendelman**, LeeH1818@hotmail.com. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

**97 Mira Sullivan** Leiwant, MS '98 (Westford, MA; [miraleiwant@yahoo.com](mailto:miraleiwant@yahoo.com)) is vice president, regulatory affairs for BTC Int'l, an interventional medicine company. "I am leading the regulatory affairs department for the interventional oncology business units. These businesses develop products to treat cancer in a minimally invasive way, in place of systemic chemotherapy and/or major surgery." She and her family recently relocated to Massachusetts from New Jersey. "Back home for me," says Mira. "I grew up here, but lived in New Jersey for almost 20 years. Our children made the transition well—even the middle schoolers! Austin is 12, Dylan is 11, and Chiara is 7."

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**98** This Memorial Day weekend will mark 20 years since we donned our caps and gowns as the graduating Class of 1998! Will we see you during Reunion in June? We hope you return to reminisce about your days in the hallowed halls of ol' Cornell, to reconnect with old friends, and to make new memories with your Big Red family.

Thank you for sharing your news with us. Congratulations to **Amanda Dalton** Murphy, PhD '05, on her promotion to partner at Finnegan, Henderson, Farabow, Garrett & Dunners LLP. She completed her doctorate in Biochemistry, Molecular, and Cellular Biology at Cornell and received her JD, cum laude, from Georgetown U. Law Center in 2010. From a press release about her promotion, Amanda "focuses law practice on strategic client counseling, portfolio management, and patent prosecution for a range of clients, including small start-up companies, research foundations, and large biotechnology and pharmaceutical companies."

Do you have an 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: ♦ **Uthica Jinvit** Utano, [udj1@cornell.edu](mailto:udj1@cornell.edu); or **Toni Stabile** Weiss, [ts9@cornell.edu](mailto:ts9@cornell.edu).

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or a newfound passion, we want to hear about it! ♦ **Melanie Grayce** West, [mga6@cornell.edu](mailto:mga6@cornell.edu); **Heather Hollidge** Madland, [hmadland@gmail.com](mailto:hmadland@gmail.com).

**00** For many of us (myself included!), this year includes a milestone birthday: our 40th! Cornell—though a bit older at 152—has also changed over the years. For this column, in honor of our big birthday, I thought I'd share 40 ways Cornell has grown and changed since the Class of 2000 left the Hill.

Though Hunter Rawlings will always stand tall in our hearts, Cornell has now had two women serve as president, including the current leader, Martha Pollack. The Engineering Quad looks a lot sleeker than it did in 2000. New buildings lend a modern feel to the space. Everyone's favorite way to earn two credits while imbibing, Intro to Wines, is still a favorite, but is now taught by classmate **Cheryl Stanley**! Psych 101 is now Psych 1101 (doesn't roll off the tongue, huh?).

The Chapter House met its end in a tragic fire. A new building is going up on the site, but no word on whether the Chapter House will re-open. North Campus is now the domain of the freshman class, with all first-year students housed together. West Campus has undergone a major transformation with the completion of the Residential College Initiative, which houses upperclassmen together in a house system format (hello, Hogwarts!). The U-Halls are now a memory. The residence halls that replaced them probably have better amenities, but I doubt the students are having a better time than we did.

Collegetown now has Starbucks, Wings Over Ithaca, and Insomnia Cookies (they deliver!). Perennial faves, including CTB, Aladdin's, and the Nines, are still going strong. Future Wall Street tycoons can now attend the Dyson School, a full-fledged undergraduate business school. The Slope Day we knew and loved has evolved into a more official event, complete with wristbands and big-name entertainment. Long live Dunbar's.

There was hardly a cellphone in sight when we wandered the Cornell campus. As with the rest of the world, they are an integral part of daily life for college students. Homecoming grows each year, with more than 15,000 alumni, students, and community members attending the event in 2017. Stella's has danced her last dance.

Tuition is up to \$53,000 for the endowed colleges and \$35,000 for the land-grant colleges. We can breathe a sigh of relief that we're not applying to Cornell today (that is, until our kids apply in a few years). The admission rate is now 14 percent! Today's students have choices for courses that we hardly imagined, like Communicating Self in Social Media. Not many of us made it out to the Lab of Ornithology as undergrads, but the world-class facility in Sapsucker Woods, open since 2003, is worth a look.

Cornellians continue to make a strong showing at the Olympics. At the 2018 games, eight Cornellians competed, the most in any Olympics since 1912. Students have worked to reduce disposable water bottle usage on campus with the Take Back the Tap initiative, placing water bottle filling stations around campus. Cornell lost a favorite face with the passing of Robert Petrillo Sr., better known as "Hot Truck Bob," in 2008. His famous sandwiches live on. In 2011, Ithaca elected **Svante Myrick '09** as mayor.

I imagine the quarter cuts of colored paper we got announcing weekend parties and other events would seem as antiquated as writing on a cave wall. Perhaps there's some kind of event app that gets the word out? The Greek landscape has changed a good bit, with several sororities and fraternities leaving campus and new

ones taking their place. Since 2000, two alumni have been awarded Nobel prizes. Do you remember your NetID? Mine was a number 1 with my initials—I wonder what number they're on now . . .

The field on North Campus in front of Helen Newman was renamed Rawlings Green to honor President Rawlings's service to the university. The Cornell Dairy Bar has not only been recently renovated, they even briefly made the national press when they honored VP Joe Biden in 2017 with his own ice cream flavor, "Big Red, White and Biden." Not to your liking? You could always try "Chocolate Gorges" or "Big Red Bear Tracks." Remember when Facebook was an actual book? Cornell has long had a presence in NYC, but has greatly expanded that reach with Cornell Tech, a graduate education campus on Roosevelt Island. Wave goodbye to the Palms.

We've gained some new fictional Cornellians, including Andy Bernard from *The Office*, Professor Proton in *The Big Bang Theory*, and President Kirkman in *Designated Survivor*. The College of Architecture, Art, and Planning has evolved with the addition of Milstein Hall in 2011. The building connects Rand and Sibley halls and includes flexible studio space and an auditorium. Taking a #selfie with a college president is apparently a thing to do before you graduate now. Ditto for Instagramming the cherry blossoms in the spring.

Dino's has gone the way of the dinosaurs. The environment (not to mention students' wallets) is the big winner in Cornell's Dump & Run. The program collects items from students leaving campus in May and resells them to students moving in each August. Why didn't we think of that? Hockey, lacrosse, and polo notwithstanding, most of us don't expect our alma mater to be a sports powerhouse. That's why it was so much fun to watch the basketball team's 2010 NCAA tournament run, with two early round upsets before going home in the Sweet 16. What a thrill!

And one thing that hasn't changed . . . we still don't know who put the pumpkin on the clock tower! Please send updates, big or small, to me anytime. I love hearing from you! ♦ **Christine Jensen** Weld, [ckj1@cornell.edu](mailto:ckj1@cornell.edu).

**01** Bueller . . . Bueller . . . Bueller? Did you know we belong to a microgeneration? Xennials are defined as the people born between 1977 and 1983, between Generation X and Millennials. We had an analog childhood and a digital adulthood. We can use all the latest technology, but we occasionally pine for those days of payphones and mixtapes. Cornell's Class of 2001 is smack dab in the middle of this unique demographic. Were we the last incoming class to write snail-mail introductions to our new roommates? How many of us still have boxes of faded letters gathering dust somewhere?

Facebook and emojis are fun, efficient ways to stay connected in real-time, but do they really replace the thrill of seeing your name in print or stumbling across an interesting update from someone unexpected? Now that we post our milestones online, is there still a special place for that printed announcement that we can frame, scrapbook, or even stick in a box somewhere to gather dust and rediscover decades from now? I think so. But I need your help to prove my point—send us your news for our next column! (We know that at least two of you have new babies, based on your e-mail auto-away messages . . .)

Of course, even better than reading your news in print would be to see your faces in person. Cornell alumni are all over the world; our class alone is in dozens of countries, as you can see from the Google map on the @Cornell2001 Twitter page. Have you found your local



group? I try to make it to two Cornell Club of Western Washington events in Seattle every year: the Blue Angels / Welcome Freshmen picnic in early August, and our local Zinck's Night in mid-October. These gatherings tend to be dominated by younger or older generations, however. Classes of 1999 to 2003—let's get out more!

Two of our class officers, **Malinda Lovic** and **Troy Townsend**, recently attended the annual Cornell Alumni

Help me help you. Got news to share, want to get back in touch with old friends, or want to pitch in with our class programs? Take a look at our website ([www.classof01.alumni.cornell.edu](http://www.classof01.alumni.cornell.edu)), like our Facebook page, and follow us on Twitter (@Cornell2001). And if you'd like to join me as a class correspondent, just find me online or e-mail me at: ♦ **Nicole Neroulis** Gupte, [NicoleMN6@gmail.com](mailto:NicoleMN6@gmail.com).

of law at the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law in NYC. Sarah was selected for inclusion in the *New York Super Lawyers Rising Stars*, Thomson Reuters, 2013-17. She received her JD from the U. of Michigan in 2008.

