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Like the University itself, Beebe Lake traces its roots to Ezra Cornell—who, in 1838, built a stone dam in Fall Creek to power mills downstream, creating a mucky pond on East Hill. Half a century later, that dam was replaced by a higher structure, made of concrete. “And thus,” Morris Bishop 1914, PhD ‘26, wrote in *A History of Cornell*, “our Beebe Lake was created.” One hundred and eighty years after Ezra’s labors, CAM offers a look at the lake’s past, present, and future—from a bygone hydraulics lab to the ongoing battle to keep Beebe from returning to its marshy antecedent. There’s even some romance: a lakeside proposal that has led to nearly six decades of wedded bliss. As one Botanic Gardens staffer puts it: “Every Cornellian has a Beebe Lake story.”

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For the past two decades, MIT professor Neil Gershenfeld, PhD ‘90, has been at the forefront of the digital fabrication movement—not only teaching its methods and conducting cutting-edge research, but helping to found community “fab labs” around the world. Since 2001, Gershenfeld has taught “How to Make (almost) Anything,” a popular course that trains students in fab fundamentals; one of its alumni, a current engineering professor at Cornell, even modeled one of her classes after it. In a recent book, Gershenfeld and his two brothers (including fellow alum Joel Cutcher-Gershenfeld ‘78) argue that fabrication is nothing less than a “third digital revolution”—one that will have dramatic, far-reaching effects on how we live and work.

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Active Learning Initiative Goes University-Wide



TEACHING TOOLS: An Intro to Sociology course taught by Anna Haskins is among the classes that have participated in the Active Learning Initiative.

One of my priorities for Cornell from the very beginning has been to champion initiatives that offer what I've called "education with verve." I was pleased to find a strong and growing Active Learning Initiative (ALI) already under way when I arrived, and I'm excited that we are about to take it University-wide with generous support from Alex Hanson '87 and his wife, Laura Finlay Hanson '87.

The idea began six years ago, when the College of Arts & Sciences, in partnership with our Center for Teaching Innovation and with support from the Hansons, awarded grants to the Department of Physics and a consortium of biology departments to turn traditional lecture-based classroom education on its head.

Bolstered by research that identified new pedagogical techniques that are more effective than traditional lectures, the two groups converted their large introductory course sequences to an active learning format. Students did prep work ahead of time, reading material or watching short videos and taking a graded online quiz the night before each class. During class time, the professor began with a short lecture followed by a challenging problem for the students to work on individually, submitting their results via an audience response system like a clicker. The students then discussed the problem in small groups and again reported their results with a clicker. The professor would respond to what the results showed about the class's understanding of the problem, and the sequence would begin again. While all this was happening, teaching staff would circulate in the auditorium to offer advice and assess students' understanding.

With more interactions between students and between students and faculty—and with technologies such as audience response systems and online active learning in the mix—the students not only did better than their predecessors in traditional course formats, but also enjoyed the experience more. The same was true for faculty, who reported that they enjoyed teaching in this new way and that they connected better with their students.

So far, ALI has worked with more than seventy faculty in nine

departments on more than thirty courses that affect thousands of students each year. Its power is being demonstrated not only in STEM fields, but also in the social sciences and the humanities. There are no other models for pedagogical change that have been shown to work on this scale. Departments from across the University will have their next opportunity to compete for ALI grants this fall; a request for proposals was released this summer. These grants will allow departments to improve significant parts of their undergraduate teaching, particularly in large service and gateway courses and other core curricula.

Creating an active-learning course from scratch is a significant undertaking. As with all classes, faculty need to develop clear learning goals, but they often also need to design large amounts of new material for the active learning classroom, and create tools for assessing the impact of the new instructional methods. Our Center for Teaching Innovation and postdoctoral teaching

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fellows in the subject area, who also engage with faculty in discipline-based education research on data gathered from the course, will play critical roles in the process.

There are other innovations that we can implement in the future. For example, by applying analytic techniques and tools to student data from these courses, we can continue to improve learning outcomes and give faculty early warning systems to help keep students on track. Through the discipline-based education research that we expect faculty members will carry out as they implement new approaches, we can stimulate the development and improvement of active learning far beyond Cornell.

I'm grateful to the Hansons for their continued support of ALI and excited for the future as we solidify Cornell's position as a national leader in active learning and in providing education with verve. ■

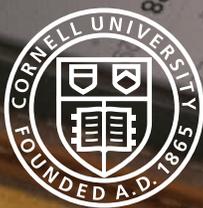
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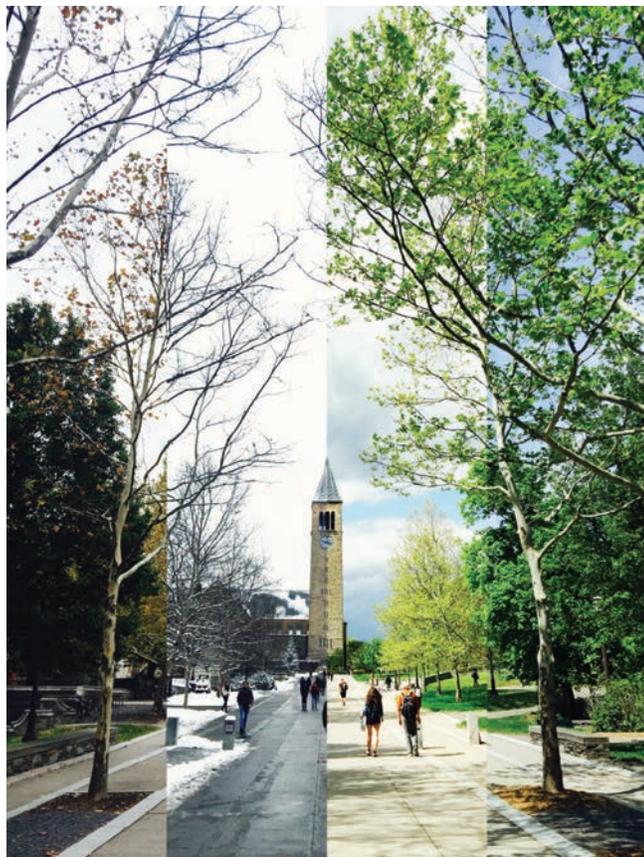
From the Hill



New Arts & Sciences Dean Takes Office

Astrophysicist Ray Jayawardhana (left) has assumed the deanship of the College of Arts and Sciences. Jayawardhana, who began his five-year term on September 1, comes to the Hill from Toronto's York University, where he served as dean of the

Faculty of Science and a professor of physics and astronomy. An undergrad alum of Yale, Jayawardhana holds a PhD in astronomy from Harvard. In addition to his academic work—he has co-authored more than 125 scientific papers—he is a frequent commentator in the media and has written for such publications as the *Economist*, the *New York Times*, and the *Wall Street Journal*. His books include *Strange New Worlds*, which was the basis for a Canadian TV documentary. Jayawardhana succeeds Gretchen Ritter '83, who has resumed teaching and research as a government professor after one term as dean.



FOUR SEASONS: For the past few years, Shujie "Silvia" Li '17 has designed a postcard to mark her friends' Cornell graduations. Her 2018 creation was this image of McGraw Tower and Ho Plaza, captured throughout the year and spliced together. The CALS alum stayed on campus for 2017–18, taking courses and working in a lab, before starting grad school in biology at Duke this fall.

Faculty Diversity Committee Makes Recommendations

A task force charged with suggesting ways to enhance faculty diversity has issued its report. Convened in October 2017 by the provost, the committee was asked to build on efforts the University has made since the beginning of this decade, when it launched initiatives to step up recruitment of outstanding faculty and to increase the number of female and underrepresented minority faculty members. "At the end of the day," says task force chair Mark Lewis, senior associate dean of diversity and faculty development in the College of Engineering, "we want to create a microcosm of the society we all want to live in, where all can flourish and succeed."

Currently, of Cornell's roughly 1,650 faculty members, about 8 percent are underrepresented minorities and about 33 percent are women. To increase those numbers as well as retain faculty from those groups, the task force made numerous recommendations. They include: creating an official university statement to formally connect Cornell's motto of "Any person . . . any study" to its commitment to diversity and inclusion; requiring people seeking tenure-track faculty and senior leadership positions at Cornell to submit a "diversity and inclusion" statement as part of their application materials; identifying University initiatives likely to align with areas of expertise of diverse candidates, and supporting them with funding from the provost; and providing compensation for activities such as advising diverse students or serving on committees in need of diverse representation.

The full text of the report is available at provost.cornell.edu/academic-initiatives.

ILR and HumEc Merger Off the Table



A potential merger of ILR and Human Ecology—among the suggestions made last winter by a task force that had been charged with finding ways to strengthen social sciences at Cornell—has been shelved for the time being. "Because this idea does not have significant support and is unlikely to be pursued," Provost Michael Kotlikoff (left) said in an e-mail to the

University faculty in mid-July, "I have decided to set it aside while we focus on other ideas." Following the task force's report, both the Student Assembly and University Assembly passed resolutions opposing a merger, and a survey found that 88 percent of ILR faculty were against it. In March, the *Daily Sun* published a letter, signed by 163 current students of HumEc and ILR, calling a merger "a grave error and cruel abuse of administrative power" that would "wreak havoc on the lives of students and faculty associated with both colleges."

In his e-mail, Kotlikoff said that another of the report's suggestions that had been highly controversial—creating a new college devoted to the social sciences—would not be pursued, for similar reasons. "As with the idea of combining CHE and ILR, no faculty constituency arose that was strongly in favor of a college of social sciences," he wrote, "and the sense of potential damage dominated the discussions."

Vets Open New Practice on Campus

The Vet college has opened a new clinical facility, designed both to care for pets in the local community and to give students the experience of running their own practice. “We recognized there was a gap in the veterinary education,” says Lorin Warnick, PhD ’94, the college’s dean. “While our students were getting excellent training in specialty clinical skills, we also wanted to prepare them for the day-to-day challenges of running an independent general practice.” Located on Campus Road near the Companion Animal Hospital, the Small Animal Community Practice is a 10,000-square-foot building featuring five exam rooms, a treatment room, hospitalization space, and separate waiting areas for dogs and cats. In addition to offering routine care such as vaccinations and check-ups—performed by fourth-year students under the supervision of faculty and licensed vet techs—it conducts outpatient surgeries and does dental work. “We’re like your family veterinary hospital, where people bring their pets for most of the care that they need in their lives,” says Brian Collins, DVM ’94, the practice’s section chief. “We want to offer state-of-the-art care using the newest information technology and equipment, so that we can teach the students the gold standard whenever possible, but we want to do it in a very real setting with clients from the community.”



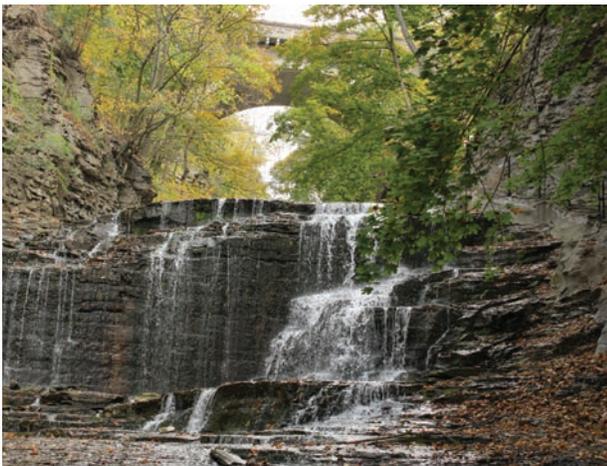
SIT, STAY, HEAL: Vet students examine a canine patient at the new Small Animal Community Practice.

‘In a country where many families do not support girls and their aspirations, we wanted to show that given the right opportunities, our girls can reach any summit.’

— **Deeya Bajaj ’16**, who climbed to the top of Mount Everest with her dad in May, becoming India’s first father-daughter pair to do so

Did You Know . . .

That *Architectural Digest* has named Ithaca the prettiest town in New York State? Other winners include Sedona, Arizona; Big Sky, Montana; Asheville, North Carolina; and Gatlinburg, Tennessee.



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After analyzing hundreds of exchanges between Wikipedia editors, information scientists have developed a computer program that can predict whether an online conversation will turn from civil to hostile—a tool that may help improve dialogue on the Internet.



Researchers are working to combat brown marmorated stink bugs, an invasive species from Asia that has bedeviled New York homeowners and crop growers in recent years. They’re studying the effectiveness of introducing Samurai wasps, which lay their own eggs inside the bugs’ eggs, killing the young.

Writing in the *American Journal of Public Health*, a Cornell postdoc says that the number of adult men killed by law enforcement officers may be twice as high as official statistics report—totaling an average of nearly three every day, accounting for 8 percent of all homicides in that demographic.

Food scientists led by professor Martin Wiedmann, PhD ’97, are exploring ways to make “sell by” dates on milk cartons more accurate, including replacing fixed dates with time-and-temperature indicators that more realistically predict shelf life.

In a new book, government professor Sarah Kreps argues that a major reason why the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan have gone on so long is that they’re funded through debt rather than specific war taxes—distancing the public from the conflicts and lessening accountability.



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



Jane Lynch, MFA '84 (left), nominated for two primetime Emmy awards: for hosting “Hollywood Game Night” and for appearing as a guest actress on “The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel.”

Astronomer **Yervant Terzian**, the Tisch Distinguished Professor Emeritus, winner of NASA’s Distinguished Public Service Medal, the space agency’s highest honor.

Soil science professor **Johannes Lehmann** (right), elected to the Leopoldina, Germany’s National Academy of Sciences.



John Booschever '81, an executive at Atlas Research, and **Yonn Kouh Rasmussen '83, PhD '89**, a vice president at Xerox, who began their four-year terms as alumni-elected trustees on July 1.



BUG BOMB

A Human Ecology grad student team was recently among the winners of a contest for sustainable designs inspired by the natural world. What was their entry—an innovative mosquito-control device—based on?

- A) Electric eel
- B) Poisonous frog
- C) Carnivorous plant
- D) Sticky tree sap

ANSWER: C



MUSICAL CHAIRS: A movable seating system designed by architecture professors Leslie Lok and Sasa Zivkovic was installed this summer at Socrates Sculpture Park in the NYC borough of Queens. Entitled *RRRolling Stones*, their creation—which consists of twenty-three seats made with a 3D-printed mixture of cement and nylon fiber—won an Architectural League of New York design competition.



Botanic Gardens Opens Online Store

Enjoy the natural wonders of the Cornell Botanic Gardens? Now you can purchase some of that greenery for planting in your own yard, thanks to a new online store. The site is hosted by ShrubBucket, a Web-based purveyor of perennials, with a portion of each sale benefiting the Botanic Gardens. It has hundreds of offerings based on what’s grown at the East Hill oasis—including fruit trees, rhododendrons, hydrangeas, magnolias, herbs, ornamental grasses, and much more. Currently, ShrubBucket only delivers to about two dozen counties in central and downstate New York (plus Litchfield County, Connecticut), though it plans to expand.



AA&P Alum to Serve as College’s Next Dean

More than two decades after graduating from the College of Architecture, Art, and Planning, J. Meejin Yoon, BArch '95 (left), will return as its dean. Currently head of the architecture department at MIT, where she has been on the faculty since 2001, Yoon begins her five-year term on January 1. In addition to conducting research on such topics as the role of technology in contemporary design culture, Yoon has an independent architecture practice with Eric Höweler, BArch '94, MArch '96; their current projects include the Memorial for Enslaved Laborers at the University of Virginia. Yoon, a former Fulbright fellow who holds a master’s in architecture from Harvard, succeeds Kent Kleinman, who was dean from 2008 to 2018. Professor of city and regional planning Kieran Donaghy, PhD '87, has been serving in an interim capacity since July 1.

‘In my lab, we now pay more attention to how we refer to female scientists.’

— Psychology professor **Melissa Ferguson**, whose study found that, compared to women of equal status, male professionals are more than twice as likely to be referred to by only their last name—possibly contributing to gender bias by implying that the men are more prominent

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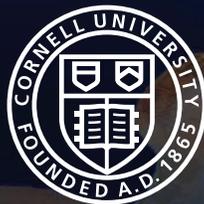
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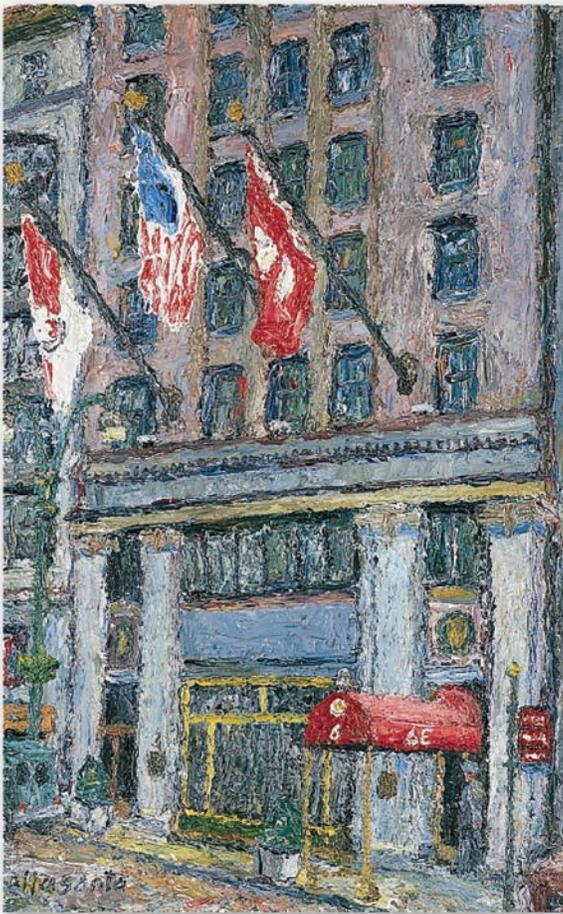


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NIGHT LIGHTS

NYC-based ornithologist Andrew Farnsworth '95, PhD '07, studies birds' nocturnal migration—including how it's thrown off by the annual 9/11 memorial tribute

Each year, on the anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks, Lower Manhattan becomes a shining memorial to the nearly 3,000 lives lost. Called the Tribute in Light, it sends two giant beams—each comprising forty-four 7,000-watt xenon bulbs—into the night sky near where the Twin Towers once stood. While the installation is a moving reminder of the tragedy, it has an unintended consequence: the brilliant lights severely disrupt night-migrating birds. “Light can be a serious hazard for birds in terms of being attracted to it, flying around it, colliding with it,” says ornithologist Andrew Farnsworth '95, PhD '07. “Whether it’s a single, intense, bright light, or >

INTERRUPTED JOURNEY: Flocks of migrating birds are seen in the beams of the annual Tribute in Light.



hundreds of buildings that are illuminated, the potential for attraction, disorientation, and major alterations to the way birds behave at night is almost guaranteed.”

A research associate at the Cornell Lab of Ornithology, Farnsworth is an expert in seasonal migration—the massive, twice-annual commute of birds from north to south and back again. For the past decade, he has been based in New York City, working from his home office on the Upper East Side. He conducts on-site research—including deploying microphones in city parks and atop buildings to monitor migration—and works remotely with colleagues in Ithaca, where he spends about two days each month. “There are birds to study everywhere in the world, and New York City is no exception,” he says, noting that about 230 species can be seen on the island of Manhattan. “It’s almost easier than in other places, because green spaces are at a premium, so they concentrate birds. And there’s a lot of artificial light at night, so you can actually see birds migrating. It’s not pristine—not wilderness—but it’s quite a good place to experience bird migration.”

The fact that the Tribute, which began in 2002, would disrupt migration came as no surprise to ornithologists. Farnsworth and colleagues have been monitoring it since its outset; for the past decade, they’ve used radar and acoustic sensors. “On any given migration night, there might be between half a million and ten million birds that pass over the greater New York area,” he notes. “September 11 is not quite when the peak numbers typically occur; that’s about three weeks later. But a great

diversity of species are passing then, and there are still huge numbers of birds.” And when bright lights waylay the birds on their journey, it can be deadly: they can become too exhausted to continue, collide with buildings, or fall prey to predators. As Farnsworth and colleagues reported in *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* last fall, when the Tribute’s lights were on during their study, “birds aggregated in high densities, decreased flight speeds, followed circular flight paths, and

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vocalized frequently”—and there were twenty times as many birds in the vicinity than normal.

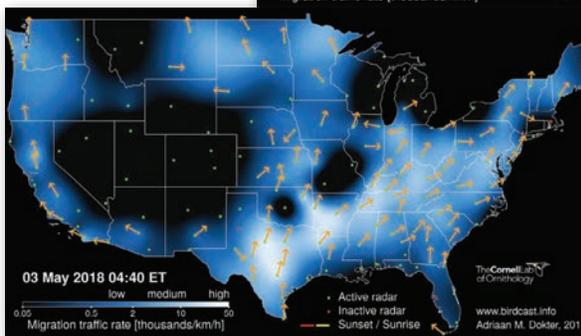
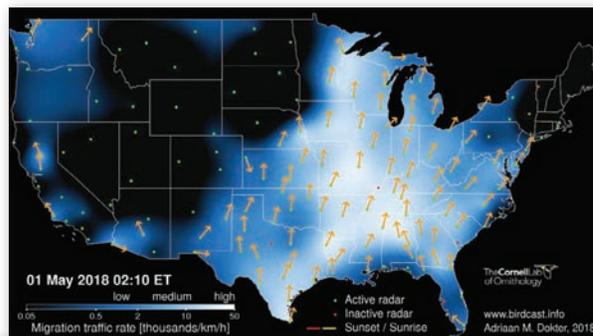
Given the vast numbers of birds potentially harmed by the lights, Farnsworth, New York City Audubon, and other colleagues have been working with the memorial’s organizers to balance the desire to honor the 9/11 victims with the need to protect wildlife; now, the lights are turned off for twenty-minute intervals if more than 1,000 birds are found to be affected, allowing them to resume their journey. Farnsworth and his colleagues have been studying the effects of these pauses, which have not only helped save birds, but could inform understanding of how to mitigate the damage of worldwide light pollution on migrating species. And while the suggestion to temporarily dim the memorial was potentially fraught—the ornithologists’ concern for the

birds could have been misconstrued as a lack of compassion for those still grieving the people who perished in the attacks—he says that the project has proved to be a successful collaboration between conservationists, politicians, the tribute’s designers, and families affected by 9/11. “In every case when we’re down at the lights, we meet some of the first responders and the families and friends who lost loved ones, and they want to talk; their stories are heart-wrenching,” Farnsworth says. “And they ask what we’re doing, and they’ll look up, and some say, ‘Those are all birds? I had no idea.’ Some people say it reminds them of snowflakes or angels. No one has said, ‘You’re taking something away from me’—that hasn’t happened, ever.”

In addition to his work on the Tribute, Farnsworth’s major projects have included BirdVox, a collaboration with NYU that aims to automate analysis of audio data to monitor birds acoustically at night, and BirdCast, a system for reporting and forecasting migration nationwide that offers live maps viewable online. Those efforts are heavily technical and data-driven; Lab of O director John Fitzpatrick notes that the evolving nature of bird study makes Farnsworth’s proximity to the New York tech sector, as well as the Cornell Tech campus, that much more advantageous. “I joke that I used to hire people who study birds here at the Cornell Lab of Ornithology,” Fitzpatrick says. “Nowadays, I’m hiring machine-learning specialists, app developers, and parallel processing programmers—I’m hiring engineers.”

A Westchester County native, Farnsworth has been an avid birder since age five, when he picked up his grandfather’s binoculars and copy of a classic field guide. As Farnsworth recalls, he saw a downy woodpecker, a great blue heron, and a male wood duck all around the same time—and he was hooked. A natural resources major on the Hill—Fitzpatrick says he gained a reputation as a “superstar birdwatcher”—he was active in the Ithaca music scene, playing guitar and singing with a locally famous band called Mectapus. After graduation, Farnsworth worked as an ecotourism guide in South America and the Caribbean, played with bands in Austin, Texas, and earned a master’s in zoology from Clemson before returning to the Hill for his PhD. His dissertation, under Fitzpatrick, was on the flight calls of nocturnally migrating birds. “He’s absolutely passionate about birds and nature,” Fitzpatrick says. “He’s got spectacularly good ears and eyes. He’s so good at picking things out acoustically, he’s a marvel to walk through the woods with. A lot of us are pretty good at that, too—but Andrew leaves me in the dust.”

While much of Farnsworth’s work involves remote sensing, he still loves to experience birds the old-fashioned way; his favorite city spots include Central Park, Inwood Hill Park, and the salt marshes on Randall’s Island. His single most memorable sighting in the city came on a Friday evening last May: he was just about to relieve the babysitter and put his daughter to bed when he saw a Twitter alert that a Kirtland’s warbler had been spotted on the west side of Central Park. Farnsworth asked the



ON THE FLY: Farnsworth (opposite page) birding in a Randall’s Island salt marsh. Above and left: BirdCast maps depicting migration over two days last spring. Below: The scene in Central Park in May, when dozens of birders observed a rare visit by a migrating Kirtland’s warbler.



babysitter to stay, grabbed his binoculars, and raced to the subway. “I was going to take the E to the B, but it was an absolute fail—it was rush hour, and the subway was jammed,” he recalls. “So I hopped in a cab, and it got most of the way but got bogged down in traffic.”

Farnsworth jumped out and ran nearly a mile north to where the bird had been seen, just inside the park at 90th Street. By the time he got there, a hundred people were already viewing the warbler, perched in a tree. “It may be the most incredible sighting in recent New York history,” he says of the rarely observed creature, which breeds in Michigan and Wisconsin and winters in the Bahamas. “The Kirtland’s warbler was a bird I’d never seen anywhere, and I’ve been birding for over forty years.” When Farnsworth eventually left to resume his parental duties, he says, “there were people running into the park from all directions. There was somebody in a three-piece suit running down Central Park West with binoculars.” ■

— L. P. Drew



VISUAL FIELD

Rhea Combs, MPS '94, is curator of film and photography at the Smithsonian's National Museum of African American History and Culture



AMERICAN ICON: Combs (top left) co-curated the museum's current exhibit that explores Oprah Winfrey's background and impact on American culture.

There are famous faces: Martin Luther King Jr., Malcolm X, Harry Belafonte, Lena Horne, James Brown, Muhammad Ali, Rosa Parks, and many more. There are images of everyday people: men in a barbershop; an elderly couple on a rural porch; a family around a dinner table; a little boy with one arm flexed like a prize fighter; a woman at a gospel service in enthusiastic prayer. Then there are the photos that depict average Americans within the context of history, from Civil War soldiers to civil rights protesters.

Among the many treasures at the Smithsonian's National Museum of African American History and Culture are these photographs—and more than 20,000 others, spanning the last century and a half and encompassing a variety of media. Collecting and studying them is the purview of Rhea Combs, MPS '94, the museum's founding curator of film and photography. "This is truly a gift, in that I get the chance to help tell the American story, literally through the African American lens," she says of her job. "I have the opportunity to do the work I love, in a place that is providing this country with a chance to address, recognize, and maybe even reconcile with some of its past. I get

to see throngs of people—across racial backgrounds, class distinctions, and even national boundaries—coming through the doors and connecting with these stories. And in many instances, the images that they see become a window into making a connection with their own personal story."

Located on the National Mall near the Washington Monument, the museum opened in September 2016, roughly a century after it was first proposed. Its holdings chronicle the trag-

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edies and triumphs of African American life: a slave cabin dating from 1850s South Carolina; a lace shawl that Queen Victoria gave Harriet Tubman; Jesse Owens's track shoes and Michael Jackson's fedora; a segregated rail car from the Jim Crow era; Obama campaign buttons; the casket in which murdered teenager Emmett Till was displayed at his wake, a catalyzing moment



in civil rights history. “About a quarter of our visitors have never been to a museum before,” Combs notes. “That says that we are addressing a demographic that clearly did not feel that other institutions spoke to their needs and desires. It lets us know that we are answering a call here, providing people with a whole other lens and perspective.”

A Detroit native, Combs grew up visiting museums like the city’s Institute of Arts, whose huge Diego Rivera murals made a particular impression. She majored in communication at Howard University before coming to Cornell for a master’s in Africana studies; her thesis was on independent filmmaker Julie Dash, whose 1991 drama *Daughters of the Dust* was the first movie directed by an African American woman to gain wide release. After helming a Smithsonian conference on a century of black cinema, Combs spent five years working for cultural institutions in Chicago before earning a PhD in American studies from Emory University. (Her dissertation was on another African American filmmaker: Marlon Riggs, a gay rights activist and documentarian who died of AIDS in 1994.) “I knew that I enjoyed writing and scholarship, but I didn’t only want to be a teacher,” Combs says of pursuing a curatorial career. “I wanted to do more public scholarship, where you’re able to connect with people of all different backgrounds and ages and bring ideas to the fore in innovative ways.”

Combs was tapped for her current position in 2013, working to build the museum’s collection in the years before it opened. Many acquisitions were donations of heirlooms kept for generations, such as a pocket-sized album containing photos of an African American Civil War regiment, given by the descendants of their white captain. In addition to the vast trove of photos—including stereographs, daguerreotypes, glass-plate negatives, silver gelatin prints, and more—Combs’s department ▶

LENS INTO HISTORY

(clockwise from top left): Mourners at the 1955 funeral of murdered teen Emmett Till; a tintype of a Civil War soldier; statesman and abolitionist Frederick Douglass with his grandson circa 1890; writer James Baldwin and his youngest sister in 1953



TIME CAPSULES (counter-clockwise from top right): Alvin Ailey dancers performing *Revelations* in 1961; swimsuit-clad women shot by Henry Clay Anderson, a prolific chronicler of African American life in mid-twentieth-century Mississippi; abolitionist Harriet Tubman's great-nieces in the early 1910s; images from the current *Represent* show, which pairs a 1968 photo of comic and activist Dick Gregory and singer Nina Simone (left) with a 1988 one of rappers KRS-One and Ms. Melodie.

holds about 400 films or film fragments as well as some audio recordings. Among her favorite items is a tintype depicting a couple wed in 1874, along with their marriage certificate. "During chattel slavery, it was illegal for African Americans to marry—and you see this couple, shortly after Emancipation, being married, celebrating it, recognizing it with this document, and putting their image on display, asserting their citizenry," she says. "This image embodies the importance of strength, fortitude, and resilience—that many African Americans endured a harsh history, but still were able to celebrate, recognize, and create love."

Among the shows that Combs has curated is *Through the African American Lens*, a photography exhibit that ran through October 2017. (Many of its images were collected in a book of the same name, for which she wrote the introduction.) Currently on view is *Represent: Hip-Hop Photography*, which pairs hip-hop images with historical ones that have similar themes—for example, a 1930s portrait of blues singer Gladys Bentley with a 1991 shot of rapper Queen Latifah. And running through next June is an exhibit that took her the better part of two years to organize: *Watching Oprah*, which explores both the early influences on Winfrey's life and career and the ways in which she has shaped American society. Combs is currently at work on the museum's inaugural film festival, to be held in late October. She's also involved in planning how to display one of the museum's recent acquisitions: the superhero costume worn by the title character in the blockbuster movie *Black Panther*. ■

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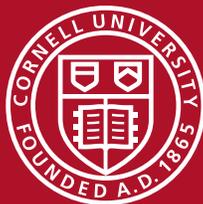
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CALL TO 'ACTION'

From *Blood Diamond* to *Dunkirk*, Nilo Otero '76 has served as a first assistant director on dozens of major films



MOVING PICTURE: Veteran “first AD” Nilo Otero '76 (far left) with actor James D'Arcy on the set of the 2017 historical drama *Dunkirk*

Nilo Otero '76 likes to joke that one of his favorite parts of his job is that “famous millionaires ask me for permission to go to the bathroom.” A Hollywood veteran, Otero has had a decades-long career as a first assistant director on major motion pictures—serving as the number-two person on a movie set, second only to the director.

A film’s “first AD” solves problems, oversees the crew, schedules the actors, and makes sure everything runs smoothly—which can even include coaxing stars out of their dressing rooms if they’re having a bad day. “I run the set so the director can concentrate on the creative aspects of production,” explains Otero, who has worked on some fifty film and TV projects since entering the business as a production assistant in the early Eighties. “I take care of all the details.” Among the many bold face names he’s worked with over the years: Leonardo DiCaprio (*Inception*, *Blood Diamond*), Bruce Willis (*The Siege*), Tom Cruise (*The Last Samurai*), Brad Pitt and Gwyneth Paltrow (*Seven*), Russell

Crowe and Ryan Gosling (*The Nice Guys*), Denzel Washington (*Fallen*), Christian Bale (*The Dark Knight*), Dwayne “The Rock” Johnson (*The Scorpion King*), Nicole Kidman (*Trespass*), and Ewan McGregor (*American Pastoral*).

Typically, Otero’s work begins a few months before filming starts, when he creates the shooting schedule. He starts by breaking down the script based on each scene’s content. “Then I sit with the director and show him my notion of how it should be shot,” says Otero. “I need to understand what’s important and what’s not.” During filming, Otero always stays by the camera. “Everything happens at the camera,” he says. “It’s the axle around which the making of the movie revolves. I have a radius of operation of about fifteen feet.”

On the recent Oscar-nominated drama *Dunkirk*, that sometimes meant standing chest-deep in the English Channel while boat scenes were being shot. Directed by Christopher Nolan, the film chronicles the rescue of more than 300,000 Allied >

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CAPED CRUSADER: Otero has worked with director Christopher Nolan on several projects, including two of the rebooted Batman films. Below: Otero (left) with actor Heath Ledger (center), who played the Joker in *The Dark Knight*, and the movie's stunt coordinator. Right: Otero (center) conferring with Nolan (left) and star Christian Bale (right) on the set of *The Dark Knight Rises*.



soldiers off the beaches and harbors near Dunkirk, France, after the Germans overran the country in 1940—which meant that many of its scenes were shot on water. Twice a day, during high tide, one of the beach locations would disappear. “We’d shoot close-ups or turn the camera in another direction,” Otero says. He and Nolan have made five movies together: *Inception*, *Interstellar*, *Dunkirk*, and the Batman entries *The Dark Knight* and *The Dark Knight Rises*. “Chris is the only person I’ve worked for who doesn’t use a second unit,” he says, referring to a separate crew that shoots stunts and some action sequences. “We do it all. Everything is as real as it can be—real airplanes, real guys.”

On smaller-budget films, Otero may have just three assistant directors to help him; on *The Dark Knight*, by contrast, he had more than 100 people working for him at times—like when a helicopter was used to film (and also appeared in) a dramatic chase sequence involving the Joker, an armored police van, a tractor-trailer, and the Caped Crusader on a souped-up motorbike. “Most of them were safety monitors,” he explains. “The FAA won’t let you have people walk out of buildings with a helicopter flying as low as ours was. We had to lock up Chicago for three weeks, so we needed a person in every doorway of the flight path. We also filmed vehicles moving at 100 miles an hour on the street, so we needed those safety monitors to keep people away.”

Otero attributes his cool under pressure to his San Francisco childhood: raised by a single mother who worked long hours, he spent a lot of time on his own. “I was a latchkey kid,” he says.

“From the time I was nine, I would hit the streets looking for empty Coke bottles and coins in telephone booths to get money to go to the movies. There were five theaters I could walk to.” He brought his love of film to Cornell, majoring in English, but also taking a film class and spending hours at Cornell Cinema. “I think a movie is best seen in the dark with an audience of strangers,” he observes.

On the Hill, Otero was a member of the fencing team, twice earning All-American honors. He didn’t have a clear career path after graduation—until a friend from fencing helped him land his first Hollywood job, at a small film production company. One gig led to another, and he eventually joined the Directors Guild of America’s training program for assistant directors, where he gained experience on the sets of major Hollywood movies like *Against All Odds*, *Red Dawn*, and *Starman*. He completed the program in 1986 and got work as a second AD on such films as *Black Widow*, *Barfly*, *In Country*, and *Summer School*. He

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graduated to first AD with *By the Sword*, a 1991 fencing drama starring F. Murray Abraham of *Amadeus* fame; he has held the position on about thirty projects to date, including the pilot episode of the blockbuster TV show “CSI.”

Otero’s second job as a first AD—the 1993 drama *Jack the Bear*, starring Danny DeVito as a widower raising two boys—proved to have a Big Red connection that made for an affecting reunion. The movie was based on a novel by English professor Dan McCall, who taught Otero creative writing on the Hill—and seventeen years later, they saw each other again when the author visited the movie set. “I tapped him on the shoulder and said, ‘Hello, Professor McCall,’” Otero recalls. “It was an amazing moment for me that connected two different parts of my life.” ■

— Nancy Dunhoff Mills ’64

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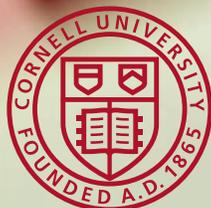
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IT'S ALL GREEK

A Hotelie heads a growing chain of popular 'fast-fine' eateries in San Francisco—with plans to head East



MEDITERRANEAN DIET

(clockwise from far left): Bililies in one of his Souvla restaurants; pork sandwiches in pita bread; frozen Greek yogurt topped with sour cherry syrup; a salad with roasted chicken

Charles Bililies '06 was just a toddler back then, so he doesn't actually remember it—but according to his parents, the first words that ever came out of his mouth involved ordering lunch at a restaurant. "The server came up to the table, and I turned to her and said the equivalent of 'Hamburger, French fries, and lemonade,'" Bililies says, recounting the family legend with a laugh. "My parents just sat there in shock."

It's fitting, then, that Bililies grew up to be a restaurateur—and not just that, but a pioneer in an emerging sector of the dining industry. The Hotelie is the founder and CEO of Souvla, a trio of Greek eateries in San Francisco that, in the words of a recent *New York Times* article, is "to Bay Area restaurants what Uber is to gig-economy start-ups." The chain—which is expanding to a fourth location, set to open in the Marina District in October—is a leader in the rising field of "fast-fine" dining, a more upscale answer to "fast-casual" restaurants like Chipotle or Panera. As at fast-casual places, Souvla customers order at the counter. But the food—served not on disposable plates, but blue-and-white enamelware—is delivered to your table, wine is available (in proper glasses), and you don't bus your dishes at the end of the meal. "Even though no one comes to the table to

take your order, a lot of the other steps of service are still very much in place," says Bililies, who earned an associate's degree in culinary arts at Johnson & Wales before transferring to Cornell.

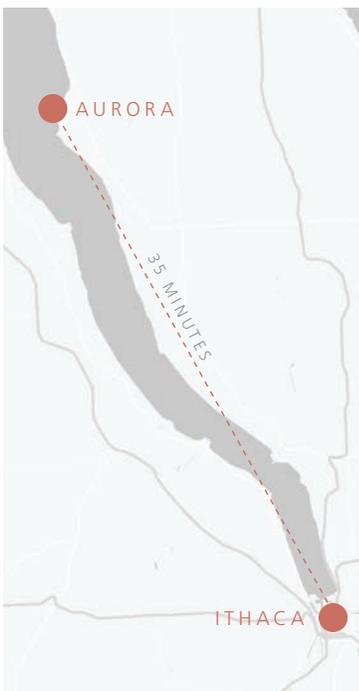
Named one of the top 100 restaurants in the city by the *San Francisco Chronicle* for two years running, Souvla has its roots both in Bililies's Greek heritage and in an "aha" moment he had back in summer 2009. Working in the Bay Area fine dining industry—first as an assistant to famed restaurateur Thomas Keller, later as the assistant general manager of the high-end French restaurant RN74—Bililies lived in a rare San Francisco apartment with a backyard, allowing him to host parties centered around his family tradition of spit-roasting whole animals. "The next day, I had some leftover lamb; someone had brought this beautiful heirloom tomato salad, and there happened to be some feta and pita bread lying around," he recalls. "So I ended up making a sandwich that resembled a gyro or souvlaki but was made with awesome, spit-roasted lamb. A light bulb went off—first, it was delicious, and second, Why can't I get this anywhere?" >

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HELLENIC CULTURE: Bililies designs the Souvla interiors (above and below), which feature clean lines, copper accents, abundant greenery, and a rotisserie oven viewable from the dining room.

warm, fluffy pita, cool yogurt, hot meat, veggies, cheese—but with more thoughtful sourcing and creativity?” And then, he says, there was the business side of the equation: given the financial challenges of the fine-dining industry—particularly in a city with sky-high rents and labor costs—“how can we take the service standards and experiences of fine dining, strip out the non-essentials, and re-engineer it into a business model that is actually profitable?”

It wasn't until April 2014—after Bililies had quit his day job, spent six weeks traveling around Greece, developed a business plan, and raised funds—that he and a chef partner opened the first Souvla, in San Francisco's Hayes Valley neighborhood. (The second opened in the NoPa neighborhood in June 2016, the third in the Mission District in January 2017.) The three

That planted the seed of opening a restaurant offering a more sophisticated take on the Greek fare that Americans often find served from a cart, the meat sliced from a cone rotating under a heat lamp. “This particular ethnic comfort food, or street food, hasn't been modernized in the same way as, say, the hamburger or taco—given the chef treatment in terms of bringing more quality to it,” Bililies says. “I thought, How can I strip this product down to its basic architecture—

locations now employ some 130 people and serve a total of 2,500 meals a day, about a quarter of which are delivery. The menu is streamlined by design. The main courses (priced at \$12–\$15) are free-range chicken, leg of lamb, pork shoulder, or roasted white sweet potato, each served with various accompaniments and available as either a sandwich or salad. Sides, costing around \$5, include Greek fries (with olive oil, lemon juice, parsley, and Mizithra cheese) and Avgolemono, a traditional egg-lemon soup with chicken and rice. “It's a great concept, and the food is wonderful,” says one of Bililies's former professors, Hotel school senior lecturer Stephani Robson '88, MS '99, PhD '10, who has sampled the fare firsthand. “It's a very smart idea, which is a fairly limited menu of a cuisine that is just familiar enough but not that common. The menu is very well designed, and the quality is great.”

Souvla—the name means the skewer on which meats are roasted—also boasts what Bililies says is the only all-Greek beverage list in the U.S., down to the sodas, beer, and sparkling water. The wine list consists of a white, a red, a rosé, and a retsina (a classic Greek libation made with pine resin), each available either in a bottle or a quarter- or half-liter metal carafe, plus a sparkling wine. For dessert, there's frozen Greek yogurt, with toppings like sour cherry syrup, olive oil and flaky salt, crumbled baklava, and honey. “Going out to eat at a full-service restaurant, especially in

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a high-cost market like San Francisco, is very expensive,” says Bililies. “Two people can come into Souvla, share a bottle of wine, and each have a salad or sandwich and be out the door for less than \$60.” Bililies also designs the Souvla spaces, which have a common aesthetic—weathered copper surfaces, white subway tile, textured plaster walls, splashes of greenery. While food prep is done behind the scenes, diners have a prominent view of the eight-spit rotisserie. “We wanted to be very transparent about what you're eating,” he says. “You're watching pork shoulder, whole chicken, and leg of lamb be roasted—there's no mystery meat.”

Last October—right around the time that *Bon Appetit* called Bililies the “Mark Zuckerberg of fast-fine dining”—he and his staff brought a delivery-only pop-up version of Souvla to New York for two days; orders sold out within minutes. (He's currently scouting locations for a permanent New York location, with hopes to open in 2019.) And two months later, Souvla made headlines in the foodie world when it was revealed that, at the request of former First Lady Michelle Obama, the chain had delivered meals for her and her staff to eat on a recent plane ride to Washington, DC. “Everything was phenomenal,” Obama wrote in a thank-you note to the restaurant, “and it made our long flight home so much more enjoyable.” ■

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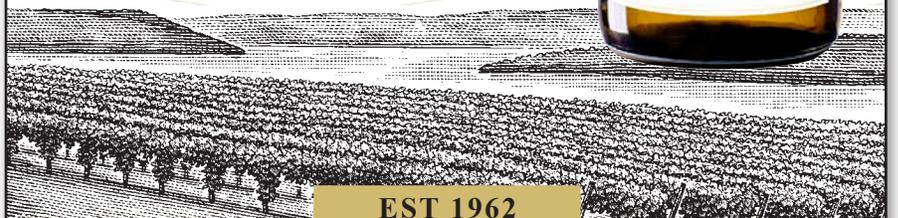


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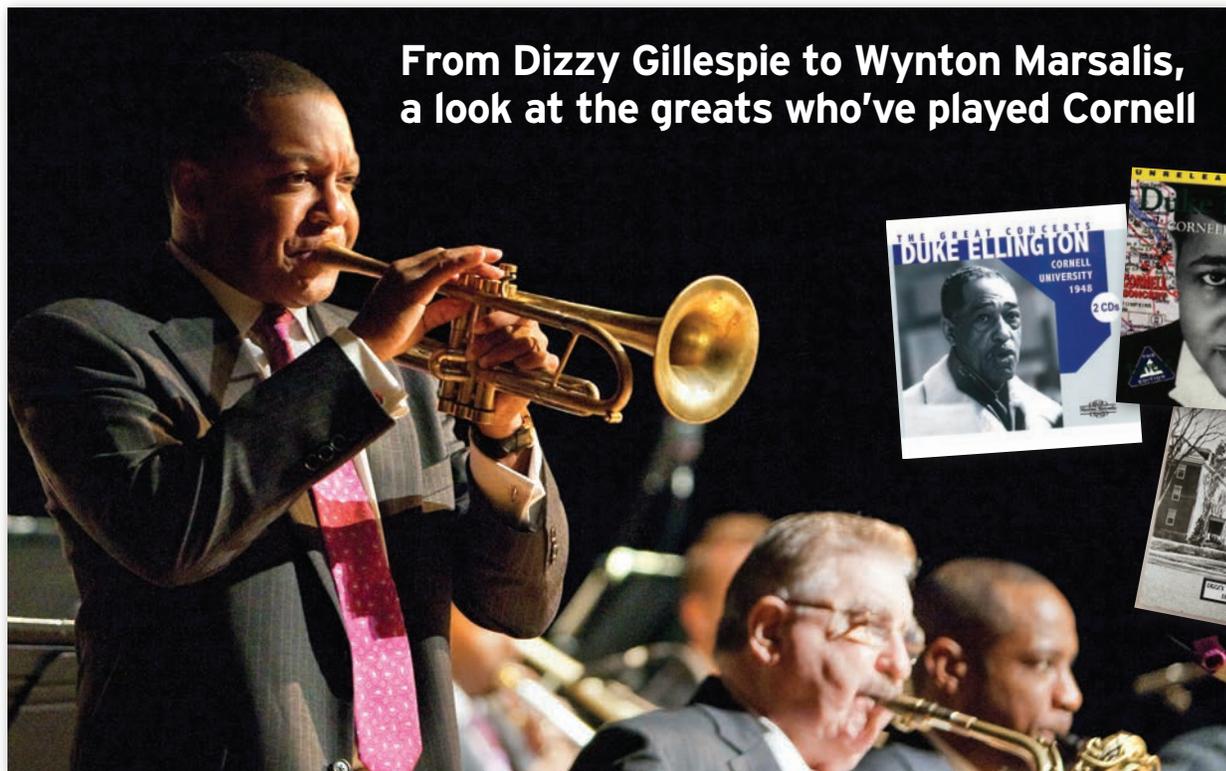
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ALL THAT JAZZ



From Dizzy Gillespie to Wynton Marsalis, a look at the greats who've played Cornell

BEAUTIFUL MUSIC: Wynton Marsalis performing in Bailey last year. Inset: Albums, based on recordings made on East Hill, of concerts by Duke Ellington (left and center) and Dizzy Gillespie (right). Bottom left: An ad in the *Daily Sun* for Gillespie's 1947 gig, hosted by the Cornell Rhythm Club.