Please continue to share! ♦ **Jessi Petrosino**, [jessi.petrosino@ey.com](mailto:jessi.petrosino@ey.com). Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

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Leadership Conference (CALC), held in Philadelphia this year; **Liz Herman** also came up from D.C., where she's on the board of the Cornell Club of Washington (the "other" Washington, as we call it in the Northwest!). They enjoyed the faculty presentations, particularly "super interesting stuff on trends in the hotel industry and also a session on how interpersonal communication is transforming, thanks to virtual reality," writes Troy. He also recommends we check out the TED talk by CALC speaker and Philadelphia Zoo CEO **Vikram Dewan '76**.

Based on their reports and the #CALC2018 hashtag on Twitter, the opportunities to hear from and interact with current students elicited mixed emotions, ranging from "God, these kids are so young and clueless" to "God, these kids are so young and brilliant." Just imagine what the Class of 1988 must have thought of us, back in the day!

CALC attendees of all ages were reminded of something important: paying class dues isn't just something that helps us fund programs and scholarships (and ensures you get this awesome magazine). College rankings use class dues participation as a metric of alumni engagement and long-term satisfaction; getting more of us to pay them could really help Cornell rise in those pesky *US News & World Report* lists! Let's do our part to make sure our alma mater's brand adds even more value to our LinkedIn profiles and resumes. It's called synergy.

The Class of 2001 really is part of a special micro-generation—but CALC also reminded us that uneven engagement with Cornell is highly typical of most alumni classes between their 10th and 20th Reunions. Even for those who want to be more involved, we're often too busy at this stage of our lives with careers and families. The good news is that alumni engagement tends to pick up again after the 20th Reunion. Maybe we can beat the odds?

As a class, we formally get together every five years; our next time isn't until that vital 20th Reunion in 2021. If you're not deathly opposed to hanging out sooner than that, let's make it happen! See you at Homecoming on September 22, or at the Cornell-Columbia game in NYC on November 17? This fall marks the in-between point between our 15th and 20th Reunions, so let's have a between-Reunions reunion—BRR!—to take the chill off our long separation. Contact [classof2001@cornell.edu](mailto:classof2001@cornell.edu) if you're interested in a Class of 2001 tailgate or happy hour for either weekend! At the very least, please visit CornellConnect, our alumni directory, at <https://cornellconnect.cornell.edu>, to make sure your contact information is accurate. Check on your friends, too!

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**03** **Katie Nelson** Schoenberg, PhD '11, recently returned to Ithaca and gave lectures in ALS 2200 and AnSci 1105 on the topic of career opportunities for Animal Science majors in industry. In addition, Katie talked about change management. After meeting with students, she remarked, "Students were interested to hear about opportunities that might not be foremost in their mind when they think about Animal Science careers." Earlier in the fall, Katie and I went over to Oxford, OH, to see the Cornell men's ice hockey team take on the Miami Redhawks. At the rink, while our kids were enamored with the large staircase, we ran into former Cornell hockey players **Jeremy Downs '05** and **Charlie Cook '05**. Katie and I always enjoy opportunities to reconnect with the Cornell community and we're looking forward to doing so again at Reunion!

Our 15th Reunion is on the horizon, and **Rich Chomko** and **Jaime Wasserstrom** Novikoff are busy planning a fun-filled weekend for our class! Reunion is always a good time to reconnect with the Cornell community. We hope to see you back on the Hill! I look forward to hearing about the great things our classmates are doing via news and notes submissions. Until then, all the best. ♦ **Jon Schoenberg**, [jrs55@cornell.edu](mailto:jrs55@cornell.edu); **Candace Chow**, [cjl24@cornell.edu](mailto:cjl24@cornell.edu). Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

**04** Hi, Class of 2004! Thank you for sharing recent news with the class!

**Sarah Jacobson** was promoted to counsel at Haynes and Boone LLP. She is a member of the litigation practice group in the New York office. Sarah has litigated employment, intellectual property, contract, securities fraud class action, and white collar crime matters in federal and state courts across the US. Her practice spans many aspects of litigation, including motion practice, discovery, trials, and appeals. Sarah is valued by her clients for her excellent interpersonal and communication skills and creative strategic thinking. Apart from her work on behalf of clients, she is an adjunct assistant professor

**05** Happy summer, Class of 2005! Some of my most fond memories of Cornell were the summers I spent there studying for my co-op program. I remember going to Cayuga Lake, kayaking all afternoon, and then having a BBQ lakeside afterwards. Of course, this was after a morning of gorge jumping! What do you remember most about summer at Cornell?

In class news, **Adam Sansiveri** was promoted to director of Bernstein Private Wealth Management. He will groom up-and-coming advisors at Bernstein, continue to develop his own growing practice, further the firm's national next generation initiative, and continue to advance Bernstein's sports, media, and entertainment groups. In 2011, Adam began his career as a financial advisor, where he managed prominent athletes, musicians, and top DJs. His promotion to director, and previous promotion to principal in 2015, makes him one of the firm's youngest in the organization's history. After graduating from Cornell, Adam obtained his MBA in economics and media management from the Fordham U. Graduate School of Business. He serves as chairman of Broadway Dreams, a not-for-profit performing arts education organization. He also stays busy with Black Lapel, a men's fashion company, serving as a member of the advisory board.

Keep your updates coming, Class of 2005. We want to know what is new and exciting in your life! ♦ **Johnny Chen**, [jc362@cornell.edu](mailto:jc362@cornell.edu); **Michelle Wong**, [mrw29@cornell.edu](mailto:mrw29@cornell.edu); **Hilary Johnson-King**, [haj4@cornell.edu](mailto:haj4@cornell.edu).

**06** Hello, Class of 2006! Another "gorges" summer is nearly upon us, and some of our classmates are up to some exciting stuff. **Chris Shaw** served for eight years as an aviator in the US Army. He now leads the Veterans Small Business Program at JPMorgan Chase, where he helps support and develop entrepreneurship among veterans. Read more about his work with veterans at: <https://www.chase.com/news/111017-veteran-small-business>. **Jessica Schnell** is attending City College of New York, working toward her master's degree in teaching English to speakers of other languages. She is also working as an English as a New Language (ENL) teacher at Intermediate School 98 Herman Ridder. Jessica adds that she is a proud new aunt!

**Anthony Merlocco** writes, "Recently I moved to Memphis, TN, to begin my first job out of medical training. After completing fellowships at Harvard and George Washington U. in pediatric cardiology and MRI, I am building a practice in Memphis as a pediatric cardiologist and cardiac imager. My first time living in the South has been exciting so far. I have been discovering Memphis and the surrounding area and have really enjoyed the amount of live music and history in the city. My family all remains north, but people here are so friendly that it's been easy getting to know new friends. The work I do gives me a lot of professional satisfaction; otherwise, just absorbing some local music with a nice whiskey keeps me pretty satisfied." If Anthony had a day to spend in Ithaca, he writes, he'd "start out with a stroll down Cascadilla Gorge after breakfast at CTB, then nap on the Slope, sit in Uris with a coffee staring at the lake, have ice cream at the Dairy Bar, and end with dinner at Ruloff's."



What's new with you? New job? Wedding? Big move? Let us know—we love to hear from you. ♦ **Tory Lauterbach**, [VML8@cornell.edu](mailto:VML8@cornell.edu).

**07** Hello, Class of 2007! Happy spring! Is everyone remembering the first few warm days in Ithaca—the first time people can wear shorts and skirts, hanging out outside at CTB, and Slope Day? I certainly am . . . Was it really that long ago?

There have been some exciting developments in the careers of our classmates. **Rich Scherer** has been named a partner in his law firm, Lippes Mathias Wexler Friedman LLP. Congrats on a very impressive milestone! Rich concentrates primarily in state and federal business litigation and general business consultation. His business litigation practice involves defending and prosecuting matters across New York State and in federal courts across the country. His broad business litigation experience includes matters involving breach of contract, earn-out disputes, shareholder disputes, contractual indemnity claims, and defending claims brought under the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act (FDCPA) and the Telephone Consumer Protection Act (TCPA).

More on the job front, the MassChallenge Boston accelerator has acknowledged **Jonathan Hessney** on his startup, OnRout, which lowers e-commerce shipping costs by taking trucks off the road. His company received a cash award as being part of a group of top 26 startups.

If you haven't yet, please don't forget to pay your annual class dues. And keep those life updates coming—your class wants to hear from you! I'm looking forward to sharing more stories with everyone. Feel free to reach out to me or submit online. ♦ **Samantha Feibush** Wolf, [srf29@cornell.edu](mailto:srf29@cornell.edu). Online news form, <https://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

**08** We hope to see many of you at our 10th Reunion in just a few weeks, June 7-10. Have you paid class dues yet? Go to: <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/classes/>. When you're done, head over to <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/> to share your news. Whether it's a growing family, a change in your career, or a newfound passion, we want to hear about it! ♦ **Elena Beale**, [erb26@cornell.edu](mailto:erb26@cornell.edu); **Libby Boymel**, [LKB24@cornell.edu](mailto:LKB24@cornell.edu).

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**11** Last winter was the season of love for the Class of 2011! On September 30, 2017, **Raina Chong** married **Joshua Taillon** in the beautiful White Mountains of New Hampshire. Josh and Raina met via mutual friends during their sophomore year, but sparks

didn't truly fly until spring semester 2010. They currently reside in the Washington, DC, area, and say they are fortunate to work with, spend time with, and celebrate with fellow Cornellians. On January 14, 2018, **Dara Perl** and **Jacob Raskin '13**, ME '13, were married in Tarrytown, NY. The bride and groom met at Cornell in early 2011 and were married seven years later, surrounded by family and friends including many Cornell alumni who sang a raucous rendition of the Alma Mater at the reception.

From both of your class correspondents, many congratulations to the newlyweds! ♦ **Dara Perl**, [dmp229@cornell.edu](mailto:dmp229@cornell.edu); **Siva Iyer**, [si74@cornell.edu](mailto:si74@cornell.edu). Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

**12** After graduation, **Sabina Sattler** taught seventh and eighth grade social studies as a Teach For America corps member in Detroit, MI. She also pursued a graduate degree while there and received her MA in teaching. Originally from Connecticut, she then moved back to join Achievement First—a high performing network of 34 charter schools across New York, Connecticut, and Rhode Island—and transferred to their New York City office about a year and a half ago. Outside of work, Sabina is always interested in trying new things and loves exploring all that Brooklyn has to offer, from its parks to its bars and restaurants, and all of its hipster attractions.

**Jashan Ahuja** currently lives in Portsmouth, NH, and works as a managing consultant at IBM, delivering Workday Financials solutions to clients around Boston and across the US. He has been based in the Boston area since Cornell, and moved slightly north after getting married. (Another move may be in the cards next year, pending grad school opportunities.) Outside of work he's an outdoor enthusiast (with a penchant for canoeing), an avid traveler, and a longtime soccer supporter (Liverpool!) and player.

Over a year ago, **Hayden Stebbins** made Hayden's Harvest his full-time focus. Through Hayden's Harvest, he offers herbal consults specializing in chronic issues, public events, botanical surveys for properties, and foraging, botany, and mycology classes for all ages. Last year, he hosted Forage and Feasts, plant walks, mycology talks, and herbal classes with roughly 20 different organizations throughout Connecticut, Maryland, Maine, New York, and Pennsylvania. From talks in the heart of Manhattan to the rural coast of Maine, Hayden was heartened to see the surging interest in connection to the world we are a part of in a more direct manner, and is excited to continue this work for many seasons to come. Send news to: ♦ **Peggy Ramin**, [mar335@cornell.edu](mailto:mar335@cornell.edu). Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

**13** We've finally arrived at our 5th Reunion! By the time you read this, I'm hoping that many of you are packing your bags and making plans to travel up to Ithaca. Your class Reunion chairs and the rest of the 2013 officers have been hard at work making this a truly memorable weekend. We are eternally grateful to our chairs, **Ankur Bajaj**, **Jim Feld**, and **Juan Carlos Toledo**, for taking the lead. A special thanks to **Anisha Chopra**, **Drew Zukosky**, **Max Martinez**, and **Meril Pothen** for all of their tireless efforts. Finally, the newest addition

to the officers' team, **Rob Scarlett**, deserves a thank you for volunteering in the months leading up to Reunion to serve as our Reunion housing chair. Rob is actually a homeowner (wow!), so we knew he would be up for the job. When he's not making sure all of your friends get great housing for Reunion, Rob is a technology consultant for Deloitte in the Washington, DC, area and a CAAAN Advisory Board member.

In other news, **Rebecca Breese** was recently nominated for the second year in a row for the Pet Industry Women of the Year awards and was named a winner in the "Rising Star" category for her work as an assistant director of municipal programs for PetHub Inc. This year she got married and moved back to New York, where she started a winery with her husband. Hopefully Rebecca will join us for Reunion, where she says she would like to visit the Farmers Market and WVBR.

Our very own **John Russell** is currently campaigning to represent Ohio's 12th District in the US Congress. As a farmer and small-business owner, John is running on a platform rooted in the slogan, "As working families go, so goes the country." Since graduating, John worked for the New York State legislature and then moved back

to Ohio, where he worked on various campaigns. In 2016, he ran for a seat in the Ohio State House of Congress. Now, John lives in Galena, OH, where he runs his produce business and is, of course, running his campaign.

As always, I want to hear what you've been up to since graduating so that

YOU can be featured in our columns! E-mail me with news! ♦ **Rachael Schuman**, [RASchuman@gmail.com](mailto:RASchuman@gmail.com).

**14** Hello, Class of 2014! Our class council traveled to the Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC) in Philadelphia, PA, on February 2-3. The main topic of conversation this year was our 5th Reunion, which is only a year away! Save the dates, June 6-9, 2019, for this exciting event. If you would like be involved in the planning, contact **Julia Buffinton** ([jab684@cornell.edu](mailto:jab684@cornell.edu)), **Julie Ewing** ([jke32@cornell.edu](mailto:jke32@cornell.edu)), **Kristen Ewing** ([kewing21@gmail.com](mailto:kewing21@gmail.com)), or **Aylin Gucalp** ([abg86@cornell.edu](mailto:abg86@cornell.edu)) for more information. And if you have any news you would like included in a future column, please reach out to me or Tejal. We hope you all have a wonderful summer! ♦ **Samantha Lapehn**, [SRL76@cornell.edu](mailto:SRL76@cornell.edu); **Tejal Thakkar**, [tdt42@cornell.edu](mailto:tdt42@cornell.edu). Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

**15** We hope you have responded to the annual News and Dues mailing from our class. Haven't paid class dues yet? Go to: <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/classes/>. When you're done, head over to <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/> to share your news. Whether it be a growing family, a change in your career, or a newfound passion, we want to hear about it! ♦ **Haley Velasco**, [hav9@cornell.edu](mailto:hav9@cornell.edu); **Ariel Cooper**, [alc258@cornell.edu](mailto:alc258@cornell.edu).

**16** Hello, Class of 2016! As I write to you, I can hardly believe that we are approaching the second anniversary of our graduation from Cornell! Recently, on a trip to Ithaca, classmate **Caroline Kellner** and I fondly reminisced about our graduation day.

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What a crazy day it was, lining up in the heat and humidity on the Arts Quad, only to be drenched by the down-pour in Schoellkopf! As so many of us have left Ithaca, I can only hope that you are reading this in more predictable weather! Please enjoy the following pieces of news from some of our 2016 class council members.

**Kavitha Lobo** wrote to us with an account of her latest from Ann Arbor, MI, where she is hard at work on her master's in social work at the U. of Michigan: "So much of my graduate school experience reminds me of my time on the Hill, and I often reminisce about some of my favorite Cornell memories, which include trying new ice cream flavors at the Dairy Bar, walking around Beebe Lake, and, of course, Slope Day! I am hoping to go back and visit soon, and I enjoy being connected to Cornell by being a CAAAN member and serving as a Reunion chair on the Class of 2016 council."

Another member of our council, **Nabeel Momin**, wrote to us from Houston, TX. Unsurprisingly, he noted the change in weather, saying: "I'm pretty far away from Ithaca; however, I can attest that I only miss the frosty snow and freezing cold just a bit." In Houston, Nabeel works at a procurement manager for Shell, supporting the plants in Houston, Portland, and Los Angeles. His favorite part about his new role, he says, "is the new skills that I've developed, including but not limited to, negotiation techniques via game theory, data analytics, and more. Plus, being able to travel to these cities is also amazing." Outside of work, Nabeel has been giving back to the community as a project manager for "an advisory program that helps get first-generation college students and their parents more familiar with the application process for college." Let's hope that Cornell is lucky enough to meet some of Nabeel's scholars and their families!

Last but not least, **Caitlin Wischermann** sent us a missive from Newport Beach, CA. "After graduating from Cornell, I moved to Newport Beach to start a role with the luxury hotel company Montage Int'l. After reading an article about the company's planned expansion, I pitched an idea to the company to hire me in a leadership development role. Long story short, they accepted and I started a new chapter on the West Coast. I was involved in the start of the new Pendry Hotel brand and launched a new project management method that more efficiently managed the pre-opening process for both of the first two Pendry hotels as well as two additional Montage resorts. The role I had created for myself at Montage is one that aims to work with senior leadership to help the company navigate change and expansion."

Like Nabeel, Caitlin has also found time in her busy schedule to help others, also helping increase access to higher education: "I founded a nonprofit foundation shortly after graduation. Wisch for Women provides scholarship opportunities to young women who demonstrate exceptional ambition and aptitude. Scholarship recipients are also matched with female mentors prominent in their field of interest. I am grateful for the extraordinary guidance and examples that I have received in my life and felt it was right to keep working at the ideals that I embraced in my extracurricular work at Cornell."