Vincent “Vin” Rogers ’49 caught jazz fever in a New York City high school band and brought a potent strain of it to Ithaca in his trumpet case in 1944. The outbreak of World War II had transformed campus into something resembling a military base, Rogers recalls—but he was soon jamming with fellow musicians in Willard Straight Hall and eventually joined a combo that played on campus and downtown, even touring to the Catskills and Adirondacks.

Despite Cornell’s distance from urban centers, in those days it was well positioned to nurture jazz—the art form that one of its most esteemed critics, Whitney Balliett ’49, BA ’51, would famously describe as “the sound of surprise.” English professor Marshall Stearns, a medievalist who penned *The Story of Jazz* (published in 1956 and still in print today), had close connections with music industry insiders. He helped found the Cornell Rhythm Club, a jazz-centric group of

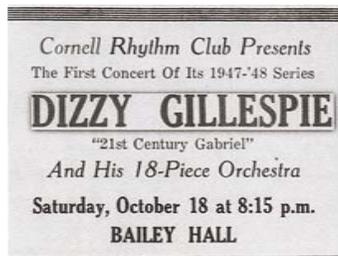
faculty, students, and locals who booked the likes of Dizzy Gillespie, Duke Ellington, Ethel Waters, the Dave Brubeck Quartet, and Charlie Mingus to play on the Hill. During his student days, Balliett wrote jazz and film columns for the *Daily*

Sun and *Cornell Widow*; he would later become a critic at the *New Yorker*, a post he held for half a century. “It’s remarkable when you put all the pieces together,” says Rogers, who still plays trumpet every day at age ninety-one. “Cornell was a hothouse for jazz, and I just walked right into it.”

In October 1947, Gillespie and his eighteen-piece orchestra headlined Bailey Hall’s first-ever purely jazz program. Yes,

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popular big bands led by Benny Goodman and Glenn Miller had previously played in other venues on the Hill. But Gillespie’s show—followed by one by Duke Ellington’s band in 1948—was held in a concert hall usually reserved for classical music, and it marked Cornell as a welcome place for innovative jazz artists. (Gillespie’s performance was made into a double album, *Dizzy Goes to College, Vols. 1 & 2*; Ellington’s was released as *The Great Concerts: Ellington Plays Cornell 1948*. Both are considered collectors’ items by jazz aficionados.) “Those concerts were the thrill of a lifetime,” says Rogers, who reached out to CAM last spring to share his reminiscences of the Gillespie show, more than seven decades later. He also described meeting Ellington band members at an Ithaca jazz club where his own group performed regularly. “We saw them come in and I cued the band to play

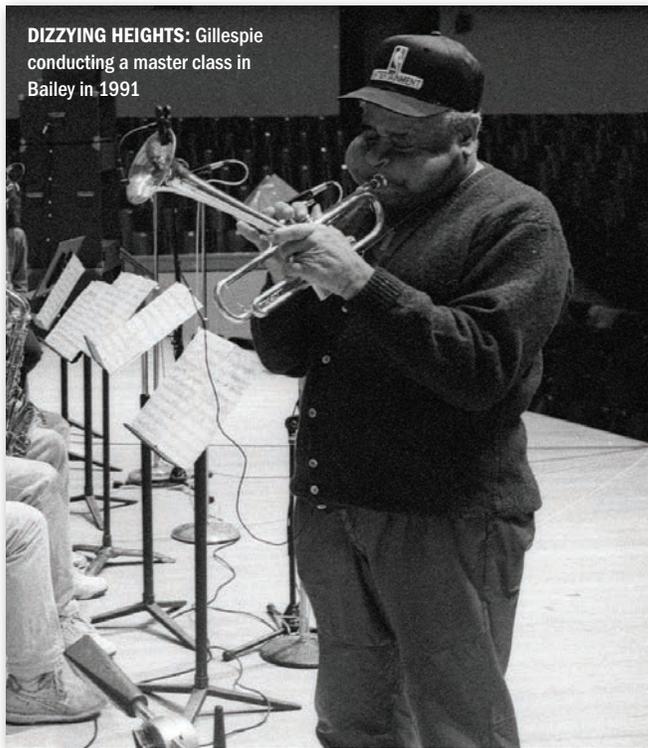


an Ellington piece," he recalls. "We were hot. Afterwards, one of the band members slid me a drink at the bar and said, 'Man, you got a great sound.' That was a magical moment." When Gillespie returned to the Hill in 1991, Rogers attended a performance and some of the student clinics he conducted, calling the experience "another moment I'll never forget."

Just as the Gillespie and Ellington shows were highlights of Rogers's Cornell career, a visit by Wynton Marsalis (currently an A.D. White Professor-at-Large) made a major impression on another Cornellian—one who'll graduate seventy years after Rogers. Troy Anderson '19, a bio major who plays saxophone and clarinet with the Cornell Jazz Ensembles, had the chance to perform with Marsalis and take a master class with him last spring—and it changed his whole approach to jazz. "Before his visit, I played and read the music and that was great, but he invited us to go deeper," says Anderson, who reminisced about the experience during an event hosted by President Martha Pollack at Reunion 2018. "He skillfully described the cultural setting of the music, its origins, the current culture of its time, and the challenges musicians faced. He encouraged us to not only play the music, but to listen to the original recordings and players, and to follow the growth of the music from its original source. It was inspired."

— Franklin Crawford

DIZZYING HEIGHTS: Gillespie conducting a master class in Bailey in 1991



Hill's-a-Poppin': Some Memorable CU Gigs by Jazz Legends

BENNY GOODMAN, 1937

"Over 3,000 couples attended the Navy Day Ball in the Drill Hall last night and danced to the music of the Benny Goodman and Joe Haymes Orchestras," said the *Daily Sun*. "Goodman's quartet proved to be the most popular feature of the evening."

ELLA FITZGERALD, 1938

The "First Lady of Song" was twenty-one when she appeared on the Hill with the Chick Webb Orchestra—a long way from New York's Savoy Room, where they were a house band. After Webb died in 1939, Fitzgerald led the group under the name Ella Fitzgerald and Her Famous Orchestra.

DUKE ELLINGTON, 1939, '47, '48

In 1939, the Duke and his orchestra serenaded dancers at Cornell's junior prom; the 1948 performance prompted Balliett to write in the *Sun* that Ellington's music "was little short of impeccable," and that "twenty years of leadership in the field of jazz has not jaded the Duke."

GLENN MILLER, 1939, '47, '56

In 1939, Miller and his orchestra appeared in Barton. Their vocalist, Marion Hutton—then just seventeen—went on to appear in movies with Abbott and Costello and the Marx Brothers. Miller was good-natured about being swamped for autographs; as he told the *Sun*, "When no one wants your autograph you feel badly, so that when someone asks for the honor of having your autograph you should be pleased and give it willingly."

COUNT BASIE ORCHESTRA, 1941, '55, '58

The 1955 concert, with the Modern Jazz Quartet, was intended to highlight a contrast in styles. "[Basie's] music arrangements are read right off the paper," said the *Sun*, "[while] the smaller modern group... depends largely on individual impressions the musicians give to the music." In other words, the quartet—hailed as part of jazz's new cool, intellectual, progressive movement—improvised a lot.

ETHEL WATERS & MARY LOU WILLIAMS, 1946

Best known for the hits "Stormy Monday" and "Dinah," Waters was a singer and actress who performed jazz, big band, and pop. (She was also the second African American woman nominated for a Best Supporting Actress Oscar, for the 1949 drama *Pinky*.) Williams, a well-known jazz pianist, accompanied Waters on piano for their "Concert in Blue." The *Daily Sun* opined that "Miss Waters has a relatively thin voice, inclined to shake on the low notes and to break on the high ones. Nevertheless, her great personality and intimacy with the audience created many happy moments for the packed house."

LOUIS ARMSTRONG, 1953, '63

The artist nicknamed "Satchmo" brought his golden horn and gravelly voice to Bailey for a 1953 show with his "All Stars." "Some of these bop band leaders come to the universities and talk about modulation this and cappeggio that, and nobody's with 'em," he told the *Sun* during a backstage interview. "When I come, I just play, and they're with me all the way." In 1963, Satchmo

returned to Bailey for an event benefitting the annual Campus Chest charity drive.

DAVE BRUBECK QUARTET, 1956, '62, '97

After the 1956 show in Bailey, Brubeck said that Cornell was a highlight of their tour and praised the venue. "It's a big hall, but intimate," he told the *Sun*. "The audience was right with us all night, a swell bunch of kids. The acoustics and lighting were great. And that piano. I loved it!"

CARMEN MCRAE, 1958, '62

McRae made two appearances at Cornell, first with Coleman Hawkins's band in 1958 and four years later with her own trio. Although critics considered her one of the top jazz vocalists of the day, the *Sun* felt the '62 show was flat. "Jazz suddenly finds itself popular, and charges money to perform on formal stages and in concert halls," the review said. "But not all jazz is capable of the transformation. It puts on a dress that looks somehow wrong, teeters onto the stage in high heels, and then gesticulates in a style not of the stage, but closer to the smoky dives of New Orleans."

NINA SIMONE, 1963, '65

Simone cast her moody spells in two Bailey concerts, delivering her signature mix of folk, blues, and jazz. In 1963, she shared the bill with Herbie Mann, a flautist whose compositions tapped Afro-Cuban and Brazilian rhythms. Her 1965 appearance with her own trio "reaffirmed her greatness as a folk and jazz interpreter" according to the *Sun*. "Miss Simone is >

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CHARLIE MINGUS, 1964

Mingus was a big hit, both as performer and lecturer. The *Sun* described his compositions as "the epitome of jazz," and his workshop so intense the session was extended by an hour. Mingus stayed on campus to give a talk titled "Jazz, an Expression of What?" According to the *Sun*, when Mingus finished speaking, "hardly anyone went home. Instead, they all climbed onto the Statler Hall stage and crowded around the small table where Mingus was sitting"; some students asked him questions about music, about race relations, and "about love and hate."

THELONIUS MONK QUARTET & GERRY MULLIGAN, 1964

The inaugural concert of the Cornell Jazz Festival in Barton brought together two masters—Monk, the eccentric pianist-composer, and Mulligan, then considered a monster on the sax. Of the former, the *Sun* wrote: "His sound, his technique, his music is so uninfluenced [by other composers] and so much a part of the man, that it never sounds like anything but Monk."

MILES DAVIS, 1973

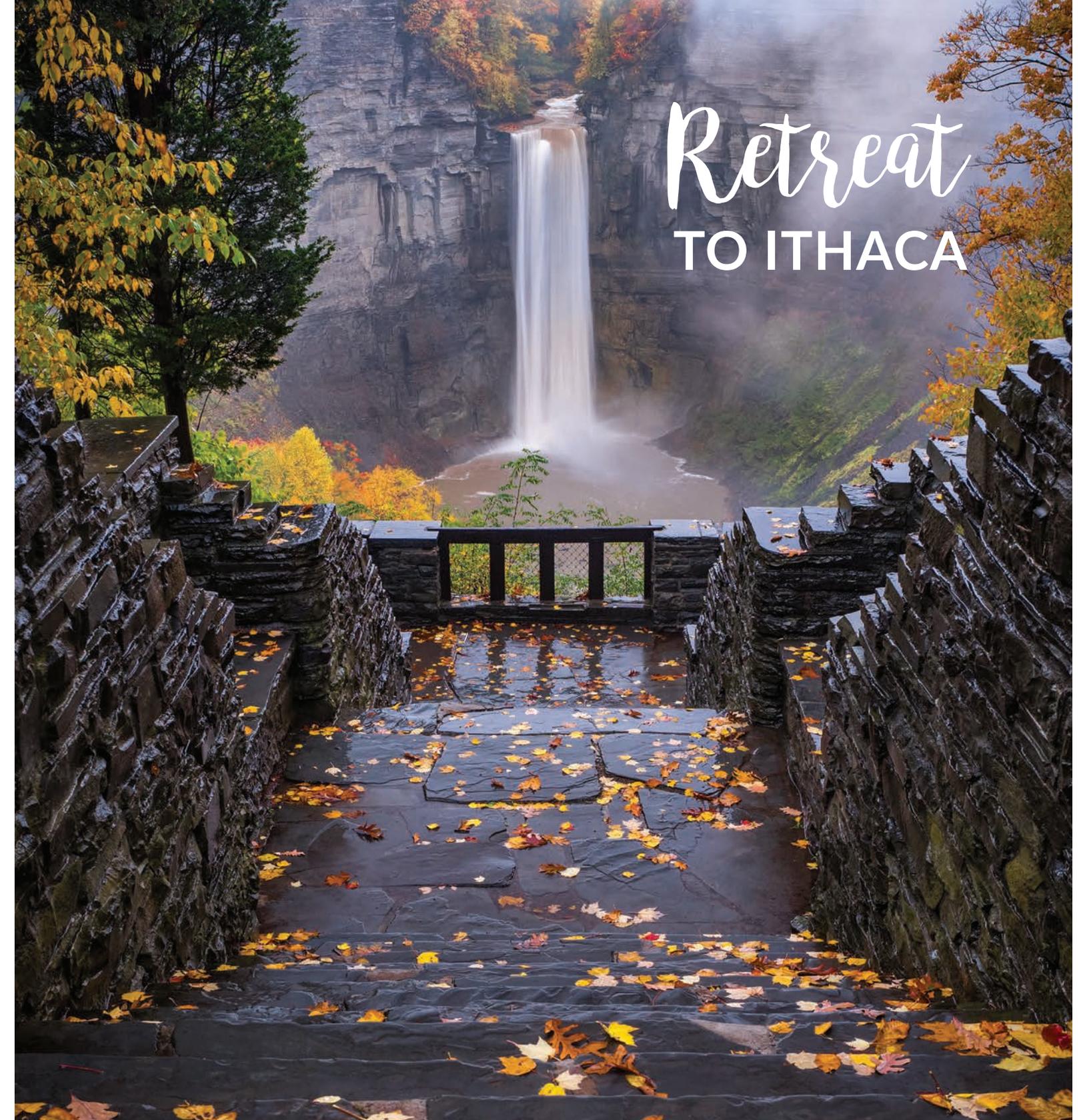
The famed innovator of cool jazz was in his "electric" period—not his most popular sound. His experiments during this phase polarized fans, driving many away. Advance sales for the Bailey concert were poor, and a twin bill was cut to one early evening show. Two years later, Davis dropped out of the music scene, kicked a cocaine habit, and re-emerged in the Eighties to reclaim his title as a jazz legend.

CHICK COREA, 1974, '79, '85

For his shows in the Seventies, the renowned pianist and composer shared the bill with fellow jazzmen—first Gary Burton, then Larry Coryell. Despite a poor turnout for the 1985 show with his Elektric Band in Bailey on a Sunday night, the *Sun* said that Corea "poured energy into a performance well worth the ticket price." A highlight was when Corea gave the audience a brief music lesson and led "a powerful sing-along."

BRANFORD MARSALIS, 1986, '90, '96

The Cornell Concert Commission has brought Wynton's saxophonist brother to Bailey several times; for the 1996 show, he shared the bill with their father, jazz pianist Ellis Marsalis. Most recently, he performed on the Hill during the 2005–06 Concert Series. ■



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MAN OF LETTERS

Former National Spelling Bee champ Jacques Bailly, PhD '97, is the competition's longtime 'pronouncer'



SPELL IT OUT: Bailly (on screen) gives a word to a contestant at the National Spelling Bee. Right: Hefting the trophy in 1980.

For Jacques Bailly, PhD '97, the winning word at the 1980 Scripps National Spelling Bee was “elucubrate”—which, aptly enough, means “to work out or express by studious effort.” At fourteen, Bailly was crowned America’s spelling champion, taking home \$1,000 and a nice set of encyclopedias. But his orthographic career didn’t end there: since 2003, he has been the bee’s head pronouncer—an unflappable presence on national TV who reads each word aloud and answers contestants’ queries about definition, usage, language of origin, and more. “I think it’s kind of amusing, and bemusing, that people pay attention to me, because I’m just there to deliver the words,” says Bailly, a classics professor at the University of Vermont. “All I do is sit there and talk like I normally do, though I try to pronounce words a bit crispier. It just feels like a mini-conversation with each speller.”

‘If you want to win the National Spelling Bee,’ Bailly says, ‘you have to make great friends with the dictionary.’

Bailly’s love affair with competitive spelling began in the sixth grade, when his teacher tapped him to be on the spelling team at his Catholic school. He made it to the national competition on his third try and took home the title. “If you want to win the National Spelling Bee, you have to make great friends with the dictionary,” he says. “You need to decide, ‘Today I’m going to

look at all the words that come from Hawaiian, and figure out how they got into English and what they mean’—and then do the same thing with German [and so on].” Plus, he says, “you have to really enjoy words—to have this attitude of ‘That’s a neat one, I’ll put it in my collection.’ ” >

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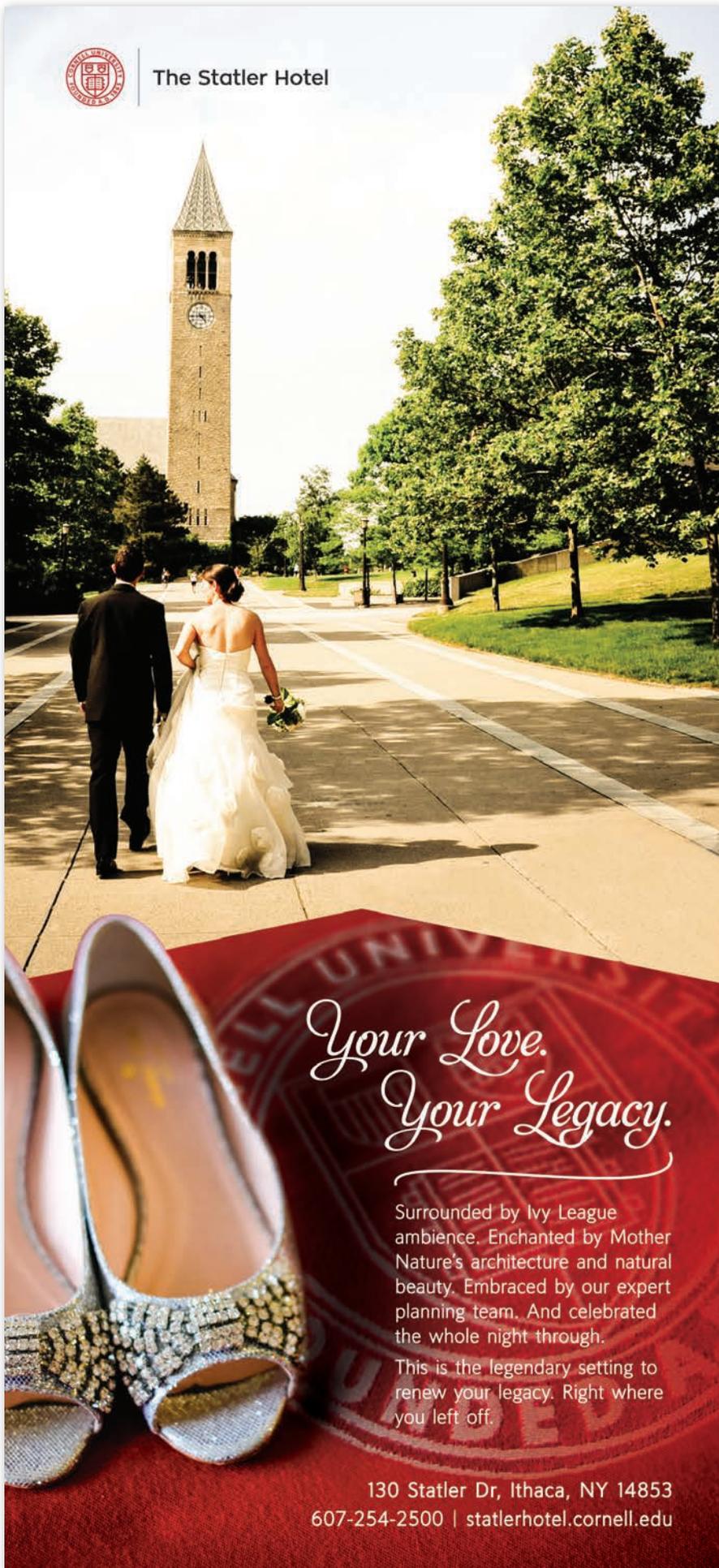
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Among Bailly's favorite bee moments are some now-classics (all available for viewing on YouTube), like the time in 2007 when he gave a boy the word "sardoodledom"—and the kid completely cracked up, before spelling it correctly and returning to his chair with enormous glee. (According to Merriam-Webster, whose unabridged volume is the bee's official dictionary, it means "mechanically contrived plot structure and stereotyped or unrealistic characterization in drama.") Another howler came the following year, when Bailly gave a competitor the word "numnah" ("a felt or sheepskin pad placed between a horse's back and the saddle to prevent chafing")—and the horrified boy thought he'd said "numbnut." (According to Urban Dictionary, one of its less profane definitions is "the stupidest of the stupid.")

Asked to contemplate the national bee's enduring popularity—it is, after all, broadcast on ESPN—Bailly cites multiple reasons for its appeal. There's the fact that it's so democratic, with kids from all backgrounds and creeds competing; then there are the contestants' reactions, which are often entertainingly unvarnished. Plus, he says, "it's pretty dramatic; there's this moment of, 'Will they get it right? Will they get it wrong?' There's also, 'Do I know how to spell that word? Do I even know what that word is?' There's this slack-jawed amazement that these kids know these words that adults don't."

A Brown undergrad, Bailly did his Cornell classics dissertation on a lesser-known Platonic dialogue. He began volunteering for the national bee in 1990, having offered his services as a past winner with facility in French, German, Greek, and Latin; he started out as an associate pronouncer before taking the lead fifteen years ago. In 2006, he played himself in *Akeelah and the Bee*, a drama about a girl from South Los Angeles who makes it to the national competition. "For a lot of kids, the stranger and weirder a word is, the easier it is," Bailly observes. "A word like 'humuhumunukunukuapuaa' [the Hawaiian state fish] is memorable. It's the words like 'accommodate' and 'embarrass'—those are the hard ones." ■

— L. P. Drew



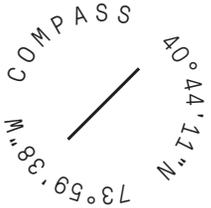
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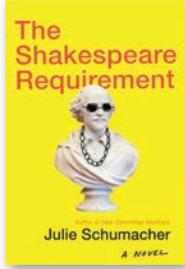
More than 7,500 people—alumni, family, and friends—flocked to the Hill for Reunion 2018. Revelers included five members of the Class of '43, celebrating their 75th Reunion—and on Cornelliana Night, two Class of '38 alums marked their 80th via livestream. New York State Supreme Court Justice Debra James '75, JD '78, gave the Olin Lecture, a talk entitled “Daily More Useful: My Life in Public Service.” And on Saturday night, the four youngest classes (1998, 2003, 2008, and 2013) teamed up for a dance party in a tent outside the Johnson Museum that ran into the wee hours. “As an alumni leader, I want to learn to make an event meaningful,” said Ankur Bajaj '13. “And people want to stay out late!”







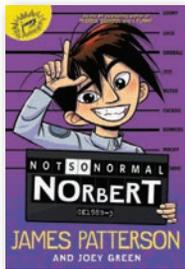
New Releases



The Shakespeare Requirement

JULIE SCHUMACHER, MFA '86

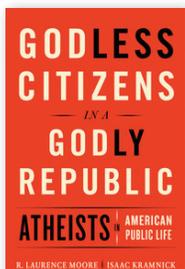
The sequel to Schumacher's Thurber Prize-winning *Dear Committee Members* continues the adventures of hapless professor Jason Fitger as he suffers the slings and arrows of academic politics, romantic frustration, and dental distress. With much of his building newly renovated into a luxe home for the well-heeled economics department (and his own squeezed into meager lodgings), Fitger—now the deeply unenthusiastic chair of English—copes with a variety of dramas including lingering feelings for his ex-wife and a scholarly stand-off over a veteran professor's crusade to retain a requirement that English majors study the Bard. Says *Publishers Weekly*: "Schumacher's satisfying and fun novel is bolstered by its memorable campus setting and its quirky cast."



Not So Normal Norbert

JOEY GREEN '80

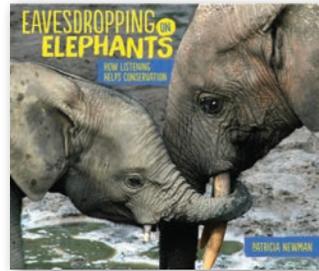
In a novel for middle-grade readers that Green (who founded the *Cornell Lunatic* humor magazine on the Hill) co-authored with mega-selling thriller writer James Patterson, a boy named Norbert Riddle lives in the United States of Earth, where conformity reigns. When he's caught doing an impression of the planet's dictator, he's convicted of being "different and dangerous, creative and crazy, imaginative and insane"—and banished to a camp in a faraway nebula where rule-breaking kids roam free. Can he make it back to Earth and reunite with his family? And does he even want to return to a world where everyone is the same? "The authors balance the inanity with real-life, affecting emotion," says *Publishers Weekly*, "convincingly depicting Norbert's fright as well as his yearning for his parents."



Godless Citizens in a Godly Republic

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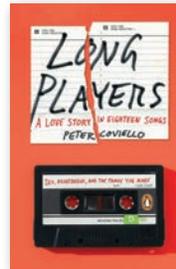
The authors, both emeritus professors of government, explore why—given that the First Amendment protects religious liberty—atheists in America have long been stigmatized as second-class citizens. In a book that *Kirkus* calls "an impassioned review of the demands of a little-considered minority," they discuss relevant Supreme Court cases, state and federal laws—including the fact that eight state constitutions still require a belief in God to hold public office—and moments in history, such as the Cold War, when atheism was equated with being unpatriotic. "To the ears of many Americans, the word 'atheist' has a hard, unpleasant ring to it," they write in the prologue. "Describing oneself with that label has never been a recommended way to court popularity."



Eavesdropping on Elephants

PATRICIA NEWMAN '81

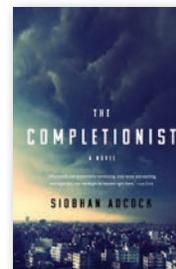
Newman is the author of several kids' books with an ecological bent, including *Sea Otter Heroes: The Predators That Saved an Ecosystem* and *Plastic, Ahoy! Investigating the Great Pacific Garbage Patch*. Here, she describes Cornell's own Elephant Listening Project, a longtime effort founded by Katy Boynton Payne '59, a now-retired bioacoustics researcher at the Lab of Ornithology. The book, which *Kirkus* calls "fascinating for earnest conservationists," includes numerous color photos as it chronicles the efforts of Payne and her colleagues to understand how the pachyderms communicate. Geared toward middle-grade readers, the book includes descriptions of research techniques, conservation issues, and the threats facing the animals, including poachers and human encroachment on their habitat.



Long Players

PETER COVIELLO, PHD '98

In what *Kirkus* calls "a heartfelt and hyper-literate take on love as a mixtape," Coviello describes his marriage, a sudden divorce following his wife's infidelity, his struggle to retain a role in the lives of his two former stepdaughters, and his tentative steps toward new romance. "For a long time after its swift, startling implosion, people would ask me about what my marriage had been," Coviello writes, "that I would grieve it so implacably, and so long." The book is subtitled, "A love story in eighteen songs," and throughout it he cites tunes that evoke memories of the relationship. "With its convoluted syntax and attenuated musings about love and the inner life, Coviello's style imitates his heroes Henry James and George Eliot," *Kirkus* observes, "and reading his book feels a bit like finding a cache of letters from one close friend to another, with the writer casually unraveling on the page."



The Completionist

SIOBHAN ADCOCK '95, MFA '04

Adcock's dystopian novel is set in what *Publishers Weekly* describes as "a captivating, if grim, future"—an America where there's no naturally occurring water, fertility levels have dropped alarmingly, and surveillance technology is omnipresent. The hero is a troubled Marine veteran who returns home to find that one of his sisters has vanished and that the other has miraculously become pregnant without medical intervention—a condition that puts her dangerously in the government's crosshairs. "She didn't disappear all of a sudden," the narrator says of his missing sister. "It was more like she evaporated, over the course of a year, while I was at the Wars. I got messages from her over there, and then the messages got slower and weirder, and then I didn't hear from her again."

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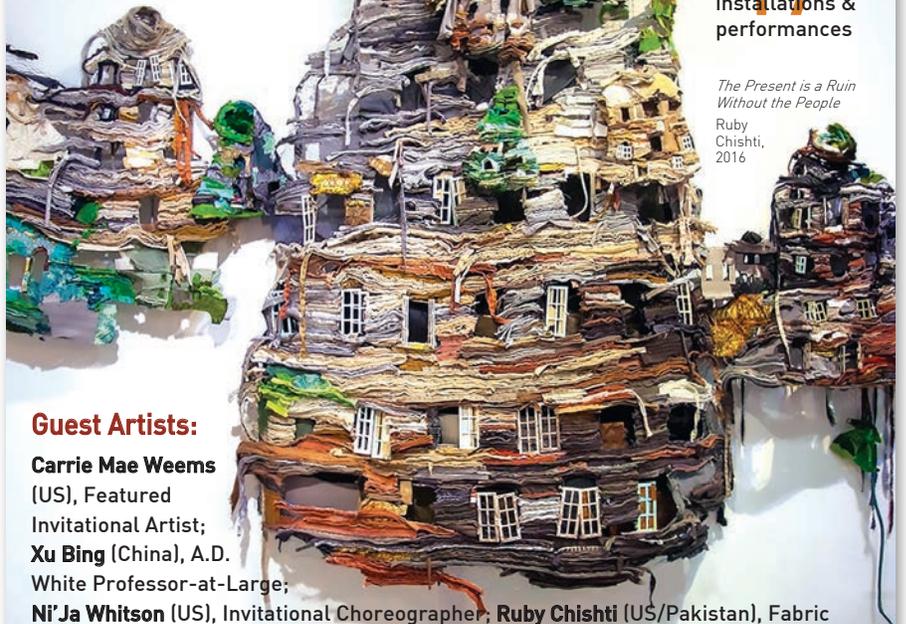
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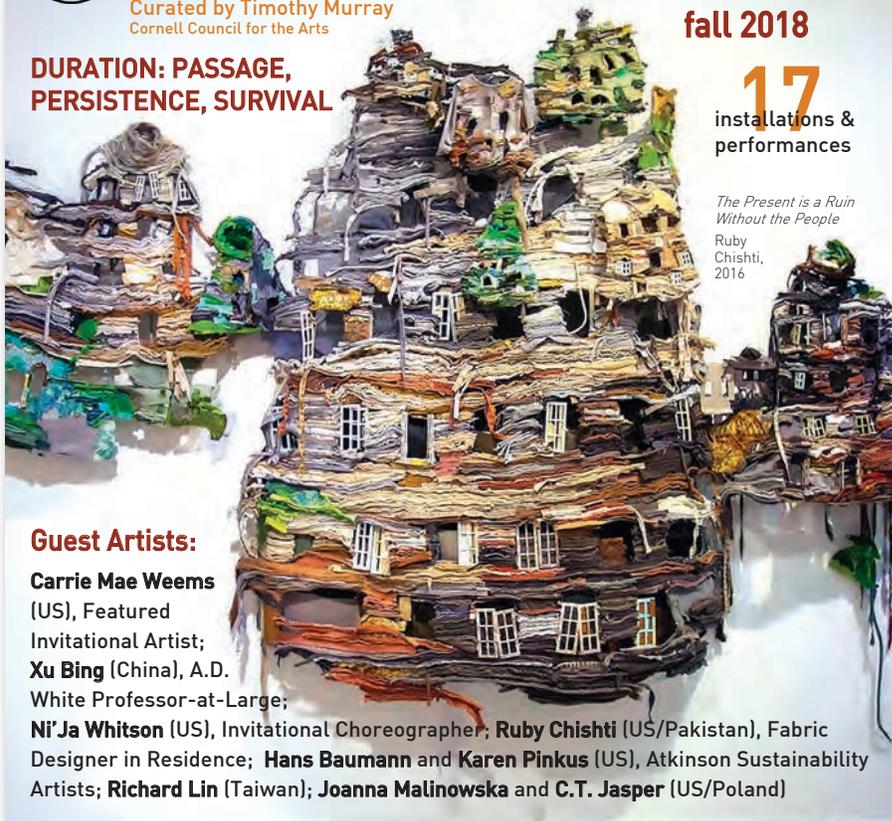
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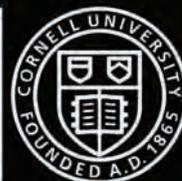
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Big Red Highlights



WOMEN'S TRACK Cornell was well-represented at the Canadian Track and Field Championships in July with five athletes competing. **Marguerite Lorenzo '21** (above, at an Outdoor Heps event) posted the best finish of the group, taking second in the women's high jump in the under-20 division with a jump of 5 feet, 7-1/4 inches. **Taysia Radoslav '18** was third in the open division of the 400 meter hurdles, posting a seasonal best of 58.99 seconds in the final. Other open division runners included **Brittany Stenekes '19**, who was fifth in the 100 meter hurdles (13.77 seconds), and **Annie Taylor '19** who was 20th in the 1,500 meters (4:34.15). **Brooke Overholt '22**, also in the under-20 division, was sixth in the 100 meter hurdles and eighth in the 400 meter hurdles.

SAILING The Big Red finished seventh at the Sperry Women's National Championships in May, its best result at the event since becoming a varsity team in 2014. The B-division tandem of **Daisy Holthus '21** and **Adeline Sutton '21** posted the squad's best results, finishing fifth out of 18 teams, with two wins and 11 top fives in their 18 races. The A-division boat, which was shared by **Sebby Turner '19**, **Gabby Rizika '19**, **Diana Otis '18**, and **Tara Bergstrom '18**, had four top fives and finished 13th.



BASEBALL The Big Red placed five players on the post-season All-Ivy award list, led by first-team selections **Ryan Krainz '18** and **Ellis Bitar '18**. Krainz is only the sixth Cornell player to earn multiple first-team All-Ivy honors and the first to do so at different positions, moving from shortstop to second base. Bitar is Cornell's first first-team all-league pick at catcher since 1988, when **Guy Leach '88** was honored by the Eastern Intercollegiate Baseball League. **Will Simoneit '19** was a second-team pick for the second straight season, spending most of his time at third base this year after starting at catcher last season. First baseman **Trey Baur '18** and designated hitter **Dale Wickham '18** both earned honorable mention.

MEN'S LACROSSE **Jake Pulver '18** (below left) won the 2018 Senior CLASS (Celebrating Loyalty and Achievement for Staying in School) Award for his sport. Given out by Premier Sports Management, it honors notable achievements in "community, classroom, character, and competition." In addition to earning third-team All-American honors and captaining the team that won the Ivy tournament and reached the NCAA quarterfinals, Pulver maintained a 3.37 GPA as a biological sciences major and coordinated several charity events.

WOMEN'S CREW The Collegiate Rowing Coaches Association has named **Alexa Marcasciano '20**, **Caroline Ressler '20**, and **Katie Schretter '20** National Scholar Athletes. To be eligible, student-athletes must have a cumulative GPA of 3.5 and compete in at least 75 percent of their boat's races during the season. In other team news, women's crew welcomed a new head coach this season. Eric Carcich takes over after ten seasons at George Washington University, where he was twice named the Atlantic 10 Coach of the Year.

ALUMNI NEWS

HALL OF FAME The Cornell Athletics Hall of Fame will welcome ten new members at the annual induction ceremony during Homecoming. They are: **Tyler Baier '05, MBA '10**, wrestling; **Jenna Campagnolo '08**, softball; **Andrea Dutcher, MILR '87**, special category; **Courtney Farrell '08**, women's lacrosse; **Keith Ferguson '03**, football; **Muhammad Halim '08**, men's track and field; **David McKechnie '07**, men's swimming and diving; **Dan Ratushny '92**, men's ice hockey; **Richard Stimpson '01, BS '02**, men's soccer; and **Joanna Weiss '07**, volleyball. The inductees will also be honored during halftime of the football game against Yale at Schoellkopf Field.

BASEBALL In June, **Paul Balestrieri '17** threw a no-hitter for the Class-A Peoria Chiefs, a minor league affiliate of the St. Louis Cardinals. In a 6-0 win over the Kane County Cougars, Balestrieri needed only 100 pitches to finish the game while striking out six and walking none; the Cougars got on base just once, on a first-inning error. Balestrieri started the season with the Palm Beach Cardinals before joining the Chiefs. He was the Cardinals' 26th-round pick in the 2017 draft and spent that summer with the State College Spikes in the New York-Penn League.

MEN'S HOCKEY **Colin Greening '10** etched his name into the Calder Cup, professional hockey's oldest continuously awarded playoff trophy, by helping the Toronto Marlies to the American Hockey League championship. Greening was assistant captain of the Marlies squad that led the league in the regular season with a 54-18-2 record before going 15-5 in the playoffs. Playing in all 20 playoff games, Greening had four goals and five assists. **John McCarron '15** was a leading scorer for the Florida Everblades who finished as runner-up in the ECHL Kelly Cup playoffs. McCarron scored a team-high 29 goals during the regular season and ten in the playoffs for the Everblades, a minor league affiliate of the Charlotte Checkers in the AHL and the Carolina Hurricanes in the NHL.

FOOTBALL Former Big Red quarterback **Chip Knapp '87** has been named head football coach at Delaware's Wesley College. Knapp has spent the past 28 years there as an assistant coach, mostly as offensive coordinator. Wesley has had 13 straight NCAA Division III playoff appearances, including six trips to the national semifinals.

MEN'S LACROSSE **Connor Buczek '15, MBA '17**, who is in his fourth season with the Florida Launch, scored a pair of goals to help Team MLL beat Team USA in the Major League Lacrosse all-star game in June. The game is played every four years to help Team USA prepare for the World Championship.

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A LOOK AT THE PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE
OF CU'S ICONIC BEEBE LAKE—WHICH, LIKE THE
UNIVERSITY ITSELF, TRACES ITS ROOTS TO EZRA

By Beth Saulnier
and Alexandra Bond '12





If you've ever wondered what the swath of East Hill that's now Beebe Lake looked like before human intervention, just glance into the marshy woods below Forest Home Drive, a few yards off the trail on the lake's southeast side. "Before the dam was built, this area was heavily forested, with a creek and a bunch of backwater wetlands," says

Todd Bittner, director of natural areas for Cornell Botanic Gardens, which has stewardship of the lake. "So this was kind of a forested swamp."



It's a brilliant morning in July, and Bittner is hiking around the lake with CAM, offering lessons on its history and ecology. Even though it's the height of summer—campus's slow season—there's a fair amount of activity. Joggers run along the pathways; neophyte canoers practice their paddling skills; staffers from Cornell Outdoor Education set up ropes across the small gorge at the lake's eastern end, creating a sort of miniature zipline for CAU teen adventure campers. And humans aren't the only ones out and about. In addition to the several dogs circumnavigating the lake with their owners,

two great blue herons repeatedly swoop along the water in search of breakfast. "The lake is amazing for wildlife," Bittner says. "There's also a pair of osprey that have a nest near the soccer fields off Game Farm Road, and they're over here fishing all the time."

Bittner notes that the Botanic Gardens (formerly called Cornell Plantations) has been updating and expanding signage around the lake in recent years, including adding interpretive displays and numbered markers, so people can report their precise location in case of emergency. Another change: replacing signs that said "WARNING: NATURAL AREA"—which, he says with a laugh, "is so counter to our message"—with ones that say "WELCOME" instead. "Take a moment and look around," he says. "What college campus could you be standing in the middle of, and be in a place like this?"

Water, Bittner points out, was a major factor in shaping Ithaca's destiny; in the early nineteenth century, industry was drawn to the area by the availability of Fall Creek—Cayuga Lake's largest tributary—as a power source. Another prominent shaper of the city's future, of course,

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was Ezra Cornell. Both came together in Beebe Lake's origin story. A mucky pond was initially formed on the site in 1838, when Ezra built a stone dam to power plaster and flour mills owned by his boss, Jeremiah Beebe. A concrete structure, ten feet higher, replaced it in the 1890s. "The stream above the dam had been a tangled muddy growth of trees and brush," Morris Bishop 1914, PhD '26, wrote in *A History of Cornell*. "This area was now submerged to impound 53,000,000 gallons of water. And thus our Beebe Lake was created, for bathing, boating, skating, and tobogganing."

Since then, the lake has served myriad practical purposes, from hosting paddling classes and hockey games to informing the study of hydraulics. Thanks to a hydroelectric plant located under the Suspension Bridge and fed via a five-foot-wide pipe that's a third of a mile long, Beebe generates about 2 percent of the campus's power, in the University's early days, it even supplied ice and drinking water. While the Lake Source Cooling system has been using Cayuga's waters to cool campus since 2000, for the preceding three decades, a much smaller version used Beebe for similar purposes (albeit less successfully and with more environmental concerns, given the lake's shallow depth).

But Beebe's greatest value may be intangible—as an oasis in the midst of a bustling, world-class institution of higher learning. "The lake is a place

of relaxation and respite—getting away from things without really getting away," says Botanic Gardens director Christopher Dunn. "You can just take a walk and be in a completely different environment. You can sit and watch the geese, or take a canoe out there, and just let your troubles flow away with the water." >



SHORE LINES (clockwise from top left): Beebe in fall; horse-powered "Zambonis" around the turn of the last century; paddling during Reunion 2008; a women's crew boat in the early 1900s; lake namesake Jeremiah Beebe

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PRE-LYNAH: Official hockey games began on the lake in 1907.

CARNIVAL ATMOSPHERE

Cornell's bygone tradition of "Junior Week" began on East Hill in the early 1890s—and at one point, notes Elaine Engst, MA '72, the University's archivist emerita, this series of concerts, balls, and other events grew so popular that the administration had to tone it down, because "people stopped going to classes." Around the turn of the century, an ice carnival on Beebe became part of the festivities, which were held each January. "The traditional event usually included choreographed skating, ice sculpture contests, music, games, sideshows, and more," Cornell history expert Corey Earle '07 wrote in *Ezra* magazine in 2014. "Unfortunately, the unpredictability of Ithaca weather meant it was often postponed or canceled. After a hiatus during World War II, the Ice Carnival made a brief comeback, but then faded away in the next few years along with Junior Week itself."



FROZEN FUN: A sled advertising an ice carnival in the early 1900s (above) and the Beebe rink being prepared for skating (left), one of the carnival's attractions. The toboggan slide can be glimpsed through the trees, above the right side of the rink.

BLADES OF GLORY

Before Lynah Rink opened in 1957, both ice skaters and hockey players pursued their pastime on Beebe's frozen surface. Skating on the lake became formalized around the turn of the century, when legendary Cornell winter sports aficionado Johnny Parson 1899—then a professor of mechanical drawing in the Engineering college—established a subscription fund to underwrite snow removal. "Professor Parson became Cornell hockey's first patron by reserving a section of ice for the rink and encouraging Cornellians to form a team," University Archivist Emeritus Gould Colman '51, PhD '62, wrote in *CAM* in 1999. According to *Forever Faithful*, a history of Big Red hockey by Jim Roberts '71, Beebe's first official rink was laid out in 1907. As the groundskeeper responsible for maintaining the rink in its early days once recalled in *CAM* (back when it was known as the *Cornell Alumni News*): "We would go to the lake and paint lines on the ice, and chances were it would thaw the next day. You never knew from one day to the next if you had skating."



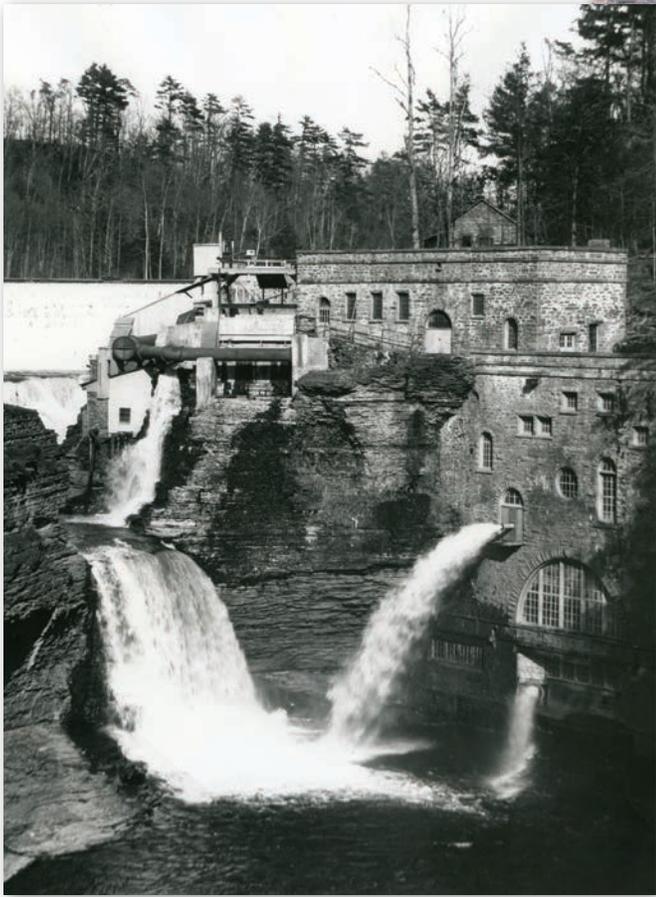


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DIFFERENT STROKES: Once upon a time, swimming was allowed in Beebe—but it's been forbidden for decades.

IN THE SWIM

Just below Sackett Bridge—the stone structure spanning the small gorge at the east end of Beebe—are two iron supports, all that remains of a pair of diving boards. While swimming in the lake has been officially forbidden for many decades—though precisely when it became off-limits isn't entirely clear—in the University's earlier days it was not only allowed but formally sanctioned, at least in the relatively deep water under the bridge. "The swimming pool of Beebe Lake officially opens today for the first time this year, but several hundred students didn't wait for the announcement," the *Daily Sun* reported on May 21, 1934. "The waters of Beebe have been warm enough for swimming for quite a while, and hundreds of warm and weary students have already learned it." ›



ENGINEERING MARVEL: The Hydraulic Laboratory in its heyday (left) and after most of the structure collapsed on a frigid day in 2009 (above)

GONE WITH THE FLOW

On a February day in 2009, Cornellians woke to find that a bit of campus history had tumbled into Fall Creek gorge. Completed in 1898, the Hydraulic Laboratory had been used to test ship models and study water flow under various conditions. “Built of the same gray stone as the rock wall, it makes no ugly disharmony,” Bishop wrote. “Indeed, it adds to the picturesqueness of the cascades, especially when giant streams burst forth from unexpected orifices.”