Thanks to Kavitha, Nabeel, and Caitlin for sharing their news! I love hearing about the interesting jobs, hobbies, and service that our classmates have started since graduating. Please send us your news so we can connect and share your experiences with classmates and other alumni. ❖ **Meghan McCormick**, mcm324@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

# ALUMNI DEATHS

## 1930s

'37 BS Ag—**Esther Schiff Bondareff**, West Palm Beach, FL, December 19, 2017  
'39 BS HE—**Elizabeth Luxford Webster**, Hamburg, NY, November 13, 2017  
'39 BS HE—**Alice McFall Zwanzig**, Greenwood Village, CO, January 31, 2017

## 1940s

'40 BA—**Seymour S. Bluestone**, Clearwater, FL, September 29, 2017  
'41 BS HE—**Mary Munson Benson**, Groton, NY, December 22, 2017  
'41 BS Ag, MS Ag '50—**Charles M. Gaffney**, Parrish, FL, December 1, 2017  
'41—**Martha Perkins Melfi**, Liverpool, NY, January 12, 2015  
'41, BArch '42—**Robert M. Mueller**, Ithaca, NY, December 27, 2017  
'42, BArch '46—**M. Donald Lane Jr.**, Lancaster, PA, October 12, 2017  
'42 BEE—**Leonard L. Schley**, Needham, MA, November 1, 2017  
'42 BS HE—**Kathryn Fiske Weikel**, Pottstown, PA, January 26, 2018  
'43—**James D. Arthur**, Pulaski, TN, October 21, 2017  
'43, BA '44—**Lyle C. Brown**, Bloomfield, NY, November 10, 2017  
'43, BS Ag '46—**Jane Strahan Davis**, Danville, AR, January 2, 2018  
'43 BA—**Marion A. Kreiter**, Palmyra, PA, November 18, 2017  
'43, BS Ag '46—**Godfrey C. Malchoff**, Sodus, NY, October 27, 2017  
'43 BS HE—**Elizabeth Kehoe Quinn**, Geddes, NY, November 19, 2017  
'43 BA—**Barbara Fishkind Schiller**, Maplewood, NJ, November 21, 2017  
'43 BA—**Pauline Newcomb Storer**, Lake Wales, FL, September 10, 2017  
'44, BA '46—**Anthony L. Ach**, Wyoming, OH, November 19, 2017  
'44 DVM—**Richard R. Basom**, Henrietta, NY, November 12, 2017  
'44—**John E. Bray**, Virginia Beach, VA, December 10, 2017  
'44 BEE—**William A. Donaldson**, West Columbia, SC, January 26, 2018  
'44, BA '43—**Edward T. Falsey**, North Haven, CT, February 5, 2018  
'44 PhD—**Harold Levine**, San Francisco, CA, December 10, 2017  
'44 BS Nurs—**Mildred Steigerwalt Meyer**, Crawfordsville, IN, October 29, 2017  
'44 BS HE—**Barbara Cross Naylor**, Fort Myers, FL, November 15, 2017  
'44—**Thomas L. Youngs**, Schoharie, NY, November 16, 2017  
'45—**George A. Bancroft**, South Windsor, CT, October 1, 2017  
'45, BA '44, MD '48—**Manuel Furer**, New York City, October 28, 2017  
'45, BS Nurs '47—**Dorothy Zimmerman Jones**, Macon, GA, December 24, 2017  
'45 BA—**Ann Hallock Olson**, Thomasville, GA, December 28, 2017  
'45-46 GR—**Leonard G. Rich**, Las Vegas, NV, October 19, 2017  
'45, BS Ag '44—**Leah Patiky Rubin**, Stamford, CT, December 1, 2017  
'45, BA '47—**Clayton Ryder II**, Wauwautosa, WI, December 15, 2017

'45—**Donald A. Rydgren**, Hockessin, DE, October 26, 2017  
'45, BS HE '44—**Margaret Gaffney Van Waes**, New Hartford, NY, December 15, 2017  
'45 BS Hotel—**Mary R. Wright**, Cooperstown, NY, November 8, 2017  
'46—**Cortland L. Brovitz**, Scottsdale, AZ, January 10, 2018  
'46—**Leonard Carp**, Dallas, TX, January 8, 2016  
'46, BS HE '45—**Carolyn Usher Franklin**, Ithaca, NY, November 4, 2017  
'46, BA '45—**Marie Dicker Haas**, San Francisco, CA, December 30, 2017  
'46 BEE—**Raymond L. Hunnicke**, Roxbury, CT, November 8, 2017  
'46, BME '45—**Richard C. Legge**, Pittsford, NY, February 20, 2018  
'46-47 GR—**Doreen Jeffs O'Kane**, Purcellville, VA, September 24, 2017  
'46, BArch '47, MArch '49—**Donald R. Peirce**, Hilton Head Island, SC, January 7, 2018  
'46 BS Chem E, B Chem E '47—**William A. Sklarz**, Edison, NJ, November 15, 2017  
'46 BA, PhD '49—**Edward C. Taylor Jr.**, Princeton, NJ, November 22, 2017  
'46, BS Ag '49—**Robert C. Van Etten**, Marrowstone Island, WA, October 17, 2017  
'47 BA—**John J. Berdan**, Fayetteville, NY, October 27, 2017  
'47—**Mary Jo West Campbell**, Knoxville, TN, December 15, 2017  
'47 BA—**Bernardine Morris Erkins**, Bliss, ID, December 29, 2017  
'47, BA '46, MD '49—**Robert J. Haggerty**, Canandaigua, NY, January 23, 2018  
'47 BA—**June W. Holt**, Bethlehem, PA, January 22, 2018  
'47 PhD—**Ellis W. Lamborn**, Eagle, ID, November 26, 2017  
'47 BA—**Mary Collins McMullen**, Hendersonville, NC, December 22, 2016  
'47, BS HE '46—**Margaret Newell Mitchell**, Cleveland, OH, December 25, 2017  
'47, BS HE '48—**Margaret Parker Noah**, Leesburg, VA, November 10, 2017  
'48 BA—**Evelyn Cleason Baran**, Palmyra, NY, May 25, 2016  
'48 LLB—**Frank N. Beckwith**, Brooklyn, NY, July 28, 2017  
'48 BA—**Carl R. Boehlert**, Bluffton, SC, October 20, 2017  
'48 BA—**Lailita Stubbs Bratt**, Tucson, AZ, April 24, 2013  
'48—**James M. Chadwick**, San Jose, CA, December 2, 2017  
'48 PhD—**Franklin E. Eldridge**, Lincoln, NE, January 27, 2017  
'48—**Emily Stickney Gammie**, North Andover, MA, November 26, 2017  
'48 MS HE—**Janet Selke How**, Ithaca, NY, January 8, 2018  
'48 BA—**Frederick O. Johnson II**, Berkeley, CA, November 1, 2017  
'48 BA—**Nancy Barrett Lanning**, Northampton, MA, December 16, 2017  
'48 BS ILR—**Avram G. Levine**, Nicholasville, KY, January 13, 2018  
'48 BS Ag—**Joyce Chismore Lewin**, Friday Harbor, WA, December 4, 2017  
'48 BA—**Fremont J. McKerrick**, Ebensburg, PA, January 7, 2018  
'48 BS HE—**Charlotte Smith Moore**, Peabody, MA, November 25, 2017



**'48—Jane Kingsbury Seamans,**  
Spofford, NH, October 21, 2017  
**'49 BCE—Norman L. Baker,**  
Windsor, MA, November 22, 2017  
**'49 BA—Phyllis Binkley,**  
Dorset, VT, October 26, 2017  
**'49—Eileen O'Connell Curley,**  
Pompton Plains, NJ, November 30, 2017  
**'49 BEE—Robert J. Frank,**  
Bethesda, MD, March 26, 2016  
**'49, BS Ag '59, MS Ag '63—Charles S. Hunt Jr.,**  
Freeville, NY, November 8, 2017  
**'49-50 GR—Patricia Stellman Jeffery,**  
Manlius, NY, October 27, 2017  
**'49 BA—Lila MacLeod Kuhn,**  
Tenafly, NJ, January 13, 2018  
**'49, BEE '53, MD '57—Alfred P. Morgan Jr.,**  
Washington, DC, December 9, 2013  
**'49 BA—Elinor Schatzkin Multer,**  
Harpeswell, ME, November 13, 2017  
**'49 BA—Cornelius J. Reid Jr.,**  
Mill Neck, NY, November 9, 2017  
**'49 BS HE—Barbara Dewey Sherman,**  
Lorton Lake, NY, January 3, 2018  
**'49 BA, MA '51—Lotte Streisinger,**  
Eugene, OR, December 6, 2017  
**'49 BA—George S. Weikart Jr.,**  
Parkville, MD, December 31, 2017