As Colman observed in CAM—in an article on Beebe Lake entitled “The Best Place by a Dam Site”—thanks to the lab, “Cornell was among the finest places in the United States for studying what moving water could accomplish.” But by the Sixties, it had fallen into disuse and become what Colman called “an unstabilized ruin.” Then came that fateful February. “There were unseasonably warm days, and then it got super cold,” recalls Bittner, who’d previously been in the habit of venturing out onto the lab’s roof to census butterwort, a rare plant that grows on the cliff face. “I think the moisture got into too many spots in the masonry, and then there was expansion from the ice freezing too fast—one day, it was like, ‘There’s a pile of rubble in the bottom of the gorge!’ ” For health and safety reasons, the University removed the debris; all that remains is the lab’s foundation slab and a single pipe.

A LATE, LAMENTED LODGE

Earlier this year, the University demolished the final remnants of the Johnny Parson’s Club, a once-beloved lodge at the western end of Beebe. Opened in 1922, the Tudor-style structure—which provided ice skaters with food, drink, and a place to warm up—was nicknamed Japes, after Parson’s initials. (“To many former soldiers on campus, Japes resembled chalets seen in wartime Bavaria,” Colman observed.) But once Lynah opened in the Fifties, the University demolished the top two stories of the building rather than doing needed repairs,

leaving only the basement. The decapitated Japes served as a home and equipment storage facility for the Cornell Outing Club until 2012, when it was deemed structurally unsound and shut down. >



THERE'S JOHNNY: Japes in its original form (above) and after the top two stories were demolished (left). Opposite page: Beebe dam in fall.

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WILD RIDE: Tumbling off the toboggan slide. Bottom right: Hauling sleds up to the top. Opposite page: Beebe in winter.

SLIP-SLIDING AWAY

A small building on Forest Home Drive that now houses meeting and office space has an intriguing name and a storied history. Toboggan Lodge was once the home base for a bygone thrill ride: a slide that ran diagonally down the slope toward Beebe, sending riders careening out onto the frozen lake. "What with the weather's caprices, the varying water level in the lake, and the frequent accidents," Bishop observed, "the toboggan slide caused the administration winter-long worries." Opened in 1902, the slide was originally made of wood; it was replaced by a steel version in 1912, and ceased operations in the Forties. "Not limited to students, the very first toboggan to use the slide allegedly included Dean 'Tee Fee' Crane and then-President Jacob Gould Schurman among its passengers," Earle wrote in *Ezra*. "The slide was eventually dismantled, in part because of the various serious injuries it caused (seven fractured vertebrae reported in 1940 alone), but also because of gradually decreasing activity on Beebe Lake as skiing and other alternatives became more popular." The slide's concrete supports can still be seen on the wooded slope on the lake's south side. >

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CORNELLIAN COUPLE:

Bob and Barbara Everson in photos they snapped after becoming engaged on Sackett Bridge (left); at their wedding reception (center); and in the church where they married, during a visit to Ithaca for their 50th Reunion (right)

HAPPY ACCIDENT

What does Beebe Lake have to do with a dramatic overhaul of the Chinese language? As the story goes, in July 1915 two Chinese-born Cornellians, Hu Shih 1914 and Ren Hongjun 1916, were boating on the lake when they capsized. Afterward, Ren wrote a poem about the experience in classical Chinese—prompting Hu to challenge his use of a “dead” language. Their debate widened to encompass other scholars and Chinese speakers, ultimately inspiring Hu (who’d go on to become his nation’s ambassador to the U.S. and president of Peking University, among other laurels) to spearhead the adoption of a modern, vernacular writing system. “In this sense,” says a guide to Chinese history on the Cornell campus, “Beebe Lake was the cradle of the New Chinese Culture Movement.”



Hu Shih 1914



Ren Hongjun 1916

LAKE SOURCE WOOING

As the legend goes: if a couple walks hand in hand around Beebe Lake, they’re destined to get married someday. For Bob Everson ’61 and his wife, Barbara Ballweg Everson ’61, that particular fairy tale came true. As Bob recalls, the couple met in freshman English during their first semester on the Hill. “She used to come in from women’s sports just before, with her tennis racquet,” he says. “I would be sitting in the back row and she would look at me, and I would look at her.” He was from Staten Island; her parents owned a bakery in downtown Ithaca. Their first official date was the following February, when Bob summoned up the nerve to ask her to a track meet. “We went to that, and I never had so much fun in my life,” he says. “Just being with her. Her exuberance, her personality. I had gone out with girls in high school, but nothing like this.”

By the spring of junior year, Bob had asked his mother for an engagement ring that was a family heirloom. He proposed to Barbara during a walk around Beebe, stopping on Sackett Bridge to pop the question. (“It’s an old ring,” says Barbara, who still wears it today, “but it’s good.”) There was no one around to take their picture together, so they snapped photos of each other. Their wedding took place at a Lutheran church in Collegetown in June 1961, just hours after they graduated and he was commissioned as a U.S. Navy officer. At their 50th Reunion, the couple returned to pose for a picture at the same altar—half a century, almost to the hour, after they exchanged their vows.



DREDGING IT UP

It's a matter of physics and geography: the fast-moving water of Fall Creek enters Beebe Lake, slows down, and drops its load of sediment. The University has dealt with that reality for decades, periodically dredging the lake—sometimes relocating the proceeds to other parts of East Hill, including during the original development of North Campus. By the 1980s, Bittner says, the situation had gotten particularly dire: the lake “was so filled in that it was mostly a cattail marsh.” A large-scale project dredged Beebe and built Werly Island on its southeastern side, with the aim of creating channels to keep Fall Creek moving and prevent sediment deposits. “In 1988, Beebe Lake’s ‘restoration’ was celebrated with five hours of fun for 200 people who had contributed to the project,” Colman wrote. “The event also celebrated the 150th anniversary of what Ezra Cornell had done there, with a floating birthday cake that released a barrage of balloons.” Another major dredging was done in summer 2000, and sediment in Beebe remains an ongoing issue.



MUD WRESTLING: Beebe during remediation efforts in the Eighties (above), when it had partly reverted to a cattail marsh (above right).



LAKE VIEW: The new campus welcome center, which boasts an outdoor deck

BUILDING A BETTER BEEBE

The newly renovated Tang Welcome Center—formerly Noyes Lodge—offers campus tour-goers a dramatic introduction to Cornell, with a large outdoor deck and floor-to-ceiling windows offering commanding views of Beebe. Ultimately, Bittner says, the Botanic Gardens hopes to leverage the new facility’s status as the nexus for campus visitors by reconfiguring the nearby pathway to create a more inviting—and clearer—gateway to the lake trail. “If you’re new here,” he points out, “you see there’s a path, but you don’t know where it goes or what it is.”

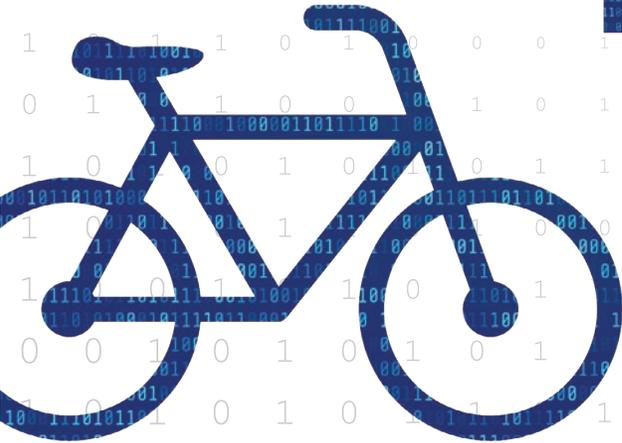
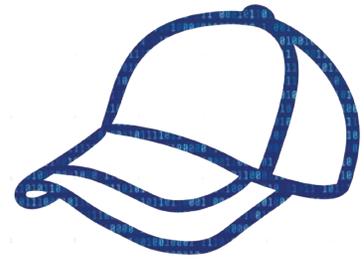
That change is just one of the improvements that Bittner and his colleagues have in mind. They also want to build a seasonal floating dock—which would offer easier launching for canoes and kayaks and be ADA compliant—on the lake’s west side. In response to student demand, they aim to install a campfire pit, to be used for approved events. And ultimately, they hope to reconfigure parts of the mile-long trail that goes around Beebe. In some places, they’d raise the pathway to prevent the flood damage that has necessitated repeated repairs in recent years; in others, they’d build a new trail so the path runs all the way around the lake’s edge. (Currently, you have to veer away from the water on the south side and go up along Forest Home Drive.) “I love that so many people use the lake, how much they appreciate and enjoy it,” Bittner says. “I see staff out here having walking meetings, exercising with their colleagues. I see students out here just having some R&R. It’s universally loved, and central in so many ways—both metaphorically and on the physical landscape. It’s a shared experience. Every Cornellian has a Beebe Lake story.” ■

THE REPLICATOR REVOLUTION

A pioneer in the digital fabrication movement, MIT professor Neil Gershenfeld, PhD '90, believes that fab-lab technology will change the world



BY BETH SAULNIER





MAKING IT BIG: Neil Gershenfeld, PhD '90

When engineer Neil Gershenfeld, PhD '90, was a teenager, he dreamed not of the Ivy League but of vocational school; he wanted to learn how to weld and to fix cars. But since he was a very good student—he'd go on to major in physics at Swarthmore, graduating with high honors and Phi Beta Kappa, before earning a doctorate in applied and engineering physics from Cornell—his parents and teachers were having none of it. "They said, 'You're too smart—you can't do that,'" he recalls with a wry chuckle, chatting with CAM in his office at MIT, where he's on the faculty. "I was told that I had to sit in a classroom." A few years later, when Gershenfeld was working as a technician at Bell Labs in his first job after undergrad, his hands-on bent was still getting him into trouble. "I had union grievances, because I'd try to go into the workshops," he says, "and they'd say, 'No, you're smart—you have to tell people what to do.'"

Ultimately, though, Gershenfeld merged the two worlds—the informational and the physical, or what he terms "bits and atoms." For the past two decades, he's been at the forefront of the digital fabrication movement, not only teaching its methods and conducting cutting-edge research, but helping to found community "fab labs" around the world. Gershenfeld is director of MIT's Center for Bits and Atoms (CBA), an interdisciplinary effort that explores the intersection between information and the physical things that can be created from it. Founded in 2001 by the MIT Media Lab with a nearly \$14 million grant from the National Science Foundation, the center houses acres of fabrication equipment—from standard 3D printers, laser cutters, and milling machines to high-tech gizmos like nanoscale microscopes and femtosecond lasers. Projects have ranged from the futuristic—using living cells as data storage systems—to the comfortably mundane, like crafting a sturdy chair from an ingeniously folded sheet of plywood. "[Alan] Turing and [John] von Neumann are credited with the foundations of modern computing, but the last thing that each of them studied was physical form," Gershenfeld observes. "Von Neumann studied self-assembling machines as a model for life, and Turing studied morphogenesis—how genes >

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ALL OVER CREATION: A look at a typical community fab lab and its equipment



As Gershenfeld points out, in some ways a fab lab already is a replicator—albeit one housed in a box the size of an entire facility.

give rise to form. So the pioneers in the foundation of computer science ended up embracing the idea that computing doesn't happen in an abstract, pretend digital world—it happens in a physical world—and studying how that gives rise to form."

In science fiction, the iconic example of fabrication is the replicator from "Star Trek"—the device that Captain Jean-Luc Picard can command to create "tea, Earl Grey, hot," and have his favorite beverage instantly manifest. Though that's currently the stuff of fantasy, for researchers like Gershenfeld, it's the ultimate goal. And, as he points out, in some ways a fab lab already is a replicator—albeit one housed in a box the size of an entire facility. Once upon a time, it took a computer the size of a room to do a fraction of the tasks performed by a modern smartphone. With today's tech, various machines inside a fab lab could work together to make that cup of tea; there would be heating elements to boil the water, hydroponic systems to grow the leaves, robots to stir the drink, and so on. "The fab lab is a replicator, if you zoom out and view the whole room as the machine," Gershenfeld says. "Data comes in and complete things come out, but you need all that stuff inside. The many-year road map, bit by bit, is to merge it all into one machine."

For Gershenfeld, the fab movement isn't just about developing new and better technology. He sees it as a major force for social change, one that could upend traditional notions of work and production. Last fall, he co-wrote *Designing Reality*, a follow-up to his 2005 book (*Fab: The Coming Revolution on Your Desktop, from Personal Computers to Personal Fabrication*) that offered a primer on digital fabrication. In *Designing Reality* (see sidebar), he and his co-authors look at the movement's history and potential, positing that fabrication represents nothing less than a "third digital revolution" that mirrors two previous tech upheavals: one in communication, which spans the invention of land-line phones and the advent of the Internet, the other in computation, from early computers to modern PCs and smartphones. "The third digital revolution completes the first two revolutions by bringing the programmability of the virtual world of bits into the physical world of atoms," they write. "Since that physical world is out here where we live, the implications of the third digital revolution may be even greater than those of its predecessors." >

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A 'REVOLUTION' IN THE OFFING?

Three Gershenfeld brothers ponder fabrication's transformative potential

Neil Gershenfeld admits that his agent and publisher both had the same reaction to his latest manuscript: "Love the book; lose the co-authors." But ultimately, he and his collaborators—his two brothers, Alan Gershenfeld and Joel Cutcher-Gershenfeld '78—were able to convince them to retain the book's unconventional structure. In *Designing Reality: How to Survive and Thrive in the Third Digital Revolution*, the writers alternate the narrative. While all three pen the introduction and conclusion, it's left to Neil—the engineer and researcher—to write the chapters that delve into technicalities and extol the blue-sky promise of the fab movement. The other two brothers team up to serve as a voice of reality, penning chapters that discuss the societal and economic challenges to realizing the technology's potential.

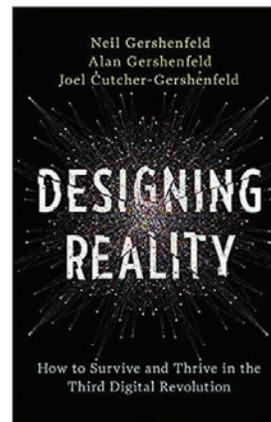
Guided by their understanding of how the first two digital revolutions (in communication and computing) have benefited people from some walks of life more than others, Joel and Alan stress the importance of making forward-thinking decisions—in public policy, education, infrastructure creation, and more—to ensure equal access to fab technology and its life-changing advantages. They also want to avoid potential pitfalls as the maker movement matures—aiming to prevent problems akin to the spam and disinformation that have plagued modern social media. "As early as 1965, the signs of the coming digital revolutions were there for anyone to see. And yet most of the world missed them," the authors observe in their intro. "As a result, few were prepared for the deep economic, social, and cultural impacts . . . The revolutions in digital communication and computation have enabled unprecedented productivity, generated enormous wealth, and catalyzed remarkable changes in everyday life. But a great many people have also been left behind."

While Neil comes to the subject matter from the perspective of a fab lab pioneer, his brothers have different areas of expertise. Alan hails from the business and creative communities; he started out in the film industry, served as head of development at the video game maker Activision, and is now president and cofounder of E-line Media, which designs educational video games. Joel—who attended the ILR school under the name Gershenfeld and now shares a hyphenated last name with his wife—is a social scientist and labor relations expert. Formerly dean of the School of Labor and Employment Relations at the University of Illinois (where he helped established a fab lab during his tenure), he's now a professor at Brandeis. (Their mother, Gladys Waltcher Gershenfeld, MS ILR '51, is also an alum, as is Joel's son, Gabriel Gershenfeld '11—making them one of ILR's few three-generation families.)

The book, Joel says, "started with conversations in which Neil would be a classic techno-optimist—that, of course, only good things could happen. And we would say, 'What about this? What about that?'" Or, as Neil puts it: "I'd talk about the work we're doing on digital fabrication, talk about the roadmap to the replicator and how anybody could make anything. And then it would stop there, and audiences would clap—and Joel and Alan would groan, because they



ALL IN THE FAMILY: Siblings (from left to right) Alan, Joel, and Neil



The book, Joel says, 'started with conversations in which Neil would be a classic techno-optimist—that, of course, only good things could happen.'

know what went wrong in the first digital revolutions." The takeaway from *Designing Reality* is that just as advances in computing have changed society in ways that few would have anticipated half a century ago, fab technology will be equally transformative and disruptive. "Rather than creating jobs to pay people so they can buy products, if you give them the means to create, they might do it for themselves," says Neil, noting that Barcelona, Spain, is making widespread investment in fab technology and has pledged to produce everything it consumes by the year 2054. "The whole relationship between consumption and creation changes when you have access to these tools."

One of the book's key themes is what Gershenfeld calls "Lass's Law." Named for one of his MIT colleagues, it's a takeoff on Moore's Law—the concept, described in a 1965 paper by semiconductor executive Gordon Moore, that the number of transistors on an integrated circuit would double roughly annually, allowing computers to become ever faster and more powerful. Lass's Law is the digital fabrication version: the number of community fab labs worldwide has been doubling every year and a half, from the first in 2003 to about 1,000 now. "If Lass's Law continues, custom fabrication will explode," *Wired* wrote in a story on the book last March. "In roughly a decade we will have a million fab labs. In thirty years it will be a trillion; they will be as omnipresent as the electronic devices currently scattered around your home."

Since 2001, Gershenfeld has taught “How to Make (almost) Anything,” a popular course at MIT that trains students—who include not just engineers but architects, artists, and more—in fab fundamentals. Past students include Cornell roboticist Kirstin Petersen; now an assistant professor of electrical and computer engineering on the Hill, she took the class during her doctoral studies at Harvard (whose students can take courses at their neighboring Cambridge school). Her creations included a 3D-printed hippo, a lamp made of string strengthened with resin, and a wall decorated with electronic flowers that opened or closed as someone walked by. “The class was absolutely amazing—I was very impressed by it,” says Petersen, who has modeled one of her Cornell courses after it (see sidebar). “I took it with all these business and architecture majors—people who had no concept of the boundaries of what you could or couldn’t do. That taught me to be incredibly creative, because I’d see how they would try anything. It was very inspiring.”

On the research side, Gershenfeld and his grad students have explored topics like self-assembling machines—essentially, devices that can build themselves—including work for NASA on self-replicating spacecraft. On a more earth-bound



Gershenfeld has been named one of fifty leaders in science and technology by *Scientific American* and one of forty ‘modern-day Leonardos’ by Chicago’s Museum of Science and Industry.



1600 PENNSYLVANIA FAB: Gershenfeld chats with President Barack Obama during a mobile fab lab event at the White House in 2014.

note, they’ve collaborated with shoemaker Nike on crafting 3D forms from 2D materials—a process akin to origami—which allows for the creation of structures that are lightweight but strong. “About a third of what the students do is carefully planned research,” says Gershenfeld, who has been named one of fifty leaders in science and technology by *Scientific American* and one of forty “modern-day Leonardos” by Chicago’s Museum of Science and Industry. “About a third is all kinds of collaborations—and then a third is just free play.”

Gershenfeld was also an early leader in the “Internet of Things,” the movement toward “smart” everyday devices, from light bulbs to Alexa-style digital assistants; his publications on the topic include a seminal 1995 article on wearable computing in *Wired* and the 1999 general-interest book *When Things Start to Think*. The latter includes a chapter on his collaboration with famed classical musician Yo-Yo Ma to design a technologically enhanced cello—with the ultimate aim of creating an instrument that could rival a Stradivarius. The project reflected Gershenfeld’s long-standing interest in music; on the Hill, he played bassoon in a campus orchestra and collaborated with composer David Borden, founder of Cornell’s Digital Music Program, to explore the relationship between music and technology. >

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MAZE RUNNERS

Inspired by Gershenfeld, a CU prof guides students in building their own robots



Kirstin Petersen

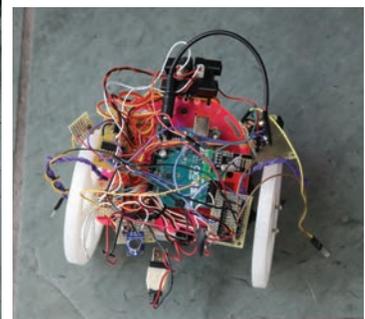
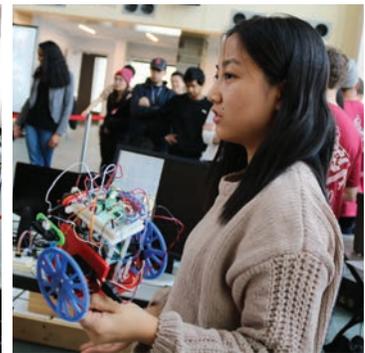
Some courses end with papers or prelims; Electrical and Computer Engineering (ECE) 3400 culminates in a race through a maze. Called “Intelligent Physical Systems,” the class—taught by Neil Gershenfeld’s former student Kirstin Petersen—has undergrads spend a semester designing and building autonomous robots. Required of all ECE majors, the class

is generally taken by juniors, after they’ve completed a trio of prerequisite courses: on circuits, on signals and information, and on digital logic and computer organization. “Its main purpose is to bring together those three core classes—it ties them together in a fun and hands-on way,” says Claire Chen ’18, a former TA for the course who’s now pursuing a doctorate at Stanford, “and it puts a big emphasis on teamwork.”

Inspired by Gershenfeld’s “How to Make (almost) Anything” class at MIT, Petersen has set up fab labs in Phillips Hall, where her

students can use 3D printers, soldering stations, laser cutters, and other equipment to create their robots’ parts. (They also have access to other facilities in the Engineering college, including Upson Hall’s Rapid Prototyping Lab—a makerspace, including high-quality 3D printers, that’s overseen by mechanical and aerospace engineering and run by undergrads.) In teams of about half a dozen, students design a wheeled robot that measures roughly a cubic foot. At the end of the semester, they compete in three rounds of runs through a maze (there are several, constructed out of plywood) to see which robot can navigate it fastest and most accurately. The races begin at the sound of a tone—meaning that the robots have to be able to “hear” it and react. “Treasures” placed throughout the course offer bonus points if they’re located and correctly identified, while false starts or running into a wall garner demerits.

Another element of ECE 3400 that was inspired by Gershenfeld’s class is the requirement that each team maintain a website detailing its process; they’re kept online indefinitely, to serve as guides for future builders and the general public. (Some pages are quite elaborate, like a *Star Wars*-themed site whose cursor is an image of BB-8, the droid introduced in *The Force Awakens*.) Another similarity between Petersen’s course and the one she took at MIT: the fact that it’s wildly popular, with hopefuls clamoring to get in. “This year, with pre-enrollment, we hit the cap of 102 students on the first day,” Petersen says. “So we raised it to 120—but then we hit it again.”



FAST COMPANY: At last semester’s final competition for ECE 3400, students raced their homemade robots through mazes in the Duffield Hall atrium.



FANTASTIC VOYAGE: At an event (left) held by 20th Century Fox and moderated by Bill Nye '77 (above), Gershenfeld (far left) and fellow scientists discussed the logistics of colonizing Mars.



At a scientific panel discussion about the movie *The Martian*, Gershenfeld described how to build a self-assembling colony on the Red Planet—or, as he put it, ‘how to go to Mars without luggage.’

Gershenfeld is a founder of the Science & Entertainment Exchange, a National Academy of Sciences program in which experts advise Hollywood writers and other creative types on how to make storylines as realistic as possible. His “thank you” credits on the Internet Movie Database include *Minority Report*, the 2002 techno-thriller starring Tom Cruise as a cop in an Orwellian society in which crime is prosecuted before it occurs, foretold by a trio of seers; Gershenfeld gave director Steven Spielberg lessons in quantum mechanics that could make the concept plausible. He also appears on the extended edition of the Oscar-nominated sci-fi drama *The Martian*, as part of a panel discussion about living on Mars that was organized by the film’s studio. At the event (which was moderated by “Science Guy” Bill Nye ’77 and included Mason Peck, a mechanical and aerospace engineering professor at Cornell who formerly served as NASA’s chief technologist), Gershenfeld described how to build a self-assembling colony on the Red Planet—or, as he put it, “how to go to Mars without luggage.”

As part of his mission to make fab technology accessible to all, in 2009 Gershenfeld co-founded the Fab Foundation, which nurtures a growing network of open-access community fab labs around the world. There are about 1,000 and counting, in places as far-flung as northern Norway, the French island of Réunion in the Indian Ocean, a Russian city above the Arctic Circle, and the Amazon River (where a floating, mobile facility has been in the planning stages for several years). Fab labs have opened in current and former conflict zones such as Afghanistan, Rwanda, and South African townships; they’ve been used to engage at-risk kids in inner-city Boston, native Alaskan youth in Anchorage, and former FARC rebels in Colombia. There’s also a Fab Academy, spun off from Gershenfeld’s “How to Make (almost) Anything” class, that offers online and lab-based instruction in fabrication principles and techniques at more than a hundred sites worldwide. “In the end, this comes down to people,” Gershenfeld says. “Right now, the most important product in the labs is the act of making, itself.”

In June 2014, during the previous presidential administration, Gershenfeld and colleagues brought a mobile fab lab to the White House, which hosted its first-ever “maker faire” to promote the fab movement as an educational motivator and economic engine. As Gershenfeld notes with a laugh, the mobile lab (housed in a tractor-trailer) “was parked outside the window of the Oval Office, where you’re not allowed to go even if you have a White House badge—and we were bringing in high-powered lasers.” While the arrangement riled the Secret Service, Gershenfeld says, “Obama loved it. He spent a while hanging around in the lab. As an old community activist, he completely got the impact that this can have.” ■

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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.

JULIA THOM-LEVY CHANNELS INNOVATION TO BENEFIT FACULTY AND STUDENTS

Julia Thom-Levy, professor in physics and vice provost for academic innovation, oversees Cornell's Center for Teaching Innovation (CTI) and the Office of Undergraduate Research. Her position was created a year ago, and CTI was formed by merging the former Center for Teaching Excellence with the Academic Technologies unit in Cornell Information Technologies.

The full conversation is available at news.cornell.edu/Thom-LevyQA.

How does your position help fulfill President Martha Pollack's priority to enhance the university's academic distinction?

President Pollack's vision of "educational verve" has been inspirational. She introduced a spirit of experimentation and openness, and energized the teaching community to embrace new methods, technologies and ideas. This goes hand in hand with Provost Michael Kotlikoff's commitments in the area of academic innovation. In my new role I am charged with opening up new opportunities and creating better support structures that allow our very busy teaching community to innovate and to continue to create vibrant and challenging opportunities for learning.

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– Julia Thom-Levy

What are some of those innovations and opportunities, and what changes are laying the groundwork for additional progress?

The creation of the Center for Teaching Innovation [teaching.cornell.edu] was an essential first step. The center brings together Cornell staff who are pedagogy experts with data experts, assessment specialists and technological support for teaching.

It’s an extremely talented and dedicated group, with an experienced director – Mathew Ouellett. He has been a terrific leader and brings deep expertise in the area of inclusive classroom teaching and pedagogy. We’re still discovering how powerful this center and this combination of experts can be.

Most faculty are super busy with their research and teaching, and even if they want to innovate and embrace new techniques, they may not have the time to read all the literature and keep up with the latest research about teaching and learning. So we have to be flexible; we have to provide fast, expert help, for example through online resources, consultations and workshops.

The center also is an important support structure for new initiatives. For example, we are working on ways to help our faculty engage an increasingly diverse student body, how to connect across differences, and integrate meaningful discussions in the classroom and the curriculum. Another example: the provost’s Gateway Initiative aims to improve specific courses that serve large numbers of students from all over the university and are gateways to majors or other curricular pathways.

Grants are another vehicle for innovation. Modern technology has created a huge opportunity for faculty to explore new modes of teaching, such as online and blended teaching, global learning and interdisciplinary teaching. We are inviting the Cornell teaching community to propose projects that explore emerging technologies and approaches. The center has already received lots of very exciting proposals, and we will start awarding project funds

and support staff help to make these ideas a reality in the classroom.

Finally, we are transitioning our course management system. This is a digital space that helps faculty create, administer and teach their courses. We are moving from Blackboard to Canvas, a younger company that was designed from the very beginning to be easy to learn and use. That matters for both faculty and students. It is also a tool that helps encourage innovations and improvements. This will set the stage for more flexible use of technology and better course design.

What does the shift away from traditional lectures to active learning and other methods mean for the student experience?

In a nutshell, the shift means better learning outcomes, and happier and more engaged students. There is a substantial and growing body of research that shows students need to be actively engaged to learn, with much more direct interaction among students, and between students and instructors, than in the traditional lecture-based format. This goes far beyond simply adding clicker questions to a traditional lecture. The data we are starting to see from redesigned classrooms within and outside of Cornell are extremely convincing. They strongly indicate improved learning outcomes for students; lower rates of students withdrawing, quitting or failing in redesigned courses; and higher rates of persistence in particular curricular pathways. Such pedagogies can make use of modern technologies like online active learning and learning analytics.

Alumni and parents find these trends intriguing, but they also have lots of questions. For example, is there no place for a great traditional lecture? Is active learning the right pedagogy for shy and introverted students? Is the cost and range of supported educational technologies reasonable? I had many of the same questions and concerns when I started using these methods.



“Modern technology has created a huge opportunity for faculty to explore new modes of teaching.”

–Julia Thom-Levy

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Number of faculty involved in course design projects with the Center for Teaching Innovation in 2017-18

Relying less on a lecture-heavy format is not about catering to shorter attention spans. Lectures can be a really important element, as long as students are also really engaged and active. I think that active learning techniques also train students in what is needed today: for example, to talk across difference, to work in teams. If I think back to my own experience as a student: I really loved an excellent lecture, but I learned by working through problems and by discussing them with my fellow students.

Can you share an example of a new approach that is producing meaningful results?

One transformative experience happened in my own department, physics, in the College of Arts and Sciences. Before I took on my current position I participated in the Active Learning Initiative in the college, which was funded by gifts from Alex and Laura Hanson [both Class of '87] beginning in 2012 and unfolded under the leadership of Dean Gretchen Ritter '83 and Peter Lepage as director. We transformed the three-course introductory physics sequence taken by all engineering students at Cornell using active learning methods and a variety of classroom technology, and the results exceeded all expectations. I still remember watching my freshman course of 400 students become alive with discussion on the first day of lecture, which in previous years had been completely quiet.

Across all three courses and instructors, there was a fourfold reduction in the number of students with failing or marginal grades. Student evaluations from these courses were also significantly higher. The success in these courses has inspired other faculty in our department to experiment with active learning. The number of physics faculty using active learning has more than doubled from the original team of six.

Before I participated in this experiment I had not been particularly aware of advances in educational research, but seeing the improvement for my students was transformative. It was also a lot more fun to teach that way and completely changed my perspective and motivation to learn more and try more, and to help work on institutional change.

With Alex and Laura Hanson's continued support, we have just expanded the Active Learning Initiative universitywide and have also hired faculty in the area of discipline-based education research. These are two of the most exciting recent developments at Cornell, and I believe that it will put us at the cutting edge of pedagogical innovation.

You also oversee the Office of Undergraduate Research. How does that fit into your academic innovation efforts?

I'm very excited about this part of my responsibility and was eager to add it to my portfolio.



I've worked with dozens of undergraduate students in my own lab and believe that involving students directly in research is one of the most valuable teaching practices we have available at Cornell. In a way, it's the ultimate active learning opportunity for our students. It's often a "real-world" experience and places students in a vibrant community of scholars and researchers. Sixty-five percent of our graduating seniors report having participated in research activities, and my goal is to improve access to this opportunity.

What have you found most surprising about your role in this past year?

The work I do is surprisingly creative and poses its own questions and challenges: What does it take to help faculty innovate? How can we best bring about change? There is a lot of evidence and research about these topics, but how do we apply it specifically at Cornell? It takes ongoing experimentation as well as reliance on data. In that way it is also surprisingly similar to my work as an experimental physicist.

Another surprise was that our students are great advocates of innovation. They are full of ideas and can give us valuable information about what works and doesn't. I have learned over the years that most students now expect to actively participate in lectures rather than passively absorb information. They expect to use modern technology. They feel an urgency to succeed and to tackle the world's problems. They want to challenge and be challenged. I believe that providing them with that opportunity is part of Cornell's mission.

Opposite page:

Julia Thom-Levy, left, with Mathew Ouellet, director of the Center for Teaching Innovation. **Above:** Thom-Levy, center, with professor Tracy McNulty, left, and President Emeritus Hunter Rawlings during the 2016 Trustee Council Annual Meeting Weekend.

Endowed scholarships: timely and far-reaching

Scholarships at Cornell boost students when they most need them. For Bianca Negrón '20 and Shelby Wauson, DVM '19, financial support came at just the right time.

Negrón was “desperate to manage travel and living expenses” for her study abroad semester in Cuba during her sophomore year when a scholarship came to the rescue.

The first-generation student and aspiring lawyer grew up with five siblings in Puerto Rico and remembers her early childhood as “surrounded by drugs, violence and poverty.”

“My life has been about dealing with financial situations first and then everything else second. But, with scholarships, for the first time I’m calm about where I am financially, and I can focus on my academics and my future career,” Negrón said.



Bianca Negrón '20



Shelby Wauson, DVM '19

“They’re more than door-opening – they’re future-opening,” she said about scholarships.

When 27-year-old Wauson gave birth to her first child during her third year as a veterinarian in training, she and her husband were ecstatic – but they also felt the pinch. Fortunately, a scholarship helped ease their hardship.

“Without that scholarship and the child day care grant from Cornell, I don’t know if I would have continued through the year,” Wauson said.

Pointing to the growing number of women in the field, she added: “It’s crucial to support female students, especially mothers, through veterinary school because we’re the future of veterinary medicine.”

Wauson looks forward to serving animal shelters in Houston, her home city. “They’re just desperate right now for vets,” she said.

Visit giving.cornell.edu/giving-stories/ to read more.

**“They’re more than door-opening –
they’re future-opening.”**

– Bianca Negrón '20

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CLASS NOTES

NEWS OF FELLOW CORNELLIANS

CRC In this special edition of the CRC column, we have two reports of the weekend's events, written by two loyal club members. The first comes from CRC vice president **Connie Santagato Hosterman '57**, who was able to attend Reunion on the Hill; the second is from your steadfast correspondent **Jim Hanchett '53**, who sent word from the Big Apple. From Connie:

"O Cornell of the Kindly Heart, the Friendly Hand . . ." At Cornelliana Night, the alumnae chorus sang the hauntingly beautiful "The Hill." That refrain stayed with me as I left the campus, long after most had already gone. We Continuous Reunion Club members had a particularly bittersweet experience. As family health issues took precedence, our hardworking, loyal leader, Jim Hanchett '53, was not with us in the Holland Int'l Living Center (HILC), nor with his classmates in the Statler. Jim is president of his class, and his classmates sorely missed him as they celebrated their 65th Reunion. Arrangements had previously been made to transport Jim as often as he wished so that he could enjoy both gatherings. Alas, it was not meant to be, but Jim promised to return to CRC in 2019. Our dormmates, the original 1950s era Cayuga's Waiters, lifted Jim's spirits by calling him and serenading him with "Fiji," his favorite Waiters song.

As our bittersweet experience enveloped us, we were witness to the final Reunion of our beloved Cayuga's Waiters. Fifteen years ago, the group re-formed and have returned annually to delight us by performing at various events held by different reuniting classes. Their last performance was at Cornelliana Night, when they sang "Every Time We Say Goodbye," a heart-tugger. They left the stage to a prolonged standing ovation.

Nonetheless, joyous moments were abundant. Our nightly gatherings in our lobby/lounge were filled with enthusiastic conversations as **John Henrehan '71**, BS '76, **Dee Mulhoffer Solow '49**, **Henry "Chick" Ver Valen '52**, and **Praveen Anumolu '01**, ME '03, promoted their various views, often until 1 a.m.! Long before that hour, Bill and **Enny Spieske Dufur '62** and **Dave '62** and **Judith Hill** enjoyed their libations and nibbles with the navy blue-coated Cayuga's Waiters and their wives, often including **Liz Fuchs Fillo '58**, who has graciously sung the parts her brother voiced until his passing a few years ago.

Our continental breakfasts were a convivial start to each day, although we did miss our CRC folks who were attending their own class Reunions and probably wishing they too could be eating Wegmans Greek yogurt and those famous chocolate muffins. Our annual luncheon at the Statler was very well-attended. CRC member **Dan Dwyer '76** capably handled the EmCee duties in Jim's absence. Our Cayuga's Waiters opened the program with several of their signature songs. Athletic director Andy Noel introduced wrestling coach Rob Koll, who inspired us with his humorous telling of the bumpy road that culminated in his position at Cornell. CRC's annual gift was awarded to women's track and field, accepted with thanks by assistant coach Rich Bowman.

Congrats to CRC member/CU's football and hockey announcer **Arthur Mintz '71** and his classmate **Jim**

Roberts '71, who co-authored *Forever Faithful: Celebrating the Greatest Moments of Cornell Hockey*. The two men were busy signing books at the Cornell Campus Store. CRC's delicious dinner at the Ithaca Country Club on Saturday evening was punctuated by viewing the Belmont Stakes. We cheered as Cornell-connected Justify won the Triple Crown. **John Cecilia '70**, MBA '79, closed the memorable event by leading us in singing our Alma Mater.

We are pleased to report that CRC was able to wrap up another successful Reunion, our 112th, with the willing hands and kind hearts of **Dot Preisner Valachovic '71**, **Marlane Juran '74**, Martine Brophy, and **Steven Glor '74**. Our attentive clerks, **Amber McKay '19** and **Grace Okunubi '20**, not only met our needs, but offered assistance to overflow members of the CBAA, who were also housed in HILC. Kudos to all! May you all have safe travels until the CRC family meets again in 2019. **Connie Santagato Hosterman '57**, shenhoop@aol.com.

And now from Jim:

Cornellians have reunited almost since the time of the War Between the States, long before the era of **Hosier Choi Cushman Ballou 1920**, a mere lad in 1906, when a dozen classmates who couldn't bear to wait five years for their Reunion banded together to gather in Ithaca. They were the Founding Fathers of the Continuous Reunion Club (CRC), which marked its 112th Reunion last June at the (Jerome "Brud") Holland Int'l Living Center (HILC) on North Campus. CRC members do what other comebackers do from the numerous attractions Mater arranges, plus their own events. Not to mention the pleasure of each other's company.

Dan Dwyer '76 opened the annual CRC luncheon at the Statler ballroom on Friday, introducing athletic director Andy Noel, who thanked the alums present, a vibrant support of Big Red sports, and foresaw a rosy future of fields, floors, and rinks for the student athletes who proudly wear carmelian colors. Men's and women's track and field assistant coach Rich Bowman graciously accepted CRC's traditional donation. In the days when Cornell football was ranked first in the land if you didn't favor Texas A&M, CRC traditionally honored golf with a somewhat smaller gift, appropriate for the economy of those years. Cornell wrestlers have grappled and got a noble history on the mats. Coach Rob Koll guided them to a 13-2 record in 2018-19. He hailed his many All Americans and said he expected his troops to keep up the good work. Cayuga's Waiters of the Fifties warbled old favorites, many of which were first heard on the Hill in our freshman year. Dan wrapped it up with a no-nonsense financial report. We remain solvent.

Once again, CRC dined graciously Saturday evening—before the Arts Quad tents, dancing, and Cornelliana Night—at the Country Club of Ithaca. Sunday morning was given over to packing, cleaning up, and farewells that included "see you next year." **Steve Garcia '76** allowed it was a "spirited" group and, as of a week later, had "heard no complaints." That's not small. He and others planned on continuing. Bring others, please. Many thanks to those that made it happen: Connie Hosterman '57, Dot Valachovic '71, Dan Dwyer, **Howard Borkan**

'81, Steve Garcia, Mandy Bennison, and many more.

At about the time that the telly was tracking Donald Trump along the road to Singapore last June, a doctor named Cornel (sic) was giving your humble correspondent a close look at Beth Israel Medical Center two city blocks from his 1st Ave. digs. He had gone to the hospital after a tumble onto a sidewalk of New York two blocks from his front door. Spouse Hat was recovering in rehab from similar damage done elsewhere and earlier. Waiters of Cornell's (approximately) triple quartet serenaded this fallen fellow by phone from Ithaca to his hospital bed with their long-loved rendition of "Gosh Gee, say Gee, you oughta see my Gigi from the Fiji Isles." ❖ **Jim Hanchett '53**, hanchett@rcn.com.

36 We received a lovely letter from Kenneth MacRitchie, son of the late **William MacRitchie '43**, B Chem E '44. Kenneth shared, "A brass plaque was dedicated on Memorial Day, in memory of Navy Lieutenant (jg) **George Morgan Jr.**, Cornell Class of 1936, who lived at 3 Stanley Oval, Westfield, NJ. Years later, I grew up in the same house."

The plaque, which is located in the Stanley Oval center plot, reads: "Lt. (jg) George Jasper Morgan Jr., 3 Stanley Oval, Westfield, NJ. Missing in action, 2 October, 1942. 'A cool, resourceful, and highly courageous pilot.'" Writes Kenneth, "The last line of the inscription was a comment from his squadron commander. On October 2, 1942, the squadron took off from Henderson Field on Guadalcanal and headed north. Lt. (jg) Morgan's plane developed mechanical problems, so he had to turn back to Guadalcanal. He never made it back. Either he was shot down by the Japanese, or the mechanical problems destroyed the plane." ❖ **Class of 1936**, c/o *Cornell Alumni Magazine*, 401 East State St., Suite 301, Ithaca, NY 14850; e-mail, abb83@cornell.edu.

41 **Dolores Dirlam** Daudt sent the following news from Midland, MI. "As always, I read the current *Alumni Magazine* with interest, noting that the earliest contributions were from the Class of 1943. As a 1941 graduate, at 99, I am among the oldest. I still live in the five-bedroom ranch house where we moved on Friday, September 13, 1957. My husband died in 2000 and our five offspring are scattered across the US, eastern Canada, and Germany—alas, not a Cornellian among them. Years ago I served on the Cornell Secondary School Committee, but it was disbanded when it was no longer needed. There are many Cornell alumni in the area, brought here by the Dow Chemical Co. and Dow Corning. Bonds remain strong, for our Cornell years were very significant for each of us."

Thank you for writing, Dolores! We'd love to hear news from all of you. Please send a note to: ❖ **Class of 1941**, c/o *Cornell Alumni Magazine*, 401 East State St., Suite 301, Ithaca, NY 14850; e-mail, abb83@cornell.edu.

43 The June 13 *Cornell Chronicle* included a story by Kate Klein about the "Spirit of '31—Passing It Forward" ceremony. Yours truly, guest columnist **Shig Kondo**, represented the oldest class present,

passing the banner to the 5th Reunion class, the Class of '13. Klein wrote, "In the Big Red spirit of friendship, Shigeo Kondo '43, president of the most senior class on campus for Reunion 2018, presented the Reunion banner to **Ankur Bajaj '13** and **James Feld '13**, with his best wishes for their 5th Reunion."

Since there were only five of our classmates present, our activities were combined with the Class of '48. We

to Cascadilla Gorge. At night, the tent parties lasted until 1 a.m., where we could meet the other classes. There were three musical groups each night, which supplied continuous music with the free flow of beer. On Sunday morning, we had our farewell breakfast with goodbyes and intentions to return in 2023! Send news to: ♦ **Class of 1943**, c/o *Cornell Alumni Magazine*, 401 East State St., Suite 301, Ithaca, NY 14850; e-mail, abb83@cornell.edu.

recently voted number three of 20 best small coastal cities in the US. So far, she has four great-grandkids, the last two being twins. She had to stop playing golf at age 82 and still misses it. Now she wishes she could just walk without support. Only two of her Cornell friends are left and she keeps in touch with them. Nancy Roman, a household arts professor, had the greatest impact on Dorothy during her years at Cornell.

Your correspondent, Julie, cheered for the Big Red in their lacrosse playoff game against Maryland in Annapolis. Alas, Cornell lost to the Terrapins (which pleased my son, a College Park alum). Let me hear your news. ♦ **Julie Kamerer** Snell, 3154 Gracefield Rd., Apt. 111, Silver Spring, MD 20904-0806; e-mail, julie.k.snell@gmail.com.

'Once your pace approaches Florida's, you begin feeling more useful and in tune.'

N. BRUCE WEIR '45

were also honored to have former president Frank H.T. Rhodes with us. **Martha Clark Mapes '48**, MS '49, did a remarkable job, despite her recent injury. Classmates **Clyde Loughridge**, **Barbara Larrabee Johnson**, **Edward Wagner**, B Chem E '47, and I were repeat attendees from 2013, and **George Reed**, DVM '44, came after missing a few. If you look at our 1943 *Compendium of Memoirs*, you can see a picture of Engineering student Clyde in his cheerleader whites. Ed was one of Dusty Rhodes's five-year Chem E brains. Barbara almost missed Reunion, but was able to be in the class photo. George graduated from the Vet school, but went on to graduate from NYU's medical school and become a successful cardiac surgeon, during which period he developed several new procedures.

I was able to speak to **Edy Newman** Weinberger, who was not able to attend Reunion because of age-related problems. We sure missed her and she sends her best regards. I spoke to **Bill Kelly**, **Abe Brook**, **Curt Strand**, and **Charles Harris**, who also regretfully could not attend. And I received an e-mail regret from **Bill Chambers**, but could not connect with **Jerry Batt** and **Steve Teetor** by phone.

We had three dinners at the Statler with music. Five years ago, we had a group that entertained at our Saturday banquet, and this year they returned with Johnny Russo, who plays the piano and trombone. Around 50 of us in both '43 and '48, along with family members, were at dinner, as well as CALS professor **James White '39**, PhD '44. We also invited Adele Robinette, who has been a big help with our class columns and the *Compendium* and who is retiring soon, and Erin Kennedy, who takes care of our affairs at the Alumni Affairs office. We all enjoyed a talk on resilience given by **Risa Mish '85**, JD '88, a professor at the Johnson School. Cornelliana Night is the big Saturday night pep rally in Bailey Hall, where we were asked to stand and received a huge ovation. Bailey Hall was packed and, of course, we had reserved seats.

The weekend was filled with activities. We had a bus tour of the campus, highlighted by a stop at the new Dairy Bar and ice cream factory. All of the departments had open houses. The big alumni luncheon in Barton Hall was replaced by an open lunch at the Statler. The Hangovers gave a concert at the Botanic Gardens (formerly the Plantations). We attended a musical program by two pianos at the Kiplinger Theatre in the Schwartz Center for the Performing Arts in Collegetown, adjacent

45 Frank Swingle, MS '49 (Indianapolis, IN) tells us about two friends in the same golf foursome who had consecutive holes-in-one and were not reported in the newspaper. Two weeks later, he had a hole-in-one, and his picture was on page one, local and national television, and the *Golf Digest* website. They all covered it, says Frank, maybe because he was the oldest (age 93), worst (handicap 40) golfer in the club to have a hole-in-one—and using a driver from the ladies' tee helped.

George Karp (Palm Beach Gardens, FL) enjoys golf, bridge, multiple courses at Florida Atlantic U. Lifelong Learning Inst., and travel. He spoke to class president **Maxine Katz** Morse about our 75th Reunion in 2020. The late **Fred Bondi**'s wife, Susie, visited George in Florida. He also just visited with **Barney Mayrsohn**, who is writing his diary, which includes his years in the Army, six months in a German POW camp, his trip to Russia, and his time at Cornell. Barney has three wonderful children, Janet, Barbara, and **Mark Mayrsohn '77**. Mark took over Barney's business as a major importer and exporter of fresh fruits worldwide. At 95, Barney feels great and is active and swimming every day, in the winter at his condo and in the summer at his pool at home. He'd like to hear from **Bill Berley**, **Ted Adler**, **Bert Serden**, and others. When asked who had the greatest impact on him at Cornell, Barney replied, "My wife, **Ethel (Handelman) '46**."

N. Bruce Weir (Cocoa Beach, FL) tells us life is slow in Florida. He says, "Once your pace approaches Florida's, you begin feeling more useful and in tune." He's been busy preparing his condo for the next round of hurricanes by installing new shutters, etc. He wishes he could stay current with private flying, but says he's too old for safety. He'd like to hear from **Fred Williams**. When Bruce was a student at Cornell, the US Naval Reserve had the greatest impact on him, "keeping me in school until graduation!" **Libby Rumpf** Penney (Lacey, WA) keeps busy with Green Team-Sustainable Planet, recycling, exercising (recumbent bike), and ushering at the theater—in a gorgeous, active retirement community, she says. She's enjoying the arrival of her first great-grandchild. All of the family is well, and many are married and settled. One daughter is in Puerto Rico and just got her electricity back recently after eight horrid months.

Dorothy Scott Madden Boyle (Eastport, ME) is still painting and selling at Quoddy Craft Shop, but this is her last year. She's happy to share that Eastport was

46 Louise Greene Richards, BS '45, PhD '65, was home when I called and we had a great chat . . . after she finished her dinner. She is still in her Ithaca home and has help around the house and with errands. Reading is her favorite pastime and she frequently orders books and items from the Cornell Store. We spoke about our trips back to campus using the Reading Railroad and the wonderful hours spent singing and just enjoying all the company of friends on the trip. This is no longer possible, for the line has been discontinued. Our mutual goal is to meet at our 75th Reunion in 2021.

Joan Waite Martens called and told me how she enjoys receiving *Cornell Alumni Magazine*, which she reads cover to cover. She particularly enjoys the format, bright and newsy. The articles featuring the libraries and phys ed made great reading. Most every sunny day she is able to walk around her neighborhood in New York City and shop or sit and watch children playing in a local park. New York is a very special place.

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Roland Reisley (Pleasantville, NY; reisley@opton.com) reports, "My wife, **Rosalyn (Sachs) '47**, died in 2006. I am now one of four original clients of Frank Lloyd Wright still living in the wonderful home he designed for us. My book, *Usonia, New York: Building a Community with Frank Lloyd Wright*, published in 2001, continues to sell, and I find myself involved in various Wright-related activities. I also enjoy the Westchester Cornell Alumni Assn. second Friday lunches when I don't have a tennis game (At 94? Well, after a fashion)." He added, "For many years, **Ted Adler '45**, **Bill Berley '45**, **Barney Mayrsohn '45**, BS '47, and I have enjoyed a monthly ROMEO lunch (Retired Old Men Eating Out). Recently Bill moved to Seattle and Barney winters in Florida. But the telephone connects us." *Ed.*: We suggested to Roland that the June 2021 lunch should be renamed ROMEOII (Retired Old Men Eating Out In Ithaca) and that the group should re-une with us at our 75th. Roland graduated Cornell as a physicist, but went on to found a very successful electronic instruments startup.

"Thrive @ 65" was the theme of this year's anniversary card that I made for Lois (Wellesley '52). When I made dinner rounds at Stoneridge, our old folkery, to announce our 65th anniversary, I stopped at a four-person table that was only mildly impressed. Each couple had already passed our milestone with 66 and 71 years of wedded bliss several months before. The 71-plus-years married couple were, by far, the youngest of the three couples. Last week, Lois welcomed Hope Franklin (Wellesley '52), her classmate, to Stoneridge. There's no longer a chance

for me to do the same for a Cornell classmate. The cutoff for newbies here is at age 90. However, we have recently welcomed **Leonard Ladin '55** and his wife, Kay O'Connor. Her connection to Cornell was as a NYC realtor who was first to advertise in this publication (CAM) with the tagline, "Want to live in New York?" Shortly, we plan on dining with Leonard and Kay, plus Betty and **Ron Roach '60**, our remaining Cornell couple.

"Thrive" is my big word lately, so remember, "Thrive for 75!" Make history on the Hill in 2021! To list your e-mail address in your submissions, e-mail me at below e-address. Include your name, city, and state. ❖ **Paul Levine**, 3273 Streamside Cir., #S-202, Pleasanton, CA 94588; tel., (925) 201-7575; e-mail, plevine93@gmail.com. Class website, www.classof46.alumni.cornell.edu.

47 Happy autumn! Do you have any news to share? Submit it at: <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes>. Or send a note directly to: ❖ **Class of 1947**, c/o *Cornell Alumni Magazine*, 401 East State St., Suite 301, Ithaca, NY 14850; e-mail, abb83@cornell.edu.

48 Time to report on our happy 70th. Sixteen classmates and their 19 guests returned to Cornell for a warm and sunny June weekend. Many arrived in time for our opening reception on Thursday, June 7, when we were able to greet our continuing friends, President Emeritus and Mrs. Frank Rhodes, and also meet President Martha Pollack. We enjoyed having Class of '43 President **Shigeo Kondo** and his wife and daughter join us, as well as five members of the Class of '43 and their seven guests. Prof. **James White '39**, PhD '44, also attended Reunion and joined our class in the festivities. By Saturday evening, there were many attendees with us to celebrate Cornelliana 1947, after an evening dinner listening to jazz and a compelling message about "Resilience Needed More Than Ever" from Prof. **Risa Mish '85**, JD '88, of the Johnson College of Business.

Here's news from some of the attendees, as compiled by our roving reporter classmates, **Sylvia Kilbourne** Hosie, MNS '49, **Bob McKinless**, and **Shirley Barnett** Fallon, who took over for class correspondent **Ray Tuttle**, who was not able attend Reunion.

Roberta "Bobbie" Caverno Roberts lives in a condo near Philadelphia and still uses swimming as her primary exercise. Happily, she visited many parts of the campus during Reunion weekend. **Elliot Ranard** (New Canaan, CT; eranard@aol.com) was director, planning combustion engineer, and research engineer at United Aircraft. His hobbies include playing competitive bridge and painting. **Harriet Morel** Oxman (Sarasota, FL) served as a high school principal for 20 years at Erasmus Hall High School in Brooklyn, NY. She is a world traveler!

At Cornell, **Herbert Podel** (Westport, CT; herbert.podel@aol.com) was president of his fraternity and was active in Hillel. His hobbies include art, opera, current events, and theater. **William Carroll** (Williamsburg, VA) was the social director of the Class of '48 during his days on the Hill. He was the vice president at various large recognizable companies throughout his career and is a world traveler to most countries. He participates in various Cornell activities and enjoyed meeting with the ILR library archivist at Reunion.

Pete Lovisa enjoyed seeing old friends and scientific lectures at Reunion. **Bart Holm** (West Grove, PA; home4holm@aol.com) says cross country, ROTC, and (especially) study took up much of his time at Cornell. He was in engineering construction at DuPont for 35

years. **Gerald Starr** lives on Long Island Sound. He enjoys discussing politics and definitely plans to return for the 75th Reunion in 2023. **Doris Wolfe** Schultz (Shelter Island, NY; daschultz63@gmail.com) sang in the Sage Chapel Choir during our undergrad years. She was a social worker and a teacher. Today, her hobbies include sailing, swimming, garden club, church, and bridge.

Bob McKinless (bikerbob8@mac.com) studied Civil Engineering and worked on construction projects in Okinawa, the Philippines, and Taiwan, but mostly in the US. He is active with the Cornell Club of Washington, DC, where he organized canoe trips and hikes for students and alumni. He has bicycled in all 50 states, and he notes that he enjoys having friends of all ages. Bob sings in three choirs and was able to sing with the Glee Club in Bailey Hall at Reunion. Sylvia Hosie (Northport, NY; jshosie@aol.com) writes, "At Cornell, I was president of WSGA (women's government) and president of Balch III my junior year. My jobs as a public health nutritionist included the American Red Cross and teaching. I enjoyed camping and sailing."

Shirley Fallon (Rochester, NY) says, "Studying at Cornell was essential and time consuming!" Her job was human cell research at Strong Memorial Hospital. Now, her hobbies include gardening and collecting early American clocks. She says she enjoyed visiting the Plantations—now the Botanic Gardens—with **Madeleine Miller** Bennet while they were on campus. Madeleine was a docent at the Whitney Museum of American Art in New York City. Her hobbies include opera, ballet, and art, and she is on the council of the Johnson Museum.

We are pleased to report that we have even more news from other classmates, which Ray will share in a future edition of the class column.

We are grateful to all of our former class presidents, who have diligently served the Class of '48 over the years: the late **Allen Webster**, the late **Charlotte Smith** Moore, **Jean Genung** Pearson, the late **Frank Collyer**, the late **John Skawski**, EDD '57, Bob McKinless, and the late **Bob Persons**. Sadly, both Bob Persons and Charlotte Smith Moore died in 2017. We applaud our class leaders and their outstanding leadership, and we add a commendation to Jean Genung Pearson, who not only was president but also treasurer, webmaster, and co-chair of Reunion, for which she received the **William "Bill" Vanneman '31** Outstanding Class Leader Award. ❖ **Martha Clark** Mapes, mcm45@cornell.edu.

49 For many of us, our Cornell years have made an impression unique in our lives. To share this experience with members of our family has been a special pleasure for those of us whose children and grandchildren have followed us up to the Hill.

Our class has sent many "legacies" to Cornell over the years, sons and daughters and grandchildren. Now, Daniel Fast, grandson of **Dorothea Dashefsky Fast** (Livingston, NJ; fastdotmom@aol.com), is at Cornell Tech in New York City studying for his MBA. His grandmother tells us that he is "also working full time as a business consultant." Dot adds that "a very busy, active family" keeps her busy. Life is "somewhat normal again after two March snowstorms downed a multitude of trees in my town, leaving many of us without heat, light, and communications for a number of days (and cold nights). Fortunately, some of the New Jersey family escaped this time and offered shelter, but an emergency generator is now definitely on the shopping list." Dot is the widow of the late **Sheldon Fast, JD '50**.

Richard Keegan writes from Lunenburg, MA: "General news: I have relocated to Westford, MA, to be closer to my son, **Stephen '80**, and his family. My wife, **Joan (Noden) '50**, passed away last May after a brief illness. Her wit, smarts, and care for me and her family is missed. I'd love to hear from any old friends. We both loved Cornell and it continues to be a huge part of my life and interests. I enjoy telling all the old stories to my grandchildren, Will (Lehigh '16) and Sam (Syracuse '17)." **Robert Von Dohlen**, MRP '54 (Bloomfield, CT), married to **Beth (Robinson) '51**, says that "not much!" keeps him busy at work or in retirement. He adds, "But I'm still making an annual contribution to the university (stock)." He adds that he has welcomed his first great-grandson. Robert would like to hear from **Bob Corbett** and **Willie Grau** and adds that he is "glad to see Dick Keegan is still with us."

Donald Feiman (Naples, FL; dfeiman@embarqmail.com) writes that he is busy with "travel, tennis, golf, real estate, stock market, and helpful efforts at Bentley Retirement Community in Naples, FL." He notes, "On November 3, 2017, I lost my wife, Len, to cancer after a five-year struggle. We were married 65 years." **Ronald Lindy** (Scotch Plains, NJ) retired at the end of 2017, "after 60-plus years with Mooney General Paper Co. of Hillside, NJ," he writes. Widowed for 18-plus years, Ronald says that he is "enjoying life with children, grandchildren, and a great-grandchild."

J.W. "Bill" Weber (Rochester, NY; jwweber@ochster.rr.com) is married to **Jean (Miller) '50**. He tells us that he is busy with "travel and duplicate bridge and activities in our retirement community. Our five kids and their families keep us on the go." Bill says he wishes he could be "spending lots of money on expensive, fast cars." At Cornell, he tells us, "Prof. **Clyde Walter Mason, PhD 1924**, was the Microscopy professor, but his real job was 'mind-stretching' by continually asking the question, 'Why?'" **Lee** and **Jan Steele Reguluski** (leereguluski@gmail.com; cwgrands@yahoo.com) of Clearwater, FL, write, "We are amazing survivors of the Class of '49."

Your class correspondent, her daughter, Emily, and Emily's three young children, spent a grand weekend at the Cornell Continuous Reunion Club Reunion in June. The university has a wonderful children's program during these Reunion weekends. Start thinking ahead to our great 70th Reunion next June! Perhaps you will invite your families to join you. It will surely be a delightful weekend, and it's not too early to start looking ahead now.

Meanwhile, classmates, please send us your news! This column is an excellent way to make contact with one another. Robert Von Dohlen and Dick Keegan can now get back in touch! We all enjoy hearing from each one of you. ❖ **Dorothy Mulhoffer** Solow, 50 Grant St., Wellsboro, PA 16901; e-mail, winspeck@yahoo.com.

50 As you read in Pat's column in the July/August issue, the 68th mid-year dinner and class meeting was held on Friday, April 27 at the Cornell Club in New York City. We've since received some more detailed reports from this event, including the following numbers from treasurer **Ben Williams**, who was unable to attend: our class operating fund is \$16,474, and our class Century Fund is \$28,769. **Jack Rose**, MD '54, reported on class giving; our lifetime record is \$145,865,220.

Class members who give more than \$5,000 in a year become members of the Tower Club. We currently have 16 members. We have 90 Cayuga Society members—those who make planned gifts directly or designate them in their wills. Overall, 126 class members have collectively

contributed \$3 million this year. There was a bit of discussion concerning the university's decision to raise the Tower Club limit to \$10,000; however, the new limit does not apply to older classes such as ours. Jack also reported current class membership: 1,000 living alumni (739 degreed, 261 non-degreed); 292 reachable by e-mail (280/12); 528 reachable by phone (466/62); 591 reachable by postal mail (520/71).

Given that vice president **Marion Steinmann** is unable to attend meetings, presiding president **Jim Brandt** suggested that a third vice president be appointed. **Nels Schaenen**, MBA '51, was asked and agreed to serve. A motion to appoint him was duly made and approved unanimously by the officers.

Reunion chairs **Jane Wigsten** McGonigal, PhD '84, and Ben Williams have done some advance planning for our 70th Reunion, scheduled for June 4-7, 2020. Headquarters will be in the Statler Hotel, which we'll share with the Class of 1970 celebrating their 50th Reunion. Our attendance goal is set at 25 to exceed the record currently held by the Class of 1937, which had 24 members attending their 70th. Jim recommended that to attract as many class members as possible to our 70th, we should tap the class Century Fund to defray some portion of attendees' expenses, as we did for our 65th Reunion. Final decision on this will be made at next year's annual mid-year dinner and meeting scheduled for Friday, April 26, 2019 at the Cornell Club. The business meeting adjourned for cocktails and dinner, at which Prof. **Kent Hubbell '69** spoke on the place of the arts at Cornell. Attending the dinner were: Nels and Nancy Schaenen, **Jack Richard**, MD '53, Jack Rose, Jim Brandt and son Doug, **Bob** and Jane **Post**, **Ruth Downey** Crone and granddaughter **Cara Sprunk '10**, **Alan** and **Linda Goldstein Towbin '63**, **Bill Brownlee** and grandson Will, **Dick Savitt**, **Gordon Dibble** and Corrie Dil, **Dave** and Susan **Dingle**, and **Peter** and Arlene **Rotolo**. The evening closed with singing the Alma Mater, accompanied on piano by our own Dave Dingle.

Marianne Preger-Simon (Whatley, MA; mpsimon70@comcast.net) has written a memoir to be published by the University Press of Florida entitled *In the Orbit of Merce Cunningham*. She would like to hear from anyone that had been in the Dance Club. **Eva Potter** Lee (Scarborough, ME) is enjoying her new retirement community on the ocean. She is the oldest actively playing member of the Ladies Golf Assn. and also serves on the Altar Guild of St. Albans Church, Cape Elizabeth, ME. Prof. Emer. **Norman Potter** (Lexington, KY) downsized to a condo, where he reads, keeps in touch with old friends, and enjoys his five great-grandkids, all girls. Norman cites his Cornell adviser Prof. **James White '39**, PhD '44, currently age 102, as having the greatest impact on his life.

Hazel Hallock Herr (Lafayette, CA) stays physically active by caring for her home and yard, and caring for a companion with Lewy body dementia. She says she stays mentally active by following "what our crazy president is doing," and writing letters to her representatives urging sensible gun control. Hazel says that music she learned as a youngster has enriched her long life, and cites Donald Grout, Sage Chapel choir director from 1945-70, as having a large impact on her later life. We received news from the late Alan Towbin (Bethany, CT) before his death in late May 2018. When he wrote, he was trying to put his book drafts in order so they may be submitted for publication. One is "Frenzy," the other is "The Real Rorschach." He also reported on his four children: son Andy is going back for a PhD in physical

therapy; daughter Dina is an international banking consultant in Lima, Peru; daughter Jessica is an advanced practice high school teacher; and son Sephrah is in real estate in NYC and Brooklyn. Alan reported a great first visit to Israel.

Some news from **Ellie Steinmann** Schrader '57, sister of Marion Steinmann, our faithful and longtime vice president and co-correspondent. Due to a stroke in February 2015, Marion has lived in a long-term care facility near her former home in Philadelphia. Her mobility is limited and she has difficulty communicating. However, Ellie says she is mentally sharp, reads the *New York Times* each day, and has read *Hamilton* and a biography of Einstein. She would be delighted to hear from classmates by snail mail at Cathedral Village BWL 342, 600 E. Cathedral Rd., Philadelphia, PA 19128.

Update us on what is going on in your life. No need for a form; just send us a note, preferably by e-mail. Your aging classmates want to hear your story. ♣ **Paul Joslin**, 13731 Hickman Rd., #4207, Urbandale, IA 50323; tel., (515) 278-0960; e-mail, phjoslin@aol.com; **Patricia Carry** Stewart, 2613 N. Ocean Blvd, Gulf Stream, FL 33483; tel., (561) 278-5387; e-mail, stewardpc@aol.com.

51 Rip Haley, our class president, writes, "**Margaret 'Pepper' Dutcher** Fluke died in late October. Pepper was a dedicated Cornelian and a lot of fun. She was also a dedicated '51er, active in class council work, serving in several officer positions including as class president. She will be missed." Pepper, a professional potter, was instrumental in the organization of the Triangle (NC) Festival of Crafts and founder of Craffhouse Inc.

Lois Rasmussen Seulowitz (Sleepy Hollow, NY) is "happily living at Kendal on Hudson overlooking the river and facing the Palisades. I am busy with several activities including the Kendal on Hudson Great Book Group." **Bud Hoffman** (Bethlehem, PA) writes, "I just celebrated my 88th birthday and am still vertical. Still shooting skeet (not well) and playing golf (better). Occasionally beat the young guys (70s) I play with. Twice a year I sit on the districts polling group—I can vouch for the fact that there isn't any illegal voting! Recently have three grandsons employed—two in computer-related jobs and one as a construction project manager. He's the only one whose job I can understand."

Susy Brown Entenman (Naples, FL) writes, "I live in a building that was hit directly by Hurricane Irma! Fortunately, we left three days earlier and drove and drove and drove to the capital of Florida, Tallahassee! Stayed there what seemed to be forever, but of course it wasn't; but it was a very, very long time. Many of the buildings on our campus are still being repaired!" **Paul Jones** writes from Atherton, CA: "I manage to stay alive by keeping busy. Principal activities include local government, church, and trying to stop the California high speed rail, which is an abomination and an insult to the engineering profession!"

Robert Giebitz (Delmar, NY) writes, "I will be 94 on July 7. I have eight children, 31 grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren. I am in good health for my age. Since selling my farm, I have become an active organic vegetable gardener. I designed and helped build a community garden in Tennessee with 20 plots for gardeners. I returned last year to my home county (Albany) and will be active in organic gardening and farmers' markets. I enjoy gardening and helping others raise gardens." Barbara Smith Phillips writes for her husband, **Bill Phillips**

(Essex, CT): "Bill has dealt with cognitive issues for several years. In the first quarter of 2016 he entered an Alzheimer's facility near our home in Essex. Several months later he entered a nearby nursing home, where he is happy and safe, and his needs are mostly met. On January 7, he celebrated his 88th birthday with 24 people, including family, caregivers, and close friends. He remains strong physically and still has his bright smile and engaging personality. He misses trips to Cornell and seeing his classmates and close friends."

Alfred Ginty (Orange, CA) writes, "I have a great live-in caregiver who is very skilled and effective—so I'm doing fine at 89! Enjoying watching my family and doing very well thanks to God!" **Phyllis Meyer** Simons (Ithaca, NY) lives at Brookdale Senior Center in Ithaca. Son Don writes, "I believe that Phyllis would love to hear from her roommate and friend from Cornell, Lee Becker, or maybe others from the Cornell Club of Rockland County, NY." **Bob Temkin**, MBA '53 (Rochester, NY) is sad to report that his wife of 63 years, **Sandy (Chachkes) '55**, died in April 2017.

Sally Williamson Williams (Staten Island) is the "proud owner of a brand-new hip. Hope to run in the marathon. Ha! Much involved now with the Greenbelt Conservancy and the College of Staten Island Foundation board." **Howard Hyde** (Clarks Summit, PA) writes, "I'm now in my 100th year, keeping fairly well, and still active in my Rotary Club. My three children are well, as are their three children—and their eight children! I have had a fruitful life as an architect, including design architect for Donlon Hall and for married student housing at Cornell. I'm reading, although my eyes are very old, listening to fine music, and watching such fine programs as I can."

Larry Smith (Newport, NY) writes, "I spend much enjoyable time with son **Mark '87**, a reconstructive plastic surgeon, and his family, and with my daughter, **Tami '89**, who is also an MD and head of medical affairs for Spark Therapeutics. Over the past few years, I've had the honor of being inducted into the Northport High School Athletic Hall of Fame (varsity football, basketball, and baseball), and also into the Huntington Township Softball Hall of Fame. At this stage of life, however, my athletic pursuits are limited to a bit of tennis and golf. I still like to travel with my significant other, Ann Marie. We typically try to take an annual trip abroad (France, Italy, Croatia, India, China, Japan, etc.), often with Cornell, and escape to a Caribbean island for a couple of weeks in the winter. We returned to Cornell for Homecoming last fall and spent a delightful post-game evening with Suzi and **Paul Blanchard '52** at the country club." Please send your news to: ♣ **Brad Bond**, 101 Hillside Way, Marietta, OH 45750; tel., (740) 374-6715; e-mail, bbond101@suddenlink.net.

52 This column begins and ends with recently received e-mails. Last issue, **Rik Clark** was brave enough to write. This issue opens with **Lewis Ward-Baker's** response to my request for thoughts on what you are doing/feeling now that you can be categorized as among the "Old Old." Lew writes, "My wife, Pat, and I joined the cohort of the Oldest Old some time ago. She took on the age group as an academic challenge, earning her PhD a few years ago writing about folks our age. The literature review that I peeked at over her shoulder was fascinating. It included the widely respected work of Rowe and Kahn, the centenarian study, the nun study, and many others. The eight people she interviewed in depth were all living remarkable lives, many in their tenth decade."

Lew continues, "At our home this spring, things got interesting with one hip replacement (mine) and two cataract surgeries (hers) within a three-week period. With help from friends and family, we've mended rapidly. We look forward to visiting family in Ithaca soon for our granddaughter's graduation. I sing baritone in a chorus that will be performing *Elijah* and in another in a concert version of *Carmen* with the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra. I look forward to the Glee Club Reunion next June—daydreaming about the solo verse in the Alumni Song! We're enjoying family, friends, music, travel, and learning to furnish the joy that helps us surmount the many losses associated with this stage of life. Oh, one more thing! As a couple, we strongly advise avoiding any discussion of politics with anyone but each other!" Thank you, Lew. Now, can I hear from the next classmate willing to tackle the "Old Old?" E-mail me at joangaul@mac.com.

The first mailbag item deals, in an unusual way, with aging. It comes from **Eric Seibel '83** (Seattle, WA; eseibel2014@outlook.com), who ventures to speak for his father, our classmate **Arthur Seibel**, husband of the late **Phyllis (Ganders) '50** BArch '52. Arthur passed away on March 11, 2018. The news form says that Arthur had been planning to attend the April ceremony that his three children organized to dedicate a bench in the Botanic Gardens. In his own voice, Eric added that the Seibel bench was dedicated to Arthur and Phyllis, who met at a dance in Willard Straight Hall in their last year at Cornell. **Judith Kredel** Brown (Rochester, MI; brown@oakland.edu) had been living in Iowa for the winter to be near her daughter, Tilda, and her family. At the age of 81, Judy retired from teaching as a distinguished professor of anthropology at Oakland U. after 47 years. She planned to return to Michigan for the summer months to enjoy her house, garden, and friends there, and would still try to swim regularly at the university pool. She writes, "I am still so grateful to be in touch with other Class of 1952 alumni including friends **Sid**, MD '56, and **Phebe Vandervort Goldstein**, **Lyman Leathers**, and **Adele Friedman** Neurenger."

George, MBA '56, and **Gayle Raymond Kennedy** (gmk31@cox.net) are "living in a condo in Edina, MN, near our son **Clint '76**. We have been ardent travelers, but not anymore. It has been months since we have been out of the county. Music is still a large part of our lives, with frequent orchestra and choral concerts." **Judith Winter** Burger (judyburger@verizon.net) is retired and "enjoying all that NYC has to offer." **Elizabeth Jacques** Browne (Cleveland, OH), also retired, is living at home with her daughter Maureen and keeps in touch with the rest of her children. She has been enjoying life and plans to continue to do so. Betty says she's "very thankful for my experience while at Cornell and for my present connection with Cornell."

John Hendriksen (Virginia Beach, VA) is in home hospice care. **Donald Henn** must have moved. He has a new address and e-mail in Southold, NY. **Chad** and **Alison Bliss Graham** (Wynnewood, PA; abcgraham@comcast.net) were, as they wrote, "remembering with great pleasure being at our 65th Reunion in June with dear 'old' friends. We salute our classmates who have volunteered to make '52 such a terrific class!" They have been fortunate to stay in their "accessible" home (designed by Alison) in their neighborhood of 48 years and planned to stay active and involved in civic affairs and enjoy Philadelphia's concerts and theater. Other thoughts: "Chad's latest paper (on stainless steel!) was scheduled to be published in a technical journal on magnetic materials."

Joan Jago Townsend (Arlington, TX; d-j.townsend@sbcglobal.net) was "remembering those cold, snowy New York winters and appreciating the relative warmth of Texas. The summers may be hot, but we don't have to shovel snow—usually." **David**, JD '58, and **Phyllis Perl Stearns '54** (Sarasota, FL; lakeside10@comcast.net) write, "Still retired and lovin' it!" David notes that he's been married to his "sweetheart" since 1954. "She's still

musings that could possibility give voice to long ago Septembers. I have sat for hours searching for other triggers that could unlock senses and the role they play, with little success. Then over the airwaves came that familiar melody with the Voice singing the lyrics. It was Mr. Sinatra and "September Song" evoking all those treasured memories that the years had tucked away. Little did I know that song held the power to unlock so

'I designed and helped build a community garden in Tennessee with 20 plots for gardeners.'

ROBERT GIEBITZ '51

the best!" The Stearnses were looking forward to an engagement party for their grandson Greg, whose father is **Richard Stearns '79**. **Roger** and **Joan Ganders Glassey** (glassey@ieor.berkeley.edu) are living in Berkeley, CA. Roger writes, "Playing tennis four days a week—Joan is my partner. Depressed by the news. Having lunch with a friend today and working on the income tax." He is in good health and once a week visits a friend who is not. The Glasseys planned to visit Australia in the fall and are looking forward to the next Reunion.

At deadline, this came in from **Carolyn Heyl** Innes: "A loving tribute to **Gene Powers** Johnson, who died in March, following a fun-filled week in Exuma with seven 'old' Alpha Phi buddies, plus our one remaining husband, **Sid Goldstein**, Gene's daughter **Winnie Johnson** Marquart '81, and two young friends. Gene lived a rewarding life with very meaningful accomplishments and dear friendships. We fortunate seven, **Jane Kiely** Davis, **Bibbi Antrim** Hartshorn, **Pat Lovejoy** Stoddard, **Pat Thornton** Bradt, **Phebe Vandervort Goldstein**, **Dani North** Zirkle, and **Cappy Heyl** Innes, say, "Well done, Gene!" ♦ **Joan Boffa** Gaul, joangaul@mac.com. Class website, classof52.alumni.cornell.edu.

53 As deadline neared, your correspondent lay in a hospital bed after a tumble onto a sidewalk of New York. He missed Reunion, but can report on the '53 elections. Results follow: president **Caroline Mulford** Owens; vice presidents **Rosalyn Zalutsky** Baron, **Morton Bunis**, JD '55, **Richard Halberstadt**, **Jim Hanchett**, and **Joyce Wisbaum** Underberg; Cornell Annual Fund representatives **James Blackwood**, **Morton Bunis**, **Barbara Zelfman** Gross, **John Nixon**, and **Lea Paxton** Nixon; treasurer **William Gratz**; nominations chair **Rosalyn Zalutsky** Baron; class correspondent **Jim Hanchett**; class council members **Robert Abrams**, **Robert Appel**, **William Bellamy**, MBA '58, JD '59, **Barbara Green** Bock, **Linda Mitchell** Davis, **Claire Moran** Ford, **Jim Hanchett**, **Alan Harris**, **Ann** "Nikki" **Schwartz** Kirsch, **Ruth** "Chris" **Christoff** Landon, **Elaine Cohen** Levitt, and **Barbara Mestel** Schaeffer. More about Reunion to follow in the Nov/Dec issue. ♦ **Jim Hanchett**, jch46@cornell.edu.

54 The mere mention of September brings forth more memories than any other month for me. Without my being aware, the golden month has become an emotional treasure trove. I have been combing my gray cells for words that might evoke some of these

many senses long since forgotten.

The Voice drew all my attention by singing and bringing with it so many thoughts, pictures, emotions, long-ago dreams, and, of course, thoughts of fall on the Hill. Just a few of the reasons I love September.

It's a long, long while from May to December / But the days grow short when you reach September / When the autumn weather turns the leaves to flame / One hasn't got time for the waiting game.

If—as many of you are moving, donating, and handing items off to family members this year—you come across Cornell mementos you choose to part with, please consider mailing them to **Peg Bundy** Bramhall, our historian; or better yet, bring them along to Reunion. Peg's address is: 1881 Torrey Parkway, Libertyville, IL 60048.

If I had to pick an adjective to describe **Phila Staines** Slade's life, it would be constancy, of both purpose and direction. I met Phila my first day at Cornell as our rooms were next to each other on the second floor of Dickson Five. Phila and Dick, who she was dating at the time, have lived at the same address since 1958. For all her work in the community over these many years, in June of this year she received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Historical Society for artistic talents and for her work as a preservation historian. She listed another endeavor, that of the Shawl Ministry. I googled the organization and found it to be not only a comforting, non-denominational ministry, but something that can be done at any age at home or in a group setting.

Richard Schoeck's answer to the question "Are you retired?" was succinct: "Are you kidding?" He has just shifted his engineering background from that of developer of buildings to that of rehabber, forester, and medic for raccoons, skunks, squirrels, etc. He moved to his present location just so he could engage in his love of protecting native critters. Another classmate involved in caring for critters is **Robert Hellman**, MS '57, who has been doing so for years in Hilton, NY. I envy both for what they are able to do on their wooded acres. I just have an urban patio in which to care for my birds and squirrels.

Every so often I have to give you the latest tally re: **Sandy Dreier** Kozinn's grands and great-grands. Sandy lives in New Jersey, but all the grands live in a land far, far away—an ocean and a sea away, to be exact—namely Israel. As of this writing, Sandy has to keep track of 19 birthdays. **Allan Griff's** decision to move west to Berkeley, CA, seems to have been the right one. He is enjoying life in an area devoid of mosquitoes, snow, and

weather cold enough to prohibit gardening. He is continuing as a plastics educator to those involved in producing many of the plastics we use every day. Hard to believe the “chemical” still needs explanation after all these years of being used in the manufacture of household staples. A note from **Robert Greenwald** left my head swirling. Robert began his life’s adventures in Brooklyn, thence to Ithaca, then on to Florida, Argentina, the Bahamas, Houston, Miami, New Jersey, Ohio, then back to New Jersey, where he chose to retire . . . partially. He is still making sales calls, which he has done all over the country for 60-plus years, only now he makes them while living in a senior complex in Middlesex

ceremony. At home, they have four Kindles and two iPads, which they use “almost all day, every day,” provided to them by their five children. And their “latest thrill” is the arrival of three great-grandchildren.

Herb Roleke had some interesting comments to share: “What I learned in the Hotel school was AOK, but it didn’t tell you what your hotel employer would expect of you. Big companies, where you would climb the ladder in management, expected you to move around the country to different locations. Mary Ann and I married the month we graduated, and after two years in service had two children. We did not want to move with kids, so I became a builder and we settled on Long Island.

already. Part of our dues will go toward defraying expenses of our 65th Reunion (coming up in June 2020!) and supporting our various class scholarships. And you can always reach me by e-mail if you have news you’d like to share. ♦ **Nancy Savage** Petrie, nancysavagepetrie@yahoo.com. Class website, classof55.alumni.cornell.edu.

‘Richard Schoeck moved so he could engage in his love of protecting native critters.’

LES PAPANFUS REED ’54

County, NJ. And now you understand why the word retire is seldom used in this column. ♦ **Les Papanfus** Reed, lesiejreed@me.com. Class website, <http://classof54.alumni.cornell.edu>.

55 Last May, **Hal Fountain** played host to a group of ’55 classmates and friends at a special luncheon held at the Beekman Arms Hotel in Rhinebeck. Joann and **Dave Schmidt**, in period costume, told the history of the hotel and led tours of the hotel and the nearby post office, which was designed by FDR and built using local stone. Also attending were Hal’s wife, Marge, **Len Hladick ’56**, MBA ’63, **Lloyd ’54** and **Joan Beebe Quick ’54**, MS ’55, and **Emil Bahary**. The luncheon concluded with the singing of Cornell songs, led by Dave Schmidt, our own Cayuga’s Waiter.

Singing is an important part of **Lynn Cohen**’s day, too. She sings with a community chorus and is also a member of two book groups. Lynn recalls being influenced by History professor Fritz Stern and Vladimir Nabokov. **Don Jacobs** recalls that Hotel school dean **Robert Beck ’42**, PhD ’54, was “a wonderful mentor” to both him and his wife, **Frances (Walden) ’56**, and says, “I’ve had a successful life due to my Cornell experience.” Don also notes that he’s become “a decent bridge player” and is on a county board for disabled people, to help them find jobs. Administrator Ted Baldwin was named by **Bob Leader** as the person who had the greatest impact on him, and **Hal Sweeney** recalls that Classics professor **Harry Caplan 1916**, PhD 1921, was a positive influence all those years ago.

Ruth McDevitt Carrozza says she chose Cornell because it was the best agricultural school on the East Coast to study landscape design, horticulture, and floriculture. “With my BS degree, I was able to become a certified biology teacher 20 years later. I loved my time on the Hill!” Ruth’s favorite adventure was the Cornell alumni trip to the Tuscany area of Italy. Next on her list: Norway and Canada. And now, “retirement allows me to do what I want and go where I want. I love my coffee, the newspaper, and the birds at the feeder in lovely warm Florida.” **Gerry Curkendall** and his wife, Ethel, flew to Anchorage, AK, in July 2013 to perform their granddaughter’s wedding

The school should tell students what’s expected of them once they’re out in the real hotel world, so they can plan their lives accordingly!” Herb concludes, “My wife of 62-plus years gives me the most satisfaction in my life. She’s been the perfect wife, partner, lover. Amen!”

Here’s an update from **Len Ladin**: “I have just retired from my retirement activity of 20 years as president of the New York City chapter of the American Assn. of Individual Investors, a nationwide organization with the mission of educating investors in securities.” Len and his wife, Kay, will be moving to a retirement community in the East Bay area of Northern California, where “we expect to see more of friends and classmates like **Dave Montague** (Palo Alto) and **Les Patrick** (Sausalito).” Len would also like to hear from old friend **Tom Steiner**. While we’re focusing on California, here’s some news from Red Bluff, CA, **Everett McDonough**’s town. Everett is in his 15th year doing taxes through a free IRS/AARP program and is active in the local hospital, community concerts, and the library. He’s also a past president of the Rotary Club in Red Bluff. He reports he’s “trying to grow old gracefully and gratefully.” Nice to hear from you!

At last notice, **Clive Usiskin** was planning on attending the graduation of his grandson **Lee Usiskin ’18** last May. Lee is a fourth-generation Cornelian, as is Clive’s other grandson, **Benjamin Lee ’20**. **Marlene Medjuck** Green writes that she’s keeping busy with the “usual retirement activities”—plus, plans are under way for a “dream vacation/birthday” trip to Hawaii to celebrate her 85th birthday in December with her entire family (“There could be 30 of us!”). A trip to Pearl Harbor is definitely in the works.

Old friends are always part of our Cornell memories. **Norm Nedde** would like to hear from **Bill Hillman**, BS ’59, and **Mable Lamb** Haliburton remembers **Jean Weissman** Lesser, **John Morris**, MD ’59, **Ron Nordheimer**, BS ’58, **Ethel Rabb** Kass ’54, **Nannette Gravener** Utter, and others. For me, sophomore year wouldn’t have been nearly as much fun without my Comstock roommates **Marianne Oehrlein** van Dijk ’56, **Margaret De Forest** Csenge, **Sue Spooner** Olsen, and **Vera Steiner** Simon. I’ll close with a couple of suggestions: please send in your class dues, if you haven’t

56 From **Pete Thaler** (Los Angeles, CA): “No news is good news.” Indeed, Pete. **Bill Eisen** (Philadelphia, PA) retired for the second time, after 12 years teaching at Community College of Philadelphia. He spent a week in Joshua Tree and Death Valley early in November and was looking forward to a grandfather/grandchildren trip to Barcelona and Andalusia.

Al D’Agostino (Arlington, TX) is no longer active in the WWII and Korean War chapters of the American Merchant Marine. Adds Al, “I made it to 90 years and am lucky to interact with all my children and grandchildren.” **Bonnie Smith** Whyte (Reston, VA) is active in her Reston, VA, community and stays in touch with Cornell friends. She writes, “Our travels last year were cut short when Bill, my husband, suffered a heart attack while traveling. He has recovered well and we look forward to trips (by ship) in this year. Some of my young New Jersey relatives have relocated to Virginia—a pleasant surprise.” **John Long**, MS ’57 (Albion, NY) continues to serve on the board of directors of the United Frontier Mutual Insurance Co.

Gail Gifford Rudin (Manhasset, NY) has a granddaughter who is a freshman at Cornell. **Jerry Tarr** (Rutland, VT) and wife Nonnie are enjoying their travels around the world. He writes, “We’re working our way through the alphabet. In the past 12 months, we’ve been to Ireland, Israel, Italy, and Iceland—and Ithaca!” **John**, BS ’58, and **Judith Combs Gallinger** (Plattsburgh, NY) moved to a senior community on Lake Champlain with new friends, lovely views, and helpful amenities. Judith is active at church and helps out at a weekly soup kitchen.

Lew Klotz (Ft. Lee, NJ, and Boynton Beach, FL) enjoys golf and swimming and concludes that “life is good.” **Jinny Poad** Zechman (Skaneateles, NY) is proud of her grandson, who coached the local hockey team to a state championship in 2017. **Richard Lindsay** (Charlottesville, VA) is co-founder of the Lindsay Inst. for Innovations in Caregiving and is still teaching at UVA. **Grace Goldsmith** Wahba (Madison, WI) is in her 51st year teaching at U. of Wisconsin, Madison in the statistics department. Grace married David Callan this past November. She won a bronze medal in women’s race walking and also received the 2017 Senior Breiman Award for contributions in machine learning and computational statistics.

Gregory Hill (Mt. Juliet, TN) has been retired for 12 years from work in the steel and related metals industries, which took him from Pennsylvania to Tennessee to Delaware to Iowa, and back to Tennessee. He recently traveled to Guatemala; before that he took a cruise on the Adriatic, from Greece to Croatia. Former class correspondent **Rita Rausch** Moelis (Hewlett, NY) volunteers at a nursery school, supervises new bridge players, and drives people who can’t drive. Rita, perhaps you can fill in as a fourth at our bridge game at the Cornell Club in NYC. She has lunch with her four children each month and attends her grandchildren’s school functions.

We are saddened to report the passing of classmate **Ellen Levine Brown**, wife of classmate **David Brown**. Ellen and David established the Old Tampa Bay Book Co., in Tampa, FL, and most recently lived in Chevy Chase, MD. Send news to: ♦ **Phyllis Bosworth**, Phylboz@aol.com.

57 I visited **Jack McCormick** a number of times in Ponte Vedra when driving to or from south Florida in the late '90s and early 2000s. Over a few adult beverages at night, he often mentioned the restaurant at Moakley House adjacent to the Cornell golf course, and his hope to become involved with an update and renovation of the establishment. Many years after Jack's death, McCormick's is now a reality. As you may recall, we had a 55th Reunion dinner at the property. On one wall of the facility is a pencil portrait of Jack—well worth a visit!

Arthur "Goose" Gensler, after starting an architectural firm in San Francisco many years ago, now offers design services in 90 countries. He can be found in his office every day and fittingly is chairman of the board of a San Francisco arts college. A couple of relocations: **Judy Tischler** Rogers has moved from Southern California to Colorado Springs following the death of her husband, whom she met in Colorado Springs in 1986. No grass grows under her feet, with visits to children in Seattle, Florida, and Japan, in addition to a spring Princeton graduation of a granddaughter. **Marilyn Moore** Pukmel has moved from Chambersburg, PA, to Poughkeepsie, NY, her former 1948-57 hometown, reconnecting with former pals and enjoying a range of activities.

Among those retired is **Barbara Kaufman** Smith, who is singing in the church choir in Georgetown, KY, and narrating books for the blind at the Kentucky State Library. **Robert Chatterton**, PhD '63, has been appointed professor emeritus at Northwestern U. He and Carol Jean escape the Chicago winters, heading to Sarasota at the sign of the first flake. **Dooley Sciple** Kiefer retired after 24 years as a Tompkins County legislator. **Jane Taber** Gillett is another north-south person, relocating from New York to Florida on a seasonal basis. Are we aging? Two of her four children are retired. Still going at it is **Eph McLean**, who has spent 49 years as a professor in computer information systems at MIT, UCLA, and currently Georgia State. He's looking forward to our 65th.

Barbara Baltzel Burton spends some time volunteering at her church in Lebanon, NJ, but mostly she serves as caregiver for husband **Charles "Sandy" '58**, MS '63, who suffers from Parkinson's disease. They were unable to get to either Reunion, but continue to enjoy visits with their children. **Susan Hitz** Magnuson and Guy have celebrated 55 years of marriage, and she has enjoyed bridge and the NYC theater scene for at least that long. Computer consulting and quality time with daughters and grandchildren are also enjoyable pastimes. **Claire Sanford** Perrault is heavily involved with a women's political action committee in Jersey City and a NYC choral group, and she enjoys tending an urban garden when not attending senior exercise classes. In March of this year she went to Sicily with a group from St. Peter's College-Jersey City.

Ed, MBA '59, and **Linda Parazynski** have moved from Seattle to Houston to be nearer their son, who has summarized his NASA career with his memoir, *The Sky Below*. **Bill Schmidt** continues to pile up accolades with his Impressionism, having a wonderful seascape of Lake Otsego accepted as one of 31 of 400 submissions for the prestigious California Art Club exhibition at the Altadena Town and Country Club. If you're in the area, the show runs through September.

Karen Gladstone sent me a most thoughtful message concerning the death of her husband, classmate **Paul Gladstone**. He was certainly one of the most talented members of our class, having been involved in a number of interesting careers—repair officer in the Navy, farm

owner, restaurant savant, and creator of abstract sculptures. Send news to: ❖ **John Seiler**, suitcase2@aol.com.

58 "Our Reunion was grand" seemed to be the happy expression of the 160 classmates and friends celebrating 60 years after those good old days. The weather was perfect and all events went off fine. Here are comments from some who were there.

Jim Harper wrote, "The Roaring Fifties were back (on the Quad, in the tents, in the Chapel, and back on the Hill)! The scene was swarming with classmates, including old friends from California last seen in the 1960s. We'll remember this one forever for the music (our music from the '30s-50s), breakfast and luncheon parties under canvas or glass, and ice cream socials under the chimes. **Dick**, PhD '65, and **Connie Case Haggard** get the prize for putting it all together. Cornell President Martha Pollack explained diversity and outreach to us so that we now sense, and can applaud, the direction our Big Red has taken. Cayuga's Waiters alumni sang to us (in their swan-song visit). The Sherwoods sang to us too, in great form. The Hangovers (taking their name from one's fifth year in Engineering, Law, Business, etc.) sang to us in a perfectly beautiful clearing in the Botanic Gardens. Our music, our times."

Annette Fogo Harper adds that, in addition to connecting with so many old friends, their daughter, **Hadley Harper** Witcher '87, who drove them to/from Ithaca, enjoyed meeting those of whom she had heard for years. Others also expressed Annette's thoughts: "Our dining experience was special. Evening programs in Bailey Hall were marvelous. Our dorm was comfortable, and everything ran on schedule like the Army. The weather cooperated and a fine time was had by all."

We insert a few facts: About two-thirds of our matriculated class of over 2,200 are still living and 332 of those are donors to Cornell. **Dick Kay** presented that the class gave over \$10M, considerably exceeding the \$6.5M goal, showing that **Glenn** and **Maddi McAdams Dallas** and **Ellen Gussman** Adelson and their team (many of us) obviously had been at work. And we 60th celebrators got up to 60 Tower Club members, with 100 participating in the Cayuga Society. **Larry Severino**, nominee chair, had an easy time of it: our class leadership was elected unchanged (check our letterheads for the listings), plus a new regional rep for D.C., **Gladys Lunge** Stifel. We needed only a secretary, and **Barbara Avery**, MA '59, offered to step in, post-meeting.

Class blog administrator **Irene Lazarus** Soskin captured a lot of the Reunion spirit. She writes, in part: "Our 60th Reunion was all I could have wished for. I was greeted by friends from my freshman corridor at Risley, acquaintances from decades of Reunions, and 'bloggers' who recognized the name but now paired it with a face. I had the opportunity of getting to know wonderful classmates I hadn't met as a student or at previous Reunions. It seemed that everyone wanted to reach out." **Irene Rizzi** Metzger felt similarly, saying, "It was a terrific Reunion for the Class of 1958. My mind is flooded with good memories and how to best express my thoughts and feelings."