## 1950s

**'50 BME—Robert C. Allen,**  
Ventura, CA, February 3, 2018  
**'50 BEE—Douglas W. Anderson,**  
Webster, NY, December 12, 2017  
**'50 PhD—Bernard V. Baus,**  
Baton Rouge, LA, January 22, 2018  
**'50 BME—David C. Borchard,**  
Pueblo, CO, January 3, 2018  
**'50 BA—Albert W. Chapple,**  
Lancaster, PA, February 14, 2018  
**'50 BS HE—Caryl Hirschhorn Goldstein,**  
Oceanside, NY, January 15, 2018  
**'50 MD—Margaret Dealy Griffel,**  
Menands, NY, December 31, 2015  
**'50 BS Ag—Halsey G. Knapp,**  
Lewes, DE, December 20, 2017  
**'50, BEE '51—Louis C. Paine,**  
Avon Lake, OH, February 15, 2018  
**'50 B Chem E—William J. Schwarz,**  
Poughkeepsie, NY, September 12, 2017  
**'50 BME, MS Ag '55—Frederick P. Stephan,**  
Quincy, IL, November 15, 2017  
**'50 BEE—John H. Sternberg,**  
Washington Crossing, PA, October 29, 2017  
**'50 BS HE—Frances Duncan Stowe,**  
West Stockholm, NY, November 14, 2017  
**'50 BS Ag, MS Ag '56—Kenneth H. Thomas,**  
Shoreview, MN, December 19, 2016  
**'50 BS Hotel—Terri Ralph Ullrich,**  
Gunnison, CO, May 5, 2017  
**'50 BA—Richard L. Willner,**  
Claremont, CA, October 4, 2016  
**'51, BS HE '52—Barbara Kunz Buchholz,**  
Lancaster, PA, January 24, 2018  
**'51 BS Hotel—Dean C. Calvert,**  
Tenafly, NJ, January 16, 2018  
**'51 BA—Patricia Mahoney Costello,**  
Louisville, CO, November 11, 2017  
**'51—Lester H. Davis Jr.,**  
Cartersville, GA, December 9, 2017  
**'51 BA—Margaret Dutcher Fluke,**  
Durham, NC, October 28, 2017  
**'51—John W. Grandy III,**  
Virginia Beach, VA, December 31, 2017  
**'51 BS HE, ME '54—Jane Grimm Grant,**  
Greenwood Village, CO, November 15, 2017  
**'51 BA—Clifford M. Irving,**  
Sarasota, FL, December 19, 2017  
**'51-53 GR—William D. Longaker,**  
Ithaca, NY, December 1, 2017

**'51 BA—Gilbert S. Melnick,**  
Caldwell, NJ, January 17, 2018  
**'51 BArch—Joseph W. Mosser,**  
Millsboro, DE, December 2, 2017  
**'51, BCE '52—Louis H. Perrin,**  
Saddle River, NJ, February 24, 2018  
**'51 MA, PhD '54—Howard Shevrin,**  
Ann Arbor, MI, January 18, 2018  
**'51 JD—Leonard R. Snyder,**  
Salem, SC, October 18, 2017  
**'51 BA—Henry D. Trautlein,**  
Merced, CA, January 13, 2018  
**'52 MBA—Donald B. Capwell,**  
Tunkhannock, PA, November 14, 2017  
**'52, BS Ag '55—William D. Dunlap,**  
Brownsburg, VA, January 29, 2018  
**'52 B Chem E—Alfred J. Engel,**  
Foxdale, PA, October 28, 2017  
**'52 BS ILR—Joseph P. Fagan,**  
Scottsdale, PA, February 15, 2018  
**'52—John B. Geurtze,**  
Selkirk, NY, December 1, 2017  
**'52 BS Hotel—Douglas J. S. Gordon,**  
Weybridge, UK, January 7, 2018  
**'52 BA, PhD '68—Harrison R.K. Jahn,**  
Glen Allen, VA, October 30, 2017  
**'52 MILR—Frank R. Kane,**  
Midlothian, VA, July 17, 2017  
**'52 BS Ag—Karl M. Kast,**  
Albion, NY, December 14, 2017  
**'52 BA—Elizabeth Otteson Kopsco,**  
Pompton Plains, NJ, October 13, 2017  
**'52 BEE—William J. Lyon,**  
Zanesville, OH January 21, 2018  
**'52 BCE—Earl J. Murphy Jr.,**  
Hot Springs Village, AR, December 6, 2017  
**'52—Carl E. Nedrow,**  
Lansing, NY, January 13, 2018  
**'52-53 SP Ag—Philip C. Ranney,**  
Fair Haven, NY, December 19, 2017  
**'52—Paula Williams Shamberg,**  
Mystic, CT, May 27, 2017  
**'52 MA—Richard L. Simpson,**  
Chapel Hill, NC, December 30, 2017  
**'52 DVM—Robert M. Wainwright,**  
Malta, NY, November 5, 2017  
**'52 PhD—H. Lawrence Wilsey,**  
Pebble Beach, CA, October 3, 2017  
**'53, BME '54—James W. Beisheim,**  
Perinton, NY, February 5, 2018  
**'53 BA, LLB '55—Ira W. Berman,**  
Boca Raton, FL, November 1, 2017  
**'53 BA—William E. Doll Jr.,**  
Cobble Hill, BC, December 27, 2017  
**'53 BS HE—Dorothy Jack Doyle,**  
Westfield, NJ, November 10, 2017  
**'53 BS HE—Marilyn Ellowitch Frank,**  
Pittsford, NY, December 1, 2017  
**'53 DVM—Lewis A. Goldfinger,**  
Maplewood, NJ, November 28, 2017  
**'53—John H. Gregory Jr.,**  
Sennett, NY, July 4, 2017  
**'53, BA '54—Jean Baldwin Harries,**  
Duluth, MN, November 7, 2017  
**'53, BS Hotel '56—Edgar B. Hunt Jr.,**  
Midlothian, VA, November 14, 2017  
**'53 BS Ag—Joan Dalheim Kosan,**  
Brooklyn Heights, NY, October 25, 2017  
**'53 BA—Michael W. Milmoie,**  
Canastota, NY, December 7, 2017  
**'53 BS Hotel—Roy T. Norton,**  
Miamisburg, OH, November 5, 2017  
**'53-54 GR—Val P. Peline,**  
Healdsburg, CA, October 25, 2017  
**'53 BA, JD '55—Joseph M. Perillo,**  
St. Petersburg, FL, December 30, 2017  
**'53 BS Ag—Jean Wright Pope,**  
Tunkhannock, PA, November 19, 2017  
**'53 BS Ag—James H. Sahler,**  
Tucson, AZ, November 4, 2017

**'53, BME '54—John F. Schneider,**  
Bradenton, FL, February 7, 2018  
**'53 BA, LLB '55—Elliott J. Solomon,**  
Scottsdale, AZ, October 20, 2017  
**'53—William H. Stanton,**  
Locke, NY, December 29, 2017  
**'53—Harry H. Wurster,**  
Mount Dora, FL, January 1, 2018  
**'53, BS Ag '60—Laurence L. Yager,**  
Gettysburg, PA, December 11, 2017  
**'53 BS Ag—Gerould A. Young,**  
Torrance, CA, January 1, 2017  
**'54, BME '55—J. Ward Abbott,**  
Homer, NY, October 22, 2017  
**'54, BCE '55—Robert M. Brody,**  
Fairfield, NJ, April 27, 2017  
**'54—John T. Clarkson Jr.,**  
St. Louis, MO, November 15, 2017  
**'54 BS Ag—Robert W. Dworak,**  
Sebring, FL, February 21, 2018  
**'54, BS Ag '55—Robert W. Evans,**  
Branchport, NY, November 1, 2017  
**'54 BS Ag—James P. Garry,**  
Halesite, NY, October 20, 2017  
**'54 PhD—William H. Gass,**  
St. Louis, MO, December 6, 2017  
**'54 BS Ag—E. Sydney Glick,**  
Lakewood, CO, May 25, 2017  
**'54 BS Ag—Thomas D. Gould,**  
Belfast, NY, January 4, 2018  
**'54, BEP '56—Richard B. Harwitz,**  
Mount Kisco, NY, September 20, 2017  
**'54, BME '55—Richard E. Knoblock,**  
Fairport, NY, April 10, 2017  
**'54, BCE '55—Joseph M. Paxton Jr.,**  
Hillsborough, CA, January 21, 2018  
**'54, MA '60—Robert J. Perrault,**  
Simi Valley, CA, January 2, 2018  
**'54 BA—Gilmore M. Rothrock,**  
York, PA, November 17, 2017  
**'54 BA—Lucille Fein Saunders,**  
New City, NY, January 9, 2018  
**'54 BS Ag, JD '59—Al Sebald,**  
Morrison, CO, November 21, 2017  
**'54, BS Ag '53—Joel S. Silberberg,**  
Bedford, NH, December 1, 2017  
**'54 MS, PhD '58—William Y. Stevens,**  
Wappingers Falls, NY, January 12, 2018  
**'54 BS Nurs—Ann Stutts Wambach,**  
Fairport, NY, September 28, 2017  
**'54 DVM—John E. Willson,**  
Essex, CT, December 13, 2017  
**'54 PhD—Charles R. Young,**  
Durham, NC, December 20, 2017  
**'55—Thomas F. Allen,**  
Fort Worth, TX, January 7, 2018  
**'55 PhD—Keith R. Allred,**  
Logan, UT, February 14, 2018  
**'55 PhD—Elliot Bergman,**  
Valdosta, GA, December 6, 2016  
**'55 BA—Grace Stovall Burkart,**  
Rockville, MD, November 2, 2017  
**'55 PhD—George E. Collins,**  
Madison, WI, November 21, 2017  
**'55, BME '56—Gary Fromm,**  
Great Neck, NY, March 23, 2017  
**'55, BS Hotel '56—Donald P. Golos,**  
Tucson, AZ, December 4, 2017  
**'55 BS Ag—Roger P. Harrison,**  
Lyndonville, NY, January 10, 2018  
**'55 BS Ag—Wesley E. Lent,**  
Trumbull, CT, December 10, 2017  
**'55, BEE '64—Max Mattes,**  
Williamsburg, VA, January 19, 2018  
**'55 BA—Ronald L. Mulliken Jr.,**  
Old Tappan, NJ, February 15, 2018  
**'55 BS Ag—Carl R. Pearce,**  
Cortland, NY, December 19, 2017  
**'55 BS Ag—Luther H. Robinson,**  
Oswego, NY, December 28, 2017