Our blogger wrote more: "I had been concerned with getting around campus to the rehearsals and concerts I enjoyed so much, but our Reunion co-chairs organized the clerks so that, by car and golf cart, my walker and I got everywhere I needed to be—and on time. Of course I wasn't the only person who was helped by those 'splendid' clerks." **Tom, DVM '58**, and **Carolyn King Nytech** appreciated the transportation, as did **Anita Podell**

Miller, **Ray '57** and **Audrey Wildner Sears, Lowry**, MBA '59, PhD '65, and **Barbara Center Mann**, and others. "As in previous Reunions," Irene continues, "I had the joy of singing in the Reunion chorus on Friday and Saturday nights. Other Reunioners also joined the students on stage; the Glee Club and women's Chorus were marvelous. The Mews accommodations were simple but adequate, with some meals under our big tent right outside. There was a barbeque the first night . . . outstanding. And Martha Pollack joined us then for a chat and kick-off, just for our class!"

Irene added, "I was successful in video-connecting a classmate in hospital, **Neil MacCormick**, to hear and see the Sherwoods performing live at our Saturday dinner, which he so badly wanted, 'to get a taste of Reunion.' We also had a class ice cream social at the clock tower (with **George Ubogy** on the chimes, playing tunes from the '50s). The ice cream was Martha's favorite—creamy vanilla streaked with yellow (banana?), chocolate pieces, and caramel, and just about everyone went back for more as the chimes played on." Connie and Dick add, "We'll do that again!"

The Nyteches felt that "the Friday banquet was very well done with plenty of good food and wine, even entertainment—all of it air-conditioned. We think the most important thing for us creaking oldies was the real effort for the bus drivers to be on-hand when needed. We heard them talking on their cell phones regularly about going here or there to pick up a group of us and that was a big improvement over past Reunions." Irene wraps up nicely: "Some of us hadn't been sure we would go to the 65th, but when we said our goodbyes after Sunday breakfast, everyone I saw was saying, 'See you in 2023,' including Neil, the hospitalized classmate on FaceTime. It also helped that word got out that we'll all be quartered in the Statler!" See you in '23! ❖ **Dick Haggard**, richardhaggard11@gmail.com; **Jan Jarvie**, janjarvie@gmail.com. Class blog, <https://58at55th.wordpress.com>.

59 Sixtieth Reunion chair **Ron Demer** (rd43@cornell.edu) and co-chair **Gerry Schultz** (geraldschultzmd@aol.com) look forward to seeing you at Reunion next June 6-9, and ask you to contact teammates, fraternity brothers, sorority sisters, and other friends from our days on the Hill and encourage them to attend. E-mail Ron if you need contact information. We need volunteers to help at class headquarters, and classmates to discuss interesting things they have done or are doing at the Friday morning session. Available for sale: our 25th Reunion yearbook. If interested, contact Kathleen Troy at katnj@aol.com.

When **Paul Morris** retired from his last regular job 15 years ago, he and two colleagues started Global Light Co. "We found a niche market in manufacturing repair parts for gasoline pumps, barcode scanners, and medical devices," he writes. "The business started in my house in Cambridge, moved to Harvard Square in year three, and has grown to 40 employees, with customers in 65 countries. It's successful and fun, and keeps me active and connected. I go to China every three months to look after manufacturing, have watched China's awesome growth, and experienced the culture firsthand. With e-mail and the internet, the business almost manages itself these days, so I have plenty of time for personal travel with my wife, **Lynn (Blumstein) '62**, and to keep up with our four children and seven grandchildren."

In coming issues of this magazine, a portion of our column will be devoted to writings of classmates. We

begin with an excerpt from one of 17 novels published by **José Miguel Roig '58**, BArch '59. José, who lives in Caracas, remembers Cornell with happiness and gratitude. "Those were wonderful years. It was much too cold, though. I went around wrapped in various coats. When spring came and I took off the coats, fellow students asked me why I had lost so much weight." Here is a somewhat abbreviated chapter from his *The Envious Moon*:

The Cornell Varsity team was training on Cayuga Lake. In two weeks they would face Dartmouth, last year's champions. The coach had them training hard. Three times a week, early in the morning.

Charles saw Cristina from afar, as they rowed back to the boathouse. She was alone; he didn't see Jorge. Jorge had drunk excessively the night before. Charles hadn't drunk as much, but enough; he hadn't rowed well, though others also weren't in top form. During Homecoming Weekend there was invariably a lot of drinking.

He and the rest of the crew hauled the boat out of the water and carried it up to the boathouse. All the time he didn't stop looking at her, as she reclined against Jorge's Mercedes. She didn't raise her hand to greet him, just stared as he went about business. She was wearing grey silk slacks and blouse, with a cashmere sweater thrown over her shoulders, several silver necklaces, and flat-heeled shoes. Her abundant hair was loose, black, and swaying in the breeze coming off the lake. Minutes later he came out of the boathouse, still wearing his rowing gear, with sweat stains under his arms and on his back and chest. He walked towards her, mildly embarrassed, wiry arms swinging at his sides, short blond hair reflecting the light.

"Where is Jorge?" he asked as he approached her. "I came to see you row," she said, ignoring his question. "You are admirable! Of course I have never seen much rowing. The ones I can remember are the boatmen of the gondolas in Venice. They sing, do you?"

"Do I what?" "Sing." She gave him her hand. He took it reluctantly, he was sweaty. He was nervous. She had come to see him. He was attracted to her and he worried about what Jorge would think. "Jorge," she said gazing at him defiantly. "He is sleeping off his hangover. He drank enormously last night. After we left your fraternity, we went to Gonzalo Perez's house. Do you know him?" Charles shook his head.

"He is Guatemalan. Son of the ambassador. A close friend of Jorge. But I was tired and left them drinking and went to bed . . ." Charles didn't know what to say.

"Why don't we have a cup of coffee?" she suggested. "Coffee is bad in the States, it's not Colombian. Besides, I have to shower first," he said, as if this would take hours. It was an excuse. He didn't want any trouble with Jorge.

"No problem, I'll wait for you." "But won't Jorge mind?" he asked, smiling shyly. "Jorge? Why should he? I'm a grown up woman, I can have coffee with whoever I want to. I don't have to ask permission. He is asleep. And he thinks you are a wonderful person, that you are brilliant. He has told me so."

"Jorge exaggerates." "I don't think so. I have a feeling you will one day win the Nobel Prize of . . . Astronomy?" He laughed again. She was funny. "No, there is a Nobel Prize for Science." "That's it, you'll win the Nobel for Science, for having discovered a new planet. That you will name after me."

He could hear some of his fellow rowers talking in the background. "Well?" "Okay, let me take a quick shower and we can go for coffee." "Superb!"

"I didn't bring my car," he said, as he turned to go to the boathouse. "No problem, I have Jorge's. But you

drive. Women should be driven." ❖ **Jenny Tesar**, jet 24@cornell.edu.

60 The latest mail from Ithaca brought welcome news from several of you, including three classmates who reported recent marriages! In April 2017, **Bill Duff** married Laura Kay in the Colorado State U. Chapel in Fort Collins, on the campus where he spent several decades as professor of mechanical engineering. Though now retired, Bill says, "I still have two PhD students whose research I am supervising. Laura and I spend about half our time in Wisconsin and half in Colorado, along with a month in the Cancun area of Mexico."

Dick Morrison writes from McLean, VA, that he married the former Joyce Siegel in October 2016, and the couple honeymooned in Israel and Jordan. Continuing his long involvement in choral groups during his career as a senior economist at the National Science Foundation, Dick performed with the City Choir of Washington in the UK over this past summer, singing in four English cathedrals along with **Don Juran '62** and **Jim Blackburn '66**, BS '71. He and Joyce followed that up with an extended tour of Scotland, then boarded a Viking cruise to Russia, Finland, and Estonia. "A busy summer indeed," he says.

Unexpectedly, **Raoul Sudre** reports from Pompano Beach, FL, "I married my second wife after having divorced her some 12 years back! I continue to travel the world, averaging 150,000 miles per year, doing consulting for governments and businesses on tourism development, particularly 'wellness tourism.'" He also visited Ithaca in April, when, he says, "the fencing team had me as their honored guest." Asked who at Cornell had the greatest impact on him, Raoul says it was "Georges Cointe, the fencing master who inspired me to stay and work as a coach at Cornell for 20 years."

An important reminder from **Ginny Seipt** to all classmates in the New York metropolitan area, which includes Connecticut and New Jersey, that the date for the '60s fall lunch at Sardi's is Tuesday, October 16. "Anyone who wants to come—or thinks they want to come but aren't sure—should e-mail me and I'll start up the list." Contact her at ginnyseipt@gmail.com. When not arranging such festivities, Ginny continues to work two days a week as a gardener's assistant in Central Park and to be a "crafts volunteer for the sleepovers under the whale at the Museum of Natural History."

Dolores Furtado, professor emerita at the U. of Kansas Medical School, says she is "retired but busy! I continue as chairman of the County Criminal Justice Advisory Council, focusing on mental healthcare for those drawn into the criminal justice system. I'm also involved in the League of Women Voters, focused on voter suppression issues in Kansas." She enjoys gardening and time spent with her family, but says she wishes she did more "keeping in touch with classmates. I attended our 55th Reunion and enjoyed the long-overdue return to campus." Dolores says the greatest impact Cornell had on her was "the entire educational experience, with opportunities to study the sciences and also history—courses on the US, China, and the Far East, all providing great background for living in the world today!"

Jim Verna is "still practicing dentistry and teaching. I love what I do and I especially enjoy my patients." He admits, "I'm slowing down, but not looking forward to retirement. I will certainly stay in New York City. I enjoy playing tennis and taking ski trips to Alta. I also love the time I spend with my daughter's [**Christine Verna '86**] two children." Jim mentions that he has Italian citizenship "and I plan to spend some time with family in Italy."

Thomas Wheatley of Middleton, MA, a retired healthcare executive, has been "working part time for the local Council on Aging—Meals on Wheels—for the past ten years." Tom stays in touch with fellow Hotelies and fraternity brothers, and has fond memories of Dean Howard Meek of the Hotel school, "a great individual who helped an 18-year-old who had lost his father."

Ellen Thomson Kennedy, retired from the faculty of social work at Buffalo State College, keeps extremely busy in a range of volunteer activities. "I'm an active member of the Working Families Party; a board member and current president of Transitional Services, a mental health agency providing community living options; chair of the Western New York Citizen Review Panel, a government-mandated committee that provides oversight of the public Child Protection System; and chair of the Racial Justice Committee at my church. I'm also a board member and 'gofer' at Buffalo Opera Unlimited, of which my husband, Tim, is the founder and artistic director. The group is committed to providing opportunities for local and regional professionals to sing opera."

You may have heard the sad news of the December 2017 death of **Dave Flinn**, well known to many of us for his service as class treasurer and the Reunion suppers hosted by him and his late wife, **Mary (Quick)**, at their home in Lansing, near Ithaca, where they managed a large horse farm. Having become a pilot while at Cornell and serving in the Air Force after college, Dave reportedly flew the Cornell president to meetings in New York City and elsewhere. The Flinn's are survived by two sons, **Dale '84** and Glenn, and two grandchildren. Send your news to: ❖ **Judy Bryant Wittenberg**, jw275@cornell.edu.

61 After begging and pleading for you to send us news, something clicked. A handful of news forms arrived from our *Cornell Alumni Magazine* editor, giving us the content to fill this edition. Susan and I thank you for responding. We also received two last-minute e-mails with news from **Bob Everson** and **Frank Cuzzi**, MBA '64.

First from Bob Everson, who also posted on Facebook, "Greetings to all classmates on the 57th anniversary of our graduation (and **Barb Ballweg's** and my wedding). After a fine dinner at Red Lobster, we came home to play some Cornell music ('Alumni Song,' 'Cornell,' 'Strike up a Song,' 'Crew Song,' 'Evening Song,' and Alma Mater). I hope you were able to catch the live streaming of Cornelliana Night 2018 from Bailey Hall Saturday night. As they say, 'Oh to be 20 and back at Cornell.'"

And from Frank Cuzzi: "Hi Doug, I hope this note finds you well! I had a great experience in May 2018, spending a whole day with **Ken**, PhD '67, and **Margie McKee Blanchard '62**, MA '65. It started at lunch and went until late at night. This kind of quality time is hard to find with old friends these days. I enjoyed it immensely. Ken was honored by the New Rochelle YMCA for his leadership on all levels. In his acceptance speech, he was fabulous as usual. On a sad note, two good friends, roommates, and DU brothers passed away. **Warren Sundstrom** and **Dick Perkins**, MBA '63, both passed during May 2018. Warren was captain of our football team and one of the few All-American football players that Cornell experiences. Warren is up for the Cornell Athletic Hall of Fame. If anyone wants to call the athletic department and find out more, contact John Webster there. Dick was an amazing person that everyone loved from their first meeting. I always respected his service to the US as a SAC pilot after Cornell. Both men will be sorely missed."

Charlie Hecht, LLB '63 (cjhecht@aol.com) is still practicing law full time. He is also a practicing artist and was invited by the Polish government to an international art exhibition taking place this past August. About recent travels, he writes, "Leslie and I just returned from three wonderful weeks in New Zealand and Australia." Charlie would like to hear from old friend **Dick Allen**. **Jill Beckoff Nagy** (nagy110@gmail.com) and husband **George, PhD '62**, reside in Troy, NY. "I've been tutoring math for Literacy Volunteers. Ask me anything about fractions. I'm still on the boards of Rensselaer County LWV and Troy Chromatic Concerts. I'm holding my body and soul together with regular exercise."

Willard Reed reports from Ocala, FL, that he is doing volunteer work on the Florida Trail and is active in his church, Fort King Presbyterian. Sadly, he lost his wife, Helen, last October. He would like to hear from **Donald Dean**. **Leland Bookhout** (Staatsburg, NY; lbookhout@gmail.com) writes, "I am still engaged in real estate consulting, but most of my time is spent in the woodworking shop at home. We celebrated our 55th wedding anniversary with our family of two children, six grandchildren, and two great-granddaughters. Everyone is healthy and employed (except the youngsters). I'm still looking for the place where the bass are bigger and year-round."

Two brief updates came in, one from **Frederick Marcus** (m.fris47@westelcom.com), who has moved north to Westport, NY, and is working toward becoming a master gardener. The other is from **Peggy Thomas** (pegt19@mac.com), who is residing in Ridgefield, CT. **Frances Shapiro** (lker (drfbi1@gmail.com) has a permanent residence in Alabama and writes, "I see patients in outpatient gynecologic practice for three weeks in New Orleans, see my friends, then return to Birmingham for three weeks. We toured Tasmania/Australia and New Zealand in late 2017, then spent a week in New Orleans with the kids to celebrate my daughter's 50th birthday and Mardi Gras. We are committed to more traveling while we can still hike." (A thought echoed by most of us!)

The marriage of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle in May is no longer front-page news, but **Bobbie Horowitz** wrote an interesting remembrance on Facebook following the ceremony. I am posting it here with her permission. "It's a day for cheering. I felt such joy watching Prince Harry's wedding on TV. One of the warmest and most positive experiences I've had in my life was befriending Princess Diana when I was in London producing a musical at the Jermyn Street Theatre. She came to see the show and we totally 'hit it off!' It would be hard to meet Princess Diana and not love her. I was thrilled to be invited to and to attend young Prince Harry's surprise birthday party. Diana's loss was a true loss to the world. It's hard to get in touch with the prince now—and I can understand why that needs to be. I'm sending my best blessing to him for his marriage through cheerful prayer."

Our closing message hasn't changed. If you want to see a '61 class column and catch up with your classmates, we need your input. E-mails are quick and easy. Susan will produce the next edition in two months. Send us your news. ❖ **Doug Fuss**, dougout@attglobal.net; **Susan Williams** Stevens, sastevens61@gmail.com.

62 "A decade after 'semi-retiring,' I continue as president of the Dow Jones News Fund, a national foundation dedicated to strengthening American journalism, a mission that has never been more vital amid the financial and political pressures on newsrooms today," writes **Richard Levine** (levinerichardj@gmail.com). He and **Neil Ann (Stuckey) '63** still live in Princeton,

NJ. ILR professor and former Army officer Duncan MacIntyre had the greatest influence on Richard: "He taught me to meet deadlines."

Class president **Neil Schilke**, MS '64 (neroschilke@aol.com) reports that the re-designated baseball scoreboard has been approved to be the Class of 1962 Scoreboard. "On the personal side, Ro and I just got back from a Thailand/Vietnam/Java Sea cruise. The cruise was most enjoyable and we saw a lot of interesting things along the way. All of the big cities in Southeast Asia are

much Cornell and the town of Ithaca have grown since our undergraduate years. Among other developments, change has been marked by an amazing expansion of the campus, and by the four or five new shopping centers, downtown and off of Route 13. One of the many highlights of the 'Reunion 55' weekend was the presentation by **Corey Earle '07**, which has been posted on the class website. For a trip from Cornell's past to the present, access the text version of Corey's presentation at: <http://cornellclassof63.alumni.cornell.edu>. The link to the PDF

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JUDY BRYANT WITTENBERG '60

booming—major construction and unbelievable traffic. Saigon was special fun. It was nice to be in some warm weather." The Schilkes live in Rochester Hills, MI.

Freshman calculus teacher Mrs. Hockett had the greatest impact on **Joel Sundholm** (jls446@cornell.edu): "She used to announce unannounced quizzes." Joel lives in Troy, MI, where he regularly exercises, meets with his church men's group, and enjoys proximity to his son and his family. Roger and **Betty Kopsco** Bennett (beekbennett@comcast.net) are in Middletown, MD, where she teaches part time in the science department of Frederick Community College. They celebrated 53 years of marriage in May. Betty tutors ESL people with the Frederick Literacy Council and has met some interesting and hard-working immigrants. Six of their seven grandchildren live nearby.

William Appelbaum (wappelbaum@aol.com) has retired after 43 years of practicing internal medicine. He and Francine live in Northbrook, IL. From **Jean Horn** Swanson, MS '64 (jeanhswan@yahoo.com): "Sold our home of 40 years and moved to Smith Village, a lifecare complex in Chicago. We are only a few blocks from both of our daughters and seven grandchildren." **Les '60** and **Liz Belsky Stiel** (lilstiel@att.net) are enjoying life in La Jolla, CA, from which they travel annually to Paris. "Hard to believe we are this old! Feeling blessed with good health, a great husband, and family."

Your news is missing from this column—please send it! ❖ **Jan McClayton** Crites, jmc50@cornell.edu.

63 Reunion was a great success. We elected new class officers: president **Dick Clark**; vice president and Reunion chair for our 60th **Paula Trested** LaHolt; secretary **Retta Presby** Weaver; treasurer **Vivian Grilli** DeSanto; and myself continuing as class correspondent.

President's Corner: "I begin my five-year term as Class of 1963 president with great enthusiasm, and by expressing our collective gratitude to **Joe Stregack**, PhD '70, for his five years of service as class president, and to **Joanne Jordan** Davenport for her coordination of one of the smoothest-run and enjoyable Reunions we have experienced. Our 55th Reunion was a wonderful three days for all, including spectacular weather throughout, and the experience of being on the world's most beautiful campus. The campus tour was a reminder of how

file is listed on the class website as 'Reunion Presentation.' I will look forward to communicating with you in this space in future editions of *Cornell Alumni Magazine*. Dick Clark."

Friday morning of Reunion, along with Corey Earle, there was a panel presentation of how things have changed since we left Cornell 55 years ago. **Mark Landis**, Retta Presby Weaver, and **Judy Hart** all spoke. Judy was instrumental in the formation of the Women's Rights National Historic Park in Seneca, NY. Look her up online and read about all she has done for women's rights. Mark's talk mentioned the importance at Cornell of women's, civil, and gay rights. During our years at Cornell, these issues were just starting to come to light as important. Retta talked about rules and regulations and gracious living during our freshman year.

Ed Hoernig came from Gastonia, NC. His wife, Carol, is in a care home and Ed has had health issues, but he looked great and was happy to have made the trip. **Bill**, PhD '68, and **Sally Coltman Condit '65**, MAT '66, live in Cleveland and are active in the Inst. of Learning in Retirement as well as the New Horizon Program, teaching old folks to play instruments. Daughter and son-in-law are both Cornellians. **David** and **Trisha Sheaff** live full time in Harpswell, ME, after living and working in Houston, TX, for 49 years. They love living close enough to their two grandsons in Massachusetts.

Dick Reed, MBA '64, also came from Cleveland. He is working with Reaching Indians Ministries Int'l and has traveled to India four times. He helps with orphanages and seminary schools in India. **Mark** and **Carolyn Press Landis '65** have moved to Washington Crossing, PA, in Bucks County. They are not far from their previous home in Princeton, NJ. They love living near the site of "Washington Crossing the Delaware" and enjoy the yearly enactment of the event. **Walt**, MBA/LLB '66, and **Susie Lamme Laessig '64**, MAT '66, live in Kensington, MD—about 12 miles north of the White House. Walt is a lawyer and Susie is a gastroenterologist, having gone to medical school after she had her family.

Mary Falvey was there from San Francisco. She lives part time in Paris and still does consulting work. From the Quill and Dagger newsletter, I found the following: "During her 55th Reunion weekend, Mary was tapped as Quill & Dagger's 122nd honorary member. She has had a diverse career as a director, management consultant,

and executive in the banking, securities, insurance, automobile, retail, manufacturing, and distribution industries; an appointee to senior advisory positions in the federal government; and a trustee in the education, healthcare, and performing arts arenas." Congratulations, Mary! **Mario Concha** divides his time between Atlanta, GA, and Vail, CO. He loves recounting the stories of the people he meets in Vail, where he has been a ski instructor for many years.

Arnie Hammer writes, "**Mary (Cantor)** and I have sold our house of 47 years in Rockville, MD, and very happily moved to an apartment in Chevy Chase. We recently had dinner with old friends **Bruce** and **Toni Leroy Berger '66**. We last visited two years ago at the wedding of a son of **Michael** and **Susan Wachter**. Many classmates formed a mini-reunion at that wedding, including **Marcia Goldschlager Epstein**, **Leni Weitzman**, and **Harvey** and **Susan Goldberg Kayman '66**. We are

and from sleep in our volcano house for a couple weeks. It took us two days on Oahu to regain our land legs. The Halemaumau firepit has more than doubled and is eating up the caldera floor and the former parking area. When the ash descends, it creates Sahara-like sandstorms, one of which we drove through for two miles about ten miles downwind from the summit and our home. Wind has been good, but next week it's supposed to shift and blow over our house. We have detached the down spouts in our water collection system just in case." Ken also sent pictures he took of "Pele clearing her throat." Please contact me directly if you would like copies.

Lastly, **Lois Weyman** Dow sent sad word of the passing of her longtime friend and classmate **Virginia Mai Abrams**. Lois writes, "Ginny died May 10, 2018 after a long battle with acute leukemia. She was a dear friend with whom I shared hikes in our state parks, dinners and theatre with our spouses, opera classes, and much more. She is survived by many Cornell friends and family members including brother **William Mai '67**, MFA '73, sister **Elizabeth Mai '70**, daughter **Laura Morrell Abrams '97**, and brother-in-law **Gerald Abrams '62**. She will be dearly missed."

That's it for now. Send your news to me by e-mail or regular mail, using the news form or even a sheet of paper. ♦ **Bev Johns** Lamont, 720 Chestnut St., Deerfield, IL 60015; e-mail, blamont64@comcast.net. Class website, www.cornell1964.org. Class Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/groups/cornell1964>.

'After six extra days of having to drink wine and eat tapas, we were able to return home!'

WILLIAM FINE '65

Cornell Dawson and his wife just took a 143-day trip on Viking Cruises' inaugural around-the-world cruise. They loved every minute of it. For the last two years, the Dawsons have lived full time in Lake Bomoseen, VT, where they used to vacation. They found living there a different experience when the summer residents returned to their winter homes.

Lastly, Paula Trested LaHolt (ptl9@cornell.edu) has sent this message: "Greetings from your newly elected Reunion chair for 2023. We are all being optimistic—right? It was a great time on campus, much more relaxed and casual than the previous. I plan to continue in that vein for the next gathering. In the meantime, I am soliciting copies of Reunion photos you might like to share on the web. Please send them to me via external media or as an attachment to an e-mail, rather than embedded within the e-mail. Our website for sharing is: <http://classof1963reunion2018.shutterstock.com>. (The password has been removed.) Thank you."

The next column will include more Reunion news from those who attended. E-mail me anytime with news. ♦ **Nancy Biers** Icke, 12350 E. Roger Rd., Tucson, AZ 85749; e-mail, icke63@gmail.com.

64 Wow! I don't know why—perhaps because our 55th Reunion is just nine months away and folks are thinking of it—but for the first time in some time, I've a plethora of classmate news to report. So let's get to it!

Judith Gellrick has closed her solo medical practice and moved from New Jersey the state to Jersey the street, in Thornton, CO, to be near relatives. Judy is still getting used to the altitude, but says, "Now I have time to play the piano (classical, plus she's an opera fan) and to read my Latin and Greek books again. I'm glad they're teaching Latin as a spoken language at Cornell." She adds that the "legendary" (her term) Harry Caplan of the Classics department had the greatest impact on her as a student. **Bob Ross**, MBA '66 (Wichita, KS), who was once was a professor at Wichita State U., writes that he and his business partner have donated their 35-year-old market research firm, the Research Partnership, to the university effective last December. They're still involved in management. **Tony Love** is retired and living in Melbourne, FL, where he says he and wife Bert spend their time playing bridge, volunteering, and with their family, which includes eight grandchildren. **Pete Gogolak** is also retired, and still living in Darien, CT.

encouraging the Wachters to have an anniversary party for their children." The Hammers have both been retired for many years, Arnie as an attorney with the US government, Mary as an executive in various corporate positions. Both have been recognized in the community for their volunteer activities. They especially enjoy seeing several Cornellians including Rabbi **Jim Michaels '68** and **Susan Braterman** Taylor and their spouses. Arnie added, "We look forward to the 55th Reunion and hope we'll be able to attend!"

In June 2017, **Barbara Conway Scheaffer** and husband **Norman**, ME '67, moved to Loveland, CO, after 19 years in Bellingham, WA, to be closer to their son (their daughter lives in Melbourne, Australia) and Barbara's brother. Barbara keeps busy quilting, reading, ballroom dancing, and doing (new) home remodeling projects. Norm is also into reading, ballroom dancing, and home DIY projects, plus model railroading. They enjoy being back in Colorado (they once lived in nearby Boulder) with its "300 days of sunshine." This past spring, **Ann Serrine** Rider, who lives in Ithaca, retired after five years as supervisor of the nearby town of Enfield. Ann writes that a commercial wind farm there became a highly contentious issue, with "many heated meetings, dispute resolution, police presence, etc. In the end the project failed. I used many skills, but couldn't make it happen." On a lighter note, Ann still regularly visits her grandchildren on the Jersey Shore.

Ken, JD '71, and **Patti Geer Kupchak '67** experienced a nail-biting spring, and their adventure may be continuing. The Kupchaks live on Oahu, HI, but have a getaway home on the northwest summit of the Big Island's erupting Kilauea volcano! Their property is adjacent to Volcano Golf & Country Club, should anyone care to gauge their proximity to the ongoing petulance of Pele. In the spring Ken wrote, "Whoa! Madame Pele is rocking our volcano house, which sits in the fault zone at the summit of the world's most active volcano, at 4,040 feet. While the lava used to be bubbling for the last eight years in the Halemaumau firepit one to two miles from our house, it's now flowing on the surface in ever increasing amounts, 25 miles down-rift. This means that the summit, including our house, has lost at least 1,000 feet of magma support. As the summit deflates, it readjusts with continual deformation. One day we had 500 earthquakes. Some days 10-20 quakes are between three and five on the Richter scale. We returned to Oahu about ten days ago after being continually rocked to

65 Accolades to class correspondent **Stephen Appell** (bigred1965@aol.com), who has received two wonderful personal honors. "I was chosen to speak at the annual luncheon of Brooklyn Lifelong Learning held on May 9. My topic was the True Legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. On June 10, I was an honoree at the 94th Annual Gala of the East Midwood Jewish Center in Brooklyn for my years of service." Congratulations, Steve!

Liz Gordon (ejgbook@aol.com) and her husband, Neil Lowenbraun, visited Australia and New Zealand as part of a Cornell Alumni Assn. trip. It was their first time on an organized tour (they've always traveled on their own or with friends) and she writes, "We absolutely loved it. The Cornell group was so interesting that we made friends I know we'll be keeping and seeing in the future. The trip itself was wonderful, full of adventure (snorkeling the Great Barrier Reef) and culture (seeing an opera at the Sydney Opera House) and meeting with indigenous people of both countries. Lovely hotels and delicious food. Another positive was **Jason Tripp '03** from Alumni Affairs and his wife. They are young and vivacious and were fun to be around. Otherwise, Neil and I love our new 'downsized' home on the Hudson River near old friends and our grandchildren, walking distance to the train into NYC, where we go to as much theater as we can."

Traveling is a favored pastime of others in our class. **William** and **Dorothy Hoffman Fine '66**, BS Nurs '69 (dottyochbill@yahoo.com) live in Ireland and traveled to Spain from December 2017 to March 2018, where the final six weeks of their time was spent studying Spanish in Valencia. Bill writes, "We were scheduled to fly back to Dublin from Madrid on February 25, but Dublin Airport was closed due to a snowstorm. We rebooked for two days later and Aer Lingus put us up in a hotel and fed us for two days. Our rebooked flight was also cancelled, so we moved ourselves to the city centre, while rebooking our flight for four days later. After six extra days of having to drink wine and eat tapas, we were able to return home!"

Rona Brooks Dollinger (Melbet1@aol.com) and husband **Martin '63**, LLB '66, are retired and living a half-year in Florida. They took a Windstar cruise with **Steve '62**, LLB '65, and **Wendie Malkin Ploscowe** to the Panama Canal in March and enjoyed a wonderful trip. Sad news from **George Parker**, JD '68 (georgefp3@gmail.com). "My wife of 50 years passed away in November. We celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary in Bermuda in August, and she died a few months later of a massive stroke." We all extend our sympathy to you, George.

Joel Perlman (jperlman43@gmail.com) comments, "I'm making my sculptures and doing an outdoor commission for the Scalpel, Jeffrey Sussman's new building in London." The Scalpel is a commercial skyscraper under construction, located on Lime St. in the City of London financial area. Joel's son **Jack '18** graduated from Cornell in May, and his son **Sam '20** enjoys the Hotel and Business school. **Jamil Sopher**, MEE '66, and friends of his have retired and yet still work together on projects such as geothermal endeavors in the Caribbean. I hope to catch up with Jamil and his wife this September in Paris. We will all be there for a few weeks.

Please continue to send news to Steve or me! And we'll also appreciate your typed e-mails following the format of the news form sent out with the annual class dues reminder. Sometimes handwriting is hard to decipher! Thank you! Happy days. ❖ **Joan Johnson**, joanipat@gmail.com; **Steve Appell**, bigred1965@aol.com.

66 The lifelong experience? Learning. **Judy Kurtz Polcer** (judypolcer@gmail.com) exemplifies this as she continues to hone her piano skills: she plays and sings "duo gigs" with her cornet-playing husband, Ed. Judy says it is a challenge to remember the lyrics while playing piano. In May, she participated in the New York City Five Borough Bike Tour. Their son Ben, a jazz musician, lives in New Orleans and plays trumpet and piano.

William Davidson (willdale@frontier.com) and wife Alette are both retired, but keep busy with part-time and volunteer work. Bill was a business customer service advisor with Frontier Communications for over 18 years. He is now administrator of St. Malachy's Roman Catholic Cemetery in Sherborne, NY. Alette was a CNA at Community Memorial Hospital in Hamilton and now works part time as an in-home aide. Bill would like to hear from **David Teter '65** and any other Cayuga Lodgers from the early '60s. The professors who had the greatest impact on him were **George Trimmerger**, GR '45-46, Murray Elliott, **L. Dale Van Vleck**, PhD '60, and **Stan Warren '27**.

Joyce Ostroff Black (joyceblack@yahoo.com) keeps busy teaching private French lessons, reading, traveling, playing bridge, exercising, and spending time with twin sister **Janice Ostroff Bernstein** and brother-in-law **Bruce '65**. Joyce and husband **Dennis '65** make two trips to Mexico each winter, recently spent two weeks in New Zealand, and visited roommate **Laurie Krasny Brown** and husband Marc at their Martha's Vineyard home in July 2017. Joyce would like to hear from **Ronni Chernoff '67**. She states that many people at Cornell had a lasting impact on her life.

Stan Kochanoff (environ@eastlink.ca) continues to operate two businesses in Falmouth, Nova Scotia: Maritime Landscape Services Ltd. and Environova Planning Group Inc., an environmental planning company. He is also a consulting arborist. Stan and wife **Peggy (Lavery) '65** have two sons and one granddaughter. Both sons live nearby in Halifax. Stan has had one knee replacement and plans on having the second this December. He

wishes he could be writing a book about "Freedom 95." He keeps in touch with '66ers **Ron Lampman**, **Errol McKibbin**, and **Alan McNally**, ME '67, and '67ers **Murray Deathe** and **Paul Althouse**. Stan reports that the greatest impact at Cornell came from Prof. **Robert Langhans**, PhD '56, his former advisor in Horticulture and Floriculture, and from living the fraternity life at Beta Theta Pi.

Jeff Collins (jcollins@pappasventures.com) is mostly retired. He continues to work one day a week as executive-in-residence for Pappas Capital, a life sciences-focused venture capital firm that invests in early stage and start-up biotechnology. Jeff and wife Rose Mills continue to do global traveling. Last year they were in Rome and southern Italy: Puglia, Calabria, and Basilicata, "from the heel to the toe of the Italian Boot." They also traveled to Hawaii: Oahu, the Big Island, and Molokai. They stayed with **Rich Turbin** and his wife in Honolulu. Their next planned trip is to Iceland in August 2018. They regret missing the 2017 solar eclipse, but hope to catch the next one! Jeff would like to hear from **Paul Mlotok**. Most influential was Jeff's faculty advisor, Botany professor **Harlan Banks**, PhD '40.

John Deasy, MPS '72 (deasyjir@aol.com) reports that he recently had his 1951 Beechcraft Bonanza airplane painted and loves showing her off. He has owned the plane for 41 years and now "she looks like new." John and wife Konstance still enjoy summers at their remote boat-access-only camp in the Adirondacks. John wishes he had a float plane, but does bring the Beechcraft to Old Forge for the summer. As for what he wishes he could be doing, he says it would be to spend more time with veterans' organizations—the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion. John was happy to briefly see **Robbie Wood** at Reunion and hopes Robbie will spend the whole weekend at the next Reunion.

Hilda Lichtenstein Levine says having two lives, in Naples, FL, and the Berkshires, is wonderful. She and husband Marty find much to do in both and take the opportunity to connect with Cornellians north and south. Last fall they took an amazing trip to Australia and New Zealand. This fall they are planning a trip to Israel. **Eileen Covell** is living in San Francisco, CA. Send news to: ❖ **Susan Rockford** Bittker, ladyscienc@aol.com; **Pete Salinger**, PeterSalinger95@gmail.com; **Deanne Gebell** Gitner, deanne.gitner@gmail.com.

67 I am sad to report the death of **Brian Jeffrey Smith '95**, son of class president **Margie Greenberg** Smith. (Brian was also the son of the late Paul Smith.) Brian died February 27, 2018, following an accident in which his car was hit by a drunk driver. Brian is also survived by his sister, **Robin Smith '96**, and his wife and daughter in St. Louis, MO, where he had been living.

A donation from the class was made to Cayuga's Watchers, the group that presented a review of their organization at one of our breakfasts during the most recent Reunion. **Ralph Wilhelm** is an active participant and suggested a donation, if it was possible.

Julia Blank Morrirt writes, "My current name is Julia Bentley-Macdonald (Newfield, NY; grandma.macdonald@gmail.com). My daughter, Karen, was here for Passover from Jerusalem, Israel, where she has resided for over 25 years. It made the holiday a memorable occasion. She is the mother of six children, two grown, and is a talented artist and poet as well as active in Center for Nonviolent Communication (NVC) activities in Israel. My son, Andrew, and his wife and two young girls live in

Castleton, VT. Currently, he is taking a swift water rescue course in Canyonlands National Park. He is a professor of adventure education at Green Mountain College. I am blessed with eight grandchildren and two step-grandchildren. When my husband and I are not visiting family, we take courses at Lifelong, a vibrant senior center in Ithaca, NY. I facilitate a memoir writing course and coordinate a book club there. Hopefully, by the time of this publication, summer will have arrived in the Finger Lakes area. No matter what the season, we enjoy driving to the numerous waterfalls and photographing them. If any 'old' friends wish to reconnect with me, I can be reached at the e-mail address above."

Several members of our class participated in a celebration held in June at the Ashokan Center in Olivebridge, NY, of the life of **Richard Denenberg '64**, writer, editor, polymath, and legendary editor-in-chief of the *Sun*, who later wrote for *Newsday* and the *New York Times*. Although physically challenged for many years, Dick wrote frequently, maintained contact with friends and correspondents worldwide, and published several books before he passed away in March. Organized by his wife, **Tia (Schneider)**, the program alternated between music and speakers, who included **Art Silver '63**, **Claudia Goldin**, **Marcia Goldberg Greenbaum '62**, and your correspondent. Also in attendance were **Phyllis Kaye**, **Linda Olshina** Lavine, PhD '71, and **Eileen Barkas Hoffman '69**.

Ruth Dritch Salinger (Bethesda, MD; ruth.fowusa@gmail.com) is busy in retirement working with Friends of Ostomates Worldwide USA, which "collects and donates ostomy supplies to those in need around the world." She'd like to hear from **Ruth Schliiffer** Rizzuto, **Jo Barrett** Grellong, and **Bobbie Seelenfreund**, and recalls Prof. **Jim Maas**, PhD '66, as having the greatest impact on her at Cornell: "He inspired me to pursue psychology and industrial psychology."

John Lyncheski (Naples, FL; jlyncheski@cohenlaw.com) writes, "I finally and fully retired in 2017 and live full time in Naples and enjoy golf, fishing, travel, and an occasional hunting trip. My wife, Kathy, and I were an item even though she was in Scranton, PA, during my Cornell years. We recently celebrated our 50th anniversary with our three children and seven grandchildren. We have been raising one of our grandchildren for the past 13 years and it keeps us hopping. I've unfortunately suffered several injuries, which limit my mobility and our ability to travel and hunt, but it is what it is, and we still enjoy what we can do. Would love to hear from any and all friends and acquaintances, especially if they will be in or near Naples. Enjoy renewing acquaintances." Noting who had the greatest impact on him at Cornell, John writes, "**Ed Whiting '29**, who was the director of Willard Straight Hall. He was a mentor nonpareil, and a true gentleman of class from whom I learned a great deal."

Lois Thetford (Seattle, WA; loist@uw.edu) is "teaching at the U. of Washington School of Medicine, MEDEX Physician Assistant Training Program. I have been the chair of maternal and child health for the past one and a half years, but am stepping down this summer. I am chair of Homelessness in Seattle, an inter-professional course that engages students with different lenses to understand the homeless crisis and helps them do direct work and advocacy with homeless encampments. I love teaching and also have a role working with students doing master's capstone projects on rural and underserved topics. I've been invited to speak at an international conference on healthcare needs of women experiencing homelessness in Valencia, Spain." Lois adds, "Our daughter survived nine

months of chemotherapy and is in remission from leukemia. 2017 was a very hard year, but we made it through." She enjoys "teaching, gardening, sewing and knitting, family time, playing mah-jongg, and travel." The first person she met at Cornell? "My sister, who was already there, so I knew her roommate and friends. **Eva Pupols Matsuzaki '65**, our RA, left a strong impression on me. Claudia Goldin's room was right next to mine and she would often fall asleep on my bed while I was studying." If she had a day in Ithaca, she'd "walk in Cascadilla Gorge. If it were in March, I would cheer the ice breaking on Beebe Lake and visit my old coop on Triphammer Rd." ❖ **Richard Hoffman**, 2925 28th St., NW, Washington, DC 20008; e-mail, derhoff@yahoo.com.

68 For the more than 300 graduates of our Class of '68 and over 130 friends and family joining our celebration of making it to a half-century since graduation and still being able to lift our checkbooks, June 7-10 was a nostalgic weekend of looking back at our days on the Hill and looking forward to the continuation of Ezra Cornell and Andrew White's vision and our pride in being part of its rich history. Of course, an event of this size with such varied activities requires months of planning to insure the best of the catering services, the most attractive and comfortable facilities, entertainment, and an opportunity to hear from Cornell's current leadership. For their exemplary job of chairing the Reunion and the volunteers on its planning committee, we congratulate **Bob** and **Bette Nelson Zippin**, who spent much of the last year making sure every detail was considered. Not only did they travel from their home in Celebration, FL, to sample and choose the best food service and venues for our 430-plus attendees, they also ordered great weather, which made touring the campus, a tent luncheon with music by the Hangovers at Cornell's Botanic Garden, a golf outing, and evening tent parties ideally comfortable.

Of course the Zippins were assisted by our classmates including: **Nancy Nystrom** Frantz, who has been in charge of registration for the past six Reunions and is stepping up from her role as class vice president for the past five years to president for a five-year term; affinity chairs **Susan Harrison** Berger, **Helen Karel** Dorman, **Jane Makowsky** Eisenberg, and **Susan Rosenfeld** Ledley; decoration chair **Kathy Maney** Fox; receiving chair **Linda Chesman** Byard, BS '70; and welcoming committee **Thomas Horn**, Reunion 2017 scout **Margie Greenwald** Rubin, and past Reunion chairs **Henry Siegel** and **Joan Buchsbaum** Lindquist.

One of the highlights of the weekend was the class forum, coordinated by **Richard Ahlfeld**, MBA '70, and attended by over 200 classmates and their guests. Held at Klarman Hall—the new building attached to the back of Goldwin Smith—the forum featured Prof. Emer. Isaac Kramnick, who reflected on his 46 years on campus, which have seen the growing diversity of the student body and the engagement of faculty in many more off-campus activities than they did during our years at Cornell. Vice president for student and campus life Ryan Lombardi reflected on the impact of social media, which could change a small event into an internet story, and new initiatives to increase on-campus housing and the large investment in the wellbeing of students with the opening of the Cornell Health building, which we would remember as Gannett. We were also delighted to hear from Cornell's president, Martha Pollack, both in conversation with current undergraduates at Bailey Hall and again as a guest of our class at our Friday night dinner dance in Newman Arena in Bartels Hall, where she

expressed her appreciation to the class for its record-breaking \$7.2 million donation raised in our 50th Reunion campaign.

Our sincere appreciation goes to our outgoing class officers, president **Jane Frommer** Gertler and webmaster **Corinne Dopsloff** Smith, as well as our continuing officers including now-president Nancy Nystrom Frantz, vice president **Beth Deabler** Corwin, treasurer Bob Zippin, secretary/historian **Gordon Silver**, Annual Fund representative **Jay Waks**, JD '71, webmaster Bette Nelson Zippin, 55th Reunion chair Henry Siegel, and class correspondent, me, **Chuck Levitan**. All are volunteers devoting time and resources in an effort to keep our classmates connected to Cornell and each other. I hope everyone will continue to share their life experiences with us through this column in the Alumni Magazine. Use the form Cornell sends you or just e-mail me with newsworthy tidbits.

Lastly, our 50th Reunion ended, as has each of our past Reunions, with the comedy and the harmonizing tones of the Sherwoods leading us in the Alma Mater. ❖ **Chuck Levitan**, clevitan22@comcast.net.

69 Hope you all had a great summer. It started late for us here in Maine, but was warmly welcomed.

Ernie Slocum and wife Amelia have made a "permanent lifestyle change" to a luxury two-bedroom apartment after their four-bedroom, three-and-a-half-bath Houston home was flooded during Hurricane Harvey. Fortunately, they had FEMA flood insurance. Durham, NH, residents **Ray Goodman**, MPS '75, PhD '79, and wife Helen are proud of their grandson, who recently joined the Marines. They will be moving to a retirement community in 2020 and will continue to travel, golf, Facebook, run "non-sensical" errands, and watch political news on MSNBC.

Adam, MPA '71, and **Laurie Haynes Sieminski** moved to Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, in March, where he is the president of King Abdullah Petroleum Studies and Research Center (KAPSARC), a think tank focusing on energy issues. Laurie joined the Riyadh Int'l Quilt Guild. **Michael Smith** is in Wells, ME, and "still plays with cars." He is currently restoring a 1971 Opel GT and rebuilding a 1964 Triumph Spitfire at "Mike's garage, where nothing is easy or cheap." He regularly visits his good friend Liz in New Jersey, helping to restore her 1898 house. They were in Alaska last year and were among the 30 percent who get to see Denali sans clouds. Last spring, they spent time in Paris and Normandy.

Sandor Kovacs is a busy man in St. Louis. He is a full-time professor of medicine, physiology, physics, and biomedical engineering at Washington U.'s School of Medicine. Log on to Lund U. in Sweden to read about his honorary doctoral degree awarded in May and to learn about his incredible career and contributions to medicine. Well done, Sandor! He would love to hear from **John Tanner**, MCE '71, **John Slapp**, **George Sideris**, and **Dennis Kakol**, ME '68. **Deanna Conover** Lawatsch enjoys her volunteer work and the outdoors and would love to hear from **Christine Mumma** Booth. **Leslie DeGross**, DVM '69, is still practicing large animal medicine in Perry, NY, and is busy in summer and fall with his farming project and roadside stands. He manages to find time to vacation in Florida and California during the winter months. **Penny Smith Austin** is retired as a guidance counselor from Erie (PA) Day School and is active in Erie community nonprofits. She winters with husband **Cle '68** in Naples, FL, and would like to hear from her freshman corridor-mates.

Jon Kaplan, MD '74, is "pleased to be serving as affinity group network chair for our upcoming 50th Reunion, June 6-9, 2019!" He has sent several e-mails looking for people to reach out to fellow classmates. If interested, please contact him at: jonkaplan7@gmail.com. **Bill Shaw**, MPA/JD '73, is "virtually retired" from the law firm he started 40 years ago, but still has a few clients. He and wife **Gail (Naylor) '74** are expanding their "hobby" tree farm on the west shore of Cayuga. **Gabriel Rothberg** and wife Esther are in Los Angeles and are busy spending time with their ten grandchildren and their families on both coasts.

Thanks to our officers, council members, and Reunion chairs for their hard work on the Reunion—and Save the Date, June 6-9, for our 50th! Check out our website for updates: www.cornell69.org. Enjoy autumn and take some time to send your news to: ❖ **Tina Economaki** Riedl, tried1048@gmail.com.

70 It's true! Our 50th Reunion at Cornell will be celebrated in only 21 months! Contact your Cornell friends and classmates and plan your trip back to Ithaca, June 4-7, 2020. It will be an exciting and memorable weekend! Check out our various '70 sites: class website, cornell70.org; Facebook page, www.facebook.com/Cornell70; and Twitter page, www.twitter.com/CornellClass70. To all classmates who want to help with our 50th Reunion (both before and during), e-mail Reunion chairs **Sally Anne Levine**, JD '73 (sal.70@worldnet.att.net) and **Cathy Forster** Hogan (cathy.hogan@cornell.edu).

An addendum to news from **Diana Christopolus** (dchristop@earthlink.net), who appeared in the July/August column: The president of the Appalachian Trail Conservancy (ATC) is not the president of the USA! (I asked.) Diana has now been on the president's advisory circle for ATC for several months, in addition to being the president-elect of the Blue Ridge Land Conservancy (BRLC). As Diana is very busy with other ventures, she will not become BRLC president until 2019. Because of the beautiful mountains, perfect four seasons, many colleges and universities, and excellent healthcare, she and Mark McClain moved to Salem, VA, to retire in 2003. They are 20 minutes from one of the most photographed parts of the Appalachian Trail, McAfee Knob. Diana completed her section hikes of the entire AT in 2008. She recently completed two terms as president of the Roanoke Appalachian Trail Club, the all-volunteer organization that maintains over 120 miles of the AT in their region. Diana has spent much of her time helping with opposition to the Mountain Valley Pipeline at all levels of government. Yes, she is busy!

Kurt Gerhardt Krammer (gerhardtkrammer@yahoo.com; Concord, MA) works with Alzheimer's patients. He has traveled to Paris, Vienna, and Burkina Faso, and says that Prof. Parish in the French department had a great impact on him while at Cornell. **Steven Meyerson** (smeyerson@gmail.com) and wife Linda have seven grandchildren: two in San Francisco, two in Hollywood, FL, and three in Atlanta. Steven reports that he is 95 percent retired. In 2004, he quit clinical medicine (internal medicine and geriatrics). Since then, he has been working in hospital Medicare compliance, doing consulting work for the hospitals; he also trains physicians. When Steven is not on a "gig," he plays golf, hikes, bikes, goes to the gym, and does photography. Earlier this year, he and Linda moved from Miami to Boca Raton. They just finished renovations in time to head up to Asheville, NC, for the summer. Steven says, "I'm a snowbird! Who'd a thunk it?"

Close to four years ago, **Jack Kimple** (jackkimple@gmail.com) retired after a 38-year career as a family physician in Redding, CA, a small city about four hours north of Sacramento. In September 2017, Jack married Barbara Enochian (UC Berkeley '73). His first wife died of a brain tumor 11 years ago. Jack and Barbara's blended family has produced 12 grandchildren, ranging in age from 14 years to 2 months! All dozen grands live in Northern California: "What a blessing!" Jack also keeps busy with golf, gardening, cooking and entertaining, and travel. Once a year they take one family with them to their time-share condo on the big island of Hawaii. Jack and Barbara have been on biking trips in Europe and sightseeing trips to Turkey and Morocco. He reports that, even though he is no longer practicing medicine, he gets at least one "Do you have a minute?" request for consultations every day. Jack tells us that he had dinner with three Phi Delt alumni in 2017. He would love to hear from **Paul Baker**, **Greg Akita**, **Debbie French** Peverill, and **Peggy Fitzpatrick**, and wonders if they are going to our 50th Reunion. Jack will be there. As to who at Cornell had a big impact on him, Jack writes, "My pre-med faculty advisor, who told me that I didn't have the grades or MCAT scores to get into medical school. I spent the next 40 years proving him wrong! Accordingly, I don't remember his name!" Beautiful.

In mid-April 2018, **Beverly Tanenhaus** (tanula@comcast.net; Princeton, NJ) enjoyed a wonderful weekend at Cornell, at a two-day conference celebrating 50 years (and counting) of the teaching of Prof. Daniel Schwarz, who is still on the English faculty. All the panelists, including Beverly, were former students. Many on the panel are scholars themselves, but many who had strayed from literary criticism into other careers were also on the panel. Those former students never lost their connection to the insights, skills, and personal recognition they had gained in their youth in Dan's classroom. In July 2017, Beverly shared her memories of A.R. Ammons—poet and Cornell English professor and her beloved Cornell mentor—with Roger Gilbert, who is the chair of the English department and is currently writing a biography of Ammons. Her interview with Gilbert took place in Goldwin Smith on the Arts Quad. It was another walk down memory lane for her. At the time, Beverly was given copies of the many letters she had written to Ammons between 1970-76. "Ah, youth," she writes. The originals are now part of the collection in the Cornell Archives. Beverly stays in touch with many classmates and wonders where **Kathy Moore**—Alpaugh might be! ♦ **Connie Ferris** Meyer, cfm7@cornell.edu; tel., (610) 256-3088.

71 Congratulations to our classmate **Jay Carter**, ME'72, one of this year's recipients of the Frank H.T. Rhodes Exemplary Alumni Service Award. This award recognizes alumni who have "demonstrated extraordinary service to Cornell through long-term volunteer activities." Jay and his fellow honorees will be feted at a dinner and presentation ceremony during Homecoming.

Dave Himmelblau (charleshimmelblau@comcast.net) sends this report from Mountain View, CA: "Since I retired from the aerospace industry in 2009, I have been involved in three pursuits. I've continued my work with the materials specifications committees of the SAE, where documents are initiated or revised. I am an honorary member of that group, in testimony to my editing abilities. I've also been a director of my condominium association since 1984, doing what's necessary to keep the place in good condition with affordable dues. And,

third, I've been involved in fine art—going to exhibitions, reading about it, and being somewhat addicted to acquiring it. Having been an engineer rather than a banker, I am constrained to buying well-made, affordable work (mostly prints). I've made donations from my collection, including some to the Johnson Museum, even though I had no real interest in art as a student. I also go to local public schools to talk about art with the students." Dave adds a note that he aspires to be a philanthropist—"Just need the fortune!"

launched what would become her lifelong work and passion: to inject and secure recognition of women's issues within the AFL-CIO and the ranks of labor, and to encourage and enroll women into positions of influence in the labor movement," he said. Carolyn was also tireless in her commitment to the ILR school and served for more than 20 years on the ILR alumni board, including two terms as president. She was a gifted mentor to Cornell students and helped many of them find internships in Washington, DC, and elsewhere. It was thus touching

'Dave Himmelblau adds that he aspires to be a philanthropist— "Just need the fortune!"

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Thomas Nally (tnally@abettercity.org) writes that he is "too busy to retire." He is still at work with A Better City in Boston on a range of transportation projects. He's also involved in a number of civic endeavors, including service as president of his neighborhood association in Brookline, MA. His wish list includes "finding more time for sleep." **Elisabeth Kaplan** Boas (ekb7@cornell.edu) checked in to let us know that she remains active in nonprofit leadership with local boards in the Washington area, as well as Cornell-related work including CAU and the Cornell Club of D.C. Her husband, **Art Spitzer**, is still putting in long hours as legal director of the ACLU of D.C., engaged in many interesting and important projects.

In June, **Arthur Mintz** and I (**Jim Roberts**) were at the Cornell Store on Saturday afternoon for the Reunion book-signing event. We had many lively conversations about the making of *Forever Faithful: Celebrating the Greatest Moments of Cornell Hockey*, and we were glad to see **Jan Rothman**, who was on campus to help his wife, **Debbie (Greene) '73**, celebrate her 45th Reunion. Send news to: ♦ **Jim Roberts**, jhr22@cornell.edu; or **Gayle Yeomans**, gay2@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

72 I am sad to report that **Carolyn Jacobson**, a forceful and compassionate voice for women's rights during a 40-year career in the American labor movement, passed away on March 23, 2018 after a courageous struggle with uterine cancer. Carolyn began her career as communications director for the Bakery, Confectionery, and Tobacco Workers Union in Washington, DC, and used that position as a springboard to assist other women and influence remarkable change in the labor field. Among other things, she persuaded the AFL-CIO to support the Equal Rights Amendment and the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993. She was a founding member of the Coalition of Labor Union Women and past president of the Int'l Labor Press Assn., where she spearheaded efforts to educate union leaders and the labor press about new perspectives involving women in the workforce.

Robert Molofsky, who graduated from the ILR school with Carolyn and was one of her closest friends, spoke at her funeral and recalled that the ILR forum published Carolyn's research paper, "Women at Work," while Carolyn and Robert were still undergraduates. "Little did we know at that time that she had just

and fitting that her *New York Times* obituary was written by a Cornellian, **Sam Roberts '68**.

Margaret Hobbie (mhobbie@verizon.net) is still working at residential real estate sales in Ithaca and enjoying it. Husband Roger Haydon is executive editor at Cornell University Press, and daughter **Katherine Haydon** Ballard '04 recently joined the staff of Cornell Health. Margaret is looking forward to seeing Cornell chimes alumni at the 150th anniversary celebration in September. Retired US Navy Commander **Don Stanton** (Arvada, CO; skyblue07@comcast.net) has authored a book, *Looking Back at the Cold War*, reporting the recollections of 30 veterans and others who were on the front lines during the Cold War. He says he was inspired to write the book after teaching in several schools where few students knew what the Cold War was.

Michael Halbert, who's living in Valley Stream, NY, is retired and does as much traveling as he can. He says that although he's "putting up with aches and pain," he would like to travel more. **Cheryl Buckwalter** Coniglio, MS '74 (conigliowatercolors@gmail.com) is a painter of fine art based in Bucks County, PA. She began painting with transparent watercolors in the early 2000s and won "Best in Show" at her first juried exhibition. Since then, she has shown her paintings in local, national, and international exhibitions and has won numerous awards. She has signature status in the Philadelphia Water Color Society (where she serves on the board) and the Baltimore Watercolor Society.

Logan Robinson (loganr@comcast.net) and wife Edrie spent 145 days traveling in 2017, including horseback riding in Patagonia and visiting each of the four UNESCO World Heritage sites in Oman. Logan also studied photography at Cornell's Adult University last summer. Daughter **Lane** was scheduled to graduate from the Vet college in May 2018, and daughter **Lindy '09** is an officer in the Hotel school alumni organization. **Mark Schimelman** (mschimelman@gmail.com) and wife **Shelley (Grumet) '73** are busy enjoying their grandchildren at their houses in Upstate New York and Florida. Mark spends most of his time sailing, jet skiing, or fixing and building things. "I'm busier now than I was when practicing medicine and that was busy. But this is much more fun," he says.

Daniel Fast (DanEFast@aol.com) is a psychiatrist in private practice in Beverly Hills, CA. **Robert Shaw** (bobshaw23@gmail.com) lives in Santa Cruz, CA, and

keeps busy with mountain biking, kayaking, and skiing, and is still involved with US lacrosse. **Richard Girouard** (kleinnewengland@aol.com) is a restaurant and food facilities consultant in Westport, CT, and says he needs one more restaurant project to bring his total to 250. When asked who at Cornell had the greatest impact on him, Richard credits Cornell with inviting Graham Kerr ("the Galloping Gourmet") to be the first chef in Statler's "Guest Chef Series" and says Mr. Kerr then became a friend and mentor to him. ❖ **Gary Rubin**, glr34@cornell.edu; **Alex Barna**, ab478@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

catching-up-on-life conversations. Saturday night we had our reception in the A.D. White House garden with dinner at the Statler. Class officers were elected for five-year terms, so I continue to request your news for our column. Attendees came from all Cornell colleges and nearly all the states—as well as several foreign countries. Some came for their ninth Reunion weekend, while others came for their first.

In addition to the two trees in the Botanic Gardens, the class officers and council erected a bike rack in Jon Kaplan's honor. It is next to the Johnson School, where he received his MBA in 1974, after graduating with our

74 Hope you had a great summer! Here's the latest. We hope by now that you have heard that three classmates were recognized as Frank H.T. Rhodes Exemplary Alumni Service Awardees this year: **C. Morton Bishop III**, **Dale Lazar**, JD '77, and **Randy Rosenberg**. Congratulations! This is even more amazing as only six awards for all classes were presented. (Previous awardees include **John Alexander**, **John Foote**, and **Kristen Rupert**.)

More special recognition: **Viviane Thomas-Breitfeld**, secretary of the Cornell Club of Wisconsin, was elected as Wisconsin's first African American female bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (and becomes the second such bishop in that church nationwide). **Andrew Peck** reports that after 23 years as a magistrate judge in the US District Court for the Southern District of New York, he retired from the court and has joined the law firm DLA Piper as senior counsel. **Raymond Kase Jr.** retired from BB&T in November 2016, after 42 years in wealth management. He moved to Eden, VT, in April to be near their son. He notes that he would like to hear from **Willis Bradley**.

John McGrail reports from Marina Del Rey, CA, that he is still busy with his clinical practice and is pitching a "Dr. John" TV show. He's working on another book and also doing workshops and speaking engagements for various organizations interested in personal development. "No retirement for me!" But he does enjoy traveling. The person who had the greatest impact on him at Cornell was Coach **Terry Cullen**, MBA '66. **Karen Spencer** Turner lives in Greer, SC, and is an underwriter for medical malpractice professional liability insurance through Marsh USA Inc. She had a chance to return to campus in March while visiting her parents, who still live in Ithaca. She says she would like to spend more time with her grandchildren in Charlotte, NC.

James Connor retired from a career as a tax partner at PricewaterhouseCoopers in 2013. He lives in Annandale, VA, and is now a full-time math teacher and head track and field coach at Bishop O'Connell High School in Arlington, VA. He says the people who had the greatest impact on him at Cornell were Prof. Richard Polenber and Coach Jack Warner. **Ken Brown** writes from their new home in Delray Beach, FL, that he and wife Elizabeth recently closed their art gallery in Hollywood, FL, but are staying active in the art world, promoting their artists online and at international art fairs. Their goal is to visit 100 countries by 2020, and they need 10 more! While in this country, they enjoy summers at their ranch on the Blue River north of Silverthorne, CO (which is west of Denver).

Linda Mariani writes from New London, CT, that she is a senior partner at the law firm Mariani Reck Lane LLC. In her spare time, she is chair of the New London Development Corp. and New London Salvation Army division, and is on the Dime Bank board of directors and the board of Eugene O'Neill Theater. She is also active with Ledge Light Foundation, Yale New Haven Hospital Development Committee, Democratic Town Committee, Police/Community Relations Board, Economic Development Committee, and Rotary Club. But she really wishes to be playing and singing in a rock band! Her son, Alex, attended Brown U. and Jefferson medical school, and daughter Julie attended NYU and is currently at Stanford Law School in a joint MBA/law program. Daughter Gabriella attended American U., earned a master's, and now works for an NGO. Cornell friends Linda would like to hear from include **Joel Rothaizer**, **David Ring**, **Fabio Saturni**, and **Bruce Rothstein**. (Editor's Note: Fabio is spotted

'Aline Ordman is painting and teaching painting workshops throughout the US and Europe.'

MITCH FRANK '75

73 The Ithaca weather delivered a perfect weekend for the 45th! The campus was meticulously groomed and the gardens were in glorious bloom. Not in the least reminiscent of the overcast, precipitating skies we all knew and loved. The hundreds of us who gathered for Reunion found ourselves engaged with friends old and new. When you have something in common with everyone around you, it makes for easy conversation. You can see pictures from the weekend on our Facebook page.

Our weekend started with tacos and a beer and wine tasting. Every evening ended with an open ice cream bar, around until 1 a.m. for the tent revelers. We stayed in one of the newer residence halls, Carl Becker House, which enabled us to easily walk off the ice cream on our way up Libe Slope for the many activities and events around campus. Without a doubt, a Reunion weekend is rife with opportunities to listen to music, from the Glee Club and Chorus, to the marching band, dueling pianos, and the Clock Tower chimes. **Bill Welker**, MBA '75, and **Paul Cashman** both performed at Cornelliana Night on Saturday.

Two special presentations capped the weekend. On Friday, we co-sponsored a showing of the movie *Agents of Change* with the Cornell Black Alumni Assn. The movie covers the tumultuous years of the late 1960s, the student strike at San Francisco State, and the Straight takeover at Cornell. The different outcomes of those events were highlighted in the movie and during the panel discussion that followed the film. **Eliot Greenwald** served as our class's panelist. Saturday morning was our chance to hear President Martha Pollack conduct a panel discussion with a current Cornell student and a 2018 graduate. President Pollack was engaging and open. Her vision for leveraging the Cornell Tech campus in NYC includes sending humanities students there for a semester and using it as a tool to help recruit faculty in Ithaca through corporate collaborations for spouses. The students on the panel reminded me of how much Cornell influenced me through the small gestures of faculty and friends when we were on campus.

We did, of course, also wine and dine, hike campus trails, and eye the gorges. Friday night brought us to the Cornell Botanic Gardens, where we dedicated two trees to **Jon Kaplan**, MBA '74. We enjoyed a reception and barbeque and then settled into serious reminiscing and

class. The dedication on the plaque by the bike rack and the tag on the trees reads: "In memory of Jonathan M. Kaplan '73, MBA '74, who served his class continuously for 45 years as president and Cornell Fund chair, inspiring and teaching generations of Cornell volunteer leaders." Our class president, Paul Cashman, was pleased to announce that we had 97 Tower Club donors as of Reunion, and had raised a record amount for a 45th Reunion year. Thank you for your continued generosity toward the present and future students of Cornell.

Friday evening, I had the pleasure of meeting **Richard and Jacqui Preziose Bower**, MS '75. Richard was a fraternity brother with Jon Kaplan. I'm always happy to see my friends from campus **Ed Schechter**, MBA '74, and his delightful wife, Wendi. Ed seemed to know everyone, so it was much fun to see what table he would light at next. **Ellen Rosenthal** and her husband, Rick Whiteman, were there from Michigan and helped one of our clerks see where an ILR degree could lead him. **Wendy Jennis** came in from Bethesda, MD, and **Migs Friedman** from Phoenix, AZ. It's always good to do face-to-face life exchanges—something beyond Facebook blurbs. **Chris Hunt**, another old friend, arrived from Annapolis. There is nothing like knowing that friends will return to Reunion every five years!

Class officers and council members were, of course, also in attendance. Our Reunion co-chairs for this Reunion (and our upcoming 50th) were **Danielle Lombardo** Trostorff and **Deb Greene** Rothman. They greatly deserved the praise heaped on them for a wonderful weekend. **Eliot Greenwald**, **Wayne Merkelson**, JD '75, **Rick Saltz**, MBA '74, **Marty Slye** Sherman, MPS '75, **Larry Taylor**, **Nanci Levy** Palmintere, **Ron** and **Lorraine Palmatier Skalko**, and **Bill McAleer**, MBA '75, all came to Reunion and will continue to serve the class over the next five years. We were all pleased to see **Susan Murphy**, PhD '94, relaxing as she grows accustomed to retirement, something more of us are pursuing.

If you attended Reunion, please be sure to send your stories for us to share with those who read these notes but couldn't attend. And mark your calendars for the 50th, June 8-11, 2023. Don't miss it! Thanks for your support in connecting our classmates. ❖ **Phyllis Haight** Grummon, phg3@cornell.edu; **David Ross**, dave@dave.ross.com; **Pamela Meyers**, psmeiers73@gmail.com.

at many Cornell Club of Washington, DC, events.) The Cornellian who had the greatest impact on her was Philosophy professor Russell Dancy.

Vincent Coggiola III reports from Warrington, PA, that he is the owner of Mrs. Butterworth's Auto Tags, a notary and vehicle titling service. He enjoys playing golf, traveling, and seeing his young grandson, Tommy III. Vincent would like to hear from **Mark Liebig**. **Robert Fagiola** checks in from Locust Valley, NY. Lastly, **Craig Sandsted** is retired and living in West Columbia, SC. Send news to: ❖ **Jim Schoonmaker**, js378@cornell.edu; **Lucy Babcox** Morris, lucmor1433@gmail.com. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

75 I hope everyone is having a good summer. And now, directly, on to the news on this hot (what a shock!) June-in-Orlando night.

Eliot Schuman continues as a partner in the litigation department with the firm of DelBellow Donellan Weingarten. He recently finished his term as a member of the board of the ILR Alumni Assn. and was completing his fourth year as head coach of the Cornell Mock Trial Team. That had allowed him, his words, "to work with the finest group of hard-working and brilliant budding young trial lawyers anywhere." He tearfully said goodbye to seniors that he has worked with since they were freshmen. Jokingly, he comments, "I didn't even mind the monthly four-hour car ride from our home in Westchester to the most beautiful campus in the world." He believes the Mock Trial Team has become an elite program, and typically has vied for the national championship on a yearly basis. He also shares news about the Cornellians in his family. Daughter **Rachael '13** attends Harvard Law School and will join the firm of Paul Weiss Rifkind Wharton & Garrison in their litigation department this fall. Also, she is the class correspondent for the Class of 2013, has been so since graduating, and informed her dad that she plans to serve as such forever! Elliot's son, **Paul '17**, is a legal assistant in the commercial real estate transactions department with the firm of Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP and is studying for his LSATs. His wife, Heidi, continues as an editor for a live-streaming financial newsletter.

Julie Ann Racino (Rome, NY) is busy in her work with the American Society of Public Administration, serving on several of its committees. She comments that Dr. Eleanor Racklin in the College of Human Ecology had the greatest impact on her studies at Cornell, but also notes the tremendous wisdom of **Urie Bronfenbrenner '38**. She would like to hear from **Kim Singleton, JD '76**. **Eugenia** "Jeannie" **Barnaba**, MPS '78 (emb6@cornell.edu), is in Ithaca, keeping extremely busy: choir member and cantor at St. Catherine of Siena Church, longtime volunteer at United Way and Hospicare, working in her garden and exploring landscape enhancements, and cooking and enjoying experimenting with new recipes. Her siblings are all retired, and they all spent "great times and friendships sponsoring youth in Guatemala and the Dominican Republic, plus an elder in Kenya and a student in Uganda." Jeannie wishes for a return trip to Vancouver as well as Kenya and Uganda in East Africa. Greatest impact on her? Four faculty members: **Howard Conklin '37**, PhD '48, **David Allee '53**, PhD '61, **Ta Liang, PhD '52**, and D.J. Belcher, plus faculty mentor **Warren Philipson '64**, PhD '75.

Aline Ordman (aordman@sover.net), living in Vermont, is painting and teaching painting workshops throughout the US and Europe. She just taught one in Croatia, and her work has been accepted into the Oil

Painters of America's national juried show as well as the American Impressionist Society and the Int'l Assn. of Pastel Societies. Her website is: www.alineordman.com. Aline's daughter is a high school art teacher in Boston, and her son is a lawyer in San Francisco. **Steve Sauter** (Needham Heights, MA; stevensauter@verizon.net), a fraternity brother of mine, now oversees Massachusetts Medicaid Program ("MassHealth") contracts with acute hospitals. The state "is rolling out a huge transformation in payment and structure via 'Accountable Care Organizations.'" Closer to home, Steve and wife Leah enjoy time with family including two grandchildren, and he has commenced some amateur research and writing for his local historical society. Steve credits Prof. Richard Polenber, who "turned history from my least favorite to most favorite subject—I wish he would go on a post-retirement lecture tour!" Lastly, he laments "the state of my knees"—but Steve, you still are playing basketball!

Ann Van Valkenburg Hammer (Speedway, IN; indiannie@sbcglobal.net) fully retired from her medical librarianship in 2014. Husband Richard retired in December 2015 after 46 years with the Indiana State Police. They are now "heavily into grandparenting": Callie and Hudson via their son and his wife, and Will, Ethan, and Miles via their daughter and her husband. All of them are 5 years of age or younger. What many grandparents cannot say: "We are blessed to have them all living close to us." During spare moments, Ann enjoys gardening and scrapbooking. Send news to: ❖ **Mitch Frank**, mjfgator@gmail.com; **Deb Gellman**, dsgellman@hotmail.com; **Karen DeMarco** Boroff, karen.boroff@shu.edu; or **Joan Pease**, japease1032@aol.com. Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

76 Greetings! I hope that each of you enjoyed your summer. Going right into the news, **Bruce Piasecki**, PhD '81, writes from Ballston Spa, NY, that he continues to write books. His two most recent books are *Doing More with Less* and *New World Companies*. He is the founder and president of AHC Group. **Philip Loud** is from Michigan and volunteers with the Inland Seas Educational Assn., teaching water quality onboard a 77-foot schooner. He is always occupied with boats, skiing, and motorcycle riding! Philip and wife Jennifer's sons are both based in Michigan, one having produced his first grandchild. **Greg Yawman** had his historical novel, *The Summer of the Terraplane Blues*, published in March 2018. **Pam Coulter** Mason writes from Rockville, MD, after 30 years in Silver Spring. One of her new neighbors is **Murray Lieberman**. Pam says she plans on having lots of fun when she retires, whenever that is.

Brian Boland is enjoying his work as senior VP and corporate counsel and a senior in-house attorney at UMB Financial Corp. His client is UMB Bank, headquartered in Kansas City, MO. He finds it very personally and professionally rewarding and feels at the top of his game! He writes, "My lovely bride, Ms. Leigh Wainwright, and I love to travel when we can." **Cameron Munter** is living in NYC and is president of Eastwest Inst. in New York, where the focus is worldwide conflict prevention. His son, Dan, works in NYC and daughter Anna is in Prague. **Vinny Nardoza** writes from Medford, NY, where he works making one-of-a-kind handcrafted gifts for his business, Woodcrafts by Vinny. **Stephanie Mendel** Hayano lives in Millerton, NY. She was recently promoted to senior VP/general manager of Kolmar Labs, one of the leading custom formulators and manufacturers of personal care products. Stephanie traveled to Santa Fe, NM, last summer to visit Dr. D. Hywel White,

our Physics professor. He is doing well, staying very active during his retirement.

In closing, my husband, **Don Sussman**, MBA '79, and I have had two wonderful additions to the family this past spring. On May 12, 2018, our second son, Kenny, married Kait (yes, second Kait/Cait daughter-in-law!) and we could not be luckier. We also now know the tremendous joy of a second grandchild. Reid, born May 26, 2018, is my son **Joel '05** and Cait's first son, who joins sister Nora, 18 months older. With kindest wishes: ❖ **Karen Krinsky** Sussman, krinsk54@gmail.com; **Pat Relf** Hanavan, patrelf1@gmail.com; **Lisa Diamant**, Ljdiamant@verizon.net.

77 Accomplishments, both personal and professional, travel, and transitions continue to be the themes of our classmates' news. Here are some of the latest happenings.

Bob Schultz, MBA '78, celebrated the ten-year mark of the CauseWay Agency in April 2018. CauseWay is a communications firm, based in Westport, CT, that Bob founded. He writes that the agency works with leading nonprofit organizations and federal agencies to "use the power of communication for the greater good." In addition to his work at CauseWay, Bob lectures internationally on "advertising for the social good" and social marketing. Currently, Bob's daughter, Katherine, is following in his footsteps by pursuing her MBA at Cornell.

Peter Halamek, ME '79, attended our 2017 Reunion in Ithaca followed by a week spent in Quebec City. He remembers the first person he met at Cornell was **Karl Reich**, his roommate at Hurlburt House. These days, Peter enjoys programming in C++ and Python, languages he learned several years ago, and swims every day for recreation.

Two other alums, **Karen Zelkind Buglass** and her husband, **Ralph '75**, returned to campus in summer 2017 and "had a blast" participating in Cornell's Adult University (CAU). Karen also had the opportunity to travel internationally, pursuing her retirement interests in music and Spanish. She writes that in October 2017, she flew to Great Malvern, UK, to teach Appalachian dulcimer workshops at the Nonsuch Annual Weekend festival. Then in January 2018, Karen spent a week in Santa Ana, Costa Rica, in a Spanish immersion program, followed by a few days of sightseeing in the Pacific coast town of Manuel Antonio.

Mark Lange is an architect at Lord Aeck Sargent in Atlanta, where he is a principal in the housing and mixed-use practice area. Mark received his master's in architecture from Rice U. and practiced at firms in Houston, TX, before moving to Georgia. Mark keeps in touch with his former roommate **Jay Buckley**, MD '81. Jay, a past astronaut, is currently a professor of medicine at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center. Mark writes that Jay is also a published researcher. His most recent study, published this year in the *American Journal of Physiology-Regulatory, Integrative and Comparative Physiology*, investigated the relationship between body weight and the development of ocular changes in space.

Thomas Devine is getting close to the end of an almost-40-year career teaching history/social studies at Hall High School in West Hartford, CT. He writes that he has been able to "bring to a new generation the wisdom of **L. Pearce Williams '48**, PhD '52, Joel Silbey, Walter LaFeber, Richard Pollenberg, and Larry Moore." Many of us remember their insights well! Tom is most satisfied these days by his happy 38-year marriage to Liz Ferro, with whom he has three grown children and

one grandson, Wyatt. Tom also enjoys an afternoon nap, cooking, kayaking in the Adirondacks, reading nonfiction (history), walking at the West Hartford Reservoir, and playing with his grandson. If he had a day in Ithaca, he would swim in the gorge, stroll the Ithaca Commons, have coffee in the Temple of Zeus, and sit on the grass in the Arts Quad. Tom also wishes he could still have a beer and beer nuts at the Chapter House. I'm sure he is not alone in that wish!

We enjoy hearing from you and having the opportunity to share your stories with our fellow classmates. Please 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 at: ♦ **Mary Flynn**, maryflynn1@me.com; or **Howie Eisen**, heisen@drexelmed.edu.

78 Here's a joint Reunion Report from your two class correspondents. I (Cindy) am proud to confess my Reunion addiction. It's much more fun than summer camp ever was. I get to see what's happening on and off my beloved campus. More importantly, I come away with new and renewed friendships. Many thanks to **Laura Day Ayers**, MBA '86, and **Kathy Morris Duggan** for putting on such a smashingly successful celebration of our class. We broke a 40th Reunion record for attendance and contributed a class record \$9,746,089 (as of June 10) to Cornell.

My home region of Seattle was amply represented. **Todd Johnson** is responsible for several construction sites in the downtown area, as project manager for Seattle Children's Hospital. **Carol Lubow Stern** teaches at South Seattle College. First-time Reunioners include former fellow South Bakerite **Chuck Hasbrouck**. After over 30 years in the Navy, Chuck and his wife, Dianne, are building a horse farm outside Williamsburg, VA. **Fay Nakashima** Pye also made it back for the first time from Houston.

Thanks to **Doug** and **Ann Thomas Porter** and numerous other classmates, various fraternities, sororities, and freshman dorms were well represented. The sixth floor of Donlon had several members in attendance. **Carl** and **Joan Passiatore Popolo** travel regularly to Stockholm to visit one daughter. Their other daughter, **Elizabeth Popolo '08**, attended her 10th Reunion. **Laurie Letvak**, MD '82 (Hoboken, NJ) retired after over 30 years in oncology drug research. **Linda Volk** Derschowitz is a registered dietitian in a long-term care facility in Queens. She has four children and has traveled to Paris and Amsterdam. **Barb "Bibi" Ludwig Arditte** is a realtor in Rhode Island. She's on the board and Medical Advisory Committee of the Autoimmune Encephalitis Alliance.

Suzanne Tougas Snedeker and I attended the first Cornell Asian Alumni Assn. (CAAA) Ivy Iron Chef competition in the renovated Stocking Hall. An all-Class of 1978 team of **Genevieve Chu** Chang, **Dawn Cassie**, **Agnes Moy-Sarns**, and **Nancy Reese** competed as the "Wok and Roll Mamas." The secret ingredient they had to incorporate into an appetizer and entrée within a 30-minute deadline was the starving student staple, ramen noodles. Fireball vodka shots fueled the festivities in the "kitchen stadium." Suzanne and I got to sample an experimental chocolate chip, ramen, and chili ice cream while the contestants were cooking. Although our classmates were in a three-way tie for second place, they did the class proud.

Suzanne's husband of 39 years, **Jeff Snedeker** (Ithaca, NY), is busy on the Upstate New York music circuit. He missed the Saturday night dinner because he performed in an early music ensemble concert in Syracuse

that night. Suzanne volunteers with the Ithaca School District to accept, repair, and distribute donations of musical instruments.

For me (Ilene), the best part of Reunion is being back on campus among friends, and the many memories that come flooding back with each turn and encounter. As I roamed the streets and byways, I found myself returning to a common theme: what's old is new. I'll share a few examples.

Our class stayed in Keeton Hall, site of the old U-Hall dorms on West Campus, now transformed into modern "learning houses" for upperclass students. Zagster bikes, for rent with a downloadable app, replaced the yellow Fuji racing bike that served as my main mode of transportation on the Hill and beyond. And, in Collegetown, luxury apartment buildings stand where old haunts like the Royal Palms used to be. Remarked **Annie Knudsen** Samuels: "My College Avenue apartment is now a parking lot."

Perhaps the most mind-blowing experience was visiting the studios of WVBR radio, where I learned my first trade, and which was relocated five years ago to East Buffalo St. Some of the vast collection of vinyl still lines the walls from floor to ceiling, but are rarely used. Notes written by DJs on the back of yellow Associated Press teletype paper indicating when a song was last played remain taped to the album covers. Not only have the records been replaced, first by CD and then by streaming and "the cloud," but even the jocks have been supplanted by pre-programmed computers. There was alt rock music on the air, but no one behind the mic!

Now in our seventh decade, some might consider us old too. However, everyone I spoke with revealed a sense of spirit, adventure, and aspiration.

While running their 46-year-old design and communications firm in Louisville, **Kate Myre** Stewart and her husband, Dan, are running after their nine grandchildren! **Ann Marie Warner** Lill, DVM '82, was happy to see U-Hall 5 friends come from near and far for this Reunion. A graduate of the Vet college, Ann Marie maintains her practice outside Rochester, NY. Two of her three sons graduated from Cornell and her daughter is a junior. A state lawmaker from Albuquerque, NM, for 12 years, **Bill O'Neill** is also a published poet. "Most people don't think politicians can write poetry," he observed. Bill's debut book of poetry, *The Freedom of the Ignored* (available on Amazon), shares intimate details of his life as an elected official, conveying the complexity of his relationships with other legislators as well as his personal struggle in caring for his lifelong partner who has multiple sclerosis.

Joining the growing ranks of the retired are **Libby Waldman** Strugatch, who is enjoying life and travel while based in Silver Spring, MD, and **Diane Dunn** Tokoph, who resettled with her husband, Steve, from Chicago to Mt. Dora, FL.

There's more to tell, but we're out of space, so check out the next issue and stay connected! Tell us what you're up to at: ♦ **Ilene Shub** Lefland, ilene.lefland@gmail.com; **Cindy Fuller**, cindy@cindylfuller.com.

79 Save the date for our 40th Reunion! Come back to Cornell anytime between June 6-9, 2019, or for the entire weekend. Our Reunion chairs, **Steve Magacs** and **Karen Mineo**, are busy selecting campus venues, souvenirs, and catering, and coordinating logistics for what we know will be a great event. A number of our classmates were on campus in June to observe and take notes for our upcoming 40th. Joining Karen and Steve were **Jeff Ford**, **Brad** and **Mary Maxon Grainger**, MPS '87, **Karen Jewett**-Bennett, **Dan Mansoor**, MBA

'80, **Kathleen Perkins**, **Mary Anderson** Ochs, **Ginger So**, and **Larry Stone**. Steve also caught up with Glee Club pals **Brad Spencer** and **Jon Wardner**, who are planning to not only celebrate our 40th next year, but also the Cornell Glee Club's sesquicentennial. Can you help talk up this event? Please reach out to classmates to make plans to come back for a weekend of fun activities and reconnecting with friends who you may not have seen in a while. If you are interested in helping with our Reunion, contact Karen at: K_Mineo@yahoo.com. We want to put together a slideshow for Reunion, so if you enjoy that type of work, please let Karen know. Also, send any college-era photos you have to her.

As part of Reunion, we are pulling together the fourth installment of the Class of 1979 Distinguished Classmates Program (we began this program at our 25th Reunion). Nominations are due by November 15, 2018 using the Distinguished Classmates nomination form at: classof79.alumni.cornell.edu. Please consider submitting one or more nominations (self-nominations are perfectly acceptable) of classmates who have distinguished themselves through their professional, community, and/or volunteer responsibilities.

We are actively seeking self-nominations to become Class of '79 officers for the period from June 2019 to June 2024. Immediate past president and nominations chair **Jeff Berg**, ME '80, MBA '81, said that the time commitment is an average of eight hours per month, including three evening teleconferences per year and one in-person meeting during the Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC) held in January or February in a major city in the Boston to Washington, DC, corridor. Class officers have fun working together and, guided by Alumni Affairs and Development staff members, promote engagement with Cornell University. Here are the various roles we are looking to fill: president; vice president (four) including affinity, communications, membership, and regional events; secretary; Cornell Annual Fund representatives including two for participation and two for major gifts; class correspondents (three); webmaster; treasurer; and two Reunion chairs. If you would like to submit your name or learn more about any particular officer role, please contact Jeff Berg at jeffrey.f.berg@gmail.com. Nominations will close in January 2019. We welcome classmates from all geographical areas, and previous alumni engagement experience is NOT required.

A number of classmates sent updates including their Reunion plans. Next year will be **David Scheer's** 30th year of private practice ophthalmology in Fishkill, NY. He spends his weekends enjoying New York City and his weeks off swimming and long-distance cycling on Longboat Key, FL. Not much else has been happening in his life and there is nothing else he wishes he could be doing. David is in close contact with **Sherrie Zweig**, **Sandy Rockefeller** Fey, **Judah Kraushaar**, MBA '80, and **David Medford '80**. He wants to get together with them, and everyone else, at our 40th in Ithaca.

Marcie Gitlin lives in Washington Heights in New York City and is really happy she can walk to work. After nearly eight and a half years in her current position, she just started a new job at Isabella Geriatric Center as the social worker on their "vent unit," where she provides concrete services and supportive counseling to residents on ventilators ("breathing tubes") and with tracheostomies. It was an offer "out of the blue" and one she couldn't refuse. Isabella is doing innovative work in dementia and contemplative care and is very community-engaged. In the summer of 2017, Marcie became a certified dementia practitioner through the National Council of Certified

Dementia Practitioners. She remains in close contact with fellow Cornellians including **Judith Sherman**, **Peter Coy**, **Paula Fuchsberg**, **Michael Feinberg**, **Jane Sabin Sklar '78**, **Alan Posklensky '77**, MBA '79, and her brother **Saul Gitlin '84**. She has no immediate travel plans, but expects her next overseas trip to be to Cambodia and Laos sometime in 2019. She is planning to attend our 2019 Reunion.

Joanne Simon officially moved to Winter Springs, FL, on December 27, 2017. She is busy doing construction on her new home and unpacking, along with trips to Disney World and Gainesville, FL. She would love to hear from **Eileen Chambers** and **Marie Rotter** Drake. Classmate **Mark Kennedy** also lives in Florida, specifically in Sarasota, with wife Carol. **Richie Stearns** lives in California and just sold his residential brokerage, Partners Trust, founded in 2009, to Pacific Union Int'l out of San Francisco, CA. He built the brokerage up to eight offices and 250 agents. He is super excited that there are no more 7:30 a.m. finance committee meetings to attend.

Please send your news so your classmate can hear about what you are doing. We haven't heard from many classmates in quite a while. You can submit news to any of us: ♦ **Linda Moses**, lindamoses@gmail.com; **Cynthia Ahlgren** Shea, cynthia.shea@sothebyshomes.com; and **Kathy Zappia** Gould, kathy.gould57@gmail.com.

80 If we, your alumni class officers, are doing our jobs correctly, by now you are aware of the Cornell-Harvard hockey game taking place at Madison Square Garden in NYC on Saturday, November 24. If you are of Cornell 1980s vintage, you should also know of the pregame tailgate party at the Cornell Club on East 44th St., featuring excellent food and grog, fellowship opportunities galore, and a book signing with **Jim Roberts '71**, author of *Forever Faithful*, the chronicle of Cornell hockey's rise to national prominence in the 1960s (a perch on which the Big Red continues to sit). Tickets to the reception are reasonably priced, and those who have paid their class dues will be admitted to the event for a mere pittance. Emboldened attendees with Flower Power breath are likely to pay a visit to the Harvard Club on the way to the Gahden for a reenactment of the classic Jets/Sharks dustup in *West Side Story*. If you have spent the summer lollygagging on this opportunity, check out our class website (www.cornell1980.com) or our class Facebook group (www.facebook.com/groups/Cornell1980) for current ticket status.

It is the custom at this point in the column for the author to s-t-r-e-t-c-h the discourse using techniques learned in Comm 101. "How to Stretch an Essay to Meet Word Count Requirements" is an excellent source of information on this as well. Fortunately for me, however, the cup of notes from classmates runneth over, so I shall lollygag no longer. Note to self: That's two lollygags in two paragraphs (now three!).

William Hatch is no lollygagger, caring for his grandson Max while enjoying carpentry projects and tinkering with his 1969 Dart Swinger with a 340 cid power plant and a four-speed tranny. Winter months call for relocation from Tully, NY, to Rainbow, TX. **Mary Armstrong** Meduski made the most of a trip to Ithaca this spring. Not only did son **Nicholas '18** receive his BA from Arts & Sciences, but also niece **Casey Armstrong, MHA '18**, earned her master's in Health Administration.

Charles LoCasto has spent time in Salem, OR, and Charleston, WV, and not for the reason you might think. His 20-year quest is to visit all 50 US state capitals, and

as of this writing 49 are in the book. Number 50 is Honolulu, so that, coupled with the fact that he retired from the financial business in 2017, makes an extended stay in Hawaii likely. **Kathy Dixon**-Leone is working to reform the foster care system in Palm Beach County, FL. She writes, "This full-time volunteer job is the best one I have ever had." Youngest son **Nick '21** is a sophomore at Cornell, enjoying life at Sigma Chi and telling mom about

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joint events with KKG, her sorority while on the Hill. Kathy is now tackling the daunting task of clearing out her residence of 25 years in preparation for a renovation.

Many of us sexagenarians are winding up careers of 30 years or more in one discipline and branching out into unrelated pursuits. So it is with **Lauri Rossman** Feldman, who, after many years working in advertising, found a second career as a nursery school teacher. Son Michael is a junior Wolverine at the U. of Michigan, and daughter **Jessica** has just reached Ithaca as a member of Cornell's Class of 2022. If lollygag has an antonym, it would be a most appropriate descriptor for classmate **Clifford Chapin**. Dr. C. is an ER physician and director in Cloquet, MN, and is co-owner of a herd of dairy cows that produce milk for the Cabot Creamery in Vermont. Cliff is known as "Grandpa" to an entire starting football team; are there any classmates out there with more than 11 grandchildren?

Miriam Leeser is a professor in electrical and computer engineering at Northeastern, where she is head of the reconfigurable and GPU computing laboratory. After receiving her BSEE at Cornell, she earned a PhD in computer science from Cambridge U. She was on the faculty in the Cornell Electrical Engineering department before moving to Boston. Miriam was selected for a Fulbright Award to study wireless and networking technology with applications to the Internet of Things.

Margaret Markey Corey is the manager of environmental compliance for SI Group in Niskayuna, NY, but will soon retire to a place in St. Croix. She and husband Mark plan to travel more in retirement, with a Cornell's Adult University trek to India at the top of the list. **Stephen Kohn** has a private psychology practice serving children, adolescents, and adults. He has written several books on teaching "emotional intelligence." Stephen and wife Nancy have two daughters (Wayland, MA, and Bethesda, MD), and a son completing his studies for his MSW.

Less than two years remain until our 40th Reunion (gulp!). We want to make sure that all classmates are kept in the loop about events running up to Reunion, and plans for an Ithaca party to remember in June 2020. Please update your contact info at the CornellConnect site so that we can stay in touch. If you don't have a NetID, there is a form available for you to complete and submit: <https://cornellconnect.cornell.edu/>. We thank you for supporting the Class of 1980 with your dues payment, and look forward to a fantastic Reunion. ♦ **Dana Jerrard**, dej24@cornell.edu; **Leona Barsky**, leonabarsky@aol.com; **Dik Saalfeld**, rfs25@cornell.edu.

81 I recently started a new position as annual giving officer for the State of Florida for Hadassah, supporting Hadassah Hospital in Israel, Young Judeaea, Youth Aliyah, and advocacy in the US. It has been quite a whirlwind and I wouldn't have it any other way! While I'm busy with work, I also have my children, Ella, 12, in seventh grade, and Brayden, 10, in fourth grade. Between sports, singing, Hebrew school, and the like, life is very busy.

Also in Florida, **Lori Salzman** Kleppe Morton got married last November, and all five of her roommates attended: **Wendy Grolnick**, **Nancy Amer**-Lake, **Susan Scarf** Merrell, **Linda Essex** Jonas, and **Betsy Elwin**, JD '84. How fabulous!

Other classmates are also very busy. **Nanette Malatesta** Saylor launched a podcast this year called Create. Play.Live, featuring conversations about following curiosity and creativity to extraordinary lives. **Patricia Netter** Shiland and her husband have moved to St. Martin, French West Indies, and have opened up a bed and breakfast called Serendipity. She also has opened a concierge service for St. Martin, St. Barts, and Anguilla. She says it's awesome being part of the recovery of the islands after Irma. They would love to have Cornellians visit! **Cathe Ode** and her husband have also moved, to Cape Cod, MA, where she's now director of faith formation and community engagement for St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Barnstable Village. She sees **Barb Giuffre**, her roommate/housemate all four years at Cornell, at least once a year on the Cape, as Barb's husband Rick Raushenbush's family has a home there.

Paula Kaplan Reiss loves the Berkshires and just bought a vacation home in Canaan, NY. They are appreciating nature, art, music, and theater. **David Boraks** is now working as a reporter and announcer at WFAE-FM, the NPR station in Charlotte, NC. He's been there full time for two years, covering the environment, state and local politics, affordable housing, transportation, and, every once in a while, sports. (Remember, he was the *Sun* sports editor, 1980-81.) He moved over after shutting down DavidsonNews.net and CorneliusNews.net, an online community news network he ran for nine years.

Cindy High-Fischmann is with Rock Home Properties, currently in Rochester, NY, and expanding into Charlotte, NC. It is a real estate investment company—they lend, flip, buy, and hold properties. She and her beautiful Arabian horse, GSF Ambienze, won the US National Championship last year. If anyone wants to learn to ride an Arabian horse, please call Cindy! She would love to hear from **John** and **Gayle Horton Chevette**. Also in the Carolinas is **Susan Felleman**, now professor of art history and film and media studies at the U. of South Carolina. She lectured at the National Gallery of Art on June 17, 2018, and signed copies of her latest two books. In the audience for "Film in the Sculptural Field" were Cornellians **Peter Chametzky '80**, **Livia Nicolescu '80**, BArch '84, and **Jeremiah Riemer, PhD '83**.

Audrey Haddad Perrotti's three kids went to Cornell: **Alexandra '10** in Arts & Sciences; **Nicholas '12**, ME '13,

in Engineering; and **Christopher '16**, who will complete a master's in Engineering this December. **Linda Koski** Geever (lindageevers@verizon.net) was re-elected to a fourth term on the West Windsor Township Council last November. As New Jersey is considering legalizing recreational marijuana, she would like to hear from alumni in states where it is legal to know how it has worked out. **Lisa Stern** (NYC) says she would love to hear from any classmates who are on Fire Island or in NYC. She is enjoying her free time on the beach in Seaview very much.