'55—William K. Sauer Jr.,  
Johnson City, TN, January 12, 2018  
'55 LLB—Donald L. Schoenwald,  
Syracuse, NY, November 7, 2017  
'55 BS Ag, MS Ag '58—Stanwyn G. Shetler,  
Purcellville, VA, December 4, 2017  
'55, BS Ag '61—John T. Sweeney Jr.,  
Bloomfield, NJ, November 4, 2017  
'55 BS Hotel—Thomas S. Wood III,  
Burlington, NC, December 3, 2017  
'56 BA—Ernest D. Abeles,  
New York City, January 10, 2018  
'56—Mary Stockton Ahmadi,  
Rockville, MD, December 5, 2013  
'56—William F. Carroll,  
Fort Myers, FL, August 1, 2017  
'56 PhD—Robert S. Cohen,  
Boulder, CO, October 19, 2016  
'56 MBA—Gerald E. Colson,  
Topsham, ME, February 7, 2018  
'56 BS Ag—Marylou Aughenbaugh Gibson,  
Hartford, NY, January 20, 2018  
'56 DVM—Rodney S. Graves,  
Stuart, FL, April 25, 2017  
'56—Raymond L. Mellen,  
North Charleston, SC, May 5, 2017  
'56—Richard A. Moore,  
Reading, PA, October 7, 2016  
'56 PhD—Alexander B. Morrison,  
Salt Lake City, UT, February 12, 2018  
'56 BS Ag—Francis Criss Ramsey,  
Macedon, NY, November 18, 2015  
'56 BA—Barbara Garlan Rosenblum,  
San Francisco, CA, February 15, 2018  
'56, BS Ag '57—Ralph P. Schamel,  
Salt Lake City, UT, December 15, 2017  
'56 MD—Frederic W. Smith,  
Portland, OR, August 8, 2016  
'57 MEd—Gretchen Zimmer Black,  
Lexington, KY, December 28, 2017  
'57 BS Hotel—John B. Dodge,  
Palm City, FL, November 6, 2017  
'57 BS Ag—Jay N. Eisenhart,  
Alma, WV, March 8, 2014  
'57 BA—Roy F. Hillmer Jr.,  
Georgetown, TX, July 15, 2013  
'57—William Koutrakos,  
Windham, VT, November 9, 2017  
'57 MD—W. Thomas T. London,  
Wyncote, PA, June 3, 2017  
'57 BA—Carolyn Durham McCurdy,  
St. Paul, MN, October 12, 2017  
'57—Gerard P. O'Malley,  
Venice, FL, January 7, 2018  
'57, BME '58—Richard L. Peterson,  
Durango, CO, July 15, 2017  
'57, BS Ag '58—William F. Torrey Jr.,  
St. Simons Island, GA, January 14, 2018  
'57—Gordon G. Willard,  
Mystic, CT, October 24, 2017  
'58, BS Ag '59—Thomas M. Alger,  
Houston, TX, October 8, 2017  
'58 BA—Judith Welling Baker,  
New York City, December 2, 2017  
'58 BA—Lee L. Berkson,  
Wilmette, IL, February 20, 2017  
'58, BME '59—George E. Bullwinkel,  
Lemont, IL, October 16, 2017  
'58 BS HE—Glenda Gale Cargian,  
Tucson, AZ, December 19, 2017  
'58 BA—Charles B. Crane III,  
Mercer Island, WA, November 29, 2017  
'58 BA—Garrison H. Davidson Jr.,  
Ithaca, NY, December 24, 2017  
'58 BS Ag—James H. Dickson,  
Dunedin, FL, January 9, 2018  
'58 BA—Robert N. Endries,  
Newtown, PA, January 9, 2018  
'58 PhD—Lawrence I. Gilbert,  
Chapel Hill, NC, October 31, 2017

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'58 BA, LLB '60—Leonard Gubar,  
New York City, February 16, 2018  
'58 MS Aero—Richard W. Hale,  
Ithaca, NY, January 9, 2018  
'58, BME '59—Malcolm W. Johnston,  
Dartmouth, MA, October 27, 2017  
'58, BArch '59—Richard L. Jorasch,  
San Francisco, CA, May 8, 2012  
'58 BA—Ken Keoughan,  
Newcastle, ME, January 13, 2018  
'58 MBA—Roger G. Leous,  
Tonawanda, NY, August 24, 2017  
'58 BS HE, MS HE '60—Barbara Urban Mazza,  
Sudbury, MA, November 27, 2017  
'58 BA, MEd '61—Antonia Vajk Nielsen,  
Princeton, NJ, September 2017  
'58—Ernest J. Perry,  
Andover, MA, April 22, 2015  
'58, BA '59—Robert L. Stein,  
Plainview, NY, December 30, 2017  
'58 BS HE, MS HE '60—Joan Williams Strand,  
Phoenix, AZ, January 3, 2018  
'59 MS HE—Mary Bitsianes,  
Hibbing, MN, January 31, 2018  
'59, BME '60—Junius F. Brown Jr.,  
Wilton, CT, February 20, 2018  
'59, BS Hotel—Richard D. Fors Jr.,  
Bonita Springs, FL, December 1, 2017  
'59 BS Ag—Frank W. Forward,  
Syracuse, NY, December 13, 2017  
'59—Charles H. Fromer,  
Camp Hill, PA, September 17, 2017  
'59 JD—Charles J. Hannum,  
Dunkirk, NY, June 12, 2016  
'59 BS Hotel—John L. Hitzel,  
Port Charlotte, FL, April 17, 2017  
'59 BS Ag—David F. Huxtable,  
West Winfield, NY, October 24, 2017  
'59 MS, PhD '63—Lloyd V. Knutson,  
Gaeta, Italy, January 10, 2018  
'59—Joan Harris Riebel,  
Roanoke, VA, November 29, 2017  
'59 BS HE—Elaine Bushart Sievert,  
Oxford, NC, November 30, 2017

**1960s**

'60 BS HE—Lois Tyler Benning,  
Clyde, NY, December 22, 2017  
'60 BA—Joel Buchman,  
New York City, October 26, 2017  
'60 PhD—John Douglas,  
Highland Heights, OH, January 18, 2018  
'60, B Chem E '61—Keith A. Everett,  
The Woodlands, TX, December 13, 2017  
'60 BA—David G. Flinn,  
Lansing, NY, December 23, 2017  
'60 MILR—Robert E. Herzog,  
Chestertown, MD, January 7, 2018  
'60 PhD—John E. Horton,  
West Hollywood, CA, January 4, 2018  
'60 BA—Abby Lippman,  
Montreal, QC, December 26, 2017  
'60—Arthur E. Stellmann,  
The Villages, FL, September 18, 2017  
'60-63 GR—James G. Twiggs,  
Gentry, AR, January 2, 2017  
'60 BS HE—Marjorie Reynolds Wilson,  
Shaker Heights, OH, November 20, 2017  
'60 BS HE—Joan Hester Young,  
Binghamton, NY, November 21, 2017  
'61 BA, PhD '76—Janet C. Ballantyne,  
Chevy Chase, MD, August 30, 2017