Renee Malcolm Weir says life is very modest as a result of raising her three boys on her own most of their lives. She thinks her relocation to Annapolis, MD, as an

MD '86, and I will attend Reunion this year hoping to catch up with friends in the Class of 1983!" Terry is a realtor with Fox & Roach Realtors in Devon, PA.

Jonathan Welsh (Bogota, NJ; nonjno@gmail.com) also noted that he has been able to travel to Ithaca several times this year and enjoy stays at the Statler Hotel. Jonathan and his partner, Ken West, recently celebrated four "successful years of our mid-century modern store, NONU Vintage, in Dumont, NJ." Congratulations go out to **Arthur Flatau** (flatau@acm.org) and his wife, Gretchen. Arthur, a leukemia survivor, is celebrating the 25th anniversary of his successful bone marrow transplant. In recognition of this milestone, he

ably assisted by a host of others including class president **Nancy Gilroy**, registration chair **Carin Lewis** Evans, and the crafty and debonair **Abbie Bookbinder** Meyer, who cajoled me into serving as one of your new class correspondents.

Over 260 classmates (plus spouses and children) were in attendance, which, I understand, is an excellent turnout for a 35th Reunion. Our class headquarters were in the quaint and self-contained townhouse community at the far end of North Campus, which included both indoor and outdoor common areas for lounging, snacking, and reminiscing.

Where to begin? Well, my freshman-year dorm U-Hall 4 (a blessed memory) was well represented by class treasurer **Mark Rhodes**, **Hans Bauer**, **Dee Longfellow**, my fellow Cornell Symphony Orchestra member **Sylvia Han**, **Carolyn Chin**, **Christine Pichler Schulze** (and husband **Dietrich**), **Norine Ng** Sedayao, **Elanor Brand**, **Anita Przemieniecki** Harper, and **Rob Smith**, whose daughter, **Sophie '18**, just graduated from CALS. U-Hall 3 produced **Linda Zilli**, **Maureen Saunders**, DVM '87, and **Sharon Edelstein**, who was pleased to attend Reunion with her father, **Art Edelstein '58**, MD '62. Former Balch residents included **Kit Palmer** Antinozzi, MBA '87, **Loretta Kennedy**-Peters, and **Cindy Courtney**.

Freshman-year roommates **Amy Tayer** Goldman, **Meridith Skodnik**, **Karen Tanner** Allen, and **Nancy Korn** Freeman threw it back and roomed together in the townhouses sans spouses. Nancy's children, **Will '20** and **Jesse '22**, will both be on campus this fall.

Alpha Epsilon Phi sisters were aplenty, including **Beth DiRusso**, **Kristy Catlin** Bangs, MBA '89, **Nancy Kurzman** Fahey, **Lynn Sarison** Chazin, **Cammy Schwartz** Wolfe, **Tracey Taslitz** Kritt, **Kathy Litwin** Kronick, **Jennifer Hughes Kern** (with husband **Steve**), and **Jody Kasten**. Jody went directly from Reunion to the Tony Awards, where she sat right behind Best Actress winner Laurie Metcalf (for a wonderful image of a beaming Jody, check out the YouTube video of "We Dance/Mama Will Provide" starting at the 3:40 mark).

It was great to see my Sigma Phi brothers **Alan Schwartz**, a physics professor at the U. of Cincinnati, and **Brad Baker**, accompanied by his better half, **Dina (Wolfman)**, and daughter **Audrey '09**, MPA '15. Brad is retired and now spends his time doing pro bono landscaping and community gardening work in the Boston area.

Speaking of married classmates, we had several husband/wife attendees, including **Ira** and **Sari Glass Langstein**, **Dave** and **Cindy Rosenberg Cohen**, **Jeffrey** and **Carolyn Skeete Jackson**, MBA '87, **Mike**, MBA '85, and **Donna Rago Quinzi**, and **Steve** and **Laura Bellamy Fitzpatrick**, who, between them, have nine Cornell alums in their families, including Laura's dad, **Bill Bellamy '53**, MBA '58, JD '59, who was back for his 65th Reunion.

Former Big Red football teammates **Dave Menapace**, **Jeff Rems**, **Dan Suren**, **Rick Patulski**, and **Gary Bullis** were in attendance, hanging out with **Kurt Lozaw**, whom I reminded of the time he was kicked out of a John "Dr. Dirty" Valby show we both attended freshman year after brawling with some Ithaca College knuckleheads. In case anyone was wondering, Kurt's Reunion behavior was exemplary.

Some of our more musically accomplished classmates also attended Reunion including: **Desiree Elsevier**, who has been a violist with the Metropolitan Opera in NYC for many years; **Heather Robbins**, a vocalist and educator in Princeton, NJ, who sang in Saturday night's Bailey Hall alumni chorale concert; and **Rob Walters**, who sang

'Patricia Netter Shiland says it's awesome being part of the recovery of the islands after Irma.'

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empty-nester will prove to be fun. She still commutes to D.C. for work. **Jordan Strub** recently had a wild week in the Tetons with great hikes and kayaking. He (thankfully) survived a near-drowning in the Snake River, and met one person who'd worked with his Beta brother and best man, **Walter Cruickshank**. His last ski day was on May 26, with **Paul Leo** at Arapahoe Basin. So wonderful!

Janet Schulman Buder (buderjanet@gmail.com) has lived in the Bay Area since 1982. San Francisco is beautiful, she says, "but getting too expensive for me." She will be moving back to the NYC area in May 2019. Janet has friends and family back East, including her two daughters, who live in Brooklyn. She notes that she's going to start using her new license as a marriage and family therapist soon. She's also busy "attempting to make a documentary." Janet would love to hear from any fellow Cornellians in the Bay Area. **Michael Blab**, MS '83, got married in June 2016! He and his wife live in Lewiston, ME, where he is a physician.

Don't forget! The Cornell men's hockey team is taking on the Harvard Crimson at Madison Square Garden on November 24, 2018. Let's hear from you. Class of '81 is the best! ♦ **Betsy Silverfine**, bsilverfine@comcast.net; **Tanis MacKay**-Bell, TanisMBell@gmail.com; and **Steven Barre**, sbarre@aol.com.

82 As we enter another fall season, I recall how beautiful and active the campus is at the beginning of each school year. When reviewing your class news, I am constantly reminded of how many of us continue to maintain a connection to Ithaca and seem to find our way back to campus whenever possible.

A world traveler from our class, **Miriam Akabas** (mhakabas@outlook.com) writes that she has been busy traveling to Ithaca and other interesting spots around the world. Her trips to Ithaca are often to visit her daughter, **Ariel Akabas Kaminsky '19**. She has also spent time in San Francisco, Amsterdam, Lisbon, Barcelona, Israel, and the Grand Camyans over the past year. After all of this traveling, Miriam is looking forward to spending a little more time in her hometown of New York City. At least one of our classmates attended Cornell Reunion this year. **Terry Ries** Krieger (terry.krieger@foxroach.com) of Wayne, PA, wrote, "**Beth Tremer** Herrick,

participated in a 100-mile bicycle ride in Maine this September to raise money for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. You can read more about his ride here: <http://pages.teamintraining.org/sctx/meride18/AFlatau>. Arthur works for ARM Ltd., an intellectual property firm that designs microprocessors.

Many of our classmates are very engaged in their jobs and are looking forward to having a little more free time. **Janet Chuang** Sung (Boston, MA; janet@sung.com) writes that she has been busy in her practice as a vice president/credit research analyst, covering the telecom, cable, and media industry at Loomis Sayles in Boston. Janet reports that "this is a fast-paced, dynamic industry undergoing a technological revolution with the advent of 5G. Not a minute to breathe!" She also noted that her daughter Julie is practicing internal medicine at Mount Sinai Hospital in New York and her daughter Amy is moving to San Francisco to work for Dropbox as a product manager. Janet wishes she had more time for travel and leisure, "to spend time on the beach at Cape Cod!" She would like to hear from her roommate, **Meg Terwilliger**, MD '88, and friends **Ronnie Poulis**, BA '87, **Midori Hiraizumi** Campbell, ME '84, and **Karen Tillman** Harder '81, among others.

Another busy classmate, **Eve Samson** Klein, JD '85 (Port Washington, NY; eiklein@duanemorris.com) reports that she has been practicing law as the practice chair of global employment, labor benefits, and immigration at Duane Morris LLC. Son **Justin '11** is an associate attorney at Paul Hastings LLP. Eve wishes she had more time to play tennis.

Thank you for all of your recent reports. We appreciate hearing from all of you and encourage you to take a few minutes to update us on your activities whenever you can. Please enjoy a beautiful fall. ♦ **Doug Skalka**, dskalka@npmlaw.com; **Nina Kondo**, nmk22@cornell.edu; **Mark Fernau**, mef29@cornell.edu. Online news forum, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

83 I am three days removed from attending our 35th Reunion, and still buzzing (in the figurative sense, of course) from the spectacular weekend and slate of events organized by class Reunion co-chairs **Andy Sosa** and **Susan Wasserman** Guerin, who were

with the Hangovers at our class dinner on Saturday night. My request that Rob and his fellow Hangovers sing a few Dr. Dirty classics was respectfully denied.

I also had the opportunity to reconnect with, or meet for the first time, several other classmates including **Diane Barsky** (whose daughter **Nicole Simonson '22** will be a freshman this fall), **Velan Thillairajah**, **Marc Bensadoun**, **Matt Sirota**, **Christine Bisagni** Wyman, **Joanna Bures**, and **Cathy Brokenshire** Scott, who recently returned to the US after spending 22 years in South Africa working on AIDS/HIV research and eradication. When **Randy Brause** saw me with my notebook, he shouted, "No comment, and it wasn't me."

As for activities, **Matt Palumbo**, BS '86, ably moderated a stellar Friday morning panel discussion at Kennedy Hall featuring four very accomplished classmates: former acting Secretary of Labor **Seth Harris**, former chairman of the Council of Economic Advisors and current Princeton economics professor **Alan Krueger**, healthcare executive **Ruben King-Shaw**, and Wall Street finance maven **Doug Braunstein**. Seth is also the father of **Jonathan '21**, who recently completed his freshman year in the ILR school (what's that expression about apples and trees?).

Friday evening consisted of a sun-drenched cocktail reception on McGraw terrace, dinner at Okenshields (in Willard Straight Hall), and dessert on the Straight Terrace. The legendary Straight cookies were served fresh out of the oven and gobbled up forthwith. Saturday night's cocktail reception, class picture, and dinner were in front of Mann Library on the Ag Quad. Joining us at dinner were classmate and outgoing Arts & Sciences dean **Gretchen Ritter** and new Cornell president Martha Pollack, whose brief remarks were inspiring and well received. Class development chair **Seth Plattus** spoke as well, and shared the stunning news that our class had raised over \$7M for the university over the past year. Well done!

The weather was perfect all weekend, and a high bar has been set for our 40th Reunion, which I encourage all of you to attend. In the meantime, please keep me, **Tom Helf**, and our other class correspondents, **Jon Felice**, **Stewart Glickman**, and **Kim Todt**, apprised of all goings-on in your lives, and we'll be sure to butcher them accordingly and include them in future columns. You may also submit news at <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>. ♦ **Tom Helf**, tomhelf@aol.com; **Jon Felice**, jbfelice@jbfelice.com; **Stewart Glickman**, stewartglickman@gmail.com; **Kim Todt**, krt5@cornell.edu.

84 Reunion 2018 has passed and we're in the middle of the World Cup as I sit down to write this column. In less than one year we'll be descending on campus, back on the Hill to recall old memories and make new ones. Let the countdown begin!

Judy Fried Siegel reports that she often sees fellow classmates **Karen Beckman** and **Jeff Cahn** in NYC at Romemu. **Lisa Rapetti** has been busy since graduating from Cornell. After working in the hotel industry for the year following graduation, she went on to attend Penn Law School, graduating in 1987. Then she became a geriatric nurse practitioner (Penn '94)! She's been married to husband Steve for 30 years and they have three children, Julia, Alec, and Isabella. She would love to hear from **Ellen Nordberg '86**, **Susan Ephron**, and **Kim Glasgal**.

Keith Kefgen continues to run Aethos Consulting Group as CEO. They specialize in executive searches for the hospitality industry. Son Stefan is a chef at the Dutch in NYC, while daughter Isabella is a senior at UCLA. When asked who had the greatest impact on him at Cornell

he writes, "Loved Bob Chase and **Denny Ferguson '68**, PhD '81, at the Hotel school." Keith would also love to be playing more golf. Wouldn't many of us! **Beth Butlien** Ayres and husband Alan just sold their corporate catering company after 30 years of business. "After facilitating the transition, we finally left and have officially started our retirement." They moved to the seacoast of Massachusetts and they "now have time to enjoy everything Newburyport has to offer with our year-old goldendoodle pup, Libby. Both our sons are employed, happy, and living on their own; life is very good!"

Janna Weil continues to promote locally and sustainably grown foods in her Lancaster, PA, community. She's been competing with her dog, Sasha, in Barn Hunt. They've won instinct and novice titles to date. Take a look at her videos on YouTube. As far as what she wishes she could be doing, she writes, "Really wish I'd been able to try out new snowshoes this winter, but alas, not enough snow." She would love to hear from Cornell friend **R. Scott English**, MEE '85. **Linda Singletary** continues to work as a breast imaging radiologist at NYU Langone. Best wishes are in order as she got married in June 2016. She reports that she collects African American and Latin American fine art. She, like many of us, would love to travel more! She would love to hear from her Wari House roommates and Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority sisters. When asked who at Cornell had the greatest impact on her she named Dr. James Turner on the Africana Center teaching staff.

Our class has another author! **Sue Guest** Henninger coauthored a higher education book, *The Ultimate Guide to College Transfer: From Surviving to Thriving*. It was published in June 2017 by Rowman and Littlefield. She continues to enjoy her freelance writing career. Sue outlines her work and available services on her website, so take a look. Classmate **Jon Kimball** has a new Cornellian in the family. His daughter **Sarah '21** will be starting on the Hill this fall. He writes, "She worked really hard to get there and it will be so fun to hear all about Cornell campus life!" Having had three kids attend Cornell, I have to agree that it's amazing to see how much has changed and what remains the same for new Cornellians on campus.

I will close this column with a plea for more news. As we approach our 35th Reunion (yikes!), we would love to hear from as many classmates as possible, as well as see people back on campus in June 2019. Whether you update us on work, family, vacation, travel, what you'd like to be doing, or who was a major influence in your life when we were on campus, we would love to hear from you. ♦ **Catherine "Kitty" Cantwell**, catherinejcantwell@gmail.com; **Janet Insardi**, insardij@hotmail.com. Online news form <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

85 By the time you all read this, it will be September. I gotta say, I am SO looking forward to the 50th anniversary party at the North Forty! I hope I have seen you there, danced to the "oldies" with you, and reminisced about our years at Cornell.

Jaen Janes posted that he and **Jim Spaller '86**, **John Kawola '88**, **Mark Krause**, and **Dave Thomas '88** all were at Cornell for the 30th Reunion of the Class of 1988. Jaen apparently heads up to Ithaca every year for a Reunion with his fellow Sigma Nu brothers. **Nick Theodore** and his family have been in Baltimore for a year, moving from Phoenix. Older son **Costa '20** is at Cornell and is rowing heavyweight crew! Younger son John is a junior in high school and also an oarsman. Nick is now the chairman of the NFL's head, neck, and spine

committee, an advisory group tasked with overseeing the league's concussion and neurological injury protocols and research. Congratulations on this new appointment, Nick! I work with the elderly and we have had several ex-NFL players (from back in the '30s and '40s), and I have seen first-hand the issues caused by these injuries.

Jonathan Miller accompanied his mom, **Anita Podell Miller '58**, to Reunion this year. His book *Luna Law* won the Tony Hillerman Award for fiction at the New Mexico-Arizona Book Awards. He is still practicing law in New Mexico. **Roberta Zwiebel** Farhi wrote in saying her daughter will be attending the Einstein College of Medicine in the fall. **Mark Miller** is the managing partner of Good Harbor Partners in Boston and was just named chairman of LearnLaunch. **Tracey Nichol** Austin's daughter, Jill, will be attending Ithaca College for cinematography and photography in the fall. Tracey said, "It's the 'other hill,' but at least it is Ithaca!"

Many of us are sending our first-born off to college, or maybe our second and third. Where does the time go? How did we get here so fast? We all need to slow down, spend time with family, get together with friends who are far away, travel, visit new places, and enjoy life. I hope that you all are. I am looking forward to seeing you all in a couple years at our 35th Reunion in Ithaca. I have missed the campus, the view of the lake, the walk up Libe Slope (not really), the atmosphere of Collegetown, and the overall happiness that I held in my heart my four years at Cornell. Please continue to send me information to relay out to the class. You can e-mail me, Facebook message me, or post on the Cornell Class of 1985 Facebook page. Hope you had a great summer! ♦ **Joyce Zerkowitz** Cornett, jcornett@actslife.org. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

86 One of our classmates has embarked on a new endeavor that will speak to many of us. **Donna Mandell** Korren has started a blog and vlog called Empty Questers. Donna's work celebrates that next phase of life once the children are out of the house and showcases what we can do with our time and energy once our children are not our day-to-day focus. She writes, "A positive joyful shift occurs when empty nesters become empty questers, finding an entirely new way of thinking about ourselves. Empty doesn't mean we are bereft. It means we have a blank canvas to fill as we choose. A quester is who we are, experiencing this emerging life stage with zeal and possibility." Visit emptyquester.com and see what Donna is doing.

As Cornellians, we all know that diversity is part of our collegiate DNA, so I am sharing **Karen Lazan**'s news next as an illustration of our collective differences. She writes from Tenafly, NJ, where she works in healthcare consumer marketing and is definitely NOT an empty quester. Her 4-year-old son, Owen, keeps her happy and busy. I am guessing it will probably be a few years before she tunes in to Donna's vlog! Karen keeps in touch with **Beth Berkowitz** Gordon, **Nina Kleiman**, **Lisa Brainin** Greenberg, **Leora Brayer** Mechanic, and **Cynthia Cummis**, and she recently saw **Debbie Kranz Muller '87**. **Peter** and **Elizabeth Kallenback Bell '87** began a new quest last summer when they moved to Basalt, CO, to lead Ascendigo Autism Services. Ascendigo was founded in 2004 as a summer camp for kids with autism and now provides year-round services to individuals of all ages with autism. Please check out the organization at ascendigo.org to learn more about their good work.

As the parent of a Cornell grad, I am always happy to share news of our classmates' children attending our

alma mater. I am pleased to report the news that came in from **Jeff Lux** and **Janet Elie** Faulkner regarding the next generation of Cornellians. Jeff's daughter, **Stephanie '21**, will begin her second year on the Hill this fall; and Janet's son, **Sam '22**, will begin his Cornell career as a member of the College of Engineering this fall. In addition to raising a future Cornellian, Janet runs her own law practice focusing on employment, education, and privacy law. She is trying to make more time for travel and keeps in regular contact with many Cornell friends including **Jacquie Cramer**. Jeff is the vice president of Transmission Powertrain for Fiat Chrysler Automobiles in Auburn Hills, MI, and shares that he is spending a lot more time in Ithaca now that his daughter is there.

Joseph Odin writes that he is a liver transplant surgeon at Icahn School of Medicine at Mt. Sinai. His son, Alex, graduated from UConn in May and is now living in Great Bend, KS, working as a zookeeper. Joseph reminisces that his son's first word was their cat's name, so it all makes sense! Your correspondent is very happy to report that Dallas's booming economy is attracting classmates to our new city for business purposes. We recently enjoyed dinner with **Katie Roth Boyar's** husband **Gabe '87**, and had drinks with classmate **Eric Hage** while each was here on business. Eric is the founder and CIO of Mohican Financial Management, and Gabe is a banker with Amherst Capital Management. We had a lot of laughs remembering our time at Cornell with both.

My husband, **Michael Wagner**, was recently sidelined with a total knee replacement and we appreciated classmate **Lyndon Gross's** counsel as he went through the process. Lyndon is an orthopedic surgeon in St. Louis, MO, and is the team orthopedist for the St. Louis Cardinals. He was the gracious recipient of Michael's calls, texts, and photos before the surgery and during the recovery. One month prior to his surgery, Michael hit the slope in Lake Tahoe for one last hurrah. While out there, he met up with **Hannah Sullivan**, who has returned to the wealth management business. She is the co-founder of Emerald Bay Wealth Management, with offices in San Francisco and Lake Tahoe. ❖ **Lori Spydell** Wagner, mwagner@maiwealth.com; **Nancy Keates**, nancy.keates@wsj.com; **Toby Goldsmith**, toby.goldsmith@gmail.com. Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

87 Hello, classmates! I hope you all enjoyed the summer and had a chance to relax and spend time with family and friends.

Things with the Cornell community in and around Washington, DC, are as busy as ever. Recently, I had the pleasure of attending the Cornell Club of Washington's (CCW) annual meeting and dinner. We were honored to have Hunter R. Rawlings III as the keynote speaker. He was, as always, delightful. President Emeritus Rawlings described the "remarkably vibrant time" that Cornell is experiencing due to Cornell Tech's new and substantial presence in New York City. He also praised Cornell's long-standing emphasis on undergraduate teaching, calling it the "heart of Cornell." The venue for the annual meeting was the lovely Kimpton Hotel Palomar, which LaSalle Hotel Properties owns. **Michael Barnello** is the CEO of LaSalle, and over a dozen Cornellians work at the company. **Katherine Stifel**, who will be starting her second year as CCW's first vice president, and **Mary Bowman**, who (like me) will be serving next year as a CCW director, attended the event.

In other news, **Susan Stachnik** Lyle lives in Kentucky and recently retired from the Taylor Made Farm (thoroughbred horses), where she was the boarding department

office manager. Susan says she is "keeping busy with [her] hobbies of crafts, gardening, and reading." **Donna Krochak** writes that she recently changed career paths after spending 26 years as a small animal veterinary practitioner in a hospital setting seeing patients. Donna now works for Boehringer-Ingelheim as a professional services veterinarian. "My team of territory managers keep me busy and it's nice to get outside of an office." Donna wishes she could spend more time volunteering, especially when there have been so many natural disasters around the world. It has been a year since Donna was in Ithaca for the 100th reunion of her sorority, Sigma Delta Tau, and she reports that her '87 classmates made a "great showing!"

Kimberley Alkins recently relocated to Florida to help her elderly father. She writes that she chairs and serves on committees for EdDs for an online university. Kimberly wishes she could travel more, but enjoys gardening and walking. **Sue Kizer Petroulas** writes that she and **Betsy Troutt** look forward to repeating their 2017 Tuscan cycling trip and then joining Sue's husband, **Jim '86**, BArch '87, for "a wander around Sicily." In other Italy news, **West Hooker** writes that he is "enjoying refurbishing a beautiful villa on Lake Como." Check out this website: www.villapolettibellagio.com. The villa and scenery are breathtaking!

For the past twenty years, **Dana Taylor** Shagan has been a psychologist working with adults suffering from schizophrenia. Dana reports that this year she is being promoted to program manager at the Hartford Hospital Inst. of Living. Dana's son, **Samuel Shagan**, will join the Class of 2022 in Arts & Sciences. Samuel is a third-generation legacy (Dana's parents are **Robert '56**, BEP '57, and **Barbara Ries Taylor '57**). Dana would love to reconnect with **Jim Seltzer '80**, MBA '83, who is the founder of the Schizophrenia Rehabilitation Program.

Lisa Panek Francese is beginning a new chapter as a nurse in a neonatal intensive care unit. After completing her Nutrition degree at Cornell and working in a nutrition-related field for a couple of years, Lisa attended nursing school. She "loved utilizing all the science and critical thinking skills learned at Cornell." Lisa and her husband, **James '86**, are the proud parents of Cornell senior **Nicole Francese '19**. Lisa writes that she is very happy to have been able to attend Nicole's RISE Dance Show at Bailey Hall in April. **Amit Batabyal** is "busy teaching and doing research here at the Rochester Inst. of Technology." Amit presented research at a major social science conference in Philadelphia in January 2018. His daughter, **Sanjana**, is a member of the CALS Class of 2018.

Lastly, **Tom Riford** continues to work as a morning newsman on WJED radio and also teaches skiing in the winter. He is now the executive director of the Thomas Kennedy Center in Hagerstown, MD (www.thomaskennedycenter.org). Tom reports that his family has two new "Morkies" (Maltese/Yorkshire terriers) and he wishes he could be vacationing in Maui, where his father, retired New York State Senator Steve Riford (age 94), lives.

We love hearing from you! Please send us your news through a news form or by e-mailing any of us at the following addresses: ❖ **Lisa Burns** Griffin, LAG77@cornell.edu; **Whitney Weinstein** Goodman, ww5@cornell.edu; **Liz Brown**, etb29@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

88 Thanks to all of our classmates who traveled back to the Hill from near and far to celebrate our 30th Reunion! It felt like we never left, right? From

our class headquarters in Robert Purcell Community Center on North Campus, over 342 classmates fanned out to enjoy the sights and sounds of Cornell under perfect weather conditions!

We kicked things off on Friday night with a taco dinner catered by Agava and canoeing on Beebe Lake. It was such a joy to see friends reconnect for the first time in many years while taking in the sunset. Then on to the much-anticipated tent parties on the Arts Quad, each one featuring a different style of music from rock band to swing orchestra. The Hot Truck was parked in front of Goldwin Smith Hall, with a line snaking down the path into the night (worth the wait, of course!).

Saturday featured a variety of college-specific events, fraternity/sorority open houses, book-signings in the Cornell Store, wine and cheese tastings from local farmers, and much free time to simply wander the campus and Collegetown. I, for one, climbed the clock tower for the first time ever and was amazed to see the talented students work their magic on the chimes, and the spectacular view (put it on your to-do list if you have never done it!). Making the trek up the 161 steps with me were **Danielle Leonhard**-Spark Bier, **Pam Chertok** Caine, **Wendy Greenwald** Halperin, **Lesly Topiol** Kowalski, and **Jodi Holtz** Cooperman.

Saturday night was another gorgeous evening to enjoy cocktails on the terrace at Willard Straight Hall and a class photo on the steps. Cornell president Martha Pollack joined our class to share some remarks on innovation, collaboration, and the future of Cornell. From there, we enjoyed dinner in Okenshields and dessert on the terrace. Some classmates headed over to Bailey Hall for Cornelliana Night, where we felt young among the other Reunion classes as far back as 1943. Others headed to Goldwin Smith Hall to hear various singing groups, some featuring our classmates, including **Simon Miller** singing with other Cayuga's Waiters alumni. And of course, back to the tent parties! Sunday morning we said our goodbyes at brunch in Robert Purcell . . . until next time.

We had a stellar year of giving in honor of our Reunion and we thank our generous donors. As of Reunion week-end in early June, our class had raised over \$4.6 million, a Class of '88 and Reunion-year best! This includes a record-breaking 116 Tower Club members, 104 Quadrangle Club members, and 511 1865 Society members (giving in consecutive years). We will provide an update in the next class column when we have final numbers for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018.

A huge thank you to our Reunion committee of **Brad** and **Angelica Watson Botkin**, **Nicole Abbatecola**, **Amanda Smith**, MPS '92, and **Laura Bloch**! We'd also like to express our appreciation to class officers who are stepping down after many, many years of dedicated class leadership. This includes our co-president **Alan Riffkin**, Brad and Angelica Botkin, **Nick Daniels**, **Brad Mehl**, and **Lilli Siegel** Roth. We congratulate **Lisa Pasquale** Semmes for stepping up to serve as co-president with **Howard Greenstein** for the next five-year cycle. Lastly, we welcome our newest class officers, Laura Bloch (membership chair), **Habib Kairouz** (fund representative), **Debbie Kaplan** Gershenson (class correspondent), and **Aliza Angelchik** (class correspondent).

Please connect with us on Facebook for more Reunion news and photos! As always, send us your news and let us know if you'd like to get involved. Your class correspondents: ❖ **Andréa Meadow** Danziger, ALM46@cornell.edu; **Debbie Kaplan** Gershenson, dkgershe@gmail.com; and **Aliza Angelchik**, aangelchik@sonorusbrand.com.

89 During this season of life, we steadily receive word of classmates retiring from military service. Allow me to begin this column by warmly expressing gratitude to all our classmates who are active or retired from military service: thank you for your dedication and sacrifice! **Anita Weissflach** Carroll (Fort Myers, FL) shares that she retired from the Marine Corps in 2014. "Now I volunteer for Team Rubicon and the Big Brothers Big Sisters program." Anita says that volunteering gives her the greatest satisfaction in her life currently. She continues, "I enjoy reading and studying, so I recently attained a graduate certificate in European history and now am pursuing a post-baccalaureate degree in German. In 2017, I became a glam-ma to a little boy named Konrad." If she had a day in Ithaca, Anita muses, "I would walk around campus, have lunch in Collegetown, and then read a book on the Quad in the afternoon. Ideally, I would end the day at Dunbar's, but alas, I have been told it has closed its doors."

Tom Van Tiem (Mt. Pleasant, SC; tvtchs@yahoo.com) writes, "I retired last year after 28 years in the Air Force, active duty and reserves. I am flying internationally with Delta Air Lines." Along with his wife, Lynn, Tom "took the kids to Brussels for the Christmas Market. We have been exploring great capitals of Europe and have been to London and Paris—next year Amsterdam!" Tom felt his brothers at Alpha Sigma Phi had the greatest impact on him at Cornell, and he noted **Luis Porcelli** as an old friend from whom he would love to hear.

Like Tom, **Lauren Flato Labovitz** (Sunnyvale, CA; lflato@att.net) has also made family memories through international travel. She shares, "Last summer, **Steve '92** and I took an epic trip to Prague, Edinburgh, and London with our two teenagers." Lauren is still close with **Carlyse Marshall** Evans, who lived down the hall from her at Cornell. In fact, they met up in New Orleans a few months ago to celebrate their respective 50th birthdays! What would you do if you had a day in Ithaca, Lauren? "Excellent question. We should ponder soon, because we will be there this June to drop our daughter off for Cornell Summer College. She is ecstatic to have been accepted to two design programs—Design Immersion and Making a Difference with Design—since she plans to be a hospital interior designer and these programs are specifically what she wants to do." I hope that the drop-off day provided sunny weather for you to reengage Ithaca.

Some classmates now proudly have children in military careers. **Alan** and **Jamie Ottenwaelder Roberts** are living in Waunakee, WI. "Our son, Jim, is a second-year cadet at the US Air Force Academy, where classmate **Skip Chang** and his wife, Terri, are his sponsor parents. We are co-presidents of the Wisconsin Air Force Academy Parents Assn." Alan is VP of the product design group in Covance Food Solutions, while Jamie tutors secondary math students and is the outreach elder at the local Presbyterian church. When asked what brings him the most satisfaction in his life these days, Alan writes, "Our 8-year-old Newfoundland, Isa, and reunions in exotic locales (maybe Dubuque next year?) with '89ers **John MacLean**, MBA '00, **Joel Anker**, **Rob Kim**, **Bill Marella**, and **Steve Theodoropoulos**." If Alan had a day to enjoy in Ithaca, he would focus on gustatory delights, specifically wineries and the Hot Truck. His e-mail is billbarilko51@gmail.com, which may bring a smile to hockey lovers or Tragically Hip fans.

Jennifer Martin Donahue (Brookline, MA; jmartin.donahue@gmail.com) enjoys living in the beautiful urban Boston area. "For the last five years, I have been managing public affairs for the Massachusetts court system, as

public information officer for the Supreme Judicial Court. Daughters Caitriona, 17, and Samantha, 15, attend Brookline High School and are busy with acting, cross country, track, and keeping up with their goldendoodle, Teddy, and cat Henry." Jennifer says they enjoy "Boston and Brookline, as well as traveling whenever we can." She finds satisfaction in "making meaning out of life in work, parenting, and community and civic engagement. Enjoying the big and little things life has to offer." The first person she met at Cornell was her now "dear friend" **Susan Barclay**; and if Jennifer had a day in Ithaca, what would she do? "Go to the gorge and hang out with fellow Cornellians!"

Now that baseball has returned as an Olympic sport, **Andy Bednar** may be cheering for both his sons in 2020. As math teacher and football and baseball coach in the Mars school district in Pennsylvania, Andy worked hard with his boys when they were growing up. His older son, David, left Lafayette U. during his junior year when he was chosen as a 35th-round draft pick by the San Diego Padres. He is in their minor-league system, currently a relief pitcher for the Lake Elsinore team in California. Andy's younger son, Will, was named player of the year by the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* as a high school pitcher and first baseman. He has a scholarship

'The Hot Truck was parked in front of Goldwin Smith Hall, with a line snaking down the path into the night.'

ANDRÉA MEADOW DANZIGER '88

Deborah Goldman (New York, NY; success1968@hotmail.com) is enjoying city living again. "While still working for Joshua Stein PLLC as a commercial real estate attorney, I'm also an adjunct professor at Fordham U. School of Law, teaching real estate transactions, and co-chairing the commercial leasing division of the New York State Bar Assn. I happily moved back to Manhattan after living on Long Island for ten years and am glad to be back on the Upper West Side with my daughter and our King Charles cavalier."

Lisa Spellman Porter (dph9774@verizon.net) shares, "It was great to see **Kris Borovicka** Gerig and family on their college tour across the Northeast." They plan to reconnect at Reunion and we hope you will join us too, June 6-9, 2019! ♦ **Lauren Kidder** McGarry, lauren.kiddermcgarry@gmail.com; **Stephanie Bloom** Avidon, savidon1@hotmail.com; **Kristina Borovicka** Gerig, kgerig@columbus.rr.com; **Anne Czaplinski** Treadwell, ac98@cornell.edu.

90 Greetings from Japan! Believe it or not, the 2020 Olympics are less than two years away and everyone in the Land of the Rising Sun is starting to get excited about it. A number of classmates have passed athletic genes along to their children, so there is a very real possibility of a Class of 1990 reunion at the Tokyo summer games.

My former Founders Hall co-resident advisor **Chris Graham** and his wife, **Marie (Peluso) '91**, are the proud parents of two young ladies, Delaney and Maggie. Maggie was on the undefeated U-16 soccer team at the UEFA Women's Int'l Development Tournament in Portugal this spring. Delaney, a freshman at Duke, is the reigning 3,200 meter Georgia State champion. She and Maggie will be playing soccer together for Duke in 2020, when Maggie becomes a freshman. Counsel at Georgia Pacific, Chris spent the Fourth of July running with Delaney in the Peachtree Road Race, the world's largest 10K race.

Paul Daniel, MBA '90, was courtside in Turkey when his son Taro won his first ATP title in the Istanbul Open. Taro, currently 87th in the world, broke into the top 100 in March with an upset win over Novak Djokovic at Indian Wells, CA. At the 2016 Rio Olympics, Taro lost to eventual silver medalist Juan Martin del Potro in the second round, but is likely to have the home crowd advantage at the Tokyo Olympics.

offer from Ohio State U., but may be an early pick in the 2019 Major League Baseball draft. Will's record this past season was eight wins and no losses with a 0.64 earned run average.

I remain grateful to **Kevin** and **Beth Fox McManus**, MAT '91, for making my family's Olympic experience a great one. My sister Tamarine played her first Olympics in Atlanta, and my siblings and I were graciously hosted by Kevin and Beth while we were there watching Tammy get to the quarterfinals in the women's tennis doubles against the Spanish bronze medal team of Conchita Martinez and Aranxa Sanchez Vicario.

A couple of athletic Cornell daughters share the same first name, but with slightly different spellings. Isabel Bogart is a junior on Stanford's crew team. Proud dad **Rob Bogart** watches as many races as he can. **Jason Baltimore**'s daughter Isabell and her sister Gabriella both ran cross country in high school and are following in their dad's footsteps at the US Naval Academy.

If you do an IMDb search on **Cecile Bouchardeau** Weiland, you will find out that among her list of impressive credits, she played key roles in MTV's "Real World" episodes in France and a "biography" show about Ian Fleming. What is not listed is that she began her career in television as a researcher at CBS, thanks to former *Daily Sun* writer **Jeremy Goldstein**, who was working at CBS Sports shortly after graduation. Being bilingual and bicultural, Cecile was a natural choice to start her Olympic career behind the scenes at the opening and closing ceremonies of the 1992 Albertville Winter Olympics. She also worked at the 1994 Lillehammer Olympics in Norway. Most recently, Cecile is the co-executive producer for "Dead North," on the Investigation Discovery cable channel. She is also mom to future Cornellian Luca. Cecile reports that Jeremy fell in love with the Paris lifestyle and with artist Sayaka Abe. They have their hands full with their young daughter, Sonia, and are enjoying life in France. In other entertainment world news, **Peter "Beau" Durham** was in Tom Cruise's 2017 movie *American Made*, while I escaped the cutting room floor of a Japanese comedy as an extra in the movie that was partly filmed at Kobe Airport.

Former Big Red tennis player and NYU professor **Dolly Chugh** is flexing her mental muscle these days. In addition to becoming a columnist for *Forbes* in May, she just released her book, *The Person You Mean to Be*,

which includes tennis legend Billy Jean King as one of its endorsers. It is bound to be a smash (insert groan here)! Looking forward to getting Dolly to sign my copy at the Cornell Store at Reunion 2020. See you there! ♦ **Rose Tanasugarn**, nt28@cornell.edu; **Allan Rousselle**, allanrousselle@gmail.com.

91 **Stephen Smith**, MBA '95 (sms11@cornell.edu) writes, "After leaving Naviance—the business **Shaun Fanning '94** and I co-founded in 2001—last year, we have launched a new education technology company called Intellispark (www.intellispark.com). It's great to be back in the early stages of an entrepreneurial venture, and I'm glad to be doing it with some prior ex-

perience!" Stephen adds that if he had a day in Ithaca, he would play the organ at Sage Chapel. **Sara Weaver** (sarasweaver@gmail.com) started a new position in March 2018 as VP of commercial operations at Neodyne Biosciences. The brand has products to prevent the formation of scars. "I'm loving it!" she writes. "I am a newlywed (second marriage) and now have two children and two stepchildren. I'm hoping to bring my family to Ithaca this summer!" Send your news to any of us; we'd love to hear from you! ♦ **J. Tim Vanini**, lava.nooche@icloud.com; **Wendy Milks** Coburn, wmilks.coburn@me.com; **Lori Woodring**, lori.woodring@yahoo.com; **Joe Marraccino**, Joe.Marraccino@wfafinet.com. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>

92 I hope you all had a good summer! By the time you read this, it will be back to school for all the kids and parents. For me it's always a bit of a relief. I work from home, and having the kids around can be very distracting. Plus, they need to be taken more places, which really chops up my day. So back-to-school time is always time for me to get back on a good work schedule and I welcome it! Here's all the news that's fit to print.

Lisa Cindolo Grace retired from the publishing industry to help her husband open his law firm eight years ago, though she occasionally dabbles when a part-time job comes up. During these past eight years, she's done work for *Cosmopolitan*, *Marie Claire*, and *Elle*. Mostly, though, she manages his law firm in NYC. She and her family live in New Jersey. Her daughter just started high school and is a performer and runner. Her son is in middle school and plays football and basketball and runs track.

Candis Griggs Hakim was one of the first people she met during orientation week, and she is still her best friend (along with **Danielle Cleveland**)! If Lisa had a day in Ithaca, she would spend the morning/afternoon in the gorges looking for fossils and the late afternoon at the Lab of Ornithology.

Michael Reinhorn (Sudbury, MA) is an inguinal hernia and pilonidal surgeon. After 16 years of doing general surgery, he went back to school at Brandeis to get an MBA. He established Boston Hernia in hopes of helping patients avoid the horrible outcomes that some people get with mesh hernia surgery, and he feels lucky enough

to spend quality time with my wife and kids. I spend a lot of time working and thinking about how to change inguinal hernia care and derive a lot of satisfaction in building something unique, and meeting many smart people along the way." Michael remembers **Jennifer Wrazen** and **Stephen Carlin** from Donlon.

Jeff and Diane Tormey Conuel live in Ithaca with their three kids. Jeff works for Aramco Performance Materials in research and development. He is "busy hiring and building a team of scientists to develop new and better materials with Converge Technology—using carbon dioxide as a building block in polymers that become foams, adhesives, and coatings." Jeff is a volunteer assistant coach with Ithaca High School girls' basketball, and his oldest child graduated from high school this past May. Jeff recently started learning the mandolin and ukulele, in addition to playing the guitar. **Anthony Sapia** has his own wholesale bread bakery, Gemelli Bakers, in State College, PA. He has 16-year-old twin boys who are learning to drive. He writes, "It is taking everything to not have my hair fall out!" (I hear you, Anthony!) He'd like to hear from **Michael Epstein** and would also like to take a trip to Sicily!

Cecil Dearborne is a delivery principal for ThoughtWorks (a technology company) and recently bought a single-family home in Chicago with his husband. He loves just sitting on his deck enjoying the sun and a book. He misses Ithaca's gorges, pizza at the Nines, the Haunt, and Common Ground. And lastly, my husband, **Todd Kantorczyk**, went to Reunion for the third year in a row. The first was as one of our Reunion chairs to shadow the Class of 1991 and plan our Reunion. The second was to implement our 25th in 2017. And the latest was to attend a special fraternity gathering. While on the Hill, Todd saw **Lisa Everts** and **Allison Bergstrom**.

Please keep the news coming! E-mail us or use the online form at <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>. Thanks! ♦ **Jean Kintisch**, jmk226@cornell.edu; **Lois Duffy** Castellano, LKD2@cornell.edu.

93 Hi all. I hope that those of you who returned to the Hill in June each came away with warm feelings from our 25th Reunion, which was a smashing success on all fronts (we even had great weather for it!).

A huge THANK YOU to our Reunion committee, **Lauren Bailyn** Sapira, MBA '94, **Christine Watters** Stuhmiller, and **Jessica Graus** Woo, and our former (not old!) and new officers for putting it all together. You knew our class would remain in great shape when our fearless leader, **Earl Pinto**, handed the baton to incoming president **Michael McMahon**, who promptly walked around filling our cups with his own line of bourbon! Our class raised a record amount for our class gift; kudos to **Eise Rosenberg** and **Loren Rosenzweig**—Feingold for steering that effort, and many thanks to each and all of you who contributed toward making a lasting impact on our beloved school.

What an incredible number of events for all of us and our families: morning yoga, a scavenger hunt, touring campus, attending a lecture or reception, watching the Hangovers perform, an ice cream social, enjoying farm-to-table local fare, dancing under the stars to local bands, or enjoying all that Ithaca has to offer. For me, the on-campus highlight was our class event at the climbing wall in Bartels Hall, where we could sample some of Ithaca's finest local and sustainable food and drink, there was climbing fun for the kiddos, and, most importantly, we could catch up with our classmates and meet their extended Cornell families (and future Cornellians). Watching Justify take the Triple Crown at the Belmont Stakes in the middle of the event was an added bonus!

The campus sure has changed over the last 25 years, but in a thoughtful and vibrant way. Some aging buildings have clearly undergone tasteful refurbishment or addition, all complemented by new, modern buildings. The new/newer dormitories on North and West campuses are gorgeous. There is no question that our campus remains the most beautiful!

Sure, there were people and places to be noted and missed, including those of you who couldn't join us at Reunion. The Palms, Dunbars, Dinos, and Stella's, to name a few of our former hangouts, are reduced to our collective memory. But what has changed just makes Ithaca thrive with the times. Ruloff's and CTB still anchor College-town hangouts. The Ithaca Commons is now completely redone, with the rebuilt Simeon's at the eastern helm. The Farmer's Market now has a permanent home, and nothing compares to the Cornell Botanic Gardens and the many falls and gorges where we all lounged and played.

Enjoy the rest of your summer with fun in the sun, and be sure to tell us about it! Five years is way too long before seeing you all again. Feel free to e-mail any of us at: ♦ **Mia Blackler**, miablackler@yahoo.com; **Melissa Hart** Moss, melimoss@yahoo.com; or **Teresa Flores**, taf6@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

94 Happy autumn! Have news to share? Submit it at: <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>. ♦ **Dineen Pashoukos** Wasylik, dmp5@cornell.edu; **Jennifer Rabin** Marchant, jar1229@yahoo.com; **Dika Lam**, dikaweb@yahoo.com.

95 I write this on my kids' last day of school here on Cape Cod, but as you read this, members of the new Class of 2022 are beginning their first semester on the Hill. This spring, my freshman-year roommate, **Steve Miller**, came back to New England with his family to visit. They came to the Cape and went up to York, ME, to visit our junior- and senior-year housemate **Steve Paul** and his family. All three of us got together just a few days later at a more somber event, Steve Miller's father's funeral. Donald Miller had made many trips up to Cornell

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DANIEL JANIS '95

to drop off and pick up Steve; he was a great man and will be missed.

We lost a classmate this year as well. **Brian Smith**, whom we had profiled in our 95 Faces in 2014, passed away. He was diagnosed with type 1 myotonic muscular dystrophy in 2010, and eventually, because he was unable to work, he became a stay-at-home dad with his now-fifth-grade daughter. His mother, **Marjorie Greenberg Smith '67**, and sister **Robin Smith '96** were also Cornellians. If you knew Brian and want to share some memories, write us.

Stephanie Cosner Berzin completed a book earlier this year called *Innovation from Within: Redefining How Nonprofits Solve Problems* (Oxford, 2018), which focuses on nonprofit innovation. In July she also became the new dean of the College of Social Sciences, Policy, and Practice at Boston-based Simmons College, which includes graduate education in social work, public policy, education, and public health, and undergraduate education in economics, political science, international relations, public health, sociology, and social work. "Since my days at Cornell, I have forever been inspired by the promise of higher education and the energy of the university environment," she says. "I go at least every five years for Reunion, and the first thing we do is walk the campus with deep breaths, lots of stops, and many photos."

Daniel Janis, whom we also wrote about in the March/April issue, was recently elevated to shareholder at law firm Davis, Malm & D'Agostino, also in Boston. Dan reports that he has been living in Jamaica Plain (a neighborhood of Boston) since 1999, after he graduated from Northeastern Law School. He is married to **Leslie Goodyear, PhD '01**, whom he met when he was working at Collegetown Bagels. "I still have the same fretless Fender jazz bass I had in college, which I play in the occasional blues jam (I'm so sad to hear that the Nines has closed) and garage band," he says. "I caught the running bug about ten years ago and, since then, have been working on my master plan to run a marathon in every state. I'm up to 39 states so far." Dan grew up in Ithaca, and his parents still live there, so he gets back to town a few times a year. "If you want all the real dirty details, check out my blog (and theme song) at www.danjanis.com," he says.

Also representing lawyers making waves, **Hillary Frommer** of New York City has recently been appointed co-chair of the New York County Lawyers Assn.'s estates, trusts, and surrogate's court practice committee. Her three-year term began this year. Hillary is counsel at Farrell Fritz in the firm's trusts and estates department. She focuses her practice in litigation and handles all types of matters in the New York Surrogate's Court as well as matters in the New York Supreme Court involving estates. Hillary earned her JD from Chicago-Kent College of Law.

Brett Schwartz's recent feature documentary film *Insatiable: The Homaro Cantu Story* is now available on Hulu, Amazon, iTunes, GooglePlay, and other digital outlets and DVD. As for his personal life: "I have a teenager in my house right now." He and wife Aviva enjoy trying new restaurants in Chicago and checking out different neighborhoods. Responding to who he first met at Cornell, he wrote, "I can't remember for sure, but I do remember meeting **Rafael Olazagasti '94** in my suite on my first day in Low Rise 7 on North Campus." If he were to go back to visit Cornell, he'd "walk across the Arts Quad, relax in the A.D. White Library, and check out the studios in Olive Tjaden Hall, my old haunt."

Let us know what is going on in your world! ♦ **Scott Lajoie**, scottlajoie@hotmail.com; **Alison Torrillo** French, atorrillo@aol.com. Class website, [\[alumni.cornell.edu\]\(http://alumni.cornell.edu\). Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.](http://classof95.</p></div><div data-bbox=)

96 I was just back on the Hill for my 15th business school reunion, where I marveled at the fact that one thing is always the same about Ithaca—it keeps changing! From Collegetown's majestic new Breazzano Family Center for Business Education, to the increased activity on the downtown Commons, to the purposefully environmentally friendly un-mowed patches of very tall grass on Libe Slope, our "second home" continues to amaze.

Class president **Alexi Clinton** reports that last year she accepted a promotion to clinical nutrition manager at Cayuga Medical Center in Ithaca. When she became a dietitian in 2006 after a mid-career change, she never dreamed she'd end up back in Ithaca, least of all as a manager at the local hospital! She's rising to the challenge, though, and is working on some exciting initiatives at the hospital. She also keeps busy tending to our class, and notes that at the Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC) in February, she and our class council generated some exciting ideas that you will see posted on our Facebook page in the coming weeks. When she's not working or concentrating on Cornell, she is enjoying the food scene in Ithaca, as well as its natural beauty (now that the weather is nice).

Tseng-Yuan "Steve" Chen, ME '97, is busy in Taiwan as the chairman of Group Meridian, his own private equity business. He and wife Josie are excited to report that son **Colin** is now Cornell Class of 2022! Steve is grateful for the education, opportunities, and friendships that Cornell has afforded him. He aspires to play more tennis and to reconnect with his Cornell friend **Alex Ho**. ♦ **Lee Hendelman**, LeeH1818@hotmail.com. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

97 Have news to share? Submit it at: <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>. ♦ **Sarah Deardorff** Carter, sjd5@cornell.edu; **Erica Broennle** Nelson, ejb4@cornell.edu.

98 We, the Class of '98, celebrated our 20th Reunion this June. We may have only spent four years at our alma mater, but we are Cornellians for life. The weekend was filled with fun dinners by the Townhouses and the Johnson Museum of Art, tent parties on the Arts Quad, lectures, tours, receptions, and much more! Special thanks to the Reunion chairs and volunteers who made this all possible, especially our own classmates **Leslie Glenn**, **Stephanie Solarsh** Leichter, **Jacqueline Cohen** Maniscalco, **Robin Schenker**, **Joseph Cleverdon**, BS '15, and **Rachel Etes** Green.

I journeyed back to Ithaca with **Sheeleza Bacchus** Deba for a weekend of renewal and reconnection with all things Cornell. Sheeleza started her professional career in marketing before becoming a preschool administrator. She and her husband, Ravi, have two daughters, Brielle, 6, and Giselle, 2. When we arrived on campus and checked into the Class of '98 headquarters, Mary Donlon Hall, we instantly felt a mix of excitement and nostalgia. I caught up with **Farhana Ahmed**, who currently lives in Houston, TX. She is a managing director at Dacarba, a provider of financial advisory and consulting services to the energy industry. Sheeleza and I also ran into fellow Alpha Phi sisters **Leslie Kirchler-Owen** and **Laura Rossier '99** on Friday and Saturday night, respectively. Leslie is a project manager at Ecology and Environment Inc. and lives in the greater Chicago area. She is still an avid ice skater and

coach. Leslie introduced us to **Lenor Marquis** Segal and **Molly Beinfeld**, with whom we danced the night away at the Y2K party, along with **Luis Ormaechea**, his wife, **Darcy (Jones) '99**, and **Roya Hamadani**. Laura attended Reunion with her husband, **Alan Carlin**, whose work at Aptima focuses on artificial intelligence. While they were in town for Reunion, Darcy and Luis also visited the Ithaca Commons and the Ithaca Farmer's Market. They have two children, Leah, 12, and Matias, 8. Roya completed both her MFA in creative writing and her MPH in epidemiology at the U. of Pittsburgh in 2004 and 2010, respectively. She currently works for the Lehigh Valley Health Network.

Jaff Hasan and wife Amber are the proud parents of two boys, Samuel, 5, and Benjamin, 7 months old. He is responsible for employee development and training for the Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority (SEPTA). Jaff also shared, "We were the last they let into Bailey Hall" for Cornelliana Night, a lively and entertaining showcase of traditional Cornell songs. Walking back to Donlon, Sheeleza and I ran into **Dionis** and **Melissa Cruz Rodriguez** and their children, Nathaniel and Ari. Dionis is the founder and managing principal at Crimson Rock Capital, and Melissa works at LG. The Rodriguez family had gone to the Fuertes Observatory before the children headed to the kids club at Helen Newman. I caught up with **Rosanna Batista** and **Jessica Nowillo** by the Johnson Museum. Rosanna has her MPH in epidemiology and biostatistics from Boston U. and currently oversees public health programs in Boston, MA. Jessica is a psychiatrist with her own private practice since 2007. Jessica and I did not know each other from Cornell, but we actually met at a friend's Super Bowl party earlier this year! Jessica and her husband, **Mark Nogueira '97**, have two children.

Another popular event at Reunion is the tent parties on the Arts Quad, where music and libations go hand in hand. We ran into **Pierre LaTouche** and **Jack Ferrer**, MBA '07, there. Pierre shared with Sheeleza that he is a proud father of a little boy and he works in IT for Deutsche Bank in New Jersey. Jack works in finance and completed his MBA at the Johnson Graduate School of Management at Cornell in 2007. He has been a visiting lecturer of Finance there for many years now.

I am very happy I was able to be "Uthica in Ithaca" and attend Reunion, but the highlight of my weekend was reconnecting with **Jaimee Schreiber Loewy** and **Stephanie Silver** Silberstein. We three were all in the same Theatre Arts class senior year and we reminisced over our professor and classmates. Stephanie has her MFA in acting from the U. of Texas at Austin and currently teaches acting and other theatre classes at the Paper Mill Playhouse in Millburn, NJ. An actress, a teacher, and a writer, Stephanie is also a mother of four. After years working in advertising and technology startups, Jaimee joined PIMCO in 2001. Since the birth of her youngest child, she has been an active community advocate, serving on several boards for many volunteer projects. She just celebrated her 18th wedding anniversary to **Dan '96** and they have three children, Noah, Ezra, and Evie.

I started volunteering to write this column after attending our 10th Reunion and I still love it! Being back on campus with the people who had shared the same time and space was just what I needed to strengthen my Cornell connection and gather news. If you'd like to share news with your classmates, please access the online news form at: <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>, or you can e-mail: ♦ **Uthica Jinvit** Utano, udj1@cornell.edu; or **Toni Stable** Weiss, TLS9@cornell.edu.

99 I'm writing to you in the middle of an existential crisis. I have just returned from enjoying 30 hours of perfect July weather in Ithaca. At Cayuga Lake, it was 77 degrees, breezy, and cloudless. The Ithaca Farmer's Market was brimming with berries, cherries, and flowers. The Cornell Botanic Gardens (née the Plantations) were stunning. And, of course, one of those cute little homes on Forest Home Drive is for sale. What's so great about New York City again?

We're into our 40s, friends, and with that come the big questions, the new jobs, and some transitions. Just ask **Nathan Jauvtis**, PhD '03, who writes to us from Dryden, NY. He recently relocated there with **Emily Germano '00**, MS '05, and is now finding satisfaction in bottle-feeding baby piglets. Nathan recently sold his California-based electric motorbike company, Monday Motorbikes, to move back to Dryden to help Emily build her business, Daisy Hollow Farm. "I packed 40 years of my life's belongings into a 26-ft. U-Haul, packed front to back, floor to ceiling, and drove across the country to be with my love and her three boys on a beautiful 25-acre farm in Dryden," he said. His perfect day in Ithaca, he said, would start with Gimme! Coffee, then "a ride on my electric motorbike through campus and out to the Plantations for a picnic fueled by Collegetown Bagels. Then a visit to my professors and advisors, and, depending on the season, I would catch a Cornell athletics event."

In a similar transition, **Nikki Adame**-Winningham, ME '00, writes from Newburgh, NY, about her year of new beginnings: new city, new pet, and new job—all in the first quarter of 2018. She writes, "My husband, Charles, and I moved to Newburgh at the beginning of the year in order to have an apartment that would allow our new dog, Magnus," a 1-year-old Siberian husky with a lot of energy and cuddles. In March, Nikki left private law behind to join Pfizer Inc. as an environmental, health, and safety attorney. "The new position brings stimulating challenges and practice areas, and also lets me commute by train to Manhattan, which is a welcome change," Nikki said.

Jason Field is in Loxahatchee, FL, and is self-employed in the horticulture industry as a floral distributor, plantscaper, and nurseryman. If you are part of the FOH department or were a classmate from 1996-99, please reach out to him. **Wenbi Lai**, ME '00, writes from Tokyo, Japan, where she has spent the 2017-18 school year with her husband, **Keigo Hirakawa**, PhD '05, who is on sabbatical. She found a part-time research assistant job at the Tokyo Inst. of Technology learning about computer modeling of peptide adhesion to 2D materials. "Our kids are experiencing the joys of riding trains and finding new friends in Japanese preschool and public school," she said. "I am enjoying eating as much fish as possible before we return to Dayton, OH."

After 18 years with YouGov/Harrison Group, **Laura Knights** Riley struck out to be an independent contractor/consultant in Seattle, where she lives with husband Sean. "Loving the better balance of work and family . . . for now," she writes. "Joey, my 9-year-old son, and Kate, my 5-year-old daughter, keep Sean and me very busy! Soccer, gymnastics, dance class, swim lessons, and so much more!" Lastly, a shout out: Laura wishes to acknowledge professor Cindy van Es, now professor of practice in the Dyson School of Applied Economics and Management. "In addition to being an amazing teacher and advocate," said Laura, "she portrayed a successful woman leader who found a great balance with work and family."

Here's to all of us finding that great balance—whatever it is. And when you do find it, tell us! Please drop

a note to either the author of this column, **Melanie Acostavalle** West, or **Heather Hollidge** Madland at the e-mail addresses below. Or submit your news online at: <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>. ♦ **Melanie Acostavalle** West, melaniegraycewest@gmail.com; **Heather Hollidge** Madland, hmadland@gmail.com.

00 Greetings, Class of 2000! If you have news to share, you can submit it at: <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes>. Or send a note to me directly; your classmates would love to hear from you! ♦ **Christine Jensen** Weld, ckj1@cornell.edu.

01 Ooh, someone has written in from my neck of the woods! (For those of you in places like NYC and D.C., please appreciate how lucky you are to have tons of classmates around.) **Benjamin Ruder** is co-owner and partner of Small to Tall Pediatric Dentistry, outside Olympia, WA, "helping infants, children, and adolescents have less 'sugar bugs,' straighter teeth, and healthier smiles." With his wife, Katherine "Bug" Gibson, and their kids Theodore, Beatrix, and Graham, he writes, "We really enjoy all the adventures and beauty of the Pacific Northwest." At the time of his submission, he was also looking forward to a mini-reunion in Chicago with old housemates **Ben McClintic**, **John Kent**, **Paras Jain**, **Brian Donohue**, and **Naveen Sastry '00**.

How did you spend your summer vacation? **Justin McCarthy** traveled across Europe—the UK, France, Hungary, Slovakia, Austria, Germany, Italy, and Vatican City—with his wife, Katie, and their kids Jack, 8, Ali, 6, and Claire, 4. "Favorite part: all the amazing food! And a week with nothing to do in Tuscany," he writes. Back home in Tiburon, CA, Justin was recently made managing editor of the *Southern Marin Mothers Club Crier* "and finally got an offer to get paid to write things." Justin, if you ever miss writing for free, we'd love to have more classmates involved with this column and social media channels. The same goes for anyone else reading this who also bleeds camelian and gets a thrill from seeing your name in print.

Until then, it's up to me and my webstalking ways . . . Jackpot! Congrats to **Chris Mancuso** and his wife, Kim, on the birth of daughter Eleanor Josie in June. Chris has worked at the same employer (Goldman Sachs) since we graduated college—how many of us can say that? Thanks for doing your part to make our generation look a lot more responsible, Chris! Ditto for **Adam Kerzner**, who is marking 17 years with the New York City Dept. of Education—and has officially settled down! He and new wife Jeremy Crandall tied the knot at Glynwood Farm in Cold Spring, NY, in late May. The dozen Cornellians in attendance included best man **Matt Speck**, MPS '01, and classmates **William** and **Julie Boden Adams**, JD '04, **Jason Hofmann**, **Corinna Lai**, and **Adam**, JD '04, and **Jennifer Block Rosen '02**. "So with 126 guests, I had a 10 percent total Cornell turnout of 20 percent of my guests!" Adam writes. That's an impressive ratio, 17 years later! Adam and Jeremy live in Garrison, NY, where Adam volunteers with the Garrison Volunteer Fire Company. Also, in case you're wondering, Jeremy got her unique name from the French phrase for dear friend: "cher amie."

After three different careers, **Bianca Jade Taxman** has "finally found my calling and what truly makes me happy," through her success as a health, wellness, and beauty expert based in New York City and crossing the country hosting TV shows. "You can find me on local to national morning shows and on the Evine Live shopping network," she writes. "I also recently became the host of

Walgreen's new health-focused national commercial campaign." At the time she wrote, she was still single and "hopefully looking to meet another Cornell grad (fingers crossed)." Hint, hint, eligible bachelors reading this! A Class Notes love connection might get your wedding featured in this magazine, if not also a NYT Sunday Styles column . . . If she had a day in Ithaca, Bianca concludes, "I would walk around campus and just observe the students, reminiscing on my days there."

Adrienne Nerio Martinez, MBA '08, made that dream a reality recently, returning to campus for her ten-year MBA reunion, two years after enjoying our 15th undergrad Reunion together. "It's always great to be back 'home,'" she writes. "I got to stay in one of the newer dorms on West Campus and was happy with that experience. I managed to get in a trip to the Dairy Bar, Campus Store, Wegmans, and the Commons (which is seeing some crazy redevelopment), and even walked across the Suspension Bridge!" As she approached the bridge, she was also happy to see that Rand Hall is finally being renovated—architecture alumni, rejoice!

Wouldn't it be nice to be like Adrienne and get back to campus even sooner than our 20th Reunion (June 2021)? If you're at Homecoming on September 22, please tag@Cornell2001 on social media so we can help classmates find each other. We're also expecting lots of classmates in NYC for the November 17 Cornell vs. Columbia football game and parade and the November 24 "Frozen Apple" Cornell vs. Harvard hockey game in Madison Square Garden. Get your tickets now!

Got news, want to get back in touch with old friends, or want to plan a class happy hour or tailgate party? Visit our website (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, find me online or e-mail me at: ♦ **Nicole Neroulis** Gupte, NicoleMN6@gmail.com.

02 Happy autumn! Have news to share? Submit it at: <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes>. ♦ **Jeffrey Barker**, jrb41@cornell.edu; **Carolyn Decker** Lang, cmd35@cornell.edu.

03 Our 15th Reunion has come and gone, and it was a great weekend back in Ithaca! By the numbers, 178 alumni from the Class of '03 came back to campus and were joined by 64 children and 43 other adults, including 18 alumni from other class years, and 151 people stayed in our class dorm. **Katie Nelson** Schoenberg, PhD '10, and I even stayed in her exact freshman dorm room, and nothing had changed.

The weekend started with classmates slowly drifting into our class Reunion headquarters on Thursday. **David**, JD '06, and **Susan Birnbaum Fisher** were spotted there and are living in Westchester, NY. David's a lawyer in employment and labor, and Susan is an information architect. They have a 2-1/2-year-old and took an amazing trip to Iceland, where they recommend snowmobiling along the glacier. **Josh** and **Jaime Wasserstrom Novikoff** and son Liam were decked out in Capitals gear, and Josh had already scoped out the TVs on North Campus, where he organized a watch party for game five of the Stanley Cup Finals. Josh settled on Donlon lounge to watch the game and later Thursday evening saw the Capitals win their first Stanley Cup! Much happiness was shared as most in attendance were rooting for Washington.

For those classmates already on campus, many scattered around campus Friday participating in various activities including a talk given by classmate **Alex Hayes**,

ME '04, titled "Hail CAESAR: How Cornell Is Going to Unravel the Mystery of How Star Stuff Became Us." Alex is an assistant professor of astronomy at Cornell. Friday dinner was back at the class tent, and I had a wonderful conversation with **Seth Harris**. Seth is a seventh grade social studies teacher in the Albany area and has been for the last 12 years. He enjoys the interaction with students and getting them excited about learning. His favorite activity is the law day mock trial program, where the students put on a full length and unscripted mock trial before an actual State Supreme Court justice. He has taught several students who have attended Cornell. Seth shared that he has been to six of the 16 presidential libraries and recommends the Bill Clinton library in Little Rock, AR, where he feels the '90s actually come back alive. He is hoping to make it to the Reagan library in California soon.

Sarah Hutchen Mancoll was spotted outside the class tent chasing around 1-year-old Abie, who was enamored with the circus-like tent stake. Sarah is the policy director for the Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues in D.C., where she puts to use her Human Development degree. She finished her master's in social policy and planning at London School of Economics. Her recommendation to any undergrads heading to LSE is to take advantage of the proximity to continental Europe. Sarah took the last of her student loan money to spend a week and a half in southern Spain. **Molly McDowell** shared that she finished her master's in public administration at Binghamton U. and was accepted into the PhD program in criminal justice in San Marcos, TX. Her specialty will be response to and adjudication of sexual assault and domestic violence crimes in rural areas.

Allyse Rosenberg Aruch, who lived with Jaime Wasserstrom Novikoff, was spotted under the Reunion class tent. Currently, Allyse lives in West Orange, NJ, where she is in-house council for Pfizer. Her specialty is advertising law in the consumer products group. You can see her work in common products like Advil, Chapstick, EmergenC, and Centrum. Allyse has two daughters, 6 and 3 years old, who enjoy volleyball, gymnastics, and dancing. Friday evening wrapped up with the first night of tent parties on the Quad, and a strong sense of community was reinvigorated when the Hot Truck arrived for a late-night snack back at class headquarters.

Saturday started a bit more slowly for some classmates, except for those with kids that didn't understand that mommy and daddy were out late the previous night. Saturday highlights included the "Fun in the Sun" family festival and a conversation with classmate **Erika Ettin** about her unique business, A Little Nudge, that helps individuals navigate the complex world of online dating. Saturday night dinner was on the shore of Beebe Lake, which was a beautiful setting to enjoy Dinosaur BBQ, a visit from the Big Red Pep Band, and the Reunion tradition of the class photo.

At some point, Saturday dinner morphed into flip cup and beer pong and classmates headed off to Cornelliana Night. The night kept going at the tents on the Quad, and a new tradition was started with the after-hours Y2K party beside the Johnson Museum. Several classmates danced late into the night to tunes that were frequently heard around our undergraduate dorms playing from our Napster-derived music collections. As the legs grew tired and the long travel ahead came nearer, our classmates headed back to class headquarters for some much-needed DP Dough.

Sunday morning came with some classmates heading out early and some lingering longer, but the consensus

feeling was that it was a magical weekend back on the Hill. Hats off to **Rich Chomko** and Jaime Wasserstrom Novikoff, who put in a ton of hard work and delivered a super fun and engaging Reunion! More Reunion news to come in the next column! ❖ **Jon Schoenberg**, jrs55@cornell.edu; **Candace Lee** Chow, cjl24@cornell.edu.

04 Hello, classmates! We enjoy reading your news and updates. Please continue to share.

Fellow classmate **Kendra James** was recently awarded the Legal Business Rising Star In-House Counsel of the Year 2018 Award in the UK. Congratulations! This award is given to rising stars "tipped for great things by their colleagues, peers, and advisers." Kendra is currently senior legal counsel at the *Financial Times* (FT), assigned to

nuggets!) **Jessica Elias** recently completed a graduate degree in leadership and administration and became a certified school building and school district leader. She currently works as a literacy intervention specialist for the NYC DOE.

In January, **Tory Lauterbach** was promoted to shareholder at Wright & Talisman, a boutique energy law firm in Washington, DC. Tory focuses her practice on representing and advising public utilities and their investors in regulatory matters before the federal government. **Kelly Robreno** Koster was recently promoted to member (partner) at Eckert Seamans in White Plains, NY. Kelly concentrates her practice in complex commercial, product liability, and labor and employment litigation. She attended American U. for law school and previously

'Nathan Jauvtis is now finding satisfaction in bottle-feeding baby piglets.'

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oversee the FT's intellectual property, commercial transactions, and brand strategy. She may be the first woman to win the award. Additional information about the award and Kendra can be found at: <https://www.legalbusiness.co.uk/the-legal-business-awards/categories/rising-star-in-house-counsel-of-the-year/>. Connect with Kendra via LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/in/kendraleejames/>.

We look forward to hearing more information and updates in the future. ❖ **Jessi Petrosino**, jessi.petrosino@ey.com. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

05 **Alexandra Tursi** is the social media strategist at the U. of Vermont Health Network. "I love that my work brings me to inspiring places to meet incredible people," she writes. "I have spoken at Stanford U. and Mayo Clinic on how to use social media to promote healthy behavior change. I am also fortunate to have music in my life: I sing with a vocal jazz octet. We tour New England and Canada regularly." Alexandra adds, "My spouse, Doug, and I welcomed a baby girl into our lives on September 25, 2016. Her name is Ilona Beatrice! Being a new mother is rewarding and remarkable. I love every minute of it. We can't wait to bring her to Cornell for our 15th Reunion!"

Have news to share? Submit it at: <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>. Or send a note to any of us; we love to hear from you! ❖ **Hilary Johnson-King**, haj4@cornell.edu; **Johnny Chen**, jc362@cornell.edu; **Michelle Wong**, mrw29@cornell.edu.

06 Hello, Class of 2006! Our classmates are celebrating a lot of career and personal milestones these days, and I am excited to update you on what a few of your friends are up to these days.

Ron and Bethany Marmillo Rohde live in Dallas and recently welcomed their first daughter. Bethany opened her own law firm about a year ago, and loves having the autonomy to pursue satisfying client projects. If she had a day in Ithaca, she would jump from the gorges, run the trails, and eat at the Nines. (Gotta love those corn

served as a law clerk to the Hon. Jose L. Linares of the US District Court for the District of New Jersey.

What's new with you? New job? Wedding? Big move? Let us know—we love to hear from you. ❖ **Tory Lauterbach**, VML8@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

07 Happy fall, Class of 2007! Classes are back in session, and the leaves are starting to turn. Do you feel that autumn breeze? Or do you remember how great it was to have a warm Halloween weekend our freshman year (back in 2003, for those keeping track)? Here's looking at some of our classmates' most recent news and accomplishments.

Last fall, classmate **Denise Green** was featured in Cornell's *Human Ecology* magazine. Denise, currently an assistant professor of Fiber Science and Textile Design at Cornell, curated an exhibit on 20th-century fashion and its role in labor unions. The exhibit chronicled items from the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory through the Int'l Ladies' Garment Workers' Union in 1987.

After graduating Cornell, **Emily Looney** earned a medical degree from the Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth. She completed residency at the Family Medicine Residency of Idaho in 2015 and a fellowship in hospice and palliative care at the U. of Utah in Salt Lake City. She joined Samaritan Health Services in 2016, practicing family medicine at Samaritan Family Medicine and supportive services at Good Samaritan Regional Medical Center. She is board certified in hospice and palliative care, as well as in family medicine. In May 2018, Emily joined Samaritan Evergreen Hospice as medical director. She looks forward to continuing the standard of high-quality care, partnering with local organizations, and providing education to providers and community members about key end-of-life topics and advance care planning.

This past spring, fellow Hotelies from Atlanta served as celebrity judges at City of Refuge's Dinner in the City. City of Refuge is a nonprofit organization committed to helping individuals break the cycle of poverty in their lives.

One of its multi-faceted rehabilitation programs is the 180° Kitchen, which serves food to, for, and by residents of the program. Dinner in the City is a fundraiser that allows graduates of the program to show off their skills in the kitchen. **Ryan Pernice**, owner of Coalition Food and Beverage, Osteria Mattone, and Table & Main served as a judge, as well as **Federico Castellucci**, who is president and CEO of Castellucci Hospitality Group as well as a board member of the Georgia Restaurant Assn. Congrats on all of your accomplishments! Can't wait to see what else you have in store for the food world of the greater Atlanta area.

Are you glad to be several years away from the undergrad experience? Do you wish you could have one more semester up in Ithaca? Let me know! I'm looking forward to sharing more exciting stories with everyone. Please feel free to reach out to me with your latest updates or submit online. ❖ **Samantha Feibush** Wolf, srf29@cornell.edu. Online news form, <https://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

08 It's September, but I would wager some of our classmates still haven't recovered from our jam-packed, whirlwind-of-a-weekend 10th Reunion. Many classmates and their guests, including spouses and children, returned to the Hill for three days of mingling, reconnecting, and reminiscing in June 2018, and we are already anxiously awaiting our 15th Reunion in 2023! Classmates made the pilgrimage back to campus from both near and far. (For example, **Matthew Zimmerman** made it to Ithaca from his home in Hong Kong, where he is director of merchandising, planning and allocation, luxury apparel, and accessories for Ralph Lauren Asia Pacific.)

Thanks to the absolutely flawless, and perpetually upbeat, planning of Reunion chairs **Ebony Scott** Smith and **Sara Patterson**, and the logistical mastery of registration chair **Shirley Cueva**, the weekend went off without a hitch, with the Cornell weather gods smiling down on us and cooperating with warmth and nary a speck of rain or Ithacation.

Risley Hall was the hub of activity all weekend, home to both class headquarters and housing assignments for many of our classmates. Both Risley and Balch Hall's hallways were the site of joyful reunions and replays of freshman year living, as classmates readjusted to dorm life and shower shoes and stayed up past their current bedtimes to catch up with friends in Balch's study rooms until 3:00 a.m. Some classmates made it to Ithaca on Thursday night, in time for drinks and late-night pizza at headquarters in the Risley lobby. Friday evening featured a class mixer and a catered dinner by Taste of Thai in the class tent outside Risley. Following dinner, many classmates, who were dismayed by the lack of familiar sites in Colletetown (mourning the loss of Johnny O's and the Palms since we graduated), made their way to the tent parties on the Arts Quad, featuring live bands and karaoke, dancing the night away.

Saturday featured a class breakfast, followed by the boarding of buses for wine and brewery tours to sample the region's finest wines. Many attendees remarked how tame these tours were in comparison to those during Senior Week ten years ago. Classmates who stayed back toured campus, marveling at new buildings such as Klarman Hall (attached to Goldwin Smith) and Gates Hall, drank sangria and beer on the CTB patio, shopped for gear for themselves and classmates' babies at the Cornell Store, and strolled down Tower Road to visit the recently remodeled Cornell Dairy Bar for the best ice cream in the world, "made from the smartest cows."

Saturday afternoon also featured Reunion events for affinity groups, such as fraternities and sororities, athletic teams, and the campus tour guides. Saturday evening featured the class photo and dinner catered by Dinosaur Bar-B-Que in two large tents on the Ag Quad. Following dinner, classmates trekked to Cornelliana Night (and the subsequent Hangovers and After Eight "arch sing" in the Goldwin Smith Hall lobby) and back to the Arts Quad tents, which were lively and full of revelry, drink, and dancing. A highlight of the weekend was the Y2K dance party in a tent next to the Johnson Art Museum that started at 1:00 a.m., after the Arts Quad tents closed, where classmates danced with the classes of '03, '08, and '13 to the jams of our youth, college days, and time as young alumni, and many classmates made it back to headquarters for an after-party featuring Wings Over Ithaca.

Reunion 2018 was just as fun and memorable as our 5th Reunion in 2013, and many classmates remarked that our time as "young alumni" or "recent college grads" has truly come to an end, as classmates described how they feel settled into "adulting" by now, building their careers, families, and personal identities. Reunion also included many tiny guests, as classmates brought their children to campus to introduce to their old friends and to begin indoctrinating them with Big Red pride. It was so fun to meet **Jared** and **Abbe Yale Spaans**'s 8-month-old son, Eames Joel, and **David** and **Ali Railsback**'s similarly aged son, Owen.

We have the entire weekend recorded for posterity, thanks to our absolutely fabulous social media presence. Big kudos to **Josh Perlin** for manning our Facebook page, Twitter feed, and Instagram account. If you haven't yet, be sure to check out our class on the web as a way to stay connected until our 15th Reunion in 2023: on Facebook, <https://www.facebook.com/CornellClass2008/>; on Twitter, <https://twitter.com/BIGRED2008/>; and on Instagram, <http://instagram.com/bigred2008/>.

The Class of 2008 also raised a sizable amount for our alma mater in our Reunion campaign, co-chaired by **Jason Beekman**, JD '11, and **Jonathan Feldman**. Congratulations to all of you, for setting up for a strong legacy of giving back! The weekend also marked a changing of the guards, as we thanked the outgoing class council for their five years of hard work, Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference attendance, and conference calling, and elected a new slate of class officers. Congratulations to President **Mike Wilbert** and the rest of the new council.

Most importantly, Reunion's success was driven by each and every classmate's passion and commitment to Cornell. Seeing so many '08ers celebr(08) our return to the Hill and reconnect with each other was a weekend highlight, and these are the ties that will bind us for decades to come. Thank you to all who made the weekend fabulous, and to those of you who couldn't make it, we can't wait to see you in five years.

Send us your news! Libby and I have signed on for a new five-year tenure because of how much we love hearing from classmates! ❖ **Elana Beale**, erb26@cornell.edu; **Libby Boymel**, lkb24@cornell.edu.

09 Greetings from New York City, friends and classmates! As the seasons turn and mark the start of a new school year, our class council also has shifted its focus toward our 10th Reunion! It's hard to believe that we matriculated at Cornell 14 years ago, and next June we will celebrate the decade that has passed since we graduated.

In that decade, countless developments, accolades, and higher-level degrees (some from Cornell, others not) have transpired among members of our class. Hotel school alumni have opened restaurants and hotels, Engineering alumni have developed software and advanced the discovery of new compounds, ILR alumni have proceeded to law degrees, and countless others have pursued exciting careers in and outside their major. Some have also switched careers; some have married and started families. No matter where you are and what you are doing, we hope to celebrate with you under the tents next June.

Have you been to a Reunion weekend yet? It is hands down the most beautiful, magical weekend in all the summer. Ithaca is in full bloom, the university has on its very best hat, and for a moment, maybe just a moment, you feel as though you're 18—although, perhaps an 18-year-old with a mortgage and graduate school loans, but young at heart nevertheless.

In the meantime, I heard from **Emily Borman**, who has joined the law firm Blank Rome, in their Los Angeles office, as an associate in the labor and employment group. Emily comes to Blank Rome from Carothers DiSante & Freudenberger LLP, a boutique law firm focused on California labor, employment, and immigration law. Emily earned her JD from UC Hastings College of the Law. Congratulations, Emily, on this exciting change!

We were so excited to see our classmate **Jeremy Dussollet**'s name in the press as the co-writer of the new platinum hit "Most Girls" from Hailee Steinfeld. Congratulations on this accomplishment, Jeremy! We also heard from our classmates **Jason Georges** and **Shivani Kumar**, who wed last year in Boston. Jason is a corporate attorney at Hoga Lovells US LLP, an international law firm, and Shivani is in residency at Mount Sinai Hospital in Manhattan in vascular surgery. Congratulations to you both!

Hope to see you all in June 2019 under the tents. ❖ **Rebecca Robbins**, rsr38@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

10 Happy autumn! Have news to share? Submit it at: <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>. Or write to any of us directly; we love to hear from you! ❖ **Amar Kelkar**, ahk24@cornell.edu; **Michelle Sun**, michellejsun@gmail.com; **Jeff Katz**, jak232@cornell.edu.

11 We hope that many of you enjoyed the warm weather and the graduation and Reunion season. If you recently graduated, congratulations!

Carolyn Sedgwick (cws67@cornell.edu) has started a new job that will hopefully allow her to enjoy the outdoors. In April, she started as the executive director of the Massachusetts Land Trust Coalition, a nonprofit organization that advances land conservation efforts throughout Massachusetts. While she is based in Boston, her work will take her all over the state and throughout parts of New England. If you are in the area, please reach out to Carolyn as she would love to connect. From both your class correspondents, many congratulations on the new job, Carolyn! Send news to: ❖ **Dara Perl**, dmp229@cornell.edu; **Siva Iyer**, si74@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

12 After **Terezia Urban** Rutkowski finished her time at Teach For America, she moved to Philly and continued working in urban education for two more years. She then went back to school to complete her Master of Public Health degree. She graduated last December and moved to Boston, shortly after getting

married on campus in Sage Chapel. Terezia recently started working in research at the health informatics program at Boston Children's Hospital. She still can't believe it's been six years since we graduated, and can't wait for our next Reunion!

Sam Moss is currently an attorney in the international trade and national security group at the international law firm Kirkland & Ellis LLP, where he focuses on national security foreign investment reviews, economic sanctions, and export controls. Sam has been enjoying the many exciting events and other activities that Washington, DC, has to offer, especially after summer arrived. He is hoping to move to New York in the not-too-distant future. **Colleen Brill** and her fiancé, classmate **Jacob Rosen**, live on the Upper East Side of New York City with their dog, Grant. ❖ **Peggy Ramin**, mar335@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

13 I top off my five years as the 2013 class correspondent with a special Reunion Report. For those of you who made it to Reunion, you experienced this firsthand; for those of you who did not—well, this column is especially for you! The weekend was glorious, from the weather to the activities to the people. I arrived late Thursday night thanks to **Erica Barnett**, who drove me and **Nadia Raynes** from Boston, where she has been an imbedded software engineer since graduating. When we arrived, we were welcomed by our Reunion leadership, which was raring to go. I even got my very own “Most Valuable Cornellian” pin, which I put on immediately. This year, 2013 instituted a fast-track check-in process that made everything super easy, so I dropped my bags, took in the musk of the Dickson Hall dorm (ahhh), and bolted to meet my friends, who had already gotten the party started.

Friday morning for me began with an infusion of Ithaca Bakery coffee and a bagel and then we were off on the 2013-sponsored wine tour. Thanks to **Drew Zukosky's** incredible organizing skills, 2013 brought four buses full of alumni to three wineries from a rotating list of five. Some of the attendees on the wine tours reported about what they've been up to since graduating. We were delighted to see **Justin Shapiro**, fresh from back surgery, braving the craziness of a wine tour. **Katie Buckner** received her master's in social work from UCLA and was recently married in Malibu. **Renee Rushefski** is a talent acquisition program manager for Amazon Web Services and is getting married this fall in Connecticut. **Isabel Eckstein** moved back to New York City just days before Reunion, after spending a few years abroad in London working for the Corporate Executive Board. Lastly, **Sam McKenna** currently works as a food technologist at Glanbia Performance Nutrition, developing protein powder and pre-workout supplements for the company's global nutrition brand. We probably could have all used some of those supplements by the weekend's end!

After the wine tour, most of our class relaxed and waited for other alumni to arrive. We hired Agava to cater dinner, which was the first time Agava had ever participated in catering of this scale at Reunion. My friends had to hit up Souvlaki too, where we reconnected with the wait staff and even met some alumni celebrating their 30th Reunion. Once everyone had finally arrived to campus and our bellies were stuffed, the night activities began.

By Saturday, Reunion was in full swing. Most people either stayed on campus and participated in the various events being held there, like the wine and food tasting at Trillium, or went off on their own. In the early evening, Cornell president Martha Pollack paid our class a visit

during the class meeting. It was wonderful to hear her speak and to meet with her. She had amazing energy for the future of Cornell and really seemed to understand the unique alumni passion of Cornellians. **Alex Puce** announced some exciting news to the class during the meeting about fundraising. Our class raised \$198,019.24, including 11 Tower Members, which are both class bests! We also had 429 donating members and raised \$27,791 for the Annual Fund. After the meeting and class picture, Dinosaur BBQ was served for dinner and it was off to the races for the night's evening activities, featuring Cornelliana Night, three tent parties, and a special Y2K party featuring songs from the turn of the century.

The weekend capped off with TWO proposals on the Slope. First, **Marc Roloson** proposed to **Shoshana Graff**. The two went for a walk around Beebe Lake and had dinner where they had their first date. As they walked back to campus via the Slope, Marc got down on one knee, Shana said “yes!” and their friends emerged from the trees to celebrate. Marc recently graduated from NYC Stern with an MBA and is now an associate for Towers Watson's Talent and Reward team. Shana attended Columbia, where she earned her master's in health administration and is now a senior consultant for COPE Health Solutions in New York City. **Anisha Chopra** said “yes” to **Spencer Poorman '10** on the Slope at the very same place they met during her freshman year for lunch and to do the crossword. By sheer coincidence, Anisha's friends were on a walk and came upon the happy occasion just in time to snap a pic!

Now for some other updates from our classmates in attendance. **Kamaal Jones** and his wife, Princess Caralyn Smith, are living in California, where Kamaal is completing his residency and Princess is a product development engineer for medical devices. **Jordan Goldstein** just graduated from Emory Medical School, and **Nadia Odai-Afotey** graduated from Columbia Law. **Val Titus-Glover** works for Marvel in marketing and has the pleasure of attending many movie premieres.

It was a wonderful weekend full of tradition, laughter, and reflection. We cannot thank **Ankur Bajaj**, **James Feld**, **JC Toledo**, **Meril Pothén**, and Alex Puce enough. They will be hard to beat. I can't wait to see what our council has in store for the next five years, and hopefully I will be there again to author the column! ❖ **Rachael Schuman**, RASchuman@gmail.com.

14 Hello, Class of 2014! We hope you all had a great summer. We received news from **Christopher Adams** that, since graduation, he has developed an indie crossword website: arctanxwords.blogspot.com. In addition, Christopher has had several of his crossword puzzles released in print newspapers and traditional media sources. Recently he had a puzzle featured on <http://queerqcrosswords.com/>, which is a website of LGBTQ+ themed puzzles contributed to by members of the LGBTQ+ community in support of related charities.

Michael and **Morgan Shaver Boerman** shared the exciting news with us that they welcomed their first child on February 8, 2018. Morgan wrote, “Who would've known that our days on campus together would lead to a growing little family?” Perhaps Baby Boerman will follow in mom and dad's footsteps and become a Cornell alum one day too.

Smalletics is an active lifestyle platform for petite women—5' 4” and shorter—that inspires women to embrace their height and bodies through fitness. Founder, classmate, and fellow petite **April Whitney** has combined her certification from the National Academy of

Sports Medicine, her professional background in the sciences, and her 17-year athletic career in the sport of fencing to develop offerings that celebrate and empower the petite body type. In May, Smalletics launched a successful crowdfunding campaign for the business, which surpassed its funding goal by 10 percent. April is the first to provide unique fitness programming for petite women that is grounded in the science of metabolism and height. Through her efforts to acknowledge the petite female body type as part of the healthy body spectrum, she has built a community of nearly 10,000 women who represent short female empowerment. For more information, follow @smalletics on Instagram or visit smalletics.com.

Thank you for sharing your news with us! We can't wait to catch up with more classmates at our 5th Reunion, June 6-9, 2019. ❖ **Samantha Lapehn**, srl76@cornell.edu; **Tejal Thakkar**, tdt42@cornell.edu.

15 Happy autumn, Class of 2015! I hope your summer was filled with lots of fun, warm weather, and Big Red friends! As we head into the fall, our classmates across the country and around the world are up to some pretty exciting things, including new jobs, new degrees, and much more.

Zander Liem made big moves, both personally and professionally. He recently joined Longitude Capital, a life sciences investment fund. In his spare time, he bought a bicycle and has been training for and competing in triathlons, including the one in New York City. **Armaan Kapoor** joins Zander with both an employment move and physical move. He started a new job at the Carlyle Group and bought a condo in Washington, DC.

Alana Lipson couldn't get enough of Cornell! She is excited to return to the Hill to work toward her MBA through Cornell Tech. She will be a part of the one-year accelerated program, where she will spend the first ten weeks in Ithaca and then the rest of the year at the Tech campus on Roosevelt Island. **Jessica Barragan** is headed to Columbia Law School, after working and taking a month-long vacation traveling all around Europe.

A handful of our fellow classmates recently earned advanced degrees, including **Bianca Rodriguez**, who completed a law degree from UC Davis School of Law; **Sydney Reade**, who graduated with a law degree from Georgetown U.; **Laura Bakst**, who completed her law degree from Harvard; and **Rachel Saltzman**, MHA '18, who graduated with her master's in health administration from Cornell's Sloan Program. Congratulations to our peers! We're excited to see you take on the world!

Have some news to share? Did you start a new job or get a promotion? Have a vacation coming up? Any other things to tell us that your classmates need to know? Share it all with the Class of 2015. Please send us your updates and we will include them in a future column. ❖ **Haley Velasco**, hav9@cornell.edu; **Ariel Cooper**, alc258@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

16 After graduation, **Lauren Thiersch** moved to Sydney, Australia, for a role at Expedia.com, an opportunity that she found through the alumni network at the Hotel school. If she had a day in Ithaca, Lauren says, “I would go to Purity Ice Cream!”

Tasheena Smith-Wills and her mom recently bought a home in Brooklyn, NY, after renting for 20 years. Congratulations, Tasheena! Send your news to: ❖ **Meghan McCormick**, mcm324@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

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'71 MD—Fred C. Chu,
St. Louis, MO, October 31, 2017
'72 JD—James I. Ende,
Oceanside, NY, August 13, 2017
'73 BS Ag—Gary J. Bennett,
Potsdam, NY, May 18, 2018
'74 BA—Anthony C. Penta,
Derry, NH, May 5, 2018
'74 MS Ag—Alan M. Seaman,
Lebanon, OH, March 22, 2018
'74 MS HE—Sally Anderson Yancey,
Monroe, LA, April 20, 2018
'75 MD—Robert E. Burke,
Tenafly, NJ, January 1, 2018
'75 PhD—Charles F. Dvorak Jr.,
Westerly, RI, April 17, 2018
'75 MA, PhD '80—Alicia N. Sevilla,
Bethlehem, PA, May 16, 2018
'77 BS ILR, MBA '79—Michael P. Turula,
Fremont, CA, December 10, 2017
'79 JD—Kathleen A. Bursley,
Long Beach, CA, January 30, 2016
'79 BS Ag—Carole Freedman Larson,
Providence, RI, April 26, 2018
'79 PhD—Claudia Ann Sutton,
Ithaca, NY, May 1, 2018

1980s

'82 MBA—Ronald A. Fullerton,
Toronto, ON, Canada, January 28, 2018
'82 BS Ag—Michael J. Morgan,
San Jose, CA, March 25, 2018
'83 MS AEP, PhD '86—Joel A. Kubby,
Santa Cruz, CA, April 18, 2018
'86 JD—George R. Rhodes,
Aspinwall, PA, April 28, 2018
'87 BEE—Ronald R. Brown,
Florham Park, NJ, February 23, 2018

1990s

'90 MD—Daniel J. Braun,
Kailua, HI, September 29, 2016
'90 MD—Robert J. Wood of Santa Rosa,
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'96 MMH—David C. Lee,
Lewisville, TX, March 27, 2018
'99 BS Ag—Anthony O. Okobi,
Sanford, NC, January 22, 2018

2000s

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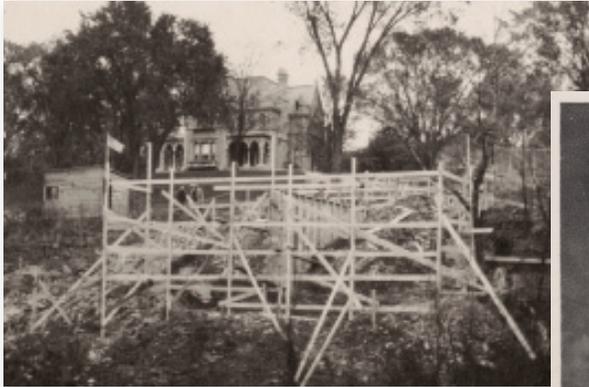
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Stepping Stones

More than a handy shortcut, the Baldwin Memorial Stairway honors an alum who perished in World War I



UPLIFTING MONUMENT (from left): The stairs under construction in the early 1900s; Morgan Smiley Baldwin in uniform; the upper part of the staircase, adjacent to the Delta Phi house (Llenroc)

One hundred years ago this October—just a month before the Armistice that ended World War I—Corporal Morgan Smiley Baldwin 1915 died in a hospital in northern France, succumbing to injuries he'd sustained on the battlefield a week earlier. A few years later, his father and fellow Cornellian, Arthur Baldwin 1892, decided to commemorate his son's passing in a somewhat unconventional way: he donated a grand stone staircase on the outskirts of campus.

Completed in November 1925, the Baldwin Memorial Stairway comprises more than seventy steps. It connects University Avenue to Delta Phi, the fraternity—housed in Llenroc, Ezra Cornell's former mansion—to which both Baldwins belonged (as did Morgan's younger brother, Donald Baldwin 1916). The stairway was designed by a well-known architect, Bryant Fleming 1901, one of the developers of Cornell's landscape architecture program. A large landing near the top offers a panoramic view of Cayuga Lake and the city below. Here, an inscription reads: "This stairway is erected in memory of Morgan Smiley Baldwin Cornell 1915, who lies where he fell at Boni-France, September 29th, 1918."

The gift was intended to connect Cornell to the City of Ithaca, providing a direct path for foot traffic between the two. "Students did more things downtown back then," says Elaine Engst, MA '72, the University's archivist emerita.

"They lived downtown much more, too; there weren't even men's dorms until 1916." Indeed, during his days on the Hill, Arthur Baldwin lived on Linn Street (one block below University Avenue) and would frequently walk to campus using a well-worn shortcut through a nearby cemetery. After the city closed off that path and many students found their commute considerably lengthened, Arthur's gift was a way to both commemorate his son and provide a practical benefit to the Cornell and Ithaca communities. "With Ithaca being so hilly," says Ross Gottesman '04, a Delta Phi member who lived in Llenroc for three years, "it's a very convenient thoroughfare for a lot of people."

In 2006, masons doing restoration work uncovered a sealed copper box embedded in the stairway's stone wall. Among its

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contents were photos of the Baldwin family, the memorial's original blueprints, and Morgan's Delta Phi pin and ribbon. In a ceremony later that year, a new stainless steel box was installed containing the original items and a few additions, including a fraternity pennant and a copy of the *Daily Sun*. Fittingly, the event was held on Veteran's Day. ■

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