'61 BA—Louisa Friedrich Buck,  
Galesburg, IL, November 7, 2017  
'61 BS HE—Nancy Tetzlaff Claypoole,  
Ponte Vedra Beach, FL, November 6, 2017  
'61 MS—Richard E. Coleman Jr.,  
Venice, FL, August 10, 2017  
'61 PhD—Ronald W. Hodges,  
Eugene, OR, December 10, 2017  
'61 DVM—Donald C. Hunt,  
Middlebury, VT, January 27, 2018  
'61 BA—Fotis Kafatos,  
Cambridge, MA, November 18, 2017  
'61 PhD—Peter P. Komor,  
Ithaca, NY, November 12, 2017  
'61 BA, MD '65—Harold G. Kunz Jr.,  
Diamond Point, NY, January 5, 2018  
'61 MA—Robert W. Mayberry,  
Grand Haven, MI, December 8, 2017  
'61 BS Ag—Edwin E. Niles,  
West Lafayette, IN, November 10, 2017  
'61, BS Hotel '63—William C. Reilly,  
Cashiers, NC, November 24, 2017  
'61 BA—Peter E. Sitkin,  
Sonoma, CA, December 29, 2017  
'61—Gary K. Van Slyke,  
Pike, NY, December 28, 2017  
'61, BA '63—Paul V. Woolley III,  
Johnstown, PA, November 28, 2017  
'61—Yuji A. Yamaguchi,  
Tokyo, Japan, November 5, 2017  
'61 MBA—Donald E. Zerial,  
Grand Rapids, MI, November 23, 2017  
'62, BFA '71—Barbara Hawkes Arbogast,  
Dewitt, NY, December 13, 2017  
'62 BA—Charles D. Bender,  
Edgewater, MD, March 9, 2017  
'62-68 GR—George H. Bouchard Jr.,  
Portland, ME, October 9, 2017  
'62 BA—Vann K. Jones,  
Chappaqua, NY, October 27, 2017  
'62 MS—Dominick Macchia,  
Morristown, NJ, November 5, 2017  
'62 BA, PhD '73—Bonnie Graham MacDougall,  
Ithaca, NY, November 26, 2017  
'62 BA, MBA '63—Thomas J. Mehen,  
McLean, VA, November 10, 2017  
'62, BFA '63—Kent T. Moore,  
Ithaca, NY, November 9, 2017  
'62—David J. Rynne,  
Needham, MA, July 25, 2017  
'62—Gloria Weiss Schlossberg,  
East Stroudsburg, PA, December 15, 2017  
'62 PhD—Ernest E. Swierstra,  
Brandon, MB, January 5, 2018  
'62, BCE '63—Richard D. Tilles,  
San Francisco, CA, November 18, 2017  
'62 BS ILR—William M. Troutman,  
Osprey, FL, December 9, 2017  
'63 BS Hotel—William S. Loedy,  
Centennial, CO, September 21, 2015  
'63 BS Ag—Irmgard Muller,  
Chapel Hill, NC, July 14, 2017  
'63 BS Ag—Robert M. Pendleton,  
New Hartford, NY, December 30, 2017  
'63 BA—Thomas A. Pliskin,  
Daytona Beach, FL, May 21, 2017  
'63, BME '64, MME '69—Charles S. Skinner,  
Rocky River, OH, October 31, 2017  
'63, BS Ag '74—Guy K. Smith,  
Syracuse, NY, December 27, 2017  
'63 MPA—Edwin C. Thorn,  
Daytona Beach, FL, August 17, 2017



**'63 MA, PhD '69—Jane A. Vogel,** Ithaca, NY, November 26, 2017  
**'63 MD—Kuhrt Wieneke Jr.,** Stephentown, NY, October 6, 2017  
**'64 BA—Jackie Harrison Baldick,** Middletown, MD, June 11, 2015  
**'64, BS Ag '65—Charles P. Bush,** Arvada, CO, December 18, 2017  
**'64 BA—Jeffrey S. Chase,** Vienna, WV, November 18, 2017  
**'64 LLB—J. Walter Corcoran,** Townshend, VT, October 26, 2017  
**'64, BS Ag '65—Gary H. Croteau,** Brockton, MA, December 8, 2017  
**'64 MA—Larry D. Dodge,** Torrington, WY, December 25, 2017  
**'64 JD—David R. Dorgan,** Long Branch, NJ, January 25, 2017  
**'64 MILR—Frederic W. Sington Jr.,** Gadsden, AL, December 19, 2017  
**'65 MS Ag—Thomas A. Banner,** Dinwiddie, VA, January 25, 2018  
**'65, B Chem E '66, ME '66—J. Montieth Estes,** Rochester, NY, February 11, 2018  
**'65 BS HE—Susan Lehrer Jones,** Chevy Chase, MD, October 29, 2017  
**'65 JD—Frederick E. Machmer Jr.,** Alexandria, VA, November 18, 2017  
**'66 BS ILR—Richard J. Balzer,** Brookline, MA, December 3, 2017  
**'66, BA '67—W. E. Douglas Bond,** Cambridge, MA, November 17, 2017  
**'66 BS Hotel—Michael M. Garvin,** Lincoln, CA, December 4, 2017  
**'66 MST—Ronald E. Hall,** Rochester, MN, January 14, 2018  
**'66 MS Ag—Stan Kawamoto,** Trumansburg, NY, November 17, 2017  
**'66 PhD—James C. Owings Jr.,** Riderwood, MD, January 12, 2018  
**'66 LLB—Kenneth A. Payment,** Tenants Harbor, ME, November 9, 2017  
**'66 MS ORIE, PhD '69—John S. Ramberg,** Tucson, AZ, February 3, 2018  
**'66 BS HE—Betsy Blerds Schenkel,** Stamford, CT, November 28, 2017  
**'66 PhD—Andrew L. Sheldon,** Crawfordville, FL, November 25, 2017  
**'66 MS Ag, PhD '71—Larry W. VanDruff,** Cazenovia, NY, January 18, 2018  
**'67 BA—Michael C. Allerding,** Jenison, MI, October 30, 2017  
**'67 BA—Mark R. Birnbaum,** Columbia, MD, November 16, 2017  
**'67 PhD—Stephen M. Gilbert,** Huntsville, AL, December 2, 2017  
**'67 BS Eng, PhD '72—Frank N. Mandigo,** Salt Lake City, UT, December 17, 2017  
**'67 GR—Thomas J. Pniewski,** New York City, September 7, 2017  
**'67 MST—Paul S. Raymond,** Keene, NH, December 5, 2017  
**'67, BS Hotel '68—Robert L. Wehe Jr.,** East Stroudsburg, PA, December 16, 2017  
**'68 BS Ag—Richard W. Kubiak,** Fort Mill, SC, November 29, 2017  
**'68 PhD—Thomas A. Ryan Jr.,** State College, PA, October 17, 2017  
**'68 BS Ag—Karen Van Winkle Swift,** Flagstaff, AZ, January 8, 2018  
**'69 BS HE—Lydia Cummins Ghachem,** Hackettstown, NJ, January 4, 2018  
**'69 BA—Darlene Hammond,** Los Angeles, CA, January 27, 2018  
**'69 BA—Joan Rawitz James,** Mountain View, AR, June 8, 2017

## 1970s

**'70 PhD—Foster L. Brown,** Oneonta, NY, December 1, 2017

**'70 BA—Emanuel G. De Fraites Jr.,** Paris, France, May 27, 2013  
**'70 MST—Gary G. Faught,** Mason City, IA, January 2, 2018  
**'70 BS Ag—Carol Deluca Hunter,** Richmond, IN, December 4, 2016  
**'70—Jack W. Klein,** Laguna Beach, CA, December 17, 2017  
**'70 BA—Kenneth A. Van Riper,** Los Alamos, NM, November 21, 2017  
**'71 BA—Doree T. Barton,** Andover, MA, April 3, 2015  
**'71 BA—Freda Wilkerson Bass,** Houston, TX, December 27, 2017  
**'71 MA, PhD '80—Jean E. Pearson,** Bethlehem, PA, November 16, 2017  
**'71 BS Hotel—Ronald C. Rhoads,** Port Chester, NY, January 17, 2018  
**'71 MS Ag—George A. Ridenour,** Danby, NY, October 21, 2017  
**'72 BME—Harry M. Neff,** Naples, FL, December 3, 2017  
**'73 BS Nurs—Cassandra Hussey Browning,** Rutherford, NJ, September 16, 2014  
**'73 BS Hotel—Peter M. Gaupp,** Rockford, MN, February 5, 2018  
**'73 MD—Richard J. Ryter,** Cranston, RI, November 13, 2017  
**'73 BS Ag—William H. Sheehan II,** Denver, CO, January 11, 2018  
**'73 BS Ag—Russ W. Toombs,** Delmar, NY, November 15, 2017  
**'74, BArch '76—Harry G. Bachman,** Elkins Park, PA, November 3, 2017  
**'74 MILR—Stephen L. Klein,** Hoschton, GA, November 11, 2017  
**'74 BA—Frederick A. Lockwood,** New Rochelle, NY, January 17, 2017  
**'74 BS Ag—Irwin L. Post,** Chester, VT, January 14, 2018  
**'74 BS Ag—Allen E. Rybicky,** Harpersfield, NY, December 16, 2017  
**'74 BA—Carolyn Skorneck,** Los Angeles, CA, December 12, 2017  
**'74, BS Ag '76—Clarence E. Williams,** Chase City, VA, November 19, 2017  
**'75 BS Ag—Russell C. Bird,** Stony Brook, NY, January 4, 2018  
**'75 BS Ag—David R. Coleman,** Dryden, NY, November 22, 2017  
**'75 BEE—Daniel T. Moore,** Liverpool, NY, January 1, 2018  
**'75, BS Ag '76—Walter C. O'Connell III,** Houston, TX, November 1, 2017  
**'75 DVM—Lee H. Schechter,** Rexford, NY, December 17, 2017  
**'75 BA—Kurt W. Veggeberg,** Austin, TX, October 1, 2017  
**'76 BS Ag—Joseph J. Gomber,** Melbourne Beach, FL, August 25, 2016  
**'76 BS Ag, MS Ag '78—Nina Birnbaum Main,** Pinehurst, NC, January 12, 2018  
**'76 MPS—Bryan B. Marler,** Glenmont, NY, October 28, 2017  
**'76 PhD—Bonnie Lindenmier Mathieson,** Kensington, MD, January 8, 2018  
**'77 BS ORIE, MS ORIE '78—Timothy A. Baer,** Boynton Beach, FL, November 30, 2017  
**'78, BS Ag '79—Nicholas Altimari,** Midlothian, VA, November 4, 2017  
**'78 BS Ag—Jeffrey J. Burdyl,** Halfmoon, NY, January 23, 2018  
**'78 BA—David G. Ely,** Asheville, NC, November 2, 2017  
**'78 MA—Jack A. Gold,** Providence, RI, December 24, 2017  
**'78 BA—Kathy J. Landau,** Joshua Tree, CA, September 26, 2017  
**'78—Howard J. McManus III,** Ridgefield, CT, October 27, 2017

**'78 MA, PhD '79—Claude M. Packer,** Kingston, Jamaica, November 23, 2017  
**'78 MFA, DMA '79—Samuel F. Pellman,** Clinton, NY, November 9, 2017  
**'78 MPS—David B. Wallace,** Blacksburg, VA, November 17, 2017  
**'78 BA—Jonathan B. Warach,** Dover, NH, September 23, 2015  
**'79—Sylvia Ferrell-Jones,** Boston, MA, November 29, 2017  
**'79 BS Ag, DVM '85—Lance F. Karcher,** Westbury, NY, January 28, 2018  
**'79 MS—Theodore J. Rosenberg,** Clifton Springs, NY, October 14, 2017

## 1980s

**'80 BEE—Peter D. Aufrichtig,** Mount Kisco, NY, October 3, 2016  
**'81 JD—Mark H. Gruber,** Charlottesville, VA, October 29, 2017  
**'82 BS HE—Ann Lundgren,** New Holland, PA, October 12, 2017  
**'82 BA—Kimberley K. Scott,** Columbus, OH, December 3, 2017  
**'82 BA, MRP '96, PhD '07—Robert F. Young Jr.,** Austin, TX, January 6, 2018  
**'83, BA/BEE '84, MEE '85, MBA '86—Stephen B. Amador Jr.,** Sanford, FL, October 30, 2017  
**'83, BS ILR '84—Calvin L. Brown,** Hillsborough, NC, December 19, 2017  
**'84 BS Hotel—Tammy P. Bieber,** New York City, November 20, 2017  
**'84 MILR, PhD '91—Dane M. Partridge,** Evansville, IN, October 28, 2017  
**'84 BA—Linda Zell Randall,** Naples, FL, February 18, 2018  
**'85, BS Hotel '86—Bruce R. Gilardi,** Walls, Shetland, UK, February 3, 2018  
**'85 MILR—J. Patrick Kelly,** Ashland, MA, April 26, 2015  
**'86 BEE, MEE '91—Mark E. Colgan,** South Euclid, OH, December 8, 2017  
**'86 JD—Daniel A. Deshon,** Sandpoint, ID, April 27, 2017  
**'86 BS ILR—Reginald J. Ossé,** New York City, December 1, 2017  
**'87 BEE, MBA '95—Stephen A. Campbell,** Corning, NY, February 23, 2018  
**'88 BME—David M. Malicky,** San Diego, CA, February 22, 2017  
**'89 MCE—Brian M. Moore,** Los Angeles, CA, December 23, 2017  
**'89 MBA—Luc E. Swinnen,** Herent, Belgium, December 23, 2017  
**'89 PhD—Paul W. Wilkens,** Florence, AL, November 27, 2017

## 1990s

**'92 BA—Lee Vodra,** Los Angeles, CA, April 30, 2017  
**'92 BA—Jacques S. Whitecloud,** New Orleans, LA, November 27, 2017  
**'93 BS ILR—Jeffrey S. Rugg,** Las Vegas, NV, November 17, 2017  
**'93 BA—Cynthia Cygonovich Tkachuck,** Moravia, NY, January 6, 2018  
**'96 BS Ag—Zoran M. Filipovic,** Poughquag, NY, January 8, 2018  
**'96 BA—Nels C. Nelson,** Bonita, CA, December 2, 2017  
**'98 MFA—Geoffrey T. Lupo,** Akron, OH, November 2, 2017  
**'98 BS Ag—Emily Eshelman Virkler,** Beaver Falls, NY, November 26, 2017

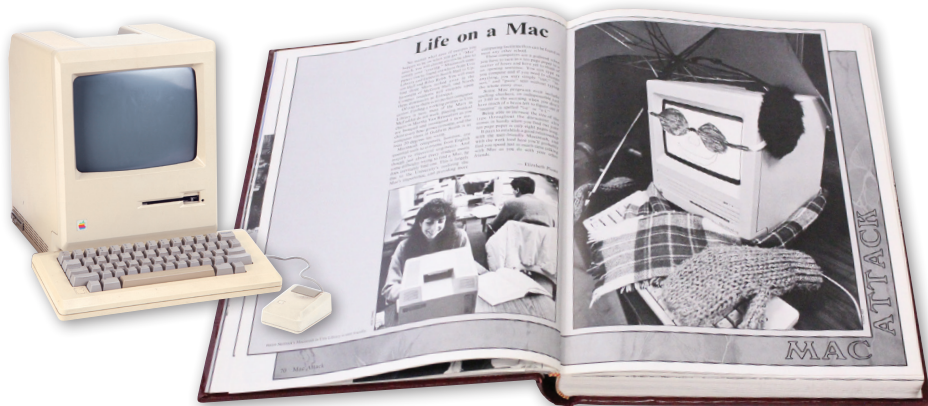
## 2010s

**'15, BS Eng '16, ME '17—Michael Neborak,** Katonah, NY, November 12, 2017  
**'18—Miaoxiu Tian,** Chengdu, China, December 13, 2017



# Retro Tech

Flashback to 1988, when Macs were the hot new thing on campus



Thirty years ago, when Elizabeth Plowe Ross '88 penned an essay for the *Cornellian* about the newfangled Macintosh computer, the boxy gizmos were on the cutting edge. "These computers are a godsend when you have to turn in a ten page paper in a matter of hours and have yet to think of an opening sentence," the English major observed. "You can type as you compose and if you need to change anything, you may simply 'cut,' 'insert,' and 'paste' text without typing the whole essay over."

CAM recently ran across Ross's Mac essay in the 1988 yearbook while doing research for another piece; it seems charmingly quaint in 2018, when most of us carry far more computing power in our back pockets. We reached out to Ross—now a writer and artist in Nashville, Tennessee—to ask her to reminisce about it three decades later. But . . . "I actually

don't remember writing the piece," she says with a laugh. "I do remember Macs on campus. I remember it was frustrating when you had a paper due, to find a printer that wouldn't jam." After rereading it, she says, "It's funny to see how new they were. Now, they're such a part of our lives that we'd be lost without them."

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Accompanying the essay—which Ross had been assigned as part of her work on the yearbook staff—was a photo of a young woman using a Mac in Uris Library. The model: chemical engineering major Helen Skolnick '89. Although the photo comes across as an action shot, Skolnick was actually posing at the behest of a photographer friend, Ken Zirkel '88. Now a pediatric allergist in New Jersey, she recalls using Macs on campus for her engineering design projects. "It was really hard to get on a computer," she remembers, "because there weren't that many." And while they were generally dependable, she says, "every once in a while you'd get the little bomb on the screen and it would be like, 'Nooo!'" Both alums report that while they've used PCs at times over the years, their computing preferences haven't changed since their student days. "I have a Macbook Pro at home," says Ross. "I'm an Apple person all the way." ■

## Life on a Mac

No matter what area of campus you happen to be on when you get a "Mac" attack, you will almost always be able to satisfy your "craving." Macintosh computers can be found anywhere from Uris Library and Goldwin Smith Hall to Upson Hall and Riley Robb. You will even find three Macs tucked away in the basement of McGraw Hall, and North Campus residents will stumble upon them downstairs at Entrepot.

Of course there is no perfect computer center. Finding a working printer in Uris Library is rare, most of the Macs in McFaddin do not work, playing musical chairs in Martha Van Rensselaer as you are bumped and reassigned a new machine every hour grows tiresome, and the computer room in Goldwin Smith is at least 20 degrees too warm.

Macintosh computers, however, are essential tools to everyone from English majors to electrical engineers. And though just about every student meets some difficulty trying to find a Mac, he does inevitably find one. This is largely due to the University's realizing the Mac's importance, and providing more

computing facilities than can be found at most any other school.

These computers are a godsend when you have to turn in a ten page paper in a matter of hours and have yet to think of an opening sentence. You can type as you compose and if you need to change anything, you may simply "cut," "insert," and "paste" text without typing the whole essay over.

Some Mac programs even include spelling checkers, an indispensable tool at 3:00 in the morning when you don't have much of a brain left to figure out if "receive" is spelled "i-e" or "e-i."

Being able to increase the size of the type throughout the document also comes in handy when you find out your ten page paper is only eight pages long.

It pays to establish a good relationship with the user-friendly Macintosh, and with the work load here you'll probably find you spend just as much time talking with Mac as you do with your other friends.

— Elizabeth Plowe




**APPLES OF YOUR EYE** (clockwise from above): Helen Skolnick '89 in Uris; the *Cornellian* essay; a vintage Mac; the '88 yearbook spread





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